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### **Operation & Maintenance Manual**

#### **Crane Boss ®**

#### **Digital Radio Remote Control**

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## SECTION 1

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1.1 SCOPE

This manual contains information necessary to install, operate and maintain Crane Boss Radio Remote Control Systems. The information is generally applicable to all Crane Boss systems manufactured by Robinson Engineering Company. Data which are unique to the particular system for which this manual is furnished are given in Section 4.

#### 1.2 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

1.2.1 General - The system is equipped with controls and accessories required for reliable electrical operation of a crane or other machinery from a portable wireless control transmitter. Control functions are provided to meet the particular requirements of each application.

Characteristic features are:

1. Each system consists of a portable control transmitter which operates in conjunction with receiving equipment installed on the crane structure and electrically connected to the crane magnetic controllers.
2. "Fail-safe" circuits are used throughout the system.
3. The command link is capable of handling all motions simultaneously.
4. The system uses digital pulse code frequency modulation. It was developed specifically for industrial control.
5. The system utilizes fully solid state electronic circuits, with heavy duty relay contact output circuits.

6. Maintenance requirements are greatly reduced by modular design and use of digital switching circuits. No special test equipment is required.
7. Radio control of several cranes in the same plant without interference is entirely practical. Each transmitter transmits a unique address code, which prevents response by other than the intended unit. In addition, the operating frequencies of different units are staggered within the frequency band to prevent interference. Proper selection of address codes and operating frequencies with respect to physical separation provides control of multiple installations with no practical limitation on the number at one location.

1.2.2 Transmitter - The transmitter is a portable unit which is carried by the operator. A shoulder harness and belt clips are provided to enable the operator to conveniently carry the unit while leaving hands free to operate controls. Switches on the transmitter control all functions as labeled.

The portable transmitter weight is approximately 5.2 pounds. The transmitter includes integral antenna and battery pack. Battery is charged from standard a.c. wall outlet by means of a battery charger. Battery will provide 30 hours of continuous operation between charges. Full charging requires 10 to 12 hours.

1.2.3 Receiving Equipment - The receiving equipment cabinet is mounted on the machinery and contains the radio receiving unit, decoding equipment and relays to convert the radio signal from the transmitter to signals suitable for operation of (magnetic) controls' contractors.

### 1.3 GUARANTEE

Manufacturer warrants the delivered remote control system to be free of defective material and workmanship and agrees to remedy any such defect within two years of first party purchase at no charge to the purchaser upon return of defective parts to factory. Defects caused by improper installation, maintenance, misuse, tampering, neglect, accident, or use in violation of manufacturer's written instructions shall not be covered by this warranty. Manufacturer guarantees that remote control system will perform as outlined in this manual.

Transferring of this warranty is acceptable and recommended. Please notify this factory of any and all transfers.

This equipment complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

## SECTION 2

### OPERATION

#### 2.1 RECEIVING EQUIPMENT

Normal operating procedure is to leave receiving equipment energized at all times. (Power switch "On", neon indicator lighted). The unit can then be readily placed in operation by means of the portable control transmitter.

#### 2.2 TRANSMITTER

The transmitter should be stored in an assigned location when not being used to operate the crane. During idle periods, the E-stop pushbutton should be engaged, the "ON-OFF" switch should be in the "OFF" position and the battery charging cord connected. The battery cannot be damaged by prolonged charging; maintaining full charge will result in longer battery life. Battery capacity will allow 30 hours of continuous operation without recharging. Full recharge can be accomplished in 10 to 12 hours.

#### 2.3 OPERATING PROCEDURE

To place the unit in operation, proceed as follows:

1. Disconnect battery charging cord. Main switch "OFF".
2. Operator should position himself so as to have a clear view of the motions and actions.
3. If multi-crane unit is being used, make certain proper selection is made.
4. With all operating controls in neutral position, disengage the E-Stop pushbutton, turn key switch "ON", and press the master switch to the "Reset" position.
5. Master Relay and Mainline Contactor on Crane are energized. Master indicating light on crane, if provided, will light.

6. Crane can now be moved by operating desired control levers. The desired control levers. The direction and speed of motion will be determined by direction and distance control levers are deflected. All motion controls are spring loaded to neutral so that "hands off" condition will stop the crane.
7. In the event of an emergency situation, immediately press the E-Stop pushbutton. This will de-energize crane main contactor.
8. Upon completion of lift, restore crane to proper parking position. Press the E-Stop pushbutton to de-energize the Mainline Contactor. Turn Master switch and key switch "OFF". Remove key from switch. Replace transmitter in designated storage location, connect battery charging cord and check that both lights on charger are on.

NOTE: It is important to press the E-Stop Pushbutton before turning off the transmitter. The Mainline Contactor will not open, de-energizing the crane for 10 more minutes otherwise.

