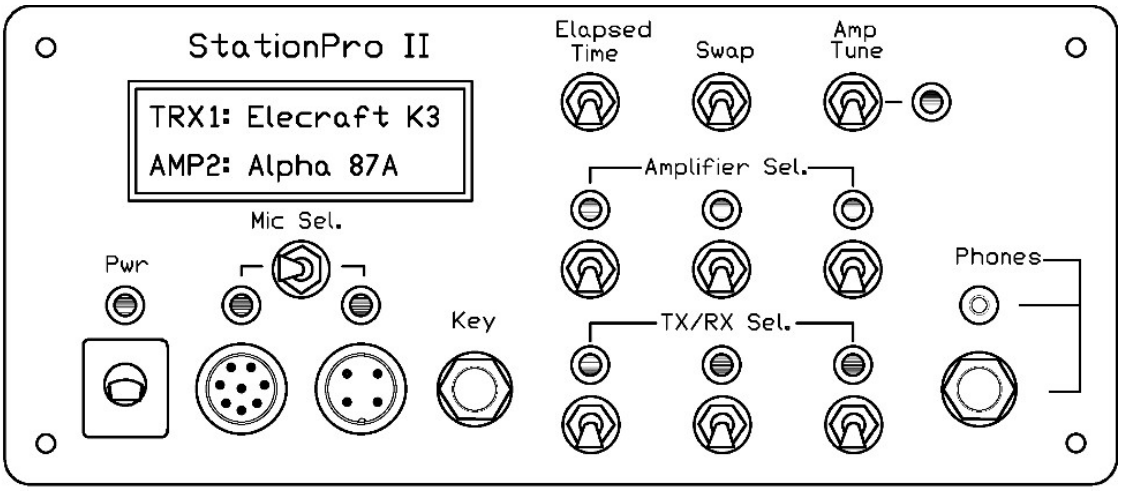
Operating & Assembly Manual
W8ZR StationPro II



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A. StationPro II Operating Instructions

I. Introduction:

The W8ZR StationPro II is a master station controller that integrates seamlessly the switching and control functions of complex amateur stations consisting of up to three transceivers (or receiver/transmitter pairs) and up to three linear amplifiers. With the press of a switch the StationPro II transfers to a selected transceiver the operator's key, microphone, computer interface, RTTY/packet, line in/out, speaker, and numerous other control functions. A second switch transfers the transceiver's RF output to a selected linear amplifier, along with the amplifier relay and ALC control voltage.

The StationPro II was designed to be as flexible as possible, so as to accommodate almost any amateur equipment, from vintage "boatanchor" rigs of the vacuum tube era to computer-interfaced contemporary transceivers. Operators need not fear incompatibility between their linear amplifiers and transceivers, since the StationPro II includes a fast, silent relay driver that can accommodate any amplifier's relay requirements. It also incorporates several operator convenience features, including an ID timer and an amplifier tune-up pulser. Easy firmware upgrades not only allow additional new features but permit the operator to customize and upgrade the StationPro II as station equipment changes. The RF relay circuits in the StationPro II introduce negligible VSWR from 1.8-54 MHz and are conservatively rated at the U.S. legal power limit.

II. Specifications:

RF Relay Circuits

1. Frequency Range: DC – 54 MHz

2. Nominal Impedance: 50 Ω unbalanced (SO-239 connectors)

3. Insertion VSWR: 1.1 or less (DC-30 MHz), 1.2 or less (54 MHz)

4. RF Power Rating: U.S. amateur legal power limit (1500 Watts)
   Note: tested at 2500 Watts below 30 MHz, 800 Watts at 54 MHz.
   Relay contacts rated at 12A DC continuous, 5000V dielectric rating (to coil)

5. Relay Control Voltage: +12V DC, supplied by control unit.

6. Relay Control Cable: Ethernet CAT5 cable, with RJ-45 connectors

Data, DC & Audio Control Circuits

7. Transceivers or Receiver/Transmitter Pairs: 3 maximum

8. Linear Amplifiers: 3 maximum

9. Amplifier Relay Control:

-switching time: 3 mS maximum (on), 1 mS maximum (off)
-control voltage (open circuit) 12VDC
-control current (closed circuit) 5 mA
-relay keying limits (Option A or B selected during assembly)
Option A: 400V (AC or DC of either polarity) @ 250 mA maximum
Option B: 200V positive DC only @ 3.5Amperes maximum

10. Microphones: 1 or 2 (up to 7 wires plus GND per microphone)

11. Microphone Connectors: owner's choice, two 8 pin standard supplied.

12. Headphone Connectors: 1/4 in. & 3.5 mm. (1/8") stereo, automatic speaker disconnect

13. Transceiver Control Lines: 24 maximum per transceiver (plus GND)
Microphone (Mic+, Mic-, PTT, + four functions): 7
Speakers/Phones (L/R): 2
Key/Paddle: 2
Line In (mono): 1
Line Out (L/R stereo): 2
Amp Relay: 1
Amp ALC: 1
Computer Serial (TXD, RXD, CTS, RTS): 4
Aux/Spare: 4

14. Transceiver Interface Cable: 25C shielded, w/25 pin D-SUB connectors

15. Transceiver Control Relay Ratings:
max. switched current: 3A, derate as switched voltage increases
max. switched voltage: 125 VDC (25 mA), 150 VAC (100mA)

16. Optional RF Relay Power: 30 VDC maximum (2.5mm DC power jack)

17. Switched DC Output: +12 VDC in series with 1000 Ω resistor

General Specifications

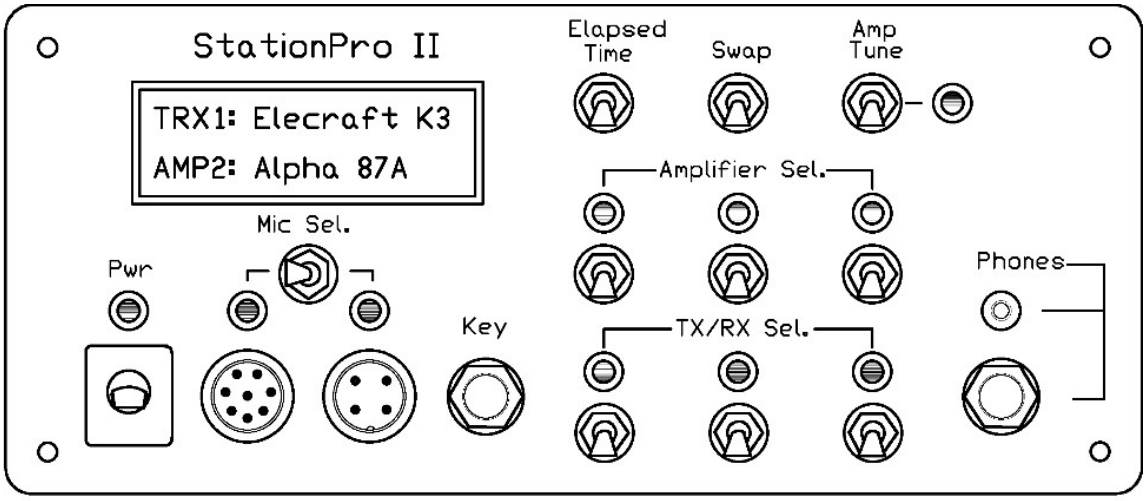
18. Power Requirements:
    12 VDC @ 400 mA nominal (2.5 mm DC power jack)
    Fuse (internal): 1A-3AG

19. Dimensions:
    Control Unit
        Height: 4.2" (10.7 cm), excluding feet
        Width: 9.5" (24.1 cm)
        Depth: 8.0" (20.3 cm), including front/rear connectors & switches

    RF Relay Unit
        Height: 5.0" (12.7 cm)
        Width: 7.5" (19.1 cm), (excluding mounting flanges)
        Depth: 1.5" (3.8 cm) (excluding connectors)

20. Weight:
    Control Unit: 5 lbs (2.27 kg)
    RF Relay Unit: 1 lb – 10 oz (0.74 kg)

III. Front Panel Controls and Connectors



1. Pwr Switch: Connects +12VDC from rear panel power jack to StationPro circuitry, through a 1A fuse. Also applies +12VDC (through a series 1000Ω resistor) to a rear panel jack for controlling an optional master station AC power relay.

2.Mic Sel. Switch: Switches between two front panel microphones. Each microphone can have up to 7 audio/control wires. The Mic+ and PTT are independently switched but the other wires (Mic-, FCN1, etc.) are common to both microphones. As shown in the drawing, the microphones can have different connector types. Instructions for wiring the microphone jacks are given in the next section: **B. Assembly Instructions.**

3. Key Jack: A key or paddle is connected to this standard 1/4" stereo jack, with normally open contacts. Keyer paddles should be wired so that the plug tip = dot, and the plug ring = dash. For convenience, an identical key jack on the rear panel is wired in parallel with this jack.

4. TX/RX Sel. Switches (3): Depressing one of these momentary action switches selects a station transceiver or receiver/transmitter pair.

5. Amplifier Sel. Switches (3): Depressing one of these momentary action switches selects a linear amplifier. Pressing a switch a second time toggles the selected amplifier off-line, as indicated by a blinking LED and "Amp Bypass" on the LCD.

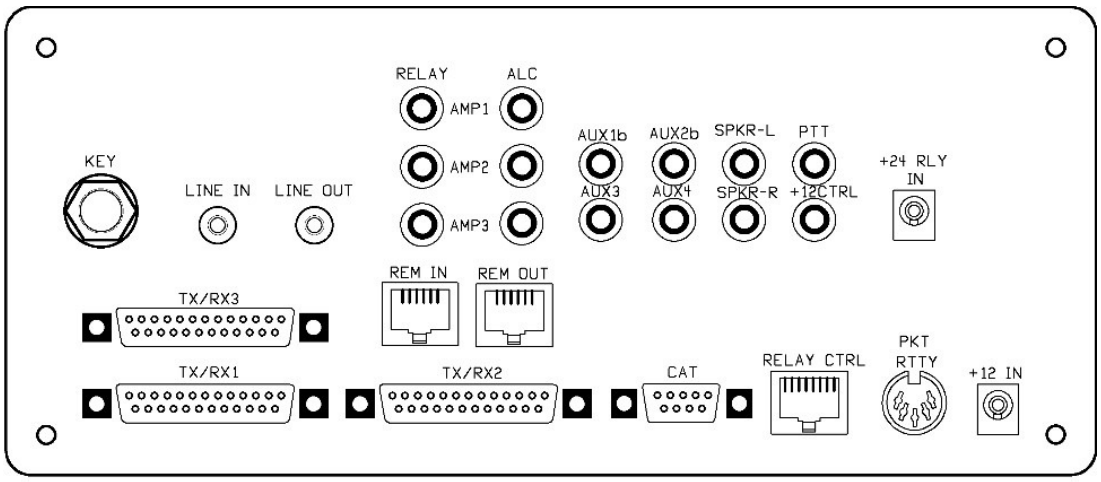
6. Elapsed Time Switch: This switch has three timer functions: (1) Depressing it momentarily starts a one-time 10min ID time. (2) Depressing it for 1/2 sec starts a repeating 10 min. ID timer. (3) Depressing it while turning on the Pwr switch causes an elapsed time "odometer" to display on the LCD.

7. Swap Switch: This "scratchpad" memory switch recalls the previous transceiver and amplifier selections. Repeatedly pressing the switch toggles back and forth between the current transceiver/amplifier selections and the previous selections.

8. Amp Tune Switch: Depressing this momentary action switch injects a pulsed (50% duty cycle) 1000 Hz tone into the microphone audio circuit of the selected transceiver. Pressing the switch again turns off the tone, which otherwise will time out after ten seconds.

9. Phones jacks (2): Twin stereo headphone jacks can accommodate either 1/4 in. or 3.5 mm (1/8") stereo headphones (Left = tip, Right = ring). These jacks are connected to the left/mainRX and right/subRX speaker outputs of the selected transceiver; plugging in a set of headphones automatically disables the speakers.

IV. Rear Panel Connections



1. TX/RX1, TX/RX2, TX/RX3 jacks: D-SUB 25-pin male jacks that connect via breakout "pods" to the station transceivers. The pinouts of these jacks are as follows:

Pin No.	Function	Pin No.	Function
1	*Mic +*	*14*	*Amp Relay*
2	*PTT*	*15*	*Amp ALC*
3	*Mic -*	*16*	*Aux/Spare 2*
4	*Mic FN1*	*17*	*Aux/Spare 1*
5	*Mic FN2*	*18*	*Aux/Spare 4*
6	*Mic FN3*	*19*	*Aux/Spare 3*
7	*Mic FN4*	*20*	*Line IN*
8	*Key - Ring*	*21*	*CAT - CTS*
9	*Key - Tip*	*22*	*CAT - TXD*
10	*Line Out - L*	*23*	*CAT - RTS*
11	*Line Out -R*	*24*	*CAT - RXD*
12	*Spkr - L*	*25*	*GND*
13	*Spkr - R*		

2. KEY Jack: A key or paddle can be connected to this standard 1/4" stereo jack, with normally open contacts. Keyer paddles should be wired so that the plug's tip = dot, and the plug's ring = dash. An identical key jack on the front panel is wired in parallel with this jack.

3. LINE IN Jack: This 3.5 mm (1/8") mono jack is typically connected to the output from a computer sound card or a TNC. The connected device is routed by the StationPro to the Line In port of the selected transceiver.

4. LINE OUT Jack: This 3.5 mm. (1/8") stereo jack outputs the Line Out port of a selected transceiver. Normally, the tip would be the left or main receiver line output and the ring would be the right or sub-receiver output. The jack is typically used to interface a transceiver's line output to the input of a computer sound card or TNC.

5. AMP RELAY (3) and AMP ALC (3) jacks: These RCA phono jacks should be jumpered (use shielded phono cables) to the relay and ALC jacks of the station's linear amplifiers. Because the Amp Relay outputs are buffered by a solid state switching circuit, the user need not fear compatibility problems between a selected amplifier and transceiver.

6. AUX1 through AUX4 Jacks: These RCA phono jacks are spares that can be used for any control purpose by the user. The StationPro routes these jacks to spare pads on the breakout pod associated with a selected transceiver. They can be used for, e.g., band data switching.

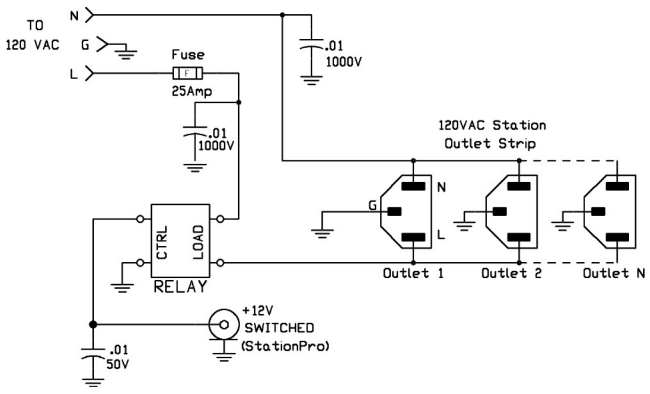
7. SPKR-L and SPKR-R Jacks: The station's speakers should be connected to these RCA phono jacks and are routed by the StationPro to the speaker output ports of a selected transceiver. Normally SPKR-L would be used for the main receiver's speaker and SPKR-R for the sub-receiver's speaker. These jacks are disconnected when headphones are inserted into a front panel jack on the StationPro.

8. PTT Jack: This RCA phono jack is wired in parallel with the PTT line on the microphone and also with pin 3 of the Packet/RTTY jack. Grounding this line actuates the PTT circuit of the selected transceiver. A typical use would be to connect a foot switch to this jack. Note that some transceivers ground their PTT line when transmitting, so that this jack could be used in this instance for, e.g., external receiver muting.

9. +12 CTRL Jack: This RCA phono jack outputs +12VDC when the StationPro's power switch is turned on. The +12V is in series with a 1000 Ω resistor, which limits the short circuit current to 12 mA. Because of the series resistor, the jack *cannot* be used to power 12V accessories. This switched jack is intended to control a (user-supplied) solid state AC power relay, which can be used as a master station power ON/OFF relay. Below is a sample circuit diagram using an SPST solid state AC relay. Any solid state relay that operates with a DC control control voltage of 3-15V (or more) can be used. The relay should have a load current rating of at least 25A. A DPST solid state relay can be used if the builder wishes to switch both sides of the 120VAC line.

A convenient way to make this relay master power controller is to mount the solid state relay in the bottom of a deep duplex outlet box, available at Home Depot or any electrical supply store. An ordinary duplex outlet (two 120VAC receptacles) is mounted on the face of the box, and a heavy duty AC power cord exits through one of the side holes. A fuse holder and an RCA phono jack mount on the other side of the outlet box. A shielded phono cable connects this phono jack to the 12V SWITCHED jack on the rear panel of the StationPro, and an outlet strip for the station equipment plugs into one of the two duplex receptacles. The other duplex receptacle can be wired directly to the 120V

line, to provide an unswitched 120VAC outlet for station clocks, computer, UPS supply, etc.

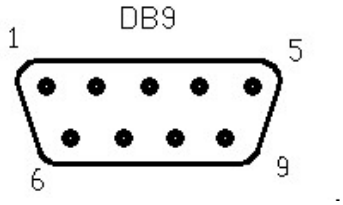


MASTER STATION 120 VAC POWER CONTROLLER
(Note that the .01 µF/1000V bypass capacitors should be 240 VAC line-rated)

10. +24V RLY IN Jack: This 2.5mm DC power jack may be used to connect an external DC power supply (+15V to +30V) to user-supplied external RF relays. This jack is not used with the standard RF Relay unit. Some users, however, may prefer to build their own RF relay units using, e.g., surplus vacuum relays, which typically operate at 24-28V. In this case, the StationPro will automatically connect the relays to this external power source.

11 REM IN & REM OUT Jacks: These RJ-25 jacks are used only when multiple StationPro IIs (up to a maximum of three) are networked together. Download the "StationPro II Networking Manual" for additional information. Users who have only one StationPro II can ignore these jacks.

12. CAT Jack: This female D-SUB 9 pin (DB9) connector is configured as a standard serial port and should be connected to a serial port on a computer or other peripheral equipment. The required cable is an ordinary 9-pin serial cable having male and female DB9 connectors. The StationPro routes this port to the selected transceiver. The (industry standard) pinout of this connector is as follows:

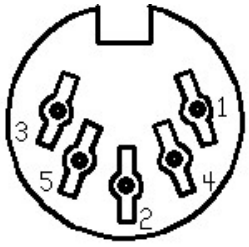


DB9 CAT Connector

Pin No.	Function
1	N/C
2	RXD
3	TXD
4	N/C
5	GND
6	N/C
7	RTS
8	CTS
9	N/C

13. RELAY CTRL Jack: This RJ45 jack is used to control the StationPro's remote RF relays. The jack accepts a standard 8-wire ethernet-type patch cable (with RJ45 connectors). The cable should be no longer than necessary (5 – 6 ft or shorter), and preferably shielded. The free end of the cable plugs into a mating connector on the RF relay unit. Builders of custom RF relay units should refer to the StationPro schematic diagram for the connector pinout,

14. PACKET/RTTY Jack: This standard 5 pin DIN jack is used to connect RTTY, Packet, and PSK31 peripherals to the StationPro. The pinout is shown in the diagram. Note that all of the pins on this jack are in parallel with similarly named pins on other jacks on the StationPro. The AUX4 pin is not designated for any specific purpose, but may be configured by the user for an additional function (e.g., squelch, etc.)



RTTY/PACKET

1. PTT
2. GND
3. LINE IN
4. AUX4
5. LINE OUT-R

15. +12 IN Jack: This DC power jack accepts a standard 2.5 mm DC power plug (center pin positive), which should be connected to a +12V (nominal) regulated DC power supply. This power supply can be a station +12V supply used to power other equipment (e.g., a VHF/UHF FM transceiver), the accessory +12V port on the rear panel of most transceivers, or even a dedicated wall-wart supply. The power supply should be rated at 500 mA or greater and have good filtering..

V. RF Relay Unit Connections:

1. TRX1, TRX2, TRX3 Jacks: These SO-239 (UHF) coaxial cable jacls should be connected to the antenna jacks on the station transceivers, using 50 Ω coaxial cable. Because most transceivers are rated at 200W RF or less, RG-58 or RG8X cable can be useds for these jumper cables. Note that the StationPro grounds the antenna connectors of transceivers that are not selected.

2. AMP IN (AMP1, AMP2, AMP3) Jacks: These SO-239 (UHF) coaxial cable jacks should be connected to the RF Input jacks on the station linear amplifiers, using 50 Ω coaxial cable. RG-58 or RG8X cable can be used for these jumper cables. Note that the StationPro grounds the inputs of amplifiers that are not selected.

3. AMP OUT (AMP1, AMP2, AMP3) Jacks: These SO-239 (UHF) coaxial cable jacks should be connected to the RF Output jacks on the station linear amplifiers, using 50 Ω coaxial cable. For legal limit amplifiers, it is best to use RG-8, RG-213, LMR-400 or similar coaxial cable for these jumper cables. Note that the StationPro grounds only the *input* of non-selected amplifiers. The output of non-selected amplifiers is left floating as a precaution, even though the StationPro will not allow non-selected amplifiers to be keyed up. Note also that a bypass relay in the StationPro RF Relay unit routes RF from the selected transceiver directly to the OUTPUT connector when no amplifier is selected.

