

THE SERVICE MONITOR

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DEFINITION

- **A Test Instrument Designed Specifically for Servicing & Monitoring Communications Equipment**
 - **different service monitors have simple to complex test capabilities**

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SOME TYPICAL SERVICE MONITORS



Cushman CE-3

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IFR 1000S

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Motorola R-2000D

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WHY DO YOU USE IT

- **To Test/Measure/Adjust -**
 - **am modulation**
 - **audio distortion**
 - **audio line levels**
 - **audio frequency response**
 - **desensitization**
 - **frequency**

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WHY DO YOU USE IT

- **To Test/Measure/Adjust, cont.**
 - modulation
 - quieting
 - receiver sensitivity
 - squelch sensitivity
 - transmitter power
 - duplexer tuning

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WHY DO YOU USE IT

- **To Test/Measure/Adjust, cont.**
 - **ferrite isolators**
 - **sub audio tones (CTCSS & others)**

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TYPICAL COMPONENTS FOR A RF SERVICE MONITOR

- **Spectrum Analyzer**
- **Duplex Generator**
- **Modulation Oscilloscope**
- **Frequency Counter**
- **AC/DC Digital Voltmeter**
- **RF Wattmeter/Signal-Level Meter**
- **General Purpose Oscilloscope**

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TYPICAL COMPONENTS FOR A RF SERVICE MONITOR

- **Multi-Mode Code Synthesizer**
- **Distortion/SINAD Meter**
- **Sweep Generator**

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THE MOTOROLA R2000D SERVICE MONITOR*

- **This instrument is a portable analyzer, designed for servicing & monitoring communications systems**
- **Functions supersede those of earlier service monitors, expanding features & capabilities so only a single instrument is use rather than a host of separate test gear**

*** unit owned by MARC Club Repeater Committee**

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THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ANALYZER GENERATES AND MONITORS SIGNALS

-performing the tests associated with the

- Spectrum Analyzer**
- Duplex Generator**
- Modulation Oscilloscope**
- Frequency Counter**
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TEST SETUPS (see R2000D Operator's Manual)

- **AM modulation test setup - fig 4-12 – p4-22**
- **AM modulation linearity test setup - fig 4-13 – p4-24**
- **Audio distortion setup - fig 4-9 – p4-18**
- **Audio frequency response; EIA Standard RS-204C - fig 4-4 – p4-8**
- **Audio frequency response setup - fig 4-10 – p4-20**
- **Desensitization test setup – fig 4-24 – p4-45**

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TEST SETUPS (see R2000D Operator's Manual)

- Duplexer adjustment setups – various figs – pgs 4-37, 4-39, 4-41, 4-43
- Ferrite isolator test setup - fig 4-25 – p 4-47
- Frequency adjustment setup - fig 4-6 – p 4-12
- Frequency setup; community repeater - fig 4-15 – p 4-27
- Modulation setup; remote base - fig 4-16 – p 4-29
- Phone line levels setups - fig 4-17 – p 4-31

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TEST SETUPS (see R2000D Operator's Manual)

- Probe setup fig 4-5 – p 4-10
- Quieting (20db) test setup & display fig 4-2 – p 4-4
- Receiver sensitivity test 12db sinad audio distortion fig 4-1 – p 4-2
- Squelch sensitivity test setup fig 4-3 – p 4-6
- Transmitter tests setup fig 4-7 – p 4-14
- Transmitter test setup; power measurements fig 4-8 – p 4-17

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RECEIVER FREQUENCY ADJUSTMENT

