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A. INTRODUCTION AND WARRANTY INFORMATION

Gran Trak 20 is a coin operated video amusement device which simulates the experience of driving a high speed race car around a difficult track. All the machine controls both sides (steering, gear shift, accelerator and brakes) behave like those of a real car.

The electronics of this game are solid state for long life and low maintenance. The mechanical assemblies (steering, gear shifter and pedals) have been designed modularly for easy removal and servicing.

However, as with all devices mechanical or electrical, there may be minor problems. *If a printed circuit board computer (PCB) fails within the warranty period, contact the distributor from whom the game was originally purchased for repair or replacement instructions.*

Any PCB repair attempted by anyone other than authorized Atari Service Center personnel will void the PCB warranty.

If the PCB fails *after* the one-year (from date of factory shipment) warranty period has expired, it will be repaired for a nominal parts and labor charge.

Atari, Inc. warrants the T.V. monitor for a period of thirty days commencing the day of shipment from the Atari factory. *If the monitor fails within the warranty period, immediately contact the distributor from whom the game was originally purchased for repair or replacement instructions. Any T.V. repairs other than replacement of fuses or minor adjustments attempted during the warranty period by anyone other than authorized Atari Service Center Personnel will void the T.V. monitor warranty.*

If the T.V. monitor fails after the warranty period has expired, it may be returned to the distributor where it will be repaired or replaced for a nominal parts and labor charge, or it may be taken to any competent T.V. repair shop.

B: ACCESS AND BASIC CONSTRUCTION

Three openings: Coin door, rear door and a swing-out front control panel—provide convenient access to all sub-assemblies and adjustment points. Opening the coin door exposes all the coin handling equipment—the coin acceptors and rejector linkages, the coin counter and the coin box. The rear door is used to service the T.V. monitor, the pedal assemblies and the components mounted to the cash deck—the PCBs, the transformer and the fuses.

An interlock switch is mounted to the cash deck and turns off the entire machine when the rear door is opened.

The interlock switch protects the operator from accidental shock, so it must always be kept in perfect working order. If you need to test or adjust the machine with the rear door open, place the interlock switch in the closed or "on" position by pulling out the white actuator shaft.

All the major sub-assemblies have been designed modularly for easy servicing or replacement. The control panel, the pedal assemblies, the Gran Trak 20 computer and the T.V. monitor can each be removed after the wiring and release bolts have been removed.

C: NEW MACHINE SET-UP AND CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

Before turning this machine on, inspect it carefully for any damage which may have occurred during shipping.

As each new Gran Trak 20 leaves the factory, every component and sub-assembly is carefully checked for proper operation and adjustment. However, since parts may have been damaged or adjustments changed during shipping, the following check out procedure must be repeated prior to placing the machine on location.

1. With the machine unplugged, open both access doors and carefully inspect both the exterior and interior of the machine for any obvious shipping damage to the cabinet or internal components and sub-assemblies. If any such damage is discovered, contact the carrier immediately. Then

contact the distributor from whom the game was originally purchased for repair or replacement instructions.

2. Inspect the interior of the machine more carefully looking for broken or disconnected wires, sub-assemblies pulling loose or not firmly mounted and any foreign objects shorting electrical connections. Pay particular attention to the connections to the T.V. monitor, the control panel and the coin door. Also make sure that the PCB edge connectors and the fuses are firmly seated. Note: The plug is located inside the cabinet for shipping purposes, and should be fed through the 1½" hole located at the left lower bottom portion of the cabinet.

3. Plug in the machine and if the rear door panel is off,

defeat the interlock switch by pulling out the white actuator shaft. At this point the CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) should display the race track and the score after a short warm up time. Examine the CRT picture. It should be steady, sharp and exhibit the proper levels of brightness and contrast.

4. Insert several old *and* new coins into each coin acceptor. No genuine coin should be rejected. One coin in either acceptor should produce game credit (indicated by a small red light (LED) on the right side) and advance coin counter one digit. Pressing the right side start switch resets score and places one car at the start line. Once the starter button has been pushed the insertion of another coin will not affect the credit circuit. Check for proper game sequence, making sure all aspects of the game (steering, gear shift, accelerator, brakes, score and track display) are functioning correctly. If you are not familiar with the game sequence for Gran Trak 20, read the game sequence

analysis. To repeat performance check on left side, insert two coins in either acceptor (not at the same time since this would register as one coin) which should produce game credit (indicated by the LED on the left side of the control panel). Pressing the left side start switch resets score and places both cars at the start line. Repeat the right side performance check on the left side. Check to see that "crash" does occur between the two cars.

5. Adjusting play time modifies crash mode. The play time is pre-set at the factory for approximately 2½ minutes and should not be changed.

6. Both doors (rear and cash) should open and close without binding, and both door locks should turn to the "locked" and "unlocked" positions freely.

7. Check the rear door interlock switch to see that it turns off the machine when the door is opened.

D: THE GAME SEQUENCE

With the game plugged in and the rear door installed, the CRT will display the *attract* mode. The attract mode for Gran Trak 20 displays the race course and a stationary race car positioned where the last player ended, plus the score of the previous game (which should read 0).

Coin insertion lights the credit light in the start switch button and the game commences when this button is pressed. At the point the score is reset to 0, the timer begins counting down from 78 by 2s, the car engine begins idling and is ready to be driven.

The controls of the machine and the movement of the car image simulate those of a real car. Once accelerated, the car becomes increasingly difficult to stop the faster the car is moving.

Turning the steering wheel causes the car to turn in the direction of rotation. The car will turn only while the steering wheel is being rotated.

The gear shifter works exactly like that of a real car. Use reverse gear to back off of the pylons after a crash. Then shift into first, rotate the steering wheel to turn the car so it will continue in the proper direction and step on the accelerator pedal. Once the engine has revved to its limit, shift into second and once the engine has revved to its limit, shift into third. The speed of the car will climb as you shift through the gears. Keep in mind, though, that the engine will "bog" down if you shift up too fast or start out in the wrong gear (2nd or 3rd).

Both the accelerator and brakes have only two positions: on or off. When the accelerator is depressed, the engine will rev up. Stepping on the brake pedal will bring the car to a screeching halt and if the steering wheel is turned as the brakes are applied, the car will skid realistically.

Points are scored only by passing the course check points in the proper sequence as indicated by the arrows on the CRT. The score is displayed in the pit area next to the game timer.

If the car is driven into any of the pylons, or the other car, a crash will result. The crash is accompanied by a crash sound, uncontrolled spinning of the car during which time the car cannot be driven. As soon as the crash sound has ended, shift into first and continue driving the car in the proper direction. The game continues in this fashion for approximately 150 seconds at which point the controls become "dead" and the machine is reset to the attract mode.

Players are given an indication of their skill by matching their score (points) against the 'rating card' located at the lower right-hand corner of the glass covering the video display. This rating system is based on a game playtime of approximately one minute and forty-five seconds (as adjusted prior to shipment). The rating card reads:

YOUR SCORE

0-10	License Revoked
11-20	Backseat Driver
21-30	Good
31-40	Excellent
Above 40	Real Pro

If game playtime is readjusted by the operator, this point/rating system is no longer valid and should be changed.

International shipments of Gran Trak 20 are supplied with a blank card on which to copy the above rating card in local languages.

E: THE ANTENNA WIRE AND ANTI-STATIC MODIFICATION

An *electronic latch* circuit has been incorporated in the Gran Trak 20 computer. One function of this circuit is to turn off or prevent game credit if a player tries to obtain free games by inducing a static charge in the machine. The *antenna wire* is an integral part of this system.

When a static discharge occurs, an electric current is induced in the antenna wire. This impulse is transmitted through the antenna wire to the electronic latch circuit which turns off game credit and resets the computer to the attract mode.

The antenna wire is a length of white wire approximately 12 inches long. One end of the antenna is connected to pin 17 of the PCB edge connector and the other end has been intentionally left not connected.

The length of the antenna wire has been pre-adjusted by the factory to the overall optimum length, however some environments may require more or less critical adjustment.

Lengthening the antenna wire increases the sensitivity of the circuit; cutting the wire shorter decreases the sensitivity.

If players are obtaining free games by inducing static charges in the machine, lengthen the antenna wire (add a piece of wire) by a few inches so that a lesser charge will turn off game credit. If you have problems with static charges accidentally turning off game credit during the progress of a legitimate game, try cutting the antenna shorter in increments of 1-2 inches. Try to cut only the minimum amount off the antenna, otherwise players may be able to obtain free games.

The anti-static modification may be tested during a game by touching the end of the antenna wire with your finger as the body usually has enough capacitance to actuate the electronic latch. If the game is shut off, the circuit is functioning correctly.

F: TOP SECTION SUB-ASSEMBLIES: SERVICE PROCEDURES

Use the following procedures to replace the general illumination lamps, the plexiglass screen and bezel and to service the T.V. monitor.

1. **GENERAL ILLUMINATION LAMPS:** Eight 6 volt lamps are mounted on a PC board behind the plexiglass screen to illuminate the Gran Trak 20 logo. To replace burned out lamps, reach in the rear door and unscrew the four lamp PC board mounting screws [#12, Fig. 1] and unplug the 2 wires which are attached to it at the plugs located in the upper right inside area of the cabinet. Remove the panel and replace burned out lamps with GE44 or GE47.
2. **PLEXIGLASS SCREEN:** Use procedure #1 to remove the lamp PCB. Then remove the three wing nuts and carriage bolts [#27, 32 & 37, Fig. 1] which hold down the upper aluminum plexiglass screen retainer [#10, Fig. 1] and lift out the plexiglass.
3. **BEZEL:** Use procedures #1 and #2 to remove plexiglass and the bezel [#8, Fig. 1] will lift out.
4. **T.V. MONITOR:** To remove the entire T.V. monitor assembly [#2, Fig. 1], remove the three carriage bolts [#40, Fig. 1] found on the top of the monitor frame and the four Phillips head bolts found on the sides. *Do not remove the aluminum angle brace at the bottom.* Disconnect the electrical connector to the T.V. and lift the monitor out very carefully. **DISCHARGE THE SECOND ANODE BEFORE SERVICING.**
5. **T.V. MONITOR ADJUSTMENT:** The T.V. monitor and

its adjustment controls function like any normal T.V. set with the exception of the sound which is adjusted on the PCB (see page 5). The monitor is serviced through the rear door of the machine. See figure 8 on Page 16 for the locations of the following adjustments:

- a. **Brightness:** Adjust the brightness *before* the contrast. Adjust so that the CRT background is as *dark as possible*.
- b. **Contrast:** The contrast is adjusted so that the CRT images are as *bright as possible* against the pre-adjusted dark background *without being blurred*.
- c. **Vertical Hold:** Adjust only *if the picture appears to be rolling up or down* the screen. Adjust for a stable centered picture.
- d. **Horizontal Hold:** Adjust *if the picture is slightly off center horizontally*, if the images appear *warped* or if the picture is *broken into a series of diagonal lines*.
- e. **Vertical Size:** Adjust only *if the top and bottom of the race course is cut off* from the screen or if there is too much distance between the edge of the course and the edge of the screen, which will appear as an extra set of horizontal dotted lines on the top and bottom of the CRT display. Adjust for maximum picture size.
- f. **Vertical Linearity:** Change this adjustment *only if the top of the picture seems compressed*.
- g. **The Yoke:** *The yoke should never need adjustment unless the adjusters have been tampered with or the machine damaged.* If yoke adjustment is indicated, adjust both

yoke rings *simultaneously* for optimum centering of the race course on the CRT.

h. The A.C. Voltage Switch: Set this switch to the 115 Volt position ("115" visible on the switch) if the machine is connected to a 115 Volt source. *The T.V. monitor will not function if this switch is misadjusted.*

i. The T.V. Monitor Fuses: Two 8/10 Amp. 125 Volt Slo-Blo fuses (313 3AG) protect the T.V. monitor from electrical overload. Replace blown fuses *only* with those which have the above rating. NOTE: The T.V. is not fused by the fuse on the electronics tray.

G: THE COIN DOOR: SERVICE PROCEDURES

All coin handling equipment is accessible through the front door. To collect the coins, open the door, remove the coin box and record the meter reading.

The Gran Trak 20 is equipped with two coin acceptor assemblies so the entire machine will not be out of service if one acceptor is malfunctioning.

Please keep in mind that proper adjustment and lubrication of the coin handling equipment will help minimize your service calls.

1. THE DOOR LOCK: The lock cylinder can be withdrawn and replaced after the rear retaining nut and the lock cam are removed. If the coin door does not fit tightly or the lock does not turn freely, try bending the lock cam slightly with a pair of pliers. NOTE: The lock cylinder should be lubricated once every three months or so with graphite or WD-40.

2. THE REJECT LINKAGE: A separate button operates the wiper lever of each coin acceptor. When this is pressed, the wiper lever [#17, Fig. 12d] of the coin acceptor is operated which should dislodge any coins "stuck" in the acceptor. The rejector buttons cannot be removed. NOTE: Lubricate the rejector linkage with silicone grease when you receive the machine and thereafter at approximately six month intervals.

3. THE COIN MICRO SWITCHES: To remove a malfunctioning micro switch, unscrew the two retaining screws [#1, Fig. 12a], record the wire positions and pull off the slip-on connectors.

4. THE COIN ACCEPTORS: The coin acceptor can be removed for servicing after the retaining screws [#2, Fig. 12b] have been removed.

5. ACCEPTOR ADJUSTMENT AND MAINTENANCE:

ADJUSTMENT: All coin acceptors leave the factory adjusted for maximum performance. However, if more critical adjustments are necessary or if the unit has been completely disassembled for service, the following adjustment procedure is suggested:

(These tests and adjustments are performed with the acceptor in a vertical position on a level surface [the rest position].)

KICKER AND SEPARATOR

1. Set the unit with the back of the acceptor facing you in the test position.

2. Loosen the screws holding the kicker [1] and the separator [3] and move both the kicker [2] and the separator [4] as far to the right as they will go. Tighten the screws.

3. Insert several test coins (both old and new) and note that some are returned by striking the separator.

4. Loosen the separator screw and move the separator a slight amount to the left. Tighten the screw.

5. Insert the test coins again and, if some of them are still returned, repeat Step #4 until all the coins are accepted.

6. Loosen the kicker screw and move the kicker as far to the left as it will go. Tighten the screw.

7. Insert the test coins and note that some are returned.

8. Loosen the kicker screw and move the kicker a slight amount to the right.

9. Insert the test coins again and, if some are still returned, repeat Step #8 until all the coins are accepted.

10. Be sure that both screws are tight after the adjustments have been made.

THE MAGNET GATE

1. Set the acceptor with the front of the unit facing you in the test position.

2. Turn the magnet gate adjusting screw [#12, Fig. 12d and #3, Fig. 12a] out (counterclockwise) until none of the coins will fit through.

3. With a coin resting in the coin entrance of the acceptor [#4, Fig. 12c], turn the adjuster in (clockwise) until the coin barely passes through the magnet gate.

4. Test this adjustment using several other coins (both old and new) and, if any of them fail to pass through the magnet gate, repeat Step #3 until all of the coins are accepted.

