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DELTA 290 AMPLIFIER SERVICE MANUAL

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Circuit Description

Input/Output Selection (circuit diagram sheet 1)

The D290 has 6 line level inputs as standard selected by use of the motorised listen switch, SW201.

The use of the 'record' switch SW202 allows recording of one source whilst listening to another.

Tone Control & Preamp Out/Power Amp In (circuit diagram sheet 3)

The tone control stage on the D290 is based around a dual op-amp IC2. The first half provides a buffer stage for the tone controls and the second one with its frequency dependent feedback is used as the tone control itself.

The output of the tone control then passes through the balance control RV201 and then onto the power amp stages and the preamp out buffer stage formed by IC203.

The tone controls and balance pot can be bypassed by use of the 'direct' switch SW205.

The D290 can be driven from an external preamplifier source by moving the internal switch SW206 to disconnect the D290 preamp from the power amp.

Power Amplifier (circuit diagram sheet 4 & 7)

The signal from either the D290 input sockets or an external preamp enters the power amp stage via C12 and R35.

Q10, 11 form a long, tailed pair driven by the current source formed by Q12 and 13.

Q6 is the Class A stage driving the Quasi complementary output stage of Q4 and Q5, and mosfet's Q1, 2.

IC1 is a d.c. servo used to maintain a low d.c. offset at the speaker outputs.

Power Supplies (circuit diagram sheets 2 & 4)

The D290 is powered by a toroidal transformer with 2 sets of secondary windings.

The main windings are used to provide +/-44V D.C. after rectification and smoothing by diodes D201-204 inc. reservoir capacitors C201, 202.

The second winding is rectified to provide an unregulated supply voltage for the motor driver ics, IC402, 403 and is also smoothed and regulated with a zener diode (D402 and associated components) to provide a stable voltage for the micro controller IC401.

Protection/Mute circuit

The protection and no d.c. offset detection of the amplifier 'Gre internally because of delay mute is operated

The thermal cut out device heatsinks.

Disc Stage (optional)

The optional phono equalization for both

Transistors Q2-5 and coil cartridges when and R4. R5 and C2 de-emphasis. The ne low frequency RIAA

The pcb mounted sv regulated rails from the D2 to power the motor

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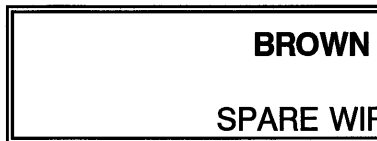
Change of Mains Voltage

WARNING - the unit must be disconnected from the transformer as the mains is switched off.

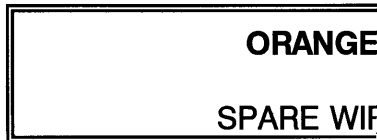
Units with PCB less than 1990

To rewire the D290 for use in a different country, referring to the pcb and the wiring diagram, the wires to move are the brown and blue.

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Units with PCB Issue 7 or later

These D290's can be set for use in a different country. There are 2 mains fuseholders on the unit. The fuseholder with the fuse fitted is for the mains. To change voltage remove the fuse.

The correct fuses are:

Various run
changes are

1. Serial
10nF
buttc
C601
reliat
2. Serial
Main
3. Serial
R4, 1
4. Serial
Micro
rand
caus
stop
5. Serial
R4, 1
Trans
C1, -
R22,
6. Serial
C5,1

Changes 5
occasional

7. Serial
Issue
to the
track
8. Serial
The
repla
18/1
Any

D290 SERVICE NOTE 1 Issue 2 18

The MOSFET devices used on the D290 amplifier have become obsolete. The replacement device is a TO3-P plastic package underneath as shown below.

From serial number 2674 onwards all D290's will have the new type device. It is advisable to replace all 4 devices to this new type and at the same time check and replace if the IQ will not adjust.

Change R16,116 to 56K from 100K
Change R17,117 to 4K7 from 3K3.

These changes give a slightly wider range for the IQ (quiescent current). The IQ should be checked after replacing the output devices and set to 100mA.