9. The "POWER" indicator on the charging unit indicates that power is being supplied to the charger. The "CHARGE" light indicates flow of charging current to the battery. (Trickle-charge of a "full" battery means the light will be on as long as a battery is connected.)
10. The rechargeable battery pack is removable from the transmitter, and may be charged while either installed on the transmitter or removed from the transmitter. For applications which require continuous "around the clock" operation, one battery pack can be in use while a second is on charge, and the two battery packs interchanged daily.

#### 2.4 MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING INFORMATION

Abnormal electrical conditions during operation will de-energize control circuits, stopping motion. This can be caused by any one of a number of abnormal conditions. Among these are:

1. Weak or improper radio signal.
2. Interruption of power to receiving equipment.
3. Radio interference.
4. Malfunction of radio equipment.
5. Malfunction of crane electrical equipment.

If the abnormal condition is temporary, control can be resumed by repeating steps 1. through 6. of paragraph 2.3. The exact sequence of operation must be followed to accomplish operation of safety circuits in the receiving equipment.



## SECTION 3

### PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

#### 3.1 TRANSMITTER

The Transmitter is a battery operated frequency modulation radio transmitter. Incorporated with the transmitter is an antenna and rechargeable battery pack. When the various switches are actuated, coded control signals are sent to the receiving equipment via the antenna. A block diagram of the transmitter is shown by Fig. 3-1.

The radio frequency signal radiated by the antenna is generated by the RF Assembly, and is frequency modulated by a pulse code modulation signal. This modulation signal is generated by the Coder Assembly and consists of a series of synchronizing pulses determined by the position of the various function controls, which are actuated by the operator.

Coder Assemblies used in all transmitters are identical in function and are interchangeable. Variation in code format between systems is accomplished by means of factory connections on the Junction Board, by the Address Plug, and by wiring to the various control devices. All RF Boards for the same frequency band are identical and interchangeable except for the frequency.

In multiple system installations where control functions of the various cranes are similar, a given transmitter may be converted from control of one crane to another by changing the Crane Address Plug installed in the transmitter. The Receivers used in multiple crane installations are normally supplied with capability of receiving all transmitting frequencies used at that installation.

