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ATTN: SERVICE MANAGERS:

GAME: POWER SUPPLY #08-00007-001 USED ON ALPINE SKI, WILD

WESTERN AND JUNGLE HUNT.

SUBJECT: BR1 AND BR2 HEATING UP TO THE EXTENT OF BREAKING

DOWN INTERNALLY.

SOLUTION: ADDING HEAT SINKS ONTO BR1 AND BR2.

PARTS: TWO HEAT SINKS 30-00005-001

TWO SCREWS 6-32X1 51-02002-001
TWO KEPS NUTS 6-32 54-02002-001

HEAT SINK COMPOUND

PROCEDURE: POWER DOWN GAME, REMOVE POWER SUPPLY P.C.B.

O8-OOOO7-OO1 APPLY HEAT SINK COMPOUND TO THE TOP OF BR1 and BR2 (REFER TO FIGURE 1). PLACE A HEAT SINK ON TOP OF BR1 ALIGNING HOLES AND MAKING SURE THAT HEAT SINK DOESN'T TOUCH ANY OTHER COMPONENTS. FEED THE SCREW THROUGH THE ETCH SIDE OF THE POWER SUPPLY. TIGHTEN THE NUT SNUGGLY. REPEAT PROCEDURE

FOR BR2.

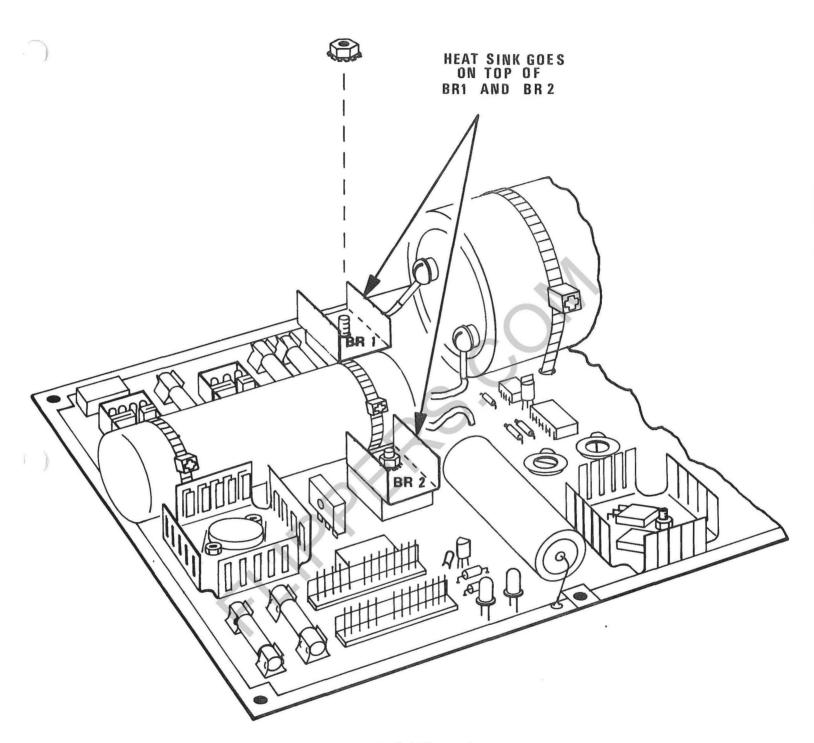


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ATTN:

SERVICE MANAGERS

GAME:

JUNGLE HUNT

SUBJECT: TROUBLESHOOTING CHART FOR SOUNDS.

SOLUTION: WE HOPE THE ATTACHED CHART WILL BE OF AID IN

ANALYZING FAULTS WITH TAITO'S "JUNGLE HUNT" (TM)

SOUND EFFECTS CIRCUITRY.

PARTS: NONE

"JUNGLE HUNT"™ By TAITO SOUND EFFECTS CHART

SUMMING AMP DEFINITIONS	"OUT 1"		"OUT 2"	"OUT 3"	"OUT 4"
#	OP-AMP U1	INPUT PIN OUTPUT PIN 5	INPUT PIN 2, OUTPUT PIN 4	INPUT PIN 13, OUTPUT PIN 9	INPUT PIN 12, OUTPUT PIN 10
MAZE	8910 PSG	US1, PINS 3 4 38	D/A SUMMING NETWORK FROM PORTS ON U51 OP-AMP 48, PIN 9	U49, PINS 3, 4, 38	U50, PINS 4, 3, 38
ATTRACT	none.		CREDIT CHORD.	none.	none.
ROPE (MAZE # 1)	YOU LET	RAB ROPE. ROPE GO. FROM ROPE	VICTORY YELL. HITTING THE GROUND.	YOU SEE THE MONKEY.	ROPE SWISHING THROUGH THE AIR. HITTING MONKEY OR JUMPING ONTO HIS ROPE.
DIVING (MAZE # 2)	SPLASH. TIMER SURFACING FOR KILLING ALLIGAT FANFARE UPON	air. Knife Slash. Or.	OUT OF AIR WARNING.	ALLIGATOR GRUNTS.	NONE
UPHILL RUN (MAZE # 3)	JUMP OVER ROCKS. YOUR FOOTSTEPS.		ROCKS THUMPING. VICTORY YELL.	FANFARE UPON COMPLETION.	SCORE NOISE WHEN ROCKS ARE JUMPED
BARBAR- IANS (MAZE #4)	YOUR FOOTSTEPS.		SPEAR STABS.	barbarians Walking.	NONE
CON- GRATU- LATION SCREEN	MOST OF SONG.		additional effects.	none.	none.
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SUMMING AMP "OUT Ø" CONSISTS OF BACKGROUND SONGS.

