

AMERICAN SIGNAL COMPANY

AM TRANSMITTER

QDC HAR 100



Equipment Manual: HAR 100
Transmitter Rev. 01



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Section One

Introduction to the QDC HAR 100

In 1977, the Federal Communications Commission authorized a one-way communications system with the motoring public called Travelers Information Service. This service is authorized under FCC Rules and Regulations §Part 90.242 and Licensee Eligibility under §Part 90.17(a) that allows only local governmental agencies to obtain a license and operate these Travelers Information Systems (TIS) and Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) stations.

The QDC HAR 100 is a crystal controlled, solid-state, high efficiency AM transmitter. The design incorporates a high efficiency Class D RF Final Amplifier and a Class S high efficiency modulator. The QDC HAR 100 is suitable for both solar and battery operation. The power output for the QDC HAR 100 is continuously variable from 0.1 watts to 10 watts and does not require any complex power and modulation adjustments. The power adjustment is made at a single control. The QDC HAR 100 is equipped with both a bi-directional power meter and a high performance audio processor with over 25 dB dynamic range to ensure that your transmission is always loud and clear.

The QDC HAR 100 is FCC Certified for applications in the travelers Information Service. The FCC Identifier QDC HAR 100, is located on the equipment ID label on the outside cover. Examine the ID label upon installation to ensure that the frequency indicated on the label matches the frequency assignment shown on the station license or Temporary Authority for operation. The Station Temporary Authority is called an STA.

Check with your vendor or representative to make sure that your license and your station is within FCC Compliance.

The QDC HAR 100 comes equipped with the following:

- (1) This manual
- (2) Manual showing schematic diagram
- (3) Manual showing parts locator
- (4) Mounting screws
- (5) Power connector terminal block
- (6) Retaining block
- (7) Hardware sets for the power connector
- (8) Spare fuses

Make sure all of these items are present when unpacking the unit.

Section Two

Equipment Specifications

DISPLAY

Power Efficient Electro-Luminous/Standby
Constant VSWR and Power Sampling

POWER SUPPLY

Switch Mode Power Supply 110, 220, 24V

ELECTRICAL

Audio Output Level	-30 to +3 dBm, Adjustable
Audio Output Impedance	600 ohm balanced, Built-in Audio Limiter
Local Microphone Input Level	-60 to -30 dBm, Adjustable
Local Microphone Input Impedance	200 to 1000 ohms, unbalanced
TELCO Audio Input Impedance	600 ohms
Local Control Storage Time	35 Minutes
Remote Control Storage Time	20 Minutes
Number of Message Channels	8 Channels Local, 5 Channels Remote
Distortion (400 Hz, -5 dam)	Less than 5% THAD
Noise (Ref, 1 KHz, 0 dBm)	-45 db
Frequency Response	+/- 3db 100 Hz to 5 KHz
Modulation:	Pulse Width Modulation
Power Requirements	12 Volts DC, Battery or by and AC adapter
Protection	No Load/Overload/RF/Telco/Power Built-in 3000-Volt Internal Surge Protection

MECHANICAL

Dimensions	3 ½" H by 14" deep by 19" wide
Mounting	Standard EIA Equipment Cabinet
Weight	About 5 ½ Lbs.

CONNECTIONS

Power	On a 10 Pin Terminal Block
Audio Output Balanced	Part of 10 Pin Terminal Block
Monitor Audio Speaker	Part of 10 Pin Terminal Block
Microphone	Permanent Connection
TELCO	RJ-11 Telephone Line
Program	Local RJ-11 Powered Jack

Section Three

Installation and Operation

Safety Notice

A factory-authorized and trained representative of the American Signal Company, or other experienced electrician in accordance with national, state and any other electrical codes having Jurisdiction, should perform this installation. All work should also be performed under the direction of the service crew safety foreman.

Installation

The QDC HAR 100 is designed to be installed on a common equipment backplane that is bonded to earth ground. All necessary equipment should be mounted and grounded to the common backplane. The QDC HAR 100 enclosure provides necessary EMI/RFI shielding and prevents interference between components, depending on the options of your stations equipment.

Power Connector

The power control connector, J1, is the 4-pin terminal block type connector at the bottom of the QDC HAR 100. From left to right the pinout is:

- Pin1: +26.4 Vdc
- Pin2: Ground (power supply return)
- Pin3: Off A (short to Off B to turn transmitter Off)
- Pin4: Off B (short to Off A to turn transmitter On)

Use 20 awg stranded wire, or larger for all connections at the power connector. Make sure that the length of wire for these connections is as short as possible, 2 feet maximum.

Audio Connector

The audio connector is the RCA phono type connector beside the power connector. The audio input is transformer coupled, so polarity need not be observed. The audio level (-23 to +8 dBm) is not critical and need not be adjusted for changes in carrier level.

