

SERVICE MANUAL



CAR AUDIO POWER AMPLIFIER GFA-4304

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Welcome To ADCOM Car Audio

The **ADCOM GFA-4000** series car amplifiers offer the consumer a new level of sound quality in the mobile environment. Audiophile sound quality is now unleashed to the streets in what **ADCOM** calls "**The Ultimate Power Trip**".

In servicing the **GFA-4000** series amplifiers you will see the straight forward, bare bones, high quality construction, and attention to detail that has been engineered into this line of power amplifiers. You will see that most repairs are very straight forward, and easily located.

Attention to the hook-up of these amplifiers is essential, as the amplifier will not perform optimally if not configured properly. The biggest difference you will find in hook-up of these amplifiers is the input configuration. The **GFA-4000** series uses a **Balanced Input** configuration. As you know this reduces noise induced into the amplifier at the input. For more information on the hook-up, and on the theory behind the **Balanced Input** configuration, please refer to the **Technical Details Manual**.

The **GFA-4304** amplifier produces **30 watts RMS** per 4 channels into a 4 Ω load. The amplifier can be configured to run in a bridged mode, and is stable into a 1 Ω load. The input to the amplifier consists of two (2) XLR connectors, in a **Balanced Configuration**. There is one (1) XLR connectors for channels A & B and one for channels C & D. The pin configuration for the XLR connector is: Pin 1 - Ground; Pin 2 - "+" Right Ch; Pin 3 - "-" Right Ch; Pin 4 - "+" Left Ch; Pin 5 - "-" Left Ch. The amplifiers with XLR cables are more effectively utilized when used with the **GFI-4400/4600**, they allow polarity inversion to be done with a pin jumper, and provide a conversion from unbalanced RCA's to balanced XLR connectors. The GFI is also useful for configuring in Mono-Stereo set-up's. The GFI-4400 provides balance line conversion and polarity selection. The GFI-4600 provides all the features available in the GFI-4400, as well as the addition of a two way crossover. In lieu of a GFI unit, the **GFY-1** and **GFY-4** cables may be used to configure the unit as desired. The GFY-1 is used for Mono bridging, while the GFY-4 is used for stereo operation. Refer to page 4 for wiring configuration.

The **GFA-4304** provides level controls for the positive input, these should be set at full during testing. When bridging the amplifier, the input is applied to the negative input of one channel (i.e. - Ch A), and the positive channel of the other channel (i.e. - Ch B). The Speaker (or load) is then put across the positive speaker terminals of channels A & B (i.e. - from Ch A's "+" to Ch B's "+").

Service Notes:

- ◇ The enclosed schematics are version 1.5, and include all current updates to the original design. If you encounter changes in the circuit on a unit you are servicing, please call **ADCOM Service**, at (908)390-1130, to find out if the changes are factory authorized, if the unit was modified by a third party, or if the unit is from a production run prior to the implementation of the printed updates.
- ◇ When replacing parts in the **GFA-4000** series amplifiers, always use the same type, and rating.
- ◇ When replacing the **MOSFET** devices, use only the same type of devices removed. The **MOSFET** devices also **MUST** be matched in the output stages, and front end circuits. Use care as these are static sensitive devices, and require all special handling precautions associated with static sensitive devices.

Remember that **ADCOM Service** is available from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm for inquires, or you can fax us at (908)390-9152.