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ATTN: SERVICE MANAGERS

GAMES: ALPINE SKI, WILD WESTERN, JUNGLE HUNT

SUBJECT: TROUBLESHOOTING "S.J." SYSTEMS.

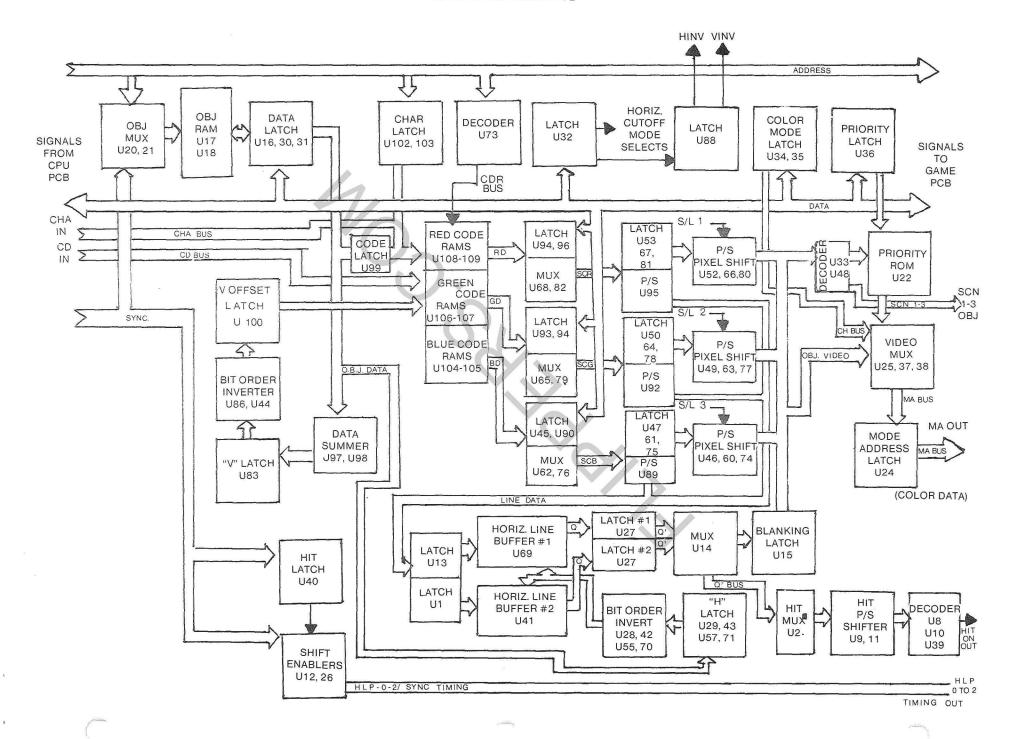
SOLUTION: PLEASE FIND ATTACHED "S.J." SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM.

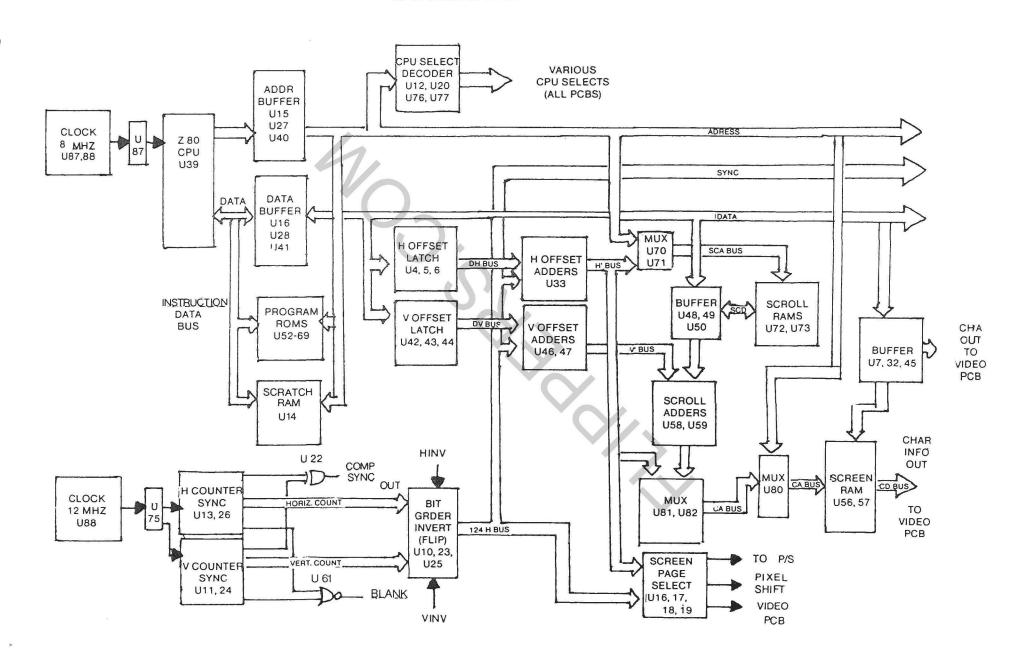
WE HOPE THIS WILL BE USEFUL IN DIAGNOSIS AND TRACING FAILURES WITH THE LOGIC OF ALPINE SKI,

WILD WESTERN, AND JUNGLE HUNT.

