



THIS RESISTOR SELECTED TO PROVIDE PROPER VIBRATO RATE 6.6 - 7.0 CPS

VIBRATO OSCILLATOR

COMPONENTS WITHIN THIS DOTTED AREA ARE LOCATED IN CONTROL TABLET ASSY.

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R227 .68M R228 .47M

## SECTION II

# THEORY OF OPERATION

2-3. **VIBRATO PHASE SHIFT AMPLIFIER** (See Figures 5-1 through 5-4). - The vibrator system varies the frequency of the tones by continuously shifting their phase. Circuit components include three series-connected vacuum tube phase shifter stages (V2A, V2B, and V3A), associated saturable reactors (SR101, SR102, SR103), voltage amplifier (V3A), vibrato oscillator (V4A), and driver stages (V4B, V5).

A single low frequency oscillator (V4) provides the rate for the vibrato system (approx. 6.8 CPS). With either the normal or small vibrato tab in use, this oscillator impresses its signal on V4, a cathode follower and isolation stage. Positive pulses now appear on the grid of driver tube V5. The plate circuit of this tube is in series with three saturable reactors located in the plate and cathode circuits of the phase shift stages. Irrespective of which vibrato stop is used, the rate remains constant, but the degree of vibrato is determined by the amplitude of the positive pulse on the driver tube.

The continuous phase shift is accomplished by using 180° out-of-phase signals from the plate and cathode of each shifter stage and controlling them with the saturable reactors. Plate and cathode resistors are of equal value and consequently signals are equal in amplitude in each plate and cathode circuit. The saturable reactors serve as a means of providing a varying composite of signals from both plate and cathode of each stage, ranging from virtually full cathode signal to full plate signal.

The driver tube plate current varies from about .5ma to 5ma. at vibrato rate. This

current varies the degree of saturation in the reactor cores and results in a smoothly varying impedance.

At minimum driver current (when the voltage feeding driver tube V5 is negative and driver tube is nearly cut off) the reactor impedances are maximum and are large compared to the 15000 ohm plate. circuit series resistors R104, R110, R115.

Therefore, under this condition most signal will emanate from the plate. (The reactors being virtually short circuited by the plate circuit series resistors) and phase shift will be maximum - approaching 180° - since plate voltage is 180° out of phase with grid voltage.

At maximum driver current (when voltage feeding driver tube V5 is positive and driver tube is conducting maximum current) the reactors are saturated and their impedance is a minimum - small compared to the 15000 ohm plate circuit series resistors R104, R110, R115. Therefore, most signal will emanate from the cathode (the saturated and low impedance reactors virtually short circuit the plate circuit series resistors) and phase shift will be a minimum - approaching 0° - since cathode voltage is in phase with input grid voltage.

Between these extremes, the phase varies smoothly under control of the saturable reactors.

The continuous change in phase is equivalent to a continuous frequency variation, and thus the frequency varies up and down at vibrato rate.



# HAMMOND AO-47

## VIBRATO PHASE SHIFT AMPLIFIER

+200 V + 235 V

