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Operational experience indicates that changing the allowable t_w value under Data Pulse Tolerances will improve system reliability. Page 3 of the Tech Note has been changed to reflect the new tolerance.

Former tolerance - $t_w = 0.50 \mu\text{sec.} \pm 0.050 \mu\text{sec.}$

New tolerance - $0.350 \mu\text{sec.} \leq t_w \leq 0.500 \mu\text{sec.}$

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Introduction

The following specifications have been adopted to standardize the signals on the DATACON II* coaxial transmission line. The specifications refer to a signal measured at the output of a device that is properly terminated. Figure 1 is a typical system block diagram.

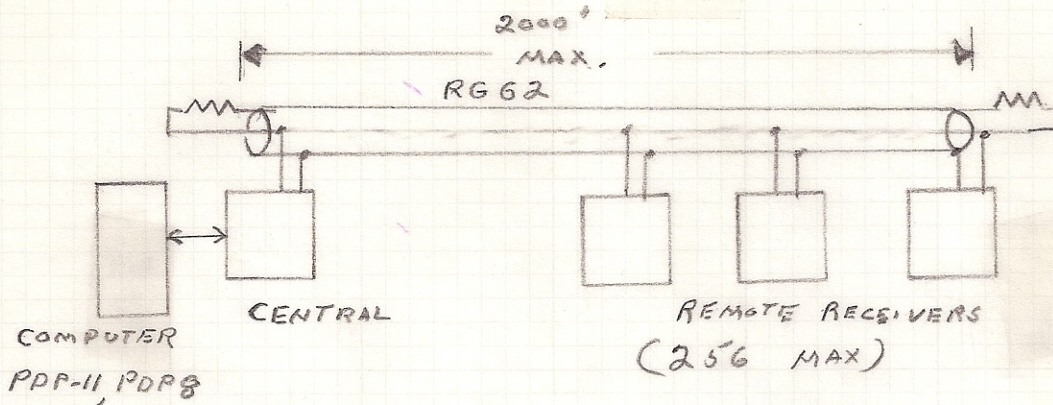


Figure 1

*DATACON II, DATACOM II, and DATACON 2 are synonymous labels.

Figure 2 shows a typical signal transmission on the line.

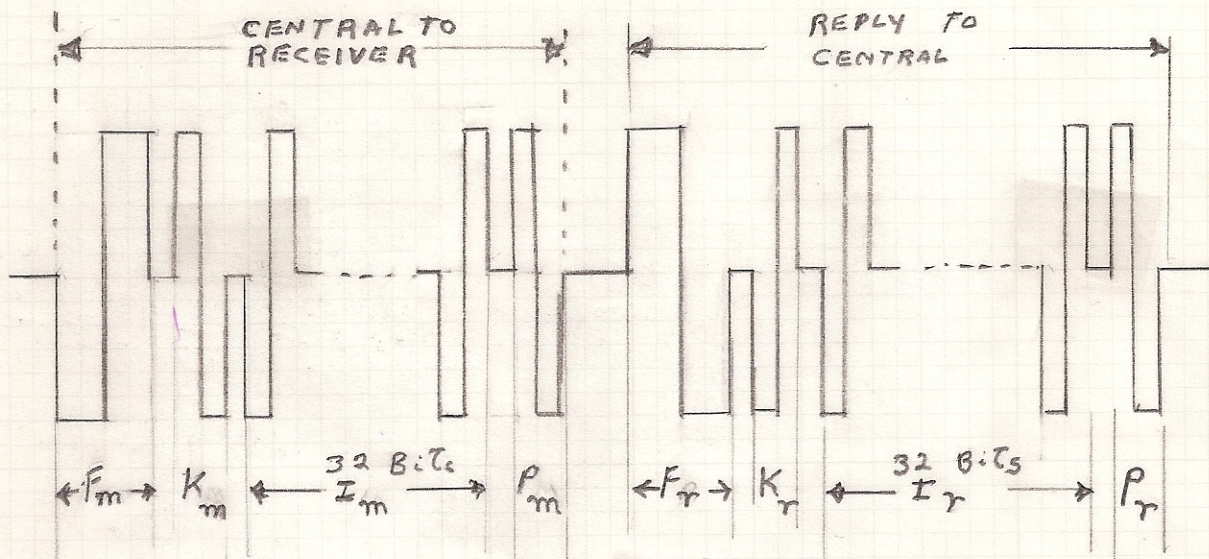


Figure 2

The functions of the signals are briefly described below:

- F_m clears all receiver registers.
- F_r clears central registers and locks out all other receivers.
- K_m, K_r (always a logical one) indicates end of shift.
- P_m, P_r parity check on data transmission.
- I_m (information bits) contain the address, command and magnitude bits.
- I_r (information bits) contain the magnitude, sub-address and status bits.

