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TONEOHM 550 SPECIFICATIONS

* 4 RANGES ..... 200 milliohms,2 ohms,20 ohms,200 ohms
* ACCURACY. ..... +/- 4% + 1 Digit
* MAXIMUM PROBE VOLTAGE..... 60mV (open circuit)
* PROBE PROTECTION ..... Automatic current limit to =/- 30V
* DISPLAY..... 3 1/2 digit liquid crystal display
* POWER..... 90.130V or 200.250V 50/60 Hz at 12VA (approx.)

CHANGE OF MAINS RANGE

A. To change from 115V to 230V nominal.

1. Remove the top cover by unscrewing the feet, and remove the 4 screws securing the pcb to the enclosure bottom.

2. Remove the 2 links AC and BD adjacent to the transformer.

3. Add the link BC.

4. Change the fuse as per ratings on the rear panel.

B. To change from 230V to 115V nominal.

1. Remove the top cover by unscrewing the feet, and remove the 4 screws securing the pcb to the enclosure bottom.

2. The link BC is made by track in the underside of the pcb unless A above has ben performed. This must be broken eg using a 3 or 4mm drill, or remove the link.

3. Add links AC and BD.

4. Change the fuse as per ratings on the rear panel.

CALIBRATION

1. Allow the instrument to warm up for 15 minutes.

2. Select the 200 ohms range and connect the basic probes to a 100 ohms 0.5% (or 1%) resistor.

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3. Adjust the trim pot on the back of the DVM module for a reading of 100.0.

Note that the basic calibration accuracy is determined by the accuracy of the 100 ohms resistor.

4. The accuracy of the other three ranges is automatically set by internal 1% resistors. To check these use a 10 ohms resistor on the 20 ohms range and 100 ohms on the 200 ohms range.

Note that when checking the 200 milliohms range accuracy, the bulk resistance of the basic probes should be subtracted from the reading This can be found by pressing both probes down on to a thick copper track so that the probe tips are touching (typically 2 to 3 milliohms).

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The instrument consists of 5 main blocks.

1. DC current generator.
2. DC amplifier.
3. DVM module.
4. Voltage controlled oscillator.
5. Power supply.

The DC current generator produces a constant current (set by the range switch) which is fed down the braid of the coaxial probe leads to the probe tip. This current causes a voltage drop across the resistance under test, which is fed to the dc amplifier by the inner conductors of the coaxial probe leads. The dc amplifier output is displayed by the digital voltmeter module, and is also used to control the frequency of a voltage controlled oscillator which drives a front panel loudspeaker.

VOLTAGE CONTROLLED OSCILLATOR

U3 is connected as an astable multivibrator, its frequency set by C3 and the conduction of Q4. The collector current of Q4 is controlled by the output of U2.

U3 output, which consists of narrow negative going pulses, is converted into a square wave by a divide of two flip flop U4.
The output of U4 is coupled via the volume control R38 to output amplifier U16 which drive the loudspeaker.

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POWER SUPPLIES

These comprise of two fixed 5V regulators which are connected to provide plus and minus 5V supplies for use throughout the unit. The transformer primary windings are connected in series for 230V operation or parallel for 115V operation.

DC CURRENT GENERATOR

This comprises of U1a and Q2. U1a maintains a constant voltage across the emitter resistor of Q2, which is chosen by the RANGE switch. This current is fed via D1 to the positive probe coaxial braid. D1 protects Q2 if the positive probe is accidentally connected to a positive voltage. D9/Q1 turn Q2 off if the psitive probe is taken to a negative voltage.