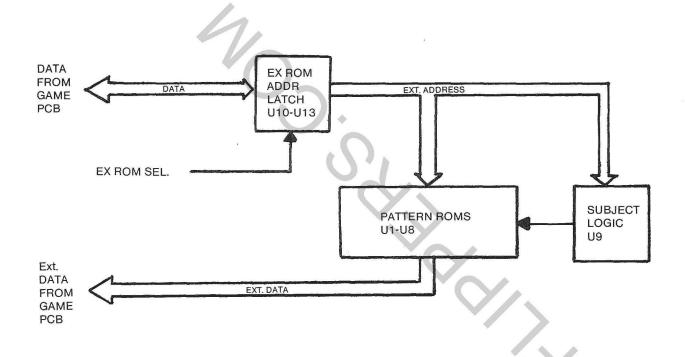
PARTS NEEDED: NONE

SJ SYSTEM GAME PCB SOUND ÇOIN STOP LOCKS ADDR. FROM ADDRESS **VIDEO** PCB PLAYER CONT. TIME RESET ROM'5"U24 INPUT SW'S AND DECODE LATCH LATCH **SWITCH** DIE SW. A LOGIC EXT. ROM. SEL. U66 U15 **SELECTS** U55 SOUND PRO. SEL U2-U7 ROM"6"U14 "E" CONN. DATA FROM DATA DATA **VIDEO** TO PCB EXT. ROM. COIN PCB A/B COIN A COLOR COLOR LOGIC VIDEO COLOR COIN G RAM LATCH OUTPUT U27, 28, 29, 41 MA DATA B EXT. MA BUS U 67 U 44, 56 IN FROM DATA VIDEO TO PCB SOUND EX. ROM GENERATOR DIP SW. B, C **PCB** BKGD SHIFT REG. HIT MUX HIT U63 FOR HIT BITS LATCH U-9, U-13 HIT DET SCN 1-3 SCN 1-3 SHIFT NETWORK U-10, 11, 12 U-19, U-23 EX. DATA BUS OBJ U32,36 U-20, 21, 22 U-33, 35 HIT LATCH HITON LATCH SIG. **BKGD** U-38 U-25 FM. U-64 VID. LATCH PCB HLP 0-2 OBJ. HLPO-2 COUNTS SELECT AND U-34 LOGIC TIMING U-57 SOUND DATA 6 MNZ INPUT BUS CLOCK Z-80 U-94 SOUND SOUND SOUND SOUND GEN. SOUND GEN. SOUND GEN. PROCESSOR ROM RAM #1 (MAIN) #2 (MAIN) #3 (MAIN) U-70, U-73 U-52 U-61, 62 U51 U49 U50 MAIN **AUDIO** ÷ SOUND ADDRESS OUT U-44, 46 SELECT SELECT SELECT D/A LOGIC LOGIC LOGIC NETWORK -U59 U29, 30 U60 **U47**





S J SYSTEM EXTERNAL ROM PCB



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ATTN: SERVICE MANAGERS

GAME: ALPINE SKI, WILD WESTERN, JUNGLE HUNT, FRONT LINE.

SUBJECT: CONVERTING GAME FROM TWO COIN METERS TO ONE COIN METER.

SOLUTION: BY FOLLOWING THIS PROCEDURE, BOTH COIN SWITCHES

WILL RECORD ON ONE COIN COUNTER.

PARTS NEEDED: NONE

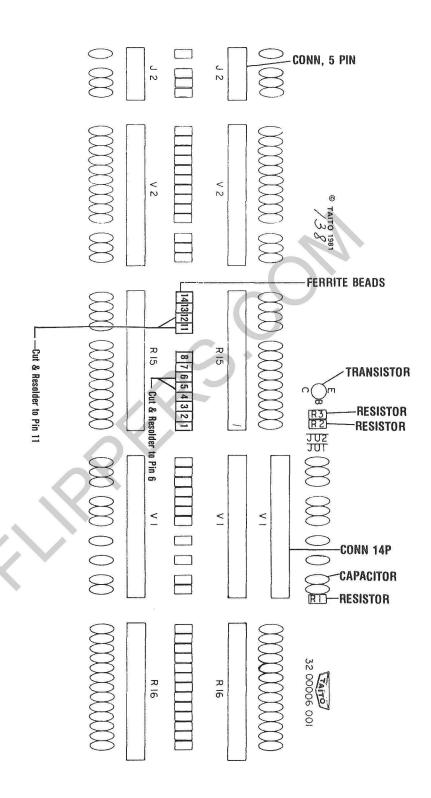
LOCATE R15 CONNECTOR ON THE FILTER BOARD. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THERE ARE FERRITE BEADS BETWEEN THE TWO R15 JACKS ON THE BOARD. THERE IS A FERRITE BEAD (OR PLACE FOR A FERRITE BEAD) FOR EACH PIN ON THE CONNECTOR. (REFER TO FIGURE 1) PIN 1 IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CONNECTOR.

