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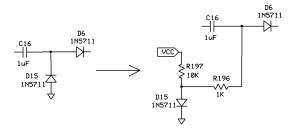
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AM Receive Sensitivity Improvement

Problem: AM receive has a kind of "squelch" effect, in which tuning between AM stations results in no audio from the speakers. Once a station is tuned in, it comes in fine, but no noise is heard between stations.

Solution: Add a biasing circuit to the AM detector diode on the receiver board. See schematic and description of fix below.

AM receive sensitivity improvement



Remove D15

In the round pad where D15 was, place the cathode end of D15, pointing the anode up
In the square pad where D15 was, place a 1K 1/8W resistor, pointing the other end up
In the small via next to R93 (immediately next to D6, directly below R93) place a 10K 1/8W resistor, pointing the other end up
Solder the top of the two resistors and the diode together (in the air)

NOTE: The instructions above apply to Rev B boards. If you have a Rev A or A1 receiver board, use the via above R48 instead of R93 in step 4 above.