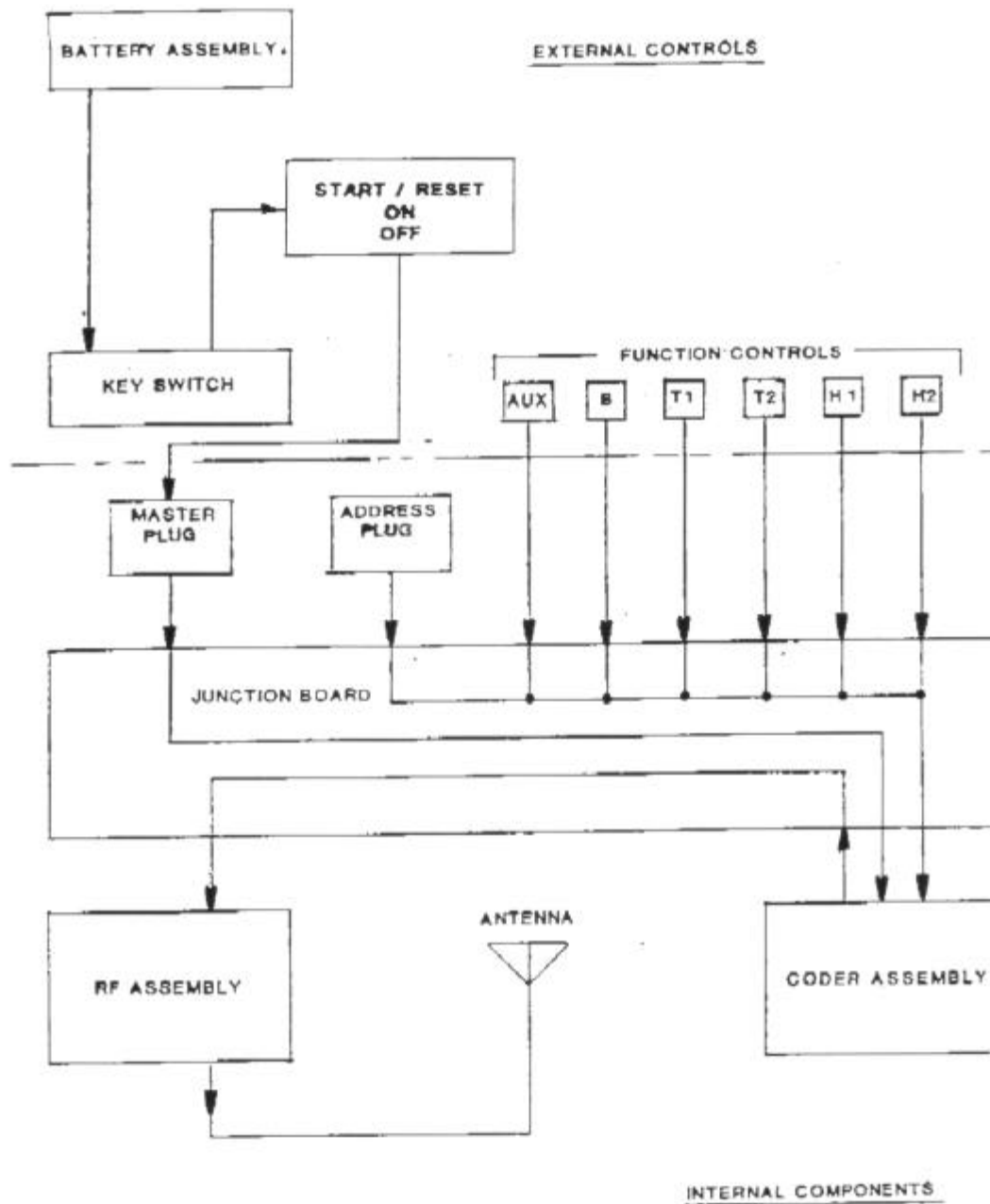


FIG 3-1: BLOCK DIAGRAM, TRANSMITTER

### 3.2 RECEIVING EQUIPMENT

A block diagram is shown by Figure 3-2. The radio signal from the transmitter is received by the antenna, which is connected to the Receiver. Receiver data output is fed to the Decoder, where it is decoded and signals suitable for operation of the output relays are generated. The output relays provide heavy duty control circuits to the basic machine electrical controllers.

3.2.1 Antenna - The Antenna is pre-tuned for the frequency band used.

3.2.2 Receiver - The Receiver amplifies and detects the frequency modulated pulse code signal and includes filtering and shaping circuits to process the signal.

The Receiver is a synthesized frequency controlled scanning type receiver which continuously scans all selected channels until a signal is received which contains the proper address code. When proper address code is received, scanning stops and the receiver remains "locked-on" that channel for as long as the code remains. Scanning is not squelch-break locked.

A bank of "On-Off" switches, one for each channel, permits selection of the channels to be scanned. The frequency of each channel is determined by a set of pre-programmed Dip Switches, one for each channel.

An "Audio Jack" is provided to permit audio monitoring, via external loudspeaker, of the received signal for test and maintenance purposes.

3.2.3 Decoder - The receiver data output is connected to the Decoder through the Controller, where it is processed into form suitable for operation of the Relays. The Decoder also performs certain synchronization, safety interlock, digital filtering and noise rejection functions. All DC voltages originate in the Decoder.

3.2.4 Address Code - The address is a two digit hexadecimal number that is set at the factory. The number for each system is shown in the "Code" number block in the lower right corner of the Controller.

3.2.5 Output Relays - Relay contact logic circuits provide additional safety sequencing and interlocking functions. Output circuits are connected to terminal blocks for connection to magnetic controllers. Output relay circuits are rated for operation of up to NEMA size 4 contactors at a maximum coil voltage of 125 volts A.C.

3.2.6 Transfer Switch - Wiring as shown on the Interconnection Diagram allows only a mutually exclusive transfer between modes of operation. (If a back-up mode exists.)