4. OUTPUT Jack: This SO-239 (UHF) coaxial cable jack should be jumpered to the station antenna (or antenna switch).. The coaxial cable should be rated for the maximum power of any of the station linear amplifiers.

5. CTRL Jack: This RJ45 jack is used to control the RF relays. The jack accepts a standard 8-wire ethernet-type patch cable (with RJ45 connectors). The cable should be no longer than necessary (5 – 6 ft or shorter), and preferably shielded. The free end of the cable plugs into a mating connector on the rear panel of the StationPro Control Unit.

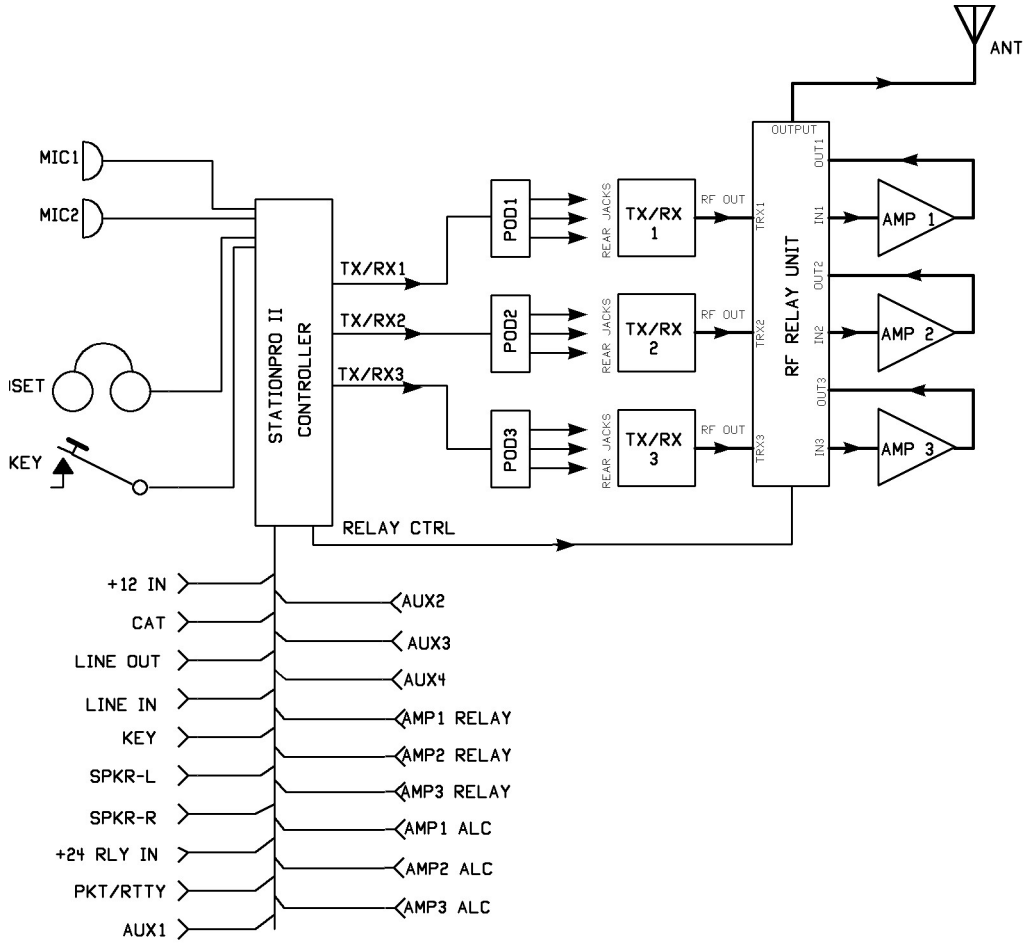
VI. Installation and Hookup

The StationPro II consists of a main control unit, a remote RF relay unit, and three breakout pods for the station transceivers. Normally the RF relay unit mounts behind the station operating desk and is connected to the main control unit by a standard 8-wire ethernet patch cable, terminated with RJ45 connectors. This cable is readily available from any retail store that sells computer supplies.

The three transceiver breakout pods connect to the main control unit with 25-wire shielded computer (serial port) cables. For most applications, inexpensive off-the-shelf computer cables can be used, the kind with molded DB25 connectors on each end (one male, one female). However, in some applications involving computer control of multiple transceivers operating SSB or AM, the builder may have to fabricate custom interface cables having additional shielding. This additional shielding would prevent possible crosstalk between the high level RS-232C data and the microphone audio. This topic is thoroughly discussed in the supplementary manual, "**Preparing Custom Transceiver Interface Cables."** However, since wiring cables is tedious, the builder should always

try a commercial cable first to see if a problem occurs. Furthermore, there are several workarounds discussed in the supplementary manual, short of fabricating custom interface cables.

The diagram below shows how the StationPro II is interfaced to the operator's station. It is important to note that *none* of the rear panel jacks on the StationPro II controller connect directly to transceivers. All transceiver control functions and inputs (microphone, key, data, speakers, PTT, etc.) are made via cables coming from breakout pods which are fabricated during assembly for each model of transceiver. The fabrication of breakout pods is treated in detail in the next section: **B. StationPro II Assembly Instructions.** The jacks on the rear panel of the StationPro II attach to the station's peripheral equipment, such as computer, speakers, TNC, and so forth. The StationPro II automatically routes this peripheral equipment to the selected transceiver. Each amplifier's relay and ALC lines also connect to the StationPro II rear panel. Users should refer to **III. Rear Panel Connectons** for details about connector pinouts.



VII. Operating Instructions and Hints

1. Power Up: Once the interconnecting cables are installed and a +12V DC power source (500mA minimum) is plugged into the +12 IN jack on the rear of the StationPro II control unit, the StationPro II can be turned on with the front panel PWR switch. The red LED power indicator will light, and "SP" will be sent in morse code while the LCD initializes. After about a second, the display will briefly show the firmware revision date, followed by the previously selected transceiver.

On its initial power up the StationPro II defaults to TX/RX1. On subsequent power-ups the StationPro II reverts to the previously selected transceiver. The bottom line of the display shows the selected transceiver, with a confirming 3-tone beep and the sound of relays clicking. The top line of the display will show "* *No Amp**" to confirm that no amplifier has yet been selected. (As a safety precaution, the StationPro II never selects an amplifier at power up.)

If the user has fabricated an optional solid state relay master power controller (see **III. Rear Panel Connectors**, Item 9: +12V Control Jack for details), then all the 120 VAC station equipment will also be powered up at this time. At this point the transceiver shown in the display will be "on-line" and ready to operate.

2. Transceiver and Amplifier Selection: Station transceivers and amplifiers are selected by depressing the appropriate front panel momentary action toggle switches. A green LED indicator will illuminate above each activated switch and the LCD will show the selections, as illustrated in the below figure for a vintage Collins transceiver and amplifier.

If the switch of a selected amplifier is depressed a second time, the amplifier will be taken off line and the green LED indicator will blink. The top line of the LCD will show "BYPASS" to confirm that the amplifier is in a ready mode but is currently off-line. Depressing the amplifier select switch a third time will bring the selected amplifier back on line.

The SWAP switch provides a convenient way to recall previous transceiver and amplifier selections. Pressing this switch toggles between the currently selected transceiver/amplifier selections and the previous transceiver/amplifier selections. The SWAP feature provides a handy way to make A-B comparisons between rigs, or to recall instantly a prior transceiver/amplifier combination. Being able to call up completely different rigs, automatically transferring all RF coax cables, microphone, key, etc, in a tenth of a second is guaranteed to impress one's ham buddies.

3. Elapsed Time Features: Momentarily depressing the Elapsed Time switch starts a one-time ten minute timer. A beep confirms the selection, and a "*" symbol appears on the lower right corner of the LCD to show that the timer is running. After ten minutes, the controller will send "ID" in morse code and the timer will turn off. If the Elapsed Time switch is held down for a half second, then a repeating timer is activated. In this case the LCD will show a "#" symbol in the lower right corner, and the controller will send "ID" in morse code every ten minutes, until cancelled. An active timer is cancelled by pressing the Elapsed Time switch, with "K" being sent in morse code to confirm the cancellation.

If the Elapsed Time switch is held down while the StationPro II is powered up, then the LCD will briefly show the number of accumulated hours and minutes of StationPro II use.

One application of this feature is to track the yearly hours of station operation. For example, the operator can reset the timer to zero on January 1, and twelve months later have a record of total station activity for the year. The timer is reset to zero by turning on the StationPro II while holding down the AMP1 switch.

4. AMP TUNE function: Momentarily pressing the AMP TUNE switch injects a pulsed 1000 Hz tone for ten seconds into the microphone input of the selected transceiver. The purpose of this pulsed tone, which has a 50% duty cycle, is to permit the operator to tune up safely a selected linear amplifier without fear of exceeding the amplifier's power rating. The plate current, grid current, and power output meters of the amplifer, which read average values, will show roughly half of their normal values while the pulser is engaged. While the pulsed tone is active, an LED indicator next to the AMP

TUNE switch blinks rapidly and the TRX and AMP LEDs are turned off. Depressing the AMP TUNE switch before the pulser times out immediately terminates the pulsed tone.

A tune level trimpot on the microcontroller circuit board in the StationPro II control unit sets the appropriate audio level for the pulsed tone. The correct procedure is to place the selected transceiver in the SSB mode and turn on the pulser. The level trimpot is adjusted to give a mid-scale ALC reading on the transceiver's ALC meter.

5. Networking Multiple StationPro IIs: Up to three StationPro IIs may be networked, permitting a total of nine transceivers and nine amplifiers to be controlled (three on each operating desk). Selecting any of the nine rigs will transfer control to that rig while taking the other eight rigs off-line. The antenna coax line is automatically transferred to the selected radio, and the key, microphone, speakers, etc., on the relevant station desk are transferred to the selected radio. The StationPro IIs on the other desks are deselected and their status is displayed on their respective LCDs.

Pressing any transceiver or amplifer switch on an "off line" desk will activate that StationPro II and take off line the previously active StationPro II.

There are additional considerations associated with networking multiple StationPro IIs. Because this topic will be of interest to only a small number of amateurs having very complex stations, the details of configuring networked controllers are to be found in a separate maual: **Networking StationPro II Configuration Manual.**

VIII. A Final Comment from W8ZR

The philosophy underlying the design of the StationPro II is that an initial investment made in planning and organizing one's station will pay handsome dividends in convenience, time savings, and operating pleasure. The ability instantly and reliably to switch between rigs means that that more time can be spent on the air enjoying the hobby, and fewer frustrating hours spent crouched behind the operating desk, debugging dead connections and miswired cables, and worrying about inadvertently throwing the wrong switch. The StationPro II and its little brother, the StationPro I, have brought for their designer a new enjoyment and satisfaction to amateur radio. It is sincerely hoped that other builders will experience this same enjoyment and satisfaction.

Comments, inqiries, and suggestions either about this manual or the StationPro II are always welcome. Please email Jim Garland W8ZR at w8zr@arrl.net. A great deal of additional information may also be found on the designer's StationPro website at www.w8zr.net/stationpro/ and on the StationPro User Group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stationpro/

B. StationPro II Assembly Instructions

The W8ZR StationPro II (SP-II) consists of the primary controller unit, plus an external RF relay unit, and three transceiver interface pods that attach to the controller unit with standard computer cables. The controller unit contains four printed circuit boards: (1) a main circuit board, (2) a front panel circuit board, (3) a rear panel circuit board, and (4) a microcontroller circuit board.

The RF relay unit handles all of the RF switching for the user's transceivers and amplifiers. The transceiver "pods" are simple breakout boxes that interface to each connected transceiver (or receiver/transmitter pair). Builders should allow about 14-16 hours to wire and test a complete SP-II. You'll maintain focus and avoid mistakes if you break up the work into segments.

Note: If you received this manual with your W8ZR kit, then please verify that the revision date on the Contents page corresponds to the revision date of the manual at www.w8zr.net/stationpro/download. The W8ZR website will always have the latest revision number for all documentation and firmware.

I. Preparation for Assembly

(1) Tools: To build the StationPro II you will need the following tools and small items:

-hookup wire #22AWG, 50ft approx
-small tip soldering iron
-1/32" diameter resin core solder
-isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol & Q-tips
-magnifying glass
-small needle-nose pliers
-small flush-cut wire cutters
-phillips screw drivers (small & medium)
-small flat head screwdriver
-sharp knife or single-edge razor blade
-3/16 in. drill bit (5 mm approx.)
-small flat and round files (optional)
-set of nut drivers (optional)
-regular tip soldering iron (optional)
-1/4 in. heat shrink tubing (optional)
-transceiver cables (see Sec. X)

Assembly Hints

1. Make sure your workbench surface is clean and free of clutter.

3. Inventory and sort parts and read through the assembly nstructions before you begin construction. Read the FAQs page on the W8ZR StationPro website.

2. Use a high-intensity light and magnifying glass to inspect your solder joints and to look for solder bridges.

4. To give your work a professional appearance, install resistors and capacitors so their color codes and markings all face the same way.

5. Work carefully and methodically and take your time. Take pride in your workmanship, and if you complete a step and it doesn't look good, then do it over.

(2) Hardware: The hardware to assemble your SP-II is supplied in two hardware packs with the W8ZR "semi-kits."

Note: additional cabinet hardware is packed with the enclosure for the SP-II control unit. Threaded aluminum standoffs are supplied by Mouser Electronics as part of your component order.

HARDWARE PACK 1

Qty 8	**2-56 x 3/16" screws**	
Qty 20	**4-40 x 5/16" screws**	
Qty 28	**No. 4 internal lockwashers**	
Qty 20	**4-40 nuts**	

HARDWARE PACK 2

Qty 8	**4-40 x 3/16" screws**	
Qty 8	**6-32 x 1/4" screws**	
Qty 8	**No. 6 internal lockwashers**	
Qty 18	**No. 4 x 3/8" sht. metal screws**	
Qty 8	**Black No. 6 x 3/8" sht. metal screws**	

II. Microphone Jack Considerations

Two 8-pin mic chassis jacks are included with your "semi-kit," and most modern transceivers (Kenwood, late Ten-Tec, Icom, Yaesu, Elecraft, Flex-Radio) will use these jacks. Older vintage rigs (earlyTen-Tec, Drake TR-5/7, Johnson Ranger, Collins KWS-1, Heathkit, etc.) typically used either 4-pin or 2-pin connectors. The mic jacks for all of these vintage rigs also will fit in the 5/8 in. prepunched holes in the front panel, but must be supplied by the builder.

Some other vintage rigs, for example the Collins "S-Line", the Drake "B-Line" and "C-Line," and the National NCX-5, use 3/16 in. or 1/4 in. microphone plugs whose mating jacks require a 3/8 in. hole. If you want to use one of these microphone jacks, then you should use insulating washers (not supplied) to adapt each jack to the 5/8 in. hole in the StationPro's front panel. (Insulating washers will minimize hum pickup – see the next paragraph and **Appendix A: Avoiding Ground Loop Complications**.)

Any of these microphone jacks can be used with the StationPro, although the two on the left will require washers to clamp them to the 5/8" hole in the front panel

You can "mix and match" microphone jacks in the StationPro, e.g., using one 8-pin and one 4-pin jack. Also, you can easily configure the SP-II so that a microphone wired for, say, a forty-year-old Collins KWM-2 transceiver, can be used with a modern Elecraft K3 transceiver, even though the mic connectors are different. Note, however, that vintage microphones using a single shielded cable to carry audio signals (as opposed to modern microphones having dedicated mic+ and mic- conductors) are particularly susceptable to hum caused by ground loop currents. Before installing jacks intended for such microphones (such as the 2-pin 5/8 in. jack – second from the right in the above photo), you should carefully read **Appendix A: Avoiding Ground Loop Complications** at the end of this manual

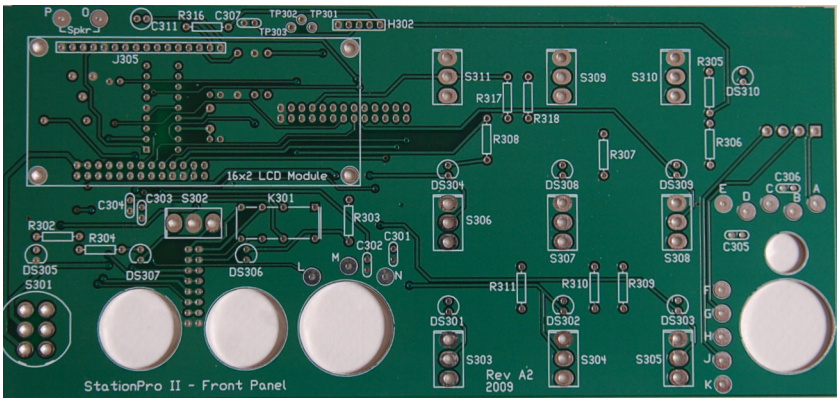
III. Front Panel Assembly

The front panel is the most complex part of the entire assembly process, so we will get it out of the way first. Begin by reading through these instructions. Then identify the front panel circuit board and, referring to the parts listing shown below, collect all of the components. (Additional information about each component is in **Appendix B: SP-II Parts List**, at the end of this manual. Also, photos of most components are shown in the step-by-step directions that follow.) Note that components mount on both the front and rear sides of the front panel circuit board, as indicated by the white silkscreened legends. Also note that Header H302 is unused, even though its outline is shown on the circuit board

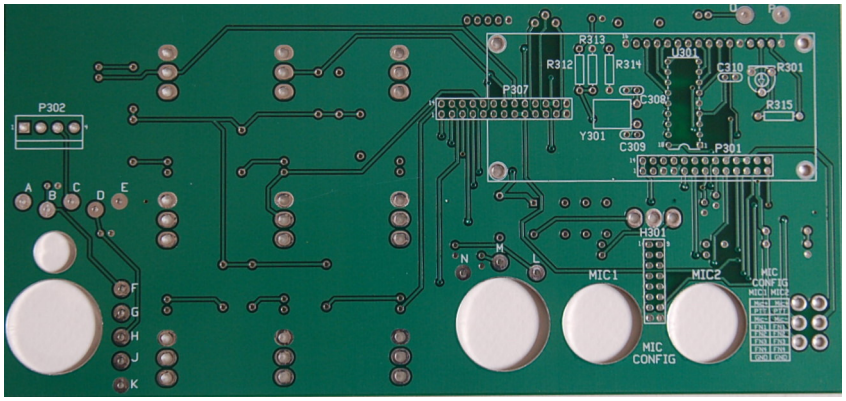
SPII Front Panel Parts List

IC socket	18 pin	DIP 18 pin IC socket
C301-C307	1000 pF	Capacitor, 50V, epoxy-dipped ceramic, qty 7
C308, C309	47 pF	Capacitor, 50V, epoxy-dipped ceramic, qty 2
C310	0.1 µF	Capacitor, 50V, epoxy dipped ceramic, qty 1
C311	1 µF	Capacitor, electrolytic, 50V, qty 1
DS301-DS304, DS308, DS309	LED	LED, Green, qty 6
DS306-DS307	LED	LED, Yellow, qty 2

DS305, DS310	LED	LED, Red,, qty 2
--	LED bezels	LED mounting clips, qty 10
J301	Key Jack	1/4 in. Stereo NO Phone Jack, qty 1
J302	Phone Jack	1/4 in. Stereo NO/NC Phone Jack, qty 1
J303	Phone Jack	3.5 mm Stereo NO/NC Phone Jack, qty 1
P305	Header	40 pin, 0.100 male, breakaway header, qty 1
K301	Relay	P&B/Tyco V23105, DPDT 12VDC, qty 1
P301, P307	Header	Molex, 26-pin (2x13), 0.100 male header, qty 2
P302	Header	Molex 4-pin 0.156” PCB connector w/locking clip, qty 1
LCD	16x2 LCD	Microtips 16x2 LCD
R301	5 KΩ trimpot	carbon trimmer potentiometer
R302-R304	2.2 KΩ	Resistor, 5% carbon film 1/4W (red-red-red), qty 3
R305-R311	1000 Ω	Resistor, 5% carbon film 1/4W (brown-black-red), qty 7
R312	22 KΩ	Resistor, 5% carbon film 1/4W (red-red-orange), qty 1
R313	220 KΩ	Resistor, 5% carbon film 1/4W (red-red-yellow), qty 1
R314	4.7 KΩ	Resistor, 5% carbon film 1/4W (yellow-violet-orange), qty 1
R315, R317, R318	10 KΩ	Resistor, 5% carbon film 1/4W (brown-black-orange), qty 3
R316	10 Ω	Resistor, 5% carbon film 1/4W (brown-black-black), qty 1
S301	Switch	Plastic DPDT paddle, qty 1
S302	Switch	Min. toggle, flat lever SPDT, qty 1
S303-S311	Switch	Min. toggle, flat lever SPDT mom. action, qty 9
Y301	Ceram. Res.	480 KHz ceramic resonator
U301	IC	PIC16C54 custom pre-programmed IC
----	connectors	8 pin mic jacks, qty 2
----	hardware	threaded standoff, round alum., 2-56 x 1/4,” qty 4
----	hardware	2-56 x 3/16” machine screws, qty 8



Front Panel Circuit Board –Front View



Front Panel Circuit Board – Rear View

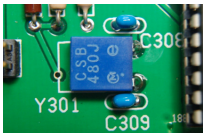
(1) Install the following 1/4 Watt metal film resistors and the 5 KΩ trimpot onto the circuit board. Note that some resistors mount on the rear side of the board, as indicated on the silkscreening. Make certain the resistor bodies lie flat against the board before soldering and align all the resistor color codes in the same direction.