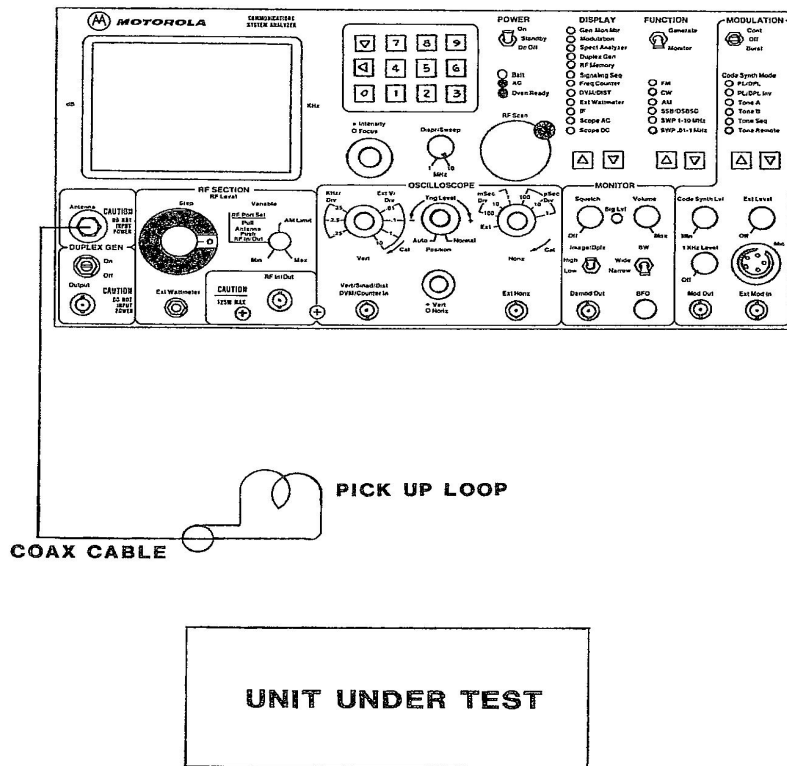


FIGURE 4-6. FREQUENCY ADJUSTMENT SETUP

BASIC FM TRANSMITTER TESTS
POWER, FREQUENCY, AND DEVIATION

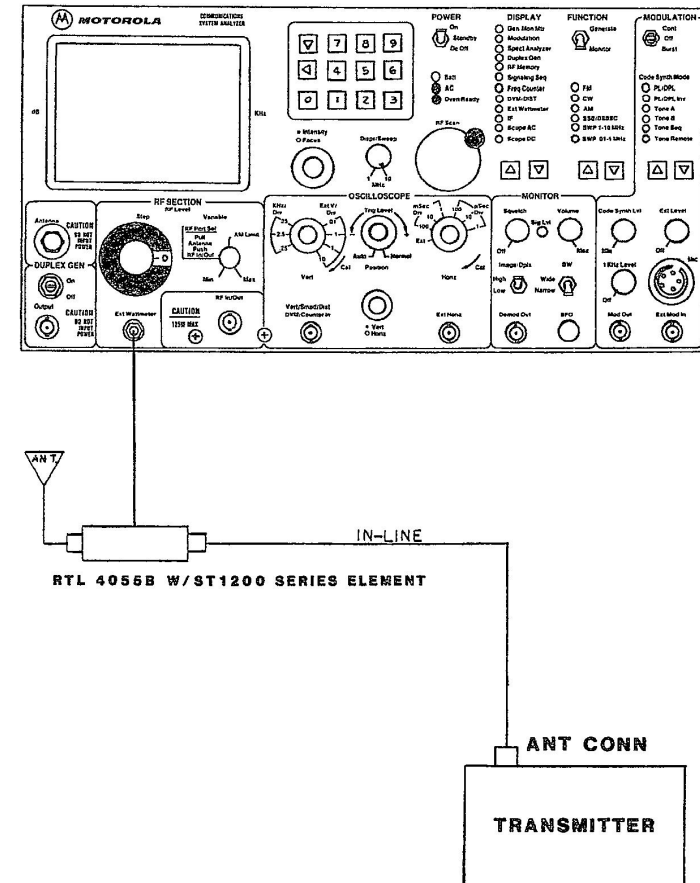
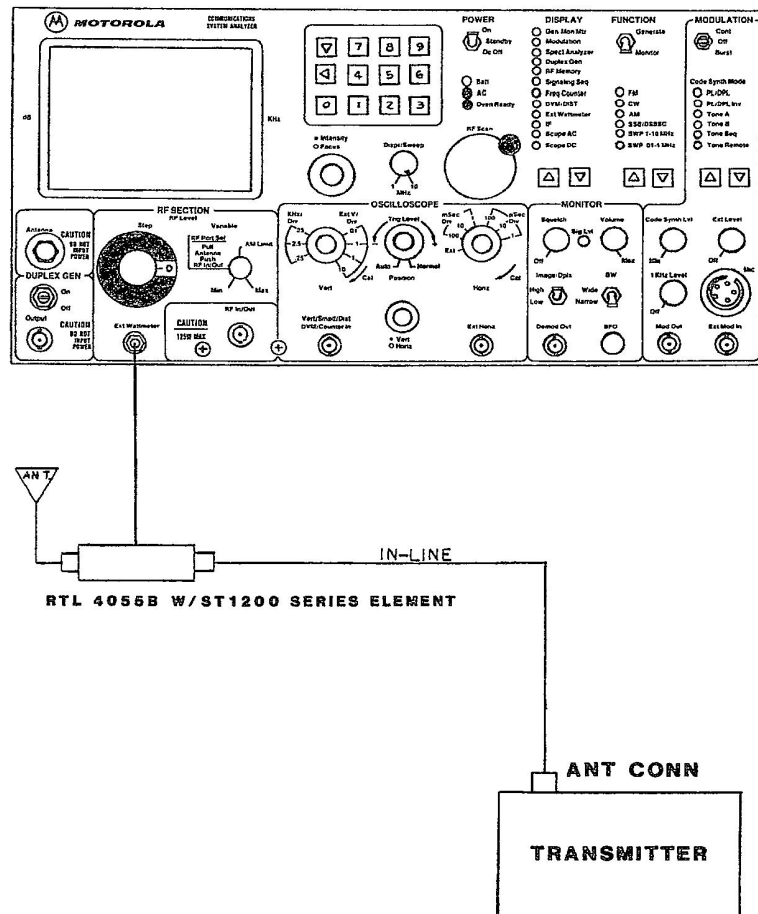