DC AMPLIFIER/DVM MODULE

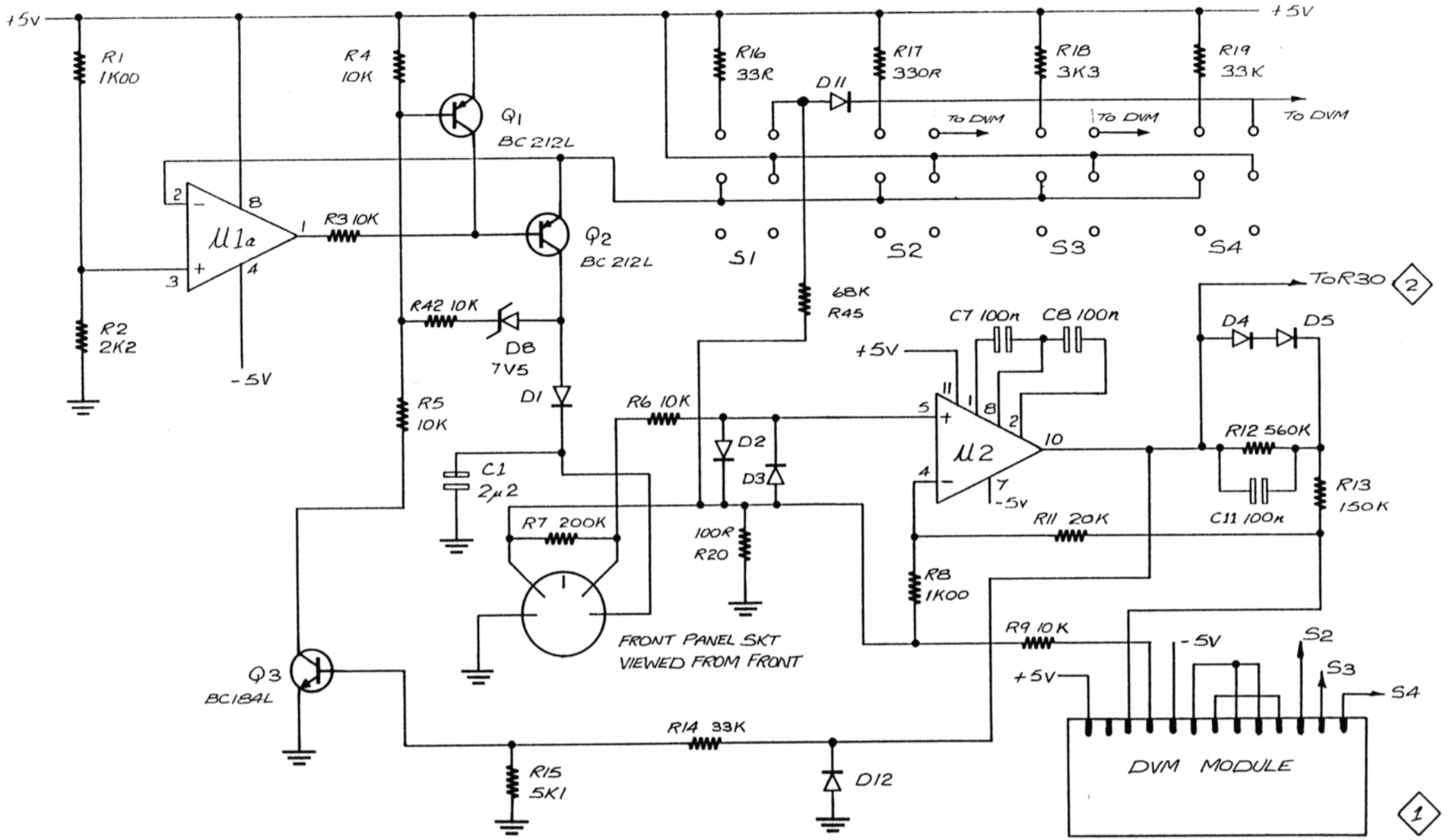
U2 amplifies the low level voltage signal appearing at the probe tips, R11 and R8 set the gain. The DVM module (200mV for maximum reading) is driven from U2.

R13/R12/D4/D5 form a non linear network whose output drives the voltage controlled oscillator.

R6/D2/D3 protect U2 if the probes are connected across a voltage supply. Q3 feeds back a signal to the current generator via Q1 so that when the probes are open circuit, U2/Q3 and Q1 limit the conduction of Q2 which limits the open circuit probe tip voltage.
Q3 is off when a measurement is being made.

