# **OPERATION MANUAL**

# **P3500 • P3501** Dual Channel Power Amplifiers

## **PK-xxx-A** Plug-In Controller Modules





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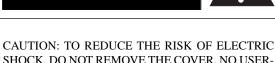


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#### CAUTION

RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK: OPEN ONLY IF QUALIFIED AS SERVICE PERSONNEL

To reiterate the above warnings: servicing instructions are for use by qualified personnel only. To avoid electric shock, do not perform any servicing other than that contained in the Operation Instructions unless you are qualified to do so. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.

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#### Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of a Renkus-Heinz model P3500 or P3501 dualchannel, professional power amplifier.

Your Renkus-Heinz amplifier has been designed to provide years of trouble-free, high performance operation. We hope you enjoy it.

If you purchased the model P3500, your amplifier will include either a PK-xxx-A loudspeaker controller module or a PK-BLANK-A 'blank" card (see pages 8 to 13 for details).

The PK-xxx-A is a dual channel controller module that is a dedicated companion to a specific Renkus-Heinz loudspeaker. It provides protection circuitry, electronic crossover circuitry and response optimization for its associated loudspeakers.

The PK-BLANK-A "blank" card is used when a controller module is not included.

Caution: If your amplifier includes a PK-xxx-A, it is configured for use with a particular loudspeaker model and should not be used with any other model. Use of the wrong loudspeaker may result in loudspeaker damage.

Your Renkus-Heinz amplifier was completely tested and inspected before leaving our factory and should have arrived in perfect condition. Please carefully inspect your amplifier and its shipping carton for any noticeable damage, and if any damage is found, immediately notify the shipping company.

Only the consignee may institute a claim with the carrier for any damage incurred during shipping. Be sure to save the carton and all packing materials for the carrier's inspection.

It is also a good idea to save the carton and packing material even though the amplifier arrived in good condition. If shipping the amplifer should ever be required, it should be shipped only in its original factory packing.

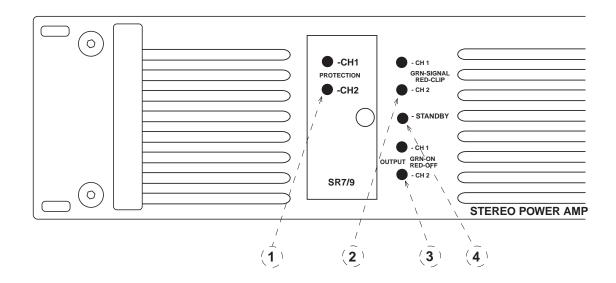
#### **Important:**

Your Renkus-Heinz amplifier contains no user-serviceable parts and all service should be referred to qualified service personnel. We recommend that it be returned to the factory in its original packing carton if factory service is required.