The minimum time for a complete transmission and reply is approximately 120 μ sec. The frame signal-width is approximately 2 μ sec and each data signal-width is approximately 1 μ sec. The minimum deadtime between data bits is 0.55 μ sec.

Specifications

Figure 3 illustrates a frame signal and a few data signals. The widths of all pulses are measured from the 10% value of E_1 to the crossover points as shown in Fig. 3.

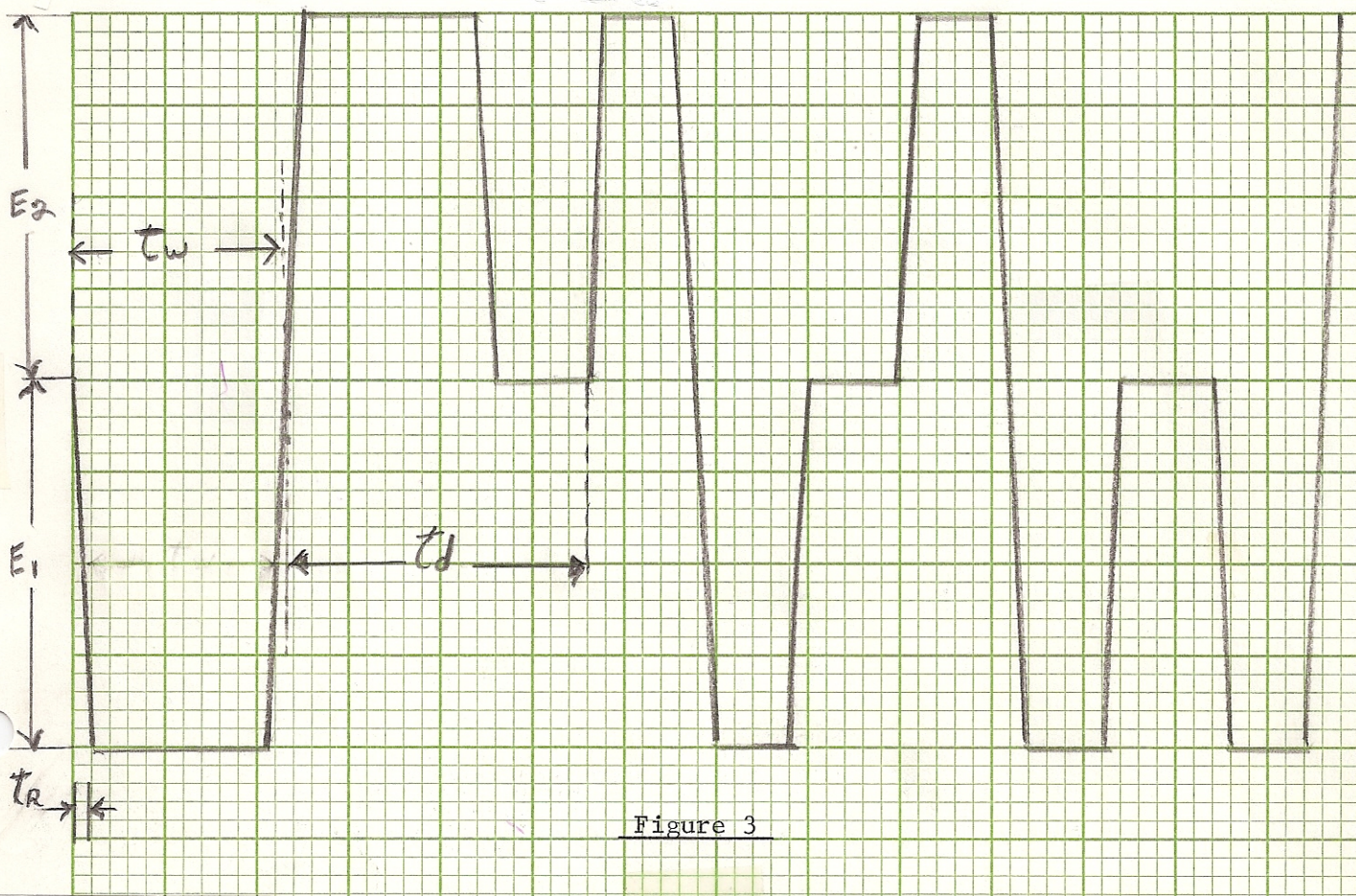


Figure 3

Frame Pulse Tolerances

- $t_w = 1.05 \mu\text{sec} \pm 0.10 \mu\text{sec}$
- $t_d \geq 1.65 \mu\text{sec}$
- $t_r \leq 0.10 \mu\text{sec}$ (10% to 90%)
- $E_1 = 15 \text{ V} \pm 1 \text{ V}$
- $E_2 = E_1 \pm 1.0\%$