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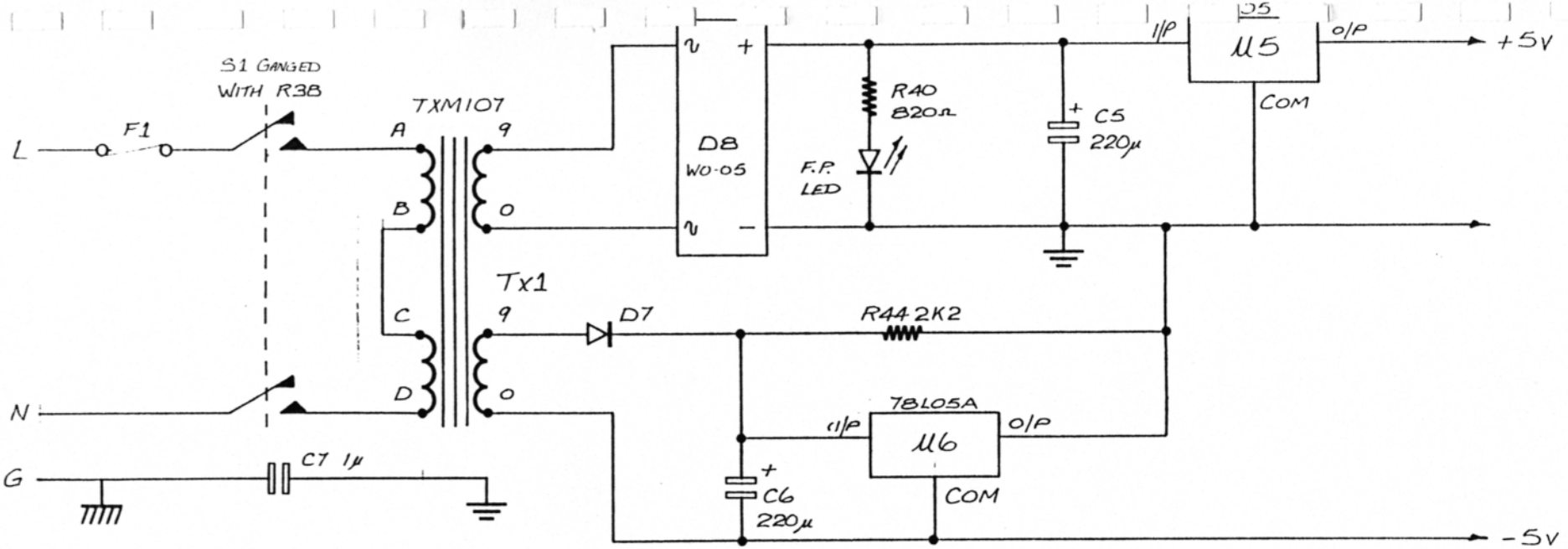
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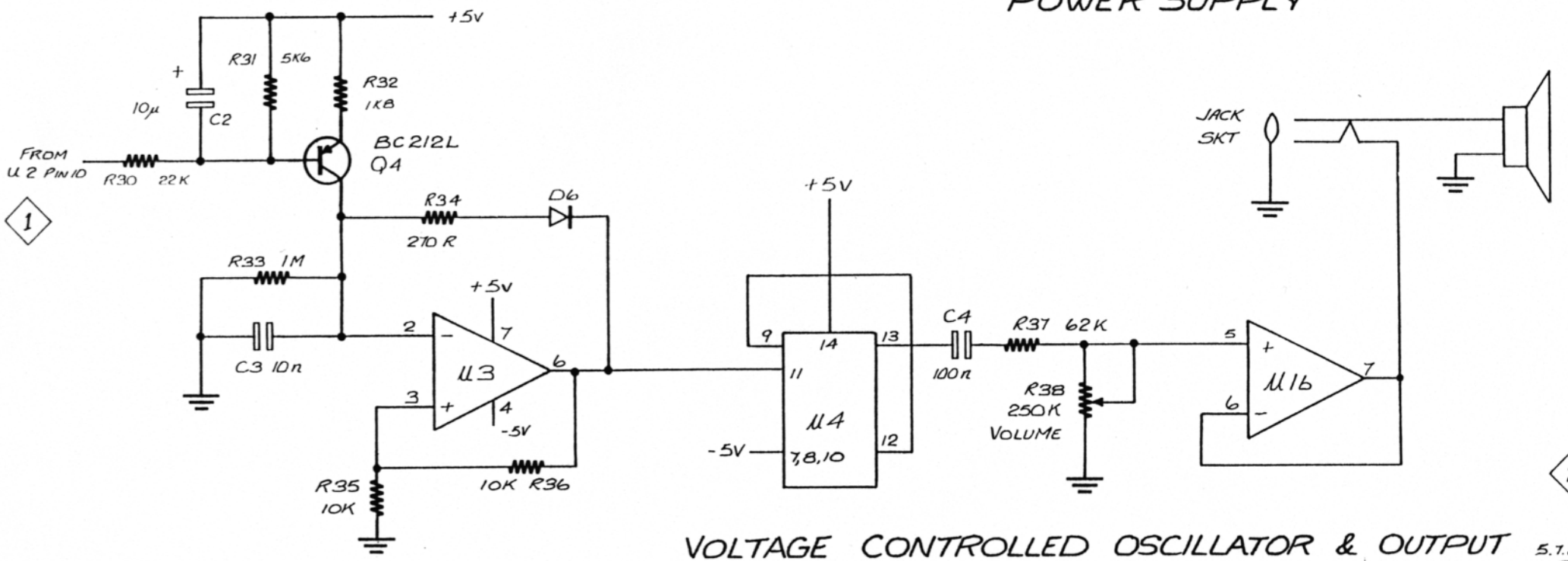
CURRENT GENERATOR, AMPLIFIER, & DVM MODULE.

