



LA3401

VCO Non-Adjusting PLL FM MPX Stereo Demodulator with FM Accessories

Overview

The LA3401 is a multifunctional MPX demodulator IC designed for FM stereo electronic tuning. It features the VCO non-adjusting function that eliminates the need to adjust free-running frequency of VCO and the accessory functions such as FM/AM input, FM/AM input changeover, muting.

Applications

- Home stereos, portable hi-fi sets.

Functions

- VCO non-adjusting function.
- PLL MPX stereo demodulator.
- Gain variable type post amplifier.
- FM-AM changeover.
- Muting at the FM-AM changeover mode (changeover mute)
- Muting function.
- Drive pin for external muting.
- VCO stop function.
- Separation adjust function.
- Muting at the V_{CC}-ON mode.

Features

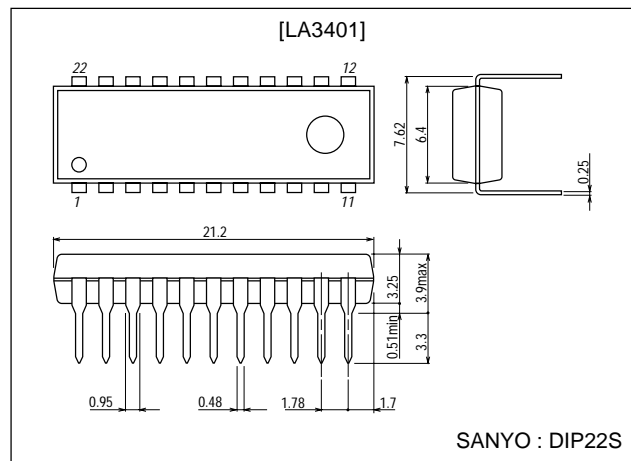
- Non-adjusting VCO : Eliminates the need to adjust free-running frequency.
- Good temperature characteristic of VCO : $\pm 0.1\%$ typ. for $\pm 50^\circ\text{C}$ change.
- Less high frequency distortion of stereo main signal (0.07% typ. at $f=10\text{kHz}$) (Non-adjusting PLL makes it possible to make the capture range narrower, providing less high frequency beat distortion of stereo main signal.)
- Low distortion : Mono 0.01% typ.
Main 0.025% typ.
- High S/N : 91dB typ./mono 300mV input, LPF
94dB typ./mono 400mV input, LPF

- High voltage gain : Approximately 13dB (Common FM, AM at standard constants) This gain can be varied by external constants.
- Wide dynamic range : Distortion 1.0%/mono 800mV, 1kHz input (Post amplifier gain : Approximately 13dB)
- The semifixed resistor (pin 4) for separation adjust can be changed to a fixed resistor or can be removed.
- High ripple rejection : 34dB typ.

Package Dimensions

unit:mm

3059-DIP22S



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Specifications

Absolute Maximum Ratings at Ta = 25°C

| Parameter | Symbol | Conditions | Ratings | Unit |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|------|
| Maximum Supply Voltage | V _{CC} max | | 16.0 | V |
| Lamp Driving Current | I _L max | | 30.0 | mA |
| Allowable Power Dissipation | Pd max | Ta≤45°C | 620 | mW |
| Operating Temperature | Topr | | -20 to +70 | °C |
| Storage Temperature | Tstg | | -40 to +125 | °C |

Operating Conditions at Ta = 25°C

| Parameter | Symbol | Conditions | Ratings | Unit |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|------|
| Recommended Supply Voltage | V _{CC} | | 13.0 | V |
| Recommended Input Signal Voltage | V _i | | 300 to 400 | mV |
| Operating Voltage Range | V _{CC} op | | 6.5 to 14.0 | V |

Operating Characteristics at Ta = 25°C, V_{CC}=13V, f=1kHz, input 400mV, L+R=90%, pilot=10%

| Parameter | Symbol | Conditions | Ratings | | | Unit |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------|---------|-------|--------------------|------|
| | | | min | typ | max | |
| Quiescent Current | I _{cco} | Quiescent | | 25 | 35 | mA |
| Input Resistance | r _i | FM, AM input | 14 | 20 | | kΩ |
| Ripple Rejection of Power Supply | | | | 34 | | dB |
| Channel Separation | Sep | f=100Hz | | 45 | | dB |
| | | f=1kHz | 40 | 55 | | dB |
| | | f=10kHz | | 50 | | dB |
| Total Harmonic Distortion | THD | Mono | | 0.01 | 0.08 | % |
| | | Stereo main | | 0.025 | 0.1 | % |
| | | Stereo sub | | 0.02 | 0.1 | % |
| | | AM | | 0.01 | 0.08 | % |
| Allowable Input Level | V _{in} max | THD=1% (FM mono, AM) | 800 | | | mV |
| S/N | | Mono, 300mV, Rg=5.1kΩ, LPF | | 91 | | dB |
| | | Mono, 400mV, Rg=5.1kΩ, LPF | 80 | 94 | | dB |
| Output Voltage (*1) | V _o | Mono, AM, Input 300mV | 802 | 1162 | 1545 | mV |
| | | Mono, AM, Input 400mV | 1070 | 1550 | 2060 | mV |
| Channel Balance | CB | Mono, AM | | | 1 | dB |
| Muting Attenuation | Attmute | External mute OFF | 70 | 79 | | dB |
| Crosstalk | CT | AM → FM | 65 | 72 | | dB |
| | | FM → AM | 65 | 72 | | dB |
| Mute-ON Voltage | V _{mton} | Pin 15 voltage | 3.5 | | V _{CC} -3 | V |
| Mute-OFF Voltage | V _{mtoff} | Pin 15 voltage | | | 0.3 | V |
| | | Pin 10 voltage, AM → FM | | | 0.5 | V |
| FM/AM Changeover Voltage | V _{FM-AM} | Pin 10 voltage, FM → AM | 4.3 | | 10 | V |
| | | | | | V _{CC} -2 | V |
| | | Pin 17 voltage | 5.0 | | V _{CC} -2 | V |
| 19kHz Carrier Leak | CL19 | De-emphasis | | 33 | | dB |
| 38kHz Carrier Leak | CL38 | De-emphasis | | 46 | | dB |
| Variation in DC Output Voltage (External mute OFF) | | Mono-stereo | | 35 | 140 | mV |
| | | Mono-mute | | 15 | 110 | mV |
| | | Stereo-mute | | 35 | 140 | mV |
| | | AM-mute | | 15 | 110 | mV |
| Lamp Lighting Level | | Pilot | 4 | 8 | 17 | mV |
| Lamp Hysteresis | | | | 3 | | dB |
| Capture Range | | Pilot 30mV | | ±1.2 | | % |

(Note) *1 : The signal voltage after separation adjust is measured.

*2 : The maximum voltage applied to pin 10 (FM/AM changeover voltage) is set to V_{CC}-2V (not exceeding 10V).

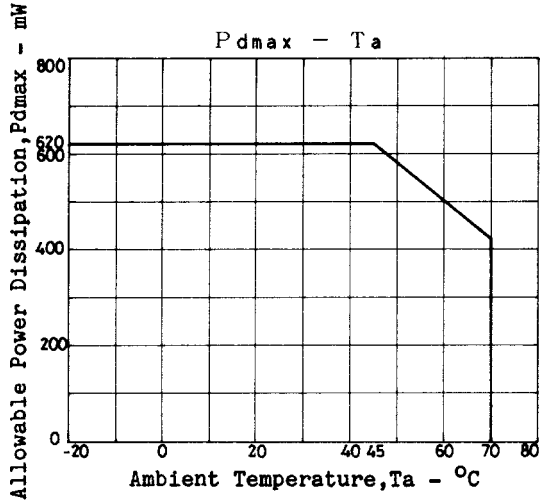
*3 : Capture range is defined by :

$$\text{Capture range} = \left(\frac{F_0 - F_1}{F_1} - \frac{F_0 - 456}{456} \right) \times 100 [\%]$$