Data Pulse Tolerances

- $0.350 \mu\text{sec.} \leq t_w \leq 0.500 \mu\text{sec.}$
- $t_d \geq 1.1 \mu\text{sec}$
- $t_r \leq 0.10 \mu\text{sec}$ (10% to 90%)
- $E_1 = 15 \text{ V} \pm 1 \text{ V}$
- $E_2 = E_1 \pm 1.0\%$

Transmission Tolerance

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$$\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{35} |E_{1n} t_{wn}| - \sum_{n=1}^{35} |E_{2n} t_{dn}|}{\sum_{n=1}^{35} (t_{wn} + t_{dn})} \leq \pm 0.25 \text{ V}$$

The last requirement allows a maximum base line shift of 0.25 V at the end of a transmission.

Transceiver Design Considerations

Receivers will be connected in parallel as shown in Fig. 1. The coaxial line (RG 62) will be terminated at both ends. This line has a dc resistance of approximately $50 \Omega/1000 \text{ ft}$. At 2000 ft the measured amplitude is approximately 55% of the input. For transmission over greater distances, a repeater device will be needed. The transceiver has been designed with the following considerations in mind.

1. DC isolated (minimize ground loops).
2. Common mode signal rejection.
3. Normal mode signal rejection.
4. Produce a minimum of line discontinuities.
5. Reliable response at maximum usable distance.
6. Be capable of driving the coaxial line and producing the required signals to meet the specifications.

The first two considerations are met by using transformer coupling. Normal mode signal rejection and reliable response at maximum usable distance is accomplished by building threshold limits into the receiver. See Fig. 4.

