# SERVICE MANUAL 


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## POWER AMPLIFIER



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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.


#### Abstract

WARNING $\square$ 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 POWERSUPPLY 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 80 kHz 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 5 kHz square wave. DO NOT OPERATE THE AMPLIFIER AT FULL-POWER SINE WAVE ABOVE 22kHz OR FULL-POWER SQUARE WAVE ABOVE 5 kHz .


## IMPORTANT <br> 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 33 mV 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 33 mV .
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 33 mV and all should be between 23 mV 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

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

## ADCOM GFA-5802 SERVICE PARTS LIST

| SCHEMATIC | DESCRIPTION | PART |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LOCATION |  | NUMBER |
| DISPLAY PCB | AD206-0006-B9 |  |
| R102,109 | 499 ohm, 1/4W, 1\% Metal Film | 27004540 |
| R104 | 100 ohm, 1/4W, 1\% Metal Film | 27004670 |
| D100, 103, 105, 108, 110 | LED, Red SSL-LX204831W-TD | 16002048 |
| S106 | Power Switch | 37005820 |
| POWER SUPPLY PCB | AD206-0005-B9 |  |
| D42, 43, 44, 45, 49, 50, 51, 52 | 1N4004 | 16004004 |
| D59 | 1N4148 | 16004148 |
| BR23, 34 | Bridge rectifier 35A, 600V | 16005802 |
| C12, 20, 28, 29 | 0.1uF, 250V polyester | 12001555 |
| C13, 21 | $0.1 \mathrm{uF}, 100 \mathrm{~V}$ polyester | 12001440 |
| C40, 58 | 4700uF, 16WV, electrolytic | 12005561 |
| C41, 46, 48, 53 | 0.1uF, 63V polyester | 12001435 |
| C73 | 0.01 uF, 400 V ceramic disc | 12001510 |
| C108, 109, 110, 111 | 22,000uF, 100 V electrolytic | 12005800 |
| R8, R16 | 10 ohm, 2W, 5\% metal oxide | 27003300 |
| R9, 17, 27, 30 | 10k, 2W, 5\%, metal oxide | 27003055 |
| R22, 35 | 5.1 ohm, 2W, 5\% metal oxide | 27003200 |
| F14, 22, 36, 54 | 10A, 250 V ceramic | 19001001 |
| F62 (120V) | 500mA, 250V, 5 mm Slo Blo | 19009051 |
| F63 (120V) | 15A, 250V ceramic | 19001501 |
| T17 | Torroid transformer $115 / 230 \mathrm{~V}, 50 / 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ | 24005820 |
| T47 | Standby transformer 115/230V, 50/60Hz | 24005802 |
| K74 | Relay | 28001250 |
| CL172 | Thermistor, 0.5ohm, CL100 16A | 31005800 |
| BK1, 3, 4, 6 | Speaker Binding Post and hardware | 30005800 |
| BK2, 5 | Chassis Binding Post Bracket | 47002540 |
|  | Entire Power Supply PCB, with parts | 36005821 |
| INPUT PCB | AD206-0004-B8 |  |
| Q169, 171, 176, 178 | * Matched, IRFD210 | 33002100 |
| D168, 170 | IN759A, 12V zener | 16000759 |
| D177 | 1N4754, 39V zener | 16004754 |
| C150, 163 | 0.22uF, 100V, mylar | 12001085 |
| C154, 159 | $330 \mathrm{pF}, 400 \mathrm{~V}$ polypropylene | 12001395 |
| C156, C162 | 47uF, 63 V electrolytic | 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 |
| R179 | Variable 500 ohm, dc offset pot | 35005802 |
| 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 |
| AMPLIFIER PCB | AD206-0003-B8 |  |
| Q1, 2, 12, 13, 20, 21, 37, 38, 89, 90, 91, 92, 98, 99, 117, 118 | *Matched IRF244 | 33002442 |
| Q34 | MPSA06 | 33000600 |
| Q39 | IRF610 | 33000610 |
| Q41, 119, 120 | MPSA56 | 33005600 |
| Q51, 052 | MJE253 | 33000253 |
| Q62, 63, 73 | *Matched IRF9610 | 33009610 |
| Q78 | 2SC4793 | 33004793 |
| 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, 25 V electrolytic | 12005090 |
| C50 | 100uF, 25 V electrolytic | 12005020 |
| C54 | 0.01 uF, 50V axial ceramic | 12002070 |
| C77 | 100uF, 100V electrolytic | 12005225 |
| $\begin{aligned} & R 6,7,10,11,16,17,19,24,30 \\ & 65,79,93,95,100,101,103 \\ & 104,108,109 \end{aligned}$ | 221 ohm, 1/4W, 1\% Metal Film | 27004570 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { R8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 22, 23, 25, } \\ & 88,96,97,102,106,107 \\ & 113,114 \end{aligned}$ | 0.33 ohm, 3W, 5\%, Wire Wound | 27006055 |
| 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 1k, 1/4W, 1\% Metal Film ..... 27004050
R56 100k, 1/4W, 1\% Metal Film ..... 27004210
R57 22 ohm, 1W, 5\% Carbon ..... 27001075R61R64
Variable 500 ohm, bias pot ..... 35005802
680 ohm, 1/4W, 1\% Metal Film ..... 27001255
R68, R72R82
R110
100 ohm, 1/4W, 1\% Metal Film ..... 27004670
2 ohm, 1/2W, 1\% Metal Film ..... 27001055
12.1k, 1/4W, 1\% Metal Film ..... 27004220
T4032007000
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