Where F₀ : Free-running frequency

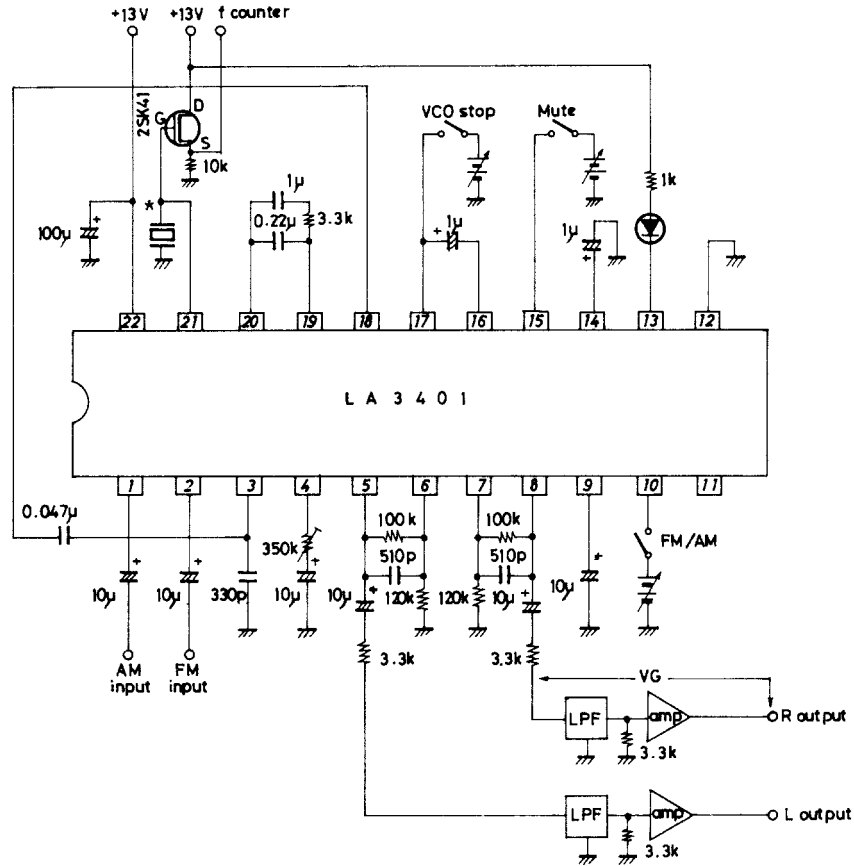
F₁ : Capture frequency when input frequency is changed.

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Test Circuit

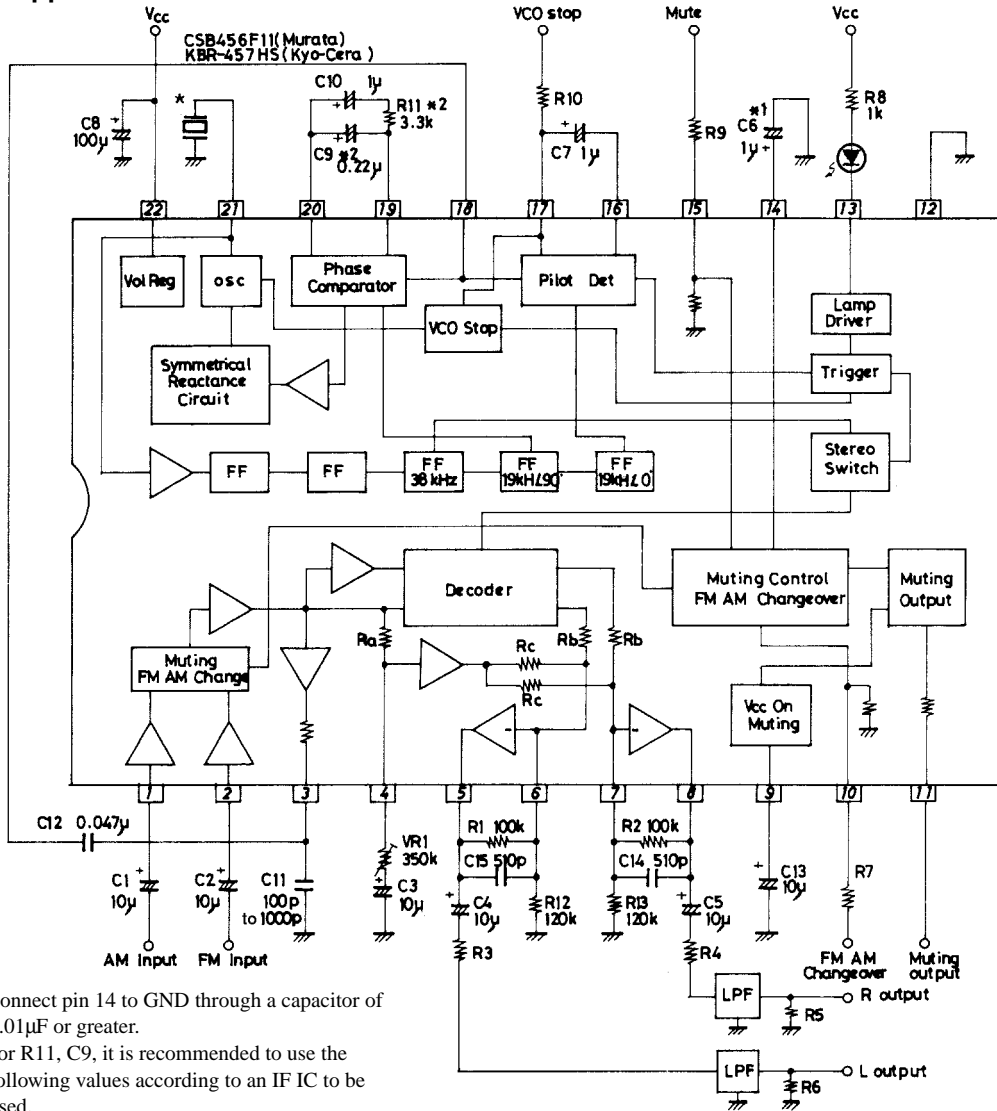
Unit (resistance: Ω , capacitance: F)



- * : CSB456F 11typ (Murata)
- LPF : BL-13 (Korin Giken)
- amp : THE=0.005% max, $V_{NI}=1\mu V$ max, band width : 100kHz min, $r_i=330k\Omega$ max.
- VG : S/N, muting attenuation, crosstalk measurement=50dBmin, Other measurements than above=0dB

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Sample Application Circuit



(Note 1) Connect pin 14 to GND through a capacitor of 0.01 μ F or greater.

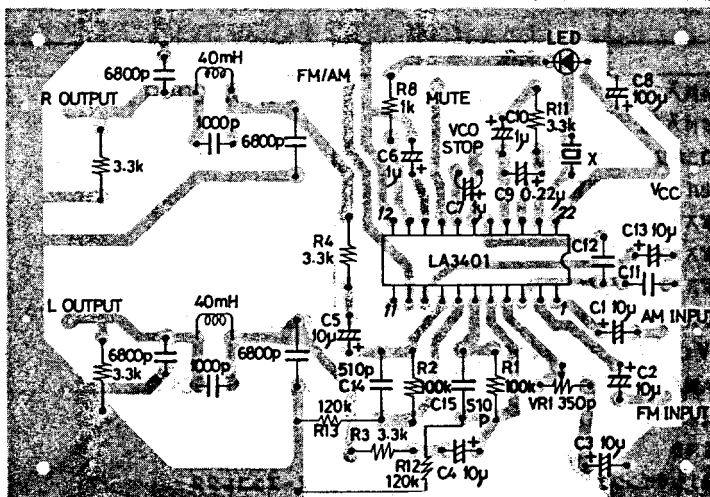
(Note 2) For R11, C9, it is recommended to use the following values according to an IF IC to be used.

| IF IC | R11 | C9 |
|---------------------|------|------------|
| LA1235 | 3.3k | 0.22 μ |
| LA1265, 1230, 1231N | 5.6k | 0.22 μ |
| LA1260 | 10k | 0.1 μ |

* : CBS456F11 (Murata)
KBR-457HS (Kyocera)

Unit (resistance: Ω , capacitance: F)

Sample Printed Circuit Pattern



(Cu-foiled area 110 x 75 mm²)