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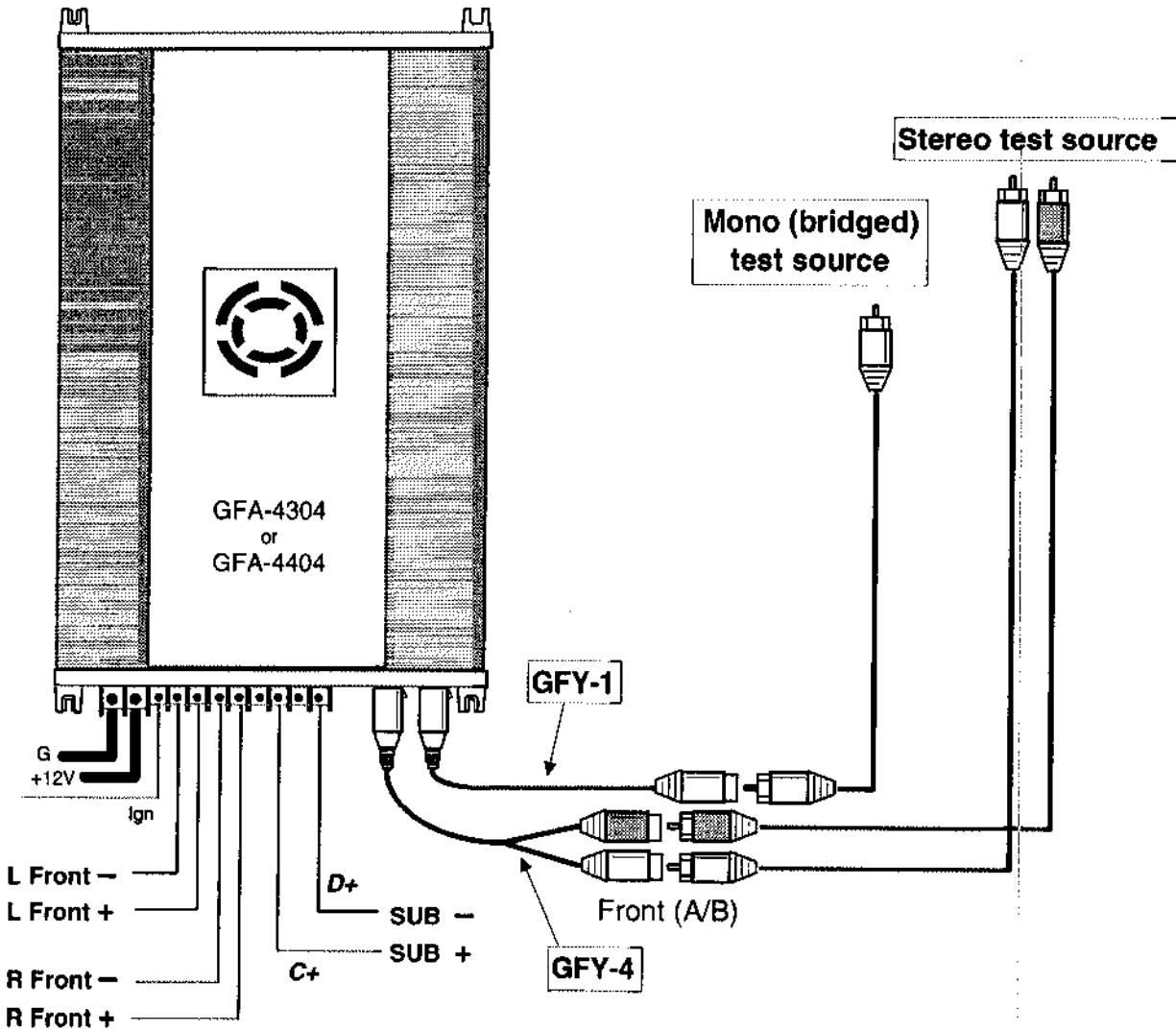
GFA-4304 SPECIFICATIONS

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| POWER OUTPUT | 4 Ω STEREO 30 Watts X 4 at < 0.1% THD* 2 Ω STEREO 60 Watts X 4 at < 0.25% THD* 4 Ω MONO 100 Watts X 2 at < 0.25% THD* |
| FREQUENCY RESPONSE | 0 Hz to 50 KHz +0dB, -3dB |
| S/N RATIO: | > 100 dB |
| SEPARATION; | > 90 dB |
| DAMPING FACTOR: | > 350 (20Hz-20KHz) |
| INPUT SENSITIVITY: | 400 millivolts to 2 Volts |
| INPUT IMPEDANCE: | 25,000 Ω (at maximum sensitivity, per leg) |
| IDLE CURRENT: | 6 Amperes |
| LINE FUSE SIZE: | ATC 30 Amp |
| DIMENSIONS: | 9.75"W x 14.75"L x 2.3"H |
| SHIPPING WEIGHT: | 12 lbs. (5.5kg) |

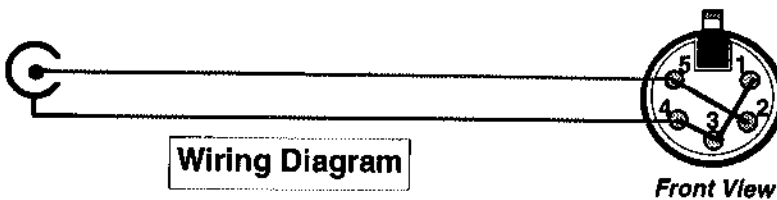
GFA-4304 FEATURES

- ◇ Output device compliment: 8 MOSFETs (180 watt each) with 1440 watt and 250 ampere cumulative peak rating.
- ◇ 27,600 uFarads of power supply storage capacitance.
- ◇ Rail transformer rated at 700 watt supply.
- ◇ Class "A" operation to the MOSFETs. All gain stages up to the outputs are operated in pure single-ended (asymmetric) Class "A", the purest operational mode.

