KAM KPC-4 KPC-2400 KPC-2 KPC-1

Installation Manual



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Warranty

To be sure you will receive notice of future updates or new product information, please take a moment to complete the warranty registration card and return it to us.

We do need your warranty registration on file.

Kantronics Inc. warrants each TNC to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for a period of one year after delivery to the ultimate user. Kantronics will repair or replace the TNC at our option, at no charge, should it become defective and should our examination disclose the TNC to be defective under warranty.

This warranty shall not apply to any unit that has been subject to misuse, neglect, accident due to wiring not of our own installation, or to use in violation of instructions furnished by Kantronics. This warranty will not be extended to units that have been repaired or altered outside our facilities.

This warranty does not cover broken or cracked cases or any accessory used in connection with the TNC. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied, and no representative or person is authorized to assume for Kantronics any other liability in connection with the sale of its products.

Return/Repair Procedures

Consult the limited warranty policy in this manual for the service provisions offered by Kantronics at no charge. This warranty is considered to be in force only when the customer has submitted his completed warranty registration within 10 days of purchase, and when the stipulations of the warranty have been met. Violations of warranty clauses will automatically void the warranty and service or repairs will be charged to the owner.

Service outside the warranty will be charged at the cost of parts, labor, and return shipping. Repaired units will be returned via UPS C.O.D. These C.O.D. charges can be avoided by including your VISA or MC number with your unit to be repaired. Shipping and repair may then be charged.

When service or repairs appear necessary, it may be wise to call or write Kantronics to determine if the problem can be solved without returning the unit. Should you encounter difficulty in getting your TNC to "talk" to your computer, you may wish to perform some limited checks before calling or writing. Carefully check your wiring connections to the RS-232 port. Verify your terminal baud rate. It may be useful to perform a "Hard Reset". (See Hard Reset section.)

When calling, report the product name and ask for the Amateur Radio Service Department. Should you find it necessary to call for assistance, please have the following information available:

- 1. The unit name and serial number (the serial number is found on the rear panel.)
- 2. The firmware version number (the version number is displayed with the sign-on message of the TNC.)

If possible, you should have the TNC and your computer available to perform troubleshooting operations when you call.

The Service Department telephone hours are 9 am - noon and 2 pm - 5 pm Central Time 913-842-4476, Monday through Friday.

When writing, include a clear description of the problem, unit name, computer type, computer software used and if possible a DISPLAY listing from the TNC.

Returns to the factory for refund or exchange are strictly regulated. Any return for refund or exchange must be approved by the service department.

Radio Frequency Interference Statement

This equipment complies with the limits for a Class B computing device in accordance with the specifications in Subpart J of Part 15 of the FCC rules. These specifications are designed to minimize radio frequency interference in a residential installation; however, there is no guarantee that radio or television interference will not occur in any particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on when the radio or television is on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures.

- Reorient the radio or TV receiving antenna
- Relocate the computer with respect to the receiver
- Move the computer away from the receiver
- Plug the computer into a different outlet so that the computer and the receiver are on different branch circuits.

If necessary the user should contact the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for additional suggestions. The user may find the following booklet prepared by the FCC helpful:

How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems.

This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402 by ordering Stock No. 004-00000345-4.

RFI Suppression

In moving to the world of digital communications via computers, a new dimension of RFI may be encountered. In spite of the equipment manufacturers' diligence, each new piece of electronic equipment will react differently in each separate environment. Every amateur station will have its own unique layout, equipment variation, and antenna installations. Experience has shown that these differences are related to the total RF environment, and may be causative factors in RFI induced problems. The suggestions given here may assist in resolving RFI problems you may encounter in your "unique" station.

- 1. Use shielded cable for all connections between equipment.
- 2. Make all interconnecting cables as short as practical. A balance should be maintained between cable length and equipment proximity. At times simply moving the video monitor one foot further from an interface or other device will solve the "screen hash" problem.
- 3. Antenna runs should be kept away from equipment control lines and/or interconnecting cables. If it is necessary for such lines to cross each other they should do so at 90 degree angles.
- 4. Ground leads should be as short as possible and go to a GOOD EARTH GROUND.
- 5. Interconnecting cables appearing to act as radiators or antennas should be looped through a toroid. Be certain toroids, if used, are designed for the frequency in use.

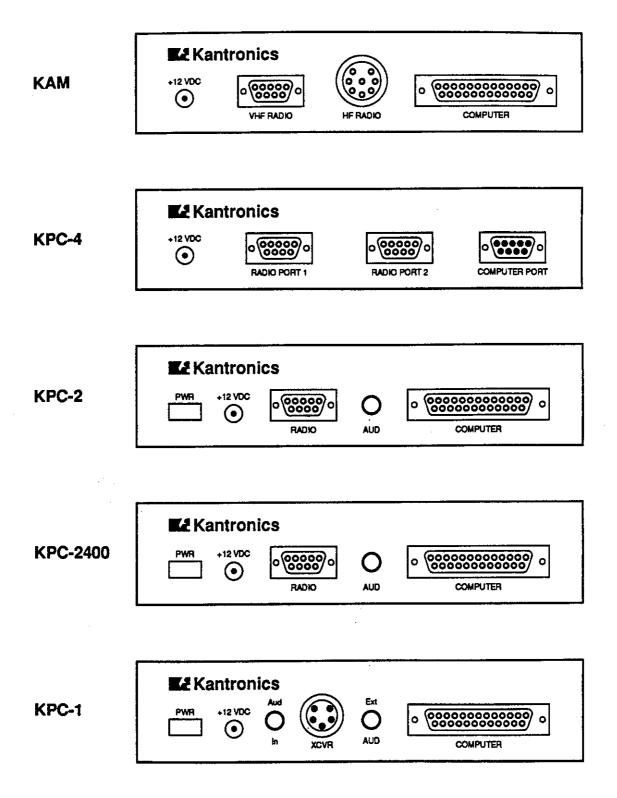
Precautions

The TNC is grounded through its connections to your transceiver. Make sure your transceiver is properly grounded and your computer has equal ground potential. Follow the grounding instructions in your transceiver manual.

Cables provided with the TNC are shielded. If you decide to use other cabling, be certain it is also shielded. We do not recommend the use of unshielded RS-232 ribbon cable in the ham shack environment.

Pin 25 of the DB-25 connecter on the KAM, KPC-2, and KPC-2400 has 12 volts and should never be connected to your terminal or computer output port. Pin 18 in the KPC-2 is used by factory personnel only. Under no circumstances should you connect this pin to your terminal or computer output port.

Back Panels



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Connecting the TNC to Your Computer

RS-232/TTL Jumper

Jumpers are appropriately labeled on the PC board. Refer to the parts location diagram for help in locating them. Also refer to the Assembly and Disassembly section for information on obtaining access to the interior of the TNC.

KAM Jumper K7

KPC-4 Jumper K10

KPC-2 Jumper K2

KPC-2400 Jumper K2

KPC-1 Jumper K2

This jumper is provided to change the TNC from RS-232 to TTL operating voltage levels. All TNCs are shipped from the factory in the RS-232 position. If your computer operates at TTL level voltages, reposition this jumper prior to placing the TNC in service.

TNC to Computer Connection

The TNC is connected to the serial data port of your computer and a terminal program must be loaded into your computer. The serial port provides a place for data to be sent to or received from the TNC. The terminal program is the software which runs in the computer, allowing it to communicate with the TNC. This is also sometimes called a communications program.

A few computer systems include a terminal program on the systems diskette or in the initial software package, usually named COMM, TERM, or a similar name which conveys the idea of communicating. Some computer systems require that a terminal program be obtained separately. Several simple terminal programs have been included in the Sample Terminal Programs section to assist you. In general, any program which allows telephone modem communications with the computer will be suitable for use with the TNC. A special program will be needed for the display of Wefax pictures.

There are generally four variables to be set in your terminal program. These are baud rate, parity, word length (also called data bits) and the number of stop bits. If your terminal program provides for these variables, use the following settings to talk to the TNC:

Baud rate: 300, 600, 1200, 1800, 2400, 4800 or 9600

Parity: None Data bits: 8 Stop bits: 1

The 25-pin connector on the back panel of the TNC is for connecting to the computer. (The KPC-4 has a 9-pin connector.) When facing the back of the TNC the connector on the right side is labeled COMPUTER. See page 5 for back panel diagrams.

Cable Wiring

A cable is provided with five prewired lines for the connector. You must provide the connector to attach these lines to your computer serial port. In most cases, unless the terminal program you use requires hardware flow control, you need only connect three of these lines — Transmit Data, Receive Data and Signal Ground. For hardware flow control, also called RTS/CTS handshaking, all five wires in the provided cable are required.

Since there are so many computers on the market, it is impossible to provide interfacing information on all of them. The following chart shows what pins are used in the TNC by name and number, and the corresponding pin to connect to for the most commonly used computer connectors. As a general rule, if you have a computer not covered here that has a serial data port, wire pins of the same name together. Limited information on some of the other common computers will follow.

Transmit Data (TXD), Receive Data (RXD) and Signal Ground (SG) must always be wired in order for the TNC and the computer to exchange any data. Many terminal programs also require the use of hardware flow control from the TNC. For hardware flow control Request To Send (RTS) and Clear To Send (CTS) must also be wired. Check the documentation to your terminal program to see if any other wires are required. DO NOT CONNECT ALL 25 WIRES.

Some programs want to see Data Set Ready (DSR) to know that the TNC is there before operating. If this is the case wire both DSR and Data Terminal Ready (DTR). Or sometimes you can satisfy the program's needs by jumpering these two pins at the computer end of the cable. Data Carrier Detect (DCD) is needed by some BBS software to know that a connection has taken place. This would require wiring DCD. Some phone modem programs also want to see a connection before allowing you to even talk to the TNC. This case can usually be solved by jumpering DCD to DTR at the computer end of the cable. If your computer requires DSR and also DCD, it is perfectly acceptable to jumper all three pins (DTR, DSR, and DCD) together on the computer end of the cable. Note: DCD, DSR and DTR connections are not pre-wired in the provided cable.

The TNC is wired as DCE (Data Communication Equipment). DCE equipment always sends its data on the RXD wire. DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) talks on TXD. This means that if a computer is wired internally as DCE and attached to the TNC it will need to have TXD from the computer wired to RXD on the TNC, and RXD from the computer wired to TXD of the TNC. Otherwise they will both be talking on the same wire and never hear what is said. If properly implemented by the DCE computer, hardware flow control may be used by connecting RTS from each device to CTS on the other device.

Caution: Make sure the power to the transceivers, computer, and TNC is OFF before connecting any cables.

DB-25 Connector

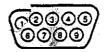


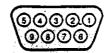


Male (Looking at Pins)

Female (Looking at Holes)

DB-9 Connector





Male (Looking at Pins)

MINIO (DAIN)

Female (Looking at Holes)

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	TNC (DC		Prewired		RS-232	(T)(TEX)
Pin Name	DB-25 Pin No.	DB-9 Pin No.	Cable Color	direction	DB-25	ter (DTE) DB-9
FG*	1	N/A	black	====	1	N/A
TXD	2	3	white	<===	2	3
RXD	3.	2	red	===>	3	2
SG*	7	5.	orange	2228	7	.5
RTS	4	7	green	<===	4	7
CTS	5	8	brown	===>	5	8
DCD	8	1	yellow	===>	8	1
DSR	6	6	blue	===>	6	6
DTR	20	4	purple	<===	20	4
mark	11	(KAM) To	external sco	pe, if desired		
space	18	(KAM) To external scope, if desired				
test	18	(KPC-2) DO NOT CONNECT TO COMPUTER				
+12V	25	DO NOT CONNECT TO COMPUTER				

The functions of these lines are explained below.

DB-25 Pin 2

TXD

DB-9 Pin 3

Transmit Data. This line is the serial data from the terminal which is to be transmitted to the other station by the TNC. It is this line which is used for all communication from your terminal to the TNC, including commands.