5. Fix the magnet gate adjusting screw in this position by tightening down the magnet gate screw lock nut.

ACCEPTOR MAINTENANCE: Depending on the environment in which the acceptor is used, periodic preventative maintenance should be performed.

The mainplate [#5, Fig. 12d] may be cleaned with any non-abrasive household cleaner. Rinse and dry thoroughly to remove deposits and film.

Remove all metal particles from the magnet by guiding

the point of a screwdriver along the edges of the magnet.

Remove the transfer cradle [#9, Fig. 12d] and clean the bushing and pivot pin. A pipe cleaner is an effective cleaning tool. Apply powdered graphite or pencil lead to the pin and bushing and reassemble.

Spray the entire unit lightly with WD-40 or a similar silicone lubricant.

H: ELECTRONICS TRAY SUB-ASSEMBLIES: SERVICE PROCEDURES

(PULL OUT THE POWER CORD WHILE PERFORMING PROCEDURES 1-4.)

1. FUSE REPLACEMENT: First remove the AC protective cover and replace the bad fuse with a Slo-Blo fuse rated at 3A, 125 Volts (313 3AGC).

2. TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT: To remove a malfunctioning transformer remove the AC protective cover, record all wire colors and their positions, unsolder the wiring and unscrew the retaining screws. NOTE: When installing the new transformer, be sure to reconnect the chassis ground wire (lugs fastened with wood screws that mount the transformers to the wood electronics tray).

3. INTERLOCK SWITCH: To remove the switch, pull off the push-on connectors, squeeze in side tabs on the switch and push it through the mounting bracket.

4. PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS: To remove the PCBs, disconnect the PCB edge connectors, remove the four retaining screws and carefully lift out the board. PCBs are

extremely fragile and require very careful handling.

5. SMALL PCB ADJUSTMENTS:

a. **Volume:** This adjustment is made by means of small blue trim pots marked "volume" A and B. Adjust the volume to the preference of the location but keep in mind that the machine will sound louder with the door off.

b. **Play Time:** This adjustment is located near H9 and it adjusts both the total play time and the crash time period. Playtime is pre-set before shipment and *should not be adjusted* due to interrelationships with other game functions (i.e., crash time, rating system).

If you have the following symptoms, recalibration of one or more of the cemented pots is indicated and you must return the board to your distributor:

1. If the car seems to move too slowly
2. If the sound of the engine revving up is distorted
3. If the sound of the car coming to a stop with the brakes applied (the "screech" sound) is distorted.

I: THE CONTROL PANEL: SERVICE PROCEDURES

1. CONTROL PANEL: To service the rear of the control panel, remove the four wing nuts and the panel will swivel out and be held by the chain. To remove the control panel completely, disconnect wiring and chain and lift out panel assembly. Note wire color and position for reconnection.

2. GEAR SHIFTER ASSEMBLY: To remove gear shifter from the control panel, first swivel out the control panel as per procedure #1. Then record the wire colors and their positions for later reference and pull off all the slip-on connectors to the shift switches. Shift assembly can be withdrawn through the front of the control panel after the four retaining screws have been removed.

To open the gear shifter assembly, remove the four machine screws [Fig. 5] while holding the housing halves together with your fingers. Split the housing halves carefully so internal parts will not spring out and become lost.

With the housing halves separated, the gearshift rod [#3, Fig. 5], spring [#7, Fig. 5], ball [#15, Fig. 5], detent [#4, Fig. 5] and switch actuators [#5, Fig. 5] will all be accessible. NOTE: When re-assembling the unit, lubricate the ball with a small amount of silicone grease and be sure that you replace the housing screws the same way they came out.

3. THE PEDAL ASSEMBLY: The pedal assembly must be removed to replace the brake and accelerator switches. Reach in the rear door and remove three nuts [#21, Fig. 6]. From the front of the machine, grasp the protruding lip of the pedal assembly and pull out the entire unit.

To replace switches [#13, Fig. 6] or pedals [#2, Fig. 6], remove the four pedal retaining screws and lift off pedal. Be sure to record all wire colors and positions before removing them from the switches.

4. STEERING WHEEL ASSEMBLY: To service or remove steering wheel assembly, swivel the control panel out as per procedure #1. To replace the wheel, remove the shaft end nut [#14, Fig. 7]. Lift off the slotted tack ring [#16] and withdraw the steering wheel through the front of the control panel. If only the wheel needs replacement, remove the cap [#2] and the shaft [#4]. The cap will lift off when retaining screws [#6] are removed and the shaft can be disassembled when retaining nut [#9] is removed. NOTE: When reassembling the unit, lubricate the bearings [#11 and

#12] with a small amount of silicone grease and when re-installing the shaft, be careful not to push out the rear bearing. Tighten shaft end nut.

To replace the steering assembly PCB, remove shaft end nut and tack ring. The PCB can be replaced after the retaining screws [#5, Fig. 7] are removed.

To replace the steering wheel bushing assembly, use procedure 4 to remove the steering wheel, then remove the six retaining screws which hold the backing plate to the control panel. Withdraw the bushing assembly through the front of the panel.

J: GENERAL MACHINE MAINTENANCE

Due to its solid state circuitry, your GT-20 will require very little maintenance other than periodic cleaning, lubrication and T.V. monitor adjustment.

The cabinet and plexiglass screen may be cleaned with any non-abrasive household cleaner. The coin acceptors,

rejector linkages and the lock cylinders should be lightly sprayed once every three months with WD-40 or a similar silicone lubricant. The T.V. monitor is adjusted *only* if the CRT picture is distorted or if the contrast or brightness are out of adjustment.

K: TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURES

The first step in any troubleshooting procedure is to correctly identify the observable symptoms of the malfunction. With these clues in mind, examine the areas of the machine which might cause these symptoms.

It is helpful for troubleshooting purposes to isolate three areas:

1. THE T.V. MONITOR: Many T.V. problems can be rectified with proper T.V. adjustment. However, if the problem persists or if the T.V. is undoubtedly malfunctioning, contact your distributor or remove the T.V. monitor and take it to a competent local T.V. repair shop. Complete T.V. monitor repair manuals are available free of charge from the Atari Customer Service Department, 14600 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos, Ca. 95030. Phone: (408) 374-2440/ Telex: 357-488.

2. THE PCB COMPUTER: Most PCB malfunctions will not be within your scope to repair. If you can positively determine that your PCB computer has failed, contact the distributor from whom you purchased the game for repair or replacement instructions. Please be aware that some symptoms which might appear as PCB malfunctions may be the result of improper T.V. monitor adjustment or misadjustment of the small blue trim pots located on the PCB. *Do not attempt to repair the PCB yourself unless you have been specifically instructed to do so by your distributor.* To do otherwise will void your PCB warranty.

3. THE WIRING HARNESS: For troubleshooting purposes, the harness includes the line cord, the fuse, the A.C. line filter, the transformers, the interlock switch, the antenna wire, the start and coin switches, the steering assembly, the gear shifter, the pedal assembly, the PCB edge connector, the T.V. monitor, the speaker and all the interconnecting lengths of wire. A wiring enclosure diagram of the wiring harness and associated components has been included at the end of this manual to aid in troubleshooting.

4. SUGGESTIONS: Following are some specific instructions and suggestions for troubleshooting your Gran Trak 20. To perform even the most simple troubleshooting procedures, you must have a VOM (Volt-Ohmmeter) and, if possible a VTVM (Vacuum Tube Volt Meter) or digital voltmeter. It is also very helpful to have another GT 20 game (or a spare T.V. monitor and PCB) available for substitution purposes.

For many problems, *substitution* may be the easiest way to troubleshoot the machine. For example, if you suspect a PCB malfunction, try substituting another and known-to-be-good PCB. If the malfunction disappears, the first PCB must have been the cause. Conversely, if the malfunction persists, the cause of the malfunction must be located in either the T.V. or the harness.

The T.V. monitor can also be checked by substitution. Simply connect the game to a known-to-be-good monitor and if the malfunction is cleared up, the first monitor must

have been the cause.

Harnesses must be checked by elimination. Substitute a known-to-be-good T.V. and PCB, and if the malfunction persists, the harness and associated mechanical or electronic equipment must be at fault.

5. T.V. MONITOR TROUBLESHOOTING: Some typical T.V. problems are distorted display, raster only or no video at all.

If you do not have a raster (a raster is a lighted but blank T.V. screen with the brightness turned all the way up), begin checking the power supply to determine if the T.V. is getting power. If the general illumination lamps of the machine are lighted, at least you know that power is reaching the machine. If not, check your line cord, interlock switch, fuse, etc.

If it is A.C. powered, go around to the back of the machine and with the rear door open (and interlock switch defeated) listen for a hum emanating from the monitor. If there is a hum, the monitor is powered and you may have a defective CRT or similar problem. Another test (and one which can be performed in a noisy environment) is to measure the voltage between the T.V. fuses and ground. If your voltmeter reads 110 volts or more, you know the monitor is powered. If not, check the fuses, the T.V. connections and the harness to see why power is not reaching the monitor. If the T.V. is powered but still not functioning, check the T.V. AC voltage switch which should be set to the "115" position ("115" visible on the switch) if it is connected to a 110 volt line source.

If you have the correct voltage after the fuses, but the monitor still will not function, you have two choices: 1) Remove the monitor and take it to a specialist, or 2) turn to the T.V. schematic (page 17) and start exploring the monitor with a VTVM and an oscilloscope.

If you do have a raster, you must determine why there are no video signals being displayed on the screen. These video signals are generated by the PCB computer and enter the monitor through pin (#1) of the T.V. monitor connector.

6. STEERING ASSEMBLY TROUBLESHOOTING: Four small red LEDs have been included on the small PCB to aid in troubleshooting the steering electronics.

Mounted on the small steering assemblies PCB are two phototransistors and two infrared light emitting diodes. The phototransistors are mounted behind the tack ring in such a way that the slots in the wheel break up the light emitted from the diodes. This generates pulses which are used by the computer to determine how quickly and in which direction the wheel is being turned.

The test LEDs on the small PCB will light whenever the infrared diodes are stimulating the phototransistors (i.e., whenever the diodes are "shining" through the slots in the slotted wheel onto the transistors). To test the steering wheel assemblies, simply rotate the wheel slowly in both directions while watching the two red LEDs on the small

PCB. If your steering assembly is O.K., both LEDs will flicker. If both of the LEDs fail to light (or remain lit constantly) while wheel is being turned, you definitely have a malfunction *before* the main PCB, which may be either in the wiring harness or in the steering assembly PCB.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING BY SYMPTOM:

a. **No Power:** Check for correct line voltage and if O.K. then check the fuse on the electronics tray, interlock switch and the transformer primaries.

b. **No T.V. Picture:** Check for power as per procedure #1 (NO POWER) and if O.K., check T.V. connector and T.V. fuses. Measure voltage at T.V. fuses (should be 110 VAC) and if O.K., replace the T.V. monitor.

c. **T.V. Raster Only:** Check the harness and especially the PCB edge connector. If O.K., check the T.V. as per the special test under "T.V. Troubleshooting". Or check T.V. or PCB by substitution.

d. **T.V. Picture Rolls:** Adjust the T.V. vertical hold and if the rolling persists, check the T.V. or the PCB by substitution.

e. **T.V. Picture Is Wavy:** Adjust the T.V. horizontal hold and if the problem persists, try replacing the transformer (in the T.V. monitor itself).

f. **T.V. Picture Is Broken Into Diagonal Lines:** Adjust the T.V. horizontal hold and if the problem persists, check the T.V. or the PCB by substitution.

g. **No Game Credit:** Check the coin switches, the start switch, the harness and the positions of the PCB slide switches. If the problem persists check antenna wire and try substituting a new PCB.

h. **No Game Start:** Check the coin switches, the start switch, the harness and replace the PCB if necessary.

i. **Game Shuts Off Accidentally:** Try cutting the antenna wire shorter in increments of 1-2 inches.

j. **Game Credit Shuts Off or Picture Shrinks:** Check the line voltage with your VOM and be aware that a large motor starting up (i.e., an air conditioner) may drop the line voltage. Check to see that machine is firmly plugged in. If the problem only occurs at certain times of the day (especially at dusk), your trunk line voltage may be dropping.

k. **No Audio:** Check the volume controls, speaker connections and for 20 volts. If the problem persists, test the speaker and if the speaker is O.K. try replacing the PCB.

l. **Game Sequence Incorrect, Parts of The Race Course, Car, Score or Timer Missing or Distorted:** Replace the PCB or check for proper power supply as described in "Troubleshooting the Power Supply."

m. **Car Will Not Steer or Turns in One Direction Only:** Check PCB LEDs as per procedure on page 7 and if O.K., then replace the PCB computer. If LED test is O.K., check

steering harness and connections and for foreign matter in steering assembly. Replace steering PCB if necessary.

n. **No Brakes:** Check brake switch and wires from brake pedal switch to PCB. If O.K., replace the PCB.

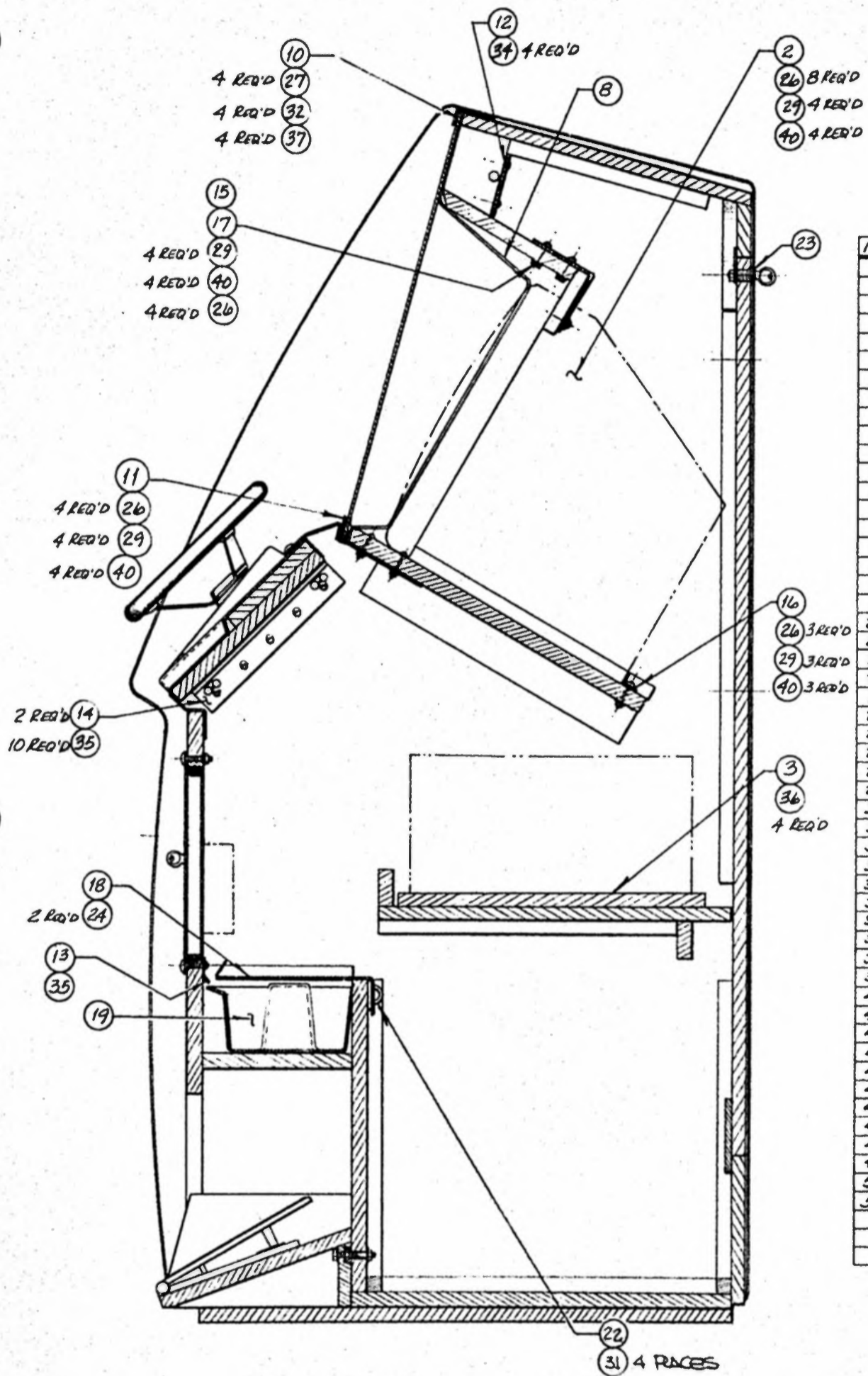
o. **Brakes All The Time:** Check brake switch for foreign material and/or shorting terminals.

p. **No Accelerator:** Follow procedure 14 for "NO BRAKES".

q. **Accelerator All The Time:** Follow procedure #15.

r. **All Four Gears Dead:** Check connections and wires from gearshifter to PCB and if O.K., replace the PCB.