WIRING CONFIGURATION



APPLICATION: Adapts XLR(2 ch.) input to accept mono RCA-type input and run amp in *MONO*



- 1 = Shield (Drain)
- 2 = A+ or C+ (Hot)
- 3 = A- or C- (Cold)
- 4 = B+ or D+ (Hot)
- 5 = B- or D- (Cold)

GFA-4304 PARTS LIST

| PC BOARD LOCATION | ADCOM PART # | ITEM DESCRIPTION |
|--|--------------|--|
| RESISTORS | | |
| R1 | 27004601 | 4.75 K Ω ¼watt metal-film Space-Miser |
| R2, 4 | 27004201 | 10 K Ω ¼watt metal-film Space-Miser |
| R3 | 27004051 | 1 K Ω ¼watt metal-film Space-Miser |
| R101, 103, 106, 108, 336 R801, 803, 805, 807, 825 R809, 811, 817, 819, 827 R402, 403, 404, 413, 416 R502, 503, 504, 513, 516 R602, 603, 604, 613, 616 R702, 703, 704, 713, 716 | 27001060 | 220 Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R102, 324 R405, 420, 505, 520 R605, 620, 705, 720 | 27001010 | 10 K Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R104 | 27002690 | 2.7 Ω 1 watt 5% Metal Oxide |
| R105 | 27003195 | 47 Ω 2 watt 5% Metal Oxide |
| R107, 313, 332, 335 | 27001270 | 100 Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R109 | 27002680 | 3.74 Ω ¼ watt 1% Metal Film |
| R314, 322, 323, 326 R408, 411, 508, 511 R608, 611, 708, 711 | 27001280 | 1 K Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R319 | 27002700 | 2.7 K Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R325 | 27001190 | 4.7 K Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R327 R406, 414, 506, 514 R606, 614, 706, 714 | 27001070 | 2.2 K Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R328 | 31001004 | 60° Thermistor KC004P/100-0065 (turn off) |
| R329 | 27001460 | 7.5 K Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R330 | 27001150 | 3.3 K Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R333 | 27001200 | 47 Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R334 | 27001110 | 22 Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R337 | 31001001 | 30° Thermistor KC001P/100-0064 (fan) |
| R401, 501, 601, 701 | 27001235 | 680 Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R407, 419, 507, 519 R607, 619, 707, 719 | 27004080 | 3.01 K Ω ¼ watt 1% Metal Film |
| R409, 421, 509, 521 R609, 621, 709, 721 | 27001020 | 100 K Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R410, 412, 510, 512 R610, 612, 710, 712 | 27004390 | 8.25 K Ω ¼ watt 1% Metal Film |
| R415, 515, 615, 715 | 27001065 | 4.7 Ω ¼ watt 5% Carbon Film |
| R417, 517, 617, 717 | 27003300 | 10 Ω 2 watt 5% Metal Oxide Film |
| R418, 518, 618, 718 | 27002495 | 24.9 K Ω ¼ watt 1% Metal Film |