### **Technical Specifications**

OUTPUT RATINGS: (20 Hz to 20 kHz < 0.25% THD)	750 w/ch at 4 ohms
FREQUENCY RESPONSE:	+0.0,5 dB, 20 Hz to 20 kHz @ RPO
THD (at 1kHz) DISTORTION:	< 0.1% at RPO (4 ohms)
SMPTE IMD:	< 0.2 %, 500 w at 8 ohms
HUM & NOISE:	-100 dB (referred to RPO @ 8 ohms, 20 Hz to 20 kHz)
CROSSTALK:	> 60 dB @ 400 Hz
INPUT SENSITIVITY:	1.5 V for RPO (at 8 ohms)
INPUT IMPEDANCE:	20 K ohms, balanced
VOLTAGE GAIN:	42
SLEW RATE:	> 35 v/usec
DAMPING FACTOR:	>100 for loads of 2 ohms or greater, 20 Hz to 20 kHz
MAX. VOLTAGE SWING:	+/-105 V Peak @ 8 ohms RPO
POWER REQUIREMENTS:	110/120/220/240 VAC, 50/60 Hz (1400 VA)
FEATURES:	Temperature, DC @ output, and short circuit protection Delayed turn-on w/output muting Subsonic and ultrasonic filters Anti clip circuit AC circuit breaker (no fuse) Signal & Status LEDs
COOLING:	2 rear-to-front 3-speed fans
CONSTRUCTION:	Closed box construction; 16 ga steel chassis, 3/16" aluminum face panel
FINISH:	Black (powder coat)
CONTROLS: FRONT MOUNTED: REAR MOUNTED:	Input level, power on/off, Stereo/mono/bridging switch
CONNECTORS:	Inputs; 3-pin female XLR (pin 2 +) Outputs; 4-pin Neutrik, binding posts Looping (controller outputs); 3-pin male XLR (pin 2 +)
DIMENSIONS (H X W X D):	3 1/2" H x 19" W x 17 1/4" D (behind panel) (8.9 x 48.2 x 43.2 cm)
NET/SHIPPING WEIGHT:	60 lbs (27.2 kg) / 65 lbs (29.5 kg)
ASSOC. EQUIPMENT: P3500:	PK-xxx-A plug-in controller module PK-BLANK-A blank card

#### **Front Panel Features**



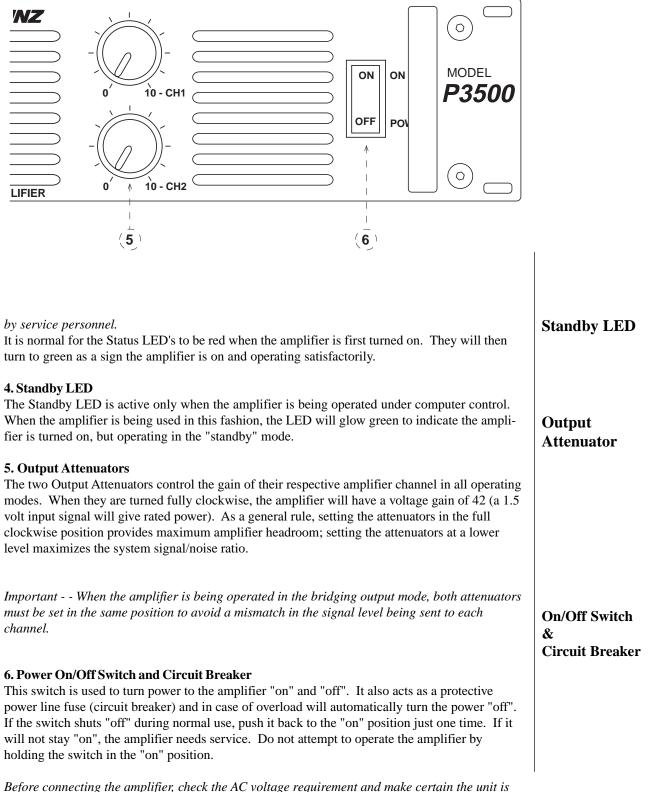
Protection	1. Plug-In Module/Protection LED's (on P3500 only)
LED's	If your amplifier is a model P3500, it will include either a PK-xxx-A loudspeaker controller module or a PK-BLANK-A 'blank" card. If the module is a PK-xxx-A, the model number of the associated loudspeaker will be included on the face of the module as shown in the above drawing. PK-BLANK-A cards carry no loudspeaker model number. Both the PK-xxx-A and PK-BLANK-A have two LED's (one for each amplifier channel) as shown above. These LED's light up (turn red) whenever the loudspeaker protective circuits are activated. The P3501 amplifier has no provisions for plug-in loudspeaker controller modules and does not have these two LED's.
Signal LED's	Note: The following instructions apply to both the P3500 and P3501.
	2. Signal LED's
Output LED's	The two Signal LED's (one for each amplifier channel) glow green to indicate the presense of an audio signal in the amplifier and red to indicate clipping. Occasional operation of the red clip indication (flickering of the red light) is an indication of optimum system utilization. Extended illumination of the red clip light is a sign the system is being overdriven and should be avoided.
	3. Output LED's
	The two Output LED's (one for each amplifier channel) indicate the status of the amplifier's protective circuits by glowing red whenever one or more of the amplifier protective circuits has been activated. The amplifier contains separate over-temperature, DC on output and shorted-load protective circuitry for each channel. Whenever a fault is detected, the offending channel is "shut down" and the status light turned red to call attention to the problem. The over-temperature and shorted output protective circuits are self restoring and the channel will return to normal operation as soon as the problem is corrected. The circuit that protects against DC on