Check that R55,155 are 100K and not 33K.
Remove C5,105 (33pF) and replace with 10pF polystyrene in series.
Remove C7,107 (220pF)

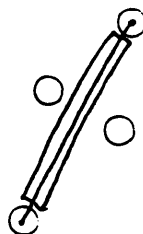
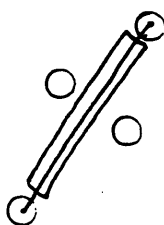
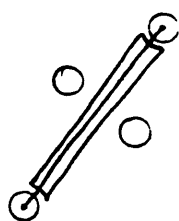
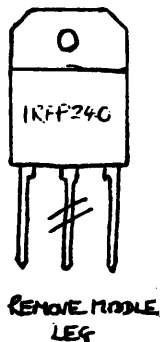
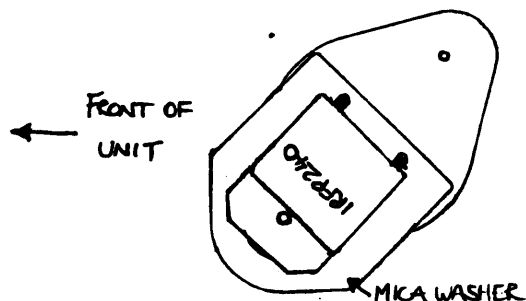
Change C6,106 to 22pF from 10pF polystyrene.
Change R22,122 to 3K3 from 4K7 metal film.

These changes should prevent any tendency for instability which has caused the oscillation of the output stage.

If you order D290 output devices from us you will be sent these new devices. Enable all of the above to be carried out.

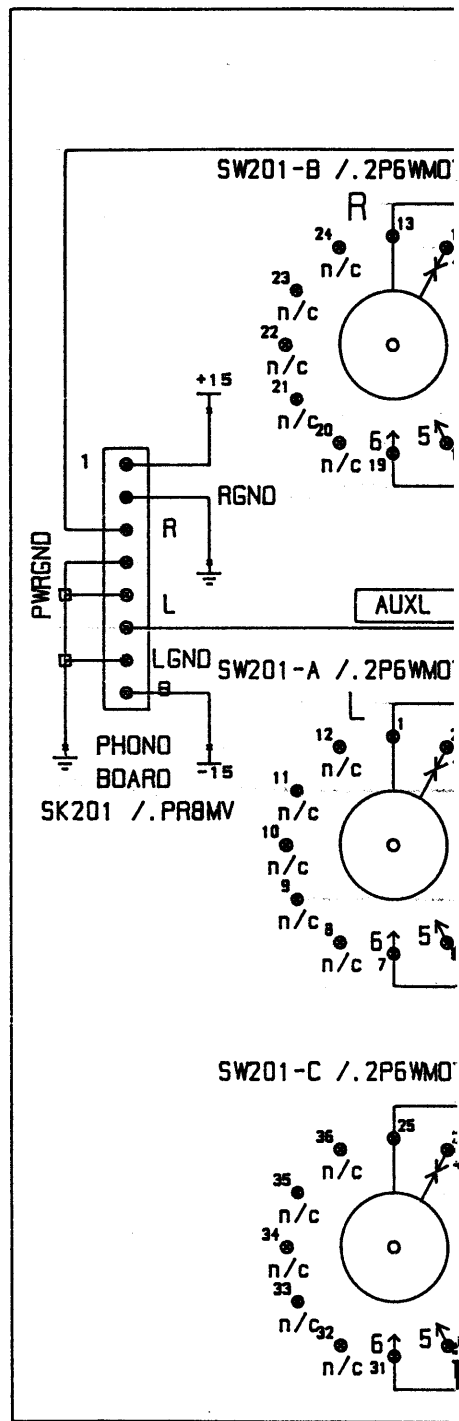
2 x 22pF polystyrene capacitor
2 x 10pF polystyrene capacitor
2 x 3K3 metal film resistor
2 x 100K metal film resistor
2 x 33K metal film resistor
2 x 56K metal film resistor
4 x IRFP 240 Plastic MOSFET
6 x rubber sleeving
4 x mica washer