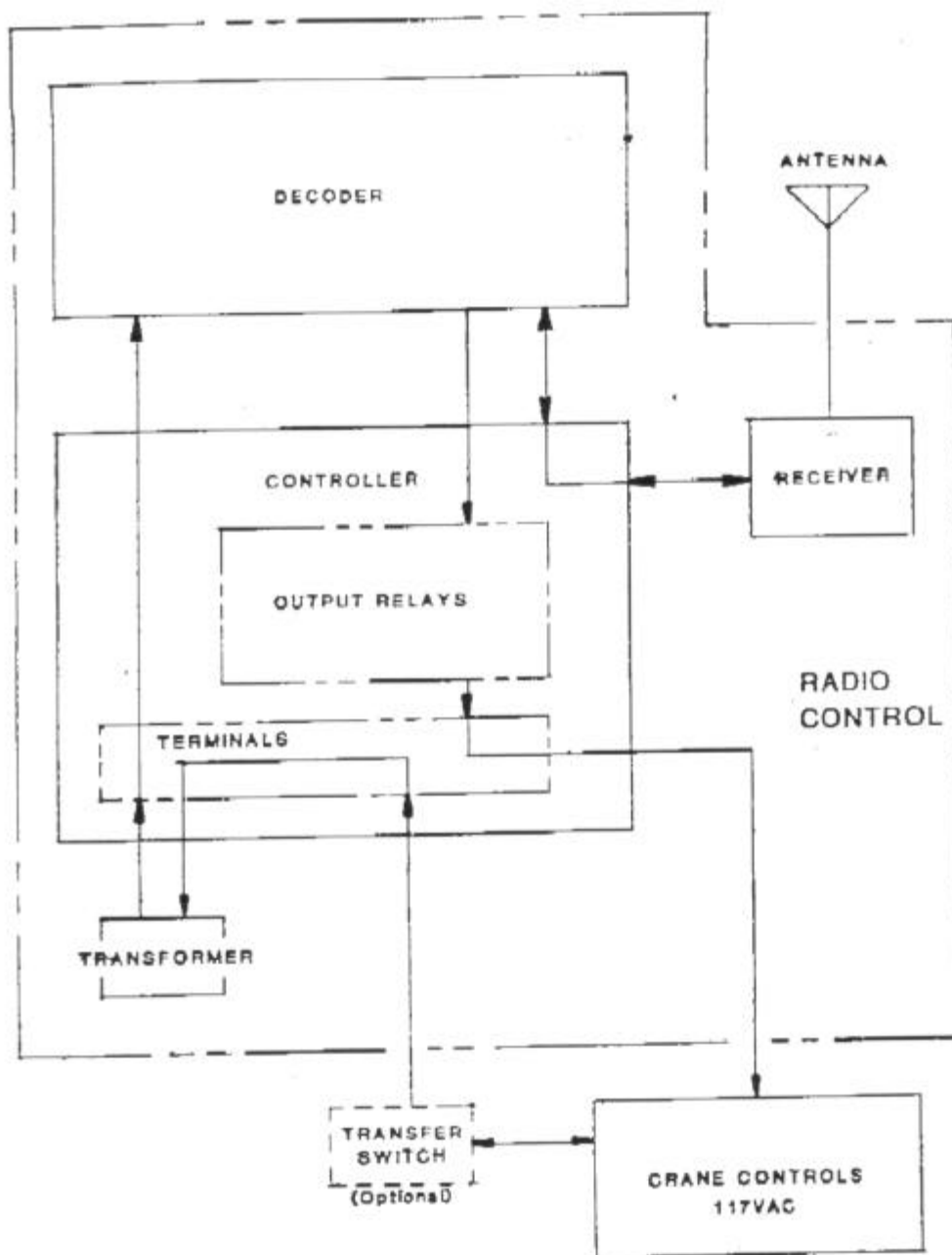


FIG 3-2: BLOCK DIAGRAM, RECEIVING EQUIPMENT

### 3.3 DIGITAL CODE FORMAT

For the purpose of defining the code signal, the 90 spaces are divided into nine blocks of ten spaces each. These nine blocks are identified as Block 0 through Block 8. The ten pulse spaces of each block are identified by the numerals 0 through 9. In general, one ten bit block is assigned for a particular function such as Address, Bridge, Trolley, Hoist, etc.

3.3.1 Pulse space assignments within a block for the major motions, Bridge, Trolley(s), Hoist(s), are standardized. For each function, pulses occupy the spaces listed.

<u>Function (5 speeds)</u>	<u>Pulse Spaces</u>
Fwd/Dn/N/E speed 1	1, 2
Fwd/Dn/N/E speed 2	1, 2, 3
Fwd/Dn/N/E speed 3	1, 2, 3, 4
Fwd/Dn/N/E speed 4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Fwd/Dn/N/E speed 5	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Rev/Up/S/W speed 1	0, 2
Rev/Up/S/W speed 2	0, 2, 3
Rev/Up/S/W speed 3	0, 2, 3, 4
Rev/Up/S/W speed 4	0, 2, 3, 4, 5
Rev/Up/S/W speed 5	0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

#### 3.3.2 Block Assignments

<u>Block</u>	<u>Function</u>
0	None
1	Address (see Section 4)
2	Aux
3	'B'
4	'T1'
5	'T2'
6	'H1'
7	'H2'
8	None
9	None

Each function activated separately, activates its appropriate indicator and Relay in the Receiving equipment. Every one is dependent of others, except that the Address must be energized before any other function can be decoded.

## SECTION 4

## PARTICULAR INFORMATION

## 4.1 GENERAL

This Section includes information which is applicable to this particular installation:

## 4.2 APPLICABLE DRAWINGS

The following drawings are applicable to this installation. Prints are furnished with this manual.