UNSOLDER THE BOTTOM LEAD OF THE FERRITE BEAD ASSY TO PIN 5
AND THE BOTTOM LEAD OF THE FERRITE BEAD ASSY TO PIN 12 (AS
SHOWN IN FIGURE 1). SOLDER THE LEAD YOU JUST UNSOLDERED ON
PIN 5 TO THE BOTTOM LEAD ON THE FERRITE BEAD PIN 6. SOLDER
THE LEAD FROM THE FERRITE BEAD FOR PIN 12 TO THE BOTTOM OF
THE FERRITE BEAD PIN 11.

TURN DIP SWITCH C, SWITCH #8 ON.

FILTER BOARD

FIGURE 1



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ATTN:

SERVICE MANAGERS

GAMES:

ALPINE SKI, WILD WESTERN, JUNGLE HUNT, FRONTLINE, QIX, KRAM, SPACE DOUNGEON, ELECTRIC YO -YO (GAMES WITH AMERICAN POWER

SUPPLY)

SUBJECT:

POWER SUPPLY +5 VOLT PROBLEMS

SOLUTION:

IMPROVE Q5'S CONNECTION ON POWER SUPPLY

PARTS NEEDED:

NONE

PROCEDURE:

REMOVE THE TWO NUTS AND BOLTS HOLDING DOWN Q5. ON THE ETCH SIDE OF THE BOARD (REFER TO FIGURE 1), SCRAPE THE GREEN SOLDER RESIST OVER THE FOIL AROUND THE SCREW PAD FOR Q5. WET THE PAD WITH SOLDER TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL SOLDER RESIST MATERIAL

IS REMOVED. REPLACE NUTS AND BOLTS FOR Q5.

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ATTN:

SERVICE MANAGERS

GAMES:

ALPINE SKI, WILD WESTERN, JUNGLE HUNT, FRONTLINE, QIX, KRAM,

SPACE DUNGEON, AND THE ELECTRIC YO-YO

SUBJECT:

COIN DOOR CABLE CAN GET PINCHED IN COIN DOOR FRAME.

SOLUTION:

RE-ROUTING OF COIN DOOR CABLING AND ITS HARNESS AS FOLLOWS:

PARTS NEEDED:

1. PLASTIC CABLE CLAMP, TAITO PART # 59-00004-004

2. PLASTIC CABLE TIE, TAITO PART # 59-00003-001

DISPOSITON OF OLD PARTS:

SCRAP

PROCEDURE:

- 1. RE-ROUTE COIN DOOR HARNESS AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. UNLOCK AND OPEN COIN DOOR.
 - B. UNLATCH AND REMOVE GAME CONTROL PANEL.
 - C. REMOVE SECOND CABLE CLAMP ON THE LEFT OF THE HARNESS THAT RUNS ABOVE THE COIN DOOR.
 - D. IF THERE ARE ANY EXTRA LOOSE WIRES ON THE HARNESS NOW FREE, USE 4" TIE-WRAP (59-00003-001) TO BIND THEM TO THE HARNESS.
 - E. UNPLUG MOLDED CONNECTOR TO COIN DOOR.
 - F. REMOVE CABLE CLAMP HOLDING POWER INTERLOCK WIRING, AND REINTSTALL AROUND THE HARNESS THAT IS NOW FREE.
- 2. RE-ROUTE CABLE ON COIN DOOR AS FOLLOWS: (SEE FIG. 1)
 - A. SNIP WIRE TIE THAT HOLDS FLEXIBLE CABLE TO COIN DOOR (ABOVE SERVICE SWITCH BRACKET).

- B. RE-ROUTE CABLE TO THE LEFT OF AND UNDER THE SERVICE SWITCH BRACKET.
- C. REMOVE UPPER RIGHT NUT FROM THE TOP COIN COUNTER.
- D. REINSTALL NUT TRAPPING SMALL CABLE CLAMP (59-00004-004) AROUND COIN DOOR CABLE ON COIN COUNTER SO THE CABLE IS NOW POSITIONED HALF-WAY DOWN THE COIN DOOR HINGE.
- 3. REINSTALL CABLES AS FOLLOWS: (SEE FIG. 2)
 - A. REMOVE LOWER RIGHT SCREW ON INTERLOCK ASSEMBLY COVER.
 - B. REINSTALL SCREW, ANCHORING PREVIOUSLY REMOVED CABLE CLAMP AROUND COIN DOOR CABLE.
 - C. RECONNECT MOLDED CONNENCTORS FOR COIN DOOR CABLE.
 - D. VERIFY THAT CABLE FREELY MOVES THROUGH CABLE CLAMP UNDER INTERLOCK ASSEMBLY COVER, TO PREVENT PINCHING THE CABLE.