R302-R304	2.2 KΩ (red-red-red)
R305-R311	1000 Ω (brown-black-red)
R312	22 KΩ (red-red-orange)
R313	220 KΩ (red-red-yellow)
R314	4.7 KΩ (yellow-violet-red)
R315,R317,R318	10 KΩ (brown-black-orange)
R316	10 Ω (brown-black-black)
R301	5 KΩ Trimpot

(2) Install the following ten blue epoxy-dipped capacitors and one electrolytic capacitor onto the circuit board. Make sure you install the capacitors on the front or rear side, as indicated by the silkscreening, and that you observe the polarity of the electolytic capacitor.

C301-C307	1000 pF (marked 102 – blue epoxy-dipped)
C308, C309	47 pF (marked 470 – blue epoxy-dipped)
C310	0.1 µF (marked 104 – blue epoxy-dipped)
C311	1.0 µF electrolytic (observe polarity when installing)

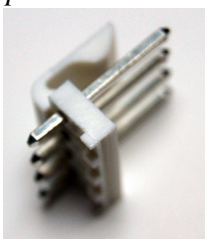
(3) Install the 480 kHz ceramic resonator Y301 on the rear side of the circuit board. Bend the two tabs down, as shown below, so the resonator lies flat against the outline on the circuit board.

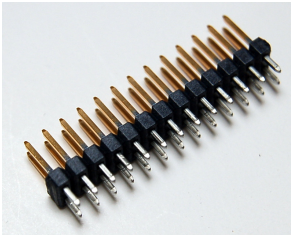


(4) Install relay K301 on the front side of the board. Make certain the relay body lies flat against the board. *Hint: solder diagonally opposite pins first, so you can readjust the relay body if necessary.*

(5) Install the 18 pin DIP IC socket at U301 on the rear side of the circuit board. Make sure the notch on the socket is aligned with the notch on the silkscreening. Do not plug in the IC yet.

(6) Install two 26-pin headers at P301, P307 and the 4-pin 0.156" PCB connector w/locking clip at P302 on the *rear* side of the circuit board. *Hint: solder the end pins first to secure the headers. Then, after you're certain the headers are seated against the board, with the pins perpendicular to the board, solder the remaining pins.*

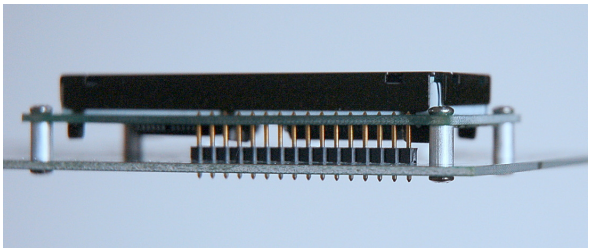




(7) Mount the LCD to the front panel, as follows: (Note: the rectangular cutout on the front panel is sized for the recommended Microtips NC-S16205DFYSAY display. If other brands of LCDs are used, it may be necessary to file slightly the cutout opening.)

(a) Slide a 16-pin 0.100" header into position J305 on the *front* side of the circuit board, but do not solder it yet. (Clip the 16 pins off of a 40 pin breakaway header using wire cutters.)

(b) As shown below, *loosely* mount the LCD onto the top side of the circuit board using a 1/4" x 2-56 threaded standoff and two 2-56 x 3/16" screws at each of the four mounting holes. The top of the J305 header pins should fit into the mating holes on the LCD. Do not solder the pins yet. (You want the screws to be loose enough so you can center the LCD in its front panel cutout in a subsequent step.



The LCD display mounts on four 1/4" threaded standoffs with 2-56 x 3/16" screws and connects to the circuit board with the 16 pin header. Be sure to solder both ends of each header pin.

(8) Remove all hardware from the nine momentary action toggle switches and discard the flat washers. Finger tighten one of the nuts against each switch body and then temporarily secure each toggle switch to the front panel. The lockwashers should be behind the panel, and the front panel nuts should also be only finger-tight. IMPORTANT: make certain the bat handles are pointing upward on all the switches, so that the handles are pressed down to actuate the switch.

(9) In the same way, temporarily mount the SPDT miniature snap-action toggle switch S302 to the front panel. The switch mounts sideways, in either direction.

(10) DO NOT attach the plastic DPDT AC power switch to the front panel. It will be installed later.

(11) Temporarily attach the circuit board to the front panel, adjusting the switches as necessary to make sure their pins fit into the mating holes on the circuit board, and that the LCD fits into the square cutout on the front panel. Use the slight bit of wiggle room on the LCD mounting screws to center the LCD into its cutout. When you are certain the switch bodies are snug against the circuit board, and that the LCD is flush with the front of the panel, and after you have double-checked that no switches are mounted upside down, then solder all the switch pins to the circuit board. Now tighten the LCD mounting screws on the rear side of the printed circuit board

(12) Detach the front panel from the circuit board, taking care not to lose the outer nut and lockwasher from each switch. *Hint: note that the nuts on S302 are slightly smaller than the nuts on the momentary action switches, so don't get them mixed up.* Now tighten the top screws on the LCD spacers and solder all the pins on both ends of J305 (32 solder connections in total).

(13) Mount the plastic DPDT AC power switch S301 on the front panel (it goes either way). The nut should be finger tight. Now set the front panel aside.

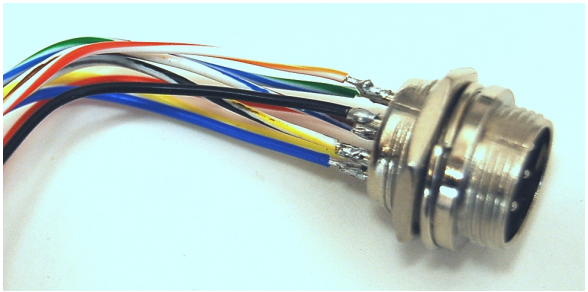
AC Power Switch S301

(14) Identify all the jacks that mount on the front panel: two microphone jacks, the 1/4 in. key jack (J301), the 1/4 in. headphone jack (J302), and the 3.5mm headphone jack (J303). As illustrated below, bend the solder lugs out flat on the key jack, so that they won't touch the printed circuit board when installed. Don't mix up the two 1/4 in. jacks; the J302 jack has a black plastic shell.

Left to right: J303, J302, J301, 8-pin Mic

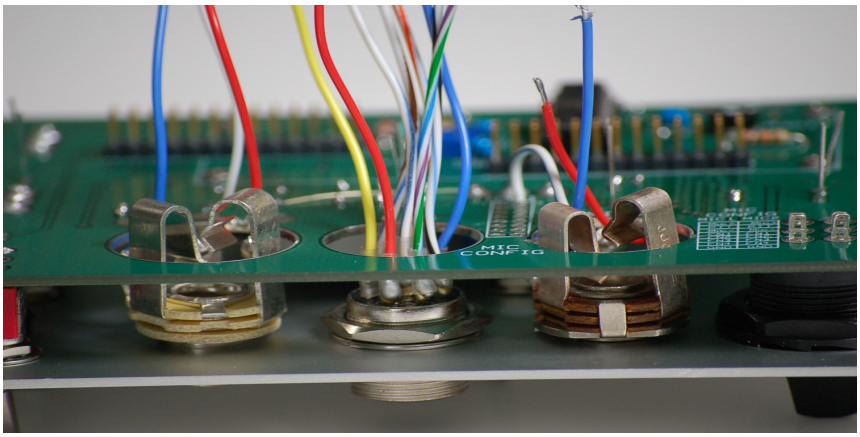
Bend the solder lugs on the key jack (J301) out flat, so they won't touch the front panel printed circuit board. If you're installing your own mic jacks with exposed solder lugs, bend them out flat too.

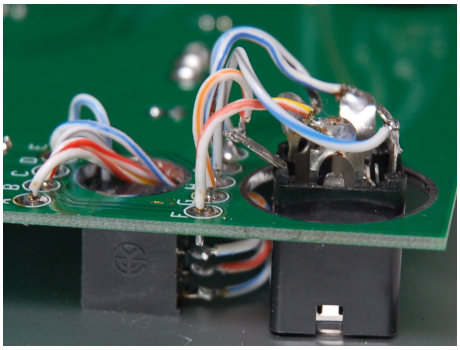
(15) Before starting, read carefully through the following steps, especially those pertaining to wiring the 8-pin DIN microphone jacks.The spacing between wires is very close and it is easy to confuse the pin numbers on the 8-pin jacks. It is strongly recommended you download "W8ZR's Wiring Tips for Builders" from the StationPro "Download Files" page before beginning. Solder a 5 inch length of hookup wire (approximately) to each pin on all jacks. (You will trim to size, later.) Important: when you solder the wires to the black 1/4 in. headphone jack (J302), orient the wires so they emerge from the side of each terminal rather than straight out the back. (See second photo on next page.) This will increase the rear clearance for this jack, which is tight when the front panel is installed in the cabinet. *Hint: a small length of sleeving or heat-shrink tubing slipped over each pin of multipin mic jacks will make a neat-looking job (not shown in below photo. This would also be a good time to read FAQ No. 11 about hookup wire on the W8ZR StationPro website.)*



Different wire colors make it easy to keep track of microphone jack pin numbers.

(16) Loosely attach all the jacks to the front panel and then secure the printed circuit board to the front panel with the toggle switch hardware. If necessary, adjust the AC power switch so that its pins fit into their mating circuit board holes. As before, there should be a nut and lockwasher *behind* the panel for each of the miniature toggle switches. Feed all the jack wires though the access holes in the circuit board, as shown in the following two photos.





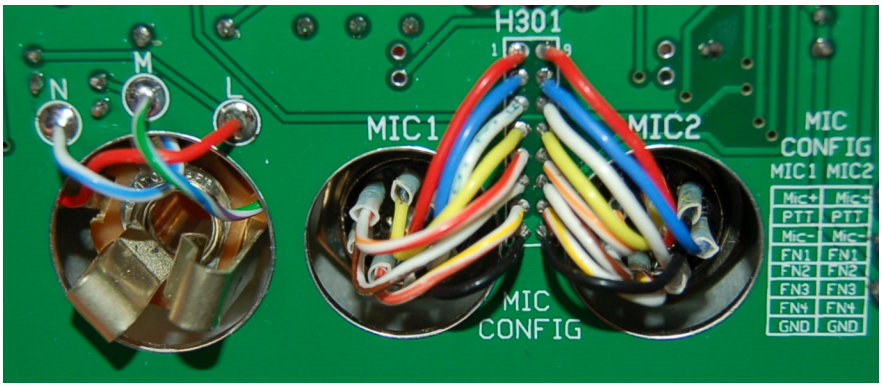
Detail showing wires from jacks threaded through the access holes on the front panel printed circuit board. Be sure none of the wires interferes with the jacks' operation

(17) Make sure none of the jack wiring interferes with the insertion of plugs. If you have provided your own 1/4" or 3/16" microphone jacks, be certain that their tabs do not touch the rim of the circuit board holes. You will need to insert a plug into the jacks to verify adequate clearance, since the plugs bend the tabs out slightly. If any tabs touch the hole rims, then file the hole rim with a small needle file to provide clearance. (No filing will be necessary if you use the supplied 8-pin mic jacks, or other jacks that fit the 0.625" front panel holes.)

(18) Rotate the jacks so that their wires are oriented adjacent to the matching lettered pads on the circuit board. The indent on 8-pin microphone jacks should face downward, and the washer should be *behind* the panel. Flat washers on 1/4 in. jacks go in *front* of the panel. There are no washers on the 3.5 mm headphone jack. Note that the clearance behind the black plastic 1/4 in. headphone jack will be tight once the front panel is installed, so do not use a second nut behind the panel on the jack. Now tighten all the jacks to the front panel, and also tighten the plastic nut on the AC power switch. Take care not to scratch the panel.

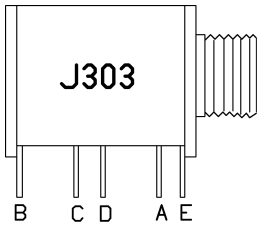
(19) Solder the pins on the plastic AC power switch S301 to the circuit board.

(20) Trim the wires from the headphone jacks (J302 and J303) and key jack (J301) to size (no longer than necessary), tin their ends, and then solder them to their mating pads on the circuit board (see photo, drawings and tables, below). If you prefer, you can route the wires from the 3.5 mm phone jack (J303) around the edge of the circuit board, rather than through the access hole. IMPORTANT: double-check to make sure you have identified all the wires correctly.



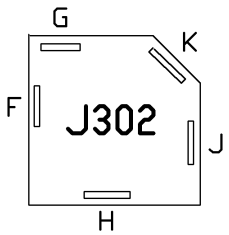
Trim the wires to size (keep them as short as practical) and solder each to its mating pad on the circuit board. Instructions for wiring the microphone jacks in this photo are given in Step (21), below.

3.5 mm Headphone Jack Pads (J303)



A	Tip
B	Tip (norm. closed contact)
C	Ring
D	Ring (norm. closed contact
E	Common (ground)

1/4" Headphone Jack Pads (J302)



F	Tip
G	Tip (norm. closed contact)
H	Ring
J	Ring (norm. closed contact)
K	Common (ground)

Key/Paddle Pads J301 (no drawing shown)

L	Tip (dot)
M	Ring (dash)
N	Common (ground)

(21) Microphone Jack Wiring: The microphone wiring table silkscreened onto the rear of the circuit board corresponds to the sixteen pads that are centered between the two microphone access holes. Although some microphones have numerous features (UP, DOWN, etc.), at a minimum all have at least three conductors: an audio output wire (Mic+), a PTT wire; and a ground (shield) wire. If a microphone jack has a separate "Mic Gnd" or "Mic-" wire, then connect it to the Mic- pad and not to GND.

Note that there are four rows of pads labeled FN1-FN4 on the silkscreened table. These pads, along with the Mic- pads, differ from the Mic+ and PTT pads because both pads in each row, FN1 for example, are jumpered together on the circuit board. You can assign the other microphone wires (e.g., UP, DOWN, +V, etc.) to FN1-4, in any order you like, but be sure to assign the corresponding wires on each microphone to the same pads. In other words, if you assign FAST to FN1 for Microphone 1, then you should also assign FAST to FN1 for Microphone 2. The following table shows recommended pad assignments for common 8-pin microphone pinouts used in contemporary transceivers.

IMPORTANT: if you do not use any of the FN1-4 rows, then jumper an unused pad on that row to the GND pad. However, if a pad, such as FN4, is used only on one microphone but not on the other, then do NOT ground the unused FN4 pad. Now trim the wires from each microphone jack to size, tin the ends, and solder each wire to its pad, according to the table. Be especially careful to avoid short circuits from loose wire strands or solder bridges on the Mic+ pads (Pin nos. 1,9) and PTT pads (Pin nos. 2,10).

Common 8-pin DIN Microphone Wiring Table

	--------Mic Connector Pin No.----------				
Pad Label	Elecraft	Yaesu	Ten-Tec	Icom	Kenwood
MIC+(Audio Out)	1	8	8	1	1
PTT	2	6	6	5	2
MIC- (MIC GND)	7	7	7	7	7
FN1 (FAST)	5	4	--	--	--
FN2 (DOWN)	4	3	--	--	3
FN3 (+V)	6	2	2	2	5
FN4 (UP)	3	1	--	3	4
GND	8	5	5	6	8

(22) Once you have soldered all the wires from the front panel jacks to their mating circuit board pads, then carefully inspect your work to make sure there are no short circuits, solder bridges, or unsoldered connections.

(23) Slide six green LEDs through the front panel LED cutout holes so that their leads pass into the mating holes on the circuit board marked DS301, DS302, DS303, DS304, DS308, and DS309. Do not solder the LEDS yet. IMPORTANT: The flat side of the LEDS (the short lead) goes down, as shown on the silkscreened legend.

(24) Similarly, insert two yellow LEDs into DS306 and DS307. Do not solder the LEDs, and be sure the flat side is down.

(25) Insert two red LEDs into DS305 and DS310 (flat side down). Do not solder the LEDs.

(26) Snap the LED plastic mounting bezels into their holes on the front panel, taking care not to let any of the LEDs slip out of their circuit board pads.

(27) Slide the body of the LEDs into the back of the LED bezels until they click into place. Use a small flat-blade screwdriver to nudge the LEDs into the bezels. Once you have verified that each LED is seated in its bezel, and that each bezel is pushed flat against the panel, solder all the LEDs to the circuit board. *Hint: if you have trouble getting the LEDs to snap into the bezels, try bending the plastic tabs on the bezels out slightly, using a small-blade screwdriver.*

(28) Plug the PIC16C54 preprogrammed IC into the 18-pin IC socket at U301. Wear a grounded wrist strap or touch a grounded surface to avoid damaging U301 with static electricity. IMPORTANT: Be sure to align the notch on U301 with the silkscreened notch on the circuit board. Make sure none of the IC pins are bent and that all fit into the mating holes in the socket. *Hint: bend the pins on U301 inward slightly by pressing the IC pins against a flat surface. This will make the IC easier to install.*

(29) Clean the flux from the rear of the circuit board with isopropyl alcohol and Q-tips and then inspect each solder connection using a magnifying glass. Pay particular attention to the grounds on the LEDs and switches; make sure solder has flowed onto the circuit board groundplane and isn't beading up on the pad.

(30) Set aside the completed front panel assembly. Note that Header H302 is unused, and that no wires are soldered yet to the two speaker holes labeled "O" and "P" in the upper left of the board.

IV. Main Circuit Board Assembly

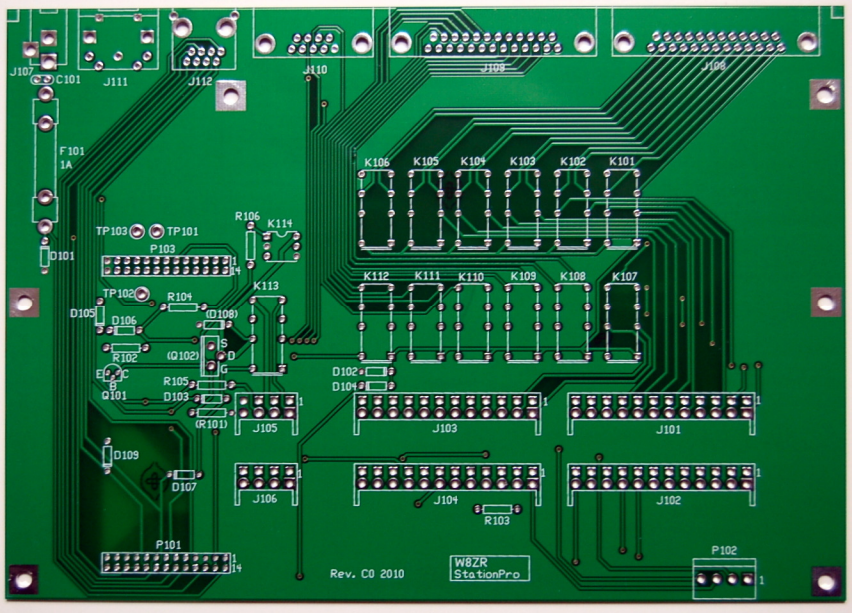
Identify the main circuit board, pictured below, and collect all of the components in the following list. (Refer to the master parts list for additional details about each component.) Note that all components will install on the *top* side of the circuit board.

Main Circuit Board Components

C101	0.1µF	Capacitor 50V epoxy dipped ceramic, qty 1
D101–D107, D109	1N4005	1A/600PIV diode, qty 8
F101	Fuse Clips	PCB mount fuse clips, qty 2
F101	Fuse	Fuse 1Amp 3AG, qty 1
J101-J104	Connector	Molex 0.156" 12-pin top-entry female header, qty 4
J101-J104	Header	Molex 0.156" 12 pin male header, qty 4
J105, J106	Connector	Molex 0.156" 4-pin top-entry female header, qty 2
J105-J106	Header	Molex 0.156" 4 pin male header, qty 2
J107	Connector	2.5mm DC pwr jack, PCB side entry, qty 1
J108, J109	Connector	D-Sub 25 pin male, PCB side entry, qty 2
J110	Connector	D-Sub 9 pin female, PCB side entry, qty 1
J111	Connector	DIN 5 pin female PCB side-entry, qty 1
J112	Connector	RJ45 8pin PCB side-entry, qty 1
K101–K113	Relay	P&B/Tyco V23105, DPDT, qty 13
K114	SS Relay	Clare Optomos PLA140 solid state relay, qty 1
P101, P103	Connector	Molex 26 pin (2x13), 0.100" male header, qty 2
P102	Connector	Molex 4-pin 0.156" PCB male w/locking clip, qty 1
Q101	2N3906	PNP gen purpose transistor, qty 1
R102, R103	2.2 KΩ	Resistor, 5% carbon film, 1/4 W (red-red-red), qty 2
R104, R105, R106	1000 Ω	Resistor, 5% carbon film 1/4W (brown-black-red), qty 3

****** Parts for optional amp relay keying circuit (delete K114, R106 if used) ******

(R101)	4.7 KΩ	Resistor, 5% carbon film 1/4W (yellow-violet-red), qty 1
(D108)	1N4005	1A diode, qty 1
(Q102)	IRF610PBF	MOSFET power transistor, qty 1

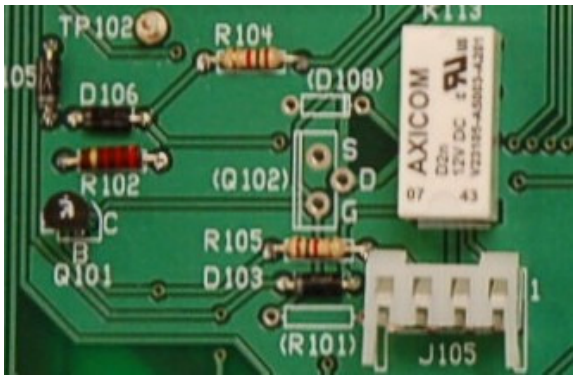


StationPro Main Circuit Board – Top View

(1) The main circuit board has provisions for a "default" amplifier keying circuit and an "alternate" amplifier keying circuit, and the builder must choose which circuit to use. The default circuit (rated at 400V @ 250 mA, AC or DC of either polarity) is recommended for nearly all applications. The alternate circuit (rated at 3.5A, 200V, positive polarity only), should only be used for keying very high current, positive voltage relays. CHOOSE ONLY ONE CIRCUIT! Now install the selected components, as illustrated below:

Note the white dot on K114. Be sure to get the orientation right when you install this component.