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## GFA-5802 SPECIFICATIONS

Power Rating (To FTC Requirements)300 watts continuous average power into 8 ohms: 20 Hz and 20 kHz with both channels driven at less than $0.18 \%$ THD450 watts continuous average power into 4 ohms: 20 Hz and 20 kHz with both channels driven at less than $0.18 \%$ THD
IM Distortion (SMPTE)
1 watt to 300 watts into 8 ohms ..... $\leq 0.075 \%$
1 watt to 450 watts into 4 ohms ..... $\leq 0.075 \%$
IM Distortion (CCIF, Any Combination from 4kHz to 20kHz)
300 watts into 8 ohms ..... $\leq 0.075 \%$
450 watts into 4 ohms ..... $\leq 0.075 \%$
THD + Noise at 300 watts into 8 ohms (Typical)
20 Hz ..... 0.015\%
1 kHz ..... 0.02\%
10kHz ..... 0.09\%
20 kHz ..... 0.15\%
THD + Noise at 450 watts into 4 ohms (Typical)
20 Hz ..... 0.025\%
1kHz ..... 0.025\%
10kHz ..... 0.09\%
20 kHz ..... 0.15\%
Frequency Response @ 1 Watt into 8 ohms (10Hz to 20kHz) ..... $+0,-0.25 \mathrm{~dB}$
Power Bandwidth (-3dB) ..... 3 Hz to 130 kHz
Dynamic Headroom into 4 ohms ..... 2.3 dB
Signal to Noise Ratio, "A" Weighted (300 watts onto 8 ohms) ..... $\geq 105 \mathrm{~dB}$
Gain. ..... 29 dB
Input Impedance
Unbalanced ..... 105K ohms
Balanced ..... 10K ohms
Input Sensitivity
for 1 Watt output ..... 0.1 volts
for 300 Watts output ..... 1.7 volts
Rise Time (5kHz, 90 V peak-to-peak square wave, $20 \%$ to $80 \%$ ) ..... $2.25 \mu \mathrm{~S}$
Power Consumption (Continuous, Both Channels Driven)
Quiescent ..... 540VA
Maximum ..... 1440VA
300 watts into 8 ohms ..... 1340VA
Power (Available in 230VAC by special order) ..... 15VAC - 50/60Hz
Chassis Dimensions ..... $137 / \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}(352 \mathrm{~mm}) \times 17^{\prime \prime}(432 \mathrm{~mm}) \times 8^{\prime \prime}$ (203mm)
Maximum Dimensions ..... $151 / 2^{\prime \prime}(394 \mathrm{~mm}) \times 17^{\prime \prime}(432 \mathrm{~mm})$
$\times 81 / 4$ (210mm)
Weight ..... $48 \mathrm{lb} .(21.8 \mathrm{~kg})$
Weight, Packed $55 \mathrm{lb} .(24.9 \mathrm{~kg})$





## Adcom Service Bulletin

Date: April 1, 1998
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 3.6 V zener diode (Adcom part \#16003600) as shown below between the transistor and resistor reference numbers listed for the appropriate amplifier.


Amplifier
GFA-5200
Left Chan:
Right Chan:
Zener Anode at Transistor
Base Q017
Zener Cathode at Resistor

500

| Left Chan: | Base Q019 | R058 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Right Chan: | Base Q119 | R158 |

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.

## ADCOM Service Bulletin <br> Date: August 12, 1998 <br> 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 33 mV and all should be between 23 mV and 43 mV ."
"The reading across these resistors should be a maximum of 33 mV and all should range between 18 mV and 33 mV ."
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.

[^0]:    * 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 10 mV 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.