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External Parts

| Part No. | Description | Remarks |
|----------|---|---|
| C1 | DC cut | |
| C2 | DC cut | Decreasing the value worsens separation at low frequencies. |
| C3 | DC cut | Decreasing the value worsens separation at low frequencies. |
| C4, 5 | DC cut | |
| C6 | Time constant for muting at changeover mode | Even when no FM/AM changeover muting is provided, a capacitor of 0.01 μ F or greater is connected. |
| C7 | Sync detect filter | |
| C8 | Power supply ripple filter | |
| C9 | PLL loop filter | A capacitor value from 0.1 to 0.22 μ F is selected according to demodulation output of FM IF. (Note 1) |
| C10 | PLL loop filter | Decreasing the value widens capture range ; increasing the value delays stereo operation start timing after release of VCO stop. |
| C11 | Improvement in low frequency stereo distortion | (L-R) signal and decoder 38kHz switching signal are phased with each other by a capacitor of 100 to 1000pF (differs with each audio set) connected. |
| C12 | DC cut | |
| C13 | Time constant for muting at V _{CC} -ON mode | Output signal is muted for a certain time after application of power. |
| C14, 15 | De-emphasis constant | The values of C14, C15 are determined so that $R1 \cdot C15 = R2 \cdot C14 = 50\mu s$ (75 μs) is yielded. |
| R1, 2 | Post amplifier feedback resistor de-emphasis constant | $R1 \cdot C15 = R2 \cdot C14 = 50\mu s$ (75 μs) |
| R3, R4 | LPF input resistor | 3.3k Ω or greater (If less than this, the maximum output voltage cannot be obtained.) Wiring between pin 5 and R3 and between pin 8 and R4 must be made as short as possible. |
| R5, 6 | LPF output resistor | |
| R7 | Limiting resistor | The value of R7 is determined so that voltage applied to pin 10 becomes a value from 4.3V to V _{CC} -2V (not exceeding 10V). |
| R8 | Limiting resistor | Current flowing into pin 13 must not exceed 30mA. |
| R9 | Limiting resistor | The value of R9 is determined so that voltage applied to pin 15 becomes a value from 3.5V to V _{CC} -3V. |
| R10 | Limiting resistor | The value of R10 is determined so that voltage applied to pin 17 becomes a value from 5V to V _{CC} -2V. For how to obtain R10, refer to VCO stop application mentioned later. |
| R11 | Loop filter | A resistor value from 3.3 to 10k Ω is selected according to demodulation output of FM IF (Note 1). Increasing the value widens capture range, but delays stereo operation start timing after release of VCO stop (Note 2). |
| R12, 13 | Output DC voltage setting | Post amplifier output DC voltage. 3.3 (1+R1/R12) or 3.3 (1+R2/R13), extension in output dynamic range. |
| VR1 | Separation adjust | Separation is adjusted by changing (L+R) signal level with VR1. |
| X | Free-running frequency setting | CSB456F11 (Murata), KBR-457HS (Kyocera) |

Note 1 : For C9, R11 setting, refer to Sample Application Circuit (Note 2) and Note 2 for Using IC.

Note 2 : To advance stereo operation start timing, the value of C10 is decreased. Decreasing the value of C10 narrows capture range. This narrowing also depends on the value of C9. It is recommended to use C10 of 0.47 μ F or greater.

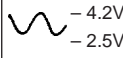
Pin Voltage, Name Remarks

| Part No. | Voltage [V] | Pin Name | Remarks |
|----------|-------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1 | 3.3 | AM input | Input resistor 20k Ω |
| 2 | 3.3 | FM input | Input resistor 20k Ω |
| 3 | 3.3 | Composite amplifier output | Output resistor 1k Ω |
| 4 | 3.3 | Separation adjust | |
| 5 | 3.3 | Post amplifier output | L output |
| 6 | 3.3 | Post amplifier input | Minus input |
| 7 | 3.3 | Post amplifier input | Minus input |
| 8 | 3.3 | Post amplifier output | R output |
| 9 | 3.3 | V _{CC} -ON muting | |
| 10 | - | FM/AM changeover | Input resistor 80k Ω |
| 11 | - | Muting output | |
| 12 | 0 | GND | |
| 13 | - | Stereo indicator | Open collector |
| 14 | 0 or 4.9 | Changeover mute | Gnd through a capacitor of 0.01 μ F or greater |
| 15 | - | Muting | Input resistor 80k Ω |

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| Part No. | Voltage [V] | Pin Name | Remarks |
|----------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 16 | 2.7 | Pilot sync detect filter |  |
| 17 | 2.7 | Pilot sync detect filter, VCO stop | |
| 18 | 2.7 | PLL input | |
| 19 | 2.7 | Loop filter | |
| 20 | 2.7 | Loop filter | |
| 21 | - | OSC | |
| 22 | V _{CC} | Power supply | |

Note for Using IC

1. Ceramic resonator

(1) Shown below are ceramic resonators recommended for use in the LA3401.

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| Type No. | Supplier |
| CSB456F11 | Murata |
| KBR-457HS | Kyocera |

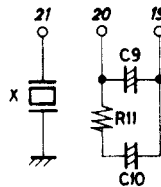
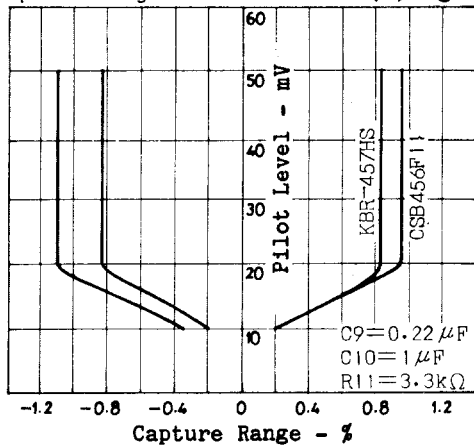
(2) By externally connecting a capacitor in parallel with a ceramic resonator, ceramic resonators shown below can be also used.

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ceramic resonator | Parallel external capacitor |
| CSB456F10 (Murata) | 20pF |
| KBR-457HS1 (Kyocera) | 15pF |

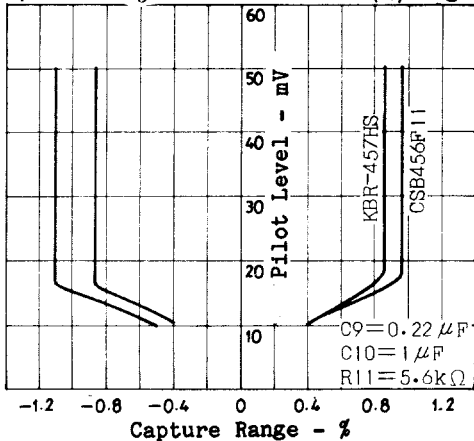
2. Capture range and PLL loop filter constants

(1) It is desirable that the capture range, which is related to the stereo distortion, should be set in the range where the capture range does not depend on the pilot level. For example, when the PLL loop filter constants are C9=0.22μF, C10=1μF, R11=3.3kΩ, the capture range characteristic becomes as shown in Fig. 1. For these loop filter constants, it is desirable that the input pilot level should be approximately 20mV or greater where the capture range does not depend on the pilot level. Figs. 2, 3 shows how the capture range characteristic changes with the loop filter constants.