Note: If the status LED's remain red after the circuit is reset, the amplifer needs to be looked at

the output is not self restoring and the channel will remain "off" until the circuit is reset by

turning the amplifier "off" and then "on".

#### **Front Panel Features**



Before connecting the amplifier, check the AC voltage requirement and make certain the unit is connected to the proper voltage. Failure of the unit will result if a 120 volt amplifier is connected to a 220 volt power line.

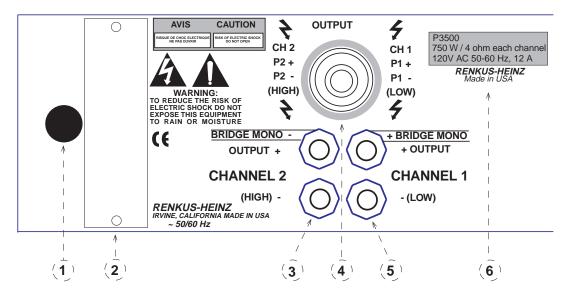
#### **Rear Panel Features**

**AC Power** 

Output

Connections

Cord



#### 1. AC Power Cord

A line cord with appropriate matching connector is supplied with the amplifier.

Before connecting the amplifier, check the AC voltage requirement listed on the name plate and make certain the unit is connected to the proper voltage. Failure of the unit will result if a 120 volt amplifier is connected to a 220 volt power line.

#### 2. Blank Plate

The blank plate covers space reserved for an optional computer control module.

#### 3. Channel 2 Output Connectors

The two binding posts marked 2- & 2+ are the output connectors for the Channel # 2 amplifier Terminal Post 2+ (the top red post) is considered the "hot" terminal while terminal 2- (the bottom black post) is "neutral".

#### 4. Neutrik Output Connector

Provides single-connector, quick-disconnect facilities for both amplifier channels. Note that the number designations for the binding posts correspond to the connector pin numbers.

#### 5. Channel 1 Output Connector

The two binding posts marked 1- & 1+ are the output connectors for the Channel # 1 amplifier Terminal Post 1+ (the top red post) is considered the "hot" terminal while terminal 1- (the bottom black post) is "neutral".

Note: The two top binding post terminals are the two output terminals when the amplifier is being operated in Bridge mode. Both are 'hot'' and should not be grounded.

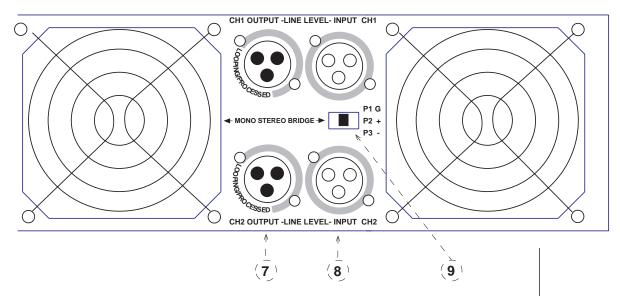
#### 6. Name Plate

Provides the model number of the amplifier and lists its power and line voltage requirements.