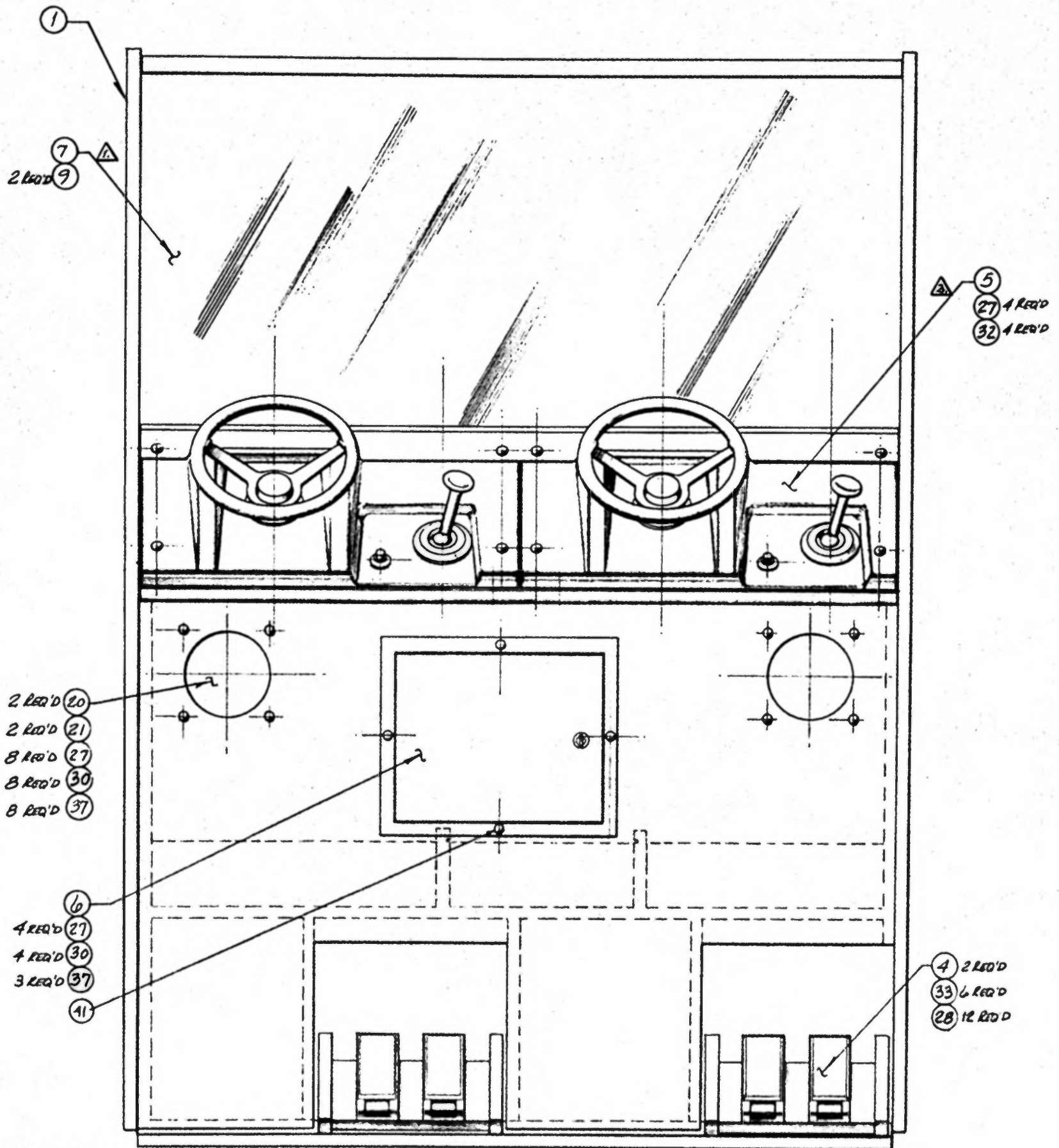
s. **One, Two or Three Gears Dead:** Check the connections and harness of the malfunctioning gear(s); check the shift switch(s) for the malfunctioning gear(s). If problem persists, replace the small PCB.



LIST OF MATERIALS

ITEM	PART NUMBER	QTY	DESCRIPTION
1	A001514	1	CABINET ASSEMBLY
2	92016 92-016	1	T.V. MONITOR, 23" MOTOROLA, XM700
3	A001515	1	ELECTRONICS TRAY ASSEMBLY
4	A001974	2	PEDAL ASSEMBLY
5	A001516	1	PANEL ASSEMBLY
6	A001592	1	CASH DOOR ASSEMBLY
7	001517	1	GLASS, SCREENED
8	000526	1	BEZEL
9	000527-02	2	CUSHION, GLASS
10	001519	1	ANGLE, GLASS RETAINER, TOP
11	001520	1	CLIP, GLASS RETAINER, BOTTOM
12	A001025	1	ILLUMINATION ASSEMBLY
13	001834	1	DEFLECTOR, COIN
14	000531	2	BRACKET, PANEL MOUNTING
15	000534-02	1	BRACKET, T.V. RETAINER, RIGHT
16	000533	1	ANGLE, T.V. RETAINER
17	000534-01	1	BRACKET, T.V. RETAINER, LEFT
18	001602	1	COVER, CASH BOX
19	000536	1	CASH BOX
20	001528-10	2	GRILL, SPEAKER
21	80087 48-001	2	SPEAKER
22	83035 71-301	1	STAPLE, LOCK
23	83030 71-2112	1	LOCK (W/KEY & CAM)
24	83093	2	POPPINET
25	75129 75-0165	1	WASHER, FLAT, REG. PATTERN, #6
26	75130 75-0183	19	WASHER, FLAT, REG. PATTERN, #8
27	75107 75-0105	20	WASHER, FLAT, REG. PATTERN, #10
28	75131 75-0155	12	WASHER, FLAT, REG. PATTERN #1/4
29	75105 75-9183	15	NUT, HEX, STEEL, 8-32
30	75106 75-9113	12	NUT, HEX, STEEL, 10-24
31	7530A	4	SCREW, SHEETMETAL, FLAT HD, #6 x 1/4 LG.
32	75145 75-931	8	WINGNUT, 10-24
33	75220 75-935	6	WINGNUT, 1/4-20
34	75201 75-6616	5	SCREW, SHEETMETAL, #6 x 1" LG.
35	75158 75-6812	11	SCREW, SHEETMETAL, #8 x 3/4 LG.
36	75318 75-7620	4	SCREW, WOOD, RD. HD, #6 x 1 1/4 LG.
37	75171 75-5124	18	BOLT, CARRIAGE 10-24 x 1 1/2 LG. BLACK OXIDE
38	001806	1	EXTENDED PLAT DECAL
39	75173 72-18105	2	SCREW, MACH, PAN HD, 8-32 x 5/8 LG.
40	75174 72-18205	15	SCREW, MACH, PAN HD, 8-32 x 1 1/4 LG.
41	7515B	1	BOLT, CARRIAGE 10-24 x 1 1/4 LG. BLACK OXIDE
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50	001991 + 001993	REF	SCHEMATIC DIAGRAMS
51	001522	REF	PRODUCT CONFIGURATION DOCUMENT

Figure 1. GT-20; Side View



NOTES: UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.~

△ CUSHIONS (ITEM 9) TO BE PREASSEMBLED TO GLASS (ITEM 7) ALONG TOP & BOTTOM EDGES, & SECURED WITH PLYWOOD, OR EQUIV., PRIOR TO FINAL ASSEMBLY.

△ ATTACH FREE END OF CHAIN (NOT SHOWN) P/O PANEL ASSEMBLY, (ITEM 5), TO UNDER SIDE OF T.V. TRAY, USING ONE SCREW (ITEM 34) & ONE FLAT WASHER, (ITEM 25).