12-1836	Schematic, Controller
12-1608	Outline, Crane Radio Control

## 4.3 CRANE FUNCTION CONTROL

The crane functions are controlled by the radio as follows:

Crane FunctionsRadio Functions

Main Contactor  
Bridge  
Trolley  
Hoist  
Creep

Master Relay  
B  
T1  
H1  
H2

Main Contactor  
Bridge  
Trolley  
Hoist  
Latch/Unlatch

Master Relay  
B  
T1  
H1  
Aux 1 & Aux 2

#### 4.4 OPERATING FREQUENCIES

The following table lists frequencies used, with the transmitter and receiver channel assignments for each:

<u>Receiver Channel</u>	<u>Frequency Megahertz</u>	<u>Transmitter S/N</u>	<u>Crane</u>	<u>Job (Ref)</u>
1	903.37			
2	906.37			
3	907.87			
4	909.37			
5	912.37			
6	915.37			
7	919.87			
8	921.37			

#### 4.5 ADDRESS CODE

Refer to Section 3.3 for all motion codes. The Address Code and Enable codes for this unit are:



## SECTION 5

### MAINTENANCE

The system is of modular design, with plug-in type electronic sub-assemblies and readily replaceable electrical components. Trouble can be corrected by locating and replacing the defective part, using the substitution method. It is suggested that spare parts be obtained for replacement purposes. Field repair of electronic sub-assemblies is not recommended. Improper techniques can result in damage to components and voiding of warranty. The factory will provide prompt test and repair or replacement of returned defective or questionable parts, including the complete transmitter, at nominal cost; or at no cost under warranty.

#### 5.1 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

No preventive maintenance is required except for periodic inspection for security of hardware, harnessed internal wiring and to check for intrusion of dirt or foreign matter. Relay contacts may be checked for excessive arcing by cycling through all motions. Replace parts as necessary.

#### 5.2 CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE

5.2.1 General - In case of suspected Radio Remote Control System trouble, activate the back-up controls and check for normal machine operation. If back-up system operation is not normal, locate and correct trouble in basic equipment before proceeding to radio equipment.

5.2.2 Transmitter - (See Block Diagram, Transmitter, Fig. 3-1, and Transmitter Components, Dig. 5-1).

5.2.2.1 Replaceable Batteries\* - Battery voltage may be measured at the LH terminals of the top two cells (top cell +, next cell -). If the voltage is less than 4.5 volts with transmitter on (Key switch on, "Start/Reset, ON, Off" Toggle Switch ON) batteries should be replaced.

5.2.2.2 Transmitter Test - A simple qualitative check of transmitter operation may be made by monitoring the receiver. A normal signal will exhibit a characteristic "motorboat" sound in the Receiver's external speaker. Failure to quiet receiver noise indicates no transmitter output. Receiver quieting, but without presence of modulation, indicates RF output, but defective transmitter coder.

**CAUTION:** When the Master Relay (and Main Contactor) is energized, any energized motion relay will cause crane motion.

**5.2.2.3 Multiple System Applications** - A transmitter may be converted from operation of one unit to another by changing the Address Plug installed in the transmitter. The unit to be controlled must have the proper receiver frequency channel activated.

Access to the interior of the transmitter is made by removing the four Phillips head screws retaining the aluminum back plate and removing the back. Internal arrangement of parts is shown by Figure 5-1. Address Plugs may be accessed by removing two nylon thumb nuts and the plug retainer.

The electronics assembly, consisting of the Junction Board, Coder Assembly and RF Assembly, can be removed by releasing the two card guide locks and carefully sliding the assembly from the guides. The Coder and RF Assemblies are connected to the Junction Board electrically and mechanically by two connectors oriented perpendicular to the boards. They are further retained by the long 4-40 machine screws.

**5.2.3 Receiving Equipment** - The receiving equipment consists of a Receiver, a Controller, a Decoder and miscellaneous components (transformer, antenna, enclosure, etc.).

**5.2.3.1 Receiver** - The transmitter command signals transmitted to the Receiver are processed by the Receiver and are conducted to the Decoder via the Receiver Cable and the Controller board. The Decoder will return a command to the Receiver to lock onto a radio RF channel from which a valid address code has been received. This is not squelch activated.

**5.2.3.2 Decoder** - The Decoder contains the DC power supplies and the logic processing circuits to convert the signals from the Receiver into output signals to drive the required relays. All of the relays on the Controller are operated directly from the Controller.

**5.2.3.3 Controller** - The Controller contains the relays and terminal strips to provide isolation circuits to the Crane Controls. Each of the relays has an indicating light (LED and dropping resistor) parallel to its coil to provide an indication of the operation in progress.

