SERVICE MANUAL



POWER AMPLIFIER

GFA-5802

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INTRODUCTION

This service manual is intended to assist trained and qualified technical personnel in verifying the performance of, adjusting, and repairing the ADCOM GFA-5802 amplifier. The procedures described here are not intended for persons unfamiliar with the appropriate safety and test procedures.

△ WARNING **△**

THERE ARE POTENTIALLY LETHAL VOLTAGES WITHIN THE GFA-5802 AMPLIFIER WHICH WILL BE ACCESSIBLE ONCE ITS TOP COVER IS REMOVED. DO NOT ATTEMPT FAMILIARIZATION, INSPECTION, OR ANY PROCEDURE WHATSOEVER UNLESS YOU HAVE DISCONNECTED THE GFA-5802 FROM THE WALL AC OUTLET OR OTHER SOURCE OF AC POWER AND THE POWER-SUPPLY CAPACITORS ARE COMPLETELY DISCHARGED. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR USE ONLY BY COMPETENT TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. DO NOT UNDERTAKE ANY SERVICE PROCEDURES IN THE GFA-5802 UNLESS YOU ARE TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED TO DO SO.

TEST PROCEDURES

- All tests are performed with a 115V, low-distortion (less than 2% THD), AC-power source, 8-ohm resistive load (except slew rate), and a signal source of not more than 600 ohms.
- An 80kHz low-pass filter is employed during THD distortion measurements.
- Signal-to-noise measurements are "A" weighted.
- Damping factor is measured by comparing the 1 watt output voltage with and without an 8 ohm load.
- Slew rate is measured with an inductive load, and is derived with a dual-time-based oscilloscope reading the slope of a full power 5kHz square wave. DO NOT OPERATE THE AMPLIFIER AT FULL-POWER SINE WAVE ABOVE 22kHz OR FULL-POWER SQUARE WAVE ABOVE 5kHz.

IMPORTANT

BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ADJUSTMENTS, MAKE SURE AMPLIFIER IS AT ROOM TEMPERATURE.

CORRECT BIAS ADJUSTMENT IS CRITICAL TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AMPLIFIER.
MAXIMUM OUTPUT POWER, MINIMUM THD AND HEAT DISSIPATION ARE AFFECTED BY THE
BIAS SETTING AND MUST BE CORRECT TO MAINTAIN THE SONIC QUALITY AND LONGEVITY OF
THE AMPLIFIER.

BIAS ALIGNMENT

The component references are the same for both channels. Operate the amplifier without load or input connection for these adjustments.

- 1. Turn the amplifier on and allow to idle for 5 minutes.
- 2. Connect a voltmeter across source resistor R88 on the amplifier board and set bias pot R61 for a 33mV reading.
- 3. As the amp warms, the idle current will vary. Continue to monitor the voltage across R88 and adjust R61 until the reading stabilizes at 33mV.
- 4. Measure the voltage across each of the eight source resistors R88 through R114. (Measurement across this bank of resistors is strongly suggested, as bank R8 through R25 idles near -90V). The readings across these resistors should average 33mV and all should be between 23mV and 43mV.

Note: a properly biased amplifier will take approximately 15 minutes from initial power up to reach stable idling current and temperature. The heat sinks will be warm to the touch.

DC OFFSET ALIGNMENT

 Connect a millivoltmeter across the speaker output terminals and adjust DC offset pot R179 on the input board for 0mV (+/- 5mV).