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TONEOHM 580

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2. Remove the 4 screws retaining the pcb to the lower cover.
3. Remove the two links AC and BD adjacent to the transformer.
4. Add the link BC.
5. Change the fuse as per rear panel ratings and reassemble unit.

B. To change from 230V to 115V.

1. Remove the top cover by unscrewing the 2 screws in the bottom of the case.
2. Remove the 4 screws retaining the pcb to the lower case.
3. The link BC is made by track on the underside of the pcb unless A above hAs been performed. This must be broken at X eg using a 3mm or 4mm drill bit, or remove the link BC if present.
4. Add links AC and BD.
5. Change the fuse as per the rear panel ratings and reassemble the unit.

CALIBRATION

1. Remove the top cover and apply power to the unit.

<u>CAUTION</u> LINE VOLTAGES ARE EXPOSED - TAKE CARE!

2. Connect the DRIVE SOURCE leas to a 10 ohm resistor.
3. Using an oscilloscope set to 20mV/div and 10uS/div, monitor the voltage appearing across C6 (the probe voltage).

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Adjust R5 for maximum signal amplitude with the current probe placed next to one of the DRIVE SOURCE leads and aligned for maximum signal.

If no oscilloscope is available, connect the DRIVE SOURCE leads to a 200 ohm resistor. Place the current probe against one of the leads with the dots parallel to it (i.e. maximum sensitivity). Adjust R5 so that a tone is produced when the probe is in this position with the SENSITIVITY control fully clockwise.