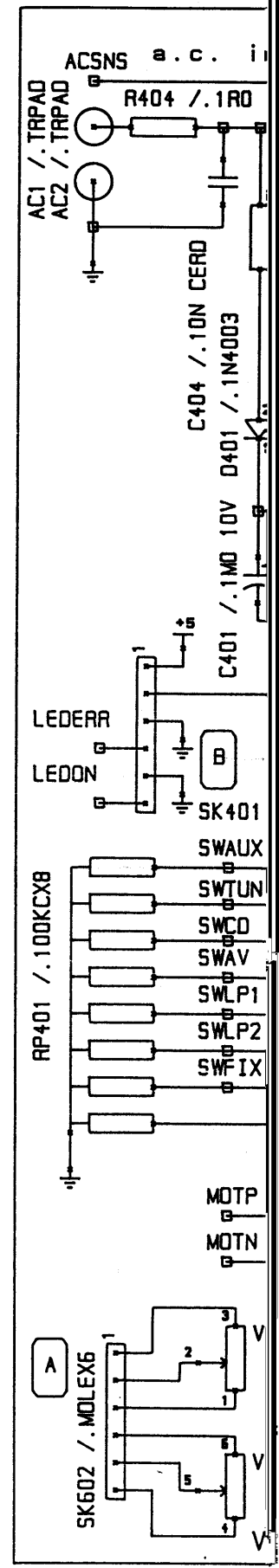
NOTE: The extra pieces of sleeving should be cut into 8 pieces and fitted over the MOSFET legs to go through to prevent them shorting to the heatsink. The mica washers should be smeared with heatsink compound on both sides to ensure good thermal contact under the pcb as shown below otherwise the devices will not receive their full power.