#### 7. Looping or Processed Outputs

These 3-pin male XLR connectors provide balanced low impedance outputs from the controller (processor) module for use in driving additional amplifiers or amplifier channels. Pin 1 is chassis ground, Pin 2 is the + (plus) or "hot" signal line and pin 3 is the - (minus) side. In a P3500 amplifier, these outputs are processed signals (controller output signals). In a P3501 amplifier, they are "looping" input circuits.

#### **Rear Panel Features**



#### 8. Input Connectors

The audio inputs on the P3500 and P3501 are electronically balanced and use standard 3-pin female XLR connectors. We recommend the use of pin 2 as "hot" and pin 3 as "neutral". Pin 1 is chassis ground. When the amplifier is connected to a balanced source, the shield may either be lifted or connected at the source end. The choice should be made on the basis of minimum hum.

With an unbalanced source, connect the signal to pin 2, the shield to source ground (pin 1) and tie pins 1 & 3 together.

Note: Either pin 2 or pin 3 can be connected to the signal, but the other pin must be connected to source ground. Improper operation results when only pin 2 or only pin 3 and pin 1 (ground) are used for an unbalanced input.

#### 9. "Mode" Selector

Allows the amplifier to be operated in either "stereo", "mono" or "bridged mono" modes.

#### **Stereo Mode**

When the Mode selector is positioned in the Stereo Mode (center position), the two amplifier channels operate independently as a stereo amplifier; i.e., input connector #1 drives amplifier channel #1 and input connector #2 drives amplifier channel #2. The outputs are separate and in phase. Both input attenuators are active to allow different level settings for each channel.

#### Mono Mode

In the Mono Mode (far right position), input # 2 is disabled and the two amplifier channels operate in parallel from a single input (input # 1). This eliminates the need to install a jumper cable to operate the amplifiers in parallel. The outputs are separate and in phase and both input attenuators are active to permit different level settings for each channel. Do not parallel the amplifier outputs!

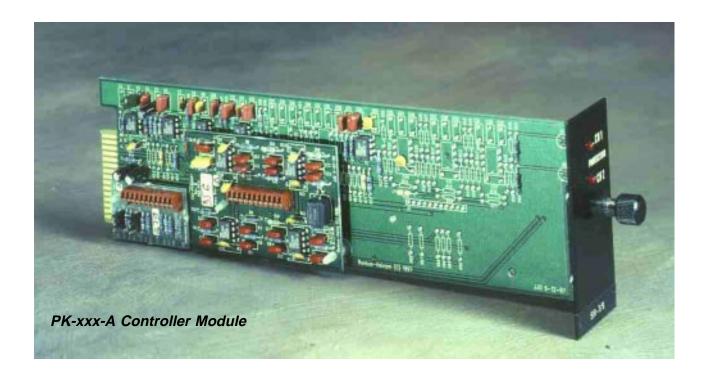
#### **Bridge Mode**

This mode allows the two amplifier outputs to be strapped or "bridged" to produce a single output with double the power capabilites of a single channel. Both channels are driven from a single input (input # 1), but out of phase. Input #2 is disabled. Both input attenuators are active and must be set to the same level. Note that in bridging mode both sides of the output should be considered hot and should not be grounded.

#### Input Connections

#### Output Mode Selector

#### Loudspeaker Controller Modules



#### P3500 Modules

If you hav a model P3500 amplifier, it will include either a plug-in PK-xxx-A loudspeaker controller module (see above photograph) or a PK-BLANK-A "blank" card. If the module is a PK-xxx-A controller module, the model number of the associated loudspeaker will be labeled on the front of the module below the two loudspeaker protection LED's. If the module is a PK-BLANK-A "blank" card, there will be no loudspeaker model number on the face of the module.

#### **PK-xxx-A Loudspeaker Controller Module**

PK-xxx-A controller modules are loudspeaker specific modules (the xxx is associated with the model number of the associated loudspeaker). The modules provide protective circuitry for that specific loudspeaker model along with electronic crosssover, response smoothing and, where appropriate, low/mid frequency time alignment. The protective circuitry protects the transducers from overheating (thermal overload) and the damage caused by high level transients. Protection against damage from over excursion, a problem associated with low frequency drivers is also provided.