ADCOM GFA-5802 SERVICE PARTS LIST

SCHEMATIC LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER
DISPLAY PCB R102,109 R104	AD206-0006-B9 499 ohm, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film 100 ohm, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004540 27004670
D100 ,103, 105, 108, 110	LED, Red SSL-LX204831W-TD	16002048
S106	Power Switch	37005820
POWER SUPPLY PCB D42, 43, 44, 45, 49, 50, 51, 52 D59	AD206-0005-B9 1N4004 1N4148	16004004 16004148
BR23, 34	Bridge rectifier 35A, 600V	16005802
C12, 20, 28, 29 C13, 21 C40, 58 C41, 46, 48, 53 C73 C108, 109, 110, 111	0.1uF, 250V polyester 0.1uF, 100V polyester 4700uF, 16WV, electrolytic 0.1uF, 63V polyester 0.01uF, 400V ceramic disc 22,000uF, 100V electrolytic	12001555 12001440 12005561 12001435 12001510 12005800
R8, R16 R9, 17, 27, 30 R22, 35	10 ohm, 2W, 5% metal oxide 10k, 2W, 5%, metal oxide 5.1 ohm, 2W, 5% metal oxide	27003300 27003055 27003200
F14, 22, 36, 54 F62 (120V) F63 (120V)	10A, 250V ceramic 500mA, 250V, 5mm Slo Blo 15A, 250V ceramic	19001001 19009051 19001501
T17 T47	Torroid transformer 115/230V, 50/60Hz Standby transformer 115/230V, 50/60Hz	24005820 24005802
K74 CL172 BK1, 3, 4, 6 BK2, 5	Relay Thermistor, 0.5ohm, CL100 16A Speaker Binding Post and hardware Chassis Binding Post Bracket Entire Power Supply PCB, with parts	28001250 31005800 30005800 47002540 36005821
INPUT PCB Q169, 171, 176, 178	AD206-0004-B8 *Matched, IRFD210	33002100
D168, 170 D177	IN759A, 12V zener 1N4754, 39V zener	16000759 16004754
C150, 163 C154, 159 C156, C162	0.22uF, 100V, mylar 330pF, 400V polypropylene 47uF, 63V electrolytic	12001085 12001395 12005385

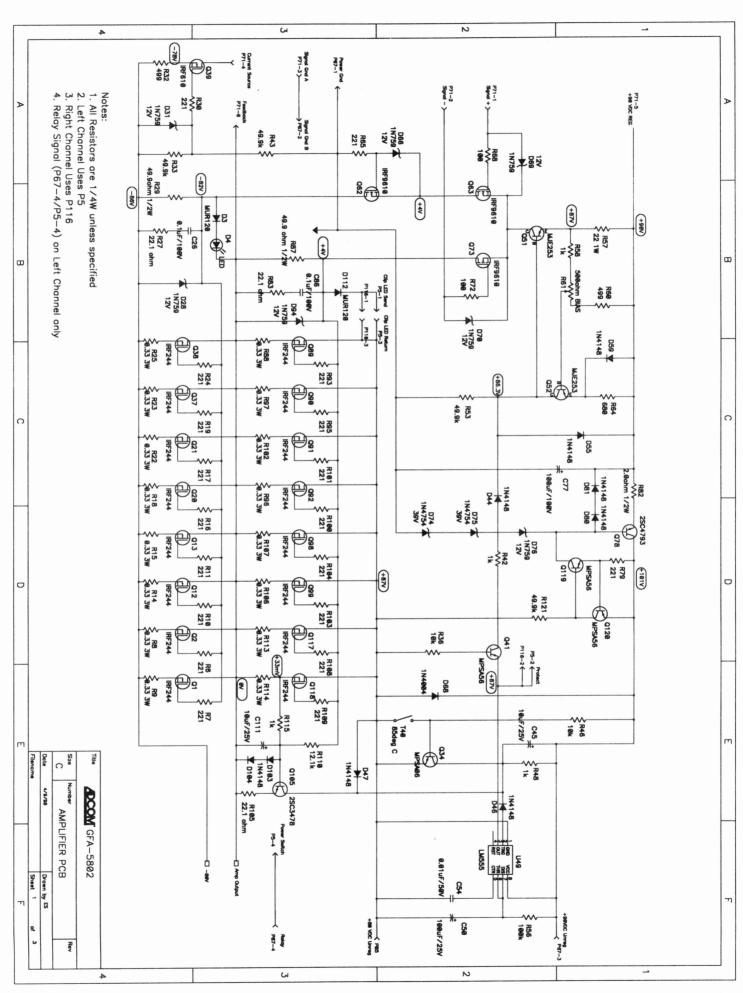
C161	15pF, 500V, 5% mica	12001480
C180	1000pF, 100V polyester	12001445
R151, 160	100k, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004210
R152, 157, 165, 166	4.75k, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004600
R153, 158, 184	221 ohm, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004570
R164	8.25k, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004390
R173	1k, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004050
R174	750 ohm, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004650
R175	49.9k, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004500
	Variable 500 ohm, dc offset pot	35005802
R179	•	
R181	392 ohm, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004145
S172	Input Selector Switch	37005821
J4	RCA jack and hardware	22001170
J155	Female XLR jack	22005802
3199	remaie ALN Jack	22003802
AMPLIFIER PCB	AD206-0003-B8	
Q1, 2, 12, 13, 20, 21, 37, 38,	*Matched IRF244	33002442
89, 90, 91, 92, 98, 99, 117, 118		
Q34	MPSA06	33000600
039	IRF610	33000610
Q41, 119, 120	MPSA56	33005600
Q51, Q52	MJE253	33000253
	*Matched IRF9610	33009610
Q62, 63, 73		33004793
Q78	2SC4793	
Q105	2SC3478	33003478
U49	LM555CN	21005550
D3, 112	MUR120	16000120
D4	LED, Red SSL-LX204831W-TD	16002048
D28, 31, 66, 69, 70, 76, 94	1N759A, 12V zener	16000759
D74, 75	1N4754, 39V zener	16004754
D44, 46, 47, 55, 59, 80, 81, 103, 104	1N4148	16004148
D68	1N4004	16004004
C26, 86	0.1uF, 100V polyester	12001440
C45, C111	10uF, 25V electrolytic	12005090
C50	100uF, 25V electrolytic	12005020
C54	0.01uF, 50V axial ceramic	12002070
C77	100uF, 100V electrolytic	12005225
R6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17, 19, 24, 30,	221 ohm, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004570
65, 79, 93, 95, 100, 101, 103,		
104, 108, 109	0.22 abov 214/ E0/ 14/ins 14/	27006055
R8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 22, 23, 25,	0.33 ohm, 3W, 5%, Wire Wound	27006055
88, 96, 97, 102, 106, 107,		
113, 114	22 1 abro 1/4\\\/ 10/ Matel Film	27004425
R27, R83, R105	22.1 ohm, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004435
R29, R87	49.9 ohm, 1/2W, 1% Metal Film	27004615
R32, R60	499 ohm, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004540
R33, 43, 53, 121	49.9k, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004500
R36, R46	10k, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004200

