

SECTION IV CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

4.1. MECHANICAL DESCRIPTION.

4.1.1. BAND CHANGE. - Collins 51J-4 Receiver covers the frequency range of 0.5 to 30.5 mc in 30 bands: 0.5 to 1.5, 1.5 to 2.5, and so on up to 30.5 mc. Each band is one megacycle wide. Circuits affected by band changes are the r-f amplifier grid, first, second, and third mixer grids, crystal selector, and crystal harmonic tuning circuits. The third mixer is switched in only on band 1 (.5 to 1.5 mc). See figure 4-1.

Operations involved in the changing of bands consist of selecting the proper coils in these circuits by means of tap switches and changing the position of the r-f amplifier and first mixer slug tables. All stages are permeability tuned by powdered iron slugs. The r-f amplifier and first mixer slug tables change position a full megacycle in tuning each time a band is changed. This is true of all three slug tables, which tune L104 through L113. However, the tap switches select the proper set of coils for the frequency desired.

Slug tables are driven from two sources: the main tuning knob and the BAND CHANGE knob. These two driving sources are connected to the slug tables through a differential gear mechanism. This is necessary since the coils for bands 4 to 7, 8 to 15, and 16 to 30 cover these tuning ranges with one complete excursion of the tuning slugs. For instance, the band 4 to 7 slug table tunes its associated coils through four megacycles; in one megacycle jumps when operated by the BAND CHANGE knob, and in complete coverage in between when operated by the tuning knob. An interesting feature of the differential gearing is its ability to combine the movements of the two driving sources so that the slug table is moved exactly one megacycle in each band change. The other slug tables operate similarly to the 4 to 7 table, except that the band 8 to 15 table tunes its associated coils through 8 mc, and the band 16 to 30 table tunes its associated coils through 15 mc. These three slug tables are moved simultaneously by means of separate cams.

Switch sections of the band switch are ganged with the BAND CHANGE knob through an over-travel coupler. This over-travel coupler drops the band switch at band 16 while the r-f slug tables continue to operate one position for each band as usual. Refer to figure 4-2. This mechanical diagram shows the gears and connecting shafts associated with band change and tuning. Shafts associated with changing bands are C, D, G, H, I, K, and the over-travel shaft. On band 1 radio frequency coils L101 and L110 are switched by means of the BAND CHANGE knob through the over-travel shaft and shaft G. On bands 2 and 3, the r-f coils are selected by the BAND CHANGE knob through the over-travel shaft and shafts G and K, variable i-f section coils, L116 through L119, being used as additional r-f coils on these bands. On bands 4 to 7, the coils are selected by the BAND CHANGE knob through the over-travel shaft and shaft G, and the position of the slug table is changed through shafts C and D. On these bands the same coils are used for each band. Band change is accomplished by moving the tuning slug in the coil an amount equal to one megacycle in frequency. The slug moves in the coil 0.250 inches for a one megacycle change. On bands 8 to 15, the r-f coils are changed by the over-travel shaft and shaft G, and the position of the slug table is changed one megacycle per band through shafts C and D. The movement of the slug table for a one megacycle change is 0.125 inches. On bands 16 to 30, the r-f coils are switched through the over-travel shaft and shaft G to position 16 where the band switch remains for bands 16 to 30 while the over-travel coupler allows shaft G to rotate through to the thirtieth band. The slugs in the r-f coils are driven through shafts C and D. The slugs travel 0.0625 inches during band change. During operation on any band between 4 and 30 the variable i-f channel is alternated from one variable i-f to the other by shafts G and K. Crystals are selected by operation of the BAND CHANGE knob through the 15-position Geneva system and shafts G, H, and I.

4.1.2. TUNING. - All r-f, mixer and variable i-f coils, as well as the variable frequency oscillator