DB-25 Pin 3

RXL

DB-9 Pin 2

Receive Data. This line is used by the TNC to send the data it receives from the other station to your terminal. This line is also used to send TNC messages to your terminal.

^{*} FG (Frame Ground) and SG (Signal Ground) are tied together in the TNC. The shield is on pin 1 of the DB-25 and on pin 5 of the DB-9. The black wire is not connected in the KPC-4 serial cable.

Signal Ground. This line establishes the common reference potential for all circuits except Protective Ground.

DB-25 Pin 4 RTS DB-9 Pin 7

Request To Send. This line tells the TNC that the terminal is ready to receive data. An ON level tells the TNC it may send data while an OFF level tells it to stop sending data. If the terminal for any reason is unable to accept data from the TNC, it will cause this line to change to an OFF state, providing that the terminal supports hardware flow control. For instance, buffer is full, terminal is turned off, and so con.

DB-25 Pin 5 CTS DB-9 Pin 8

Clear To Send. This line is used by the TNC to tell the terminal whether or not it may send data to the TNC. An ON level tells the terminal it may send data while an OFF level tells it to stop sending data. This pin is the complement to the RTS pin, implementing hardware flow control in the other direction.

DB-25 Pin 8 DCD DB-9 Pin 1

Data Carrier Detect. This line is an output from the TNC indicating connected status of the TNC. When a connection exists on the current stream, this line will be true. (When using TTL levels, DCD at +5 volts indicates connected status.) This pin has not function in the KPC-1.

DB-25 Pin 6 DSR DB-9 Pin 6

Data Set Ready. Some terminal programs look at this pin to see that the TNC is operating before allowing you to talk to the TNC. This pin is pulled true and is common with DTR, as shipped from the factory. In the KPC-1 DSR is jumpered to DTR and is not connected to any internal circuitry.

DB-25 Pin 20 DTR DB-9 Pin 4

Data Terminal Ready. This pin is common with DSR in the TNC. The TNC assume's the terminal is operating and does not require the terminal to pull this pin true. This pin may be isolated from DSR if desired. In the KPC-1 DTR is jumpered to DSR and, is not connected to any internal circuitry.

DB-25 Pins 11/18 Mark/Space

KAM ONLY

KPC-2 ONLY

Mark/Space. These signals are available for connecting an external scope if desired. Refer to the Scope Monitoring section for instructions.

DB-25 Pin 18 Test

Processor Test Input. This is used by factory personnel only in repair and service operations. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should you connect this pin to your

terminal or computer output port.

DB-25 Pin 25 Plus 12 Volts

KAM, KPC-2 and KPC-2400

+12V. This is an alternate input pin for supplying power to the TNC if desired. If the normal +12 VDC input jack is used, this pin will be HOT. BE CERTAIN THIS PIN IS NOT CONNECTED TO YOUR COMPUTER.

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Other Common Computers

If you have a C-64, C-128, VIC-20, PCjr, Radio Shack Color Computer, TRS Model 100, or an Atari 850, some limited information follows. For a description of the functions of the TNC pins refer to the previous information.

Commodore C-64, C-128 or VIC-20

If you are using an RS-232 adapter follow the previous instructions for Cable Wiring. If you are not using an RS-232 adapter, remember to change the TNC's RS-232/TTL Internal Jumper from RS-232 to TTL (see beginning of this chapter). Many programs will only require TXD, RXD and SG. If using hardware flow control RTS and CTS will also be required.

Commodore User Port

24 pin Double-Sided Card Edge Connector



Looking at Back of computer or Back (wiring side) of connector

Pin Name	TNC (DC) DB-25 Pin No.	E) DB-9 Pin No.	Prewired Cable Color	direction	Commodore User Port (TTL) Pin Id
TXD	2	3	white	<===	M
RXD	3	2	red	===>	B & C
SG	7/1	5	orange	====	N
RTS	4	7	green	<===	D
CTS	5	8	brown	===>	K
DCD	8	1	yellow	===>	H
DSR	6	6	blue	===>	L
DTR	20	4	purple	<====	E
mark	11	(KAM) To	external sco	pe, if desired	
space	18	(KAM) To	external sco	pe, if desired	
test	18	(KPC-2) D	O NOT CON	NECT TO C	OMPUTER
+12V	25	DO NOT	CONNECT	O COMPUT	ER

PCjr

The IBM PCjr has a built-in terminal program in the basic cartridge. The terminal mode is started by typing TERM. Consult the PCjr Technical Reference Manual for pin-out requirements for the PCjr serial port. You will have to buy a special connector from your computer dealer for the PCjr.

Radio Shack Color Computers

The serial port of the color computer uses a 4-pin DIN plug. Pin connections at the port are shown in the pin table below.

Pin Name	TNC DB-25	KPC-4 DB-9	Cable Color	TRS CoCo
TXD	2	3	white	, 4
RXD	3	2	red	2
SG	7	5	orange	3

This is known as a three-wire interface and therefore requires the use of software flow control. This cabling supports the TRS VIDTEX program. If you have a micro-color computer, such as the MC-10, cabling is different; consult your computer reference manual.

You may also use the Radio Shack Deluxe RS-232 Program Pak. This is a plug-in module for the TRS-80 Color Computer line which is available from Radio Shack Stores.

The Deluxe RS-232 Pak has a standard DB-25 serial port connector to which you connect the TNC using the following pin configurations:

Pin Name	TNC DB-25	KPC-4 DB-9	Cable Color	TRS RS-232
TXD	2	3	white	2
RXD	3	2	red	3
SG	7	5	orange	7

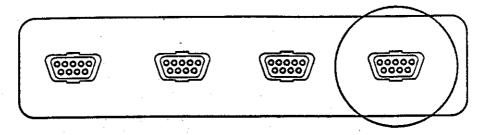
You must also install a jumper between pin 8 and pin 20 on the DB-25 connector of the Deluxe RS-232 Pak. It is not necessary to connect RTS/CTS lines. Since these lines are not connected, you must use software flow control. Configure the Deluxe RS-232 Pak as outlined in its operation manual, select the Terminal Mode and you will be ready for packet operation.

TRS Model-100

This computer has a standard RS-232 serial port using a DB-25 connector wired as DTE. The internal modem program DOES NOT support CTS/RTS hardware flow control. Be sure to have the TNC command XFLOW ON so that software flow control (XON/XOFF) will be used. You should make a three-wire cable as follows:

Pin Name	TNC DB-25	KPC-4 DB-9	Cable Color	TRS-100
TXD	2	3	white	2
RXD	3	· 2	red	3
SG	7	5	orange	7

Atari 850 Interface



Looking at socket from outside of Interface

Pin functions of Serial Port No. 1 in 850 Interface Module 9-pin female connector:

Pin Name	TNC DB-25	KPC-4 DB-9	Cable Color	Atari 850 Interface
TXD	2	3	white	3
RXD	3	2	red	4
SG	7	5	orange	5
RTS	4	7	green	7
CTS	5	8	brown	8

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Connecting Your Radios

The TNC is attached to your transceiver(s) via the radio connector(s) on the back panel. (See page 5 for back panel diagrams.) The KPC-2 and KPC-2400 each have one DB-9 connecter labeled RADIO, which is used for either VHF or HF. The KPC-1 has one 5-pin din connector labeled RADIO, which is used for either VHF or HF. The KAM has a DB-9 connector labeled VHF RADIO and an 8-pin din connector labeled HF RADIO. The KPC-4 has two DB-9 connectors for VHF/UHF radio connections labeled PORT 1 and PORT 2.

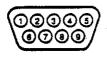
Prewired cables are provided with the appropriate connector for the TNC port. Two cables come out of the connector. One with a speaker plug attached, to be plugged into the transceiver's external speaker jack. You will need to provide the mic-jack connector for your transceiver and wire the connector to the other cable. Lines from this connector are used to control the PTT function of the transceiver, input AFSK tones from the TNC, and provide other alternate Inputs/Outputs as described. The KPC-1 comes with two separate cables. One for audio with speaker plugs on both ends. The other cable has a 5-pin din connector on the end for the KPC-1, and you will need to provide the mic-jack connecter for your transceiver and wire it to the other end of this cable.

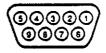
Some radios may require adjustment of the AFSK Output Levels or Equalization of the received signals. See the AFSK Output Level and Calibration/Equalization sections for information.

Caution: Check your transceiver manual to correctly wire the corresponding pins of the transceiver mic-jack.

DB-9 Radio Connector

DB-9 Connector





Male (Looking at Pins)

Female (Looking at Holes)

Pins 1, 3, 5 and 6 must be connected to your radio.

Pin 1 – AFSK Out – white lead. This line carries the AFSK tones generated by the TNC to the Audio Input (microphone) line of your transceiver. If your transceiver provides a DC voltage on its microphone input, you must isolate this voltage from the TNC. This is normally true for hand-held radios. (See the Interfacing Hand-Held Radios section.)

Pin 2 – XCD – yellow lead. This line may be used to connect the squelch line from your VHF transceiver if desired. This connection will not normally be required, nor used, unless operating on a shared voice channel. Normally the TNC detects other signals by using its internal software to determine if data is present. If this pin is connected, a ground potential on this pin will tell the TNC that a signal is present (even if there is no data) and therefore prevent the TNC from transmitting until the signal is no longer present. (See the CD parameter in the Commands Manual.)

Pin 3 – Push-To-Talk – brown lead. This line controls the PTT line in your transceiver, allowing the computer to switch the transceiver from/to transmit or receive. Connect directly to the PTT line of the mic-jack connector. (See the section on Interfacing Hand-Held Radios for special notes concerning this pin.)

Pin 4 - Blue lead - KAM same as pin 5.

KPC-4, both ports, same as pin 5.

KPC-2 same as pin 6.

KPC-2400 has no connection.

Pin 5 – Audio Signal – 2 conductor audio cable, center conductor and 9-wire cable, purple conductor. This line is prewired for your use as the audio input from your transceiver external speaker jack. Do not use a headphone output from the transceiver. If you use an accessory or phone patch output, it may be necessary to provide a padding network to reduce amplitude of the signal being fed to the TNC. High level fixed outputs may have a tendency to "swamp" the TNC input circuits. Fixed output signals in excess of 50 mV should be padded.

For the KAM and KPC-4 you can plug this lead into one leg of the Y-connector cable provided in the TNC accessory bag. Plug the Y-connector cable into the external speaker jack of the transceiver. The remaining female connector on the Y-connector cable may be used for an external speaker. For the KPC-2 and KPC-2400 the audio jack on the back panel remains available for attachment of an external speaker.

Pin 6 – Ground/Shield – shield of 9-wire cable and shield of audio cable. Connect the push-to-talk ground and AFSK shield to this line. With some transceivers which do not reference PTT and audio shielding to a common ground, it may be necessary to leave the AFSK shield (braided wire) disconnected. Note: All TNC grounds are common.

Pin 7 – KPC-4 Radio Port 1 External Reset – red lead. An external reset line is provided on this pin. Applying a ground, either from a local or remote source is the same as turning on the TNC. This is only on the KPC-4 Radio Port 1.

Pin 7—+12VDC in — red lead. This lead is provided as an alternate power input. It may be used in place of the +12 VDC jack. If you do not plan to use this alternate input you should clip the wire and insulate it. This lead will be HOT whenever the TNC is powered. This connection should not be used to power any accessory device. Note that on the KPC-4, Radio Port 2 has +12 volts on this pin whereas Radio Port 1 does not. DO NOT INTERCHANGE CABLES CONNECTED TO THE KPC-4 if you are using this pin on either port.

Pin 8 - Green lead - KAM same as pin 6.

KPC-4 both ports, same as pin 6.

KPC-2 no connection.

KPC-2400 no connection.

Pin 9 - Ground - Black lead - same as pin 6.

8-Pin Din Radio Connector (KAM HF)

8-Pin Din



Female (Looking at Holes)

Pins 1, 2, 3 and 6 must be connected to your radio.