The operating parameters of PK-xxx-A controller modules are preset during manufacture to match a specific loudspeaker and are not user adjustable. Do not attempt to change or modify them in any way.

PK-BLANK-A Blank Module PK-BLANK-A cards are used when a controller module is not needed.

#### Note:

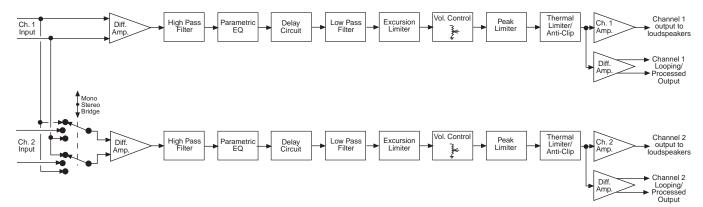
If your amplifier is a P3501, it will not have facilities for a plug in module and will not include the two loudspeaker protection LED's found on the P3500.

# P3500/P3501 OPERATION MANUAL P3500/P3501 Block Diagrams

Block diagrams of the P3500 and P3501 are shown below.

Please notice that in the P3500, the Channel 1 and Channel 2 Looping/Processed Outputs are "processed" signals that can be used to drive other amplifiers.

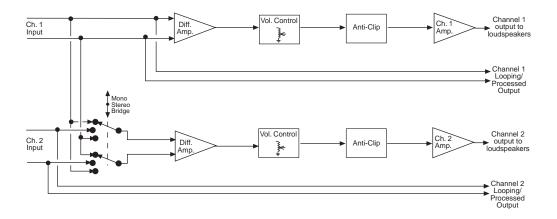
P3500 Amplifier



Block Diagram P3500 Amplifier with PK-xxx-A Controller Module

In the P3501, these 2 outputs are strictly "looping" outputs that provide an easy means of parallelling the inputs of multiple amplifiers.

P3501 Amplifier



Block Diagram P3501 Amplifier

#### Amplifier Setup and Operation

Mounting	The P3500 and P3501 amplifiers are designed to be mounted in a standard 19" rack. It has 4 front panel mounting screws and rear panel mounting ears. Because of its depth and weight it is imperative that the amplifier be supported at the rear in any portable application.
Cooling	Both amplifiers are fan cooled and it is important that an ample supply of air is provided at the amplifier rear and a free air exhaust space is provided in front of the amplifier. The two internal fans provide adequate cooling when the rack has an open back and the front is not obstructed. Closed back racks may need to be pressurized and provided with an air intake fan to ensure an adequate supply of cooling air to the internal amplifier fans.
	Multiple amplifiers may be stacked directly on top of each other. Their is no need to separate them with a blank (spacer) panel. Keep in mind that almost all amplifiers radiate a 50/60 Hz magnetic hum field from their power transformers. It is prudent to provide at least one rack-space between any signal processing equipment and the nearest amplifier to reduce the possibility of induced hum.
	Using higher wattage amplifiers than actually needed is acceptable when the P3500 and a PK-xxx-A loudspeaker controller module are used as the protective circuits included in the plug-in module will keep peak power levels within the acceptable limits for each driver.
Wire Size	The size of the speaker wiring needed depends on the length of the cable. We generally recommend the use of 12 AWG for cables up to 30 meters (approximately 100 feet) in length.
	The following table shows the signal loss in 30 meters of cable driving a 4 ohm load:Wire Gauge (AWG)1012141618Signal Loss (dB).44.691.071.652.49

#### Verification of Proper Operation

Before applying power to the system, trace and verify all connections.

*Caution: Operating the System at full level can damage your hearing. Wear ear protectors and do not position yourself in front of the loudspeakers.* 

Make certain Mode selector(s) are set in the desired mode and that outputs are properly connected. Loudspeaker damage may occur if, for example, the Sub outputs are connected to the high frequency drivers and not to the Subs!