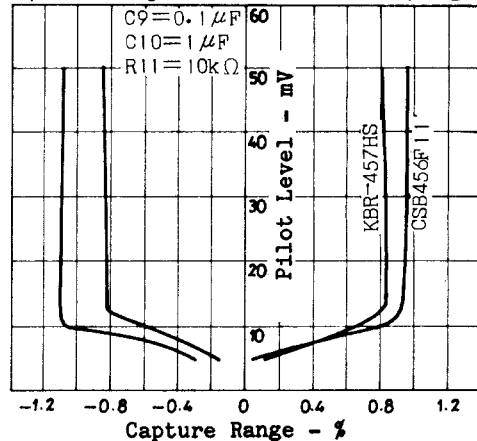
Capture Range Characteristic (1) Fig. 1



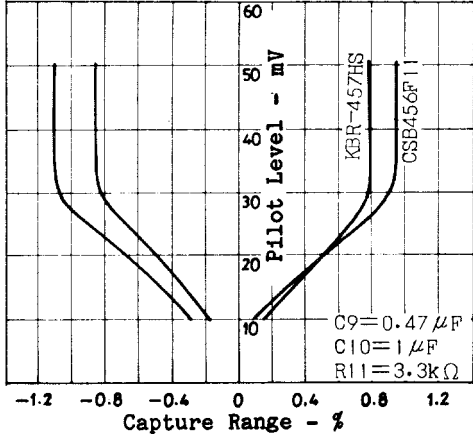
Capture Range Characteristic (2) Fig. 2



Capture Range Characteristic (3) Fig. 3

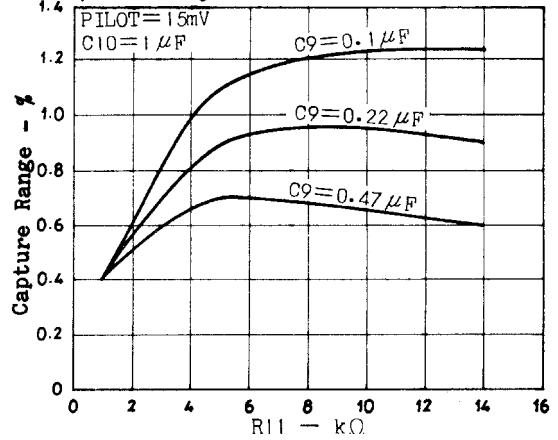


Capture Range Characteristic (4) Fig. 4

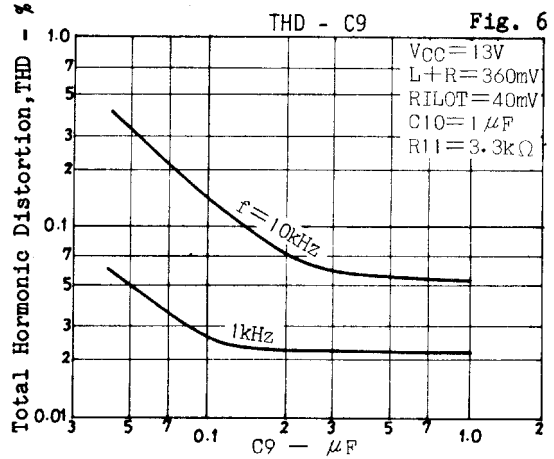


(2) Fig. 5 shows how the capture range changes with loop filter constant R11.

Capture Range Characteristic (5) Fig. 5

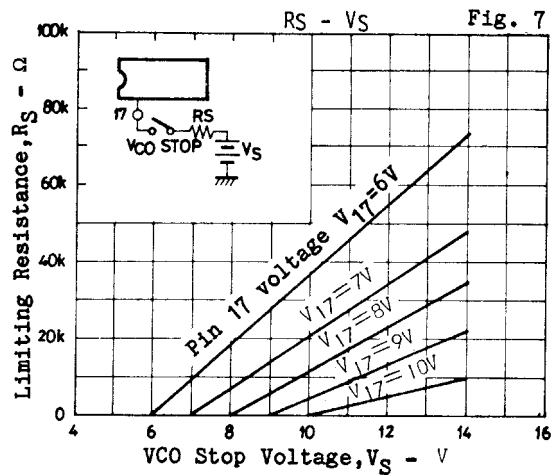


(3) Fig. 6 shows how the distortion of stereo main (L + R) changes with loop filter C9.



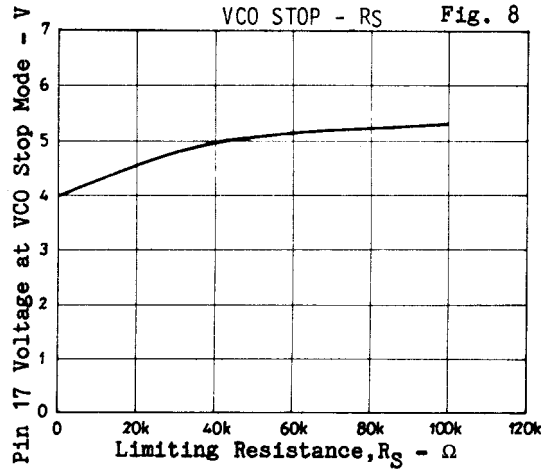
3. VCO stop method

The relation between VCO stop supply V_S and limiting resistor R_S is shown in Fig. 7. R_S must be set so that the voltage on pin 17 is within the specified range when V_S is applied. For example, it is seen from Fig. 7 that the value of R_S is approximately 33kΩ when the voltage on pin 17 is set to 7V at $V_S=12V$. The relation between R_S and the voltage on pin 17 at the VCO stop mode is shown in Fig. 8. The voltage on pin 17 at the VCO stop mode increases with increasing R_S . The lower value on pin 17 is set by adding an increase in the voltage to the minimum value specified.



4. Forced monaural mode

To provide the forced monaural mode, pin 16 is connected to GND through a resistor of 10kΩ. In this case, VCO oscillation does not stop.



FM/AM mode changeover

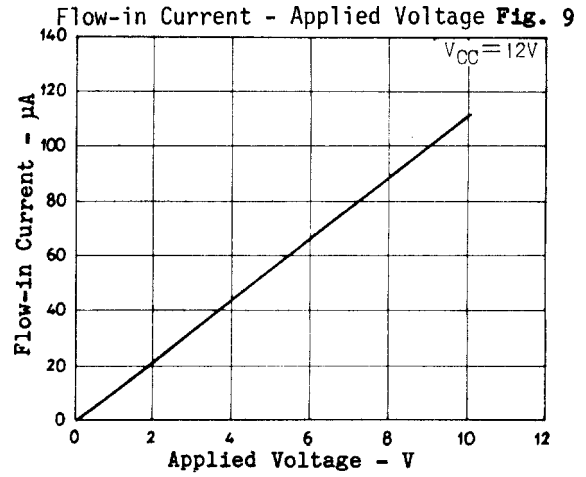
(1) How to change over

Changeover is performed by externally applying voltage to pin 10.

FM → AM changeover : Apply a voltage of 4.3V to $V_{CC}-2$ (not exceeding 10V) to pin.

AM → FM changeover : Apply a voltage of 0.5V or less to pin 10.

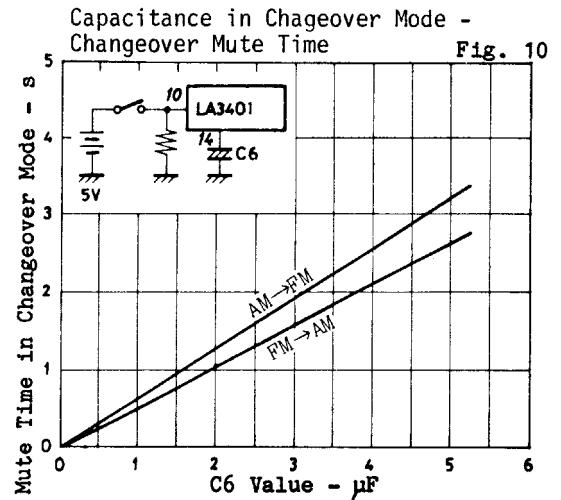
Fig. 9 shows the relation between the voltage on pin 10 and the flow-in current.



(2) Muting in the changeover mode

Muting is turned ON for a certain period of time fixed by external capacitor C6 in the FM → AM or AM → FM changeover mode (muting in the changeover mode).

Fig. 10 shows the relation between the muting time in the chageover mode and C6.



(3) VCO oscillation stop in the AM mode

By externally applying a specified voltage to pin 10 to select the AM mode, VCO oscillation stops automatically and the monaural mode is forced to be entered.

Muting function

(1) How to turn ON/OFF muting

Muting is turned ON/OFF by externally applying voltage to pin 15.

Muting ON : Apply a voltage of 3.5V to $V_{CC}-3V$ to pin 15.

Muting OFF : Apply a voltage of 0.3V or less to pin 15.

Fig. 9 shows the relation between the voltage on pin 15 and the flow-in current.

(2) Hysteresis characteristic

Muting ON/OFF is allowed a hysteresis of approximately 6dB to prevent malfunction attributable to ripple included in the IF meter output, muting drive output.

(3) Forced monaural in the muting mode

By externally applying a specified voltage to pin 15 to select the muting mode, the forced monaural mode is automatically entered.