GFA-4304 PARTS LIST

| TRANSISTORS | | |
|--|----------------------|---|
| Q1 | 33000450 | ZTX450 1 watt NPN |
| Q2 | 33000550 | ZTX550 1 watt PNP |
| Q101, 102, 103, 104 | 33004400 | IRFP-044 N-MOSFET |
| Q303, 304 | 33002340 | IRFZ-34 N-MOSFET |
| Q305 | 33001030 | EC103B SCR |
| Q307 | 33000092 | MPS-A92 300 volt 500 mA PNP |
| Q310 | 33000061 33002900 | TIP61CP 100 volt 500mA NPN or TIP29TC NPN |
| Q401, 402, 501, 502 Q601, 602, 701, 702 | 33009610 | IRF-9610 P-MOSFET |
| Q403, 406, 407 Q503, 506, 507 Q603, 606, 607 Q703, 706, 707 | 33000610 | IRF-610 N-MOSFET |
| Q404, 405, 504, 505 Q604, 605, 704, 705 | 33009210 | IRFP-9210 P-MOSFET 4-pin DIP |
| Q408, 508, 608, 708 | 33000042 | MPS-A42 300 volt 500 mA NPN |
| Q801, 805, 809, 813 | 33001400 | IRFP-140 N-MOSFET |
| Q802, 806, 810, 814 | 33000914 | IRFP-9140 P-MOSFET |
| CAPACITORS | | |
| C1 | 12002020 | .01uF 250 volt ceramic disc capacitor |
| C101, 102, 104, 105 | 12005391 | 2200uF 35 radial electrolytic capacitor |
| C103, 302 | 12002025 | .01uF 100 volt poly foil capacitor |
| C106, 306 | 12001125 | .0047uF 100 volt poly capacitor |
| C107, 108, 304 | 12005380 | 47uF 25 volt electrolytic capacitor |
| C110, 111, 112, 113 | 12005560 | 4700uF 16 volt electrolytic capacitor |
| C301, 305 | 12001375 | 330uF 50 volt electrolytic capacitor |
| C303,308, 309 C401, 501, 601, 701 | 12005650 | 4.7uF 16 volt electrolytic capacitor |
| C307 | 12005310 | 470uF 16 volt electrolytic capacitor |
| C310 | 12005420 | 1000uF 16 volt electrolytic capacitor |
| C311 (@Q310) | 12005270 | 47uF 16 volt electrolytic capacitor |
| C402, 502, 602, 702 | 12001505 | .15 uF 100 volt poly foil capacitor |
| C403, 404, 503, 504 C603, 604, 703, 704 | 12005366 | 33pF 100 volt ceramic disc capacitor |
| C405, 505, 605, 705 | 12005350 | 220uF 25 volt electrolytic capacitor |
| C406, 506, 606, 706 | 12002095 | 47pF 100 volt ceramic disc capacitor |
| POTENTIOMETERS | | |
| P315 | 35001275 | 200 Ω 3/8" Horizontal Mount (switching freq.) |
| P403, 503, 603, 703 | 35001290 | 25 K Ω 3/8" Vertical Mount (sensitivity) |
| P401, 402, 501, 502 P601, 602, 701, 702 | 35001285 | 5 K Ω 3/8" Horizontal Mount (bias & dc offset) |