FIGURE 1

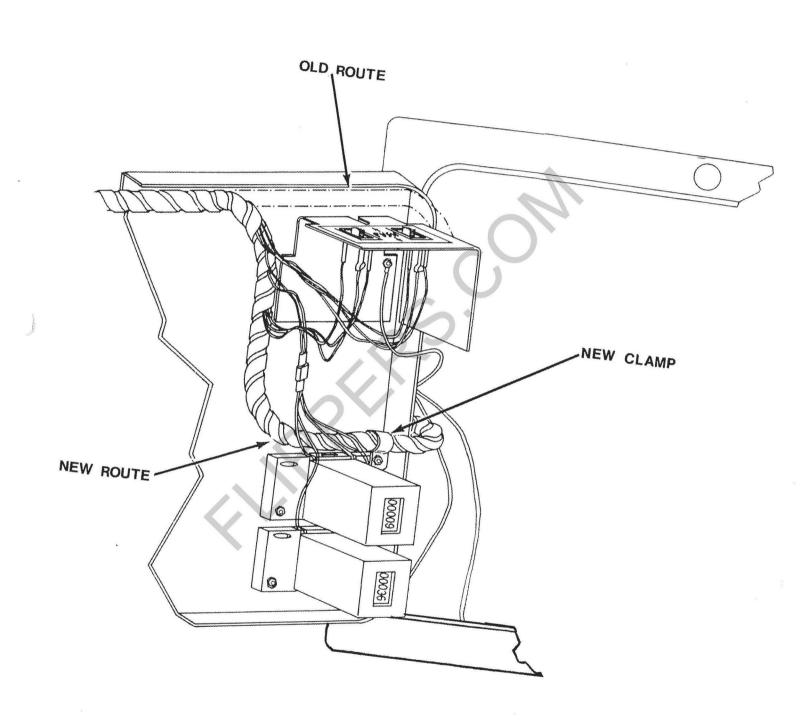
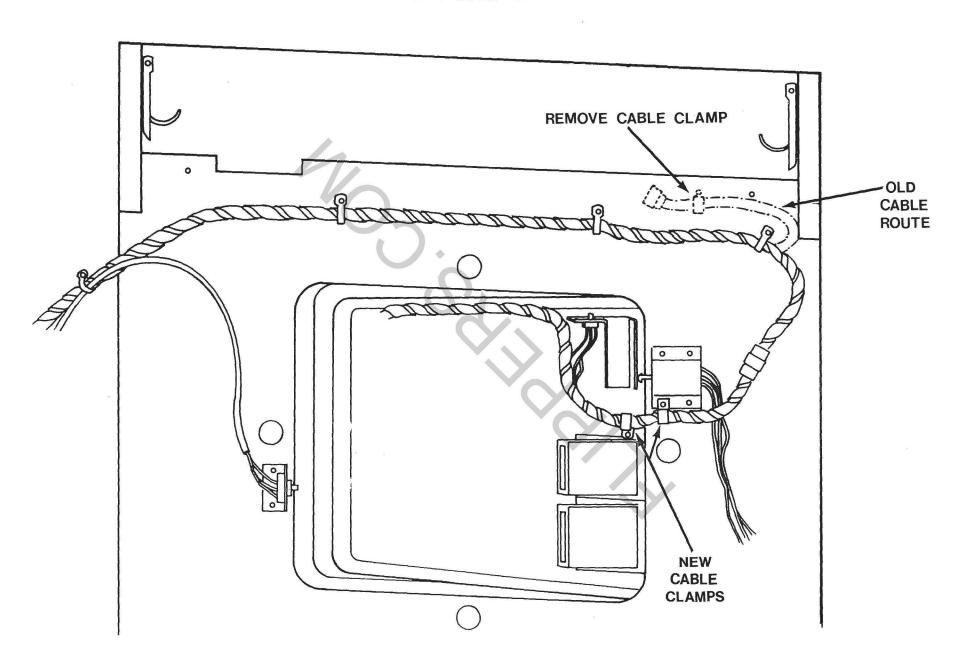


FIGURE 2



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ATTN:

SERVICE MANAGERS

GAMES:

ALPINE SKI, WILD WESTERN, JUNGLE HUNT, FRONTLINE, QIX, KRAM, SPACE DOUNGEON, ELECTRIC YO-YO (GAMES WITH AMERICAN POWER SUPPLY)

SUBJECT:

POWER SUPPLY'S +5 VOLT FAILURE TROUBLE SHOOTING HINTS

SOLUTION:

WE HOPE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE HELPFUL IN ISOLATING FAILURES IN THE +5 VOLTS CIRCUIT. THE TYPICAL SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

- 1) BR1 GETS EXCESSIVELY HOT AFTER HEAT SINK (#30-00005-001) IS INSTALLED.
- 2) F1 BLOWS REPEATEDLY AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF NORMAL OPERATION.
- 3) +5 VOLT SEEMS TO FLUCTUATE (L.E.D. 1 SEEMS TO FLICKER).
- 4) ROLLING DARK BARS ACROSS THE SCREEN VERTICALLY.

PARTS NEEDED:

ON FAILURE, AS ENCOUNTERED.

PROCEDURE:

SYMPTOMS 1 & 2:

ANY TIME THAT "BR1" (BRIDGE RECTIFIER 1) IS REPLACED, THE FUSE HOLDER FOR F1 SHOULD BE RESOLDERED. WHEN INSTALLING A NEW BR1, ENSURE THERE IS AT LEAST 1/8 INCH CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE RECTIFIER. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN FURTHER F1 AND/OR BR1 FAILURE.