Muting output

Since the muting signal is delivered at the muting output (pin 11) in the following mode, external transistors can be used to provide external muting.

- ① AM → FM changeover mode (muting in the changeover mode)
- ② Muting mode
- ③ V_{CC}-ON/OFF mode

Fig. 11 shows a sample application of external muting.

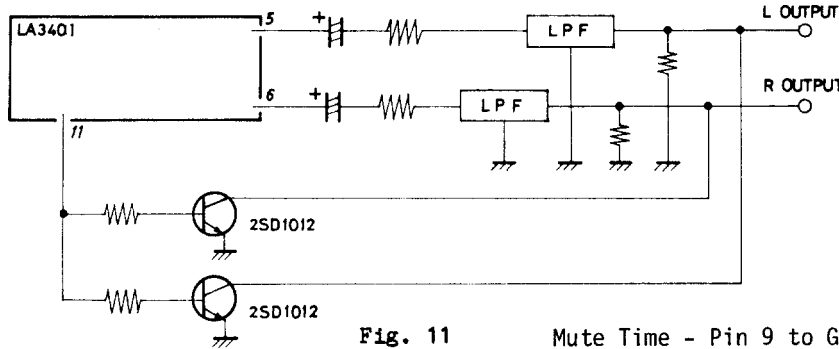


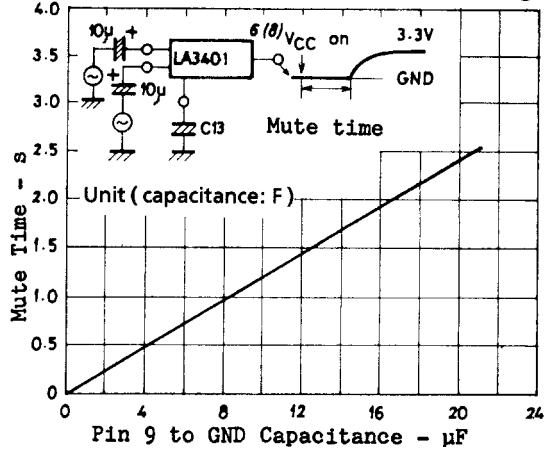
Fig. 11

Muting in the V_{CC}-ON mode

1. Muting time

Muting is turned ON for a certain period of time fixed by external capacitor C13. Fig. 12 shows the relation between the muting time and C13.

Mute Time - Pin 9 to GND Capacitance Fig. 12



2. Values of AM/FM input coupling capacitors (C1, C2) and value of C13

If muting is released before the DC voltage on the AM input (pin 1) or FM input (pin 2) is stabilized after V_{CC} is turned ON, pop noise is generated. Therefore, the value of C13 must be determined by the input coupling capacitor value. The adequate value of C13 for C1, C2 of 10µF is 10µF or thereabouts. If the value of C1, C2 is increased, the value of C13 is also increased accordingly.

Feedback resistance of post amplifier and total gain, de-emphasis constant values

Table 1 shows the feedback resistance of post amplifier and total gain, de-emphasis

Table 1. Feedback resistance of post amplifier and total gain, de-emphasis

| R1 (R2) | Total | C13 (C14) 50µs | C13 (C14) 50ms |
|---------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| 33kΩ | 3.0dB | 1500pF | 2200pF |
| 39kΩ | 4.5dB | 1200pF | 2000pF |
| 51kΩ | 6.5dB | 1000pF | 1500pF |
| 62kΩ | 8.5dB | 750pF | 1200pF |
| 82kΩ | 11.0dB | 620pF | 910pF |
| 100kΩ | 13.0dB | 510pF | 750pF |
| 130kΩ | 15.0dB | 390pF | 560pF |
| 150kΩ | 16.0dB | 330pF | 510pF |
| 180kΩ | 17.5dB | 270pF | 390pF |

Total gain : Value in monaural mode

$$R1 \cdot C15 = R2 \cdot C14 = 50\mu s, 75\mu s$$

How to extend the dynamic range of the post amplifier

In the Sample Application Circuit of the LA3401 the dynamic range of the post amplifier is extended by connecting resistors R12, R13 across the virtual GND points (pins 6, 7) of the post amplifier and GND as shown in Fig. 13 to set the output (pins 5, 8) DC voltages to an adequate value.

The DC voltages on pins 5, 8 are obtained as follows :

$$3.3 \left(\frac{R_B + R1}{R_B} \right) = 3.3 \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R_B} \right)$$

$$3.3 \left(\frac{R_B + R2}{R_B} \right) = 3.3 \left(1 + \frac{R2}{R_B} \right)$$

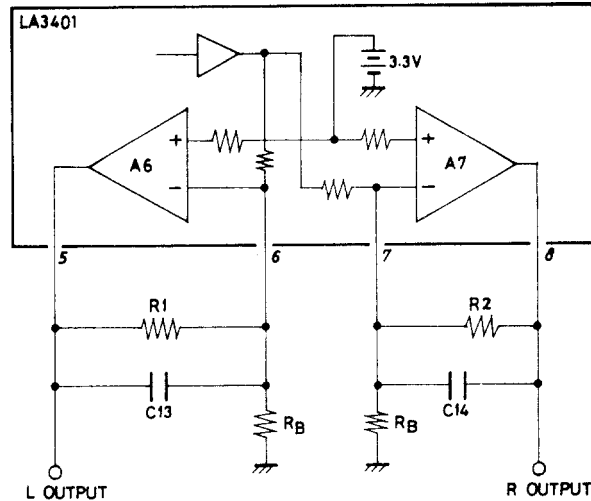


Fig. 13

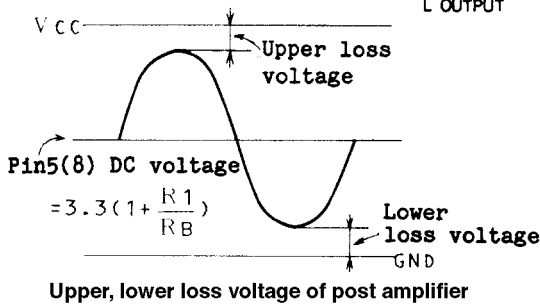


Fig. 14

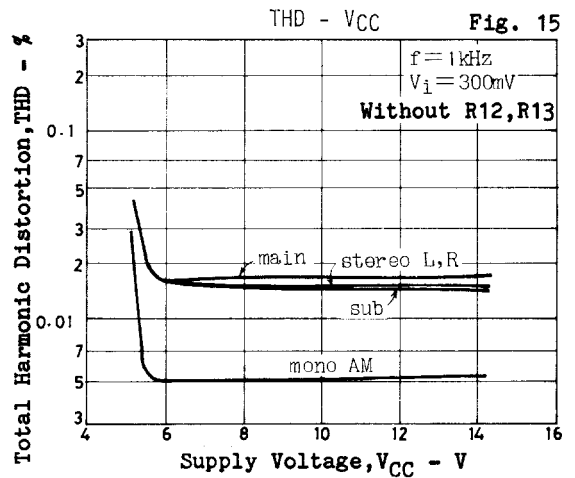
The upper and lower loss voltages of the post amplifier output are approximately 2V and 0.5V respectively as shown in Fig. 14. With these loss voltages considered, the voltages on pins 5, 8 are set.

In the Sample Application Circuit the voltages on pins 5, 8 are set to 6V and the maximum output voltage is obtained at $V_{CC}=13V$.

The Sample Application Circuit provides the reduced voltage characteristic at approximately 9V. If the reduced voltage characteristic at approximately 6V is required, remove R12, R13 shown in the Sample Application Circuit. Then, the output (pins 5, 8) DC voltages becomes approximately 3.3V and the reduced voltage characteristic becomes as shown in Fig. 15. Fig. 15 shows the THD vs. V_{CC} characteristic, but other characteristics such as separation are also available at $V_{CC}=6V$ by removing R12, R13.

Low-pass filter

Fig. 16 shows a sample circuit configuration where an LC filter is used as the low-pass filter and Fig. 17 shows a sample characteristic of this filter. As compared with the LPF (BL-13) in the Sample Application Circuit, the use of this filter makes the attenuation less at 19kHz, 38kHz : therefore, carrier leak at the LPF output causes the stereo distortion and separation characteristic to get worse than specified in the Operating Characteristics. For the stereo distortion, the BL-13 provides approximately 0.02%, while the LC filter provides approximately 0.5%.