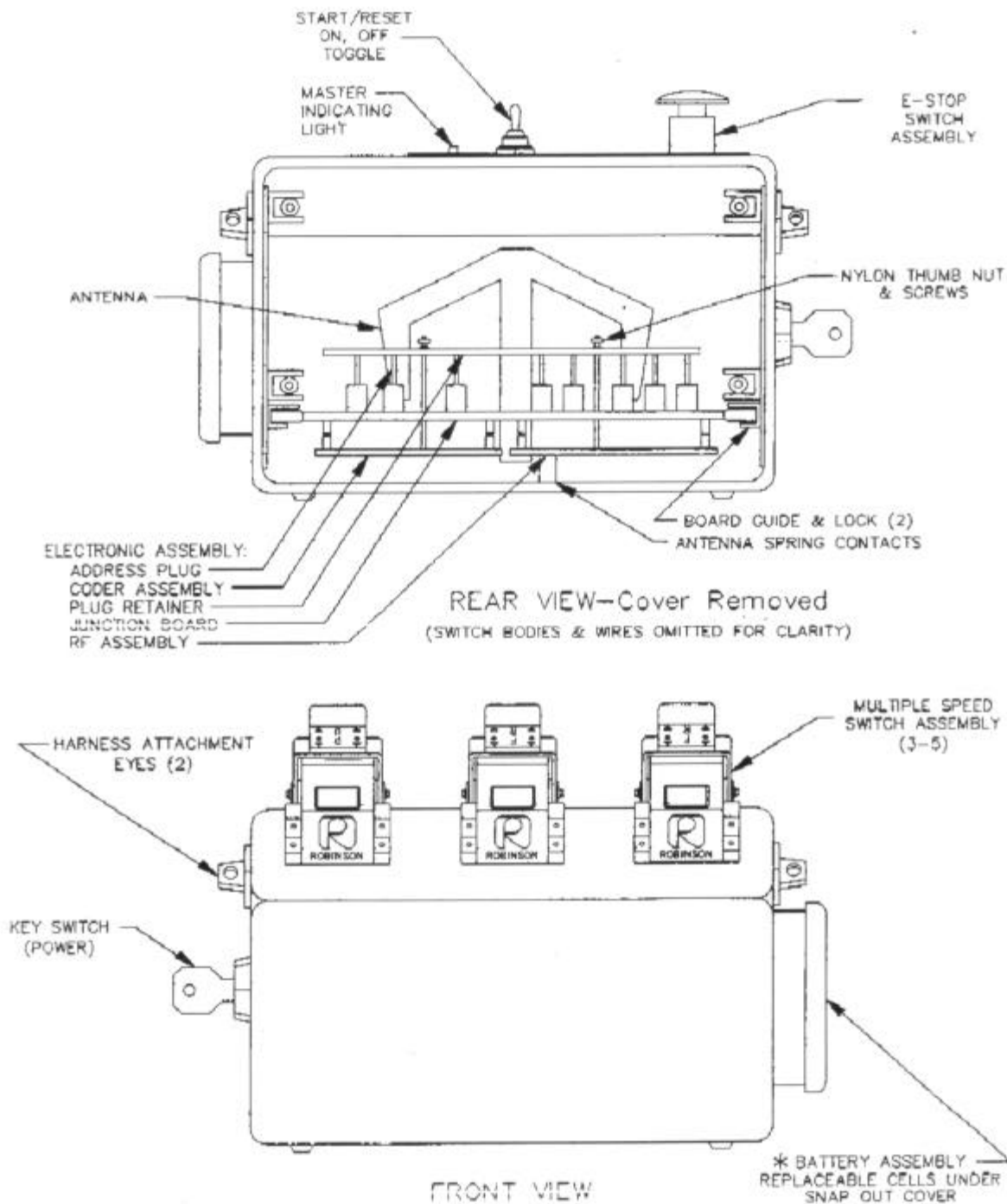


FIG 5-1: TRANSMITTER COMPONENTS  
(SHOWN WITHOUT SWITCHGUARD ATTACHED)

\*Side Board(s) - The Side Board contains the Relays and terminal strips to provide isolation circuits to the Hoist 2 and Trolley 2\* Crane controls. Each of the relays has an indicating light (LED and dropping resistor) parallel to its coil to provide an indication of the operation in progress.

WARNING: The set of parallel traces above the LH Decoder connection are used to set the Receiving equipment Address at the factory. DO NOT attempt any alteration!

The Controller board and Side Boards have printed traces of two widths - the wide traces are at crane control voltage (117 VAC) and most (but not all) are on the back of the board while the narrow traces (low voltage AC and DC) are on both sides of the boards.

CAUTION: Keep fingers off of the back of the board!

CAUTION: Keep fingers off of the fuse!

CAUTION: Use extreme care when probing the board with voltmeter probes, etc.!

### MAINTENANCE CHECKS

**CAUTION:** MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE POWER SWITCH IS 'OFF' WHILE PLUGGING OR UNPLUGGING, CONNECTING OR DISCONNECTING ANY COMPONENT. Non-observance may result in damage and void the warranty.

**CAUTION:** When the Master Relay (and Main Contactor) is energized, any energized motion relay will cause crane motion.

Refer to Block Diagram, Fig. 3-2 and Schematic, Controller, to assist in tracing trouble.