Figure 2. GT-20; Front View

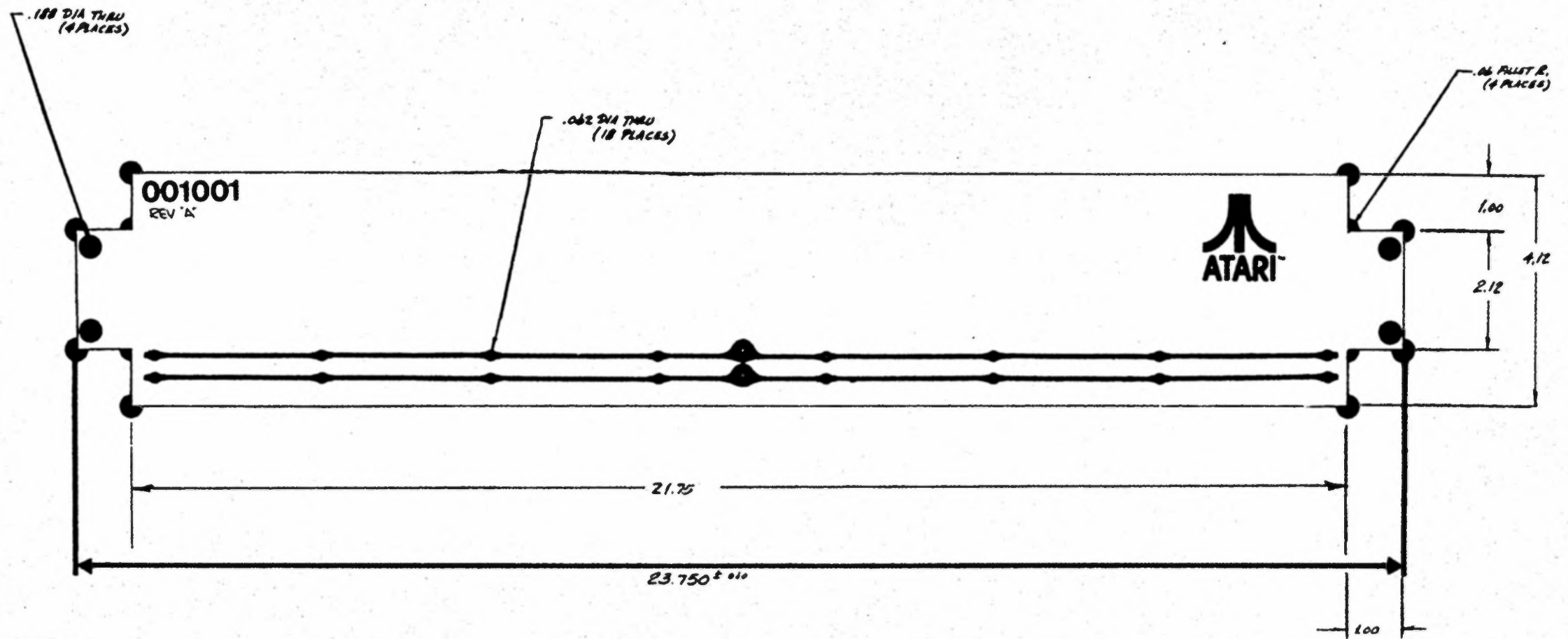


Figure 3. General Illumination Lamps

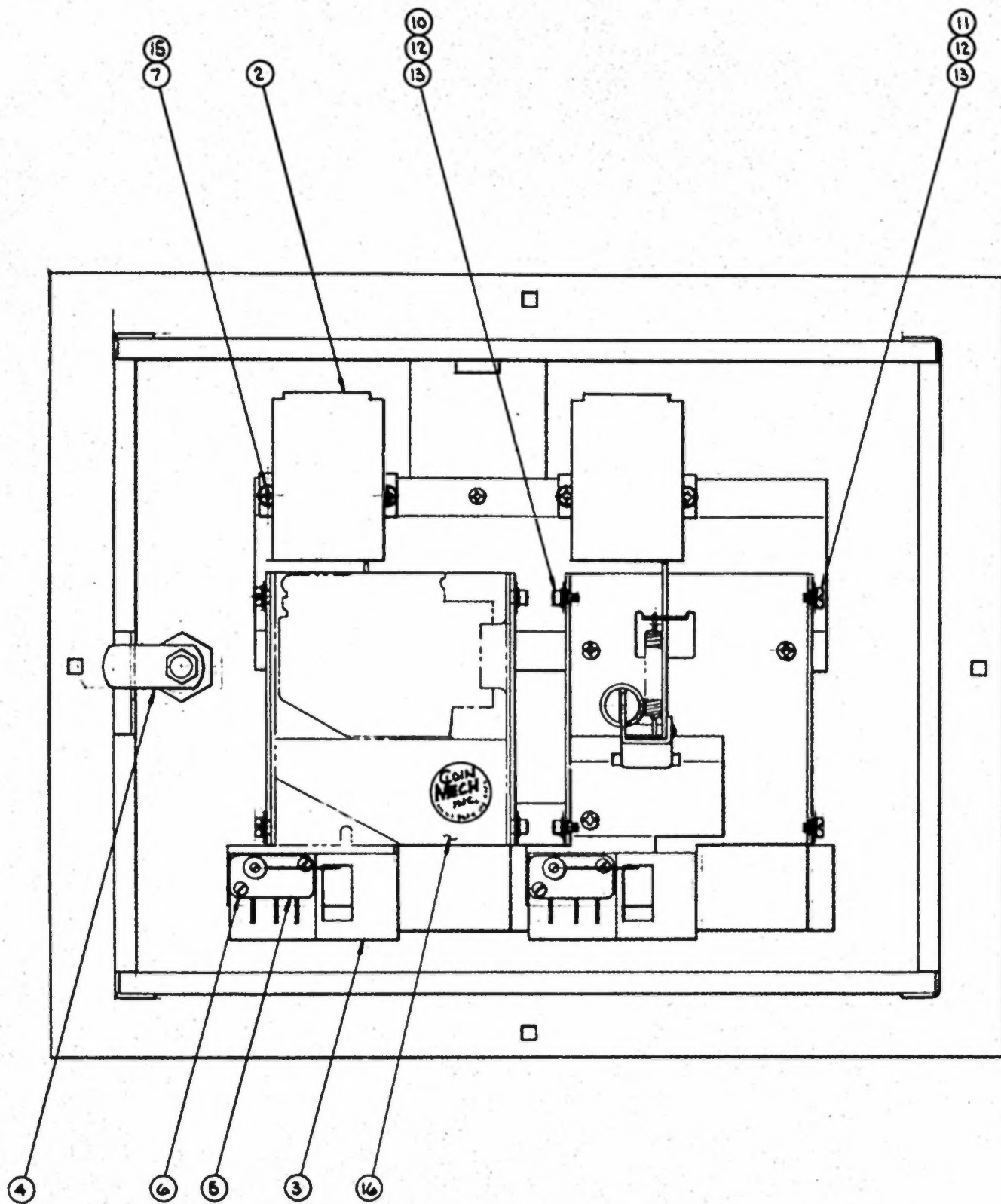
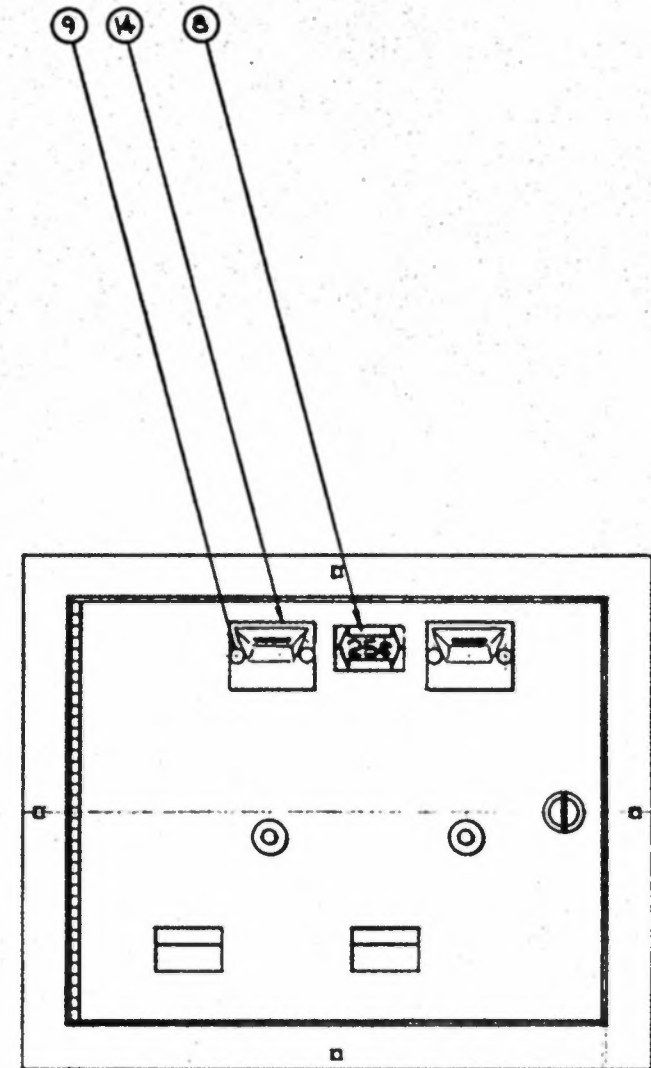
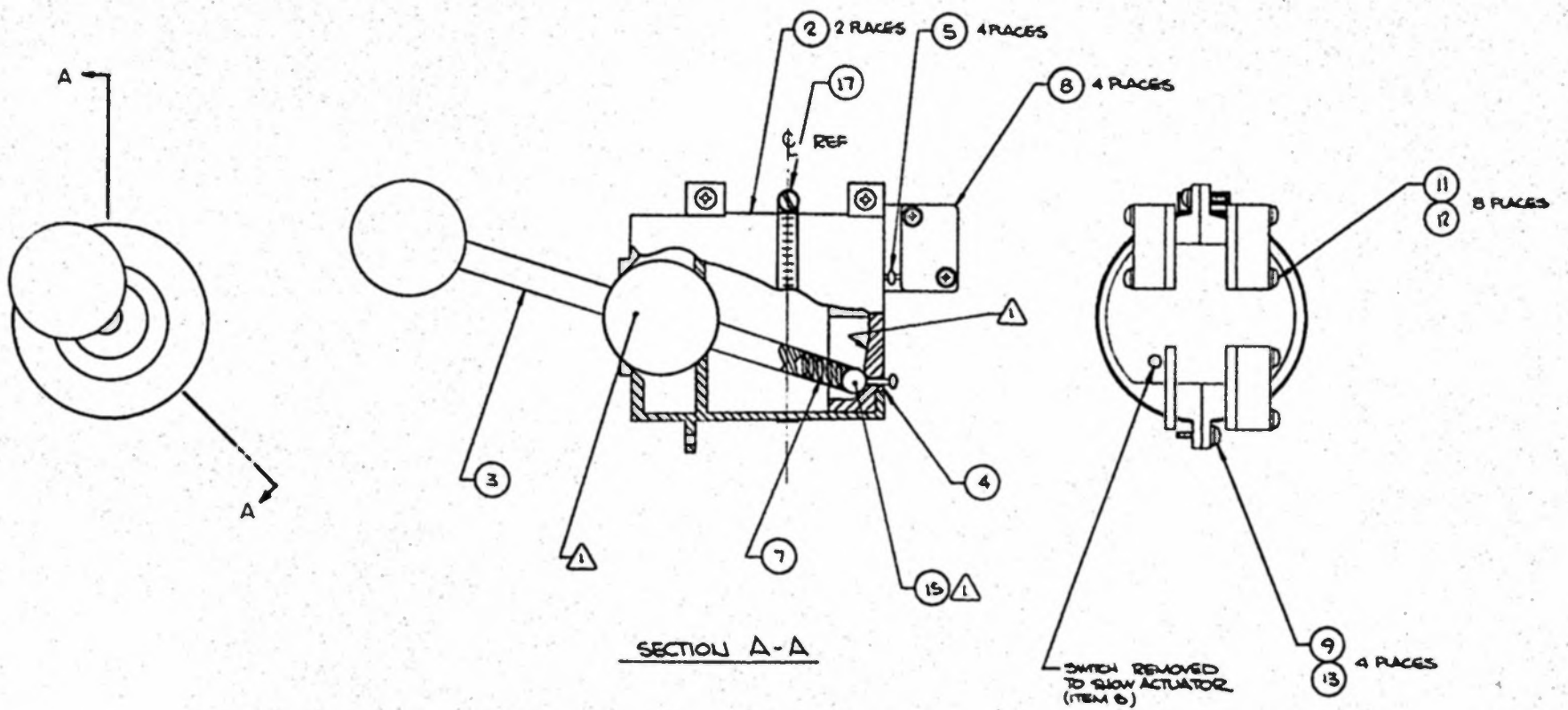


Figure 4. Coin Door



Item	Part No.	Qty.	Description
1	A001735	1	Frame, Door and Coin Mech Frame Assy
2	001597	2	Weldment, Coin Guide
3	A001591	2	Weldment Coin Switch
4	83029	1	Lock, Cash Door with Cam #001448
5	80106	2	Switch Cherry
6	75800	4	#4-40 x 3/4" PH Mach Screw
7	75829	5	#8/32 x 1/4" PH Mach Screw
8	001779	1	Graphic Plate, Trak 10, Silk Screen
9	75412	4	1/8" Pop Rivets
10	75832	4	Screw, Socket, Head Cap, 6/32 x 1/4"
11	75420	4	Screw, Mach., Pan Head, 6/32 x 3/16"
12	75102	8	Washer, #6 Flat
13	75101	8	Washer, #6, INT. Tooth Star
14	001593	2	Coin Plate
15	75831	4	Washer Int. #8 Star
16	83286	2	Coin Acceptor, without frame or switch



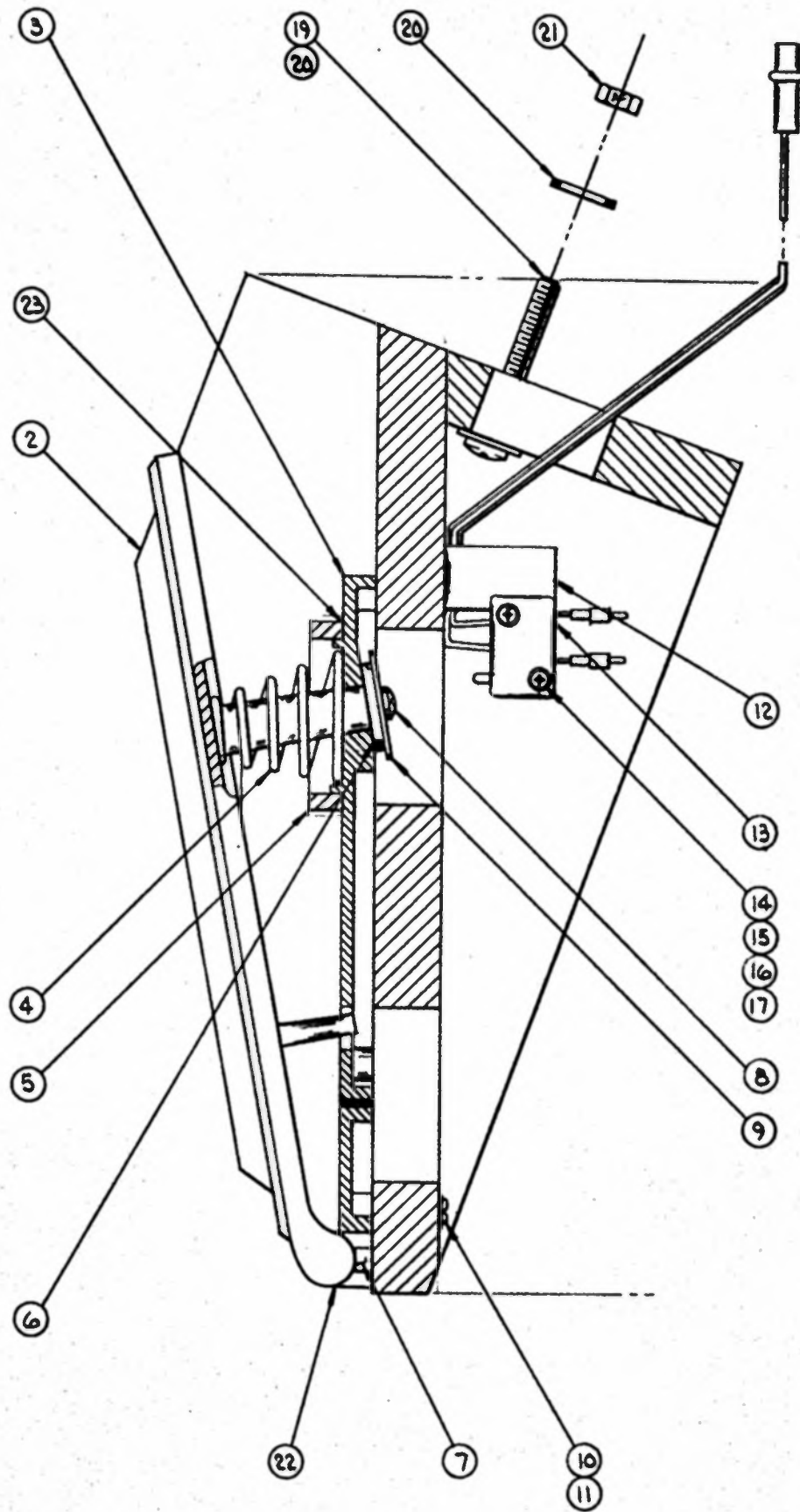
NOTES:

1 APPLY LIGHT SHEAR OF SILICUS GREASE #5 COMPOUND (OR EQUIV.) ON AREAS INDICATED. (ITEM 16)

2 WADDOR PART NO. 3201-5334.

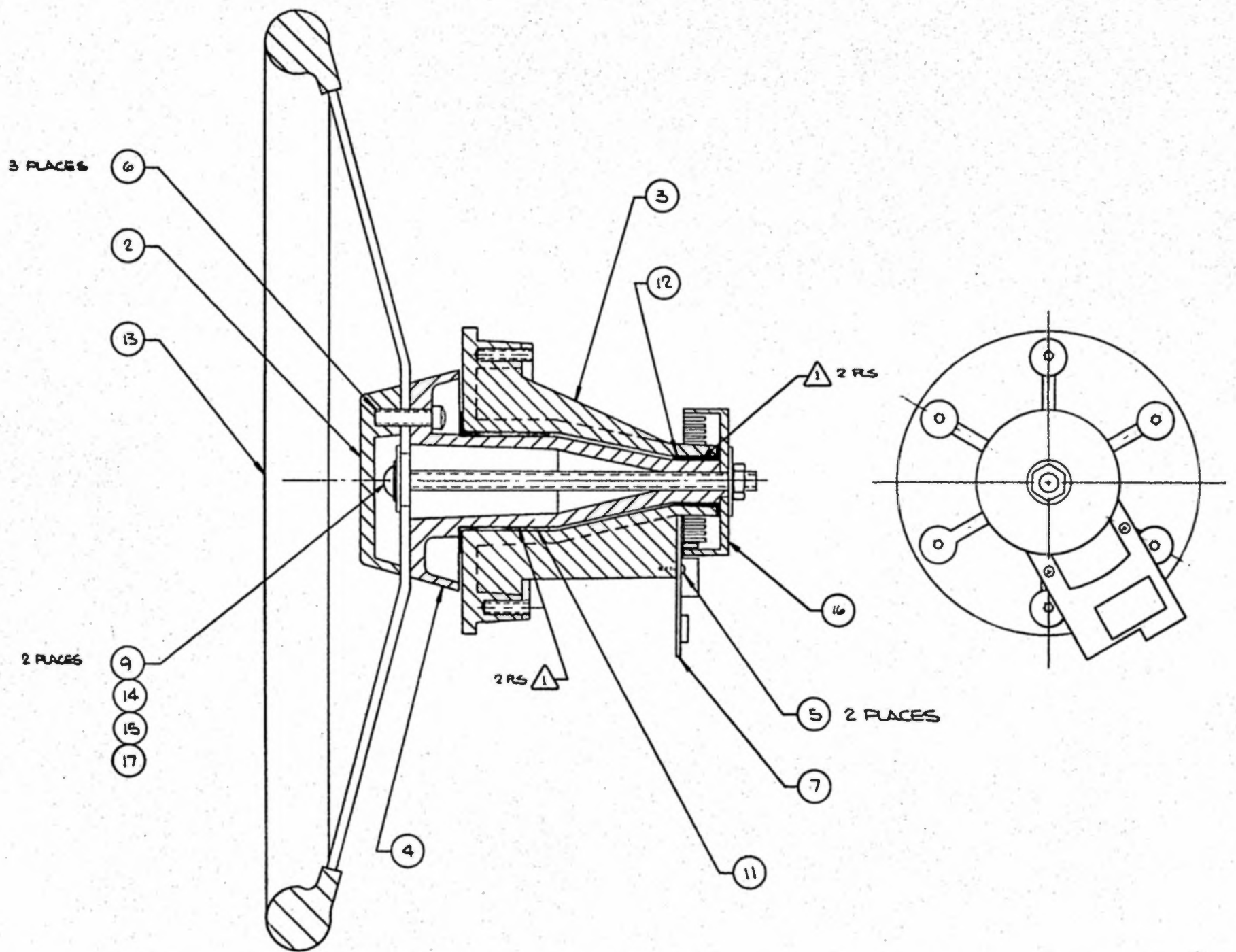
ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION
1	000608	Ref	H-Shift Assy (3201-3539)
2	000609	2	Shift Housing (3201-3524 D)
3	A000610	1	Handle Assy (3201-3535)
4	000611	1	Shift Detent (3201-3525 B)
5	000628	4	Shift Rivet (3201-3562)
6			
7	83241	1	Spring, Assoc. Spring Co (CO360-032-1000M)
8	80011	4	Switch, Cherry (G18-04A)
9	75102	4	Washer, Flat #6, Reg Pattern
10			
11	75163	8	Washer, Flat #4 Reg Pattern
12	75-2412S/75811	8	Screw, mach, Rd. Hd, Phil #4-40 x 3/4 lg.
13	72-1608S/75801	4	Screw, mach, Pan Hd, Phil #6-32 x 1/2 lg.
14			
15	76-11375/75407	1	Ball, Steel, 3/8 diam., Bearing grade
16	83268	A/R	Silicone compound, Dow Corning #5
17	83298	1	Clamp, Hose