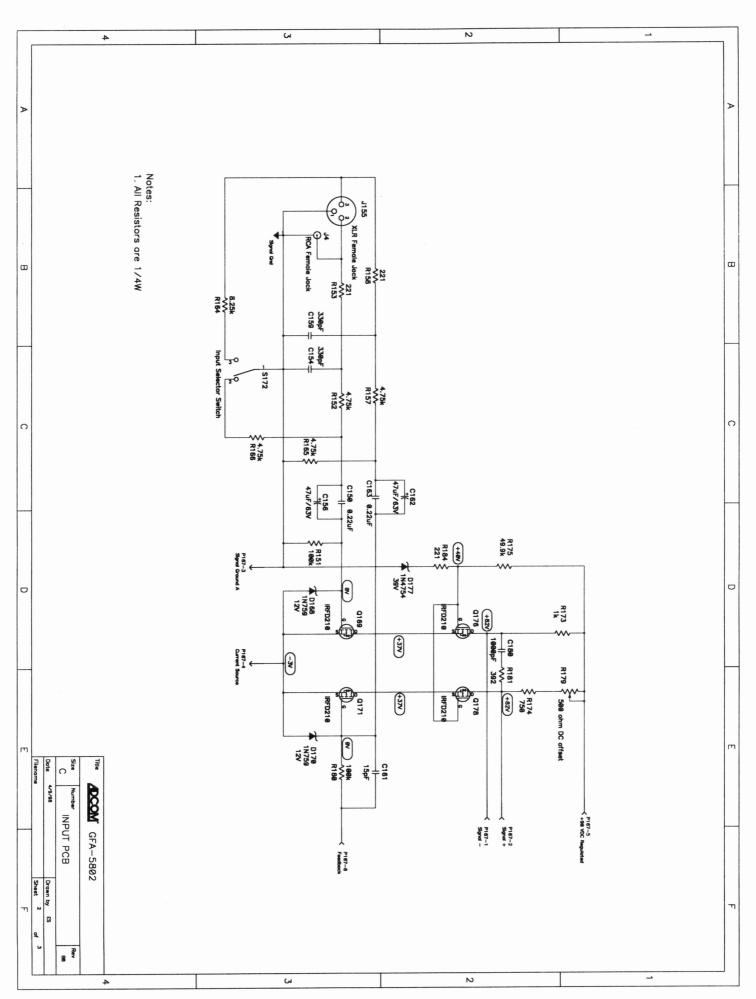
R42, 48, 58, 115 R56 R57 R61 R64 R68, R72 R82 R110	1k, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film 100k, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film 22 ohm, 1W, 5% Carbon Variable 500 ohm, bias pot 680 ohm, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film 100 ohm, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film 2 ohm, 1/2W, 1% Metal Film 12.1k, 1/4W, 1% Metal Film	27004050 27004210 27001075 35005802 27001255 27004670 27001055 27004220				
T40	Thermal Breaker 85 deg. C	32007000				
	Entire Amp PCB with parts, no heat sink	36005820				
CHASSIS/CHASSIS MOUNTED COMPONENTS						
	Top Cover	13005821				
	Top Cover Screw	49005802				
	Main Capacitor Screw	49001020				
	Main Chassis	13005823				
	Front Panel	13005820				
	Gold Plate	13005822				
	Front Heat Sink	13005824				
	Rear Heat Sink	13005825				
	Heat Sink TBar	13005827				
	IRF244 Insulator	47002500				
	Rubber Feet	13005805				
	Power Cord, BME AWG14	15001120				
	AC Jack	25001060				
	Rubber rack mount hole plugs	47002330				
	Owner's Manual	26001580				
	Shipping Box	39001410				