#### 5.2.3.4 System Functional Test -

**CAUTION:** REMOVE MASTER RELAY BEFORE PERFORMING THIS TEST TO AVOID INADVERTENT CRANE MOTION.

This test is performed with Transmitter in view of the Controller so that the LED indicators and relays may be observed. Have all modules in place, Transfer Switch in "Radio" and Power Switch "On" (Neon Indicator lit).

<u>Action</u>	<u>Anticipated Result</u>
1. Release the E-Stop switch, turn Transmitter "On" (Key switch and "Start/Reset, ON, Off" Toggle).	Address relay will operate momentarily, and Master LED will light and stay ON. (Observe indicator).
2. Operate "Aux" switch* to "1" and "2" in turn.	"Aux" "1" and "2" relays will operate.
3. Operate motion switches forward (down) and reverse (up) in turn.	Address Relay will energize while switch is not in the neutral position. Each function relay is energized in turn. 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th speeds energize in either direction.
4. Press the E-Stop pushbutton.	The "NOT" Enable Relay will energize for 10+ seconds and the Master Relay will de-energize immediately.

If any relay and its LED indicator fails to operate, replace the Decoder. (See "CAUTION", top of Page 5-5).

This test provides an opportunity to observe the relays operate mechanically and an opportunity to detect a defective relay. It may also be used as an aid in locating problems in the output circuits to the crane.

NOTE: If step 1 does not provide any of the indications noted and all voltage checks of paragraph 5.2.3.5 are correct, replace the Address relay. (See "CAUTION", top of Page 5-5).

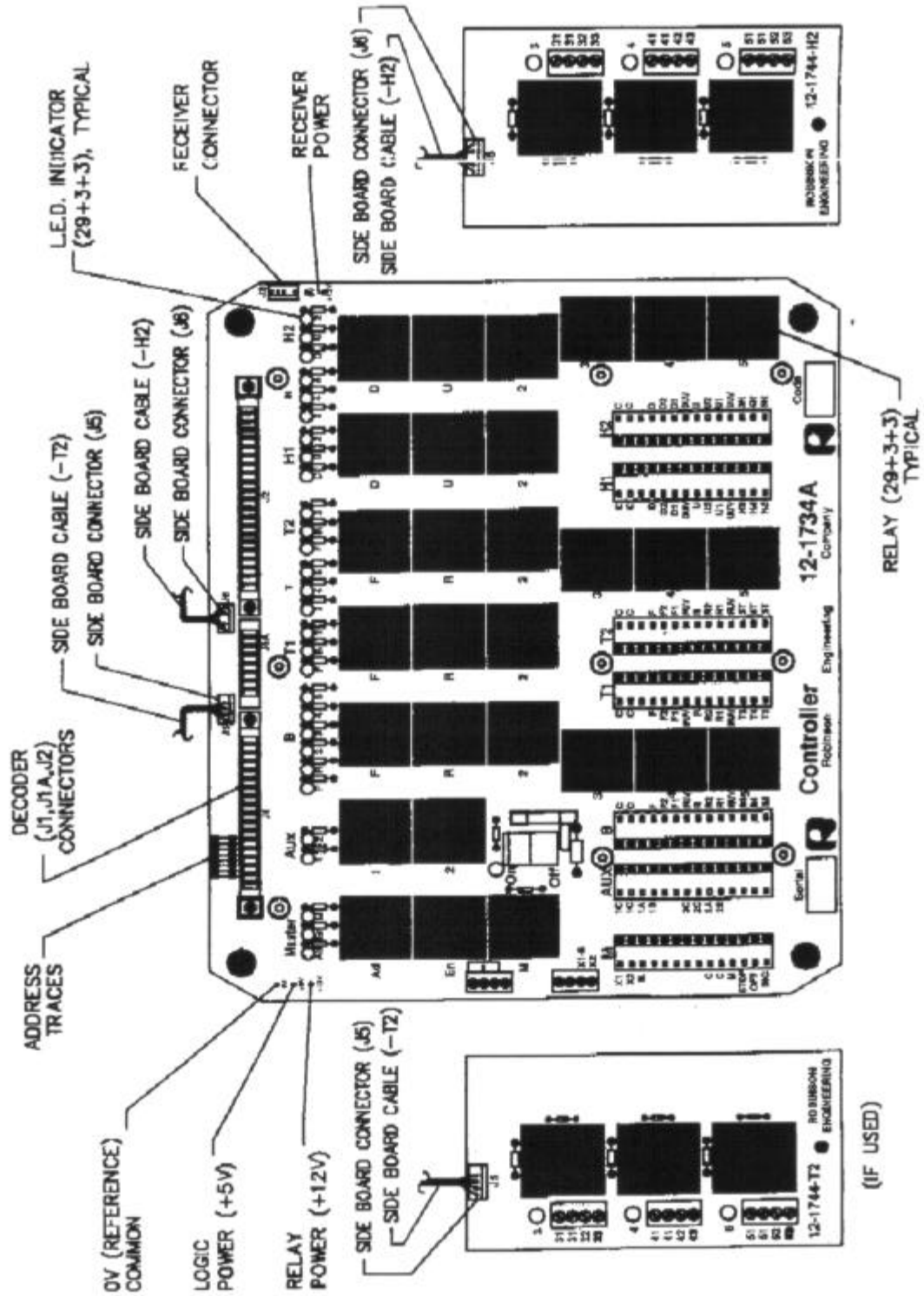


FIG. 5-2 (M)