Default Amp Keying Circuit: Install K114 and R106 (brown-black-red). Make sure the notch on K114 is aligned with the notch on the silk-screened outline. Note the white dot near pin 1. K114 looks like a 6-pin IC.



R101, D108, and Q102 should NOT be installed if the default keying circuit is selected.

Alternate Amp Keying Circuit: Install D108, Q102 and R101 (yellow-violet-red). Match the band on D108 to the circuit board pattern, and bend the leads on Q102 so they line up with the holes in the circuit board. Position Q102 about 1/4 in. above the board. Note that the silkscreened component IDs for these parts are in parentheses.

(2) Install the remaining 1/4 watt resistors, making sure the resistor bodies are flat against the circuit board and that color codes are aligned in the same direction:

R102, R103	2.2 KΩ	(red-red-red)
R104, R105	1 KΩ	(brown-black-red)

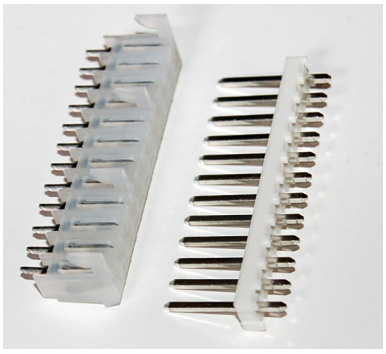
(3) Install 1N4005 diodes at D101-D107 and D109 and the 0.1 µF blue dipped epoxy capacitor at C101. Make sure the diodes bands are oriented as shown on the silkscreened legends, and do not confuse the value of the capacitor with others that look the same. A "104" marking on the capacitor indicates a 0.1 µF value.

(4) Install the 2N3906 transistor Q101, taking care to get the orientation correct. Bend the leads to align them with the holes on the circuit board. The transistor should sit about 1/4" above the board.

(5) Install the thirteen relays K101-K113. Begin by soldering two opposing pins on each relay so you can make sure the relay bodies seat flat against the circuit board. Then solder the remaining pins. Solder these one at a time, or you'll never get them positioned properly.

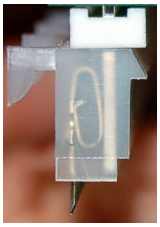
Be certain not to miss any pins when you solder the thirteen relays to the circuit board

(6) Referring to the photos below, identify the four 12-pin Molex female connectors you will install at J101-J104 and the two 4-pin Molex female connectors to be installed at J105 and J106. Now identify the 12-pin and 4-pin straight male headers whose pins will mate with these connectors.

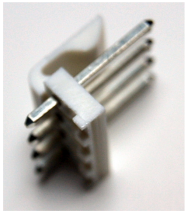


12-pin Molex 0.156" female PCB connector and matching 12-pin header

As shown below, push a matching male header into each of the six connectors (long pins go into the connector), making sure the headers are seated fully into the connectors. Now solder the pins of all six Molex connectors (NOT the header pins) to the main circuit board (56 pins in all*).* **Be sure you orient the connectors to the silkscreened outline on the circuit board, and be sure the connector pins go into holes in the round pads in the circuit board and not in the square pads.** *(Hint: Solder an end pin on each connector first, so you can make certain the connector bodies are seated flat against the main circuit board. Then solder the remaining pins.)* Leave the headers plugged into the connectors; they will be soldered into the microcontroller circuit board in a later step.

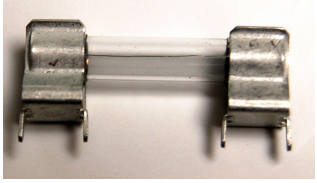


(7) Install the Molex 0.156" 4-pin male connector (with locking clip) shown below at P102.



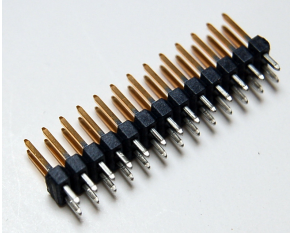
The Molex 0.156" male connector with locking clip installs at P102

(8) Install the fuse clips at F1. *(Hint: Insert the 1A fuse into the clips to hold them in place and to make sure you don't install the clips backwards.)*



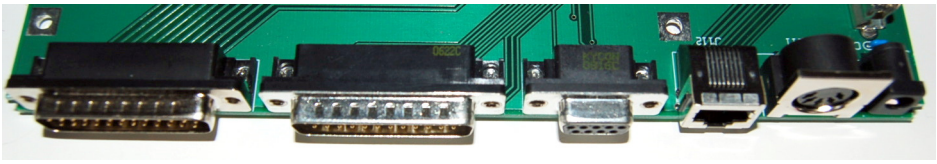
Insert the 1A fuse into the fuse clips before soldering them to the circuit board.

(9) Install the two 26-pin (2x13) male headers at P101 and P103. Solder two end pins first on each header to make certain the body of the header is flat against the circuit board. Then solder the remaining pins. Clean off the flux with alcohol and then check the solder joints with a magnifying glass to make sure there are no solder bridges between pins.



26 pin male headers install at P101 and P103.

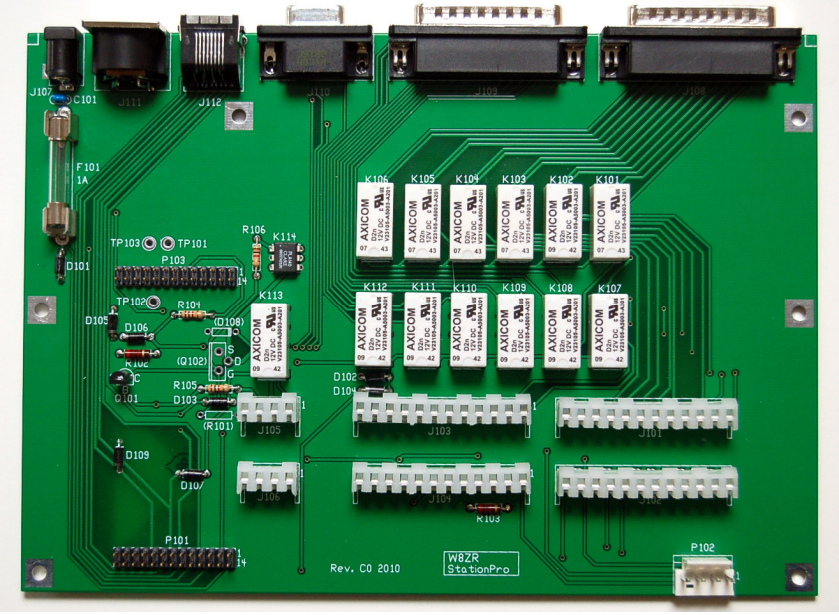
(10) Install the six connectors J107-J112 along the rear edge of the circuit board. (See photo, below.) Make absolutely certain the connectors are seated flat against the board before soldering the pins; otherwise, they won't fit properly into their rear panel cutouts. As before, inspect each solder joint with a magnifying glass to look for cold solder joints and solder bridges. Some of the connectors have metal mounting tabs, and these should be soldered to the ground plane on the circuit board. *Hint: It takes extra heat to solder pins and tabs to the ground plane of the circuit board. Be sure to use a large enough soldering iron and make certain that solder has flowed onto the ground plane.*



From left to right, J108, J109, J110, J112, J111, J107

(11) Clean the flux from the circuit board with isopropyl alcohol and Q-tips and then inspect each solder joint using a magnifying glass. Look especially closely at the multipin connectors along the rear edge of the circuit board and the two 26-pin headers.

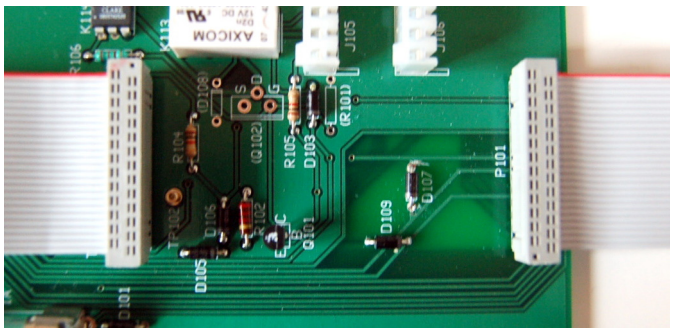
(12) With a pair of wire cutters, cut out 1/8" notches at each rear corner of the circuit board. Note that the outline of the notches is silkscreened on the board. These notches allow the circuit board to clear the side brackets on the enclosure.



Note the notch cutouts silkscreened on the rear corners of the main printed circuit board

(13) Install 1/2" No.6 threaded standoffs at the six locations (five along the sides, and one behind J112, the 8-pin RJ45 jack) on the bottom side of the circuit board. Use a 6-32 x 1/4" machine screw and a #6 internal lockwasher under each screw head. Tighten the screws securely.

(14) Plug six-inch 26-conductor flat ribbon cables into headers P101 and P103. As shown below, orient the cables so that one flat cable emerges out of header P101 toward the front edge of the circuit board, while the cable from P103 points toward the rear edge of the circuit board. Important: Make certain the connectors are aligned properly with their mating pins on the headers, and are not inadvertently offset. Leave the other ends of the cables free.



Be certain the ribbon cables are not not accidentally offset from the pins in their mating connectors

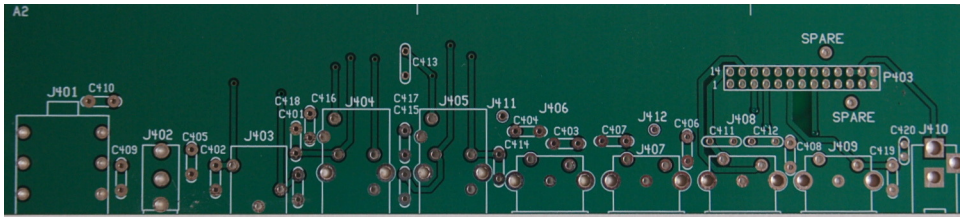
(15) Set aside the completed main printed circuit board. Note that if you selected the default amplifier keying circuit, then no components are installed at (R101), (Q102), and (D108).

V. Rear Panel Circuit Board Assembly

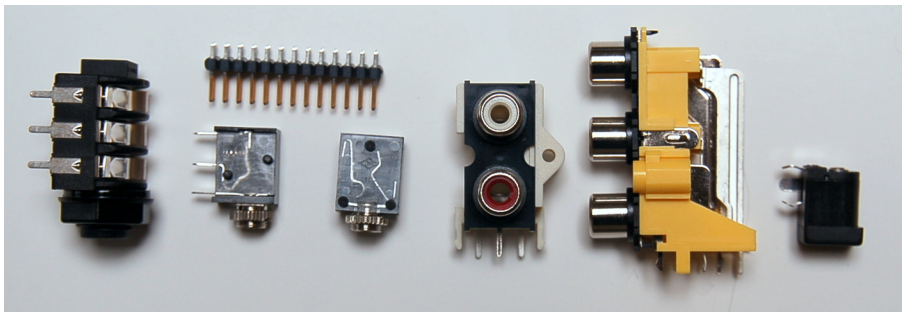
Identify the rear panel circuit board, illustrated below, and the components in the following list. All components mount on the top side of the printed circuit board.

Rear Circuit Board Components

C401-C419	1000 pF	Capacitor, 200V, qty 19
C420	0.1 µF	Capacitor, 50V, qty 1
J401	Connector	1/4 in 2-circuit PCB phone jack, qty 1
J402	Connector	3.5 mm 1-circuit PCB phone jack, qty 1
J403	Connector	3.5 mm 2-circuit PCB phone jack, qty 1
J404, J405	Connector	triple RCA phono jack (R/Wh/Ye), qty 2
J406-J409	Connector	dual RCA phono jack (R/Wh), qty 4
J410	Connector	2.5 mm DC pwr jack, PCB side entry, qty 1
P403	Header	Molex 26 pin (2x13), 0.100" male header, qty 1



Rear Panel Circuit Board



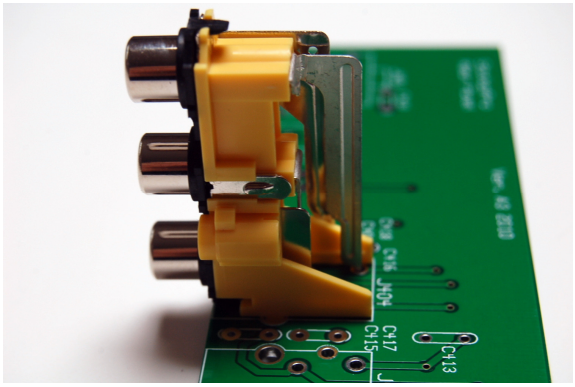
Rear Panel Circuit Board Components (left to right): J401, J403, J402, J406-J409, J404-J405, and J410. The 26 pin (2 x 13) header is P403.

(1) Install capacitors C401-C419 (1000 pF/200V) capacitors. Note that one pin of each capacitor solders to the ground plane, so be sure to use enough heat for the solder to flow. Then install C420 (0.1 µF/50V), which is next to J410 on the right side of the board. Note that the 1000pF/200V capacitors have a yellow boxy shape (marked 102), while the 0.1 µF/50V is blue and marked 104.

(2) Install the 26 pin (2x13 pins) male header at P403. Solder diagonally opposite pins first, to make sure the header is flush against the board.

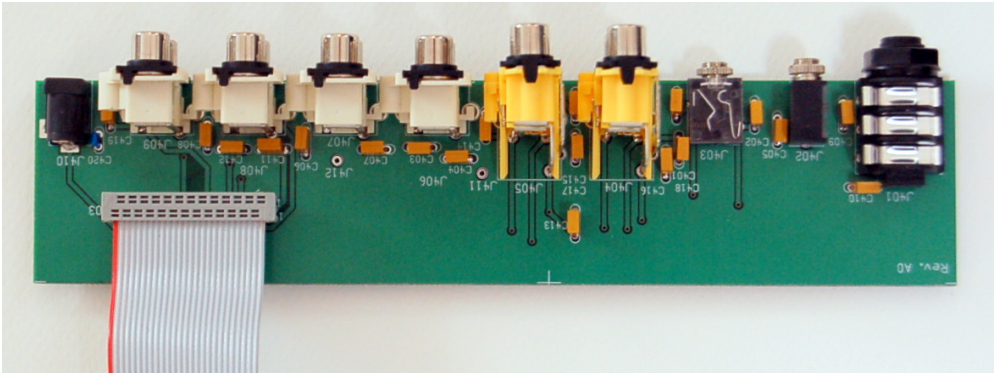
(3) Install connectors J401-J403, and J410. Make sure each connector is seated flat against the circuit board. This is very important, because any misalignment will keep the circuit board assembly from fitting properly in its mating holes on the rear panel. If any of the pins on J410 (the power jack) are too tight to fit into the circuit board pads, then trim the pins as necessary with wire cutters.

(4) Install the triple RCA phono jacks at J404 and J405, and the double RCA phono jacks at J406-J409. Again, take care to ensure that the jacks are seated snugly on the circuit board. They should mount perfectly flush onto the board, and not tilt or lean in any direction.



Be certain the modular RCA phono jacks are seated flush on the circuit board before you solder their pins. Otherwise the jacks won't fit into the cutouts on the rear panel.

(5) Clean and inspect all solder connections. Note that there are three unused pads, labeled "J411", "J412", and "SPARE." J411 and J412 are in parallel with two of the RCA Phono jacks (J406 and J407, respectively) and can be used if builders wish to add other types of connectors to the rear panel (e.g., banana jacks or terminal strips). Set aside the completed rear panel assembly.



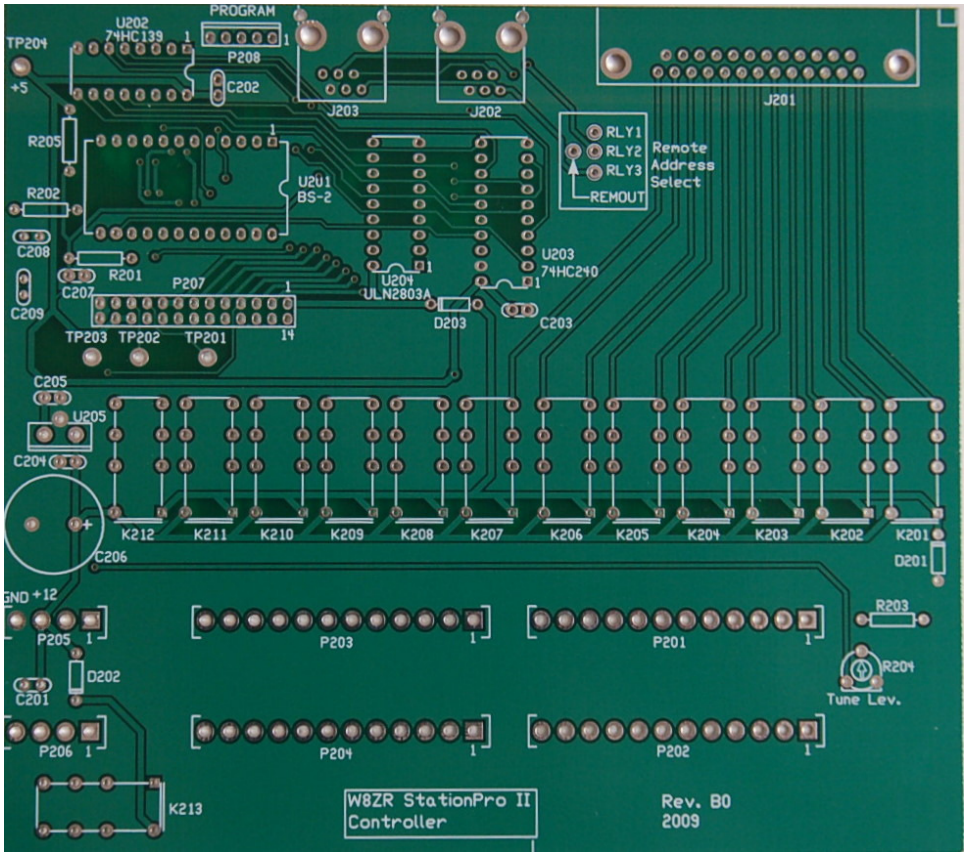
Completed rear panel circuit Board. For future reference, note the orientation of the ribbon cable (which has not yet been installed).

VI. Microcontroller Circuit Board Assembly

Identify the microcontroller circuit board, pictured below, and collect all of the components in the following list. (Refer to the master parts list for additional details about each component.) Note that all components will install on the *top* side of the circuit board, except for the the headers at P201-P204 and P205-P206. These headers have previously been inserted into their mating connectors on the main circuit board.

Microcontroller Circuit Board Components

IC socket	24 pin	24 pin IC socket, qty 1
C201-C205	0.1μF	Capacitor, 50V blue ceramic, (marked 104) qty 5
C206	4700 μF	Capacitor, 16V electrolytic, qty 1
C207	1000 pF	Capacitor, 50V, blue ceramic (marked 102) qty 1
C208, C209	.01 μF	Capacitor, 50V, blue ceramic (marked 103) qty 2
D201- D203	1N4005	1A/600 PIV diode, qty 3
J201	Connector	D-Sub 25 pin male, R/A PCB mount, qty 1
J202, J203	Connector	RJ25 6 pin PCB side-entry, shielded, qty 2
K201 –K213	Relay	P&B/Tyco V23105, DPDT 12 VDC, qty 13
P201-P204	Header	Molex 0.156” 12 pin header, qty 4 (prev. installed)
P205, P206	Header	Molex 0.156” 4 pin header, qty 2 (prev. installed)
P207	Header	Molex, 26 pin (2x13) 0.100” male header, qty 1
P208	Header	Molex 5 pin, 0.100”, friction lock
R201	1000 Ω	Resistor, 1/4W (brown-black-red), qty 1
R202	100 KΩ	Resistor, 1/4W (brown-black-yellow), qty 1
R203, R205	10 KΩ	Resistor, 1/4W (brown-black-orange), qty 2
R204	10 KΩ	carbon trimmer potentiometer, qty 1
U201	BS2-IC	Parallax Basic Stamp model BS2-IC
U202	74HC139	IC, dual 4-to-2 line decoder, 16 pin, qty 1
U203	74HC240	IC, octal bus buffer, 20 pin, qty 1
U204	ULN2803A	IC, darlington 8 NPN array, 18 pin, qty 1
U205	7805	IC, +5V voltage regulator TO-220 3 pin, qty 1



Microcontroller Circuit Board – Top View

(1) Install all of the 1/4 watt resistors, making sure the resistor bodies are flat against the circuit board and that color codes are aligned in the same direction:

R201	1 KΩ	(brown-black-red)
R202	100 KΩ	(brown-black-yellow)
R203, R205	10 KΩ	(brown-black-orange)

(2) Install a 10 KΩ trimpot at R204.