Pin 1 – AFSK Out – white lead. This line carries the AFSK tones generated by the KAM to the Audio Input (microphone) line of your transceiver.

Pin 2 – Ground/Shield – black and shield of 9-wire cable and shield of audio cable. Connect the push-to-talk ground and AFSK shield to this line. With some transceivers which do not reference PTT and audio shielding to a common ground, it may be necessary to leave the AFSK shield (braided wire) disconnected. Note: All TNC grounds are common.

Pin 3 – Push-To-Talk – brown lead. This line controls the PTT line in your transceiver allowing the computer to switch the transceiver from/to transmit or receive. Connect directly to the PTT line of the mic-jack connector.

Pin 4 – Key Out – orange lead. This line may be used to control CW keying on your transceiver. Separate a small length of this lead and attach a lead with the appropriate plug for your transceiver key jack, where you would normally connect a straight key.

Pin 5 – FSK Out – red lead. This line is for use if your transceiver provides FSK keying for radioteletype operation. Separate a small length of this lead and attach a lead with the appropriate plug for your FSK input connector on the transceiver. It will also be necessary to provide for PTT keying via the mic jack, accessory port or other method specified by your transceiver manual.

Pin 6 – Audio Signal – 2 conductor audio cable, center conductor and 9-wire cable, purple conductor. Plug this lead to one leg of the Y-connector cable provided in the KAM accessory bag. Plug the Y-connector cable into the external speaker jack of the transceiver. The remaining female connector on the Y-connector cable may be used for an external speaker. Do not use a headphone output from the transceiver. If you use an accessory or phone patch output, it may be necessary to provide a padding network to reduce amplitude of the signal being fed to the KAM. High level fixed outputs may have a tendency to "swamp" the KAM input circuits. Fixed output signals in excess of 50 mV should be padded.

Pin 7 – Blue lead – This pin is not connected in the KAM but the blue conductor of the 9-wire cable is attached to this pin.

Pin 8 – XCD – yellow lead. This line may be used to connect the squelch line from your HF transceiver if desired. This connection will not normally be required, nor used, unless operating on a shared voice channel. (See the CD parameter in the Commands Manual.)

5-Pin Din Radio Connector (KPC-1 - Packet Communicator)

5-Pin Din



Female (Looking at Holes)

Pins 1, 2, 3, and Audio In must be connected to your radio.

Pin 1 – AFSK Out – white lead. This line carries the AFSK tones generated by the TNC to the Audio Input (microphone) line of your transceiver. If your transceiver provides a DC voltage on its microphone input, you must isolate this voltage from the TNC. This is normally true for hand-held radios. (See the Interfacing Hand-Held Radios section.)

Pin 2 – Ground/Shield – black and stranded lead. Connect the push-to-talk ground and AFSK shield to this line. With some transceivers which do not reference PTT and audio shielding to a common ground, it may be necessary to leave the AFSK shield (braided wire) disconnected. Note: All TNC grounds are common.

Pin 3 – Push-To-Talk – Brown lead. This line controls the PTT line in your transceiver allowing the TNC to switch the transceiver from/to transmit or receive. Connect directly to the PTT line of the mic-jack connector. (See the section on Interfacing Hand-Held Radios for special notes concerning this pin.)

Audio in – Attach a cable from the external speaker jack of the transceiver to the Audio In jack on the rear panel of the Packet Communicator. Do not use a headphone or phone patch output from your transceiver.

External Speaker Jack – This jack can be used to loop the audio through the Packet Communicator. Use a 3.5 mm plug and shielded audio cable to connect to an external speaker.

AFSK Output Level

Audio Frequency Shift Keying

Jumpers are appropriately labeled on the PC board. Refer to the parts location diagram for help in locating them. Also refer to the Assembly and Disassembly section for information on obtaining access to the interior of the TNC.

KAM - AFSK Output - VHF - Jumper K2

This jumper is provided to alter the VHF AFSK output level. The KAM is shipped from the factory with the jumper in the LO position. The LO position sets an AFSK output level from the KAM at 10 mV. The HI position sets an AFSK output level of 50 mV. Both levels are peak-to-peak values. In general, transceivers requiring a pre-amplified microphone will also require the HI level AFSK output from the KAM. Removing the jumper entirely will provide the maximum possible output level of approximately 1.7 P/P volts VHF. Should you require an intermediate value of AFSK modulation signal, it may be obtained by replacing resistor R12 with the appropriate value chosen from the following chart. If you change R12 to obtain an intermediate value, place K2 in the HIGH position.

R12 Value	AFSK Output Level
$470 \mathrm{~ohms}$	24 mV
2.2 Kohms	106 mV
6.8 Kohms	$290 \mathrm{mV}$
22 Kohms	680 mV
47 Kohms	1000 mV

KAM - AFSK Output - HF - Jumper K5

This jumper is provided to alter the HF AFSK output level. The KAM is shipped from the factory with the jumper in the LO position. The LO position sets an AFSK output of 100 mV. The HI position sets the output level at 500 mV. Both levels are peak-to-peak values. In general, transceivers requiring a pre-amplified microphone will also require the HI level AFSK output from the KAM. Removing the jumper entirely will provide the maximum possible output level of approximately 1.6 volts P/P. Should you require an intermediate value of AFSK modulation signal, it may be obtained by replacing resistor R25 with the appropriate value chosen from the following chart. If you change R25 to obtain an intermediate level, place K5 in the HIGH position.

R25 Value	AFSK Output Level
680 ohms	48 mV
3.3 Kohms	209 mV
4.7 Kohms	282 mV
6.8 Kohms	377 mV
22 Kohm	800 mV

KPC-4 - AFSK Output - Jumpers K3 and K4

These jumpers are provided to alter the AFSK output level. The KPC-4 is shipped from the factory with the jumpers in the LO position. The LO position sets an AFSK output level from the KPC-4 at 10 mV. The HI position sets an AFSK output level of 50 mV. Both levels are peak-to-peak values. In general, transceivers requiring a pre-amplified microphone will also require the HI level AFSK output from the KPC-4. Removing the jumper entirely will provide the maximum possible output level of approximately 1.7 volts. Should you require an intermediate value of AFSK modulation signal, it may be obtained by replacing resistor R23 or R29 with the appropriate value chosen from the following chart. If you change resistors to obtain an intermediate value, place the appropriate jumper in the HIGH position.

K3 Port 1 R23 Value	K4 Port 2 R29 Value	AFSK Output Level
470 ohms	470 ohms	24 mV
2.2 Kohms	2.2 Kohms	106 mV
6.8 Kohms	6.8 Kohms	290 mV
22 Kohms	22 Kohms	680 mV
47 Kohms	47 Kohms	1000 mV

KPC-2 – AFSK Output – Jumper K1 KPC-1 – AFSK Output – Jumper K3

This jumper is provided to alter the AFSK output level. The TNC is shipped with this jumper in the high position. In the high position output level is 21 mV P/P. In the low position output is 4.5 mV P/P. If a higher output level is required for your radio it may be obtained by changing the resistor (R14 in KPC-2, R37 in KPC-1). The chart below gives the output levels for different values of the resistor with the jumper in the HI position.

KPC-2 R14 value	KPC-1 R37 value	AFSK level
100 ohm	100 ohm	4.5 mV
220 ohm	220 ohm	10 mV
470 ohm	470 ohm	21 mV
1 K	1 K	44 mV
1.5 K	1.5 K	65 mV
2.2 K	2.2 K	94 mV
8.2 K	8.2 K	298 mV

Should you require a still higher AFSK output level the value of the resistor may be increased further to provide incremental increases in the same approximate ratio as that shown in the table. For maximum output level the HI LO jumper can be removed entirely. In this case AFSK output level will be approximately 1.5 volts peak-to-peak.

KPC-2400 - AFSK Output - Jumper K1

This jumper is provided to alter the AFSK output level. The KPC-2400 is shipped with this jumper in the high position. In the high position output level is 44 mV P/P (open circuit, 600 ohms nominal). In the low position output is 10 mV P/P. If a higher output level is required for your radio it may be obtained by changing R32. The chart below gives the output levels (open circuit) for different values of R32 with the jumper in the HI position.

R32 value	AFSK level
100 ohm	$4.5~\mathrm{mV}$
220 ohm	10 mV
470 ohm	21 mV
1 K	44 mV
1.5 K	65 mV
2.2 K	94 mV
8.2 K	298 mV

Should you require a still higher AFSK output level the value of R32 may be increased further to provide incremental increases in the same approximate ratio as that shown in the table. For maximum output level the HI LO jumper can be removed entirely. In this case AFSK output level will be approximately 1.5 volts peak-to-peak.

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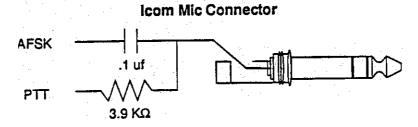
Interfacing Hand-Held Radios

Many transceivers, especially most hand-held models, obtain Push-To-Talk keying by completing a circuit between the mic input and PTT ground. A direct PTT input to the mic input line of units with this type electret condenser microphone is not usable without some type of isolation.

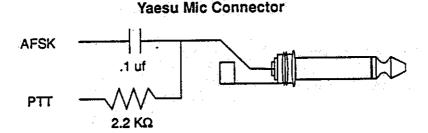
If you plan to operate with a hand-held transceiver, the KAM, KPC-2 and KPC-4 have incorporated an isolation circuit which is available by jumper positioning. Should you later use a different type radio, this change may need to be reconfigured. Most other radios of current manufacture will not require any modification of the TNC.

You may also interface to a hand-held without performing this modification by incorporating the same type of circuitry in the cable from your TNC to your hand-held. Ground return and speaker audio are both supplied thru the external speaker jack of your hand-held.

ICOM HT radios key the PTT by providing a low impedance path from the mic input to ground. To accomplish this, simply install a resistor (approximately 3.9K seems to be a good value) in series with the PTT wire from the TNC, and connect this to the mic input along with the AFSK line.

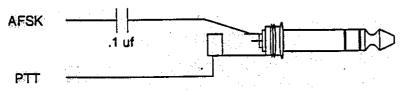


Yaesu radios are similar but use a mono plug and a different resistor.



Most KENWOOD HT radios key the PTT line by connecting the sleeve of the mic connector to the sleeve of the earpiece connector. This means that you will not need a resistor in the PTT wire from the TNC, simply connect the PTT wire to the sleeve of the mic connector. Another point to watch — most of the KENWOOD HTs (2500 and later) use a three pin mic connector. The AFSK from the TNC should therefore connect to the RING and not the TIP of the mic connector.

Kenwood Mic Connector

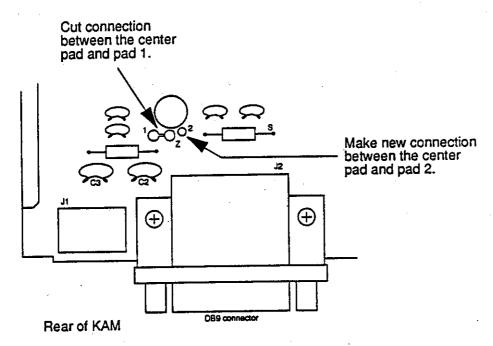


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Enabling the Isolation Circuit in the KAM

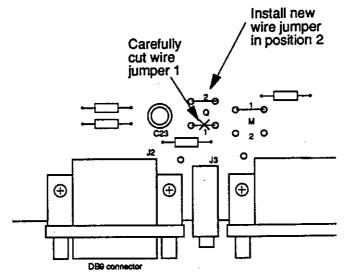
- 1. Refer to the Assembly and Disassembly section for instructions if necessary and remove the KAM from its case.
- 2. Locate point Z on the PC board. This point is at the rear, near the HF radio output port and power jack.