Figure 5. Gear Shifter



ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION
1	A001631	1	Box Assembly
2	000590	2	Foot Pedal (3201-3533)
3	000591	2	Pedal Foot (3201-3534)
4	000592	2	Spring (3201-3550)
5	000593	2	Bumper (3201-3551)
6	000594	2	Stop Washer (3201-3552)
7	000597	2	Bearing Block (3201-3549)
8	/75199	2	Screw, Mach., Pan Hd., Phil., #1/4 - 20 x 1/2" Lg.
9	/75409	2	Washer, Fender 1/4
10	/75174	8	Screw, Mach., Pan Hd., #8 - 32 x 1 1/4" Lg.
11	/75102	8	Washer, Flat, #8
12	001069	2	Switch, Bracket
13	/80011	2	Switch, Cherry (G-18-04A)
14	/75811	4	Screw, Mach., Rd. Hd., Phil., #4 - 40 x 3/4" Lg.
15	/75163	4	Washer, Flat, #4
16	/75162	4	Washer, Lock, #4
17	/75164	4	Nut, Hex, #4-40
18	/75302	2	Screw, Wood, Rd. Hd., Phil., #8 x 1/2" Lg.
19	/75808	3	Screw, Mach., Pan Hd., Phil., #1/4 - 20 x 2" Lg.
20	/75131	6	Washer, Flat, #1/4
21	/75155	3	Nut, Hex, 1/4-20
22	/83268	A/R	Silicone Grease Compound #5
23	/84012	A/R	Contact Cement
24	001662-01	1	Harness, Foot Pedal
25	/75200	1	Screw, SM, #6 x 1/2 Lg.

Figure 6. Pedal Assembly

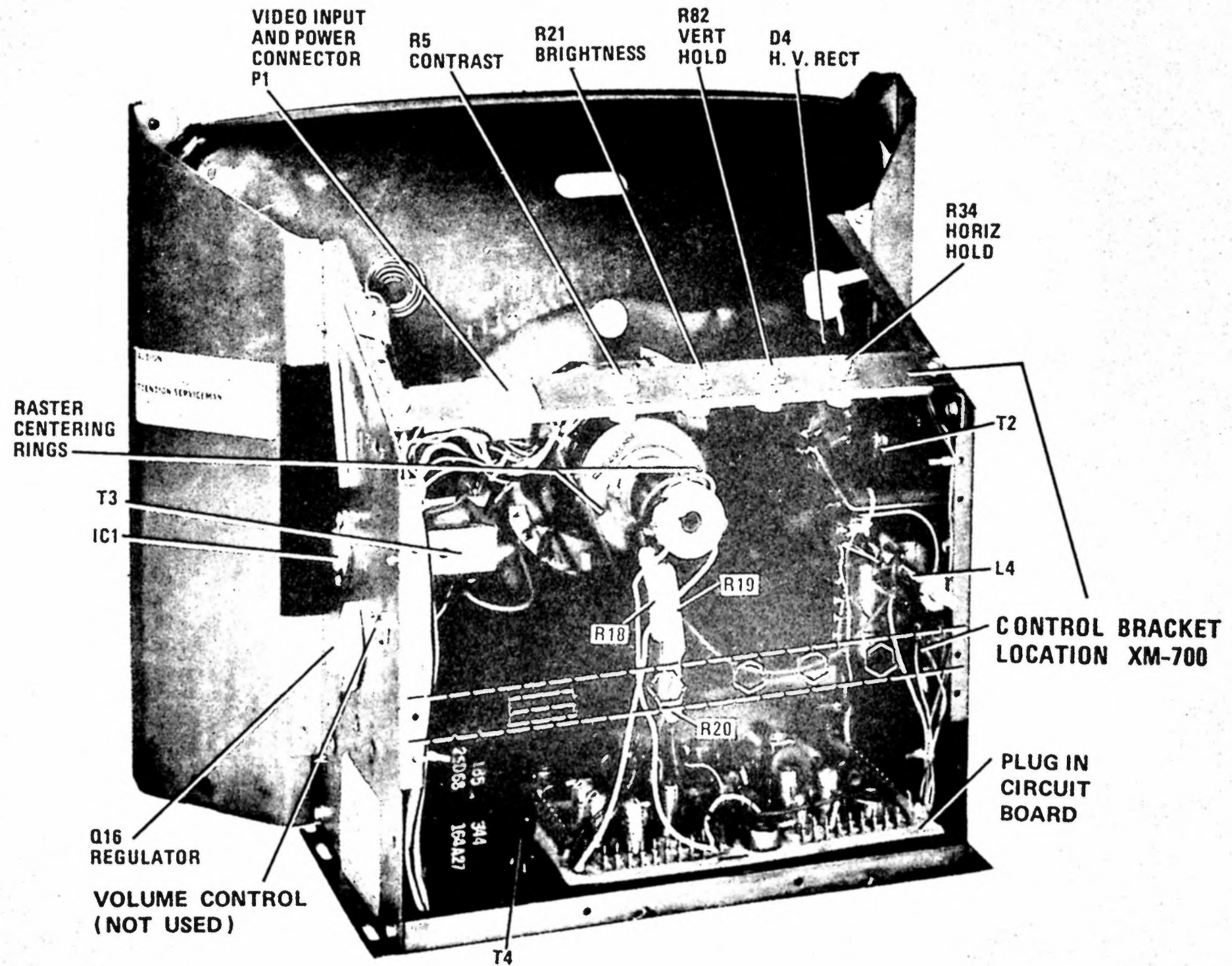


- NOTES:
- 1 APPLY LIGHT FILM OF SILICONE GREASE #5 COMPOUND (OR EQUIV.) ON AREAS INDICATED. (ITEM 18)
 - 2 VENDOR PART NO. 3201-3803

ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION
1	000598	Ref	Steering Wheel Assy (3201-3803)
2	000599	1	Cover (3201-3543)
3	000605	1	Housing (3201-3545)
4	000606	1	Shaft (3201-3544)
5	73-1206/75822	2	Screw, Drive, Phil Hd, #2 x 3/8 Lg.
6	72-7512/75804	3	Screw, mach, Fil. Hd, Phil #1/4-20 x 3/4 Lg.
7	A000607	1	Printed Circuit Assy.
8			
9	75409	2	Washer, Fender, 1/4
10			
11	76-042020/83236	1	Bearing, Thompson (20L20-F)
12	76-041010/83242	1	Bearing, Thompson (10L10-F)
13	78-40101/83243	1	Steering Wheel ("500", P/N 82-2231)
14	75-945N/75221	1	Nut, #1/4 - 20, Nylon Lock
15	72-9580/75198	1	Screw, mach, Truss Hd, Slotted #1/4-20 x 5 Lg.
16	000616	1	Hub Light
17	75-055/75189	1	Washer, 1/4" int. tooth, starlock
18	83268	A/R	Silicone Grease, Compound #5

Figure 7. Steering Wheel Assembly

Figure 8. T. V. Monitor Adjustments



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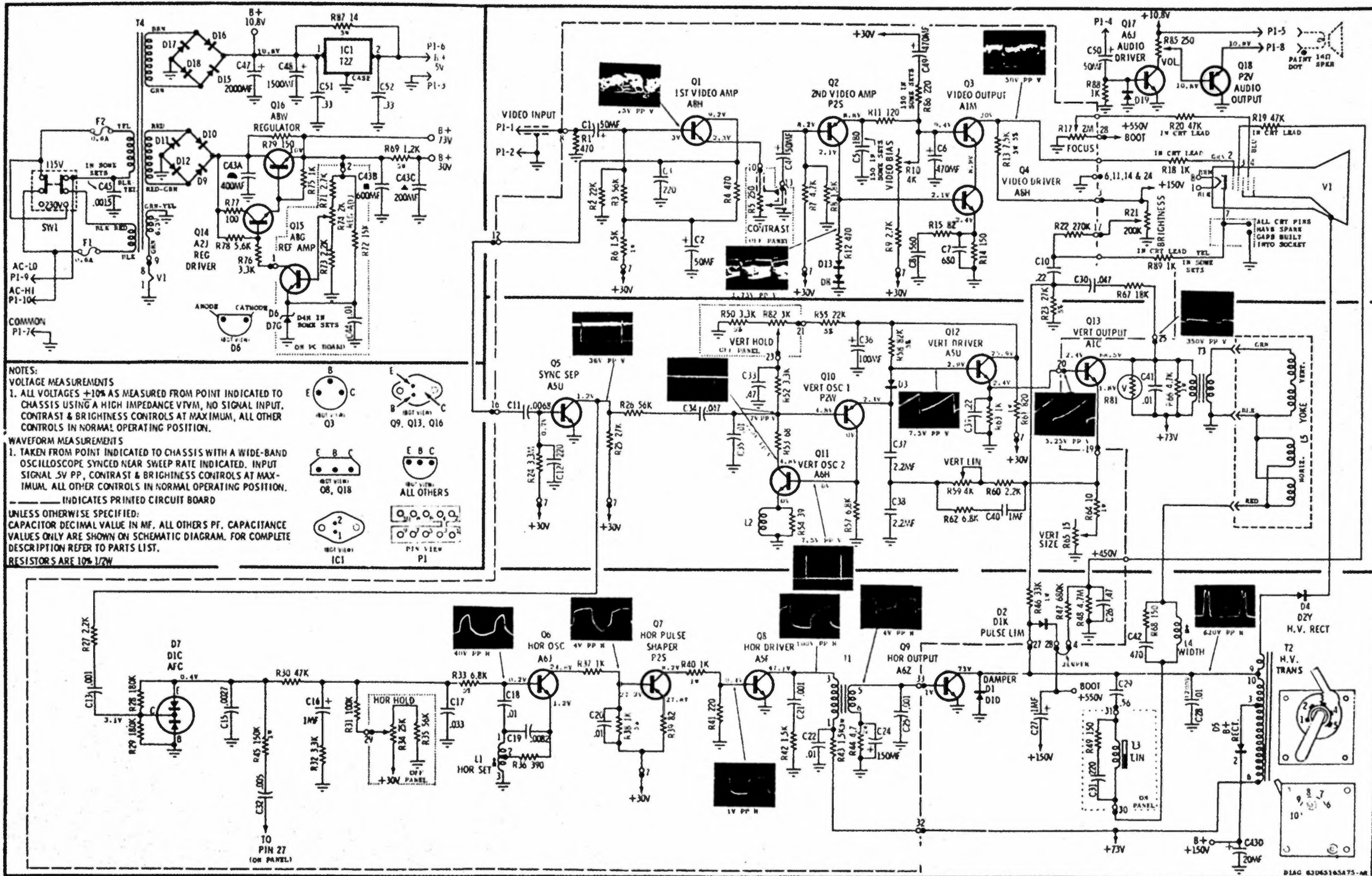
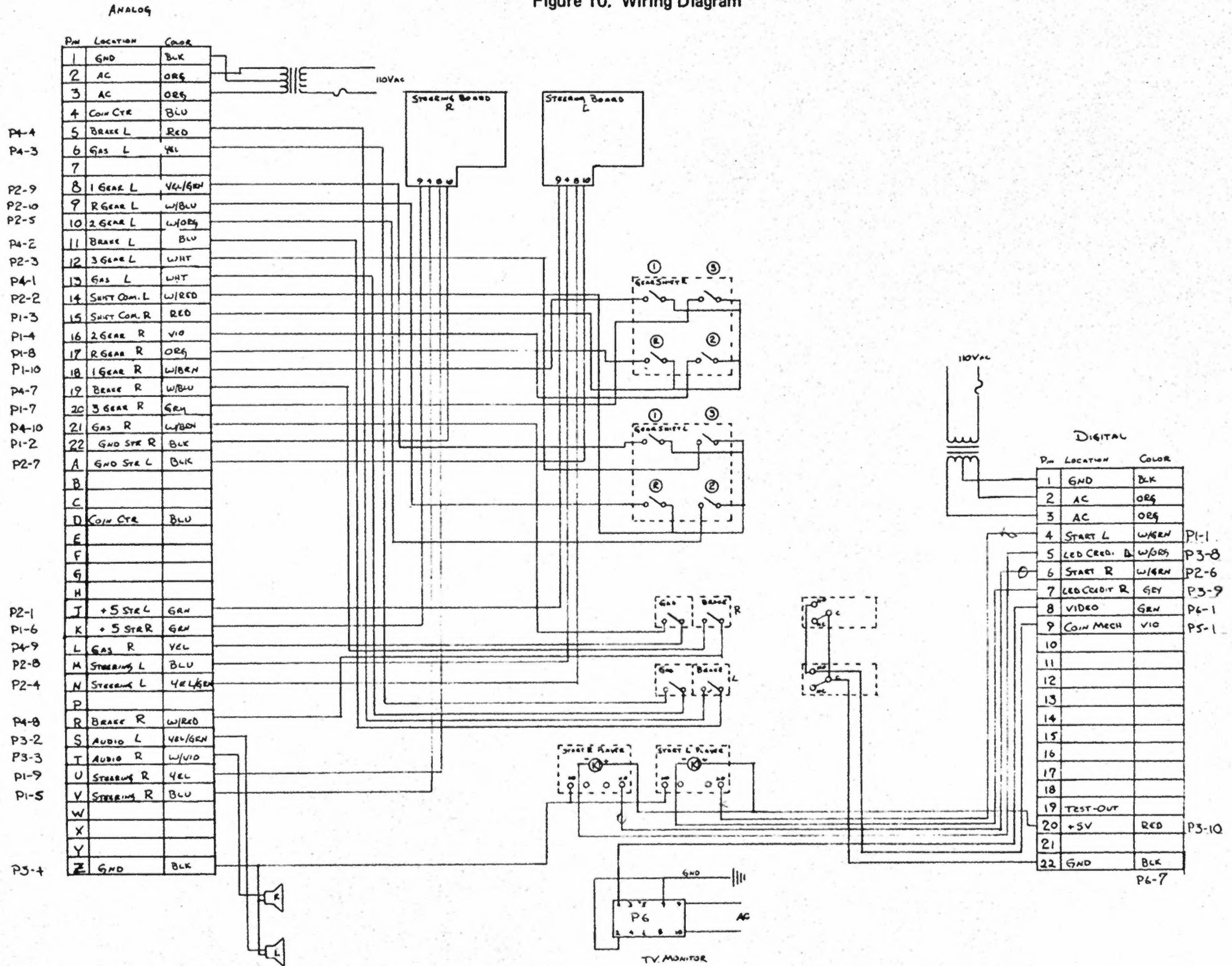
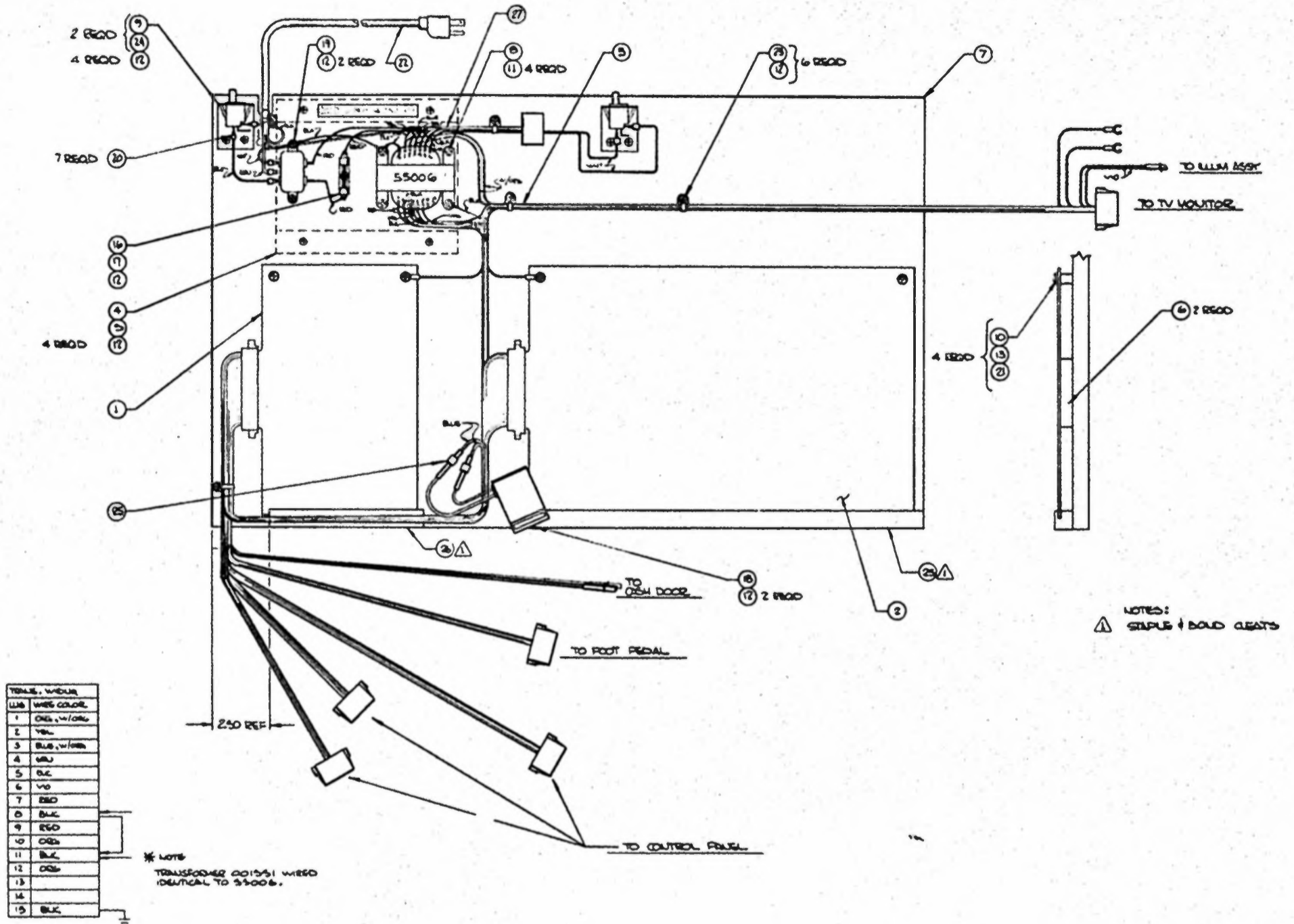