Set the power amplifier gain controls to their minimum position.

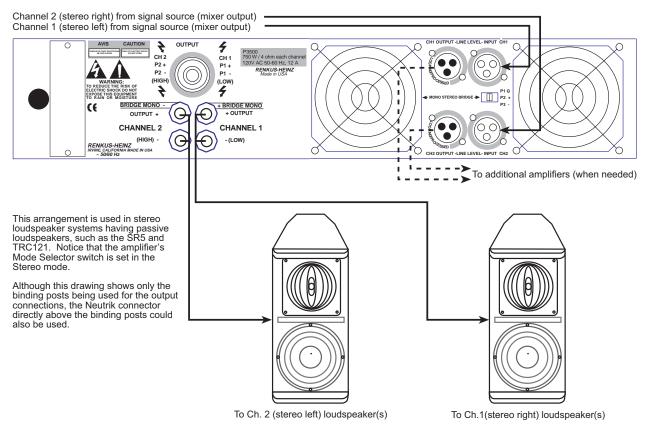
Turn on the power amplifiers and slowly turn the amplifier level controls to their maximum position one at a time. While you are doing this, verify that as the amplifier gain is increased the appropriate response is obtained (i.e. the sub channel is connected to the subwoofers). Moderate level audio should be heard from the loudspeakers.

Gradually increase the signal level while observing the Signal LED's. As the level increases they should begin to flicker red. As the level continues to increase they will be on for longer periods of time. *Do not* operate the system at a level where the protection LED's are illuminated continuously.

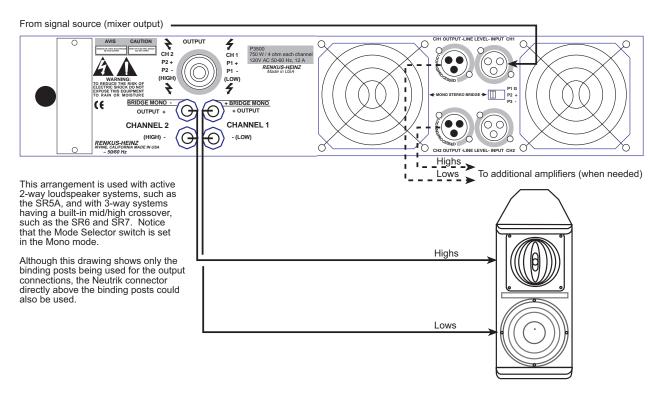
#### **Possible Cause**

#### Fault

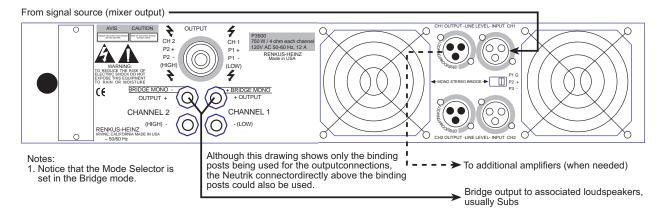
Indicates the amplifier is turned "off" or not receiving power. Check for proper connection of the power cord to a suitable outlet and verify proper voltage. Make sure the amplifier is turned "on".	Status LED's are not lit
Indicates the amplifier is not receiving a signal or is receiving a very low signal. Check that the source is sending a signal and that the interconnecting wiring is not faulty.	Signal LED's are not lit; no sound
Indicates the amplifier is being overdriven. Reduce system level and/or avoid extreme equaliza- tion. Add more amplifiers and/or loudspeakers to the system.	Signal LED's are red continuously
Indicates that the protective circuitry for that channel has been activated. Check for a shorted line on that channel. Turn the amplifier "off" and then "on" again to see if the protective circuitry will reset. If it does, overheating was probably the problem and the temperature has dropped to a safe level.	a single Status LED is glowing red; no sound from one channel
Indicates that the loudspeaker connected to that channel was receiving too much power and the controllers' protective circuitry has been activated and reduced the signal level. Turn down the signal level	a red Protection LED is lit; weak sound from one channel
The power switch is a combination power switch/circuit breaker. Not staying "on" is an indica- tion the amplifier has failed and needs service. Remove the amplifier from operation (disconnect it) and have it serviced. Do not attempt to operate it by holding the switch "on" as this may cause extensive damage.	Power Switch won't stay ''on''
Amplifier inputs may be incorrectly connected - check input connections; amplifier expects input across pins 1 & 2.	Low gain from one or both outputs
Blown drivers in loudspeaker system. Excessive signal at the amplifier input. 220 volt amplifier operating on 120 volts.	Distorted sound