- 3. Locate the three pads associated with Z. Note that the center pad and the pad marked 1 is larger than the pad marked 2.
- 4. Carefully cut the connection between the center pad and pad 1.
- 5. Make a new connection between the center pad and pad 2. You may wish to make this connection on the bottom of the PC board instead of the component side.
- 6. Connect the AFSK and PTT lines together.

Enabling the Isolation Circuit in the KPC-2

- 1. Refer to the Assembly and Disassembly section for instructions if necessary and remove the KPC-2 from its case.
- 2. Locate jumper Q on the PC board. This location is at the rear of the PC board.



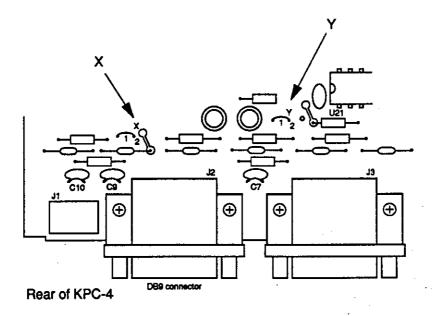
Rear of KPC-2

- 3. Locate the wire jumper marked 1.
- 4. Carefully cut the jumper.
- 5. Install a new jumper in position 2. You may wish to make this connection on the bottom of the PC board instead of the component side.
- 6. Connect the AFSK and PTT lines together.

Enabling the Isolation Circuit in the KPC-4

Separate circuits are provided for each radio port. Jumper X is for Port 1, Jumper Y is for Port 2.

- 1. Refer to the Assembly and Disassembly section for instructions if necessary and remove the KPC-4 from its case.
- 2. Locate point X or Y on the PC board. This location is at the rear of the PC board.



- 3. Locate the three points associated with X or Y. Note that there is a jumper at each of these locations which is in position 1.
- 4. Carefully cut the jumper.
- 5. Install a new jumper in position 2. You may wish to make this connection on the bottom of the PC board instead of the component side.
- 6. Connect the AFSK and PTT lines together.

In Case of Difficulty

Kantronics TNCs are manufactured to very stringent quality standards. If you have followed the installation procedures outlined in this manual, it is highly unlikely that you will encounter a failure. If you do have difficulty, use the procedures described in this section to assist in isolating and correcting the problem.

TNC Does Not "Sign-On" to Computer

- 1. Carefully recheck cabling between your computer serial port and the TNC.
- 2. Check carefully to insure that the Transmit Data, Receive Data, and Ground leads are connected to the proper pins.
- 3. If you have made a 5 wire connection to the computer serial port, change to a 3 wire connection.
- 4. Check your terminal program to be certain it is booted with the correct communications parameters (serial port, baud rate, parity).
- 5. Check to insure that the RS-232/TTL jumper is properly positioned for your computer.
- 6. Try a "Hard Reset" using the Test/Normal jumper. (Operate your terminal program at 300 baud when performing a hard reset.)

You Are Unable to Make a "Connect"

- 1. Issue a connect request and observe the XMIT LEDs. If an XMIT LED illuminates, check to insure that the radio is connected to the corresponding radio port.
- 2. Observe the radio to determine if it is being switched to the "Transmit" condition. If not, recheck wiring between the TNC radio port, PTT pin, and ground on the microphone jack.
- 3. Turn the VHF radio squelch control to "OFF" and see if the RCV LED illuminates on the packet controller. If it does not light, recheck the audio connection between your transceiver and the TNC.
- 4. If possible, monitor your transmitted signal with another radio. If the transmitter is keying to "Transmit" but weak or no audio is monitored, increase AFSK output as necessary using the AFSK Output jumper or a resistor change. (See the AFSK Output Level section.)

Cannot Transmit on Any Port

- 1. Check the 8BITCONV command. Many dumb terminals, and some Commodore programs, will not operate properly with this command turned ON. The symptoms most common for this problem are that everything seems to work fine in Command Mode, but upon entering Convers Mode, the TNC no longer seems to operate at all. Usually you cannot return to Command Mode with a Ctrl-C, pressing return does not send a packet, and it just seems like the serial cable between your computer and TNC has been unplugged.
- 2. Check your PARITY setting in the computer and in the TNC. These must match or else the computer may not really be sending the SENDPAC character (\$0D) to the TNC.

Cannot Return to Command Mode

1. The single most common cause of this is that the STOP character (and usually XOFF) have been inadvertently set to the same as the COMMAND character. This is usually caused by the use of the dollar sign (\$) as a streamswitch. If you use the \$, be aware that you cannot enter hex values without PASSing the dollar sign. Symptoms for this usually are that you can talk to the TNC fine in Command Mode, you can usually talk to others on the air, but you just can't get back to Command Mode. (In non-packet modes, you will find that you cannot enter any of the special Ctrl-C directives either!) With most PC terminal programs, pressing Ctrl-C will display the heart character, but you still don't get the cmd: prompt.

Kanterm Program Problems

- 1. The most common problems reported with the Kanterm program result from not performing the Set Parameters option from within the program. This usually occurs after upgrading your TNC to a new version of the Kantronics firmware. The cause for this is the need to do a Hard Reset after installing the new firmware, and as a result, the TNC and your Kanterm program are no longer "in sync" with each other.
- 2. Commodore users will normally experience this problem when first setting the TNC up with their Kanterm software. All lower case characters are hidden, only numbers and punctuation appear. Typically, this means that when you first enter your callsign, only the number appears. In reality, the TNC did receive the proper callsign, and you can correct your display by choosing the Set Parameters option from the Miscellaneous Menu.

TNC Won't Transmit on HF - VHF is OK

This problem usually is a result of attempting to switch from one port to the other by using the PORT command. The PORT command only determines which port will be the default when the TNC is first turned on, or after a reset. In order to switch from one port to the other for transmitting data, you must use the STREAMSW characters as described in Multi-Connects in the Packet section of the Operations Manual.

Assembly and Disassembly of the TNC

Should you require access to the TNC to reposition jumpers or for other purposes. disassemble as follows:

- 1. Turn off power to your TNC and remove all cables from the unit.
- 2. Using a small phillips screwdriver, remove the two front panel screws just far enough to free the panel and bezel.
- 3. Carefully remove the front panel and bezel.
- 4. Note the screw holding the voltage regulator to the metal case. Remove this screw. (Does not apply to KPC-4.)
- 5. Slide the PC board out of the case.

To reassemble, reverse the procedure above. Be sure to re-install the screw holding the voltage regulator to the case (not in KPC-4). Failure to do so will damage the unit as the case provides a heat sink for the voltage regulator during normal operation. Do not attach cables to the rear of the TNC without supporting the front of the PC board or having the front panel secured in place. Doing so may break the voltage regulator secured to the front of the case.

Hard Reset

The hard reset process is provided to re-initialize the TNC to its default values. This process may become necessary should operational problems be encountered or when upgrading your firmware to a new version. The readout specified in step 5 below will be legible only if your terminal baud rate is 300. At other terminal baud rates, a reset will occur. However, no display readout will be observed. This procedure is performed as follows:

- 1) Remove the PC board from the case as outlined in the Assembly and Disassembly section, above.
- 2) Locate the Test/Normal jumper which is labeled NOR T (normal-test). Jumpers are appropriately labeled on the PC board. Refer to the parts location diagram for help in locating them.

KAM Jumper K6

KPC-4 Jumper K7

KPC-2 Jumper K3

KPC-2400 Jumper K3

KPC-1 Jumper K1

- 3) Place the jumper in the test position.
- 4) Apply power to the TNC.
- 5) Observe on the computer display (your terminal program must be set at 300 baud):

EEPROM INIT OK

CHECKSUM OK

RAM OK XXXXX BYTES

REPLACE TEST JUMPER

Some TNCs will not display the REPLACE message.

If you have removed the 2404 EEPROM from your unit for any reason, the EEPROM INIT message will read:

EEPROM INIT ERROR

This is a normal indication and does not indicate a failure with your TNC.

- 6) Turn power off. Do not keep the TNC power on for more than a minute or the regulator will overheat.
- 7) Return Test/Normal jumper to the normal position.
- 8) Reassemble the TNC and return to operation.

Calibration/Equalization

The CALIBRATE command is used to assist the TNC operator in determining the need for equalization of a received signal. Since this feature is unique to Kantronics TNCs, two stations using Kantronics TNCs are necessary to utilize this command.

KAM you must have your current I/O stream on the VHF radio port.

KPC-4 uses current I/O port (will not work with an external modem).

KPC-2 The HF, HFT and CCITT commands should be OFF. Calibration is checked at 1200 baud only.

KPC-1 Tones are transmitted and received at the HBAUD setting and the frequency is specified by the HF and HFT command settings.

KPC-2400 Tones are transmitted and received at the HBAUD setting and the frequency is specified by the HF, HFT, and CCITT command settings. However calibration cannot be done at the HBAUD setting of 2400.

Once the CALIBRATE command is given, three options will appear on the terminal screen:

Calibrate Mode Press R,T, or X

Pressing X will return the TNC to the Command Mode.

Pressing T will transmit a square wave (space/mark) at the selected tones until a key is pressed.

Pressing R will measure a square wave received.

One station should be used to transmit the square wave, while the receiving station should measure and compare the space/mark square wave. The transmitting station should set the microphone level in the mid range.

Once the receiving TNC is placed in the CALIBRATE receive mode, two numbers will appear on the screen. The TNC is measuring the space/mark square wave generated by the transmitting station. For the best calibration of the receiving transceiver, set the radio tone controls so that the two given values are as close to equal as possible.

In most instances when the ratio of the numbers is within a 40/60 or 60/40 range, the packet station will function normally. A larger disparity in the tones may cause additional retries during packet operation. This ratio may be determined by the following formula:

(N1 * 100) / (N1 + N2) where N1 is the number to the left of the displayed slash, and N2 is to the right of the slash. For instance, if the TNC displays 1400/1800, the ratio can be determined by:

(1400 * 100) / (1400 + 1800) or 140000/3200 = 44

Since the total is 100, the ratio is then 44/56 and is within the 40/60 criteria.

KPC-1, KPC-2, and KPC-2400. If the ratio of the numbers exceeds 60/40, you should change the setting of the equalization command (EQUALIZE). Use the setting (ON or OFF) which results in the ratio closest to 50/50.

KAM and KPC-4. If the ratio of the numbers exceeds 60/40, you should reset the internal Equalization jumper(s) for partial equalization. If, with partial equalization these numbers are still outside the 60/40 ratio, set the Equalization jumper for NO equalization.

Jumpers are appropriately labeled on the PC board. Refer to the parts location diagram for help in locating them. Also refer to the Assembly and Disassembly section for information on obtaining access to the interior of the TNC.

KAM Jumper K1

VHF Equalization – This jumper is provided to alter the equalization characteristics of the VHF modem. The KAM is shipped with the jumper placed on ONLY ONE of the posts effectively "OFF" so that full equalization is in effect. With no jumper installed on the 3-pin header, full equalization is in effect. With the jumper connecting the center post and the post marked 1, there is no equalization. With the jumper connecting the center post and the post marked 2, partial equalization is in effect. Testing has shown that most VHF transceivers require that the input audio signal be fully equalized for best performance. Should you wish to operate the KAM in a hard wire packet line, no equalization should be in effect.

KPC-4 Jumpers K1 (Port 1) and K2 (Port 2)

Equalization – These jumpers are provided to alter the equalization characteristics of the modems. The KPC-4 is shipped with the jumper placed on ONLY ONE of the posts, effectively "OFF", so that full equalization is in effect. With no jumper installed on the 3-pin header, full equalization is in effect. With the jumper connecting the center post and the post marked 1, there is no equalization. With the jumper connecting the center post and the post marked 2, partial equalization is in effect. Testing has shown that most VHF/UHF transceivers require that the input audio signal be fully equalized for best performance. Should you wish to operate the KPC-4 in a hard wire packet line, no equalization should be in effect.

Watch Dog Timers

Jumpers are appropriately labeled on the PC board. Refer to the parts location diagram for help in locating them. Also refer to the Assembly and Disassembly section for information on obtaining access to the interior of the TNC.