Figure 9. T. V. Monitor Schematic Diagram

Figure 10. Wiring Diagram





ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION
1	A001791	1	P.C. BOARD ASSEMBLY, COMPUTER REVISION B, ANALOG
2	A001793	1	P.C. BOARD ASSEMBLY, COMPUTER REVISION B, DIGITAL
3	A001796	1	HARNESS
4	001905	1	COVER, TRANSFORMER
5	000871	1	LABEL
6	001141	2	FOAM, DISC. POLYURETHANE
7	001623	1	TRAY ELECTRONICS
8	55006**	1	TRANSFORMER
9	80029	2	AC POWER INTERLOCK SWITCH
10	75102/75-016S	4	WASHER, FLAT #6
11	75158	4	SCREW, #8 x 3/4", RD. HD., PHIL., SMS
12	75200	22	SCREW, SM, PAN HD., PHIL., #6 x 1/2 LG.
13	75211/72-6620	4	SCREW, #6 x 1 1/4", PAN HD., PHIL., SMS
14	77035/51-11833	2'	WIRE, 18 GAUGE, ORANGE
15	77037/51-11822	2'	WIRE, 18 GAUGE, RED
16	80001	1	FUSE HOLDER
17	80002	1	FUSE, 1 AMP, SLO-BLO
18	80004	1	COUNTER
19	80030	1	FILTER, POWER LINE
20	80054/79-08322	7	TERMINAL, PUSH-ON (3/16")
21	83013/74-3608	4	SPACER, 1/2", #6
22	83015	1	POWER CORD, 8'
23	83042	5	CABLE CLAMP
24	83097/000268	2	BRACKET, SWITCH MOUNTING
25	001922-01	1	CLEAT 17"
26	001922-02	1	CLEAT 7"
27	A001920	1	HARNESS, VOLTAGE SELECTION
28	A001921-01*	A/R	SHORTING BLOCK, 95V
29	A001921-02*	A/R	SHORTING BLOCK, 110V
30	A001921-03	A/R	SHORTING BLOCK, 220V

*Install Shorting Block per Voltage Required.
 **Use 001551 Transformer when available.

Figure 11. Electronics Tray Assembly

Figure 12b

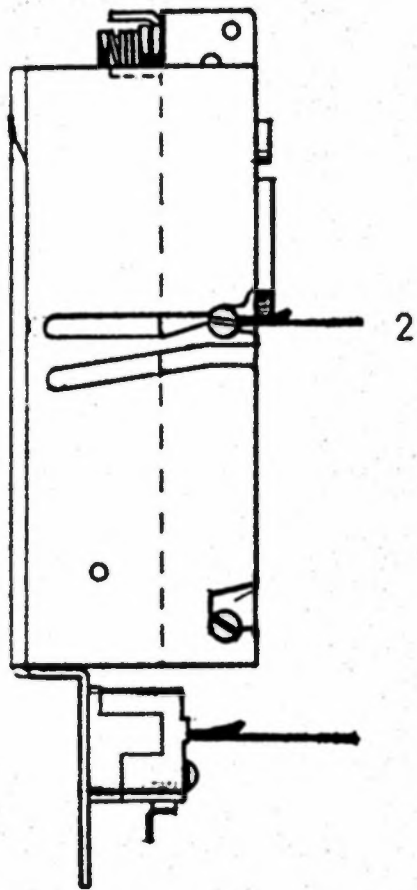


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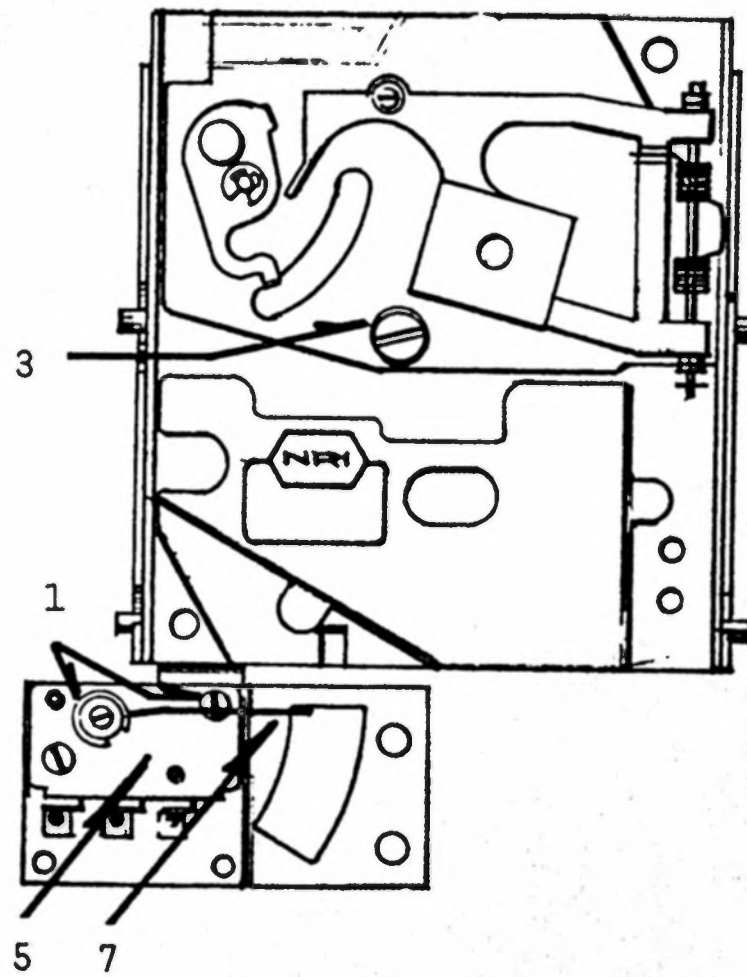
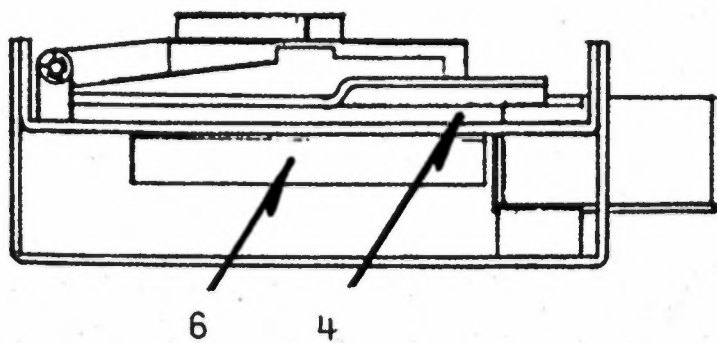
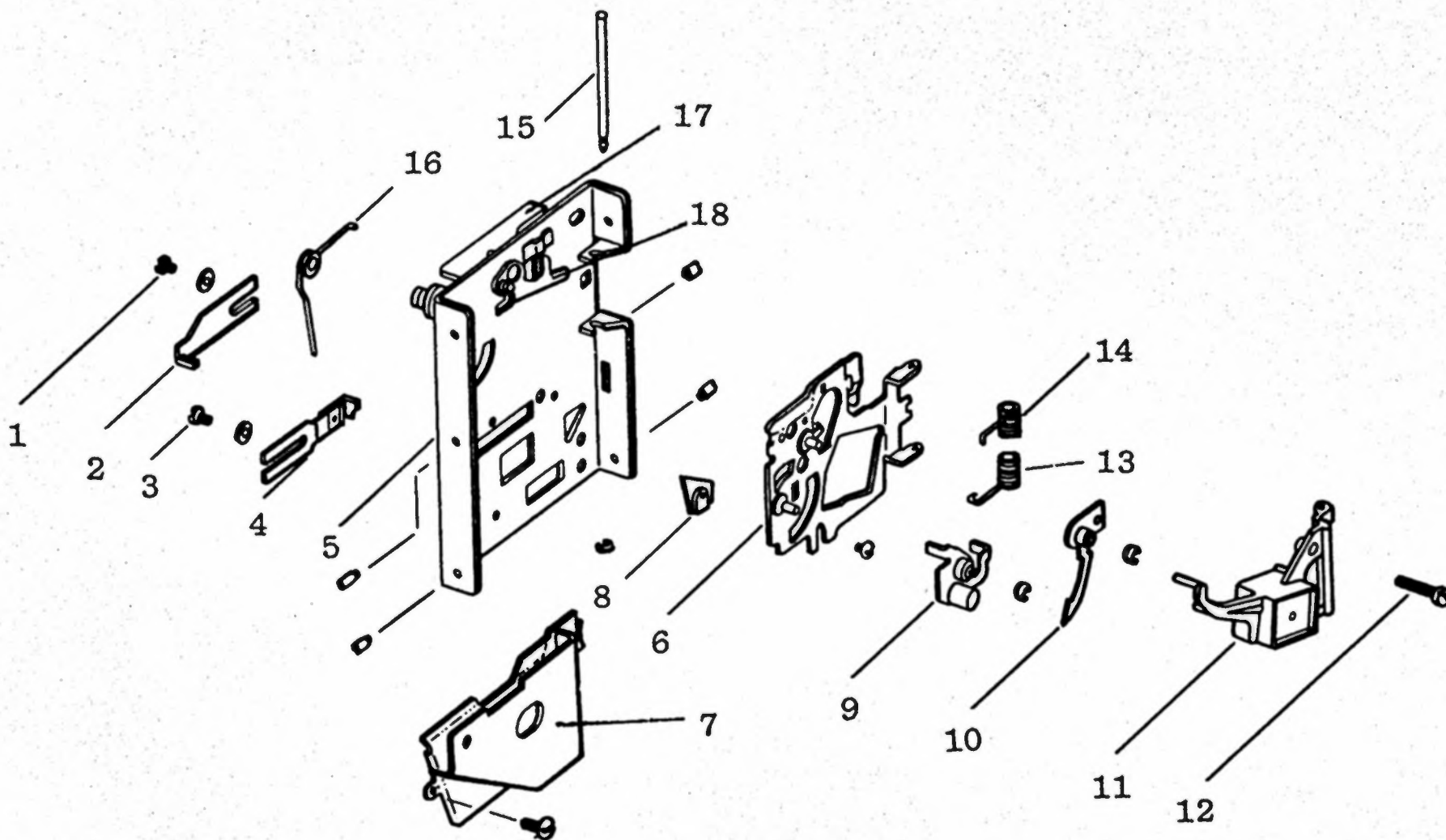