NOTE: F1 AND F2 ARE 10 AMP FUSES NO MATTER WHAT IS ETCHED ON

THE POWER SUPPLY BOARD.

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THERE ARE COMPONENTS UNDER THE POWER SUPPLY THAT LOOK LIKE DIODES (REFER TO FIGURE 1 AND 2)(ON ISS. "C" OF THE POWER SUPPLY THEY ARE CALLED D13, D14, D17 AND ARE ON THE COMPONENT SIDE). THESE COMPONENTS ARE CALLED TRANSORBS. THEY ARE USED TO COMPENSATE FOR FLUCTUATING A.C. LINE VOLTAGES. MEASURING THEM OUT OF CIRCUIT, OTHER THAN CHECKING FOR SHORTS, IS USELESS. THE ONLY WAY TO TEST THEM IS TO TAKE THEM OUT OF CIRCUIT, AND THEN POWER UP THE POWER SUPPLY WITH A LOAD. IF THE VOLTAGE, AFTER ADJUSTMENT, IS CORRECT, THEN THE TRANSORB NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

SYMTOMS 3 & 4:

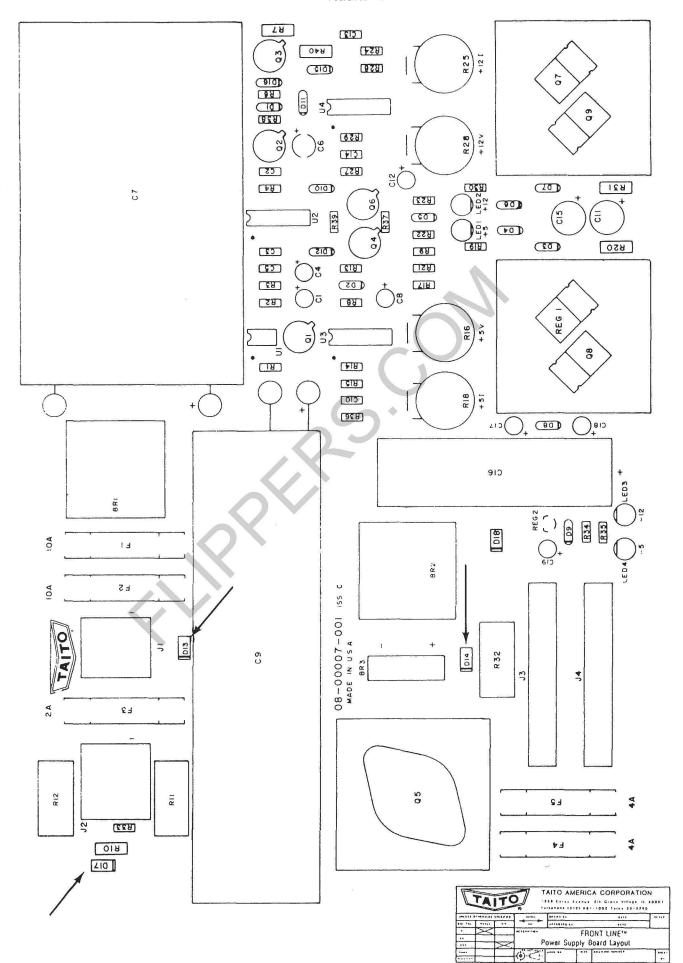
ENSURE THAT THE SCREWS ON C7 AND C9 (REFER TO FIGURE 2) ARE TIGHT. AFTER THE SCREWS ARE TIGHT, MEASURE, WITH THE METER IN AC VOLTAGE MODE, THE OUTPUT OF +5V. THE RIPPLE SHOULD BE LESS THAN A QUARTER OF A VOLT (0.25 V). IF NOT, C7 COULD BE THE PROBLEM.

IF THE +5 VOLTS OUTPUT IS LESS THAN 0.7 VOLTS, MEASURE THE PLUS SIDE OF C7. THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST +10 VOLTS D.C. IF IT IS LESS THAN 10 VOLTS, THEN ONE OF SIX THINGS COULD BE WRONG:

- 1) F1 IS BLOWN.
- 2) A.C. INPUT BETWEEN J1 PIN 1 & 2 IS LESS THAN 10 VOLTS AC.
- 3) BR1 IS WEAK.
- 4) THE TRANSORB FOR BR1 IS WEAK.
- 5) C8 IS SHORTED.
- 6) C7 IS SHORTED.

TRANSORB POWER SUPPLY ISS.C

FIGURE 2



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SERVICE MANAGERS

GAMES:

ALPINE SKI, WILD WESTERN, JUNGLE HUNT, FRONTLINE

SUBJECT:

FILTER BOARD SCHEMATIC

SOLUTION:

NONE

PARTS NEEDED:

NONE

PROCEDURE:

ON THE ABOVE GAMES, THE MASTER RESET SIGNAL IS INVERTED BY Q1 ON THE FILTER BOARD. IF THE GAME IS INTERMITTENTLY RESETTING ITSELF, THE MOST LIKELY PROBLEM WOULD BE THIS TRANSISTOR.