KAM – VHF Timer – Jumper K3

This jumper is provided to disable the VHF watch dog timer. The timer is disabled if the jumper is installed. Time-out of the KAM will occur after approximately 2.5 minutes, un-keying the VHF PTT line. The KAM is shipped with the jumper not connecting the jumper posts; therefore, the timer is in effect.

KAM- HF Timer - Jumper K4

This jumper is provided to disable the HF watch dog timer. The timer is disabled if the jumper is installed. Time-out of the KAM will occur after approximately 2.5 minutes, un-keying the HF PTT line. The KAM is shipped with the jumper installed; therefore, the timer is not in effect.

KAM Operating Note

As shipped from the factory, the VHF watch dog timer is in effect and the HF watch dog timer is not. The HF timer is not enabled since it cannot distinguish between RTTY and Packet signals. Should you plan to operate a mode other than Packet the HF timer will limit your transmission time to approximately 2.5 minutes if it is enabled.

KPC-4 – Timers – Jumpers K5 (Port 1) and K6 (Port 2)

These jumpers are provided to disable the watch dog timers. The timer is disabled if the jumper is installed. Time-out of the KPC-4 will occur after approximately 2.5 minutes, un-keying the PTT line. The KPC-4 is shipped with the jumpers not connecting the jumper posts; therefore, the timers are in effect. Should you wish to have a SHORTER timer interval, it may be obtained by changing the appropriate resistor shown in the following chart.

K5 Port 1	K6 Port 2	Time Delay	Resistor Value
R43	R44	1.25 min	470 Kohm
R43	R44	.75 min	220 Kohm
R43	R44	.5 min	2.2 Mohm

KPC-2400

The KPC-2400 is shipped with the Optional Watch Dog circuit board installed. (This applies to units after serial number 73400. An optional circuit board may be ordered from Kantronics for units with serial numbers before 73400 and should be installed for digipeater or unattened operation.)

K1 jumper on both pins disables watch dog circuit.

If harness is unplugged from watch dog board a 2.2 K 5% 1/4 watt resistor MUST be inserted between pins 1 and 5 of wiring harness connector to allow normal operation. WARNING: A resistor larger than 1/4 watt will damage the connector.

PTT shut-off time is approximately 2 minutes.

KPC-1 and KPC-2

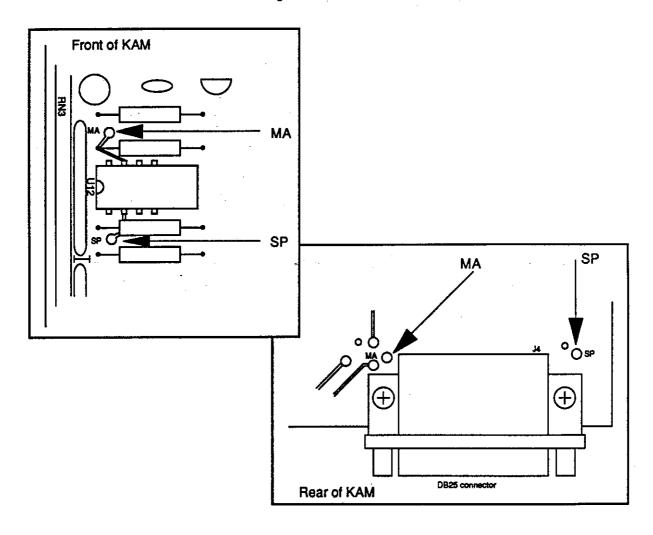
These TNCs do not come with a watch dog timer installed. An optional circuit board may be ordered from Kantronics and should be installed for digipeater or unattended operation.

Scope Monitoring

KAM Only

Obtaining Mark and Space Outputs

The schematic diagram of the KAM indicates that Mark and Space outputs are available on pins 11 and 18 of J4 (DB-25 connector) Provisions have been made for obtaining these outputs AFTER installing jumpers between the points provided on the PC board. This is accomplished by locating the four holes in the board marked MA and SP and adding wire jumpers between them. One pair of holes marked MA and SP are located next to the DB-25 connector (J4) and the other pair is located on the opposite end of the board. Install jumpers from MA to MA and SP to SP and Mark/Space signals will then be present at pins 11 and 18 of J4. It is advisable to install a 100 Kohm resistor in series with these lines to protect the KAM from external voltages.



Dumb Modem Mode

KPC-1, KPC-2 and KPC-2400 Only

The TNC can also be used as a straight-through or dumb modem. In this mode the TNC does not use any of the protocols or special characteristics of packet radio. Instead, the TNC simply outputs any information sent through the RS-232/TTL port, at up to 1200 baud.

To utilize the dumb modem feature, you must PERM the MODEMENA parameter ON. Hold the RTS line of the RS-232 connector at a negative voltage when the TNC is powered on. If the connector is set to the TTL level position, the RTS line must be held at a positive 5 volts when the TNC is powered on.

To operate in the dumb modem mode you must utilize the RTS and CTS lines. The TNC will function as a true RS-232 device, using these lines to control transmit and receive operation. The transmit and receive LED on the front panel will be operational. This mode uses the PERMed parameters as specified by the HF, HFT and CCITT command and checks the status of the EQUALIZE parameter.

To exit this mode you must turn the TNC off and power up with RTS free.

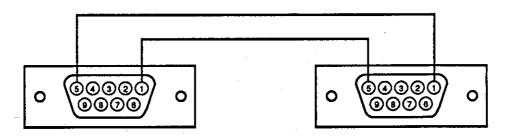
Performing a Loop-Back Test

KPC-4 Only

This test is to verify that your KPC-4 is functional, and that the wiring to your computer is correct.

- 1. Remove the KPC-4 from its case. (See the Assembly and Disassembly section.)
- 2. Install jumpers between the radio ports as shown.

Female DB-9 Connectors (Looking at Holes)



- 3. Remove the header connectors from AFSK level jumpers K3 and K4.
- 4. Set a different callsign for Port 2. For example:

MYCALL WK5M/WK5M-9

5. At the CMD: prompt enter a connect request to the callsign you have set for Port 2. Your display should look like this:

CMD: C WK5M-9 (<CR>)

When you enter the carriage return the following will appear on your display:

CMD: ~A*** CONNECTED TO WK5M

IA*** CONNECTED TO WK5M-9

You are now in Convers Mode, connected to your Port 2. Type: HELLO <CR> and the following will be added to your display:

HELLO (you typed this for transmission on Port 1)

AHELLO (this was received by Port 2)

- 6. You can manipulate transmission/reception between radio Port 1 and radio Port 2 by using the proper STREAMSW command, the ~ or I, or whatever streamswitch characters you have chosen.
- 7. These steps have shown that your KPC-4 is functional and that wiring to your computer is correct.

Modem Disconnect

KAM and KPC-4 only

Headers are appropriately labeled on the PC board. Refer to the parts location diagram for help in locating them. Also refer to the Assembly and Disassembly section for information on obtaining access to the interior of the TNC.

Headers K8 and K9

These connectors are provided for use with an external modem such as the KM-2400 modem (QPSK) or the MSK modem.

SWDETLED Modification

KPC-1 Only

To perform the Software Carrier Detect LED enable modification, (SWDETLED) remove the circuit board from the case as detailed in the Assembly and Disassembly section. Next, remove the 7910 IC (U-11) and bend pin 25 out slightly so that it will not make contact with the socket when the IC is re-inserted in U-11. Re-install the 7910 in socket U-11. With this modification completed, you will not detect ANY packets unless CD is set to SOFTWARE.

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Sample Terminal Programs

The following BASIC programs can be used to operate the Kantronics TNCs with the computers listed.

CAUTION: Each of the programs is a simple example of the necessary statements required to configure the computer for operation with an external device via the RS-232/TTL port. These simple terminal programs will NOT do file transfers or buffering of data and typing.

BASIC terminal program for the VIC-20/C-64

10 CLOSE2

20 OPEN2,2,3,CHR\$(6)

30 GET#2.A\$

40 REM

50 GET B\$

55 IF B\$=CHR\$(133) THEN GOTO 100

60 IF B\$<>""THEN PRINT#2,B\$;

70 GET#2,C\$

80 PRINT C\$;

90 GOTO 50

100 CLOSE2

110 END

The #1 function key will return the C-64 computer to BASIC. If graphics characters appear, use the shift key with the Commodore key to change the character set. For use with the VIC-20, change the TNC COMMAND parameter to \$05 (see Commands section of Commands Manual). Then a Ctrl-2 typed on the VIC-20 will return the TNC to the Command Mode. (The VIC-20 does not have a Ctrl-C command.)

This program uses a 3-wire cable as described in the Connecting Your Computer section. Wire only RXD, TXD and SG.

BASIC terminal program for the TRS-80 Model III

- 1 OUT 232,0
- 2 OUT232,164
- 3 OUT233,85
- 4 CLS
- 10 IF INP(234) and 128 then print CHR\$(INP(235));:GOTO 10
- 20 A\$=INKEY\$:IF A\$="" THEN 10
- 30 IF INP(234) and 64 THEN OUT 235, ASC(A\$): GOTO 10 ELSE GOTO 30

Put the TRS-80 Model III in BASIC. Type and run the program. When the program is run the screen will go blank. At this time turn on the TNC. The TNC will send the PRESS * FOR AUTOBAUD routine.

This program uses a 3-wire cable as described in the Connecting Your Computer section. Wire only RXD, TXD and SG.

BASIC terminal program for the Apple computer with the Super Serial Card

- 10 REM THIS PROGRAM SETS UP THE SSC FOR THE TNC
- 20 REM ASSUMES THE SSC IS IN SLOT #2
- 30 A\$=CHR\$(1):D\$=CHR\$(4)
- 40 PRINT D\$;"PR#2"
- 50 PRINT A\$:"6 BAUD":REM SET 300 BAUD
- 60 PRINT A\$:"0 DATA": REM 8 DATA, 1 STOP BIT
- 70 PRINT A\$;"0 PARITY": REM NO PARITY
- 75 PRINT A\$;"SD":REM DISABLE SPECIAL CHARS & ENABLE ESC KEY
- 80 PRINT AS: "TERM MODE"
- 90 REM IN TERMINAL MODE-TALK TO TNC
- 100 REM PRESS<CTRL RESET>TO EXIT PROGRAM
- 110 PRINT A\$:"RESET"
- **120 END**

BASIC terminal program for the Zenith Z-100

- 10 KEY OFF: CLS: CLOSE
- 20 OPEN"COM1:300,N,8,1" AS #1:
- 30 OPEN"SCRN:"FOR OUTPUT AS #2:
- 40 A\$=INKEY\$:IF A\$=""THEN 60
- 50 PRINT #1,A\$
- 60 IF LOC(1)=0 THEN 40
- 70 B\$=INPUT\$(LOC(1),#1)
- 80 PRINT #2,B\$
- 90 GOTO 40

BASIC terminal program for the Atari 850 Interface

- 10 GOSUB 1600
- 20 FOR LOOP=0 TO 1 STEP 0
- 50 IF PEEK(764)=255 THEN 80
- 60 GET #KEY,A:IF A=126 THEN A=8
- 70 PUT #1,A
- 80 STATUS #1,A:BUF=PEEK(747)
- 90 IF BUF=0 THEN NEXT LOOP
- 100 FOR I=1 TO BUF
- 110 GET #1.A:IF A=8 THEN A=126
- 120 ?CHR\$(A);:NEXT I
- 140 NEXT LOOP
- 1600 KEY=4
- 1610 XIO 36,#1,8,0,"R1:" :REM-300 BAUD
- 1630 XIO 34,#1,48,0,"R1:" :REM-RTS ON
- 1640 OPEN #1,13,0,"R1:"
- 1650 XIO 40,#1,0,0,"R1:"
- 1655 OPEN #KEY,4,0,"K:"
- 1660 RETURN

This program uses a 5-wire cable as described in the Connecting Your Computer section. When using this program, set the TNC's DELETE and AUTOLF commands to OFF.