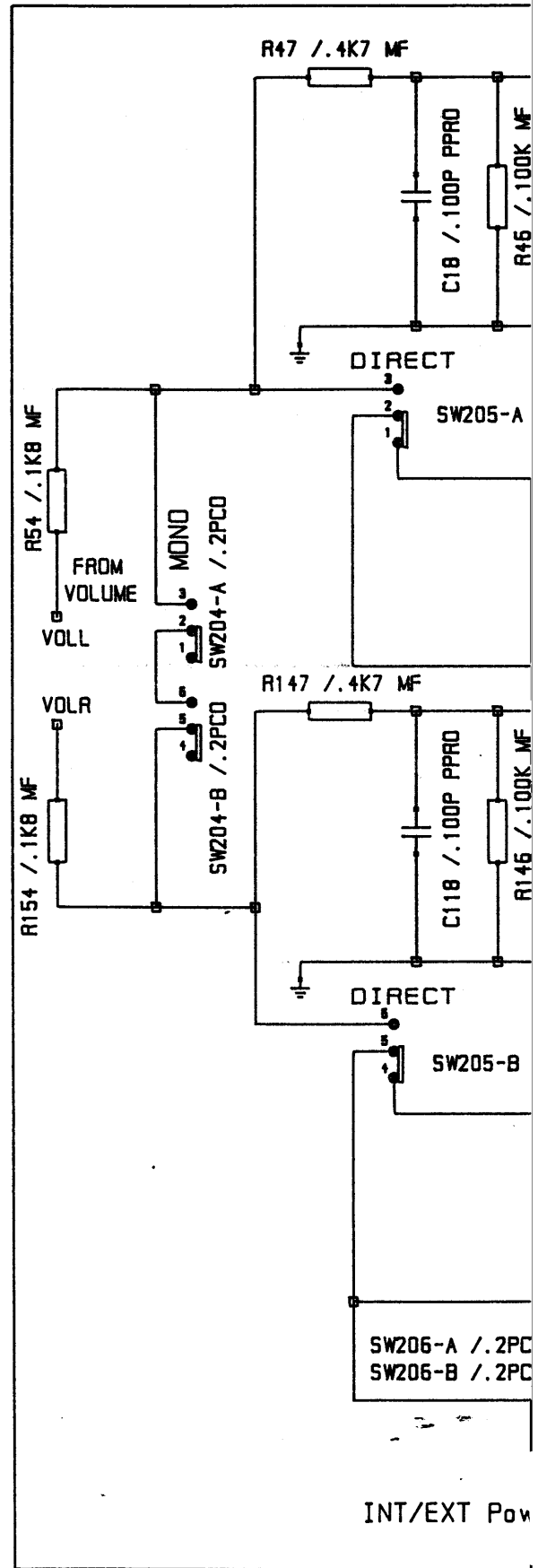


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