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VCO1 Unlock in 9323 & 9360 series transceivers

1. Scope

9323 and 9360 transceivers used in close proximity to VHF/UHF transmitters may suffer VCO1 unlock errors.

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The modification described in the Service Bulletin is incorporated into 9323 and 9360 transceivers dispatched from February 1996.

2. Symptom

The 9323/9360 will display the error message 'Unlock error VCO1' accompanied by two beeps when a VHF or UHF transmitter located up to approximately 4 metres away is keyed.

3. Cause

The unlock error is caused by the RF energy from the VHF/UHF transmitter disturbing the normal operation of the VCO1 control circuit.

4. Remedy

The following modification should be performed if:

- the radio has exhibited the symptom under the conditions described
- there is a possibility that the conditions described may be encountered

5. Procedure

5.1 Parts required

1 x BF494 NPN transistor (Codan Part Number BF494)

 $1 \times 1 \times \Omega$, CR25, 0.33 watt resistor (Codan Part Number 40-31000-020)

1 x 1 nF, ceramic capacitor (Codan Part Number 46-31000-200)

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5.2 Tools required

- Pozidrive screwdriver (1 point)
- Soldering iron
- 60/40 Tin/Lead resin core solder
- Side cutters

The following tools may also be useful.

- Small nose pliers
- Desoldering tool

5.3 Procedure

- Remove the transceiver from the installation.
- ☐ Remove the two screws securing the top cover.
- □ Locate the Receiver Exciter Printed Circuit Board (PCB), 08-04962.
- ☐ Disconnect all the connectors from the PCB.
- ☐ Remove the seven screws securing the PCB.
- ☐ Withdraw the PCB from the chassis.
- □ Locate and remove C103 from the PCB. Refer to Figure 1.

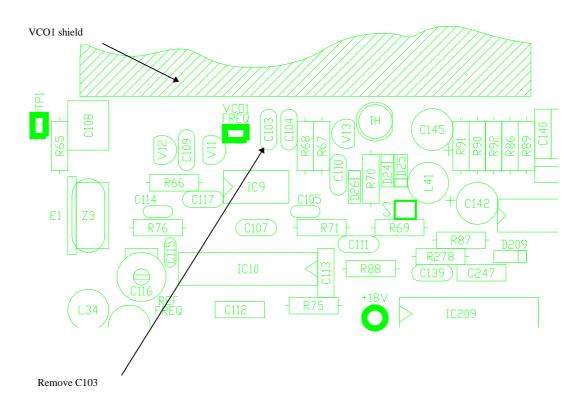


Figure 1. Location of C103

1 nF capacitor

 \Box Trim and solder one lead of the 1 kΩ resistor to IC9 pin 4. Refer to Figure 2.

Figure 2 Diagram of modification

- ☐ Fit one lead of the capacitor into the bottom hole for C103. Trim and solder.
- □ Solder the remaining leads of the capacitor and the resistor together.

1 kΩ resistor

- ☐ With the transistor flat side up, solder the centre lead to the leads of the capacitor and resistor. Trim any excess lead.
- ☐ Trim and solder the Collector of the transistor to IC9 pin 8.
- Fit the Base of the transistor into the upper most hole for C103. Trim and solder.
- ☐ Ensure there is no possibility of a short circuit occurring particularly to the test point labelled VCO1 FREQ.
- ☐ Secure the transistor with some silicon sealant if necessary.
- ☐ Secure the PCB into the chassis with the seven screws.
- ☐ Replace all connectors.

Transistor (Flat side UP)

- ☐ Refit and secure the top cover.
- ☐ Return the transceiver to the installation.

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