(3) Install blue epoxy-dipped ceramic capacitors as follows:

C201–C205	0.1 µF / 50V	(marked 104)
C207	1000 pF/50V	(marked 102)
C208, C209	0.01 µF/50V	(marked 103)

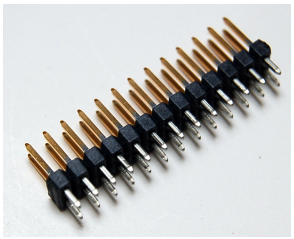
(4) Install 1N4005 diodes at D201-D203. Make sure the diodes bands are oriented as shown on the silkscreened legends.

(5) Install a 24 pin IC socket at U201. Make certain the socket orientation aligns with the notch on the silkscreened legend.

(6) Install the thirteen relays K201-K213. Begin by soldering two opposing pins on each relay so you can make sure the relay bodies are flat against the circuit board. Then solder the remaining pins.

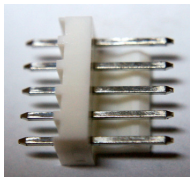
Be certain not to miss any pins when you solder the thirteen relays to the circuit board

(7) Install a 26 pin (2x13 pin) header at P207. Solder diagonally opposite pins first, to make sure the header is flush against the board, and check to make sure you have no solder bridges between pins.



Be especially careful to avoid solder bridges between the closely spaced pins on the 26 pin header

(8) Install the 0.100" Molex 5 pin header with locking clip at P208. Orient the header so that it matches the outline on the silkscreened legend.



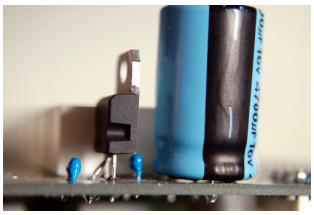
(9) Install a 4700 µF/16V electrolytic capacitor at C206. Be sure to observe the polarity of the capacitor. The "+" pad is marked on the silkscreening, whereas the "-" side is marked on the capacitor.

(10) Install connectors J201 (25 pin) and J202, J203 (6 pin) along the rear of the circuit board. Check that these connectors lie flush against the circuit board before you solder the pins. The spacing between pins is very close, so inspect your work to make certain there are no solder bridges. Don't forget to solder the ground plane pins, using extra heat if necessary.

(11) Install integrated circuits as listed below. Wear a grounded wrist strap or touch a grounded surface to avoid damaging the ICs with static electricity. Be sure to align the notch on the ICs with the silkscreened notch on the circuit board. Before you solder the pins, make sure none of them is bent and that all fit into the holes on the circuit board. *Hint: bend the pins on the ICs inward slightly by pressing the IC pins against a flat surface. This will make the ICs easier to install.*

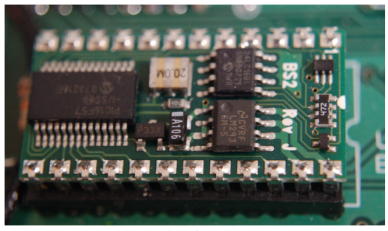
U202	74HC139
U203	74HC240
U204	ULN2803A

(12) Install the 7805 5-Volt regulator at U205. Bend the leads on the 7805 to align with the pads on the circuit board. The body of the IC should sit about 1/4" above the circuit board.



The 7805 voltage regulator is vertically mounted and sits about 1/4" above the circuit board.

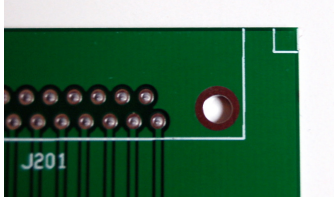
(13) Plug the Basic Stamp BS2-IC into the socket previously installed at U201. (Wear a wrist strap or touch a ground while you handle this component.) Make certain the BS2-IC is aligned with the notch on the silkscreened legend, and verify that all 24 pins are properly seated into the socket. Take your time nursing the BS2-IC into its socket and do not apply excessive pressure. It helps to rock the BS2-IC back and forth slightly while you insert it.



Verify that its pins are straight before inserting the BS2-IC into its socket.The white dot on the front of the BS2-IC must be aligned with the notch on the silkscreening.

(14) Clean the flux from the bottom of the circuit board with isopropyl alcohol and Q-tips and then inspect each solder joint using a magnifying glass. Look especially closely at the multipin connectors along the rear edge of the circuit board, the 26 pin header, and the pins on the ICs.

(15) With a pair of wire cutters, cut a 1/8" notch at the *right rear corner* of the circuit board. Note that the outline of the notch is silkscreened on the board. The notch allows the circuit board to clear the side bracket on the enclosure.



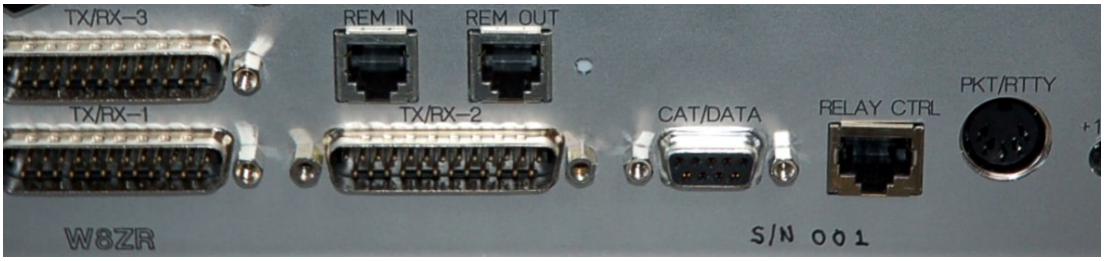
Use wire cutters to cut a 1/8 in. notch in the right rear corner of the microcontroller circuit board.

(16) With the exception of the six headers at P201–P204 and at P205–P206, which have not yet been installed, this completes assembly of the microcontroller circuit board.

VII. Final Assembly of the Controller

(1) Retrieve the previously assembled main circuit board, and recall that during assembly you inserted 12 pin headers at P201–P204, and 4 pin headers at P205–P206 into their mating connectors. Verify again that these headers are fully seated into their connectors. Now set the microcontroller circuit board on top of the main circuit board, so that the pins on the six headers extend into their holes on the microcontroller circuit board. Do not solder the pins, yet.

(2) Carefully attach the main circuit board and microcontroller circuit board assembly to the rear panel, taking care not to let the pins on the six headers slip out of their pads. These boards attach to the rear panel with the eight jack screws that secure the three 25-pin DB25 connectors and the 9-pin DB9 connector. Before you tighten the jack screws, make sure the bodies of the 8-pin RJ-45 (RELAY/CTRL) and 6-pin RJ-25 (REM IN, REM OUT) connectors fit into their rectangular cutouts on the panel. The jack screws are rather fragile, so do not overtighten them. *Note: do not attach the rear panel circuit board to the rear panel yet.*



The main circuit board and microcontroller circuit board attach to the rear panel with the eight jack screws that secure the DB25 and DB-9 connectors.

(3) Check again to make sure that the pins on the six headers at P201–P204 and P205–P206 are still in their circuit board pads. Then solder the end pins on each header so you can make certain the header bodies are seated flat against the underside of the microcontroller circuit board. Now solder the remaining pins.

(4) As shown below, attach the left and right side enclosure brackets to the rear panel, using the 6-32 x 3/8" screws supplied with the enclosure (not with the hardware packs). Do not use any washers. Note that the lip on the side brackets will fit into the notches previously cut into the two circuit boards.

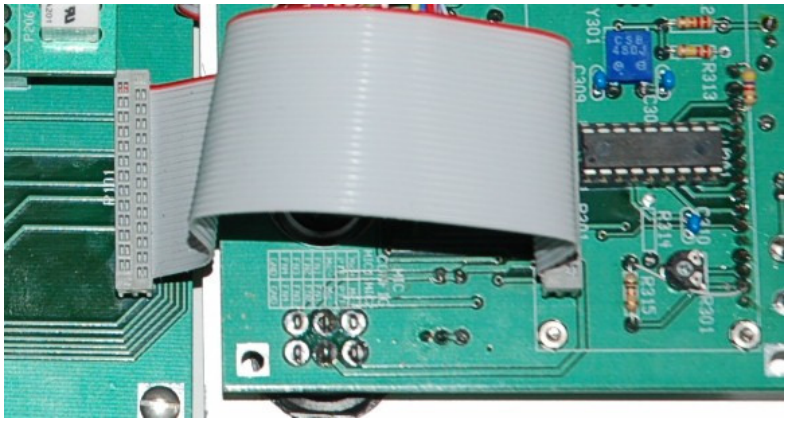
(5) In the same manner, attach the front panel assembly to the left and right side brackets. Use the four black 6-32 x 3/8" machine screws supplied with the enclosure, with no washers. NOTE: When you attach the front panel to the side brackets, inspect carefully the lugs on the back of the 1/4 in. headphone jack to make sure they don't bump into the 4-pin Molex header at P102 on the main PCB. If they do, carefully bend the interfering lugs out of the way. These lugs are brittle, so bend them slowly (to allow stresses to equalize), no more than necessary, and avoid sharp bends.

(6) Identify the curved bottom cover of the enclosure. It is the cover that has two small holes that line up with the two threaded standoffs closest to the front of the main circuit board.

(7) Press the four adhesive-backed feet supplied with the enclosure onto the underside of the bottom cover.

(8) Attach the bottom cover to the side brackets, using the black No. 10 sheet metal screws supplied with the enclosure, and secure the two threaded standoffs to the bottom cover, using 6-32 x 1/4 machine screws and No. 6 internal lockwashers. The lockwashers go underneath the screw heads. The remaining four standoffs are not attached to the bottom cover.

(9) Plug the free end of the previously installed 26-conductor ribbon cable from P101 on the main circuit board to P301 on the front panel circuit board. When properly installed, the cable should not twist. It should emerge down from the lower end of P301, as shown below. Don't forget to check the alignment of the connector with the pins on P301, to make sure the pins are not inadvertently offset.

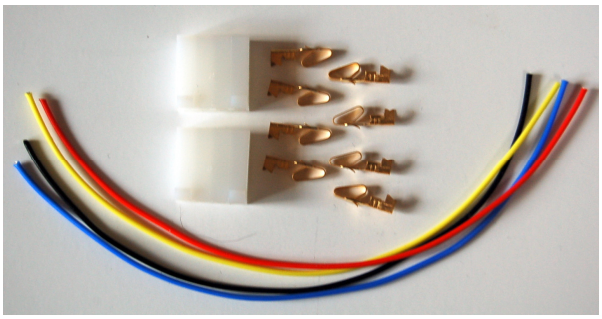


When properly installed, none of the three ribbon cables should be twisted and all should line up nicely with their mating headers

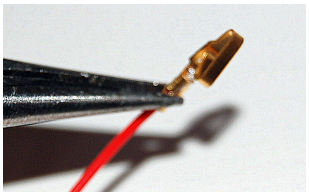
(10) Plug one end of a six inch 26-conductor ribbon cable into P207 on the microcontroller circuit board, and the other end into P307 on the front panel circuit board. The ribbon cable should point from P207 toward the front of the controller circuit board, and from P307 toward the bottom of the front panel circuit board. The cable should not twist. Check the alignment of the connectors at both headers. At this stage of the assembly, two ribbon cables should be installed fully, and the third ribbon cable (from P103) should be hanging free.

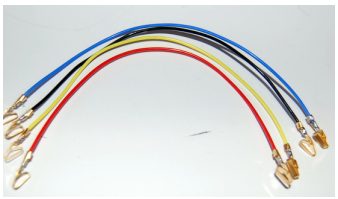
(11) Following the steps below, prepare and install a short 4-conductor cable to connect from P102 on the main circuit board to P302 on the front panel circuit board.

(a) Cut four 6 inch lengths of 22 AWG stranded hookup wire, and strip each end about 3/16 inch. If available, it will be convenient to use different color wires.

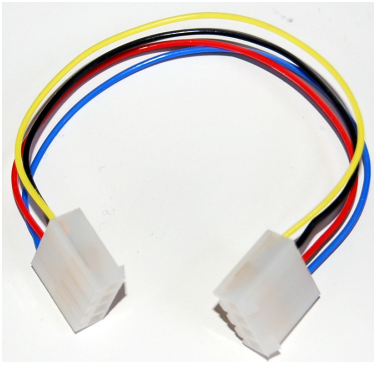


(b) As shown above, identify two 4-pin Molex 0.156” nylon connector housings (Mouser p/n 538-09-50-3041) and eight crimp terminals (Mouser p/n 538-08-50-0134). Using needle-nose pliers, crimp a terminal onto each end of the hookup wires prepared in the previous step. *(Hint: it’s a good idea also to solder the wires to the terminals. Use the smallest amount of solder necessary for a good connection.)*

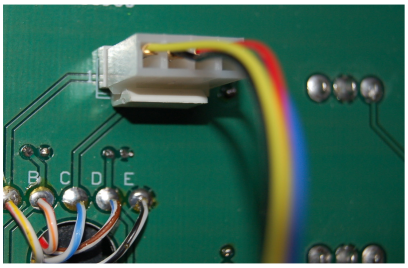




(c) Snap the terminals into each connector housing. Use a small flat-bladed screwdriver to push each terminal into the housing. The terminals only insert one way and will click into place. Be sure you're inserting the terminals into their correct hole on the housing, because once installed they are difficult to remove. Important: Make sure the wires don't cross, i.e., pin 1 on one housing should mate with pin 1 on the other housing. Note that pin 1 is identified on the silkscreened legends.



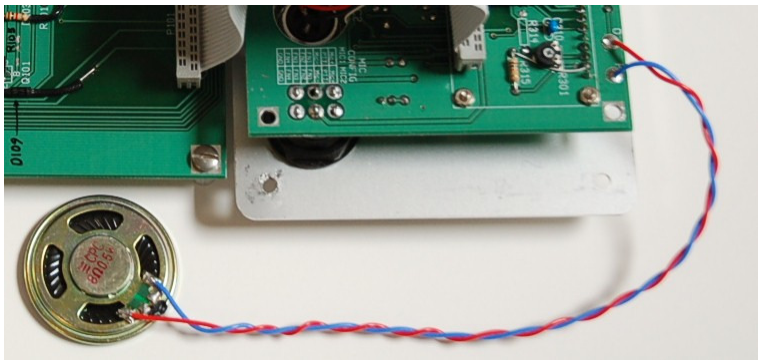
(d) Plug one end of the cable assembly into P102 on the main circuit board, and the other end into P302 on the front panel circuit board. Again, be sure not to cross the wires.



One end of the prepared cable plugs into P302 on the front panel circuit board.

(11) Identify the miniature round speaker (Mouser p/n 665-AS04508MR3R). *(Hint: a local source of small speakers is a drugstore or card shop that sells greeting cards that play songs. Remove the speaker, save the battery in your junk box, and send the card to your mother-in-law.)* Twist together two 12 inch lengths (approximately) of 22 AWG

stranded hookup wire, and strip and tin the ends about 1/4 inch. As shown below, solder one end of the twisted pair to pads "O" and "P" on the rear upper corner of the front panel circuit board, and the other end to the speaker. Either wire goes to either speaker terminal. Position the speaker on the bottom enclosure cover, underneath the main circuit board; it will be held in place by the speaker magnet. Note: If you want to try out your controller before you install a speaker, then you must temporarily solder a 1000 Ω – 2.2 KΩ resistor between pads "O" and "P" to use as a load. Otherwise your controller will exhibit erratic behavior.



The magnet in the miniature speaker holds it in place on the steel bottom cover of the StationPro II enclosure

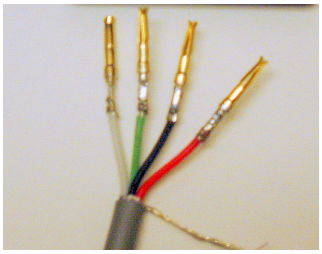
(12) Following the steps below, prepare a 4-conductor programming cable for your StationPro II. This cable will connect between a serial port on your computer and the program port P208 on the microcontroller circuit board. *Hint: If your computer does not have a serial port, you can buy a USB-to-serial adapter from Parallax, Inc. (the company that makes the Basic Stamp microcontroller) for $15. The item number is 28030 and the website is www.parallax.com*

(a) Cut a 5 ft length (approx) of 4-conductor cable. No shield is required, so you can bundle lengths of hookup wire together if you don't have 4-conductor cable. Strip each end of the cable wires by about 1/8 inch. *Hint: You can save yourself some time by purchasing a ready-made nine wire serial cable with a molded female DB-9 connector on one end. Clip off and discard the connector at the other end and then jump to step (e), below.*

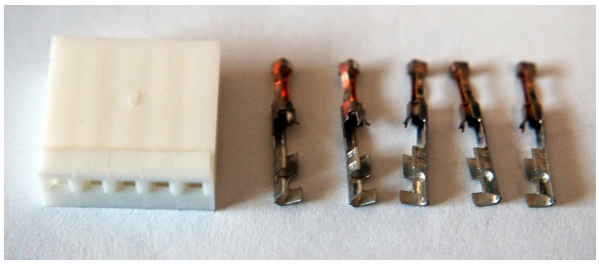
(b) Assemble the components of a 9-pin serial computer connector (Radio Shack part numbers are given below):

9-pin D-Sub female connector with crimp terminals (p/n 276-1428)
9-pin shielded D-Sub hood (p/n 276-1513 or 276-1539)

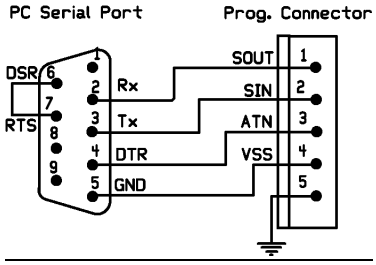
(c) Crimp and solder a terminal onto the wires at one end of the 4-conductor cable. If your cable has a shield, also attach a terminal to the shield. (Use needle-nose pliers to crimp the wires.)



(d) Crimp and solder a terminal onto each end of a 2 inch length of hookup wire. You will use this wire as a jumper in a following step.



(e) As shown above, identify one 5-pin Molex .100" nylon connector housing (Mouser p/n 538-22-01-2057) and five crimp terminals (Mouser p/n 538-08-52-0123). Crimp and solder a terminal onto the wires at the other end of your cable. (Note: if you are using a ready-made serial cable, then crimp terminals onto the wires coming from pins 2,3,4,5 of the DB-9 connector. Use an ohmmeter to verify the pin numbers. Twist and solder together the wires coming from pins 6 and 7.)



Programming Cable Wiring Diagram

(f) Install the terminals in accord with the above wiring diagram. The jumper wire you prepared in step (d) goes between pins 6 and 7 on the DB-9 connector. Note that the numbers are as viewed from the rear side of the connectors, e.g., the side that the cable emerges from.

The programming cable connects to a standard 9-pin DB-9 serial port on your computer.

VIII. Programming and Checkout of the Controller

Before you can use your StationPro II, you must first program the Basic Stamp BS2-IC microcontroller. Fortunately, doing so is very easy and takes but a few minutes. ***(Note: Although I would prefer you do it yourself, as a service I will program your StationPro for you. The price is $15. Email me for instructions.)*** You begin by downloading two programs into your PC. The first is a free editor program from Parallax, Inc., and the second is the StationPro II firmware from the W8ZR StationPro website. Once these two programs are downloaded into your PC, the firmware can be transferred to the StationPro II in a few seconds Here is the step-by-step procedure.

(1) Download and install the free Basic Stamp editor into your PC from http://www.parallax.com/tabid/441/Default.aspx Choose the version of the editor for your particular operating system. Versions are available for early and late Windows operating systems and also Macintosh and Linux.

(2) Download the latest firmware version for the StationPro II from W8ZR's website: http://www.w8zr.net/stationpro/. Click on the "Download Files" button on the top banner. The file name for the firmware has the form **StnPro_code_01_27_2011.bs2**, where the "01_27_2011" refers to the release date. Obviously you should download the latest release date. To download, right click (for Windows) the link and save the file to your hard disk. The saved file should have the same file name as the original file. When you open the file, be sure to open it with the Basic Stamp editor and not your browser.

(3) Open the Basic Stamp Editor. Once the Editor is open, then go to "Files" and open the StationPro II firmware file you have just downloaded. You should see the firmware program displayed on your screen. The Basic Stamp uses a form of BASIC known as P-BASIC. Note that the code has been extensively annotated, in order to facilitate changes, modifications, and hacking.