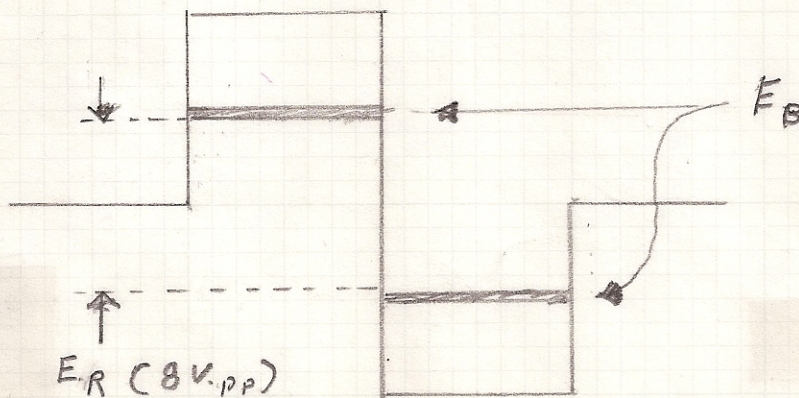


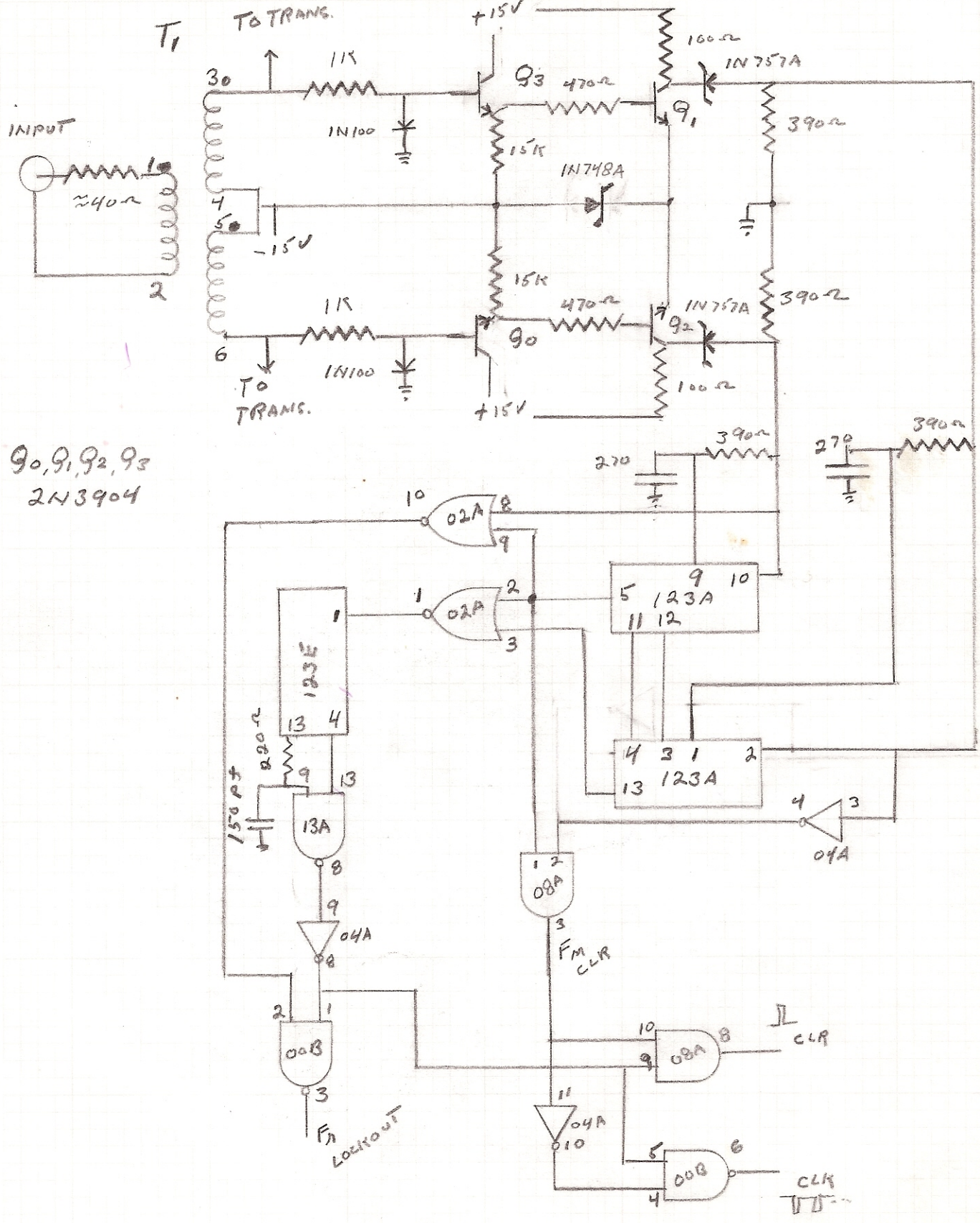
Figure 4 Typical Data Signal

E_R is a minimum level required for receiver operation. Below this level the receiver will not function. E_B defines an acceptance band of approximately 1 V. As long as normal mode noise on the line does not cause this acceptance band to be violated during the data signal, the receiver will operate properly. Actual tests with an rf source on the line indicate 8 V pp normal mode noise rejection. This threshold is fixed by the zener diode connected to the emitters of Q_1 and Q_2 . The tests also indicate that the most sensitive frequency range is between 750 kHz to 2 MHz. The equivalent reflected capacity to the line is approximately 80 pF. This is isolated by a small resistance (approximately 40 Ω) so reflection from fast rise times are minimized. The dc reflected resistance is greater than 10 k Ω .