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Unit (resistance: Ω , capacitance: F)

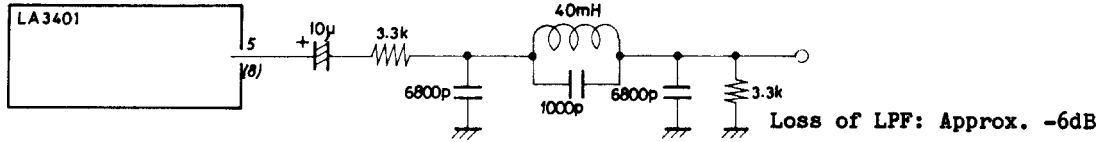
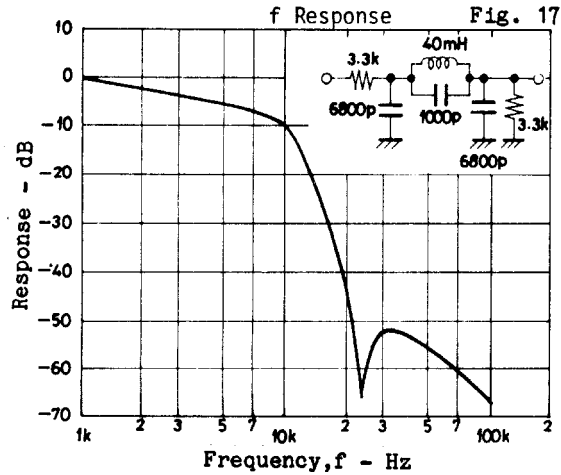


Fig. 16 Sample LC filter circuit (including de-emphasis circuit)



Decoder circuit (Refer to the Block Diagram in the Sample Application Circuit.)

The LA3401 adopts a decoder circuit of chopper type. The sub signal syncdetected by this decoder is applied to the post amplifier minus input through R_b as shown in the Sample Application Circuit. This signal is matrixed with the main signal coming out of amplifier A5 and passing through R_c .

The gain for the sub signal is :

$$V_S \frac{R_1}{R_b} \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} \text{ or } V_S \frac{R_2}{R_b} \cdot \frac{2}{\pi}$$

R_1, R_2 : Post amplifier feedback resistor

V_S : Peak value of input sub signal

The gain for the main signal is :

$$V_M \frac{VR_1}{R_a + VR_1} \cdot \frac{R_1}{R_c} \text{ or } V_M \frac{VR_1}{R_a + VR_1} \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_c}$$