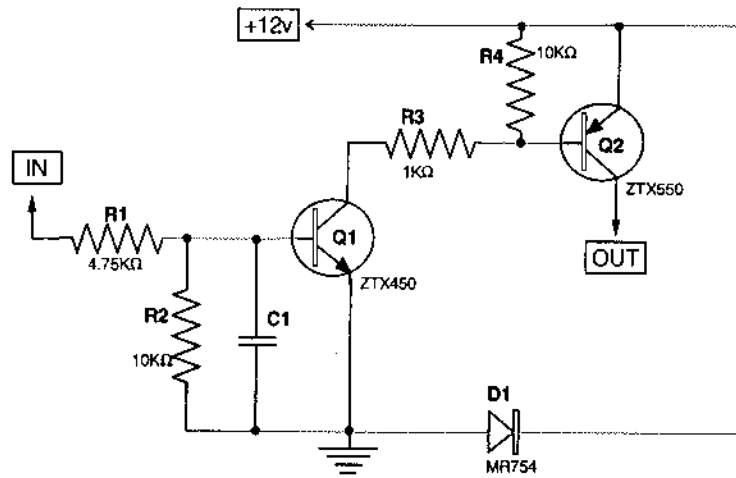
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| DIODES | | |
|--|----------|---|
| D1 | 16000754 | MR754 50 volt 6 amp high surge |
| D101 | 16001610 | 16CPF10 dual common cathode |
| D102 | 16001611 | 16JPF10 dual common anode |
| D103, 104, 105, 106 D403, 405, 503, 505 D603, 605, 703, 705 | 16004735 | 1N4735 6.2 volt 1 watt Zener |
| D301, 302, 303, 304 | 16004935 | 1N4935 1 amp fast recovery |
| D305 | 16004744 | 1N4744 15 volt 1 watt Zener |
| D401, 402, 404, 406 D501, 502, 504, 506 D601, 602, 604, 606 D701, 702, 704, 706 | 16004738 | 1N4738 8.2 volt 1 watt Zener |
| D407, 507, 607, 707 | 16004148 | 1N4148 100 mA signal diode |
| CHASSIS PARTS | | |
| TOP | 13003041 | Black 4304 Top Cover |
| | 13003043 | White 4304 Top Cover |
| BOTTOM | 13003042 | Black 4304 Bottom Chassis |
| | 13003044 | White 4304 Bottom Chassis |
| ENDCAP: 4 Channel | 13000002 | Black 2-Ch. <i>Connector-End</i> Endcap |
| | 13000005 | White 2-Ch. <i>Connector-End</i> Endcap |
| ENDCAP: Vented | 13000003 | Black <i>Vented-End</i> Endcap |
| | 13000006 | White <i>Vented-End</i> Endcap |
| FAN COVER | 13003046 | Black 4304 ADCOM Fan Cover |
| | 13003047 | White 4304 ADCOM Fan Cover |
| PERF SLEEVE | 13003045 | Black 4304 Perforated Vent Sleeve |
| HEAT SINK | 13000010 | 4304 Tunnel Heat Sink |
| INS. SHEET | 13000016 | 4304 Chassis Insulator Sheet |
| LONG 4304 STICKER" | LABEL31 | Long "model GFA-4304" Sticker |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | |
| XLR101, 102 | 22001280 | 5-pin chassis-mount XLR/Molex® Harness |
| J101, 102 | 22001290 | 6-pin PC-mount Molex® connector |
| FAN1 | 13001000 | 100mm DC Cooling Fan |
| TERM1, 2 | 30001100 | Large (7/16") Gold Power Terminal |
| TERM3, 4, 5, 6, 7 TERM8, 9, 10, 11 | 30001200 | Small (5/16") Gold Speaker Terminal |
| LG. SET SCREW | 30001101 | 7/16" Hex Set Screw for Large Terminals |
| SM. SET SCREW | 30001201 | 5/16" Hex Set Screw for Small Terminals |
| FH-ATC | 20002050 | ATC Fuse Harness Loop |
| FUSE | 19003000 | 30 Ampere ATC Fuse |
| PCB-TO* | 36001250 | Turn-On PC Board |

GFA-4304 PARTS LIST

| INTEGRATED CIRCUITS | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| U101, 301 | 21003525 | SG3525 PWM Controller |
| U302 | 21007809 | LM7809CT 9 volt regulator |
| LED's | | |
| LED101, 103 LED401, 501, 601, 701 | 16002130 | Green 5mm T1¼ |
| LED302 | 16002120 | Red 5mm T1¼ |
| TRANSFORMERS | | |
| T101 | 24001434 | 4304 Rail transformer |
| T301 | 24003434 | 4304 Regulated supply transformer |

*Turn-On PCB Schematic



NOTES

BIAS ADJUSTMENT:

To set bias levels, connect the amplifier to +12 volts power with an ammeter in line and let the amp idle. The GFA-4304 should idle at 3 amperes. If adjustment is necessary, set bias level pots (P401, P501, P601 & P701) fully CCW. Then adjust channel A (P401) for 1.5 amps. Then adjust channel B (P501) until the total draw is 3 amperes. Repeat for channels C and D until total draw is 6 amperes.