(4) The downloaded firmware has default entries for transceivers and amplifiers. These are “Transceiver 1”, “Transceiver 2”, and “Transceiver 3” for the transceivers (or receiver/transmitter pairs), and “Amplifier 1”, “Amplifier 2, and “Amplifier 3” for the linear amplifiers. You may use these default entries, but you probably will want to enter your own station equipment. To change the entries, scroll down to the second page of the program listing until you see something like the following on your computer screen:

```
'   ========================
'OWNER SUPPLIED DATA -- enter station equipment and fill out with spaces to
'make all descriptions exactly 15 characters. Note that quotation marks
'around each description are required.
      DATA @$030,  "Amplifier 1    "   'Enter AMP1 Info in quotes
      DATA @$040,  "Amplifier 2    "   'Enter AMP2 Info in quotes
      DATA @$050,  "Amplifier 3    "   'Enter AMP3 Info in quotes
      DATA @$060,  "Transceiver 1  "   'Enter TRX1 Info in quotes
      DATA @$070,  "Transceiver 2  "   'Enter TRX2 Info in quotes
      DATA @$080,  "Transceiver 3  "   'Enter TRX3 Info in quotes
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Now enter your own station equipment on each of the six lines, between the quotation marks. There must be exactly 15 characters between the quotation marks, so that shorter descriptions must be padded out with spaces. Here is an example of a completed table:

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      DATA @$030,  "Alpha 9500     "   'Enter AMP1 Info in quotes
      DATA @$040,  "QRO HF-2500DX  ”   'Enter AMP2 Info in quotes
      DATA @$050,  "Drake L4-B     "   'Enter AMP3 Info in quotes
      DATA @$060,  "Elecraft K3    "   'Enter TRX1 Info in quotes
      DATA @$070,  "TenTec Orion II”   'Enter TRX2 Info in quotes
      DATA @$080,  "Collins S-Line "   'Enter TRX3 Info in quotes
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Next, scroll down to “Part II,” of the Owner Supplied Data section, which gives you the option of locking out specific amplifier/transceiver combinations. Follow the directions in the program listing, or skip this step if you do not want to lock out any amplifier selections. When you are done, press Ctrl+S to save your program. You may revise the table as many times as you want, as you change your station’s equipment.

(5) Connect a +12V DC power source to the power connector on the back panel of the StationPro II. Then plug the programming cable into P208 on the microcontroller circuit board, and connect the other end of the cable to your PC serial port. Note that pin 1 of P208 is indicated on the silkscreened legend, so don’t hook the connector backwards.

(6) Turn on the power switch on the StationPro II. The red Pwr LED should light, and also one of the yellow microphone LEDs. Other LEDs may or may not be lighted. The LCD display should be backlighted, but do not be alarmed if you do not see displayed text. Check the voltage at TP204 (on the left rear of the microcontroller circuit board), to verify that it is 4.9V– 5.1V.

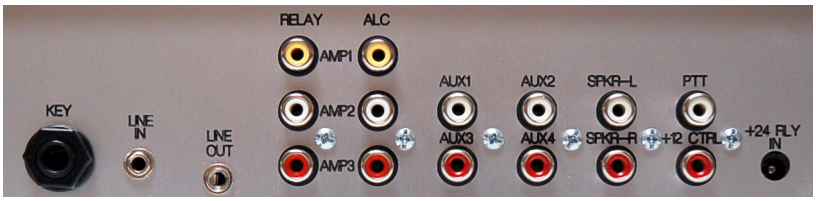
(7) If all seems normal, press Ctrl+R on your keyboard to upload the firmware into your StationPro II. After a few seconds, your computer display will indicate a successful upload.

(8) Turn off the StationPro II for a few seconds and then turn it back on. After a second or two, you should hear a melodic beep and the sound of relays closing. Now adjust the contrast trimpot R301 on the back of the front panel circuit board until you see text on the LCD display.

Having now seen text displayed on the LCD, this is a good time to celebrate and take your spouse out to dinner.

(9) Turn off the StationPro II and remove the programming cable.

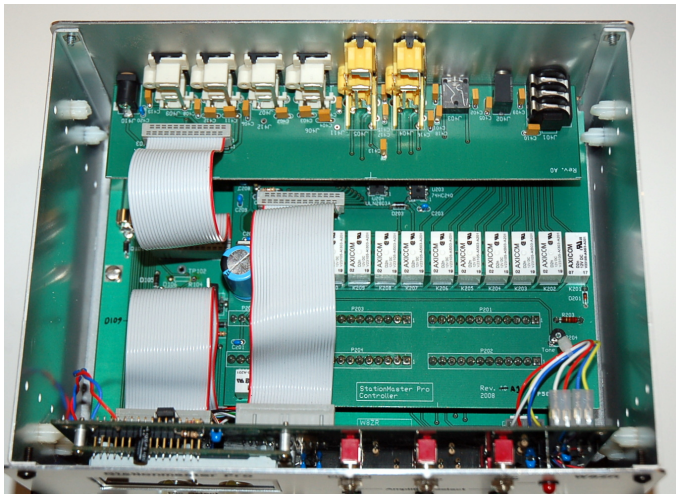
(10) Mount the rear panel circuit board to the rear panel. The circuit board is attached to the panel by the hardware on the Key, Line In and Line Out jacks, and by six No. 4 x 3/8" sheet metal screws. Make certain that the RCA Phono jacks are properly centered in their holes on the panel before you tighten the sheet metal screws. Note that the black plastic washer on the key jack goes under the nut on the outside of the panel.



The rear panel circuit board attaches to the rear panel with six No. 4 x 3/8" sheet metal screws and the hardware on the jacks.

(11) Plug the free end of the ribbon cable coming from P103 on the main circuit board into P403 on the rear panel circuit board. The cable should not be twisted.

(12) Attach the top cover to the enclosure, using the black No.10 self-tapping screws supplied with the enclosure. This completes the assembly of the StationPro II control unit.



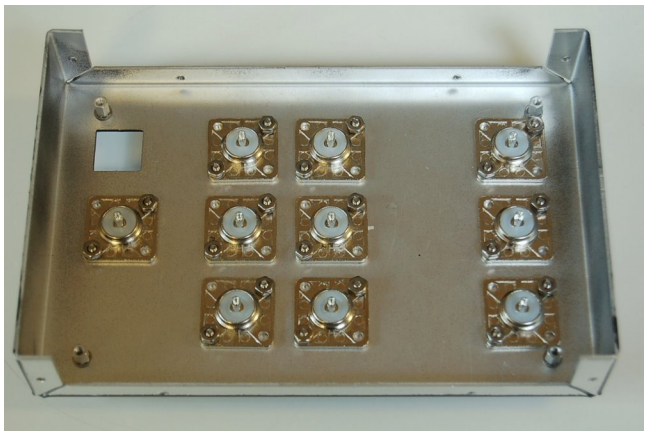
Interior view of the completed SP-II Control Unit

IX. Assembly of the RF Relay Unit

Preparation for Assembly: The RF relay enclosure shown below consists of two interlocking aluminum pieces powder-coated with an extremely durable graphite-colored finish. Unfortunately, the powder-coating process has an unavoidable overspray into the interior of the enclosure. Before beginning assembly, therefore, the builder should use the small strip of emory cloth provided with the hardware packs to sand the powder-coating off all the screw holes on the *inside* of the top cover. Doing so will ensure good electrical contact between the metal cover and the ten SO-239 coax jacks, and also between the metal cover and the four threaded standoffs that secure the printed circuit board. It is a good idea, but not strictly necessary, also to sand off the paint on the lip of the top cover, where the black sheet metal screws secure the two parts of the enclosure together.

(1) Identify the top cover of the RF relay enclosure and mount ten SO-239 UHF coax jacks to the inside surface, as shown below. Use two 4-40 x 5/16” machine screws, with internal lockwashers and nuts on each of the SO-239 connectors. The lockwashers go

under the nuts. There is a slight bit of wiggle room in the mounting holes, so use it to line up the connectors so their sides are parallel to one another.

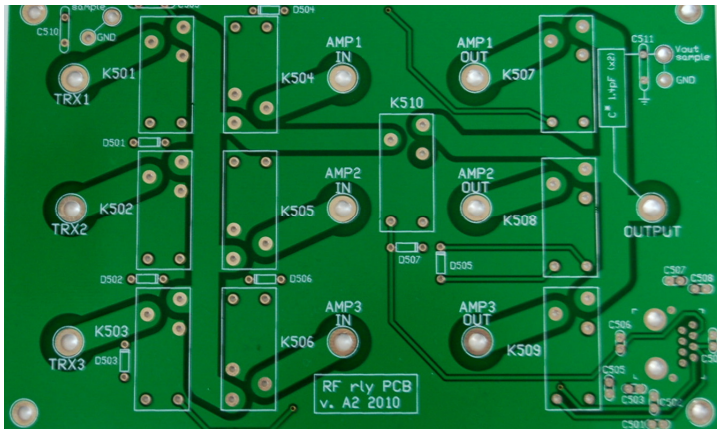


(2) Mount four 4-40 x 1/4" threaded standoffs on the corner holes of the inside top cover, as shown above. Use 4-40 x 3/16" machine screws, with internal lockwashers under the standoffs (i.e., between the standoffs and the enclosure, not under the screw heads.)

(3) Identify the RF relay circuit board and collect the components that mount on the board, listed below. If necessary, refer to the master parts list for more details about each component.

RF Relay Circuit Board Components

J501	Connector	RJ-45 8 pin, top entry, shielded, PCB jack, qty 1
K501-K510	Relay	Tyco/Schrack RTB14012F SPDT 12A, qty 10
C501-C507	0.01µF	Capacitor 50V blue epoxy-dipped ceramic, qty 7
C508	0.1µF	Capacitor 50V blue epoxy-dipped ceramic, qty 1
D501-D507	1N914A	Si gen. purpose signal diode, qty 7



RF Relay Circuit Board (Top View)

(4) Plug J501, the 8-pin RJ-45 connector, into its holes on the rear side of the circuit board, but do not solder the pins yet.

(5) Temporarily mount the RF relay circuit board onto the inside of the top cover, making sure the center pin of each SO-239 jack extends into its mating hole on the circuit board, and that the body of J501 fits through the rectangular cutout on the cover. Because of variations in manufacturing tolerances, you may need to file slightly the rectangular cutout for J501 to make sure it fits smoothly into the enclosure lid. Loosely secure the circuit board to the four corner standoffs with 4-40 x 3/16" screws in order to verify that the holes line up. Once you're sure everything fits together properly, solder the pins on J501. *Do not* solder the pins yet on the coax jacks. Now unscrew the four 4-40 x 3/16" screws that you just installed, and remove the circuit board from the enclosure.

(6) In the following steps, all components mount on the top of the circuit board. Install a 0.01 µF/50V (marked 103) epoxy coated ceramic capacitor at C501-C507.

(7) Install a 0.1 µF/50V (marked 104) epoxy coated ceramic capacitor at C508.

(8) Install 1N914A diodes at D501-D507, taking care to observe the diode polarity. The banded end of the diodes is indicated on the silkscreened legend.

(9) Install RF power relays K501– K510. Install these one at a time and make sure the body of each relay is flush against the circuit board before you solder the pins.

(10) OPTIONAL STEP. The printed circuit board has provisions for sampling the RF output from your transceivers and linear amplifiers. Most builders will probably not need this feature and can omit this step. Note that implementing the RF sampling feature will require drilling or punching two holes in the RF enclosure in order to mount two BNC coax jacks. (If desired, users can substitute two RCA phono jacks).

Necessary parts (to be supplied by builder):

BNC Chassis Jacks, qty 2
Capacitor, 15 pF/500V (dipped silver mica), qty 1
Capacitor, 330 pF/ 500V (dipped silver mica), qty 2
Hookup wire or bare tinned wire: 6 in. (approx)

(a) Install the following capacitors:

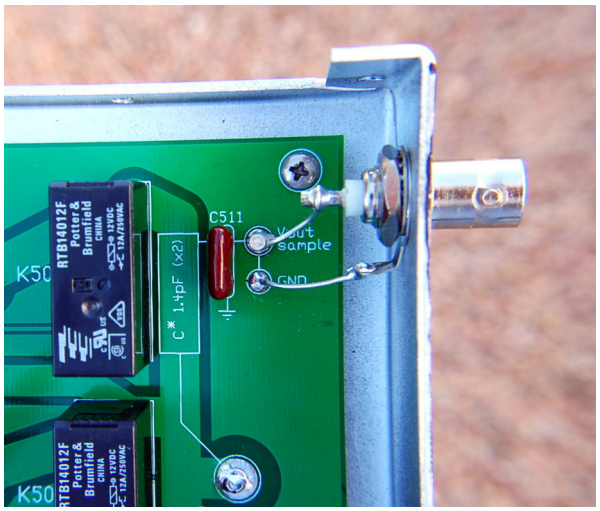
C509	15 pF/500V, qty 1
C510, C511	330 pF/ 500V, qty 2

(b) Note that the circuit diagram shows a high voltage capacitor C* which is part of the capacitive voltage divider that samples the RF from the selected amplifier. This capacitor is built into the circuit board copper pattern and has a value of 2.8 pF. Physically, this capacitor consists of two copper pads, each having a capacitance of 1.4 pF and connected in parallel by a copper trace. If in very high power applications it is observed that the sampled voltage is too

great, this capacitor can be reduced to 1.4 pF by cutting the connecting trace.

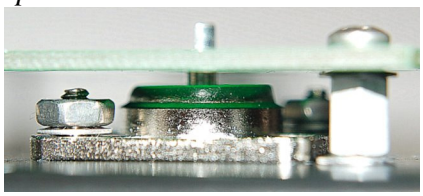
(c) Drill or punch two 3/8" holes at a convenient location on the opposing sides of the enclosure, near the RF pickoff points (see photograph below), and mount the BNC chassis jacks in the holes.

(d) Connect the BNC jacks to the sample pickoff pads on the circuit board, using a short length of hookup wire or bare tinned wire. Also ground the coax jacks to the ground pads on the circuit board, using another short piece of wire. This completes the optional step.



The RF relay unit, showing the optional RF sampling circuit, with side-mounted BNC connector.

(11) Secure the RF circuit board to the four standoffs on the inside top cover of the enclosure, using 4-40 x 3/16" machine screws and internal lockwashers. Place the lockwashers between the standoffs and the bottom of the circuit board (NOT under the screw heads). (*Hint: Stick toothpicks into the holes on the standoffs and lower the lockwashers and circuit board onto the toothpicks. Once everything is in place, remove the toothpicks and secure the circuit board..*)



Lockwashers go between the standoffs and the circuit board and enclosure lid, not under the screwheads. The lockwashers ensure a good electrical connection between the circuit board ground plane and the enclosure lid, and also increase the clearance between the bottom of the circuit board and the SO-239 connector bodies. Note that the lockwashers on the SO-239 jacks go under the nuts.

(12) Make sure all the hardware securing the ten SO-239 jacks is tight, and then solder all ten center pins of the SO-239 connectors to the circuit board pads. Use enough heat to make certain the solder flows nicely, but use no more solder than necessary for a good connection. (You'll have to unsolder these pins if you ever want to remove the circuit board, so don't make the job harder by using too much solder!)

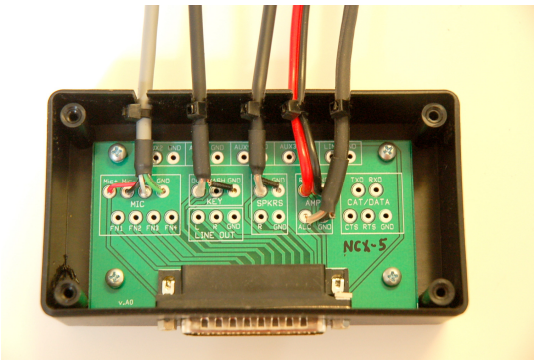
(13) Attach the cover to the RF relay enclosure using eight No.6 x 3/8" black sheet metal screws. This completes the assembly of the RF relay unit.

The completed StationPro RF relay unit

X. Assembly of the Transceiver Pods (Three Required)

Each transceiver (or receiver/transmitter pair) connects to the StationPro control unit via a single 25-wire computer-type serial cable. The free end of this cable terminates in a "pod," which is a small breakout box. Short cables go from this breakout box to the jacks (microphone, key, data, etc.) on the rear and front panels of the transceiver.

Modern transceivers have many different jacks, some of which may not be of interest to all users. For example, most hams will use the microphone and key jacks, but many will not use the band data, packet, and transverter jacks. The below photograph shows the pod for a vintage National NCX-5 transceiver, which uses only a few breakout connections. At the other extreme, the pod for an Icom 7800 transceiver in a VHF contest station might use most of the 24 control lines. Thus, builders must decide not only what radios they will control with the StationPro, but also what features of those radios they wish to use.



(1) Make a Connector List: Before starting to assemble your pods, you should make a list of the connectors on your transceivers. The list should show the mapping between pin numbers on the transceiver jacks and the circuit board pads on the Pod circuit board. Remember, you can always add connectors and features at any time as your interests change. Here as an example is a connector list for the Elecraft K3 transceiver:

Elecraft K3 Pod Pinout Listing

A. Microphone Jack
Connector Type: 8 pin DIN

Conn. Pin #	Pod
6	FN3 (+8)
5	FN1 (function)
4	FN2 (DOWN)
3	FN4 (UP)
8	GND
2	PTT
7	MIC- (GND)
1	MIC+

B. CAT/DATA Jack
Connector Type DSUB DB-9

Conn. Pin #	Pod
1	N/C
2	RXD (ser out)
3	TXD (ser in)
4	N/C
5	GND
6	N/C
7	N/C(RTS)
8	N/C(CTS)
9	N/C

C. Key/Paddle Jack
Connector Type: 1/4” phone plug

Conn. Pin #	Pod
Tip	DOT
Ring	DASH
Shield	GND

D. Line Out Jack
Connector Type: 1/8” stereo plug

Conn. Pin #.	Pod
Tip	Line Out-L (Main)
Ring	Line Out-R (Sub)
Shield	COM

E. Speakers L/R
Connector Type: 1/8” stereo plug

Conn Pin #	Pod
Tip	spkr-L (Main)
Ring	spkr-R (Sub)
Shield	COM

F. Other Single Pin Connectors (w/shield)

Conn. Type	Pod
RCA-RED	Amp RLY
RCA-WH	PTT
1/8” mono	Line In

G. Unused Pod Connections

Unused	AUX1
Unused	AUX2
Unused	AUX3
Unused	AUX4
Unused	Amp ALC

(2) Selecting Cables and Connectors for Pods: Wiring up multiwire plugs is tedious, so it si best to use commercially made cables whenever possible. Since you've already used your transceivers and amplifiers without a StationPro, you undoubtedly already have most of the necessary cables. But if not, since nearly all transceivers have several RCA phono jacks, you can buy several three foot "stereo cables" and cut them in half. Similarly, you can also buy 1/8" audio cables with molded 1/8" subminiature connectors. Ditto for shielded cables with 1/4" stereo or mono plugs. In other words, it should be possible to purchase most of the needed interface cables for your pods (The one exception: you will probably have to make your own Pod microphone cable). Using purchased cables, the pod assembly will be easy and quick.

(3) Install the connectors on the ends of any custom cables you need, and then cut all the cables to length. Allow 15 inches for cables that plug into rear panel jacks of your transceivers, and 32 inches for cables that plug into front panel jacks. Strip and tin 3/16" from the free end of the cable wires.

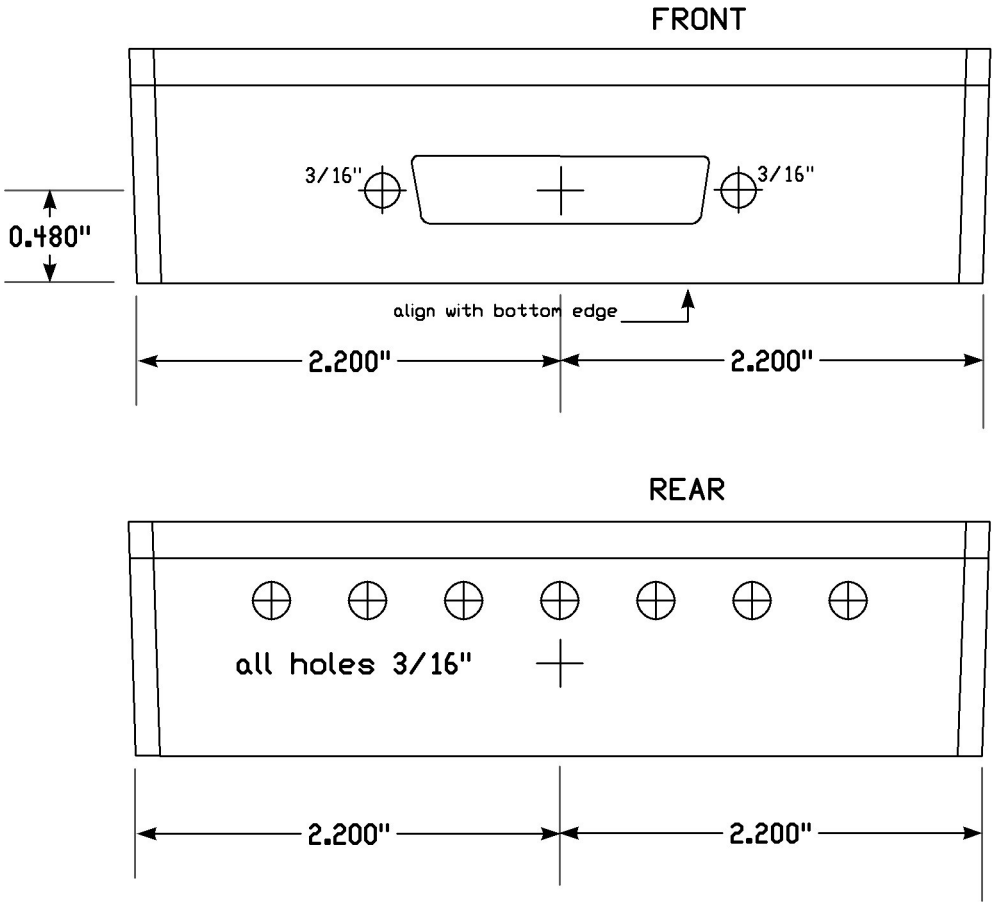