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Specifications

KAM, KPC-4, KPC-2, KPC-2400, KPC-1

Size: KAM: 1-3/4" x 6" x 9"

KPC-4, KPC-2, KPC-2400, KPC-1: 1-3/4" x 6" x 8"

Weight: KAM: 2-1/2 lbs.

KPC-4, KPC-2, KPC-2400, KPC-1: 2-1/4 lbs.

Power Requirements:

KAM: 11 VDC to 14 VDC < 300 ma

KPC-4: 11 VDC to 14 VDC < 200 ma KPC-2: 9 VDC to 14 VDC < 250 ma KPC-2400: 10 VDC to 15 VDC < 330 ma KPC-1: 10 VDC to 14 VDC < 330 ma

Power Plug Polarity: All units: Center pin positive

Watch Dog Timer: KAM, KPC-4, KPC-2400: =2-1/2 minutes

(Optional board for other units)

External Carrier Detect (XCD): KAM, KPC-4: Pulldown to ground

External Reset: KPC-4: Pulldown to ground

PTT Output: All units: Open collector, +40 VDC max FSK Output: KAM HF: Open collector, +40 VDC max

Key Output: KAM HF: Reed relay contact rated 0.5A and 300 VDC max

 $(100\Omega \text{ series resistance})$

Audio Output: KAM HF

Output Drive: 100 mvpp (LO) 10 mvpp (LO)

500 mvpp (HI) 50 mvpp (HI)

1.6 vpp (no jump) 1.7 vpp (no jump) (does not apply to KPC-1)

All Others

Output Impedance:

(ac coupled)

 600Ω 600Ω

(ac coupled

Audio Input: KAM HF All Others

Input Sensitivity: 20 mvpp (FM) 20 mvpp

100 mvpp (AM)

Dynamic Range: >60 dB >60 dBInput Impedance: 600Ω 600Ω

(unbalanced)

Max Input Voltage: ±12 VDC ±12 VDC

Modes of Operation:

KAM: Packet, CW, RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR (CCIR 476 and CCIR 625),

WEFAX, KISS, NAVTEX/AMTEX, Host

All Others: Packet, WEFAX, KISS, Host

Other Features:

All units: PBBS, KA-NODE

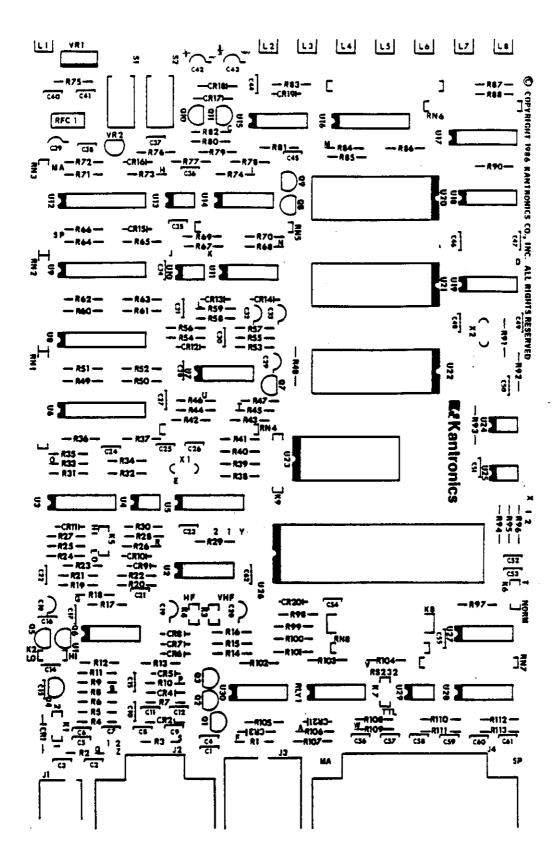
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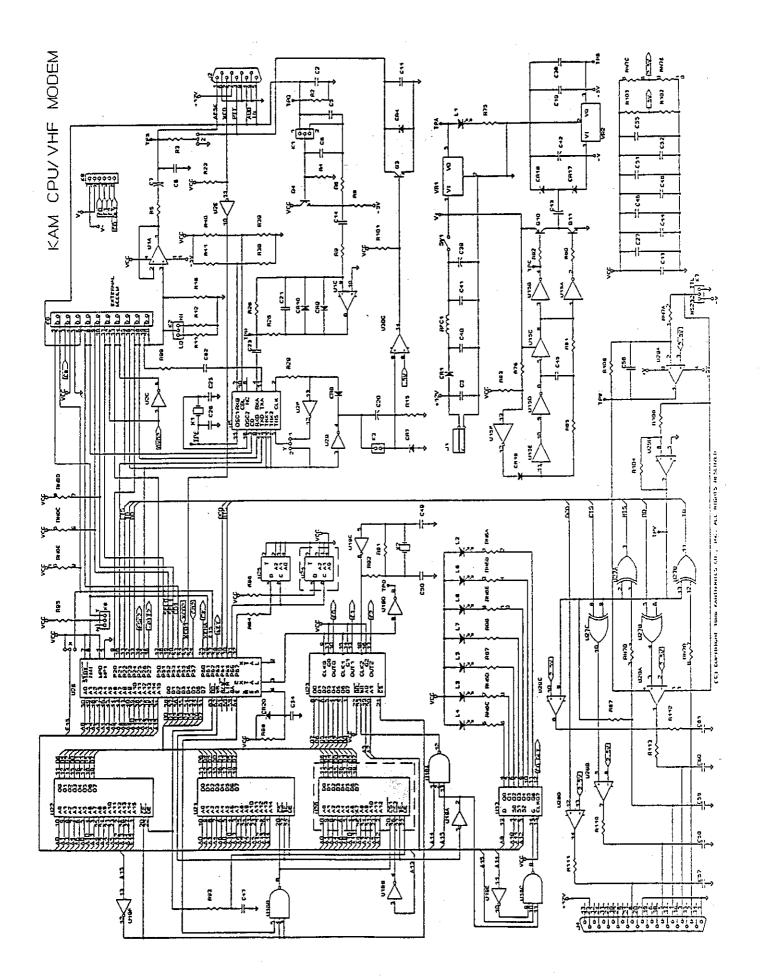
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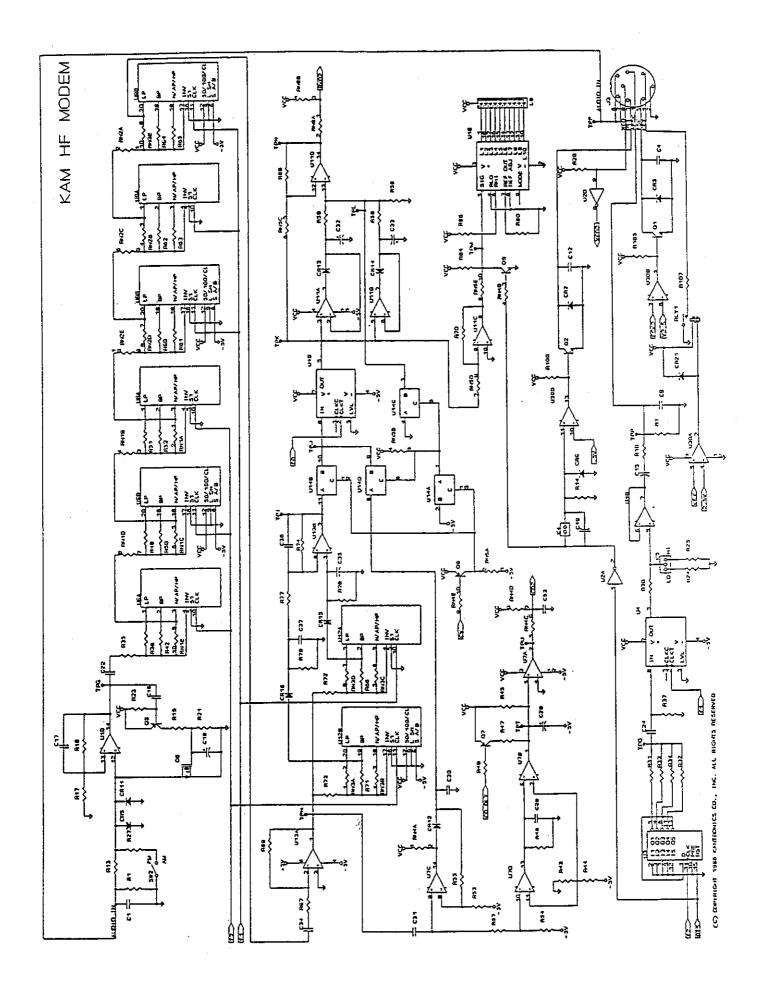
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KAM Parts List

C1	01uf	C541uf	L6 - GREEN
$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}$ 2	01uf	C55 – .1uf	L7 - GREEN
C3	1uf	C5601uf	L8 – RED
C4	001uf	C57001uf	100 – 10215
Č5	001uf	C58001uf	Q1 - PN2222
Č6	001uf	C59001uf	Q2 - PN2222
C7	- 1uf Alum	C60001uf	Q3 - PN2222
Č8	001uf	C61001uf	Q4 - PN2222
C9	001uf	C621uf	Q5 - PN2907A
	1uf		Q6 - 2N7000
C11	001uf	CR1 - 1N4003	Q7 - PN2907A
	001uf	CR2 - 1N4003	Q8 - PN2907A
	1uf	CR3 - 1N4003	Q9 - PN2222
	1uf	CR4 - 1N4003	Q10 - PN2907A
	- luf Alum	CR5 - 1N914	Q11 - PN2222
	1uf	CR6 - 1N914	Q11 114222
	001uf	CR7 - 1N914	R1 - 620
	- 1 uf Alum	CR8 - 1N914	R2 - 620
	- 47uf Alum	CR9 - 1N914	R3 - 10K
	- 47uf Alum	CR10-1N914	R4 - 100K
C21	001uf	CR11 - 1N914	R5 - 620
C22	1uf	CR12 - 1N914	R6 - 47K
C23	1uf	CR13- 1N914	R7 - 10K
C24	01uf	CR14- 1N914	R8 - 4.7K
C25	- 20pf	CR15- 1N914	R9 - 6.8K
C26	- 20pf	CR16~ 1N914	R10 - 620
CAI	— .1th	CR17- 1N4003	R11 - 220
C28	1uf	CR18- 1N4003	R12 - 1K
C29	- 1uf Alum	CR19- 1N914	R13 - 100K
C30	01uf	CR20- 1N914	R14 - 1M
	01uf	CR21 - 1N914	R15 - 1M
C32	- 4.7uf Alum		R16 – 1M
C33	- 4.7uf Alum	J1 – 2.5 mm Barrel	R17 - 470
C34	01uf	J2 – 9 Pin - D	R18 - 47K
	01uf	J3 – 8 Pin Din	R19 - 2.2K
C36	- 330pf	J4 – 25 Pin - D	R20 - 10K
	01uf		R21 - 1M
	1uf	K1 - 3 Pin	R22 - 10K
C39	- 10uf Tant	K2 - 3 Pin	R23 - 10K
	1uf	K3 – 2 Pin	R24 - 1.5K
	1uf	K4 – 2 Pin	R25 - 10K
	 10uf 50V Alum 	K5 – 3 Pin	R26 - 6.8K
	- 10uf 50V Alum	K6 – 3 Pin	R27 - 15K
	1uf	K7 – 3 Pin	R28 - 15K
	001uf	K8 – 20 Pin	R29 – 10K
C46	1uf	K9 – 6 Pin	R30 - 22K
			R31 - 150K
	1uf	L1 - GREEN	R32 - 150K
	- 25pf	L2 – GREEN	R33 – 100K
	- 33pf	L3 – GREEN	R34 – 100K
	1uf	L4 – GREEN	R35 - 2.7K
C52	1uf	L5 – RED	R36 - 1.2K
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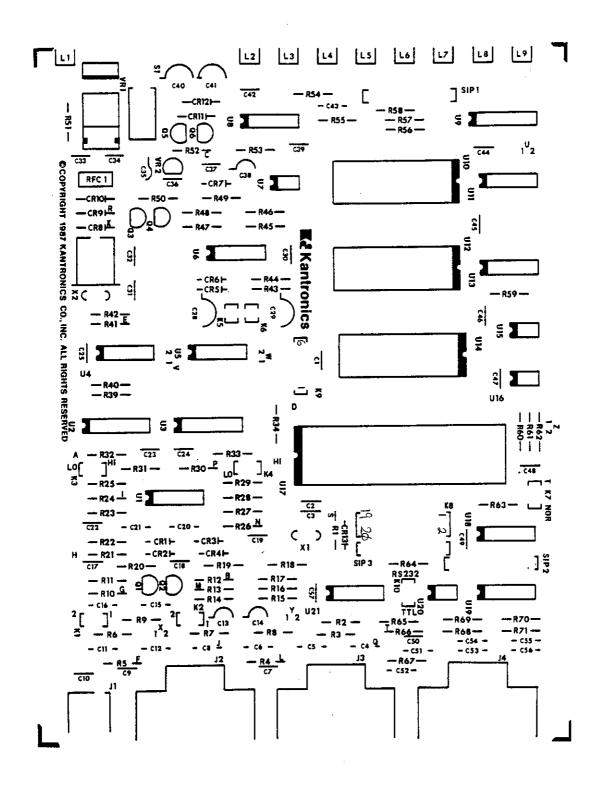


