

SS-516 SOLID-STATE CONVERSION KIT v2.0

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: Voltages inside the power supply CAN & WILL KILL YOU! You MUST know how to work around HIGH VOLTAGE safely. If you do not, get assistance from someone who does. You MUST also be able to read your specific power supply schematic and understand the design, theory and wiring of your power supply to properly perform this upgrade.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

These instructions describe how to convert the Collins 516F-2 power supply to solid-state using parts supplied in the conversion kit from Harbach Electronics, LLC. The main advantages of the conversion are the removal of heat from the 516F-2 and to prevent tube arc-over. The 516F-2's black power transformer absorbs quite a bit of heat from the rectifier tubes. Extending the life of this transformer is well worth the effort.

Collins engineers recommended solid-state conversion in SIL 1-76 (available on the CCA website – <http://www.collinsradio.org>). While this is not an official service bulletin, it does show their concern with tube arc-over. It is generally believed that Collins had a solid-state version of the 516F-2 in development, but was never released. Another advantage is the reduction in filament current by removing the two rectifier tubes.

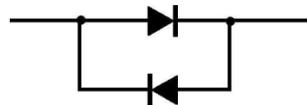
There has been quite a bit of controversy on modifying the 516F-2. Some believe that the conversion will allow B+ on the plates before the filaments are sufficiently warm. The rectifier tubes in the 516F-2 come to life (produce plate voltage) well before the tubes in the KWM-2 reach operating temperature. In addition, the 6146's are biased to cutoff at power-up, so no electron emission will take place until the PTT line is closed. There have also been many KWM-2 transceivers powered by a Heathkit HP-23 solid-state supply for years. In any case, thousands of owners have converted their 516F-2 with great success.

There are several recommendations to perform this conversion in addition to replacing the two rectifier tubes with some solid state equivalent. First, there is a transient suppressor that should be placed across the AC line input. Next, there is a 25-watt resistor to reduce the increased output voltage caused by the conversion. Then, there is a solid-state diode replacement for the selenium diode used in the bias supply circuit. Finally, there are two diodes connected back-to-back to eliminate the power-on slamming of the S-meter.

SS-516 INSTALLATION

- () **Read, re-read and fully understand these instructions prior to beginning this upgrade.** Make sure to perform the steps in the order they are listed. Also, be sure to label wires as they are disconnected from various points inside the power supply. This will help when the time comes to re-attach the wires that will be disconnected during installation of the kit.
- () Go through the Bill of Materials (BOM) and compare that list with the parts in the kit to make sure all parts are present. If you are missing any parts, please contact Harbach Electronics, LLC.
- () Unplug the 516F-2 power supply from the AC mains outlet and from the radio. Place the supply on the bench and remove the power supply chassis from the outer cabinet. You are now ready to proceed with the installation.

- Be sure that all high voltage has been properly bled to ground before removing any covers or putting your hands inside the power supply. You CAN BE KILLED by the high voltages inside this equipment!**
- Remove the **YELLOW** wire from pin #2 of V1 (5R4) and solder it to pin #5 of V1 (5R4).
- Remove the **YELLOW** wire from pin #8 of V1 (5R4) and solder it to pin #7 of V1 (5R4). These 2 steps isolate the 5 VAC filament winding of the transformer as it is no longer needed.
- Remove the **SLATE** wire from pin #2 of V2 (5U4) and solder it to pin #5 of V2 (5U4).
- Remove the **SLATE** wire from pin #8 of V2 (5U4) and solder it to pin #7 of V2 (5U4). These 2 steps isolate the 5 VAC filament winding of the transformer as it is no longer needed.
- Remove the **BLUE** wire from pin #2 on V2 (5U4) and solder it to pin #1 on V1 (5R4). Pin #1 of the 5R4 is not used by the 5R4 or 516F-2. It will be used as a tie point for the dropping resistor.
- Mount the 200Ω 25-watt aluminum dropping resistor to a convenient location on the chassis. Connect and solder one end of the 200Ω 25-W dropping resistor to pin #8 on V2 (5U4) and the other end to pin #1 on V1 (5R4) using the supplied #20 **BLACK** wire.
- Connect the Metal Oxide Varistor (MOV) across the transformer primaries. Use one side of the fuse (**ring section, NOT tip**) and rear tie point lug strip (the one with a green wire and white wire that connects to the transformer primary windings. Note: This terminal is next to the ground terminal of the lug strip). The MOV transient suppressor is the one that looks like a large ceramic disc capacitor. This will protect the transformer primaries from line voltage surges.
- Replace the selenium bias rectifier, CR1, with the 1N5408 diode. Be sure to observe the correct polarity.
- Remove the old 5U4 and 5R4 tubes and replace them with the solid-state replacements.
- Assemble the meter protection diodes (two (2) 1N4005 diodes connected back-to-back) according to the drawing below. This is most easily accomplished by placing the two diode bodies together (opposite polarity) and wrapping the legs of one diode around the other, trimming and then soldering the wrapped legs to the straight diode legs.



- Attach the meter protection diode assembly directly across the meter studs in the transceiver (KWM-2) or transmitter (32S-1/3), whichever may be the case. This protects the meter from slamming against the pin when first turned on. Leave any capacitor that may be connected across the meter studs.
- Check all of your wiring and make sure the modifications have been properly installed before applying power. You may want to check the output voltages of the power supply before re-installing in the outer cabinet.
- Replace the power supply chassis back in the outer cabinet and re-connect all cables and switch power on. **Adjust R-9 bias potentiometer (right rear of the supply) for proper static current on the 6146's (approximately 40-50 mA).**

SS-516 BILL OF MATERIALS (BOM)			
Verification	Part Number	Quantity	Description
[]	SS-5R4/5U4	2	5R4/5U4 Solid-State Tube Replacement
[]	RES-516	1	200Ω 25W Resistor
[]	MOV-516	8	250V 10KA Metal Oxide Varistor
[]	DIO-101	2	1A 600 PIV Diode (1N4005)
[]	DIO-102	1	3A 1000 PIV Diode (1N5408)
[]	WIR-106	12"	#20 Stranded Black Wire

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