THE PROCEDURE TO DIAGNOSE THE PROBLEM FOLLOWS:

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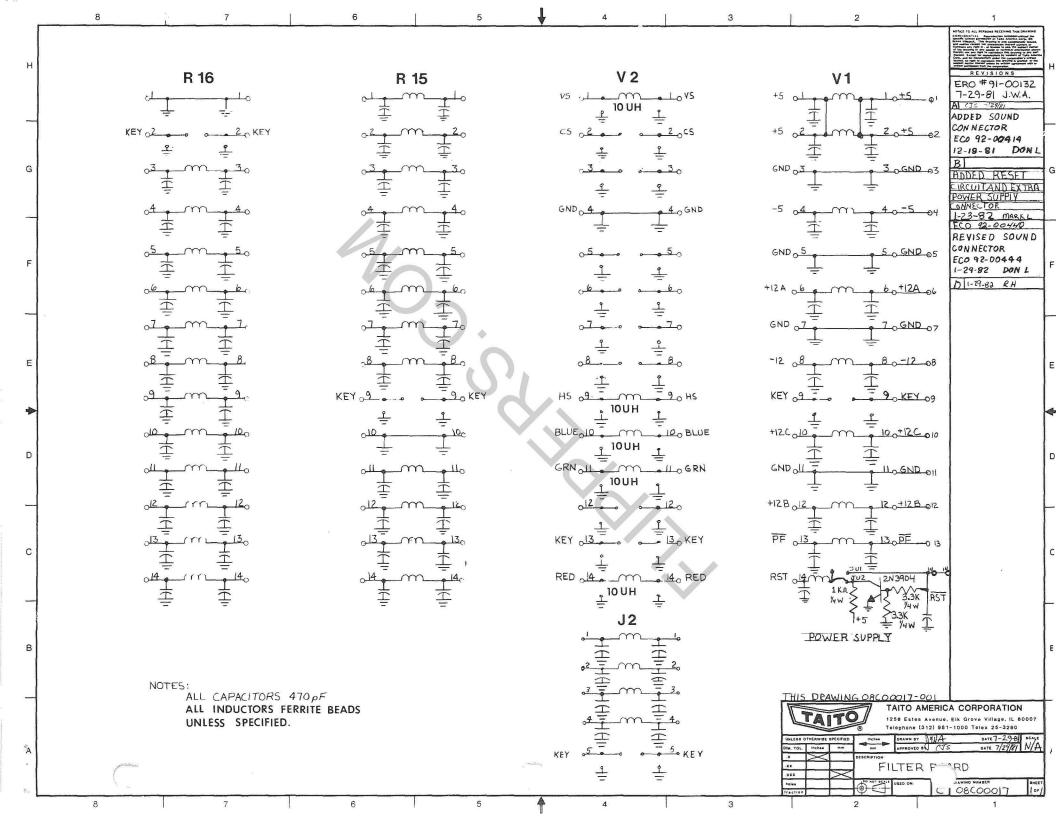
USE A LOGIC PROBE OR A METER TO LOOK AT YOUR RESET SIGNAL.

THERE ARE THREE (3) V1 CONNECTORS ON THE FILTER BOARD. PIN 14
ON THE V1 CONNECTOR (A WHITE WIRE) IS FOR THE RESET SIGNAL.

ON THE TOP V1 CONNECTOR, THE RESET SIGNAL SHOULD BE LOW (0V)
FOR TWO (2) SECONDS AFTER POWER-UP, THEN GO HIGH (+5V) AND STAY
HIGH. THIS SIGNAL COMES FROM THE POWER SUPPLY. ON THE BOTTOM
V1 CONNECTER, THE RESET SIGNAL SHOULD BE HIGH (+5V) FOR TWO
SECONDS AFTER POWER-UP, THEN GO LOW (0V) AND STAY LOW. THIS
SIGNAL COMES FROM Q1 ON THE FILTER BOARD.

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ATTN:

SERVICE MANAGERS

GAME:

ALPINE SKI, WILD WESTERN, JUNGLE HUNT, FRONT LINE

SUBJECT:

THEORY OF OPERATION OF THE "S.J." SYSTEM

SOLUTION:

WE HOPE THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL TO YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF

THE "S.J." SYSTEM

COMPUTERS

The two microprocessors that run the S.J. video system are both Z-80 C.P.U.'s, the main (video) processor being clocked at 4 megahertz, and the sound processor being clocked at 3 megahertz. The sound processor's address and data lines are unbuffered due to a low component count in the sound circuitry. Each processor is allocated a scratchpad RAM memory, the sound C.P.U. having 2 kilobytes (2114 rams) and the main C.P.U. also having 2 kilobytes (2016 ram). Both processors access independent program ROM banks, jumperable to most common types of EPROMS. Inter-processor communication is achieved through byte-I/O transfers on a latch.

Of the two most popular methods to perform data I/O operations (memory-map or porting), memory-mapping is used extensively for all data operations. The porting conventions on the Z-80 processor are only used to clear any asserted interrupts at the beginning of each machine cycle ("M1" state).

TIMING

All video timing is derived from a 12 megahertz master clock, which controls all timing within the system with the exception of the microprocessors. The C.P.U.'s each have an independent clock circuit, each with its' own crystal oscillator.

Timing signals are applied to the video sections (in addition to synchronizing them) and are summed with data from the C.P.U. to provide "offsets" to the horizontal and/or vertical timing to produce motions in the video displays.