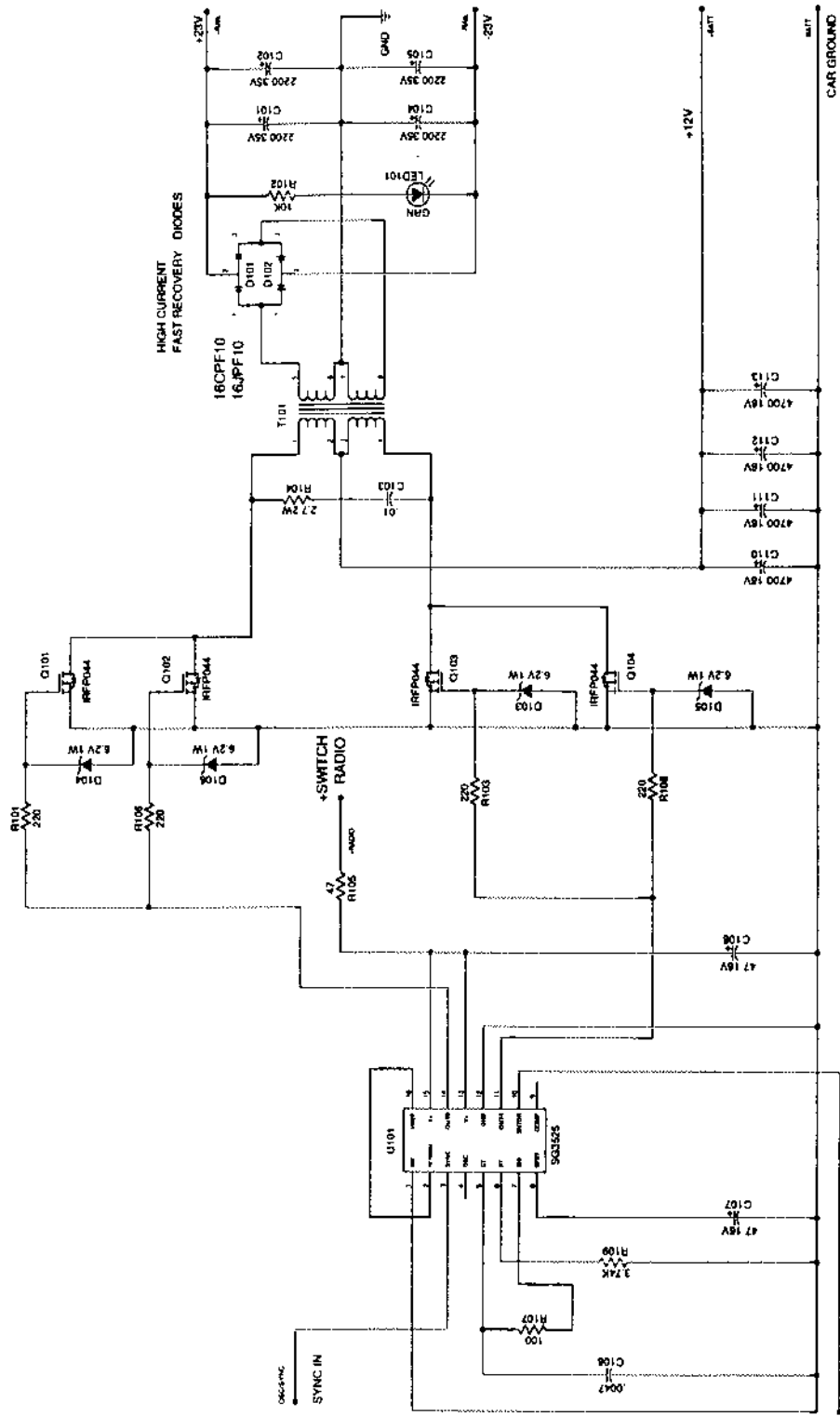
The TURN-ON PCB:

The ancillary Turn-On PCB is a small board connected (via screws) to TERM1 (Ground), TERM2 (+12V), and TERM3 (IGN). It lowers the turn-on circuit draw from the IGN terminal to approximately 1 mA. It also adds a reverse-polarity protection diode. Accidentally reversing the power and ground connections will blow an in-line fuse.

POSSIBLE COMPONENT VALUE DIFFERENCES:

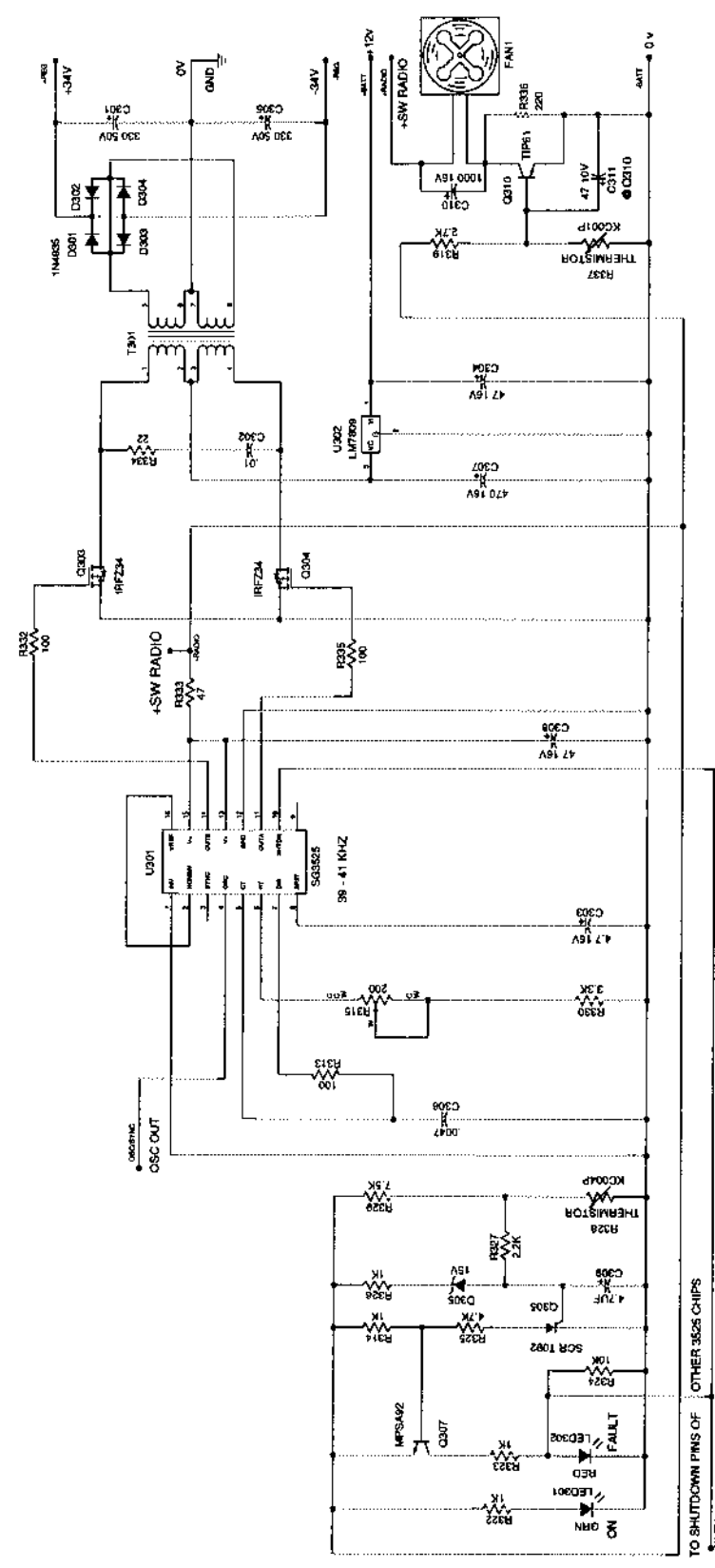
In some amplifiers, you may find C403, 503, 603, 703 & C404, 504, 604 and 704 to be 10pF capacitors. They should be 33pF capacitors as stated in the parts list.

In some units you may find the voltage regulator (U302) to be a KIA7809P instead of the LM7809CT. It should be the LM7809CT