FIGURE 4-8. TRANSMITTER TEST SETUP; POWER MEASUREMENTS

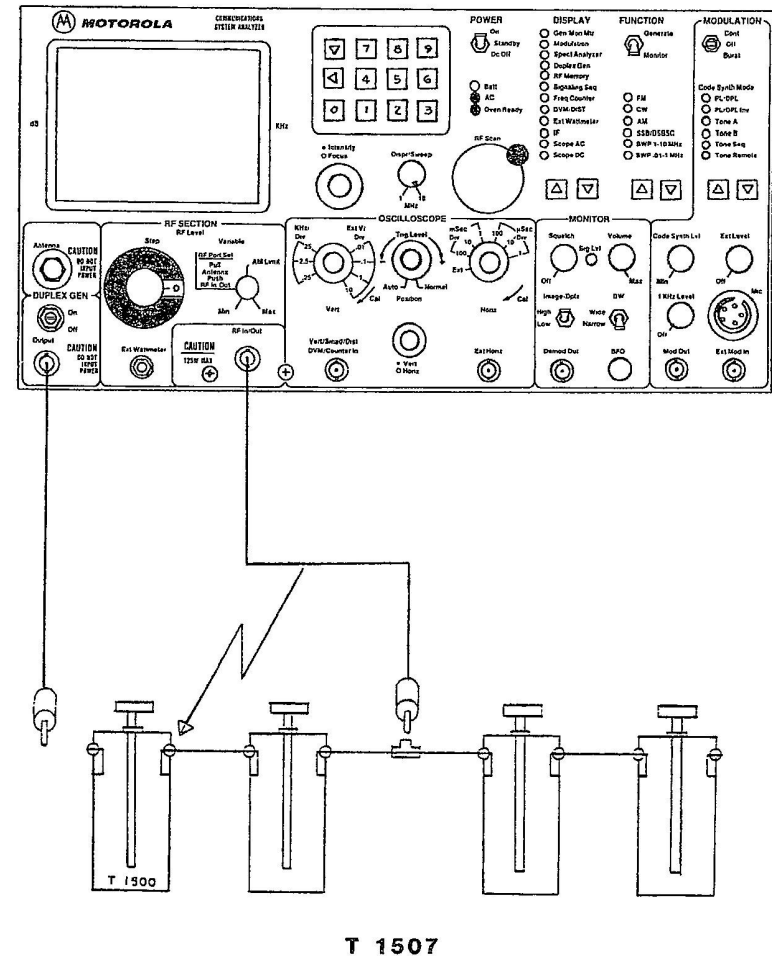
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**BASIC FM TRANSMITTER TESTS
POWER, FREQUENCY, AND DEVIATION**



BANDPASS CAVITY & DUPLEXER TUNING



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REFERENCES & FURTHER READING

- **Communications System Analyzer Operator's Manual – R-2001D, Motorola, 1985, 111 pgs**
- **Test Essentials: Series Overview – Greg Vaught, Rohde & Schwarz, 2020, 15 slides**

-T&M Categories discussed in Test Essentials

- **Signal Generators**
- **Spectrum Analyzers**
- **Network Analyzers**

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-T&M Categories discussed in Test Essentials, cont.

- Power Meters**
- Oscilloscopes**

- Test & Measurement for Radio Communications Equipment**
 - Thomas Boegl, DL9MDB, Rohde & Schwarz (In three parts), 2020, 106 slides**

- Part 1 Overview

- Frequency ranges and their role for radio communication**

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REFERENCES & FURTHER READING

- **Test & Measurement for Radio Communications Equipment**
 - **Part 1 Overview, cont.**
 - **Introduction to typical radio communication equipment and systems of Rohde & Schwarz**
 - **A look into typical data sheets of communication radios**

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- **Test & Measurement for Radio Communications Equipment**
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 - **Part 2 Overview**
 - Short overview of relevant modulation schemes
 - Selection of applicable test equipment
 - Receiver measurements (with examples)

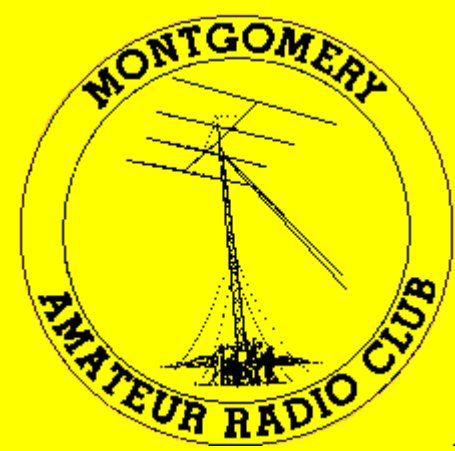
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REFERENCES & FURTHER READING

- **Test & Measurement for Radio Communications Equipment**
 - Part 3 Overviews Omitted - See Handouts
- **The Test & Measurement Page, Adam Farson VA7OJ/AB4OJ**
< <https://www.ab4oj.com/test/main.html> >
- **Test Procedures Manual By Bob Allison WB1GCM, Michael Tracy KC1SX, Mike Gruber W1MG, ARRL 1990-2010**

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QUESTIONS?



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