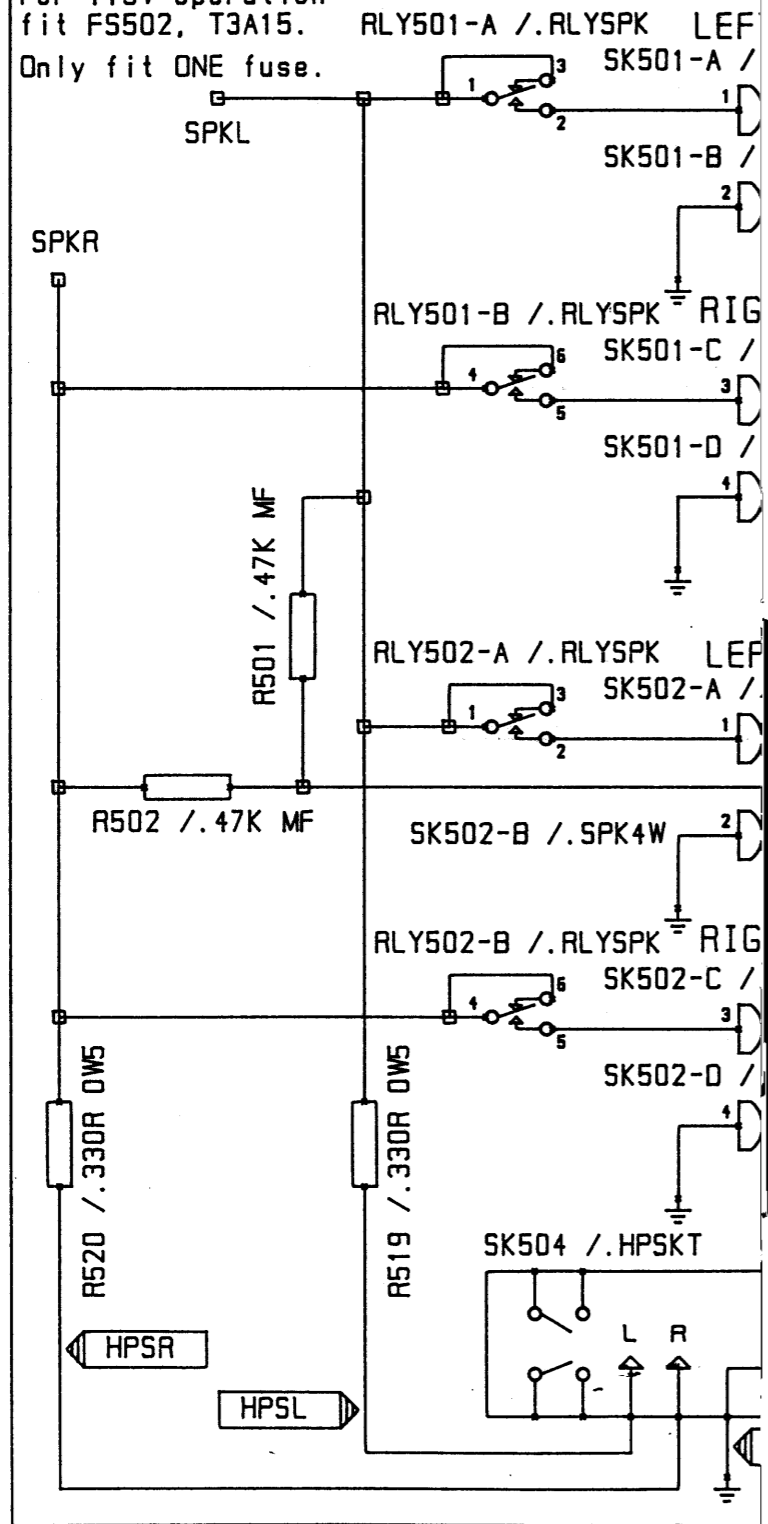
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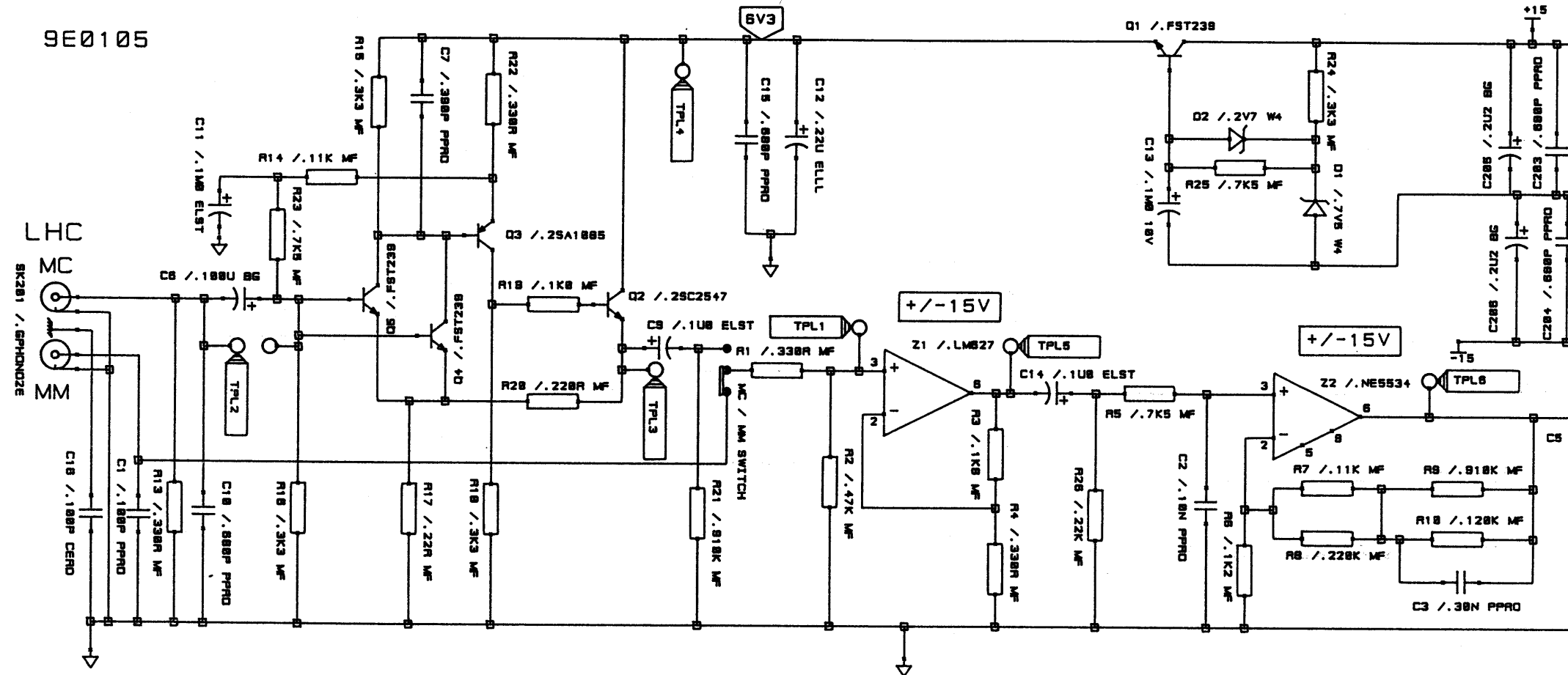