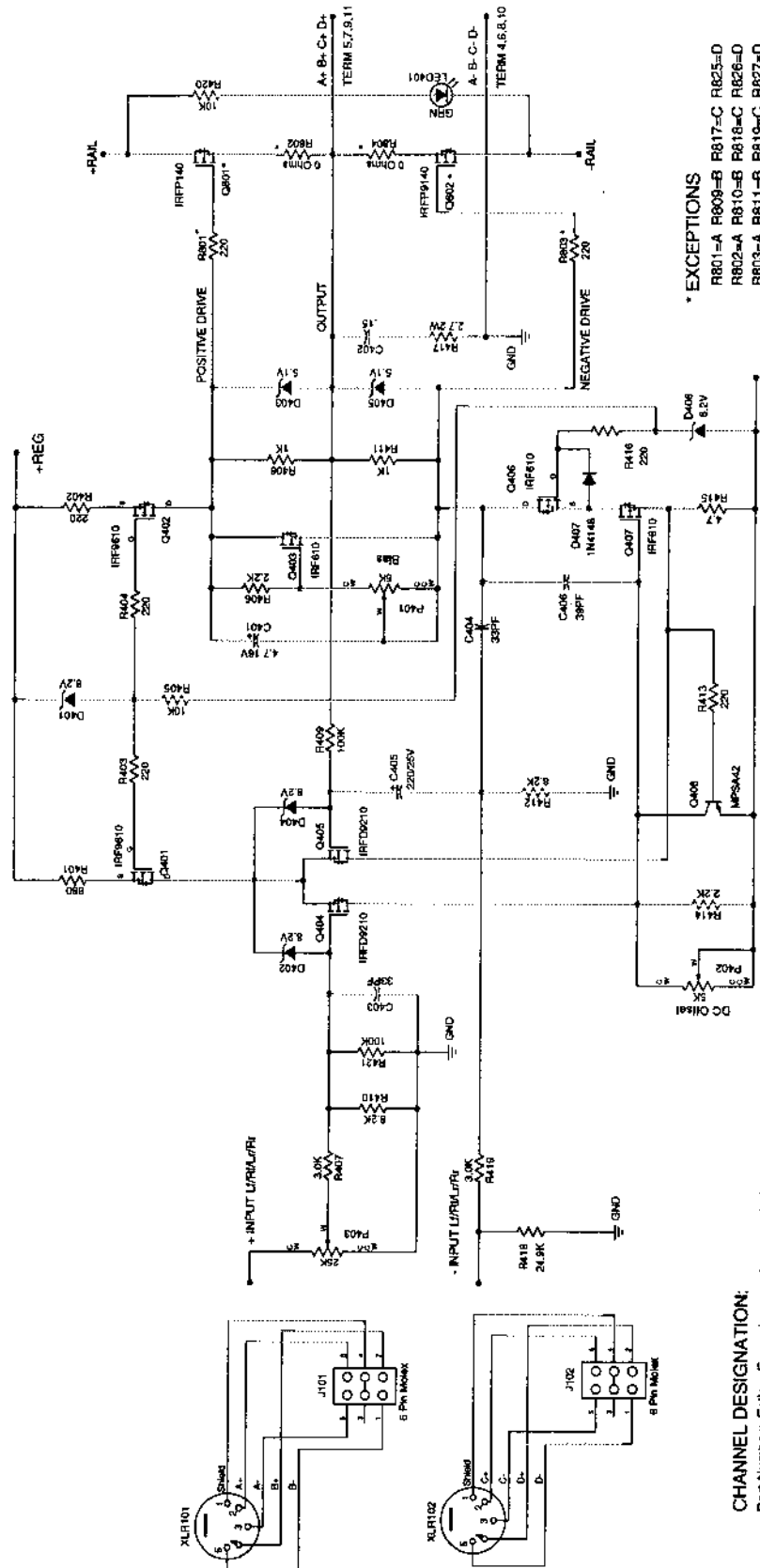
GFA-4304 RAIL SUPPLY

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------|
| Title | | GFA-4304 Car Amplifier | |
| Rail Power Supply | | Rev | |
| Size | Number | By D.Grebe | 1.5 |
| C | Revised 6/1/95 | Drawn by | PASS |
| Date | 03/01/93 | Sheet | 1 of 3 |
| Filename | | 4304.S01 | |



GFA-4304 REGULATED SUPPLY

| | | |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Title GFA-4304 Car Amplifier Regulated Power Supply | | Rev |
| Size | Number | 1.5 |
| C | Revised 6/1/95 | By D. Grebe |
| Date | 03/01/93 | Drawn by PASS |
| Filename | 4304.S02 | Sheet 2 of 3 |



CHANNEL DESIGNATION:
 Part Numbers Follow Example except were noted
 R4xx, C4xx, D4xx = Channel A (L)
 R5xx, C5xx, D5xx = Channel B (R)
 R6xx, C6xx, D6xx = Channel C (L)
 R7xx, C7xx, D7xx = Channel D (R)

*** EXCEPTIONS**
 R801=A R809=B R817=C R825=D
 R802=A R810=B R818=C R826=D
 R803=A R811=B R819=C R827=D
 R804=A R812=B R820=C R828=D
 Q801=A Q805=B Q809=C Q813=D
 Q802=A Q806=B Q810=C Q814=D

GFA-4304 AMPLIFIER SECTION

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|
| Title GFA-4304 Car Amplifier | | | |
| Amplifier Section A, B, C & D | | | |
| Size | Number | By | Rev |
| C | Revised 6/1/95 | D. Grebe | 1.5 |
| Date | 03/01/93 | Drawn by | PASS |
| Filename | 4304_S03 | Sheet | 3 of 3 |