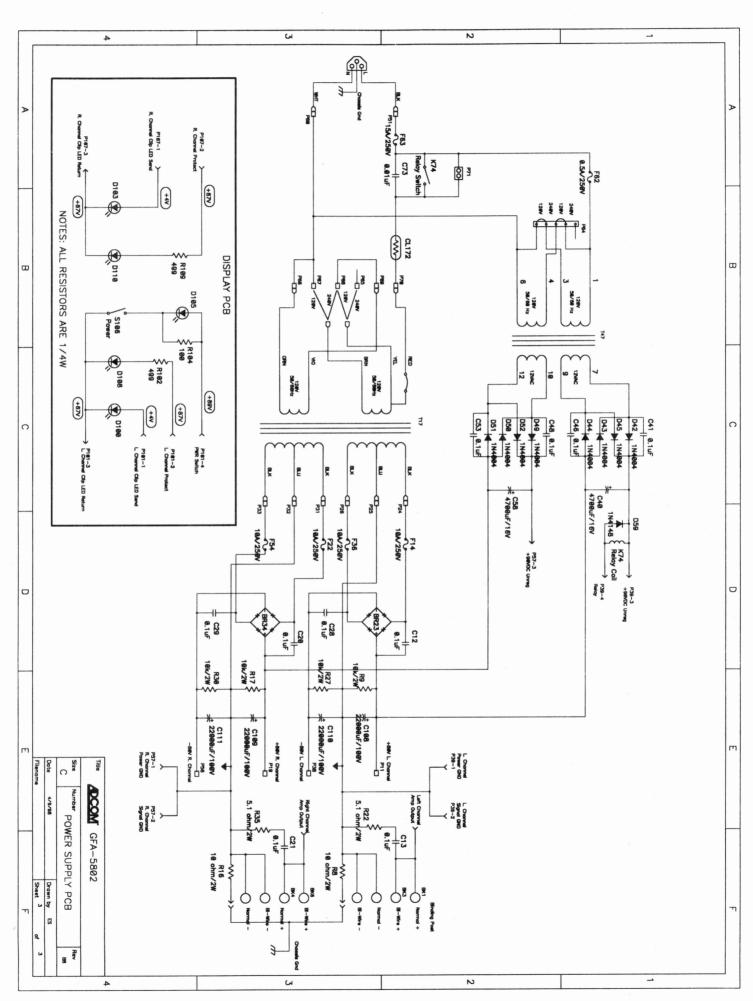
^{*} Each of the FET pairs Q169, Q171 and Q176, Q178 and Q63, Q73 as well as all of the output devices are matched to have a maximum 10mV Vgs variation at their respective DC operating point currents. These parts must be replaced with equivalently matched parts to ensure that bias and DC offset can be properly aligned and to ensure minimum distortion.