Figure 12c



1. COIN SWITCH RETAINING SCREWS
2. COIN ACCEPTOR RETAINING SCREW
3. MAGNET GATE ADJUSTER
4. COIN ENTRANCE
5. COIN SWITCH
6. WIPER LEVER
7. TRIP WIRE

Figure 12. Coin Acceptor



ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1.	KICKER SCREW
2.	KICKER
3.	SEPARATOR SCREW
4.	SEPARATOR
5.	MAINPLATE ASSEMBLY
6.	GATE ASSEMBLY
7.	COVERPLATE ASSEMBLY
8.	RAIL
9.	CRADLE ASSEMBLY
10.	UNDERSIZE LEVER
11.	MAGNET ASSEMBLY
12.	MAGNET GATE ADJUSTER
13.	LOWER GATE PIVOT SPRING
14.	UPPER GATE PIVOT SPRING
15.	GATE PIVOT PIN
16.	WIPER LEVER SPRING
17.	WIPER LEVER
18.	WIPER

Figure 12d
 COIN ACCEPTOR
 (EXPLODED VIEW)

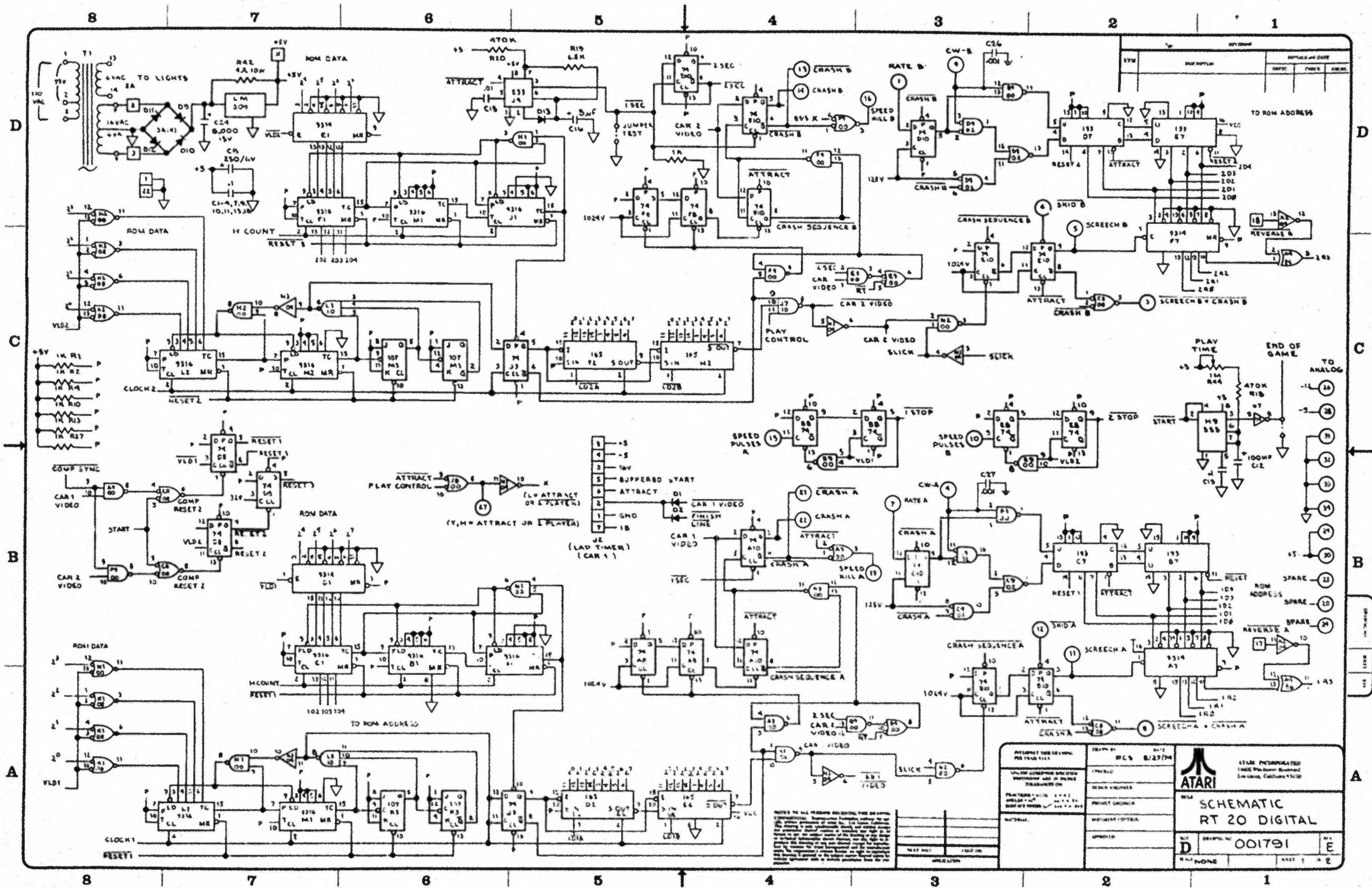
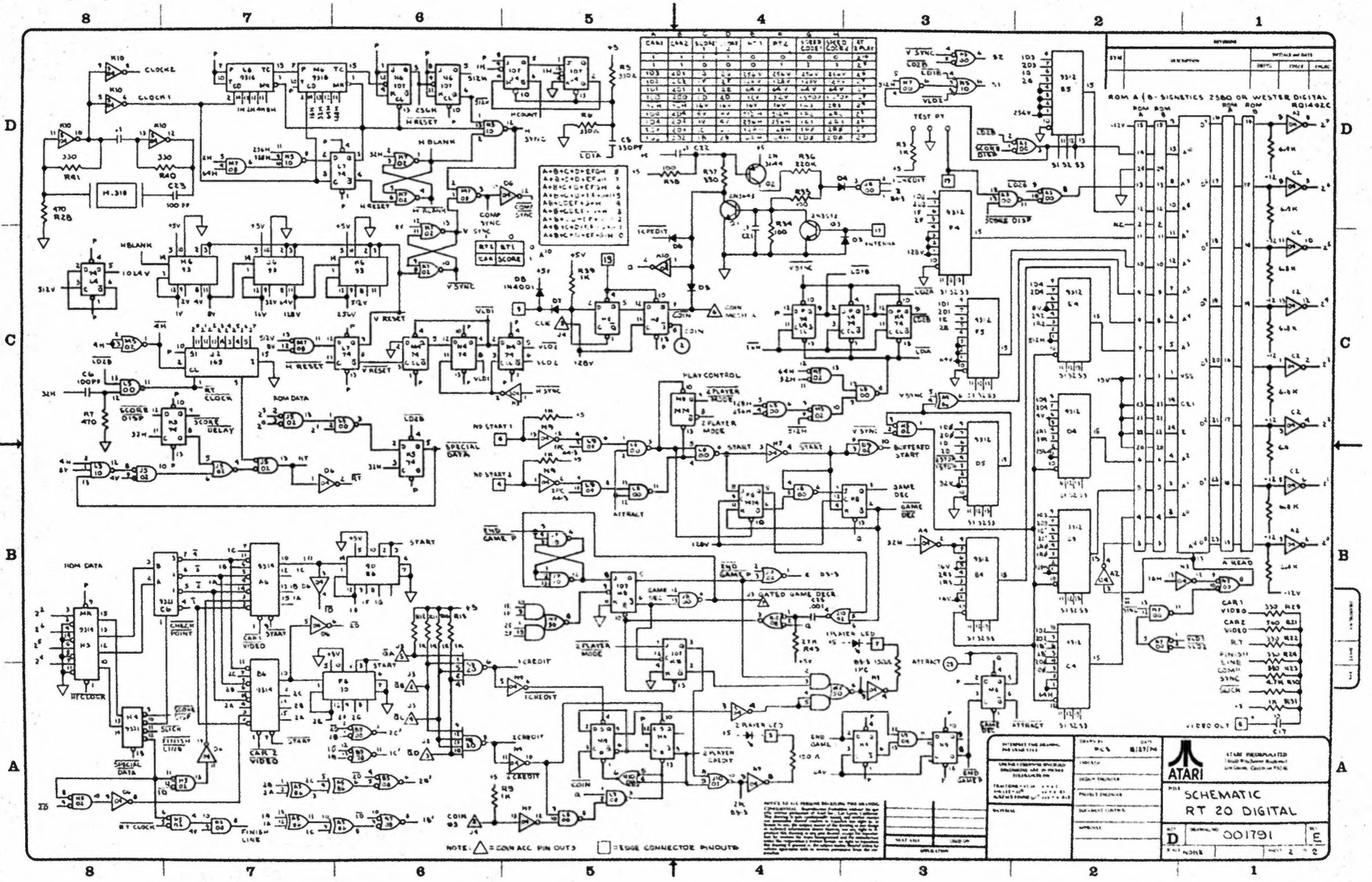


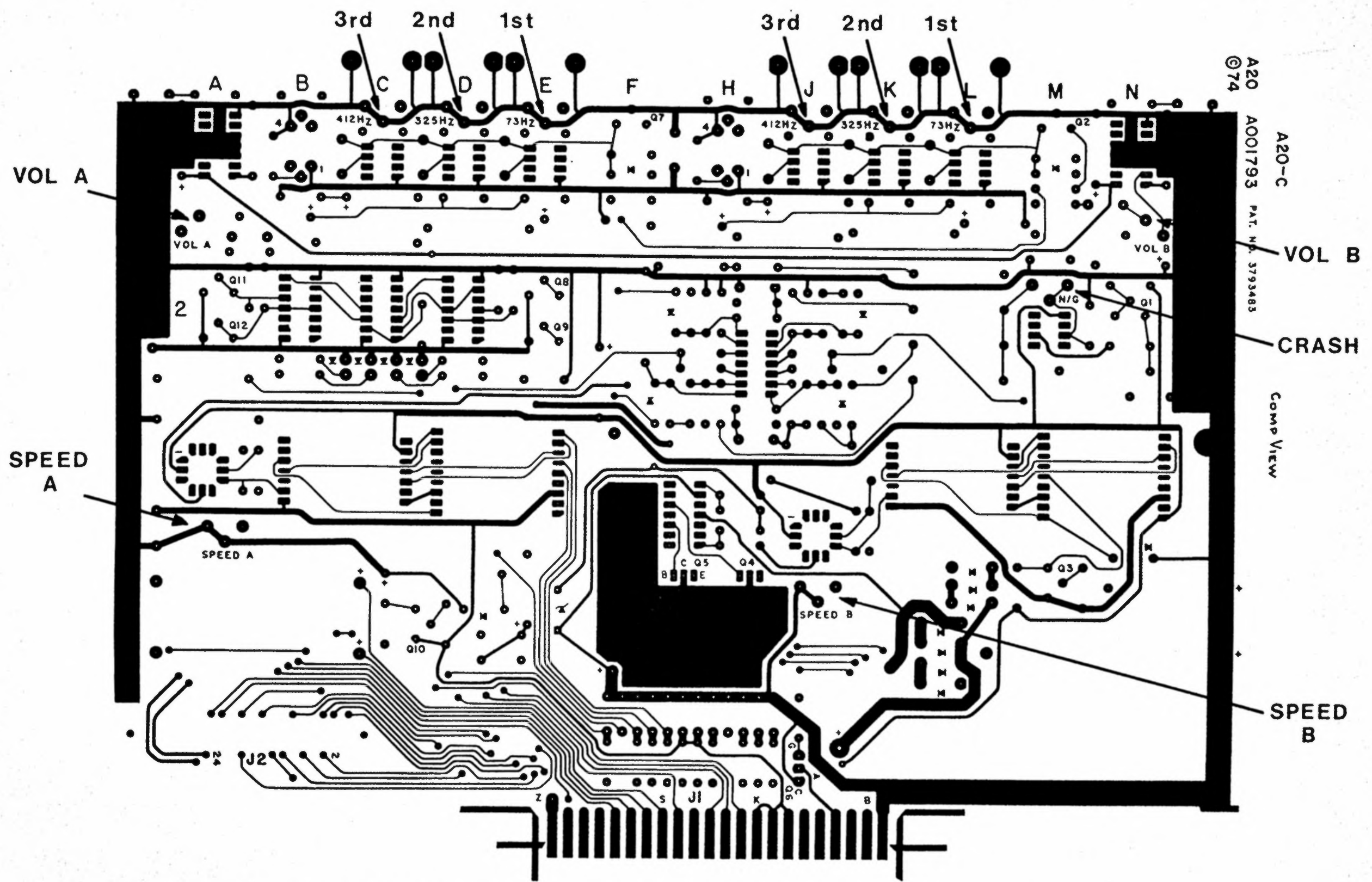
Figure 14a. Digital Board Schematic

Figure 14b. Digital Board Schematic

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A20
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 A001793 PAT. NO. 3793483
 A20-C
 VOL B
 CRASH
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 SPEED B

PLAYTIME ADJUSTMENT LOCATED ON DIGITAL BOARD (2 min.)

Figure 15. Game Adjustments Location



Received 13/Nov/74 Incomplete Mod



CUSTOMER SERVICE BULLETIN

DALE ELECTRONICS LTD.
566 WINDSOR BLVD.
RICHMOND, B.C.

November 4, 1974

Dear Customer,

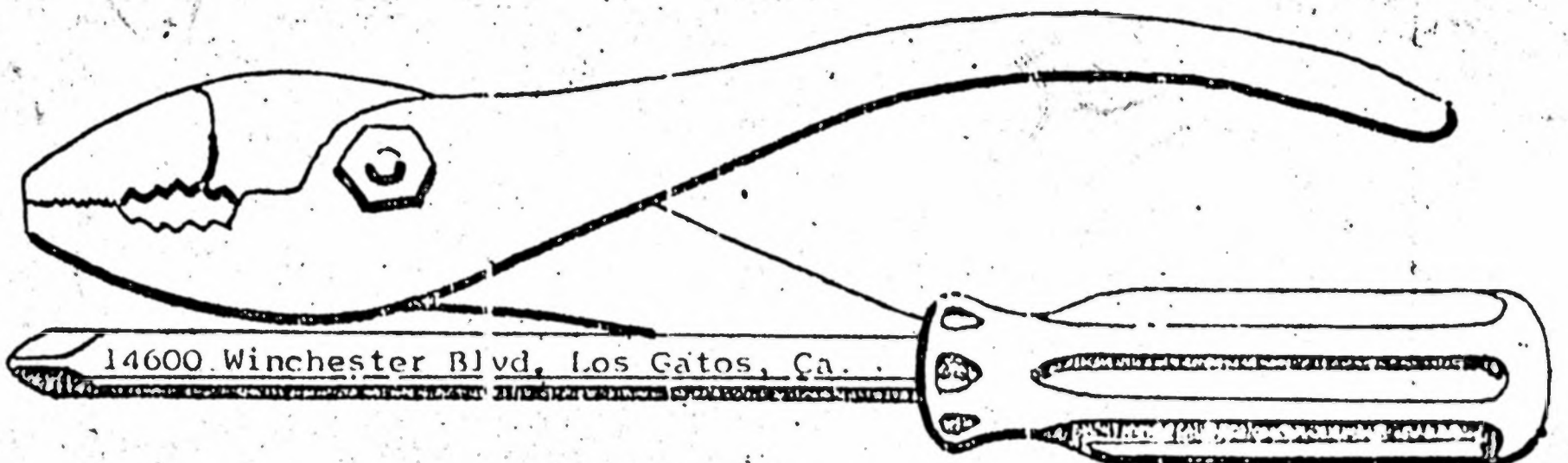
Due to the coin problems on Gran Trak 20 and Trak 20, and because our latest fix obviously hasn't been 100% effective, we have devised a clean solid fix. To cure the problem, enclosed is a list of instructions for this simple modification. Care should be taken and the proper tools used to insure an effective working circuit board. The modification is performed on the digital board (the larger of the two), with 30 AWG wire which is also enclosed.