NOTE: For
 230V operation
 fit FS501, T1A6.
 For 115V operation
 fit FS502, T3A15.
 Only fit ONE fuse.



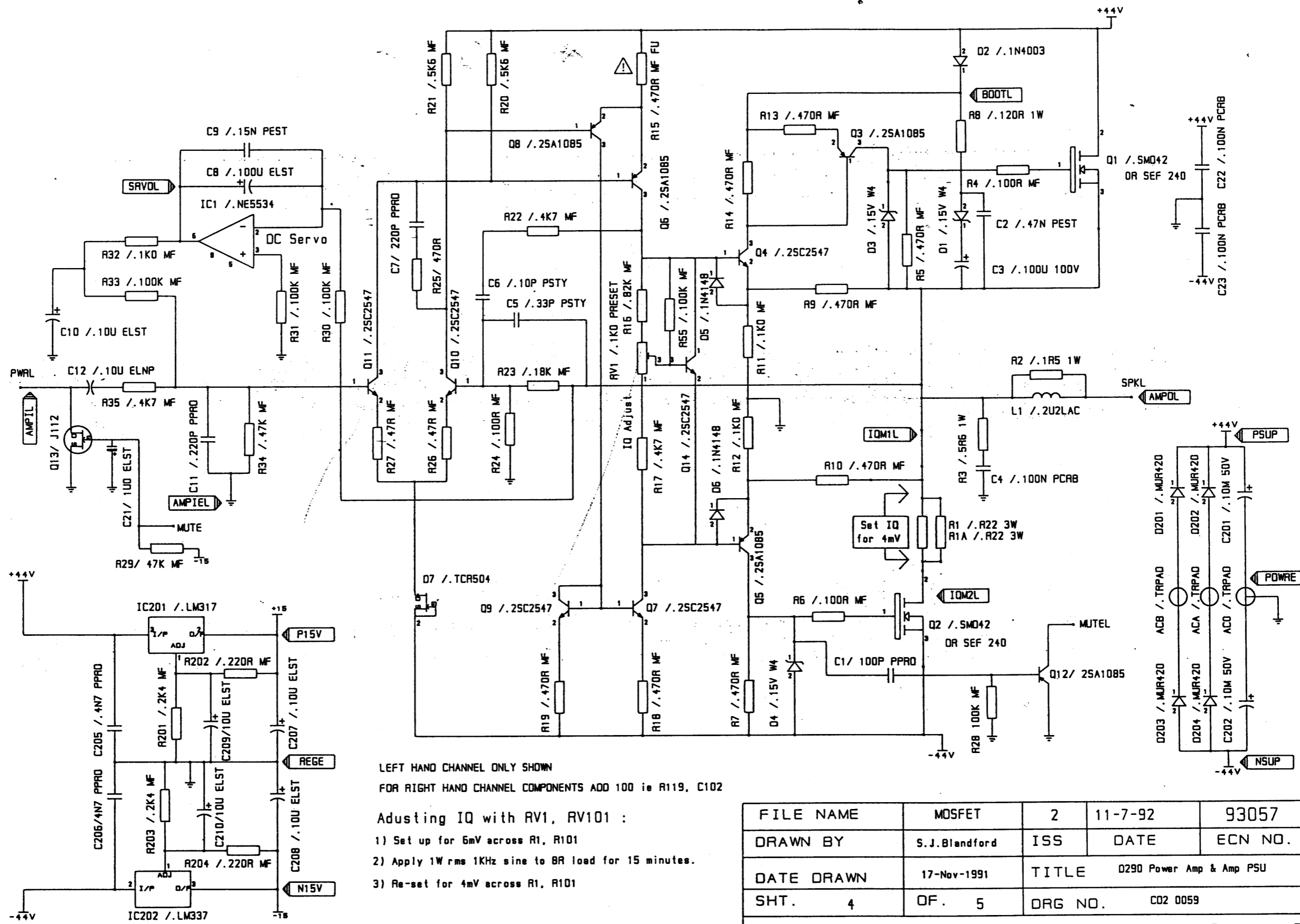
D290 MM / MC PHONO AMPLIFIER

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RHC MM / MC DISC AMPLIFIER
 (RHC ADD 100 ie R101, C101)
 TEST POINTS = TPR1 etc

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| FILE NAME | D90MAG1 | 4 | 4-1 |
| DRAWN BY | JMG | ISS | DA |
| DATE DRAWN | 22-4-92 | TITLE | D90 |
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| SERVICE MANUAL DRW. NO. H04/0017 | | | |
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LEFT HAND CHANNEL ONLY SHOWN
 FOR RIGHT HAND CHANNEL COMPONENTS ADD 100 ie R119, C102

- Adjusting IQ with RV1, RV101 :
- 1) Set up for 5mV across R1, R101
 - 2) Apply 1W rms 1KHz sine to 8R load for 15 minutes.
 - 3) Re-set for 4mV across R1, R101

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|--|---------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|
| FILE NAME | MOSFET | 2 | 11-7-92 | 93057 |
| DRAWN BY | S.J.Blandford | ISS | DATE | ECN NO. |
| DATE DRAWN | 17-Nov-1991 | TITLE | | D290 Power Amp & Amp PSU |
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