Receiver Operation - Figure 5

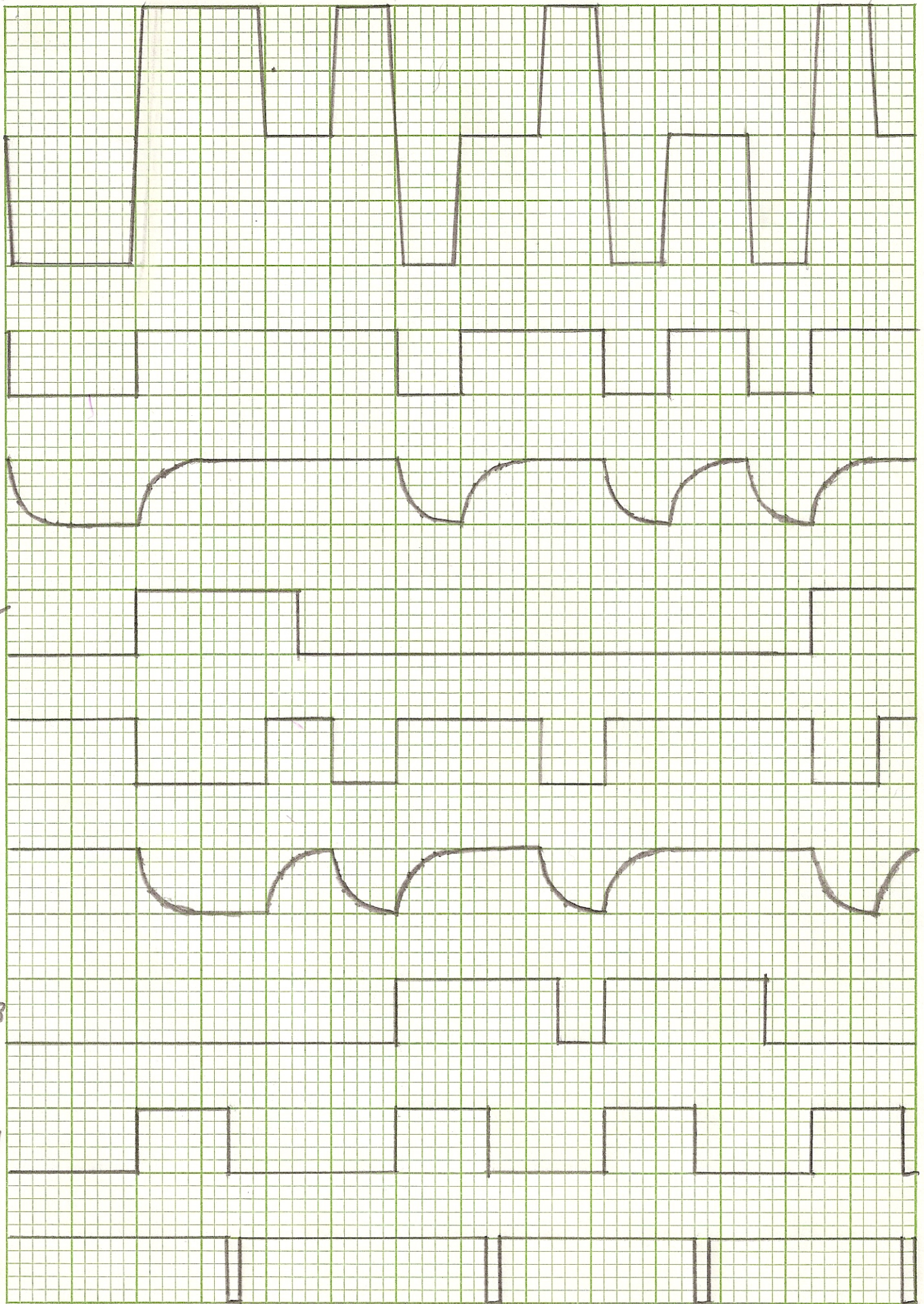
Normally Q_1 and Q_2 are both off. Q_1 is turned on by the negative phase of the signal. When they are turned on, the collector voltage changes from + 14 V to - 11 V. This causes the input pins 10 and 2 of 123A to change from + 5 V to 0. Figure 6 diagrams the receiver logic. Input 123A/9 serves as an enabling gate. The time constant (approximately 0.10 μ sec) requires that a signal be present for at least 0.2 μ sec before the 123A can be triggered. Once the gate is enabled, then a positive transition is required on 123A/10 to trigger the monostable. 123A/5 is the Q output. The negative phase of the frame pulse enables the 123A. 123A/5 and 123A/13 are respectively triggered by the logical zero out for the duration of the pulse width, approximately 1.3 μ sec. 123E is triggered by either 123A/5 or 123A/13. This monostable serves as a delay (approximately 0.7 μ sec) and drives the 13A chip. The 0.1 μ sec signals on 13A/8 provide timing signals to drive the logic. The receiver registers are cleared by the pulse 08A/8 (see Fig. 5). Clock pulses used to shift the data through the receiver registers are produced at 00B/6. When another receiver on the line is replying its frame locks out all other receivers. This lockout pulse is produced by 00B/3.

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 Q0, Q1, Q2, Q3
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Figure 5.



123A/10

123A/9

123A/5

123A/2

123A/1

123A/13

123E/4

13A/8

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Figure 6

Tolerances of logic widths: If the signal on the line meets the specifications, then the following tolerances are allowable in the logic.