Antenna Connector

The antenna Connector, J3, is the BNC type connector located at the top of the unit. Use 50-ohm coaxial cable, RG-58a/u or equivalent. We recommend that all installations use a coaxial lightning protection device such as a Polyphaser IS-50UX-CO. The antenna system should be a 50 ohm system and should be installed in such a manner as to comply with FCC Rules (47 CFR 90.242).

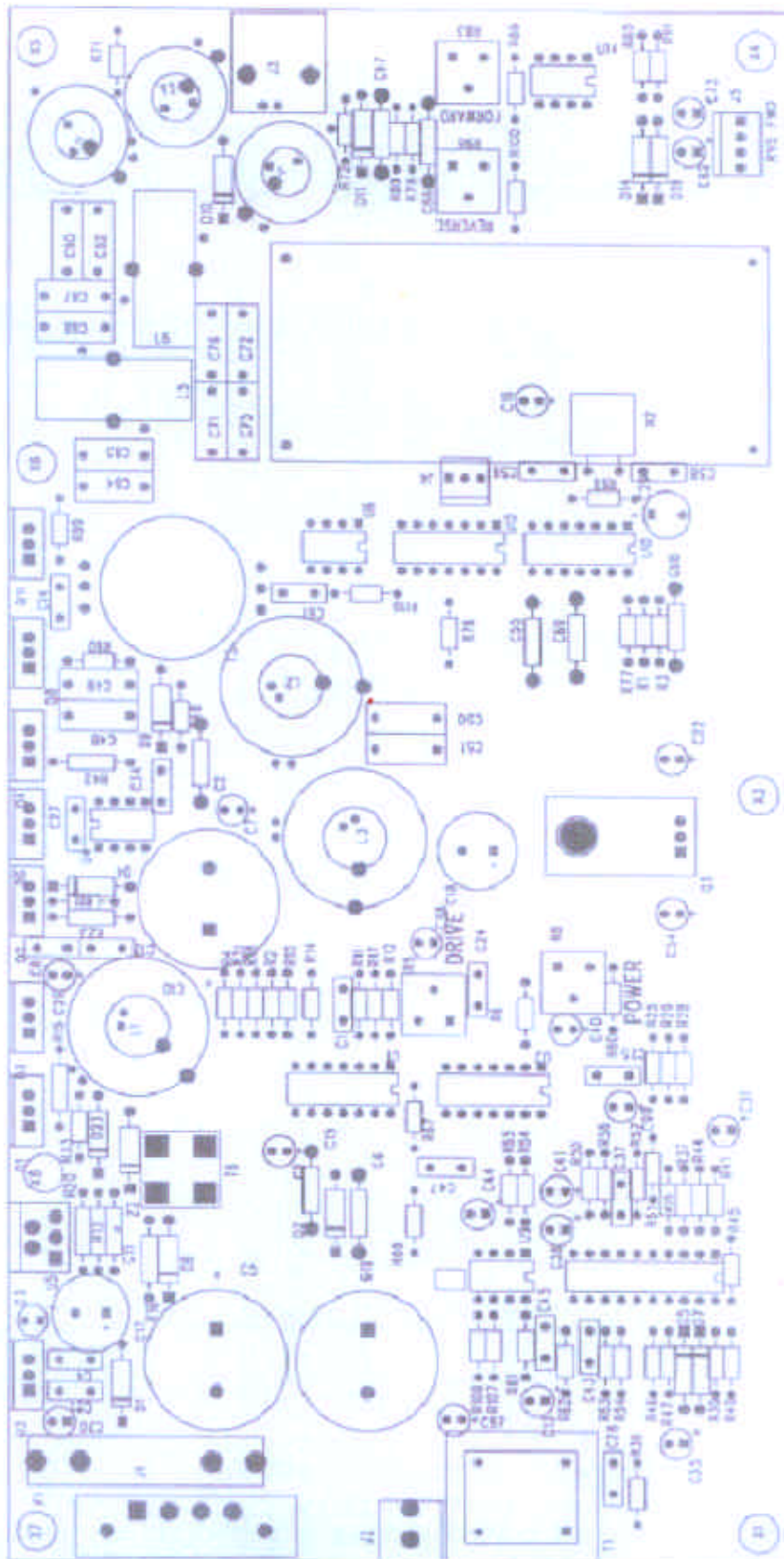
Tune the antenna system for the minimum reflected power indicated on the LCD Display. Do not operate the transmitter for long periods of time with a very high VSWR.

Power Adjustment

If it is necessary to reduce the power output of the transmitter in order to comply with FCC Rules regarding field strength:

- (1) Remove the top cover of the QDC HAR 100
- (2) Locate the power control, R8
- (3) Adjust the power control for the desired forward power, to 10 watts, on the LCD Display
- (4) Reinstall the top cover.

Section Four



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Section Five

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