We would like to announce that a new pedal has been engineered and will soon be ready for production.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Thank you,

Doug Hughes
Customer Service



1. Remove 1K resistor from H8 Pin 4
2. Remove jumper between H8 Pin 1 and 2
3. Remove jumper between H8 Pin 4 and 10
4. Solder all cut Pins of H8 back to the board
5. Move wire on H8 Pin 10 to C9 Pins 5 and 6
6. Add wire from C9 Pin 4 to H8 Pin 2
7. Add wire from M5 Pin 4 to C9 Pin 6
8. Add wire from M5 Pins 5 and 6 to C9 Pin 4

NOTE: Take care on C9 and M5 not to short Pins 5 or 6 to the trace that runs between them. In case the wire on H8 Pin 10 is too short, or is broken in the process, it connects to location "P" on the edge of the board.

(Cut P5 H9 and connect wire from P5 H9)

To P2 K10.

GRAN TRACK 20

Credit and start mod. (trouble - when credit established cars return to start line. but when start button pushed (on 1 player or 2 player game) game will not start.

LOGIC BOARD MODIFICATION

- (1) Remove 1 K resistor Pin 4 . H8
- (2) Remove Jumper between Pin 1 & 2.H8
- (3) CLIP PIN 10 from board trace H8 (Jumper under chip P4top10)
- (4) Solder ALL pins (cut) back to board H8 (not P10)
- (5) Remove wire from P10, H8 AND resolder to P5 & P6.C9
- (6) Add wires to P4,C9. to P2, H8.
P4,M5. to P6, C9.
P5 & P6, M5. to P4,C9.

START BUTTON.

Credit and lift P4,H9.
Add wire to P4,H9 and P2K10

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START BUTTON.

^{CUT}
Credit and lift P4,H9.
Add wire to P4,H9 and P2K10 ✓

ALSO MOD. XEE 30 Sept 1974 A MUST.
apply to both games. Gran TK 20
Turn Race

Interaction & Bounce
Between Cars.

CUSTOMER SERVICE BULLETIN



September 20, 1974

Dear Sir:

To insure that no interaction occurs between the two cars on Twin Racer, that is when one car crashes the second car will crash, even though the second car is in the middle of the track.

To take care of this we have come up with this modification to the digital PC board (Largest of the two boards).

On IC 74193 located at D7 pin 5 & 4 put two (2) .001 UF capacitors to ground one (1) on each pin. Therefore there will be a total of two (2) capacitors on this IC one (1) on pin 5 and one (1) on pin 4.

On C7 pins 5 & 4 a 74193 IC, do the same as what was done to D7 pins 5 & 4.

If this modification does not work go to a .01 UF capacitor instead of .001 UF capacitor. Be sure and remove the .001 UF capacitors before replacing with .01 UF capacitors and make sure that the capacitors are put to the ground trace and not to the +5v trace.

If you have any problems please contact Kee Games, Inc., Customer Service at (408) 249-6090 ask for Gary Kinney or Mike Sieler.

KEE GAMES, INC.

Sincerely,

Gary Kinney

Gary Kinney
Customer Service

Send on Sun TX 20



CUSTOMER SERVICE BULLETIN

September 20, 1974

Dear Sir:

We have had some request to modify Twin Racer for 1 coin and getting 2 cars.

To accomplish this go to M9 pin 1 on the digital PC board and put that pin to ground.

Next cut and lift pin 12 of M9 and connect to a pullup resistor (1 K OHM resistor located to the right of M9).

Last, (On revision C boards only) N8 pins 4 & 3 put to ground. On revisions A & B, (the boards that have a smaller board soldered at right angles to it) go to IC 7427 located at No. 1 on small board pins 4 & 3 and put to ground.

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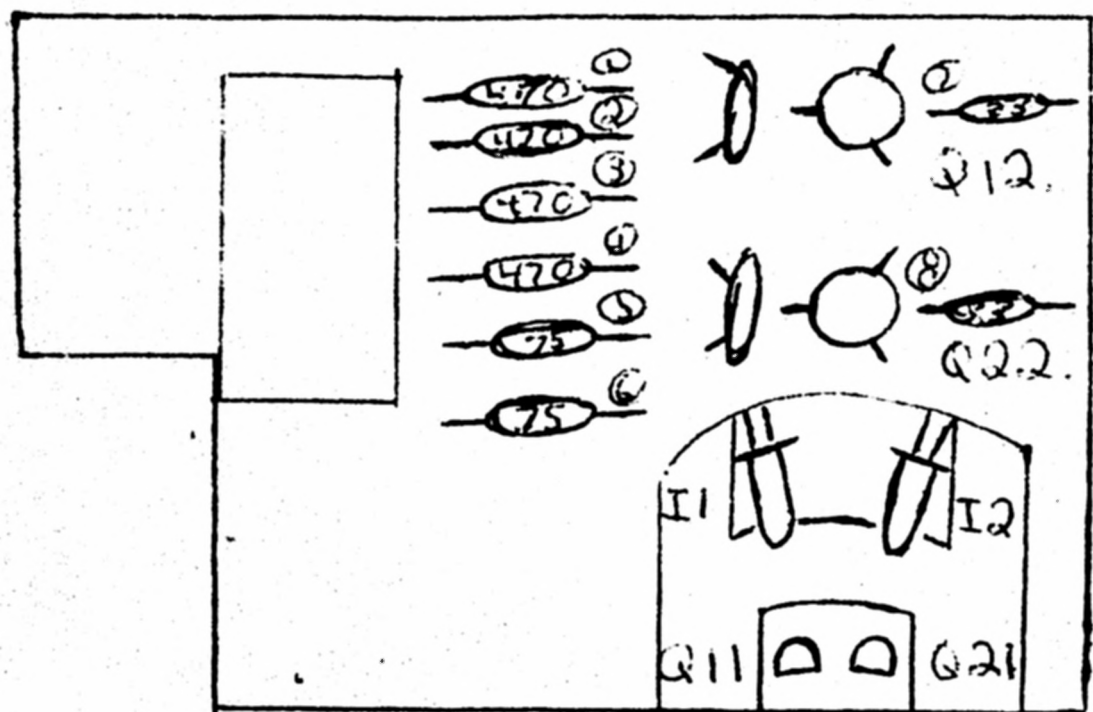
Sincerely,

Gary Kinney

Gary Kinney
Customer Service

*Have not tried this on
either Star TX 30
or Twin Racer*

STEERING BOARD CHECK SHEET FOR SERVICING



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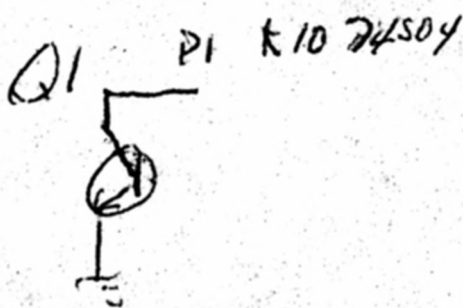
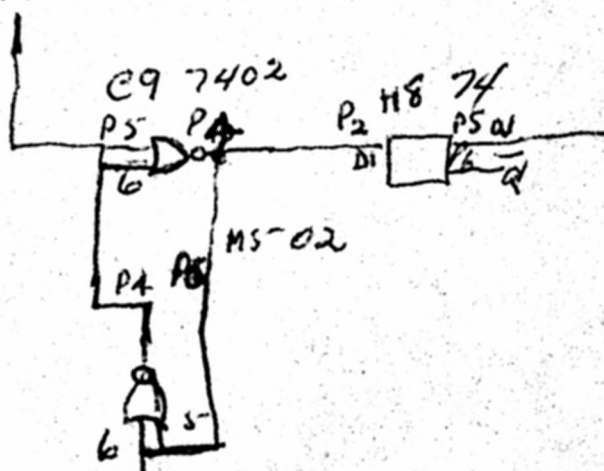
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| 4 | 5V | Q22 | (C) |
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| 6 | 1.3V | IFR | |
| 7 | 0V | Q12(N) Q11(E) | |
| 8 | 0V | Q22(N) Q21(E) | |

IFR ON

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GT 20

PI0 EDGE CON.



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Tricks of the Trade

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In a continuing effort to present the highest level of technical assistance, RePlay Magazine is pleased to announce the addition of this monthly column, "Tricks of the Trade." Here, and in the months to come, this feature will provide technical tips that are not readily available from factories and distributors. The main function will be to explain a continuing problem and its remedy, including basic conversions to increase player appeal and reliability.

RAMTEK BASEBALL MIDWAY BALL PARK

With these games, there have been some design flaws that have hindered the success of both pieces. The best laid plans of mice and men, so the saying goes, sometime go awry. The 'Baseball' game suffered some ills. For starters, the power supply was a problem. It couldn't handle the current load and therefore, often popped its filter capacitor. The regulators either just came up to enough voltage or else far exceeded the proper operating voltage. For this there is no easy cure. Adjust the regulator for five volts, measured at the board. Replace the filter cap for about 14,000 MFD. Now let's move into the next phase — the edge connectors.

If the factory had gold plated the edge connector on the board, our edge connector problems would have been greatly reduced. Because of this, they need constant attention. Another idea is to seal the card cage with a piece of wood across the back of the boards by applying pressure to the back of the board making for a tighter fit (Ramtek 'Baseball's' early model had a card cage that would not allow this. In this case, wedge a wood lock to securely hold the board).

Because of the current draw, it is advisable to run your supply voltages directly from the regulator to each circuit board, thereby eliminating the edge connector supply loss. These basic improvements will greatly increase the reliability of the game.

MIDWAY GUN FIGHT & SEA WOLF

The first successful microprocessor games have helped lead us into a new era. Unfortunately, there have been some small trivial things that have reduced the dependability of these games. Resistor packs, which are the current-limiting devices used to drive the opto-isolators on the game board of the 'Gun Fight' have been plagued with burn-outs. When they burn out, you can no longer control the movement of the men or the arms. When replacing the resistor pack, use 1,000 ohm 1/2 watt resistors and stand them vertically across the board, tying the top of each resistor to the common bus. The next question is "why do they burn out?" While more than like-

ly, they probably have a few burnt out 1895 lamps. These lamps illuminate the name "Gun Fight". When the bulbs burn out, there is less load, therefore the voltage increases, thus helping to destroy the resistors.

On 'Sea Wolf', it is not uncommon to have a few lamp driver transistors burn out. The original transistors were 2N4401 and 2N4403. You'll find that replacing them with a 2N3643 and 2N3644 respectively, you'll probably see the last of a bad lamp driver transistor.

A major problem is a system stoppage. That is where scrambled data and hash appear on the screen. The game is dead until you hit the slam switch. This only has to happen once for the game to be out of order for the night. To correct this problem, run a jumper wire from IC G3 pin 7 to IC F3 pin 7. This completes the ground bus. Also add a .1 MF capacitor across pin 14 and pin 7 of G3 and H3. Please use ceramic type. This will eliminate the transients and oscillation that screws up the address buffer. Also add a .1 MF capacitor at the edge connector of the mother board, pin 10. Tie the other end of the cap. to ground. This will eliminate the outside noise from triggering the reset line. These two basic cures will eliminate erratic behavior.

ATARI GRAN TRAK 10 & 20 FORMULA K & TWIN RACER

Many people have complained of poor steering in these games. This can be greatly improved by a simple modification that Atari advises. When completed, the car will steer like in an Indy:

A) Trak 10 and Formula K. Clip and lift A4 pin 11. Clip and lift A4 pin 12. Clip and lift A4 pin 13. Run a jumper from A4 pin 11 to J8 pin 6. Run a wire from A4 pin 12 to the pull-up side of the 1K resistor located above A4. Jump A4 pin 13 to H1 pin 8.

B) Trak 20 and Twin Racer digital board: Clip and lift C10 pin 12. Clip and lift C10 pin 11. Clip and lift D10 pin 2. Clip and lift D10 pin 3. Clip and lift C10 pin 13. Clip and lift D10 pin 1. Tie C10 pin 12 and D10 pin 2 to a 1k pull-up resistor. Jumper C10 pin 11 to trace going to C10 pin 12, D10 pin 3 to trace going to D10 pin 2. Jump C10 pin 13 and D10 pin 1 to L7 pin 8.

O.B.A. Expands Product Lineup

In addition to its new line of chemicals, O.B.A. said it has developed a customizing kit for 'Gran Traks' and Trak 10's. The electrical conversion kit developed by O.B.A. allows the addition of five different tracks to the games.

It was explained by O.B.A. that the track changes each time the car passes the starting position. In addition, an attract mode causes the tracks to change on the screen while the game is not being played.

An extended time feature is also provided which allows the player to gain extra time if he achieves a certain score. And the steering, says O.B.A., makes the car sensitive in relation to the steering wheel action. The conversion Packag: is contained in a "piggy-back" board which plugs into the 'Gran Trak' and Trak 10' PC boards.

Mirco Cites Superb Reliability Factor

Mirco Games of Phoenix has released "reliability statistics" relating to the company's electronic video games presently in the field.

According to the company, a typical video game, under average conditions (conservatively estimated to be six hours of operation per day) will operate approximately 13,000 hours before experiencing a failure. This mean time between failure (MTBF) figure represents the equivalent of only one failure for every six years of operation.

R.E. Pepper, Mirco's manager of quality control, explained that the MTBF figure was determined by documenting all field returns on Mirco video units shipped over the past few years, calculating the total hours of operation per year for all games shipped and dividing total hours by the average number of field failures per year.

Pepper further stated that the good field performance of Mirco's games resulted from four interrelated factors: (1) Careful initial design with emphasis on enhancing reliability; (2) Strict inspection of incoming components and subassemblies; (3) A number of in-process quality control checks throughout the manufacturing cycle; (4) Rigid prototype testing in the field of new video game products.

These practices have had the effect of keeping Mirco's quality cost figures to less than 2% of sales compared to typical industrial figures averaging between four and five percent.