## 5.2.3.5 Voltage Checks:

<u>Test Points</u>	<u>Voltage</u>	<u>Test for</u>
Terminals "X1", "X2"	117 VAC	Input power
Terminals "X1S", "X2"	117 VAC (Ncon indicator lighted)	Power switch "ON", Fuse OK.
Terminals "24 VAC" (2) And "CT"	24 VAC (between designated terminals), 12 VAC between "CT" and each of the above terminals.	<u>Transformer</u> Output.

If any of the above checks fail to provide the noted voltage reading, the component involved should be repaired or replaced. (See "CAUTION", top of Page 5-5).

Controller board OV and +5V (left and above "Ad" relay)*	$5 \pm .2$ VDC	Decoder 5 VDC logic power.
Controller board OV and +12V (left and above "Ad" relay)*	15 to 18 VDC no load.* 9.5 to 11.0 VDC under max. Relay load.	Decoder 12 VDC relay power
Controller board OV and +12 VDC (below receiver connector)	15 to 18 VDC	Decoder 12 VDC Receiver power

- \*Note:
- 1) Transformer may need to be loosened from mounting.
  - 2) The type of meter used will vary the "no load" readings considerably.

If any of the above checks fail to provide the noted voltage readings, the Decoder should be replaced. (See "CAUTION", top of Page 5-5)



5.2.3.6 Receiver - use the Transmitter qualitative test, paragraph 5.2.2.2 to check the Receiver. If receiving range appears to be reduced, check antenna for defects and proper connections.

Note: The cable connecting the Receiver to the Controller should not be ignored.  
A continuity test may be appropriate. (See "CAUTION", top of Page 5-5).

5.2.3.7 Decoder - The only check for a suspected defective Decoder is substitution of a spare module.

5.2.3.8 Controller - Refer to Schematic, Controller, for assistance in circuit tracing.

**CAUTION:** When the Master (and Main Contactor) is energized, any energized motion relay will cause crane motion.

With Transmitter "Off", all relays (and LEDs) should be de-energized except "NOT Enable" Relay.

**Note:** Master will stay on for 10 minutes if the E-Stop pushbutton was not pressed before turning off the Transmitter.

**Main Circuit** - This circuit is designed to operate in the following sequence:

1. Transmitter "Off", all relays de-energized, except "NOT Enable".
2. Transmitter "On", Address relay energized momentarily then turned off.
3. Address relay energizes Master Relay (M) if all Transmitter function controls are "Off". Address relay must be energized before any other function relay may be energized.
4. De-energizing the Address Relay by turning the Transmitter "Off" does not open Main Contactor. The E-Stop pushbutton must be depressed before turning off the transmitter to de-energize Main Contactor.

The Master Relay is controlled by relay contact circuits only. An examination of the Schematic will reveal a series of normally closed circuits. If any of these relays are energized, the circuit will open, not allowing the master relay to energize.

This is also true if any of these relays are missing or have a defective contact

Also note, if the "NOT Enable" relay is energized, the Master Relay cannot energize.

### 5.3 REPLACEABLE PARTS

When purchasing parts from the factory, please provide the Serial Number of your equipment (See nameplate on Transmitter or Receiving equipment).

	<u>Quantity System</u>	<u>Recommended Spare Parts</u>	<u>Quantity/ Spares Kit</u>
5.3.1 Transmitting Equipment:			1
Transmitter	1	1	
Shoulder Harness	1		
Battery Cover Assembly**	1	1	
Five Speed Switch Assembly	1-5		
Aux Switch Assembly*	0-1		
With Boot			
Boot only			
5.3.2 Receiving Equipment:	1	1	1
Control Receiver	1	1	1
Receiver Cable	1		
Antenna Cable	1		
Antenna	1		
Decoder	1	1	1
Relay, <u>12 VDC</u> , Mini 10A	32-35		
Retainer	32-35		
Fuse, 8AG-2A	1	1	3
(not instrument rating)			
Transformer, 117/24V (CT)	1		
(50 VA)			
Controller (Relay PC	1	1	1
Assembly) w/Relays*			
Side Board 2/Relays*	1-2		

\* Need Transmitter Serial Number

\*\* Optional