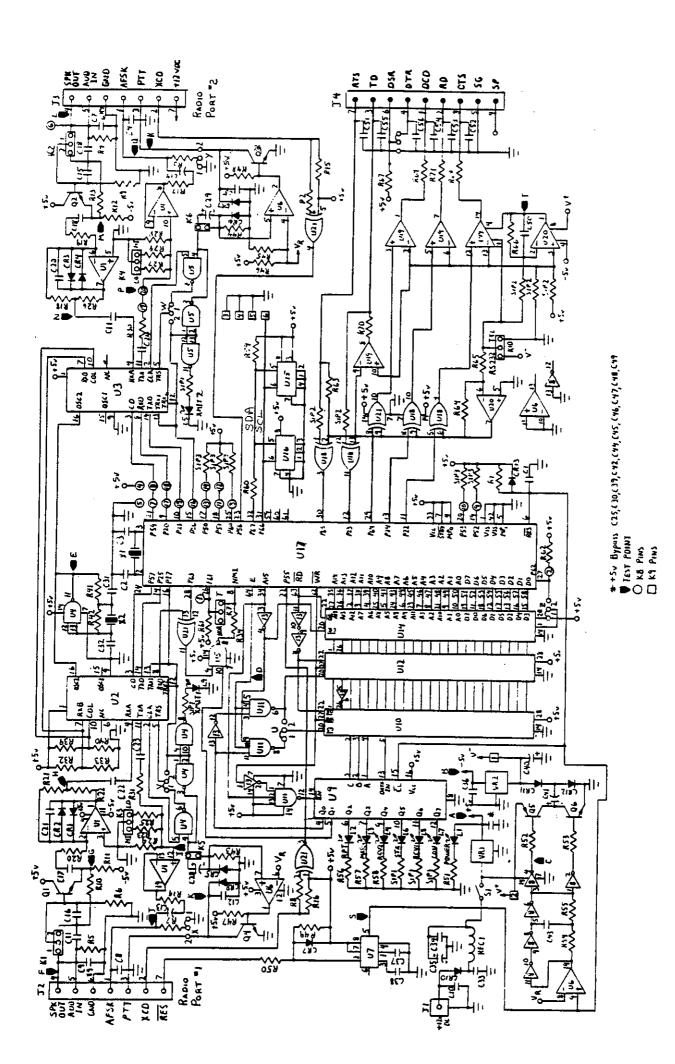


KPC-4 Parts List

01 1	C54001	R27 - 220
C11		
C2 - 20pf	C55001	R28 - 1M
C3 - 20pf	C56001	R29 – 1K
C4001	C571	R30 - 33K
C4001	C371	
C5001		R31 – 33K
C6001	CR1 - 1N914	R32 - 8.45 K
C701	CR2 - 1N914	R33 - 10K
70 001	CR3 - 1N914	R34 - 2.2K
C8001		104 - 2.2 A
C901	CR4 - 1N914	
C101	CR5 - 1N914	R39 – 9.1K
C11001	CR6 - 1N914	R40 - 33K
C12001	CR7 - 1N914	R41 - 2.2K
C13 - 1uf	CR8 - 1N4001	R42 - 1M
C14 - 1uf	CR9 - 1N4001	R43 - 1M
C15001	CR10-1N4001	R44 - 1M
016001	OD11 1374001	
C16001	CR11 - 1N4001	R45 - 10K
C171	CR12- 1N4001	R46 – 100K
C181	CR13 - 1N914	R47 - 1K
C191		R47 - 1K R48 - 1K
	O1 DN0000	D40 10077
C20001	Q1 – PN2222	R49 - 100K
C21001	Q2 - PN2222	R50 - 10K
C221	Q3 - PN2222	R51 - 220
C231	Q4 – PN2222	R52 - 2.2K
C241	Q5 - PN2907	R53 - 2.2K
C251	Q6 – 2N2222	R54 - 100K
	,,	R55 - 22K
C28 - 47uf	R1 - 100K	R56 - 220
C29 - 47uf	R2 - 100K	R57 - 220
C301uf	R3 - 10K	R58 - 220
C31 - 20pf	R4 - 620	R59 - 100K
C32 - 20pf	R5 - 620	R60 - 2.2K
C02 - 20pi		
C331	R6 - 100K	R61 - 100K
C341	R7 – 10K	R62 - 10K
C35 - 10uf Tant	R8 - 10K	R63 - 6.8K
C361	R9 - 100K	R64 - 51K
C371	R10 – 47K	R65 - 100K
C38 - 4.1	R11 - 4.7K	R66 – 120K
C391	R12 - 4.7K	R67 - 6.8K
C40 - 10	R13 - 47K	R68 - 270
C41 - 10	R14 - 620	R69 - 270
C421	R15 – 10K	R70 - 6.8K
C43001	R16 - 10K	R71 - 270
C441	R17 - 620	2002
		DDG1 10 1
C451	R18 - 15K	RFC1- 10uh
C461	R19 - 6.8K	
C471	R20 - 6.8K	S1P1 - 220
C481	R21 – 15K	S1P2 - 100K
C491	R22 - 6.8K	S1P3 - 10K
C5001	R23 – 1K	
C51001	R24 – 1M	U1 - MC34074
C52001	R25 - 220	U2 - 3105
C53001	R26 – 6.8K	U3 - 3105

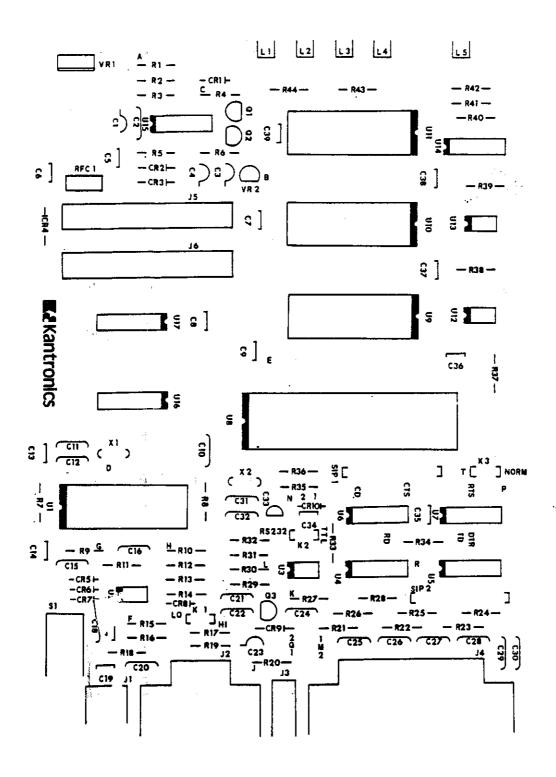
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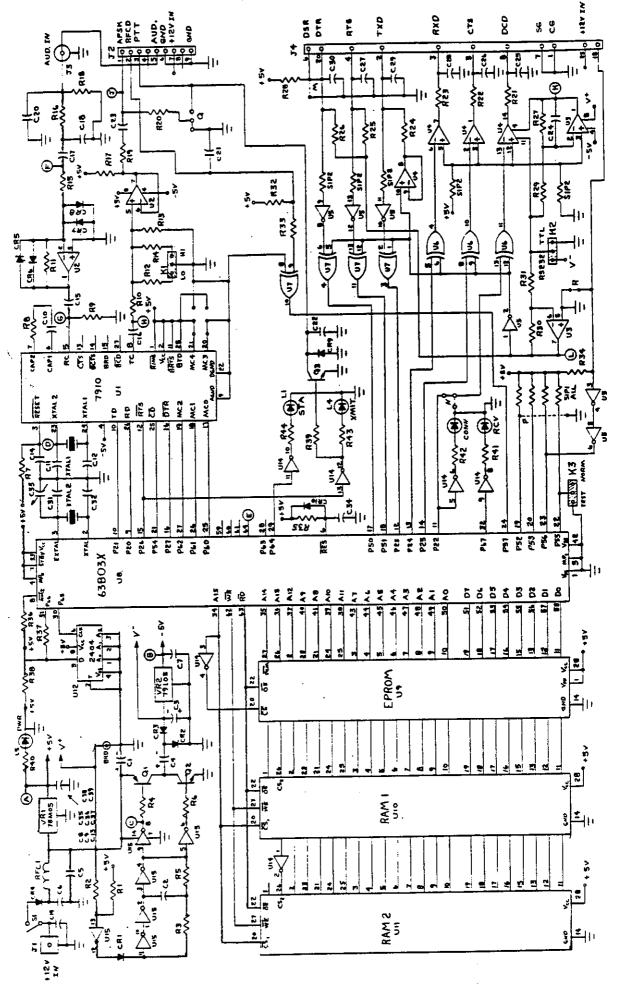