(4) Install a 25 pin ferrite-filtered D-Sub female connector (Mouser p/n 806-KF22X-B25S-NJ) on the pod circuit board. Check the solder joints to make sure there are no solder bridges, and be sure to solder the mounting tabs to the pod ground plane, using enough heat for the solder to flow nicely.

(5) Solder the cable ends prepared in step (3) to the appropriate pads on the Pod circuit board, using the list you prepared in Step (1). Take your time to do a neat job, and be careful not to overheat the wires which can cause their insulation to melt. Set aside the Pod circuit board. *Hint: for a particularly neat appearance, slip a length of heat shrink tubing over the cable sleeves, as shown in the previous photograph. It is also a good idea to label each cable, as shown in the photograph following step (13).*

(6) In the next few steps, you will prepare the enclosure for the Pod circuit boards. This is a small soft plastic box whose sole purpose is to protect the pod wiring, and it is very easy to work on. It should take you about 15 minutes to prepare one enclosure. The below photograph shows some tools you may find helpful. *Hint: the specified pod enclosure is a Hammond 1591XXBSBK (Mouser p/n 546-1591XXBSBK), but if you need an enclosure right away you can use a Radio Shack "Deluxe Project Case" p/n 270-221, which is nearly the same size.)*

(7) Attach the lid to the plastic enclosure, and then tape the below templates (another template copy which you can cut out is at the end of this section, on p. 59) to the front and rear sides of the enclosure. The bottom of the templates should be aligned along the bottom edge of the enclosure. *Hint: using an artist's spray mounting adhesive, available at any arts and crafts store, makes a convenient, removable non-slip way to attach templates to enclosures.*

PDD TEMPLATES



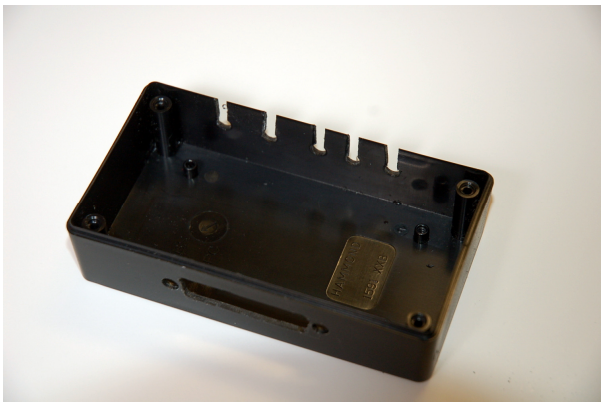
(8) After center-punching the two holes on the front template (any pointed object will work), then drill or punch two 3/16" holes as indicated. The plastic is soft enough that you can probably drill the holes by just holding the bit in your hand.

(9) Using a sharp knife or single-edged razor blade, scribe a scratch along the edge of the cutout for the DB-25 connector. Now remove the template from the front side of the enclosure.

(10) Drill one or more "starter" holes inside the area of the cutout, and then use wire cutters to remove the plastic up to the cutout lines which were scratched into the plastic on the previous step. Use small files to smooth out the jagged edges of the cutout. *Hint: don't worry if your cutout isn't a work of art. The cutout has no structural importance, and once the computer cable is plugged into the pod, any imperfections in your workmanship won't be noticeable.*

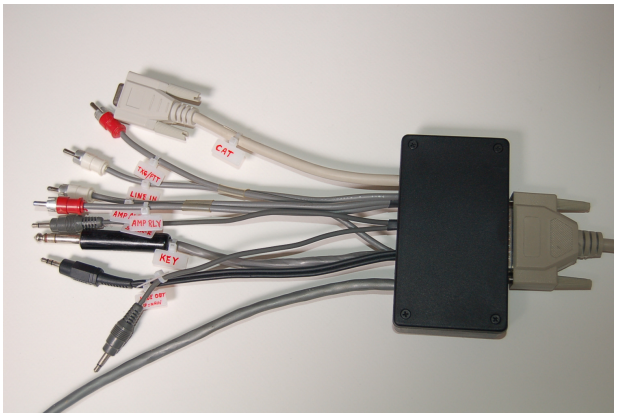
(11) The row of holes along the rear of the enclosure will be made into slots in the next step and are intended for the transceiver cables to feed through, Generally two or more cables will fit through a single slot, so you will probably not need to use all the holes. After you decide how many feedthrough slots you will need, drill or punch 3/16" holes where indicated on the templates. If you prefer, you can omit the holes and just go directly to step (9).

(12) Remove the lid from the enclosure. Using wirecutters, cut vertical slots into the plastic above the holes from the previous step, as illustrated below. If you didn't drill holes in the previous step, then bend the flaps inward; the pressure on the cables from the bent flaps will help secure them.



Completed enclosure with five slots, which hold a total of ten cables (for a Yaesu FT-2000 transceiver)

(13) Mount the pod circuit board on the four posts of the enclosure using No.4 x 3/8" sheet metal screws. Carefully route the cables through the slots in the rear of the enclosure, using cable ties (Ty-Wraps) as strain reliefs. Then install the cover on the enclosure, using the flathead screws provided with the enclosure. This completes the pod assembly.



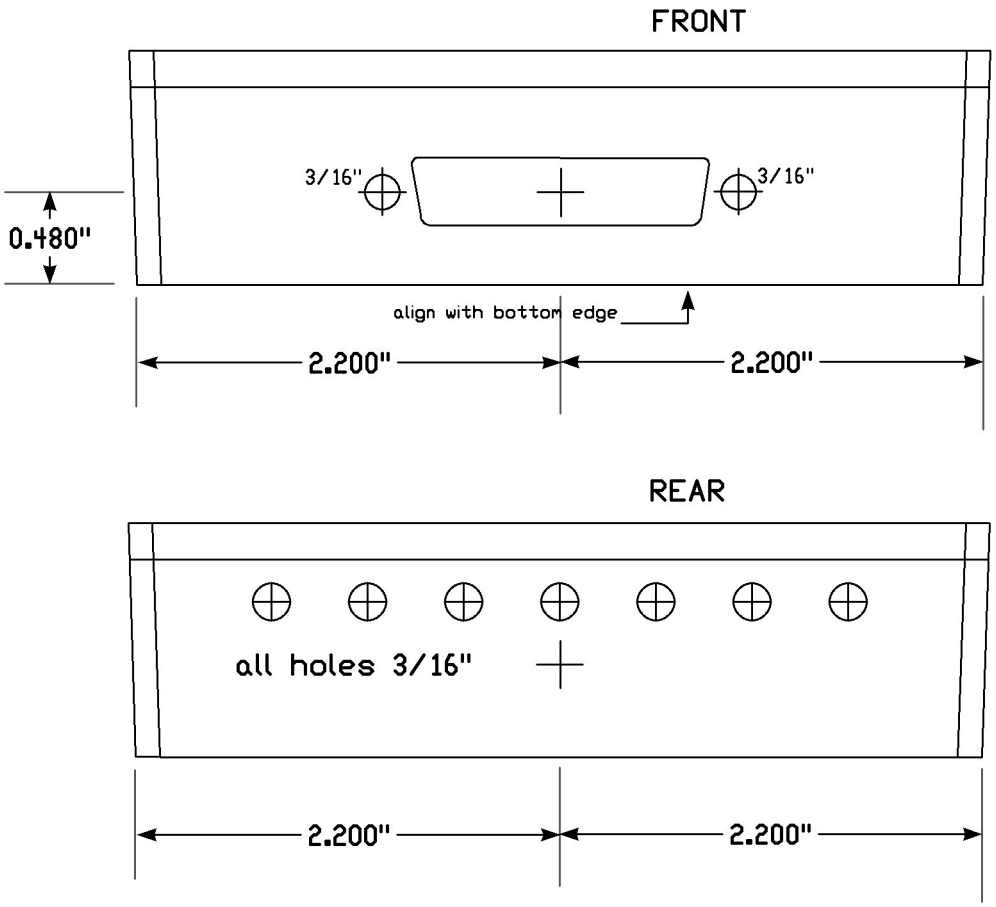
Completed pod for an FT-2000 transceiver

XI. Final Instructions

(1) You have now completed all the required modules for the StationPro II. All that remains is for you to connect together the Controller Unit, the RF Relay Unit and the transceiver pods, and then to connect your transceivers and linear amplifiers to the StationPro II. Hookup information is contained in **A: StationPro II Operating Instructions**, as well as instructions for operating the StationPro and understanding its features. You will need to buy three 25 pin computer "serial" cables (male/female connectors) and one standard 8-pin ethernet cable, all available from any computer or office supply store, or Radio Shack. These cables should be as short as possible, consistent with the layout of equipment on your operating desk. It is preferable to use a shielded ethernet cable, if available.

(2) Custom Interface Cable: As noted above, the transceiver pods connect to the StationPro controller unit using a 25–conductor computer cable. For most situations, users will be able to use inexpensive "off the shelf" serial cables. However, for a few situations, specifically when amateurs want to control two transceivers with a computer that has only *one* serial port, while *also* operating SSB or AM, then it *may* be necessary to prepare a custom interface cable. The purpose of the custom cable would be to prevent coupling of computer noise from the RS-232 data into the transceivers' microphone circuits. Please refer to **Supplementary Assembly Manual: Preparing Custom Transceiver Interface Cables** for a complete discussion of this topic, as well as assembly instructions for making a custom interface cable if you should need one. Most builders will not need to make a custom cable.

PDD TEMPLATES



Appendix A: Avoiding Ground Loop Complications

Until about 1975, most amateur microphones such as the venerable Astatic D104 used a two-conductor shielded cable – one conductor for the microphone audio, and one for the push-to-talk line. For such microphones, the grounded shield was connected directly to the transmitter chassis, and both the microphone audio and PTT return currents flowed through the shield.

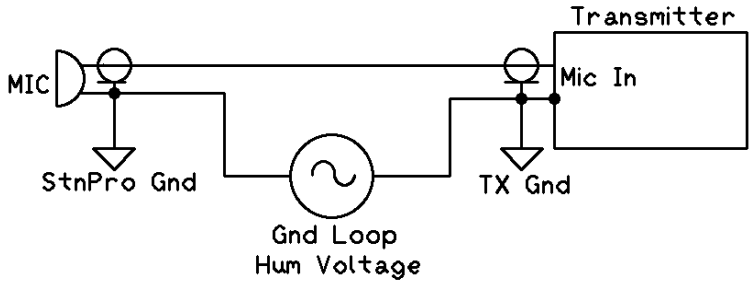
This arrangement generally worked satisfactorily so long as the microphone was plugged directly into a transmitter or transceiver. However, if used with any kind of switching device, or with push-to-talk circuits that used an AC control voltage, these microphones were found to be susceptible to hum pickup.

This problem was solved with the introduction of microphones that use two conductors for the audio, typically called "mic+" and "mic-," and today virtually all amateur microphones use this configuration. By using a dedicated "mic-" wire for the return audio currents, the low-level microphone voltage is not affected by hum currents on the shield or chassis of connected equipment. (A move toward low impedance microphones – 200 ohms is common – also provided enhanced hum immunity and also allowed longer cable runs than is possible with high impedance microphones.

<u>Understanding How Ground Loop Currents Cause Hum</u>

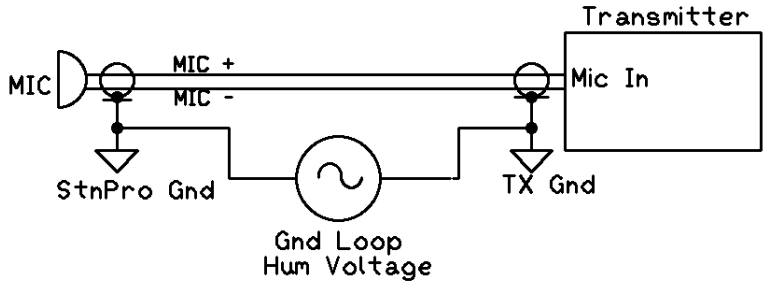
Numerous currents flow along the chassis of any transceiver or transmitter. In vintage vacuum tube transmitters, these might include several amperes of 50/60 Hz filament current, ripple currents from power supply filter capacitors, and 50/60 Hz AC currents from bypass capacitors on the AC line. When a chassis also carries the microphone audio return current, the voltages produced by these AC currents can be a significant fraction of the microphone audio voltage. This AC voltage adds directly to the microphone audio and appears as hum on the transmitted signal.

When a microphone attaches directly to the mic jack in vintage transmitters this hum voltage does not cause a problem, because there is typically only an inch or two between the transmitter's grounded microphone jack and the grid of the first audio amplifier stage. However, when a vintage microphone is routed to the transmitter through a piece of peripheral equipment, such as a VOX adaptor, audio speech processor, or a switching device such as the StationPro, then the AC hum voltage can be quite substantial. In these cases the hum voltage is caused by the AC currents that inevitably flow on the outer surface of the shielded cable that ties the peripheral equipment to the transceiver. The following diagram shows how these shield currents cause hum when the StationPro is used in connection with a vintage vacuum tube transmitter that uses its chassis for the microphone audio return.



In the diagram, a microphone is connected to the mic jack and chassis of the StationPro, which in turn is routed through a shielded interconnect cable to the mic jack and chassis of the selected transmitter. Although not shown in the diagram, the transmitter is assumed to be connected to a 120 VAC or 240 VAC line, and the StationPro is also connected, via the shields of its interconnect cables, to all the other station transmitters and linear amplifiers (each of which is also connected to the AC line, sometimes to multiple AC circuits). The inevitable ground current loops resulting from all these interconnected radios and amplifiers lead to a small (typically a few millivolts) AC voltage difference between the StationPro chassis and the chassis of the selected transmitter. In essence, the small AC current flowing on the interconnecting cable shield is a low-impedance hum voltage source. From the diagram we see that this hum voltage is *in series* with the microphone audio voltage, and while it may be only a few millivolts, that is still enough to be heard on a transmitted signal. Note that this hum voltage is not induced "pickup", e.g., from fluorescent light fixtures, or any indication of inadequate shielding. It rather is caused by AC currents that flow on the *outer* surface of the interconnecting cable shields.

The diagram below shows why modern microphones with dedicated "mic+" and "mic-" connections do not have this problem. In the diagram, there is still an AC voltage caused by ground current loops, but this voltage is no longer in series with the microphone audio and therefore causes no hum on the transmitted signal. The bottom line is that StationPro owners who want to use vintage microphones with simple shielded cables (and no separate "mic-" wire) must take careful steps to minimize audio hum in their AM or SSB transmissions.



How to Diagnose Ground Loop Problems

The easiest way to diagnose a potential ground loop problem with your StationPro is to jumper the microphone audio pin (mic+) to the ground pin or shield on one of the StationPro's mic connectors. Then key up your transmitter or transceiver and listen to your transmitted signal on a separate receiver. If you hear hum on your signal, even with the mic audio shorted to ground, then you have a ground loop. There is no need to worry about this ground loop if you are using a modern microphone with a separate "mic-" wire, but if you wish to use a vintage microphone having a simple shielded cable, then you will definitely have to deal with it.

Basic Steps to Minimize Ground Loop Hum

1. Make sure all of your station transceivers or transmitter/receiver pairs are connected to the same AC circuit and not to separate circuits. (Of course, this will not be possible when using 120 VAC transceivers and 240 VAC amplifiers.)

2. If your transceivers operate off of a +12V power supply, then use that same power supply to power your StationPro. If your power supply has "floating" positive and negative output terminals, do *not* tie the negative terminal to the power supply chassis or to the AC ground terminal on the power supply.

3. Be careful if using a "wall wart" to power your StationPro, because these often have high AC ripple voltages on their +12V outputs. Obviously, to minimize hum, you need a clean +12V power source.

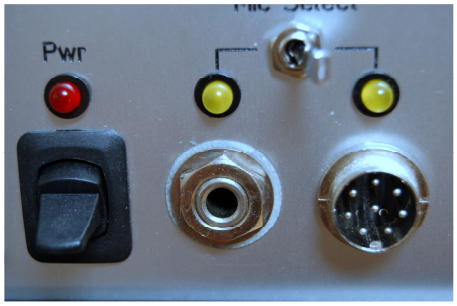
4. Bond the case of the StationPro to the cases of all of your transmitters, receivers, linear amplifiers, and power supplies with short braided ground straps. It is best not to "daisy chain" these ground straps from one rig to another, and it is important to use short lengths and as large a conductor as possible. (For a given ground loop current, a large diameter conductor will result in a lower hum voltage than a small conductor.) Listen to your transmitted signal (on a dummy load!) and pick the configuration of ground straps that minimizes hum. Because all station layouts are different, trial and error is the only practical way to find the optimal configuration.

Steps to Take If All Else Fails

If the above steps don't reduce hum to acceptable levels, and you still want to route a vintage microphone through your StationPro, then you will have to take additional measures to isolate the microphone audio from the hum voltage produced by ground loops. Here are suggestions for isolating the microphone audio. Some experimentation will undoubtedly be required to see which gives the best results.

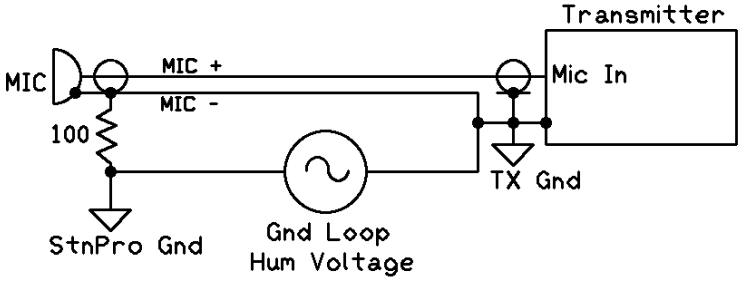
1. Rewire your microphone (and mic connector) so that the microphone element does not use the braided shield for its audio return. Unfortunately, this usually entails replacing the mic cable and connector.

2. If you want to use a "Collins" type two-circuit 3/16 in. mic plug, or a 1/4 in. "stereo" mic plug, then you can electrically insulate the mic jack body from the StationPro front panel by using fiber or nylon insulating washers. (Recall that that these jacks mount in a 3/8 in. hole, whereas the StationPro front panel has 5/8 in. holes for microphone jacks.)

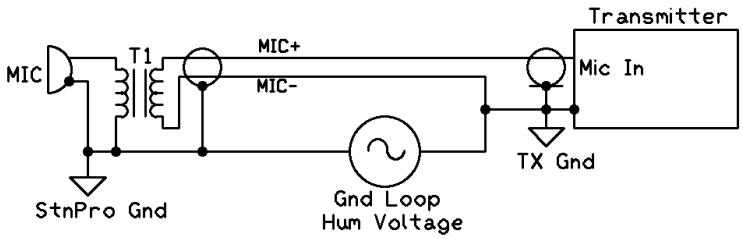


The Collins-type 3/16" mic jack is insulated from the front panel using homemade fiberglass washers on the front and back sides of the panel

As shown in the below diagram, you should jumper the shield terminal on the Collins-type mic jack to the StationPro "Mic-" header pad on the front panel circuit board, and then jumper the "Mic-" pad to the GND header pad on the circuit board with a 50Ω or 100Ω 1/4 Watt resistor. Using this configuration, the ground loop currents which would otherwise flow through the microphone element are short-circuited by the low resistance of the mic- wire in the StationPro's interconnecting transceiver cable, thus reducing the hum voltage to a negligible value. The purpose of the 100Ω resistor is to create a voltage divider, using the resistance of the mic- wire as the other resistor in the divider. If the mic- wire has a resistance of, say, 1Ω, then the hum voltage in series with the microphone element will only be about one percent of the hum voltage between chasses. Also, the shield of the microphone is still effectively grounded to the StationPro chassis through the 100Ω resistor – a low enough resistance to permit the PTT circuit (which also uses the shield in most vintage microphones) to function.



