

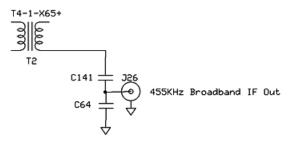
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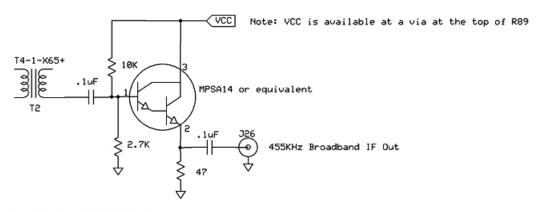
Improved IF Output

Rev. A Receiver Boards use a capacitive divider as an impedance transformer from the 1800 ohm output impedance of the mixer to the 50 ohms needed by the back panel output. The 36:1 voltage reduction reduces signal amplitude greatly to the point that very little is left. The circuit below, implemented on rev B. receiver boards, improves this greatly. An S9 signal, nominally –73dBm at the antenna, will generate a –90dBm signal at the IF output jack (preamps on) with this mod. Mod kits are available. Rev. B boards have this improvement implemented on them.

Original circuit (Rev A boards)



Improved circuit (Rev B boards)



Resistors are 1/8W metal film

Capacitors are disk ceramic or equivalent

Two discrete 2N3904 NPN transistors may be substituted for the Darlington

Remove C64 and C141 before installing improved circuit