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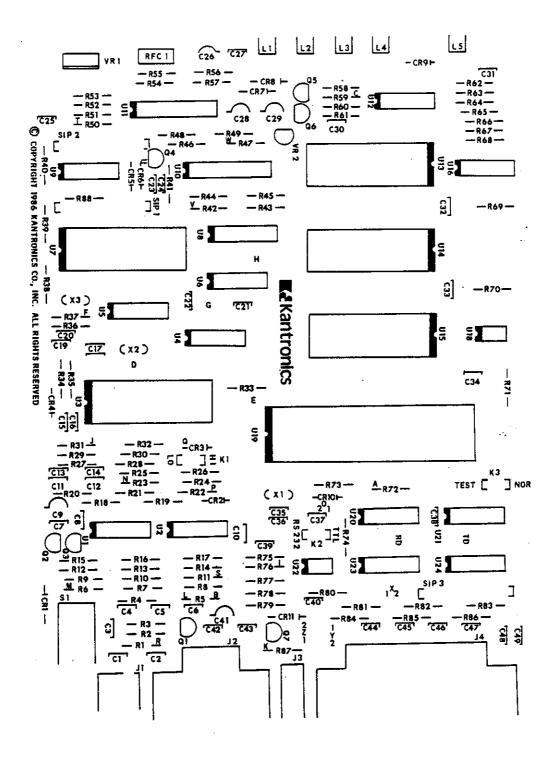
- 10 0m i	T1	DOS COK
C1 - 10uf Tant	J1 – power jack	R25 - 6.8K
C2001 Disc	J2 – 9 pin D-connector	R26 - 6.8K
C3 - 4.7 uf Alum	J3 – 3.5 audio jack	R27 - 120K
C4 - 4.7 uf Alum	J4 – 25 pin D-connector	R29 - 100K
C51 MLC		R30 - 51K
C61 MLC	K-1 3 pin header	R31 – 120K
C71 MLC	K-2 3 pin header	R32 – 10K
C81 MLC	K-3 3 pin header	R33 - 100K
C91 MLC	•	R34 - 10K
C10002 Disc	L-1 Red LED	R35 - 100K
C11 - 20 pf	L-2 Red LED	R36 - 10K
C131 MLC	L-3 Red LED	R37 - 2.2K
	L-4 Red LED	R38 - 100K
C141 MLC		R39 - 4.7K
C1501 Disc	L-5 Green LED	R40 - 220
C1601 Disc	371 TP	R41 - 220
C17001 MLC	N1 J5	
C1801 Disc	Q1 M1 jumper	R42 - 220
C191 ML	hole 9-10	R43 - 220
C2001 Disc		R44 - 220
C21001 Disc	Q1 – PN2907A	
C22001 Disc	Q2 - PN2222	RFC1- 10uh
C23 - 1 uf Alum	Q3 - PN2222	S1 — push push switch
C2401 Disc	•	
C25001 Disc	R1 - 100K	S1P1 - 10K
C26001 Disc	R2 - 120K	S1P2 - 100K
C27001 Disc ·	R3 - 100K	-
C28001 Disc	R4 - 4.7K	U1 - 7910 28 pin socket
	R5 - 22K	U2 - LM358
C29001 Disc	R6 – 4.7K	U3 - LM358
C30001 Disc	R7 – 1M	U4 - MC34074
C31 - 20 pf		U5 - 74HC14
C32 - 20 pf	R8 - 100	U6 - 4070
C341 MLC	R9 – 100K	
C351 MLC	R10 - 33K	
C361 MLC	R11 - 100K	U8 - 63B03X 64 pin socket
C371 MLC	R12 - 100 ohm	U9 - 27256 28 pin socket
C381 MLC	R13 - 1M	U11 - 62256 25 pin socket
C391 MLC	R14 - 470	U12 - 2404 8 pin socket
	R15 - 100K	U14 - 74HC04
CR1 - 1N914	R16 - 3.3K	U15 - 4069
CR2 - 1N4003	R17 - 4.7K	•
CR3 - 1N4003	R18 - 620	VR1 - 78M05
CR4 - 1N4003	R19 - 620	VR2 - 79L05
CR5 - 1N914	R20 – 10K	
	R21 - 270	XTAL 1 - 2.4576 MHz
CR6 - 1N914		XTAL 2 - 7.3728 MHz
CR7 - 1N914	R22 - 270	AIAU 2 - 1.3120 MIIZ
CR8 - 1N914	R23 - 270	
CR9 - 1N4003	R24 – 6.8K	•
CR10- 1N914		

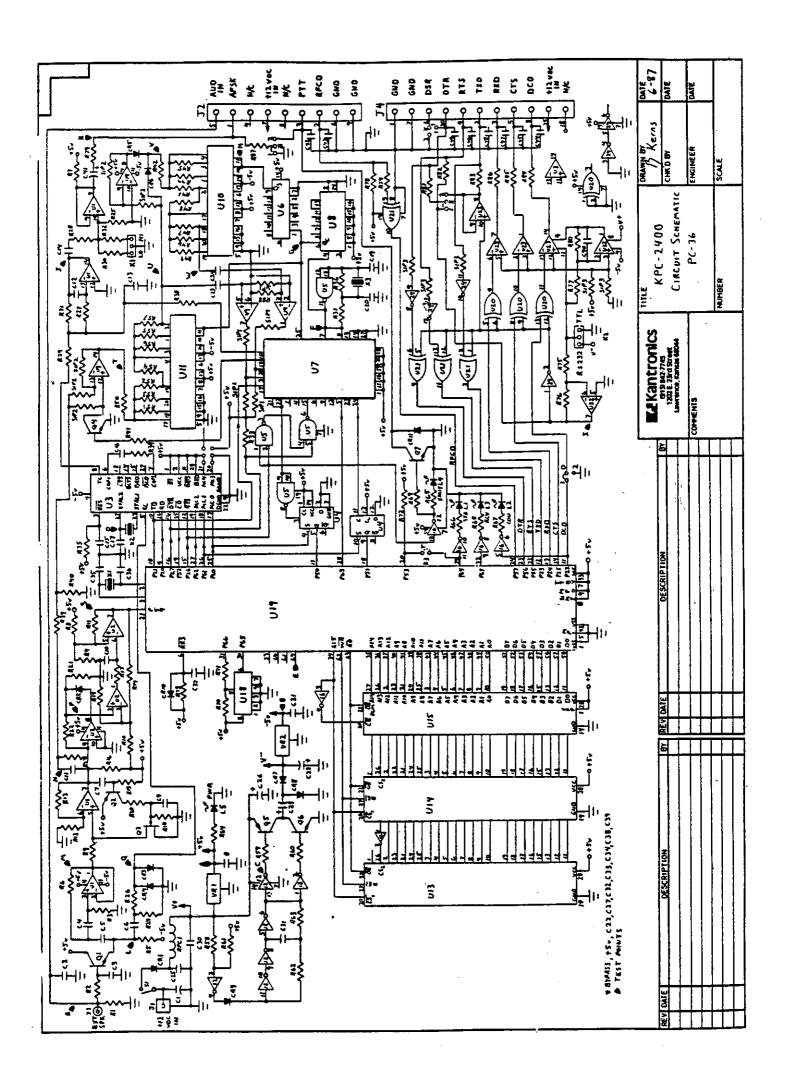




KPC-2400 Parts List

			04 001
R1	- 620ohm	R52 - 68K	C4001
R2	- 22K	R53 – 18K	C5001
R3	- 100K	R54 – 33K	C6001
	- 8.2K	R55 - 18K	C71
R4		R56 - 9.53K MF	
R5	- 4.7K		C9 - 1uf Alum
R6	- 47K		C101
R7	- 4.7K	R58 - 180K	0111
R8	- 33K	R59 - 4.7K	C111
R9	– 10K	R60 – 4.7K	C12001
R10	- 18K	R61 - 100K	C131
R11	- 470K	R62 - 100K	C1401
	- 4700hm	R63 - 22K	C151
		R64 - 220ohm	C16002
	- 47K		C17 - 20pf
	- 470K		011 - 20pi
	– 10K	R66 - 220ohm	C10 22mf
R16	- 4.7K	R67 – 220ohm	C19 - 33pf
R17		R68 - 220ohm	C20 - 33pf
		R69 - 4.7K	C211
	- 910ohm	R70 - 100K	C221
DOV	- 2.2K	R71 - 2.2K	C2301 Disc
	- 2.2IX	R72 – 10K	C2401 Disc
R21	- 1Meg	R73 – 100K	C251
	- 100K		C26 - 10uf
	- 100K	R74 – 100K	C271
R24	– 100K	R75 - 120K	C271
R25	- 1Meg	R76 – 68K	C28 - 10uf Alum
	- 47K	R77 – 100K	C29 – 10uf Alum
R97	- 470ohm	R78 - 10K	C301
	- 33K	R79 - 620ohm	C31001
D00	- 00IX	R80 – 120K	C321
R29	- 47K	R81 – 6.8K	C331
	- 220ohm		C341
R31	– 47K	R82 - 6.8K	0041 005 - 00-f
R32	- 1K	R83 - 6.8K	C35 - 20pf
R33	– 10K	R84 - 270ohm	C36 - 20pf
R34	- 100ohm	R85 - 270ohm	C371
R35		R86 - 270ohm	C381
R36		R87 - 10K	C391
	- 2.2K	R88 – 100K	C4001 Disc
		1000 - 10011	C41 - 1uf Alum
	- 150K	DEG1 10-1	C42001
	- 2.2K	RFC1 – 10uh	
	- 4.7K		C43001
R41	– 10K		C44001
	- 33K	XTAL 2 - 2.4576 MHz	C45001
	- 100K	XTAL 3 - 4.608 MHz	C46001
	– 15K		C47001
		S1P1 - 100K	C48001
	- 9.09K MF	S1P 2 - 100K	C49001
	– 15K		O#0001
	– 9.09K MF	S1P3 - 100K	OD1 1N(4001
	s – 33K		CR1 - 1N4001
R49	– 100K	C11	CR2 - 1N914
) - 15K	C201	CR3 - 1N914
	– 9.53K MF	C3001	CR4 - 1N914
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Pactor Option Addendum

KAM Eprom Version 6.1

Thank you for purchasing the Pactor Option for your KAM. We believe you'll find many hours of enjoyment and many new friends as you explore this new digital mode.

The enclosed Eprom for your KAM contains some minor changes since the original release, version 6.0. The manual indicates (on pages 3 and 10) that you must use the PTLISTEN mode to monitor Pactor transmissions. By popular demand, this has been changed in version 6.1 to allow monitoring in Standby mode too.

To monitor Pactor in Standby mode, set the MONITOR command to ON/XXX and the ARQBBS command to OFF. In Pactor Standby mode, you can also transmit FEC by typing <CTRL-C>T and return to receive by typing <CTRL-C>E.

We've also added the NAVLOG command, an immediate command, to display a list of NAVTEX messages that have been properly received in the NAVTEX mode.

R37	- 15K	R92 - 2.2K	U28 - MC34074
	- 10K MF	R93 - 1K	U29 - LM358
	- 33K	R94 - 2.2K	U30 - LM339
	- 9.1K	R95 - 10K	
	- 8.45K MF	R96 - 100K	VR1 - 78M05 +5v Reg
	- 2.7K	R97 - 6.8K	VR2 - 79L05 -5v Reg
	- 22K	R98 - 100K	
	- 10K	R99 – 33K	RN1 - 10K
	- 680K	R100 – 1K	RN2 – 10K
	- 620K	R101 – 1K	RN3 - 10K
	- 020K - 220K	R102 – 10K	RN4 – 10K
			RN5 - 10K
	- 10K	R103 - 100K	RN6 - 220K
	- 5.1K	R104 - 51K	
	- 15K	R105 – 10K	RN7 - 100K
	- 9.53K MF	R106 - 6.8K	RN8 - 10K
R52		R107 - 100	
R53		R108 - 100K	
R54	- 100K	R109 – 120K	
R55	– 150K	R110 - 270	
	– 150K	R111 - 270	
R57	– 150K	R112 – 6.8K	
R58	- 33K	R113 - 270	
R59	- 33K		
R60	- 2.7K	RFC1- 10uh	
R61	- 1.2K		
	– 15K	S1 - PUSH PUSH	
	- 5.1K	S2 - PUSH PUSH	
	- 82K		
	- 9.53K MF	U1 - MC34074	
	- 68K	U2 - 74HC04	
R67	- 47K	U3 - 4018	
R68	- 100K	U4 – MF4CN	
	- 150K	U5 - TCM3105	
		U6 – MF10CN	
R70		U7 - LM339	
R71	- 68K	U8 – MF10CN	
R72	- 100K	-	
	- 100K	U9 – MF10CN	
	- 1M	U10 - MF4CN	
R75	- 220	U11 - LM324	
R76	- 180K	U12 - MF10CN	
R77	- 100K	U13 - LM358	
R78	– 100K	U14 - 4066	
R79	– 100K	U15 - 4069	
R80	- 2.2K	U16 - LM3914	
R81	- 22K	U17 - 74HC259	
R82	- 2.2K	U18 - 74HC10	
R83	- 100K	U19 - 74HC04	
R84	- 9.1K	U20 - SPARE	
R85	- 100K	U21 - 42832	
R86	- 2.2K	U22 - 27C256	
R87	- 220	U23 - 71054	
R88	- 220 - 220	U24 - SPARE	
1400	au v	U25 - X2404	
R90	- 620	U26 - 63B03X	
	- 1M	U27 - 4070	
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