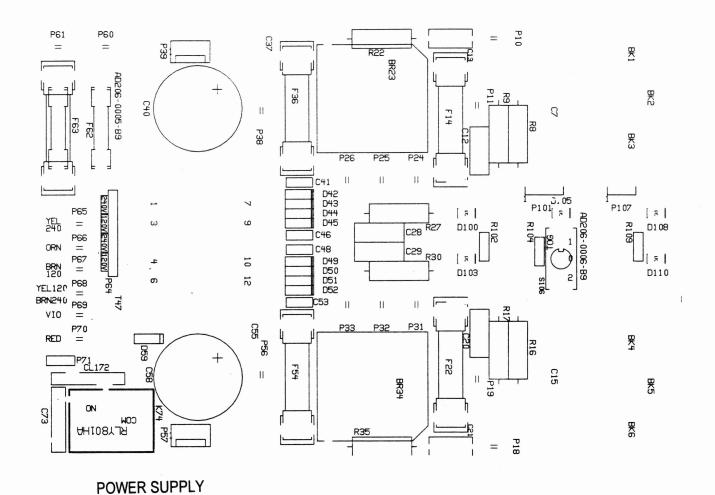
GFA-5802 SPECIFICATIONS

Power Rating (To FTC Requirements) 300 watts continuous average power into 8 ohms: 20Hz and	
IM Distortion (SMPTE)	
1 watt to 300 watts into 8 ohms	< 0.075%
1 watt to 450 watts into 4 ohms	
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IM Distortion (CCIF, Any Combination from 4kHz to 20kHz)	
300 watts into 8 ohms	≤ 0.075%
450 watts into 4 ohms	≤ 0.075%
THD + Noise at 300 watts into 8 ohms (Typical)	
20Hz	0.0159/
1kHz	
10kHz	0.09%
20kHz	0.15%
THD + Noise at 450 watts into 4 ohms (Typical)	
	0.0050/
20Hz	
1kHz	
10kHz	0.09%
20kHz	0.15%
Frequency Response @ 1 Watt into 8 ohms (10Hz to 20kHz)	+0, -0.25dB
Power Bandwidth (-3dB)	3Hz to 130kHz
Dynamic Headroom into 4 ohms	2 3dB
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Dynamic Headroom into 4 ohms	
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Signal to Noise Ratio, "A" Weighted (300 watts onto 8 ohms)	
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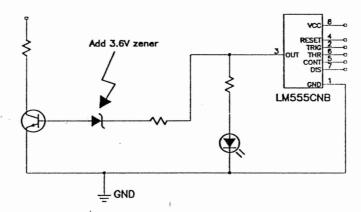
Product: GFA-5200, GFA-5300 and GFA-5400 with LM555 protection circuit

Complaint: Popping at turn off

The versions of the above amplifiers that have the LM555 protection circuit will produce objectionable pops or squeals if powered off from an external source. The noises do not occur when the unit is switched off from the front panel AC switch.

Modification:

Add a 3.6V zener diode (Adcom part #16003600) as shown below between the transistor and resistor reference numbers listed for the appropriate amplifier.



Amplifier	Zener Anode at Transistor	Zener Cathode at Resistor
GFA-5200		
Left Chan:	Base Q017	R058
Right Chan:	Base Q117	R158
GFA-5300		
Left Chan:	Base Q019	R058
Right Chan:	Base Q119	R158
GFA-5400		
Left Chan:	Base Q713	R719
Right Chan:	Base Q714	R720

Note:

The modification only effects power down popping problems. The small thump at power on is a result of the amp circuit charging and will remain after modification.

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Ordering Matched FETs and Service Manual Corrections

The GFA-5802 Service Manual notes on page 4 that a number of the MOSFETs in the amplifier are matched to ensure proper performance. For repairs requiring replacement of these parts, equivalently matched parts must be used. In ordering these parts, these procedures must be followed.

Failure of Q169, Q171, Q176, Q178, Q63 or Q73

For repairs requiring replacement of any one of the transistors in input pair Q169 and Q171, cascode pair Q176 and Q178 or second differential pair Q63 and Q73, both transistors in the pair must be replaced. That is, if Q169 fails, both Q169 and Q171 need to be replaced. Order both and specify **Matched** with the part number.

Failure of any of the IRF244 output transistors

The category of the output transistors is identified by a letter written on the bottom of the transistor. The markings will appear in one of two ways.

- 1) As a single or double repeated letter. (Example M or BB. Note: B and BB are different categories).
- 2) As a sequence of letters separated by a dash. (Example AD-AA or TB-Q).

When ordering replacements, indicate **Matched** with the part number and the **exact letter code** written on the transistor. The replacement parts will be of the same category.

Note: there is no quality difference between transistors of different letter categories. Transistors of category CC are not better than those of category D. It is only important that the output transistors are of the same category for proper operation.

GFA-5802 Service Manual Corrections

1) On page 1, change step 4 of the BIAS ALIGNMENT procedure from

"The reading across these resistors should average 33mV and all should be between 23mV and 43mV."

to

"The reading across these resistors should be a maximum of 33mV and all should range between 18mV and 33mV."

2) On page 3, change the Q62, 63, 73 part description from "*Matched IRF9610" to "*Matched IRF9622" and the part number from 33009610 to 33009622. IRF9610s will be replaced with IRF9622s. These will be provided in matched pairs as described above.