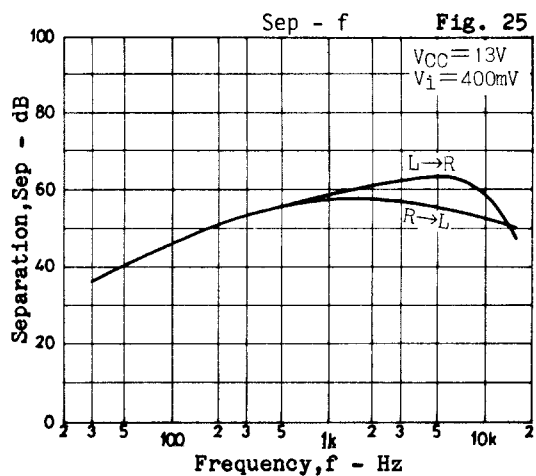
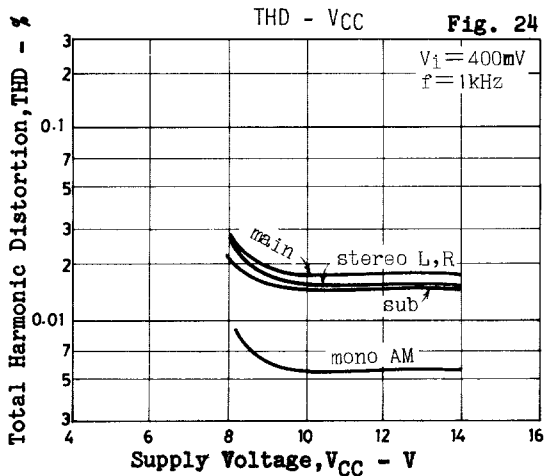
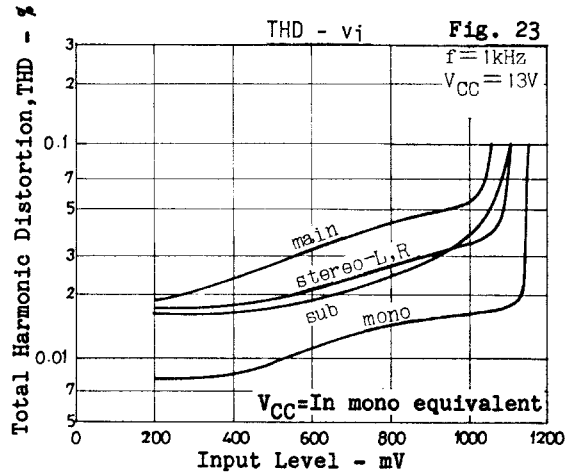
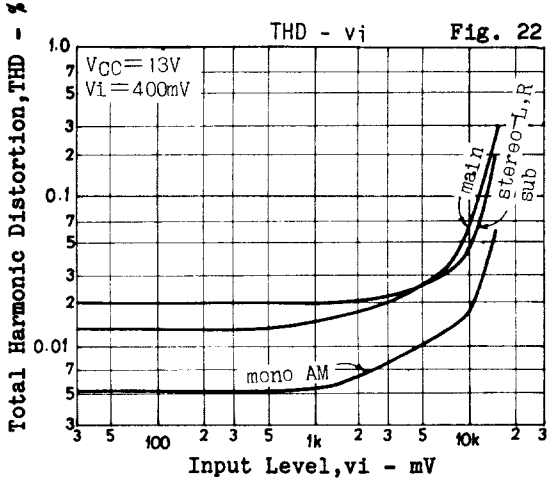
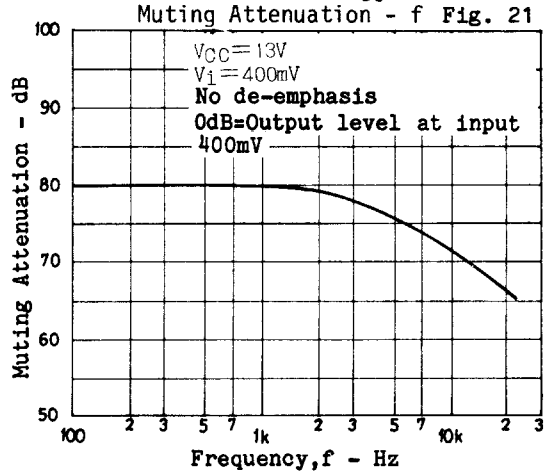
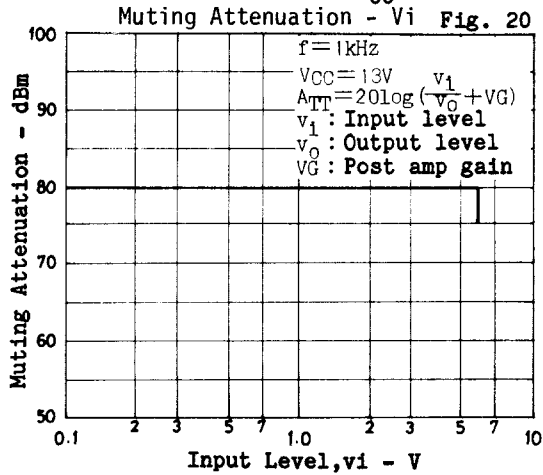
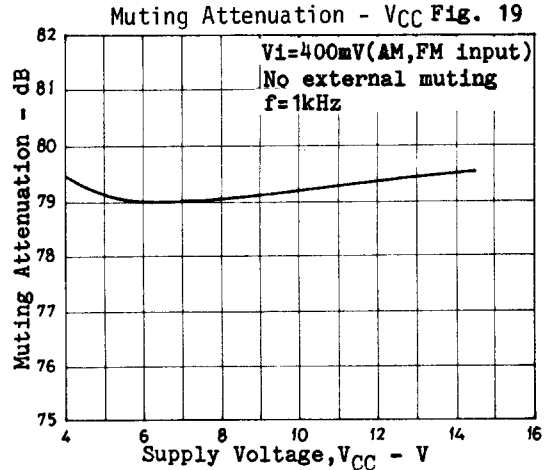
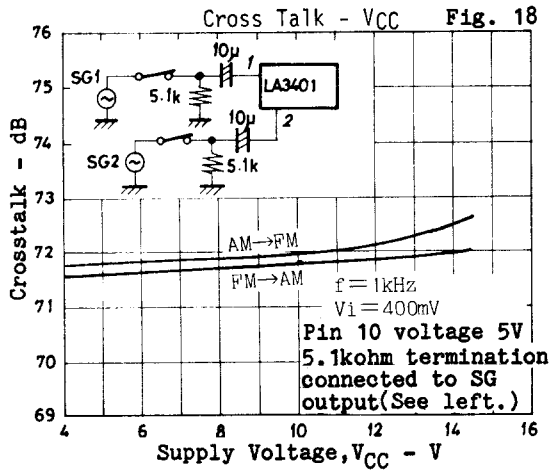
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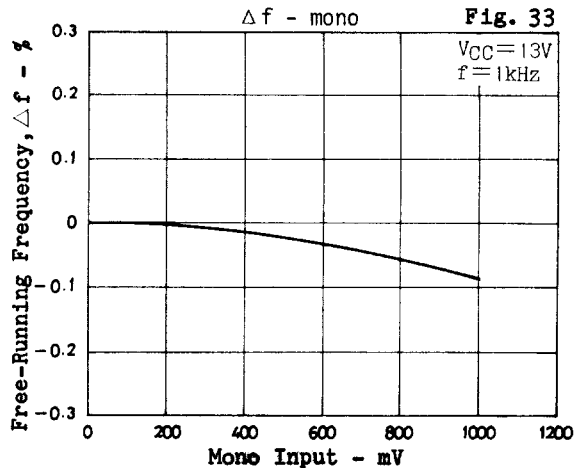
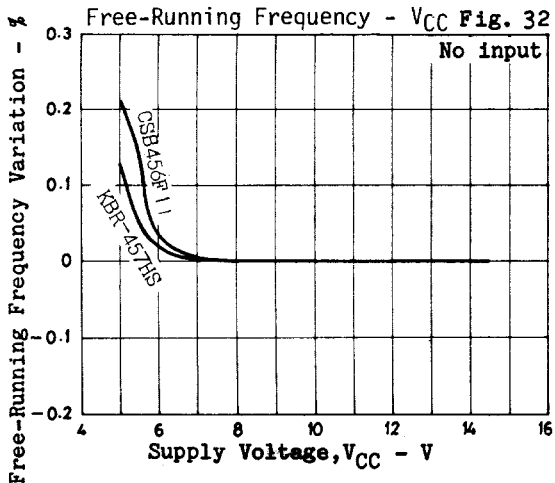
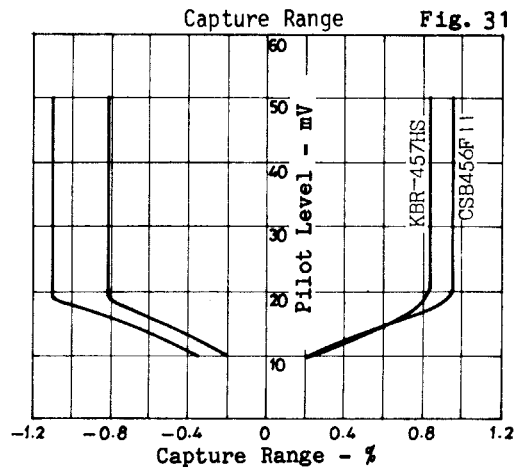
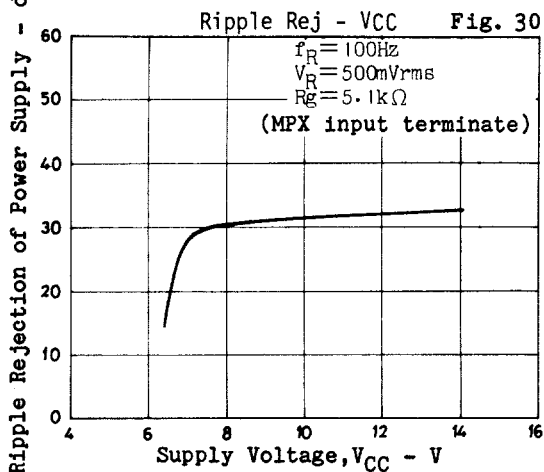
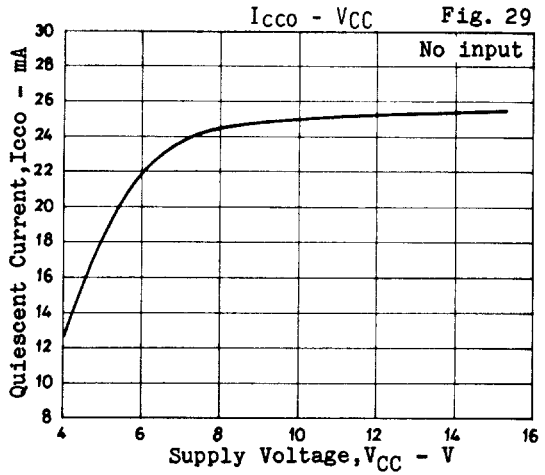
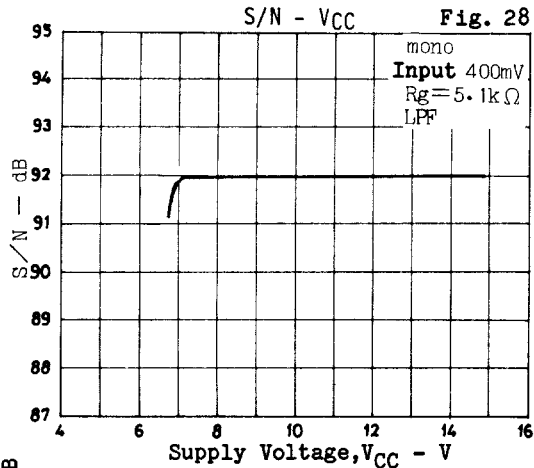
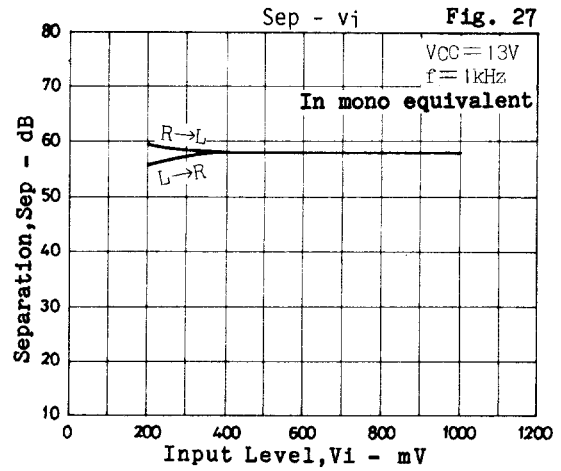
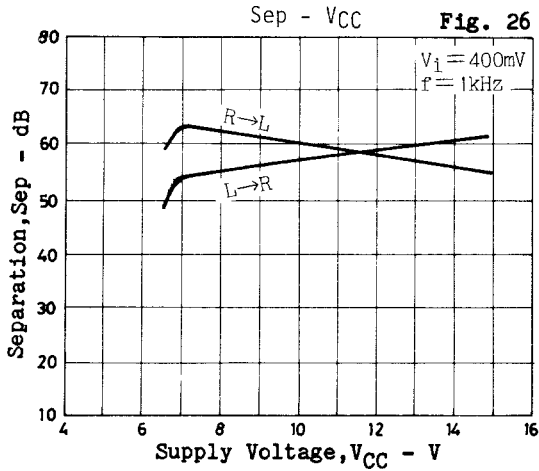
V_M : Peak value of input main signal