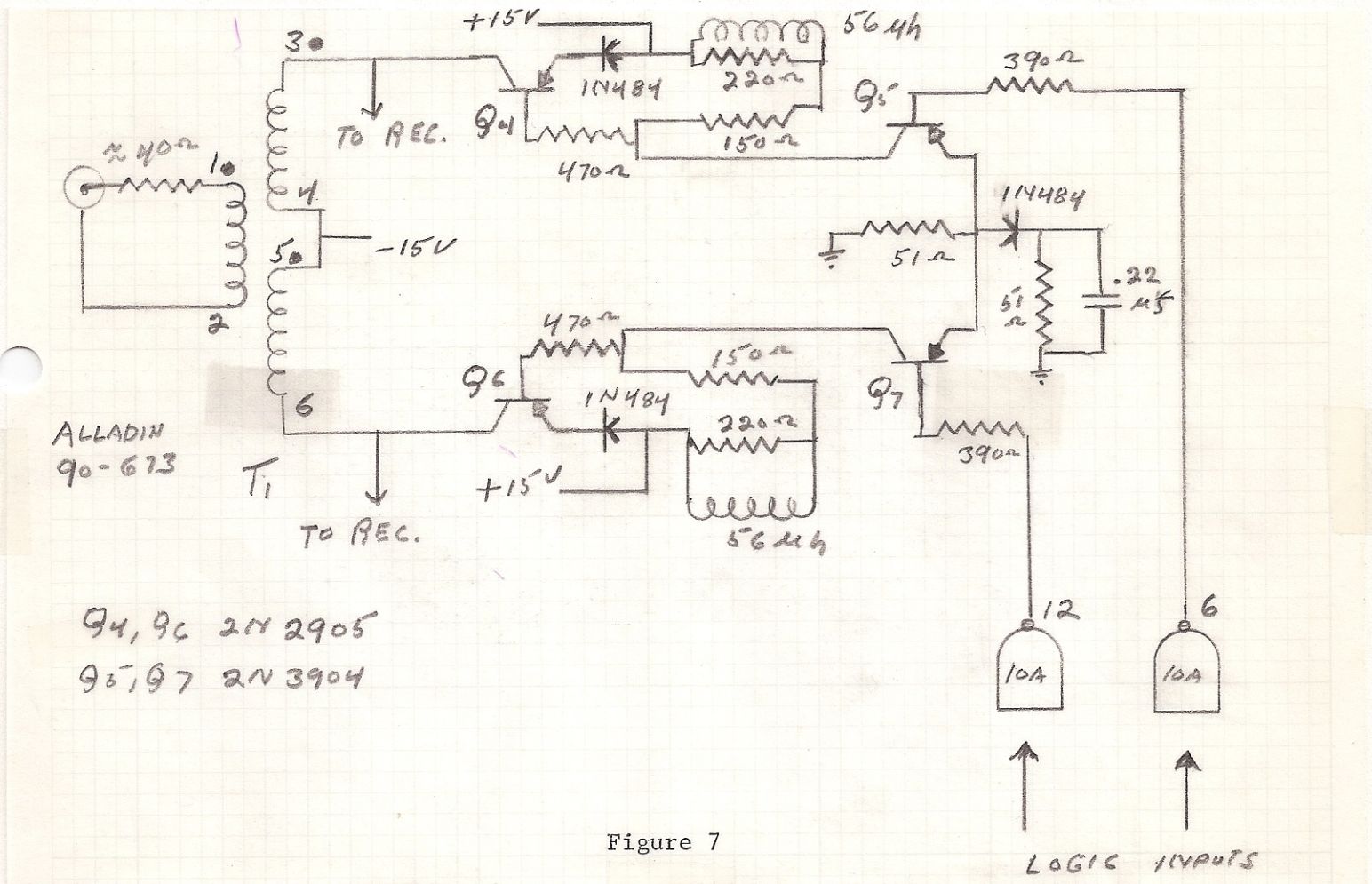
$$123A/5 \text{ and } 123A/13 = 1.3 \mu\text{sec} \pm 16\%$$

$$123E/4 = 0.70 \mu\text{sec} \pm 21\%$$

$$13A/8 \leq 0.10 \mu\text{sec}.$$

Transmitter Operation

Q₄ and Q₆ (Fig. 7) serve as switches. Q₄ provides the positive phase of



the signal and Q₆ provides the negative half. They are controlled by the logic inputs through the 10A chip. Approximately 60 V pp signals are produced across the output winding. Since the line is connected in parallel, the impedance that the output winding sees is approximately 46 Ω plus the 40 Ω output series resistor. The output resistor can be adjusted to meet the 30 V pp line specification.

Remarks, Tests and Results

The signal specifications are the result of a majority decision. It is obvious that for this particular transceiver the reliability could be improved by slightly altering the specifications. The reason for this is that the frame pulse is the only signal directly used to clear or lockout the transceiver. The data bits are derived from the 123A monostable. Its enabling gate requires a minimum signal width of 0.2 μ sec. Once the 123A monostable is triggered, its output is independent of the input. By increasing the frame pulse width (10%), decreasing the data pulse width (10%), and altering the logic timing, a factor of two in timing tolerance could be gained.