3. Two-conductor mic jacks that mount in a 5/8 in. hole, commonly used in vintage transmitters from the 1950s, pose a special problem because one can't insulate them from the StationPro's front panel, as in the previous step. For this situation, you can replace the 2-pin mic connector with a 4-pin mic connector (as used in some vintage Ten-Tec and Drake transceivers) and wire the connector as in the above diagram. Alternately, you can use a small audio interstage transformer to decouple the microphone from the ground loop currents, as shown in the diagram below. With this transformer, the ground loop AC voltage appears only as a common mode voltage on the transformer windings and does not result in any hum. A suitable subminiature transformer is the Model XT-1, sold by Heil Sound at http://www.heilsound.com/amateur/products/hc104/index.htm. This tiny transformer may be used to convert a modern low-Z mic to the high-Z output required by most vintage rigs. It may be mounted on the rear of the StationPro's front panel circuit board with double-stick foam tape. Suitable 1:1 interstage audio transformers are available from other sources.



4. And finally, if you don't want to bother with any of the above measures, then you can always bypass the StationPro's microphone jacks and plug your vintage microphones directly into their mating transmitters. For vintage radio collectors, this might be the preferred (and certainly easiest!) solution anyway, since one can then pair a Collins microphone with a Collins KWM-2 transceiver, a Drake microphone with a Drake TR-4 transceiver, and so forth.

Appendix B: StationPro II Parts & Supplier List

(This list does not contain required SP-II network kit components)

Notes: (1) Primary supplier is Mouser Electronics (www.mouser.com).
(2) Secondary and alternate suppliers are Digikey Electronics, Allied Electronics, All Electronics, Jameco Electronics
(3) Patch cables (1 – CAT 5 w/RJ45 connectors, 3 – 25C w/DB25 connectors) are listed without suppliers, since lengths depend on user's station. Should be obtained locally.
(4) Note that Mouser part numbers and prices change frequently. Equivalent substitutes are nearly always available for parts Mouser has on lengthy backorder (email W8ZR).

A. Main Circuit Board (ver C0)

C101	0.1µF	Capacitor 50V Xicon Z5U epoxy dipped ceramic, qty 1 Mouser p/n 21RZ310-RC Price: $.08/ea, $.069/100, $.053/500, $.046/1000
D101 - D107, D109	1N4005	Fairchild 1A diode, qty 8 Mouser 512-1N4005 Price: $0.05/ea, $0.04/10, $.03/100, $.02/250
F101	Fuse Clips	Keystone 0.25" 3529 PCB fuse clips, qty 2 Mouser p/n 534-3529 Price: $0.14/ea, $0.10/10, $0.08/100, $0.07/500
F101	Fuse	Fuse 1 Amp 3AG, qty 1 Mouser p/n 504-AGC-1 Price $0.30/ea, $0.24/25, $0.22/50
J101-J104	Connector	Molex 12-pin, .156" top-entry header, qty 4 Mouser p/n 538-09-52-3123 Price: $1.75/ea, $1.57/10, $0.41/100, $1.25/500
J105, J106	Connector	Molex 09-52-3043 K.K. 4-pin .156" top-entry header, qty 2 Mouser p/n 538-09-52-3043 Price: $0.60/ea, $0.52/10, $0.33/100, $0.28/500
J107	Connector	2.5mm DC pwr jack, PCB side entry, qty 1 Mouser p/n 806-KLDX-0202-BC Price: $0.46/ea, $0.44/25, $0.32/100, $0.25/500
J108, J109	Connector	D-Sub 25 pin male, R/A PCB Mount, qty 2 Mouser p/n 636-182-025-113R531 (Norcomp)

		Price $1.69/ea, $1.62/10, $1.18/100, $1.10/250, $1.05/500
J110	Connector	D-Sub Kycon 9 pin female, R/A PCB Mount, qty 1 Mouser p/n 806-KF22X-E9S-NJ (ferrite filtered) Price: $3.40/ea, $2.90/25, $2.48/50, $2.00/100
J111	Connector	DIN 5 pin female PCB side-entry, qty 1 Mouser p/n 161-0505E Price: $1.10/ea, $0.92/10, $0.76/100, $0.69/500
J112	Connector	RJ45 8pin PCB side-entry, shielded, qty 1 Mouser p/n 571-5555153-1 Price $1.09/ea, $0.87/10, $0.71/100, $0.62/500
K101 –K113	Relay	P&B/Tyco V23105, DPDT 12VDC/960 ohm coil, qty 13 Mouser p/n 655-V23105A5003A201 Price: $1.75/ea, $1.58/25, $1.40/50, $1.26/100
K114	SS Relay	Clare Optomos PLA140 solid state relay 400V/250mA Mouser p/n 849-PLA140 Price $4.34/ea, $3.82/25, $3.48/50, $3.18/100, $2.87/250
P101, P103	Connector	Molex 10-89-7262, 2x13 pin, 0.100 female header, qty 2 Mouser p/n 538-10-89-7262 Price $1.89/ea, $1.65/10, $1.24/100, $0.99/500
P102	Connector	Molex 26-60-4040 K.K. 4-pin .156 header, qty 1 Mouser p/n 538-26-60-4040 Price $0.44/ea, 0.38/10, $0.25/100, $0.20/500
Q101	2N3906	Fairchild 2N3906 PNP gen purpose transistor, TO92, qty 1 Mouser 512-2N3906TA Price: $0.04/ea, $0.034/10, $0.028/100, $0.020/250
R102, R103	2.2 KΩ	
R104, R105, R106	1 KΩ	Resistor, Xicon 5% carbon film 1/4W, qty 10 (min order) Mouser p/n 291-Value-RC (e.g., 291-4.7K-RC) Price: $0.09/10, $0.044/200, $.017/1000
---	hardware	threaded spacer, rnd aluminum, (6-32) x 1/2”, qty 6 Mouser p/n 534-3487 Price $0.34, $0.24/100

********** Parts for optional amp relay keying circuit (delete K114, R106 if used *********

(R101)	4.7 KΩ	Resistor, Xicon 5% carbon film 1/4W, qty 10 (min order) Mouser p/n 291-Value-RC (e.g., 291-4.7K-RC) Price: $0.09/10, $0.044/200, $.017/1000
(D108)	1N4005	Fairchild 1A diode, qty 3 Mouser 512-1N4005 Price: $0.05/ea, $0.04/10, $.03/100, $.02/250
(Q102)	IRF610PBF	MOSFET, N-chan, 200V/ 3.3A, Mouser p/n 844-IRF610PBF Price $0.48, $0.39/10, $0.35/100, $0.31/500

B. Front Panel Circuit Board (StationPro II Version A2)

IC socket	18 pin	DIP 18 pin IC socket Mouser p/n 517-4818-3000-CP Price $0.22/ea, $0.21/25, $0.18/100 $0.17/200
C301-C307	1000 pF	Capacitor, 50V Xicon, X7R, qty 7 Mouser p/n 21RX510-RC Price $0.10/ea, $0.084/100, $0.065/500
C308, C309	47 pF	Xicon Z5U epoxy dipped ceramic, qty 2 Mouser p/n 21RD747-RC Price: $.10/ea, $.082/100, $.063/500, $.055/1000
C310	0.1 μF	Capacitor 50V Xicon Z5U epoxy dipped ceramic, qty 1 Mouser p/n 21RZ310-RC Price: $.08/ea, $.069/100, $.053/500, $.046/1000
C311	1 μF	Capacitor, Nichicon electrolytic, 50V, qty 1 Mouser p/n 647-UFW1H010MDD Price: $0.08/ea, $0.06/25, $0.05/50, $0.04/100
DS301-DS304 DS308-DS309	LED-GR	Lumex LED, Green, 5mm, qty 6 Mouser p/n 696-SSL-LX5093LGD Price: $0.12/ea, $0.10/100, $0.08/500, $0.07/1000
DS306-DS307	LED-YE	Lumex LED, Yellow, 5mm, qty 2 Mouser p/n 696-SSL-LX5093LYD Price: $0.15/ea, $0.12/100, $0.10/500, $0.08/1000

DS305, DS310	LED-RE	Lumex LED, Red, 5mm, qty 2 Mouser p/n 696-SSL-LX5093LID Price: $0.15/ea, $0.12/100, $0.10/500, $0.08/1000
--	LED bezels	LED mounting clips, qty 10 Mouser p/n 593-CLP125 Price: $0.09/ea, $0.08/10, $0.07/100, $0.06/500
H302	Header	(unused)
J301	Connector	1/4 in. Stereo NO Phone Jack, qty 1 Mouser p/n 568-NYS230 Price $1.08/ea, $0.98/10, $0.88/100, $0/82/500
J302	Connector	1/4 in. Stereo NO/NC Phone Jack, qty 1 Mouser p/n 502-L-114BX Price $4.66, $3.80/10, $3.10/25, $2.65/100
J303	Connector	3.5 mm Stereo NO/NC Kycon Phone Jack, qty 1 Mouser p/n 806-STX-3150-5C Price $1.03/ea, $0.69/25, $0.65/100, $0.56/500
P305	Header	SIP 40 pin, 0.100 male, breakaway header, qty 1 Mouser p/n (header) 517-6111TG Price $0.90/ea, $0.82/50, $0.78/100, $0.74/500
K301	Relay	P&B/Tyco V23105, DPDT 12VDC/960 ohm coil, qty 1 Mouser p/n 655-V23105A5003A201 Price: $1.75/ea, $1.58/25, $1.40/50, $1.26/100
P301, P307	Header	Molex 10-89-7262, 2x13 pin, 0.100 male header, qty 2 Mouser p/n 538-10-89-7262 Price $1.89/ea, $1.65/10, $1.24/100, $0.99/500
P302	Header	Molex 26-60-4040 K.K. 4-pin .156 header, qty 1 Mouser p/n 538-26-60-4040 (tin) Price $0.44/ea, 0.38/10, $0.25/100, $0.20/500
LCD	16x2 LCD	Microtips 16x2 LCD Ye/Gr backlight 36x80mm Mouser p/n 668-NC-S16205DFYSAY Price: $11.51/ea, $9.86/10, $8.49/50, $7.40/100
		(alternate) Microtips 16x2 LCD gray backlight 36x80mm Mouser p/n 668-NC-S16205DFGSAY Price: $11.51/ea, $9.86/10, $8.49/50, $7.40/100

R301	5 KΩ trimpot	PIHER 6mm carbon trimmer potentiometer Mouser p/n 531-PT6KV-5K Price: $0.28/ea, $0.23/100, $0.22/500
R302-R304	2.2 KΩ	
R305-R311	1000 Ω	
R312	22 KΩ	
R313	220 KΩ	
R314	4.7 KΩ	
R315, R317, R318	10 KΩ	
R316	10 Ω	Resistor, Xicon 5% carbon film 1/4W, qty 17 Mouser p/n 291-Value-RC (e.g., 291-4.7K-RC) Price: $0.09/10, $0.044/200, $.017/1000
S301	Switch	Mountain Switch DPDT paddle, qty 1 Mouser p/n 103-4024-EV Price: $2.90/ea, $2.62/50, $2.47/100, $2.32/500
S302	Switch	Mountain Switch, min. toggle, SPDT, qty 1 Mouser p/n 1055-TA2130-EVX Price: $2.67/ea, $2.23/50, $2.02/100, $1.84/500
S303-S311	Switch	Mountain Switch, min. toggle, SPDT mom, qty 9 Mouser p/n 108-1MS2T6B1M1QE-EVX Price: $2.76/ea, $1.93/50, $1.80/100, $1.72/500
Y301	Ceram. Res.	Murata 480 KHz ceramic resonator Mouser p/n 81-CSB480J Price: $0.81/ea, $0.70/10, $0.54/100, $0.48/500
U301	BPK-DIP	PIC16C54 LCD serial decoder interface Seetron Electronics BPK-DIP Price $9.00/ea
----	hardware	threaded spacer, hex alum,. (2-56) x 1/4”, qty 4 Mouser p/n 534-1797B Price: $0.78/ea; $0.47/100

C. Microcontroller Circuit Board (rev B0)

IC socket	24 pin	DIP 24 pin IC socket Mouser p/n 517-4824-6000-CP Price $0.21/ea, $0.20/25, $0.18/100 $0.17/200
C201-C205	0.1µF	Capacitor 50V Xicon Z5U epoxy dipped ceramic, qty 5

		Mouser p/n 21RZ310-RC Price: $.08/ea, $.069/100, $.053/500, $.046/1000
C206	4700 µF	Capacitor, Nichicon 16V electro., 16x25mm, qty 1 Mouser p/n 140-REA472M1CBK1625P Price: $0.83/ea, $0.73/10, $0.64/100; $0.54/500
C207	1000 pF	Capacitor, 50V Xicon, X7R, qty 1 Mouser p/n 21RX510-RC Price $0.10/ea, $0.084/100, $0.065/500
C208, C209	.01 µF	Capacitor, 50V Xicon, Z7R, qty 2 Mouser p/n 21RZ410-RC Price $0.10/ea, $0.082/100, $0.063/500, $0.055/1K
D201- D203	1N4005	Fairchild 1A diode, qty 3 Mouser 512-1N4005 Price: $0.05/ea, $0.04/10, $.03/100, $.02/250
J201	Connector	D-Sub 25 pin male, R/A PCB Mount, qty 1 Mouser p/n 636-182-025-113R531 (Norcomp) Price $1.69/ea, $1.62/10, $1.18/100, $1.10/250, $1.05/500
J202, J203	Connector	RJ25 6 pin PCB side-entry, shielded, qty 2 Mouser p/n 571-5555-154-1 Price $0.99/ea, $0.78/10, $0.71/100, $0.62/500
K201 –K213	Relay	P&B/Tyco V23105, DPDT 12VDC/960 ohm coil, qty 13 Mouser p/n 655-V23105A5003A201 Price: $1.75/ea, $1.58/25, $1.40/50, $1.26/100
P201-P204	Header	Molex KK/0.156” 12 pin header, qty 4 Mouser p/n 538-26-60-2120 Price: $0.77, $0.69/10, $0.66/100, $0.63/500
P205, P206	Header	Molex KK/0.156” 4 pin header, qty 2 Mouser p/n 538-26-60-2040 Price: $0.27, $0.28/10, $0.18/100, $0.15/500
P207	Header	Molex 10-89-7262, (26 pin (2x13) 0.100” male header, qty 1 Mouser p/n 538-10-89-7262 Price $1.89/ea, $1.65/10, $1.24/100, $0.99/500
P208	Header	Molex 5 pin, 0.100”, friction lock, tin-plated Mouser p/n 538-22-23-2051 Price: $0.48/ea, $0.44/10, $0.29/100, $0.23/500

R201	1000 Ω	
R202	100 KΩ	
R203, R205	10 KΩ	Resistor, Xicon 5% carbon film 1/4W, qty 3 Mouser p/n 291-Value-RC (e.g., 291-4.7K-RC) Price: $0.09/10, $0.044/200, $.017/1000
R204	10 KΩ	PIHER 6mm carbon trimmer potentiometer, qty 1 Mouser p/n 531-PT6KV-10K Price: $0.28/ea, $0.23/100, $0.22/500
U201	BS2-IC	Parallax Basic Stamp model BS2-IC Mouser p/n 619-BS2-IC Price: $49.00/ea, $44.00/10, $41.25/25
U202	74HC139	STM dual 4-to-2 line decoder, DIP-16 Mouser p/n 511-M74HC139 Price: $0.39/ea, $0.34/10, $0.30/100
U203	74HC240	STM octal bus buffer, DIP-20 Mouser p/n 511-M74HC240 Price: $0.41/ea, $0.32/10, $0.29/100
U204	ULN2803A	STM darlington 8 NPN array, DIP-18 Mouser p/n 511-ULN2803A Price: $0.55/ea, $0.504/100, $0.462/250, $0.406/500
U205	7805	STM +5V voltage regulator, TO-220AB Mouser p/n 511-L7805CV Price: $0.24/ea, $0.22/10, $0.206/100

D. Rear Panel Circuit Board (rev A3)

C401-419	1000 pF	Capacitor, 200V, Mallory, qty 19 Mouser p/n 539-CK05102K Price $0.27/ea, $0.21/100, $0.19/500, $0.18/1000
C420	0.1µF	Capacitor 50V Xicon Z5U epoxy dipped ceramic, qty 1 Mouser p/n 21RZ310-RC Price: $.08/ea, $.069/100, $.053/500, $.046/1000
J401	Connector	Neutrik 1/4 in 2-circuit PCB phone jack, qty 1 Mouser p/n 550-20301 Price: $0.66/ea, $0.60/10; $0.51/100
J402	Connector	Kobiconn 3.5mm 1-circuit PCB phone jack, qty 1 Mouser p/n 161-3520-EX Price: $1.50/ea, $1.00/10, $0.91/100 0.83/500
J403	Connector	Kobiconn 3.5mm 2-circuit PCB phone jack, qty 1 Mouser p/n 161-3507-E Price: $0.79/ea, $0.53/10, $0.48/100
J404, J405	Connector	Kobiconn triple RCA phono jack (R/Wh/Ye), qty 2 Mouser p/n 161-4319-E Price: $1.37/ea, $1.14/10, $1.04/100, $0.95/500
J406-J409	Connector	Kobiconn dual RCA phono jack (R/Wh), qty 4 Mouser p/n 161-4219-E Price: $0.57, $0.44/10, $0.40/100, $0.39/500
J410	Connector	2.5mm DC pwr jack, PCB side entry, qty 1 Mouser p/n 806-KLDX-0202-BC Price: $0.46/ea, $0.44/25, $0.32/100, $0.25/500
P403	Header	Molex 10-89-7262, 2x13 pin, 0.100 male header, qty 1 Mouser p/n 538-10-89-7262 Price $1.89/ea, $1.65/10, $1.24/100, $0.99/500

E. Chassis/Misc

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program port	Connector	Molex 5 pin, 0.100”, crimp terminal housing, qty 1 Mouser p/n 538-22-01-2057 Price: $0.36/ea, $0.31/10, $0.20/100, $0.16/500

program port	----------	Molex .100" crimp terminals (tin), qty 5 Mouser p/n 538-08-52-0123 Price: $0.09, $0.08/100, $0.07/500
P101 to P301 P207 to P307 P103 to P403 $$3.01/1000	ribbon cable	3M .100" 26C molded cable assembly, 6", qty 3 Mouser p/n 517-1M-1010-026-6 Price: $4.72/ea, $4.26/5, $3.86/10, $3.13/200,
Connector Housing	Connector	Molex 4-pin housing, w/locking ramp, qty 2 Mouser p/n 538-09-50-3041 Price: $0.25, $0.21/10, $0.15/100, $0.13/500
	----------	Molex KK/.156" crimp terminals, qty 8 Mouser p/n 538-08-50-0134 Price: $0.08, $0.06/100, $0.05/500, $0.04/1000
----------	Speaker	5 mm x 45 mm dia round speaker Mouser p/n 665-AS04508MR3R Price: $2.66/ea, $2.49/25, $1.87/100

F. RF Relay Switching Unit (ver A2)

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Coax In/Out	Connector	UHF SO-239 AIM/Cambridge chassis, qty 10 Mouser p/n 601-25-7350 Price $1.33/ea, $1.21/10, $1.06/25, $1.01/100,
$0.95/500		
J501	Connector	RJ-45 8 pin, top entry, shielded, PCB mount, qty 1 Mouser p/n 571-6116202-1 Price $2.41/ea, $2.19/25, $2.02/50, $1.95/100
K501-K510		Tyco/Schrack RTB14012F SPDT 12A, qty 10 Mouser p/n 655-RTB14012F Price $1.73/ea, $1.51/25, $1.36/50, $1.20/100 (alternate – preferred for VHF)

		Panasonic JW1FSN-DC12V SPDT 10A, qty 10 Mouser p/n 769-JW1FSN-DC12V Price $2.76/ea, $2.53/25, $2.30/50, $2.07/100
C501-C507	0.01µF	Capacitor 50V Xicon Z5U epoxy dipped ceramic, qty 7 Mouser p/n 21RZ410-RC Price: $.08/ea, $.069/100, $.053/500, $.046/1000
C508	0.1µF	Capacitor 50V Xicon Z5U epoxy dipped ceramic, qty 1 Mouser p/n 21RZ310-RC Price: $.08/ea, $.069/100, $.053/500, $.046/1000
D501-D507	1N914A	Fairchild Si signal diode, DO-35, qty 7 Mouser 512-1N914 Price: $0.03/ea, $0.02/10, $0.015/100, $0.01/250
---	hardware	threaded spacer, rnd aluminum (4-40) x 1/4", qty 4 Mouser 534-2025 Price: $0.34/ea, $0.19/100

G. Transceiver Pods – Rev B0 (Quantities are for 3 pods)

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Pod Conn.	Connector	D-Sub 25 pin female, R/A, PCB mount, qty 3 Mouser p/n 806-KF22X-B25S-NJ (Kycon, ferrite filtered) Price $4.38/ea, $4.09/25, $2.99/50, $2.63/100

H. Miscellaneous Other Hardware & Accessories

Qty 18 No. 4 x 3/8" sheet metal screws (six to secure rear panel circuit board to rear panel, and twelve to attach pod circuit boards to their plastic cases)
Qty 8 2-56 x 3/16" machine screws (to attach LCD to front panel circuit board)
Qty 8 4-40 x 3/16" machine screws (to secure PCB to RF relay enclosure)
Qty 20 4-40 x 5/16" machine screws (to secure SO-239 coax jacks toRF relay enclosure)
Qty 8 6-32 x 1/4" machine screws (to secure main circuit board to bottom plate of enclosure)
Qty 8 No. 6 x 3/8" sheet metal screws, black oxide coated (to attach cover to RF enclosure)
Qty 28 No. 4 internal tooth lockwashers

Qty 8 No 6 internal tooth lockwashers
Qty 20 4-40 nuts

Note: additional hardware is supplied with the enclosure for the StationPro II control unit. The following items are to be obtained locally by the builder.

Qty 3	patch cord	3'-6' 25C serial cable w. male/female DB25 connectors
Qty 1	patch cord	3'-6' CAT5 patch cord w/RJ45 connectors
Qty 20	cablie ties	4" nom., Ty-Wrap or equivalent