Timing can also be summed with horizontal or vertical offset data and be applied to the scrolling circuits. The scrolling circuits control 3 completely independent "background" video pages, each uniquely moveable in any direction (These circuits may be used to generate other than background video if it is desired or necessary).

The timing signals are also used to inform the circuitry that moves the small "objects" on screen when to produce them and where to put them. These "objects" are usually the player's character etc., and the timing will help the C.P.U. to determine when there has been a collision between any of the "objects" or if one has collided with the "background" video.

VIDEO

As mentioned, there are two types of video information present; "background" and "object" video. There are completely different circuits for organizing and moving the data that comprises either type of video, but the source of picture information is the same for both circuits. The picture information is referred to as "postage stamps" of video data, and a postage stamp occupies 8 by 8 dots on the screen. The bank of ROM where the postage stamp's data is held is called the "pattern ROM" bank. Postage stamps infer a very software intensive type of video game, and video difficulties are perhaps more confusing to diagnose due to many circuits having multiple functions.

The "objects" on the screen are actually assemblages of 4 postage stamps to obtain a 16 x 16 dot "character" which can be moved about or swapped with similar patterns to "animate" the character. There are 2114 rams called "object rams" which carry data on which objects are currently being displayed, what colors are to be applied to them, and their coordinates on the screen. Various circuits digest this data and in turn control other circuits which act on it. The object producing circuitry is capable of maintaining and manipulating 22 objects on the screen at any one time. Each object that is being displayed has a distinct priority established by hardware. This prioritization is used to mask lower priority objects when higher priority objects pass through them to give the impression of "depth" when a character passes "under" another.

"Background" video is actually 3 independent screenfuls of video data, each moveable regardless of other screens or any objects on screen. The background video is also comprised of many "postage stamps". The visual impression of motion is produced by "scrolling" or shifting the characters that comprise the background. As mentioned, the data for producing the background video is of the same source as that for objects. The RAMS that then hold the pattern data ("code rams", 6 2016 RAMS) maintain the characters somewhat differently than the object RAMS, in that the postage stamp patterns codes are manintained in the code rams alone. The data for coordinating the placement of the patterns is held in the "screen rams" (2 2016 RAMS), and this infor- mation is directed by the sum of the data held in the "scroll rams" (2 2114 RAMS) and the timing signals mentioned previosly.

The background video data and the object video data need to be output from code rams under the direction of the screen rams to the shift registers. The three background screens are simultaneously shifted into serial form and passed to the prioritization circuitry. The object video data is also in the code rams at this time, and the object data is also shifted into serial form, but instead of being sent to the priority circuit it is read into the "line buffers" these are extremely fast (2 30 ns bi-polar RAMS, type 93422). The line buffers alternately hold and display 1 horizontal line at a time, and while 1 is reading its object data to the screen, the other is being written for the next line.

The priority circuit is actually a 1-of-4 selector, choosing between 3 back-ground screens and object data. A priority is assigned from a lookup table called the "priority ROM" (sometimes mistakenly referred to as a "color ROM") and the video signal present at that time with the highest priority will be the one honored. This prioritization is the key to detecting whether an object collides with another or a background "character" by observing whether or not there was a priority conflict.

The controlling microproressor oversees all these operations, and can directly access any of the memories mentioned thus far with the exception of the line buffer "fast RAMS". The video chain now is passing 1 dot of video information per cycle to the final stages. The video information is 6 parellel bits of color coding and each cycle of 6 bits applies a distinct level of R-G-B voltage to the monitor's guns. Six bits provides a one of 64 color select, but the color lookup table is a RAM with 9 bits of data giving 512 possible colors, any 64 of which may be used instantly. This lookup is a hardware digital-to-analog converter, with the increments installed by the C.P.U. in the RAM.

SOUND

Sound is produced under the control of both microprocessors. The main (video) C.P.U. is used to read player inputs and produce background sound effects. Some games use this background sound for music. The sound is produced by an 8910 programmable sound generator (P.S.G.) chip. This P.S.G. also has 2 parellel ports available on it, so they are used to read 2 D.I.P. switch banks for game options. This sound is shaped by a 3900 operational amplifier (op-amp) and has a separate mixing level (bgnd volume control).

All other game sound effects are produced under the control of the sound C.P.U. Most of the sounds are also produced by 3 8910 P.S.G. chips, however one of the P.S.G.'s parellel ports are used to form a hardware digital-to-analog converter. This D/A converter is principally used to produce sine-wave type noise since the P.S.G.'s only produce filtered square waves. Extremely complex waveforms such as voice also may be produced by this D/A network.

The outputs of the D/A network and the main sound P.S.G.'s are shaped and filtered somewhat differently, but all use 3900 op-amp circuitry. The signals are finally summed (mixed) by another 3900 op-amp, and sent (via volume control) to the sound output amplifier.

The Main C.P.U. passes sound requests to the sound C.P.U., and requires little or no handshaking after that. The Main C.P.U. may also gate off the sound (as when in the attract mode) by one of its periperal outputs.

The player switch inputs are debounced and fed onto the "external data bus" along with the other D.I.P. switch bank and Pattern ROM data. This is then passed to the main C.P.U. data bus when the C.P.U. is ready for the data.