Qualitative Tests on Common Mode and Normal Mode Signal Rejection

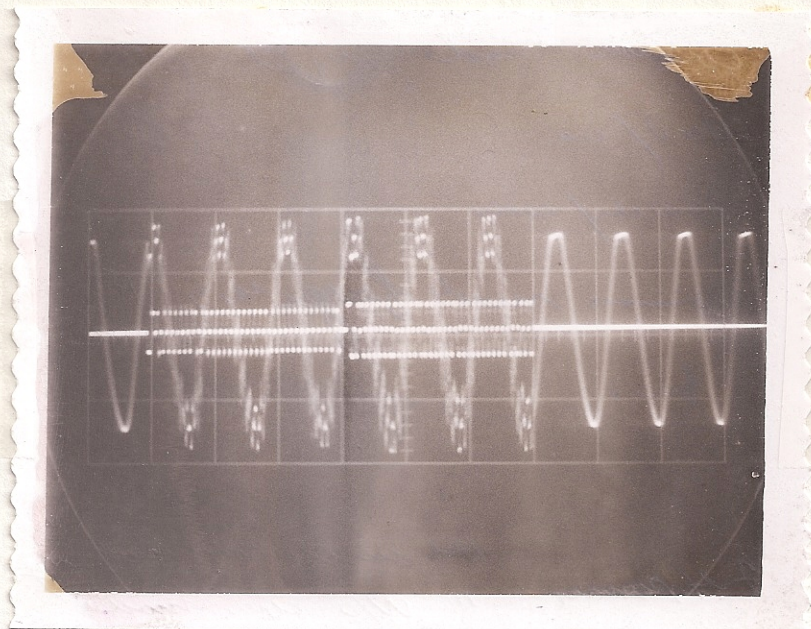
Common mode rejection tests were made in the frequency range of 20 Hz to 50 MHz. Picture 1 (40 V/cm 20 μ sec/cm) is a double exposure. One exposure has a 50 kHz common mode signal added to the normal send/receive signal. For comparison, the common mode signal was turned off and a second exposure was taken. The normal mode to common mode ratio was measured as a function of frequency. The worst case (at approximately 1 MHz) is approximately 1/20. This indicates that about 160 V pp of common mode noise in the megacycle range will create enough normal mode signal (8 V pp) to disable the receiver.

Normal mode rejection was qualitatively studied in the same frequency range. The results (worst case) are shown in pictures 2 through 4. Picture 2A is a normal send/receive. Picture 2B is the frame and key signal. 3A and 3B (same respective amplitude and time base) show a normal component (8 V pp) added to the send/receive signals. The system still operates. In picture 4, the normal mode signal was increased to approximately 8.5 V. The transceiver was replying only about 10% of the time. The most sensitive frequency range is from 500 kHz to 2 MHz. Other

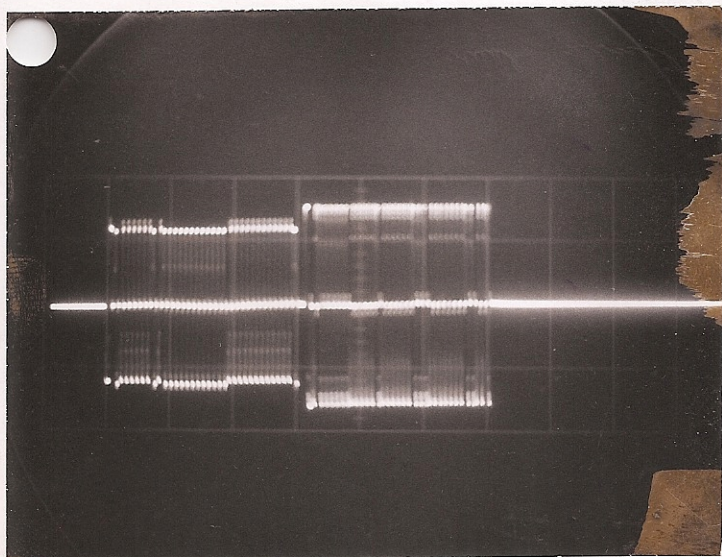
Other tests that were made on the transceiver indicate that:

1. It can stand a 50% mismatch in termination.
2. It will operate with a 10,000 pF cond. coupled through 30 Ω connected across the line.

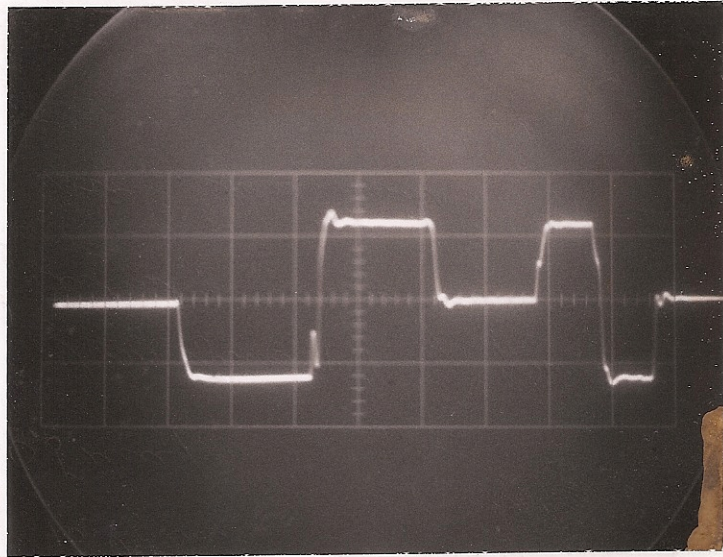
These last tests give some indication of how reliable the system will be when more units are added in parallel on the line.