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

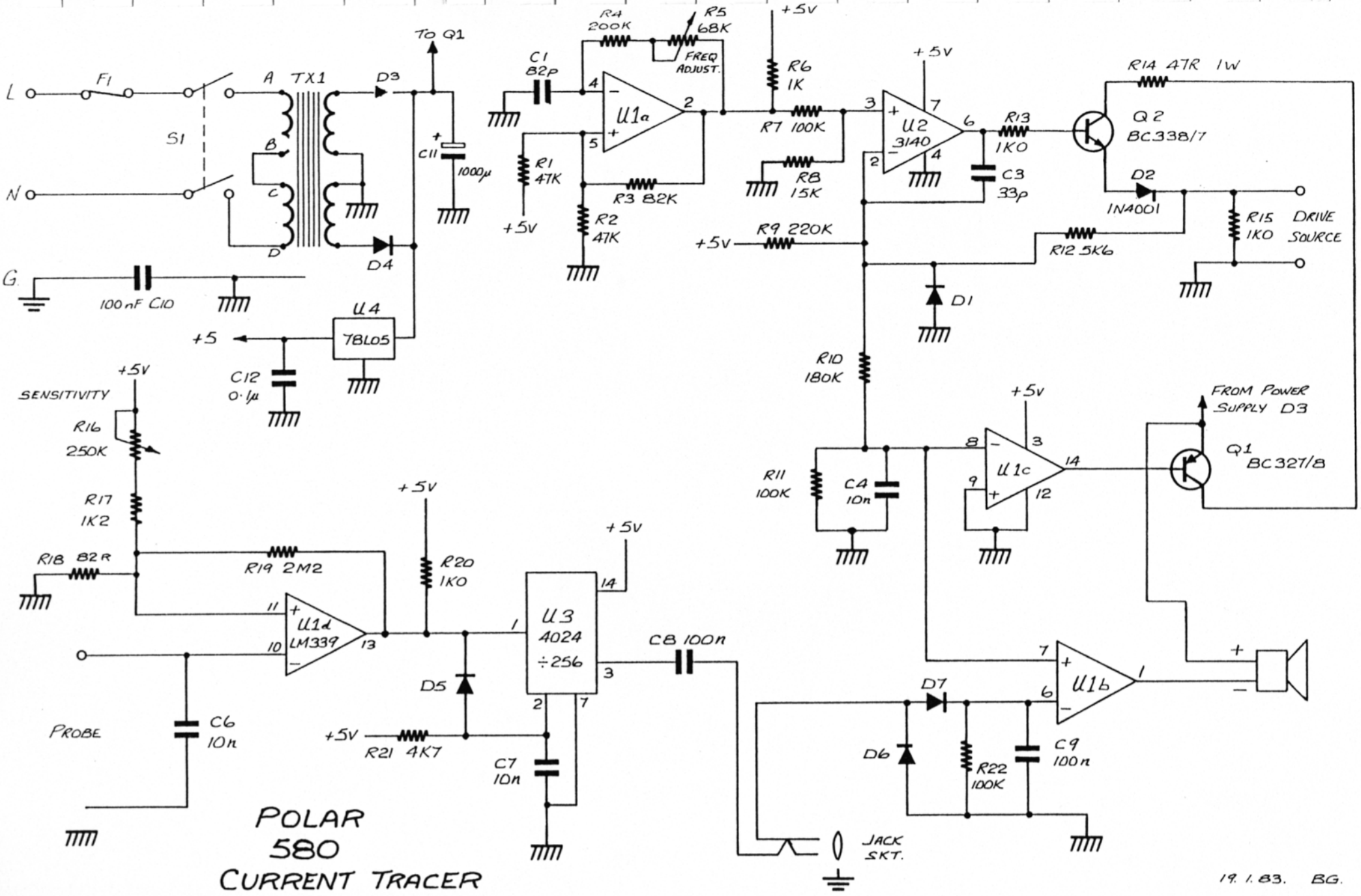
The DRIVE SOURCE voltage is a 550mV peak square wave at 50KHz. This is produced by astable multivibrator Ula whose frequency is adjusted by R5.

U2 and Q2 form the low impedance output with current limiting provided by R14.

Ulc and Q1 form a protection circuit which removes the output source by switching Q1 off, if the drive source leads are connected across a negative voltage source.

Uld is a comparator which produces a 50khz output if the probe voltage exceeds the SENSITIVITY voltage. This output frequency is divided by U3, and is available to power an ear-piece, or drive an internal piezo transducer via Ulb to produce a sound output when the probe detects sufficient signal.

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