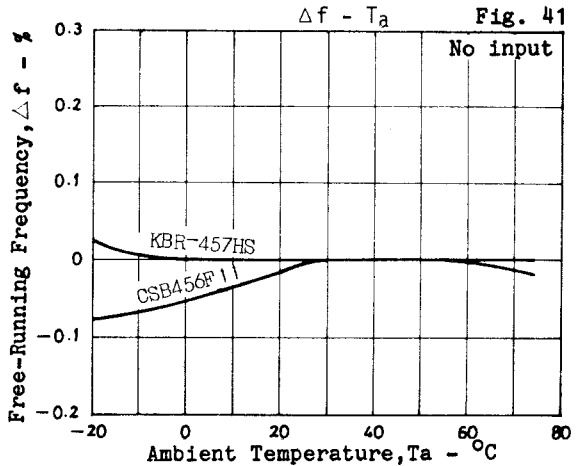
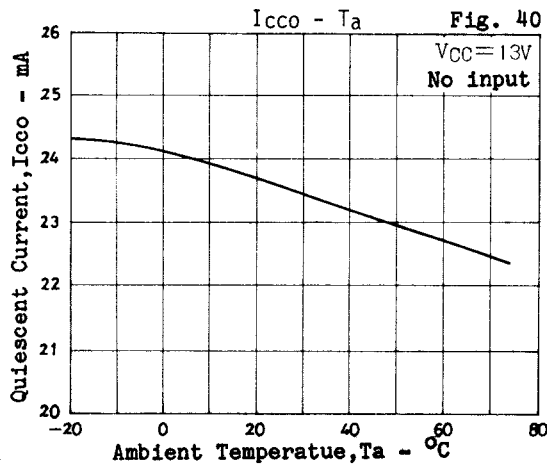
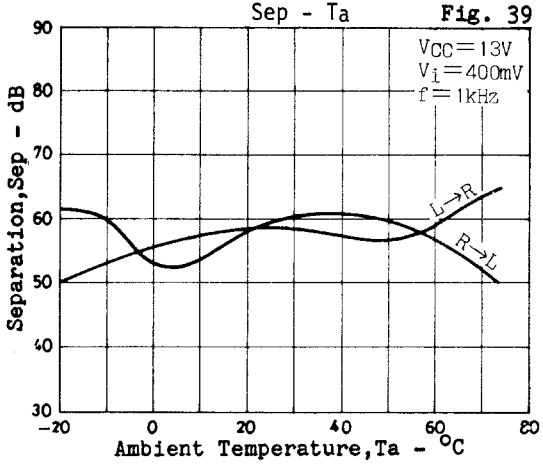
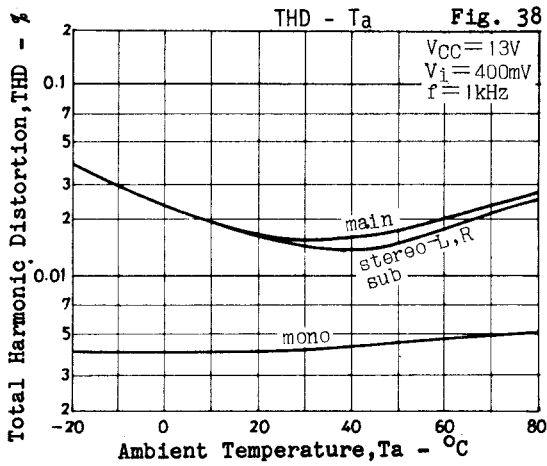
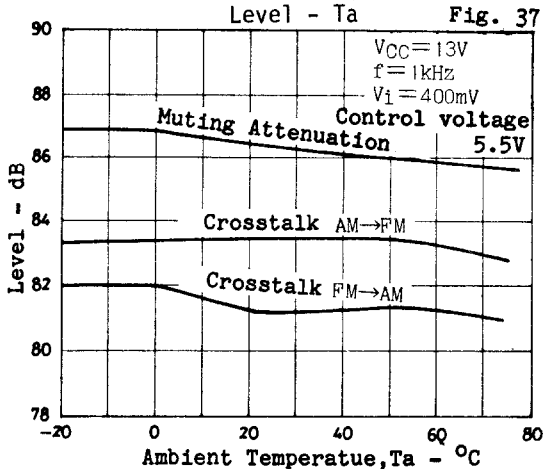
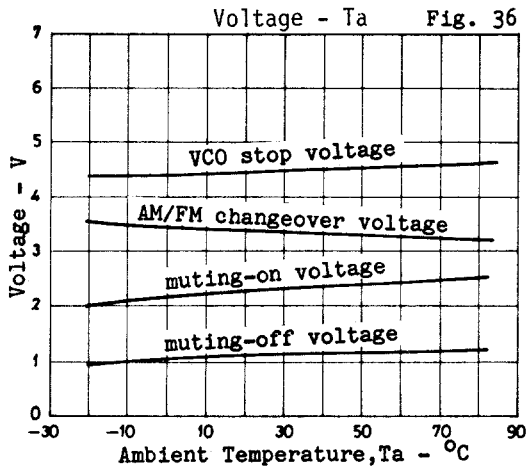
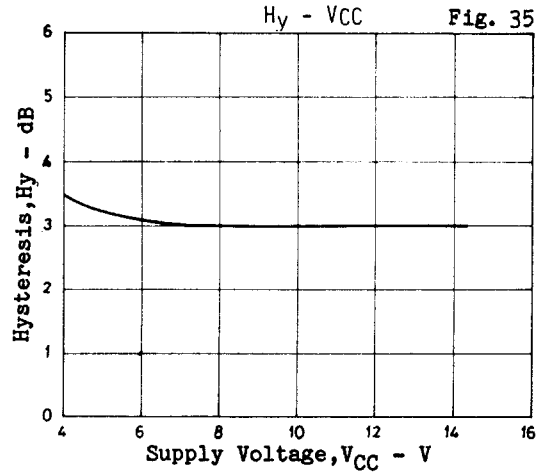
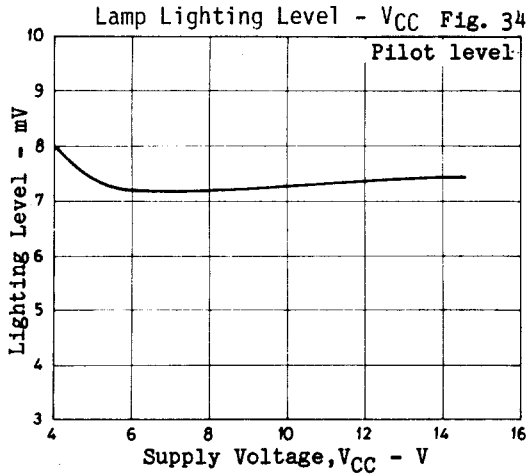
In the LA3401, the gain of the main signal is varied with VR_1 to adjust the separation. Since the IF output is generally such that the sub signal level is lower than the main signal level, the separation can be adjusted by attenuating the main signal level with VR_1 . The use of an antibirdie filter across the IF output and the FM input of the LA3401 may cause the sub signal level to be raised, and when the sub signal level is higher than the main signal level the separation cannot be adjusted with VR_1 . In this case, the sub signal level is attenuated to be less than the main signal level and applied to the LA3401 and the separation is adjusted with VR_1 .

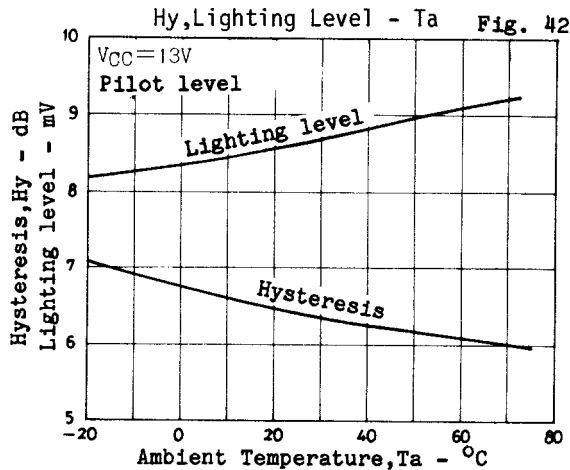
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Unit (resistance: Ω , capacitance: F)









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