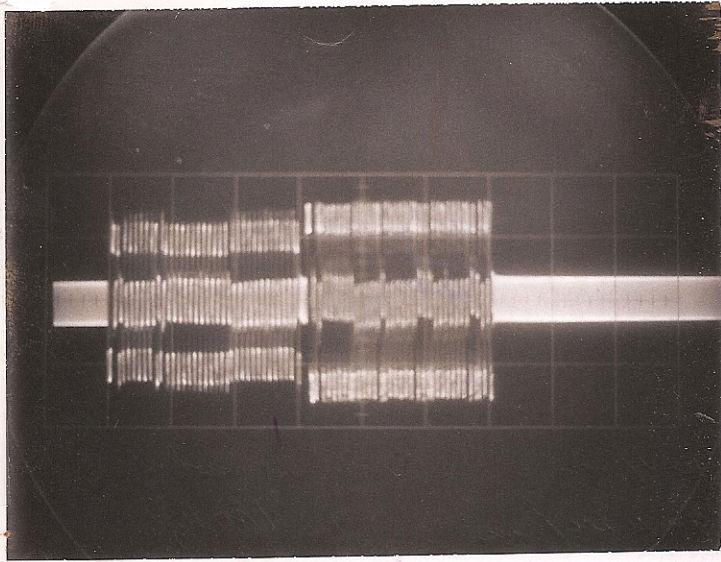
Picture 1. 40 V/cm
20 μ sec/cm



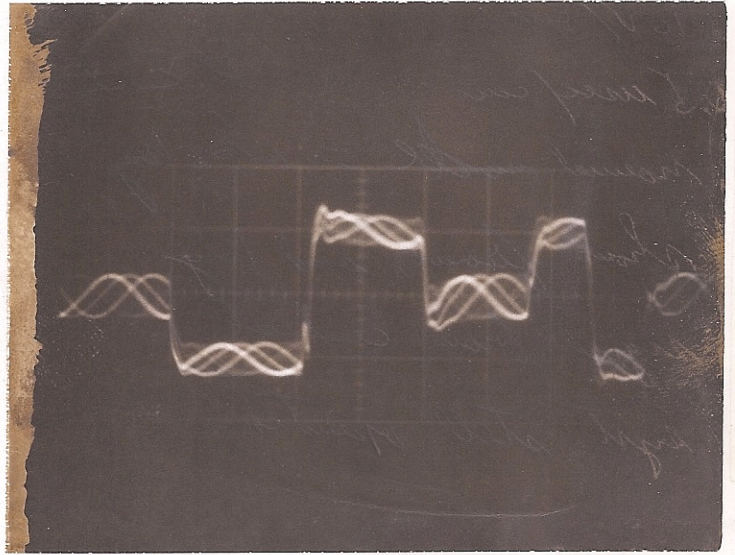
Picture 2A. 10 V/cm
20 μ sec/cm



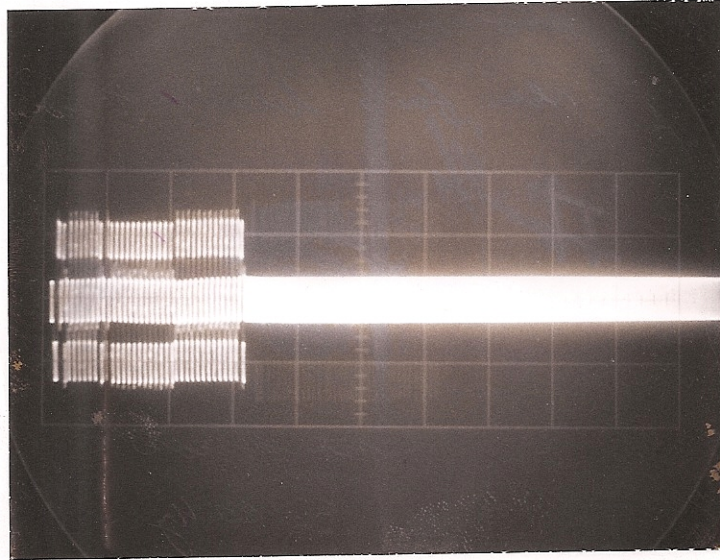
Picture 2B. 10 V/cm
0.5 μ sec/cm



Picture 3A. 10 V/cm
20 μ sec/cm



Picture 3B. 10 V/cm
0.5 μ sec/cm



Picture 4. 10 V/cm
20 μ sec/cm

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