# PYLON ELECTRONIC DEVELOPMENT company, Itd.

PYLON ® MODEL 3789
DISTRIBUTION AMPLIFIER

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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#### PYLON TYPE 3789 DISTRIBUTION AMPLIFIER

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Inputs: (up to 3, rear panel, BNC)

Input Impedance 10K ohm nominal, 50 to 600 ohm termination

available

.Input level of 5 volts r.m.s. maximum

Outputs: (up to 12, rear panel, BNC)

Maximum drive to 50 ohm load 5 volts r.m.s. Capable of withstanding momentary short circuit

Amplifiers: Frequency response flat to 1 MHz

Phase shift of 30° at 1 MHz

Isolation: The signal level at any output connector is changed less

than 1% when any other output is shorted

Metering: Front Panel switch and meter provides a means of monitoring

all input and output signal levels

Temperature: 0°C to 50°C operating -40°C to 75°C storage

storage

Humidity: 0 to 85% relative humidity

Size: 8.89 cm x 48.26 cm Front Panel, 31.75 cm behind Front Panel, (31 x

19", 12.5" behind Front Panel)

Weight: 5 kg (11 lbs.)

10% 50 - 60 Hz Power Requirements: 115 volts

> 60 watts maximum 36 watts nominal

## SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.0 The Pylon 3789 Distribution Amplifier is a 19" rack mountable unit, designed to perform the following functions:
  - a) Distribute three channels to four outputs each, with a maximum isolation between the lines.
  - b) Provide by means of a calibrated r.m.s. voltmeter a method of monitoring all input and output signal levels.
  - c) Display by 3 front panel LED's an input overdrive condition.

#### SECTION 2 - THEORY OF OPERATION

### 2.1 Distribution Amplifier - Refer to Drawing D220201

The Pylon 3789 Distribution Amplifier consists of three separate distribution amplifiers driving 4 outputs each. Each distribution amplifier consists of one common non-inverting buffer driving 4 separate final amplifiers. The buffers uses a LM310H voltage follower and has separate gain and balance controls. Each of the final amplifiers uses a CA3100T operational amplifier followed by a complementary-symmetry driver. Separate gain and balance controls are provided for each final amplifier. The design and layout is such as to provide maximum isolation between the lines.

### 2.2 Meter Driver - Amplifier - Refer to Drawing B220205

The first section of the meter circuitry uses a LM318 as a fast half wave rectifier. The second half uses a LM318 as a leaky integrator. The configuration of these two parts cascaded together represents an average detector. The meter is calibrated in r.m.s. volts based on a sine wave input.

## 2.3 Input Overdrive Detection - Refer to Drawing D220202

Input Overdrive Detection is provided by two wired-on comparitors with set levels for positive and negative excursions of the input signals. The positive and negative levels are set by R2O and R22 respectively and are factory adjusted for 5 volts r.m.s.

#### SECTION 3 - TEST AND ALIGNMENT

#### 3.1 REQUIREMENT

## 3.1.1 Drawings

D220201 - Distribution Amplifier Schematic

D220202 - Power Supply Schematic

D220203 - Chassis Wiring

B220205 - Meter Amplifier Schematic

## 3.1.2 Test Equipment

Digital Voltmeter - Fluke 8020A or equivalent
Oscilloscope (x 10 probes)
Oscillator, 50 ohm output, capable of 5v rms out at 1 KHz

#### 3.2 MECHANICAL

- 3.2.1 Check all screws, BNC connectors, line filter, fuse holder, pilot lamp, power switch, output selector switch, meter, and overdrive LED's. Tighten if necessary.
- 3.2.2 Check alignment of output selector knob.
- 3.2.3 Check zero adjustment of meter.

#### 3.3 TEST AND ELECTRICAL ADJUSTMENT

- 3.3.1 Front Panel Inspect wiring and components; reference D220203
- 3.3.2 Back Panel Inspect wiring and components; reference D220203
- 3.3.3 Power Supply Board Inspect for proper components and polarity; reference D220202
  - Attach the DVM between pin 15 (pin 15 is GND) and pin 16 of the power board
     Adjust R4 for -15 volts
  - Attach the DVM between pins 15 and 14 of the power board and adjust R3 for +15 volts
  - Measure the voltage on pin 8 of V4, adjust R21 for 7 volts
  - Measure the voltage on pin 11 of V4, adjust R20 for 7 volts

## 3.3.4 Meter Amplifier - Reference B220205

- Connect a sine wave source of known r.m.s. value (ideally 5 v rms at 1 KHz). Rotate selector switch to its input. Adjust R6 for appropriate reading.

## 3.3.5 Distribution Amplifier - Reference B220205

- Disconnect all input sources
- Connect a DVM or scope to pin 6 of Ul, adjust R3 for zero DC offset. Repeat for Ul01/R103 and U201/R203.
- Connect a DVM or scope to output 1, adjust R5 for zero DC offset; repeat for output 2/R17, output 3/R29 and output 4/R41. Repeat for outputs 5-8 using R105, R117, R129, R141 and again for outputs 9-12 using R205, R217, R229 and R241.
- Connect a sine wave source of known RMS value (ideally 5 v rms at 1 KHz). Set Rl, RlO1, R2O1 to 2.5 vrms (or about ½ of incoming signal) on pin 6 of Ul, UlO1, and U2O1.
- Now monitor the output of each amplifier and adjust for a unit's gain using R52, R53, R54, R55, R152, R153, R154, R155, R252, R253, R254, R255 for outputs 1-12 respectively.