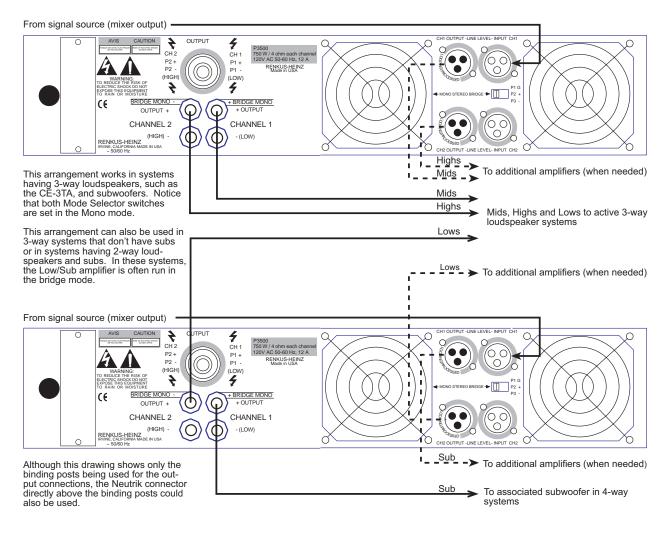
**Typical Stereo System Wiring Diagram** 



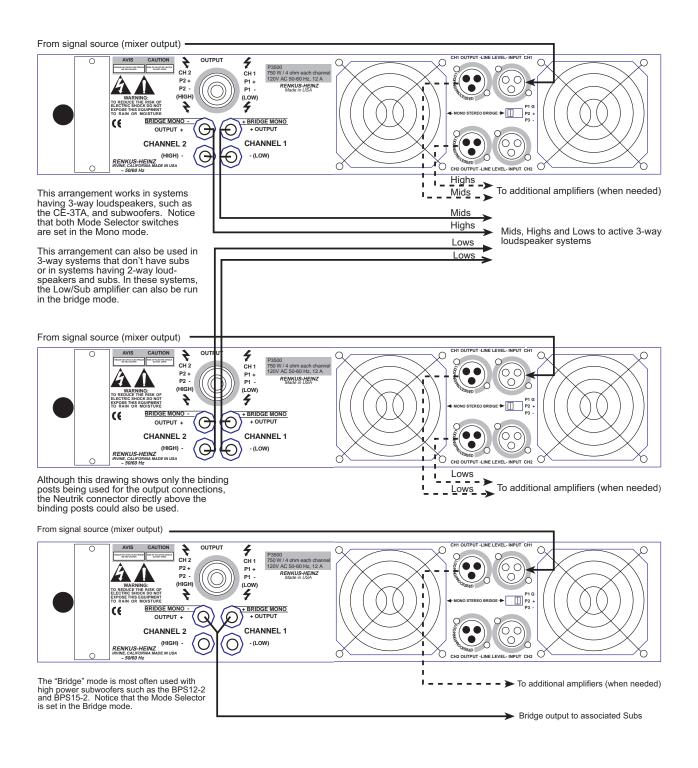
**Typical Two-Way System Wiring Diagram** 



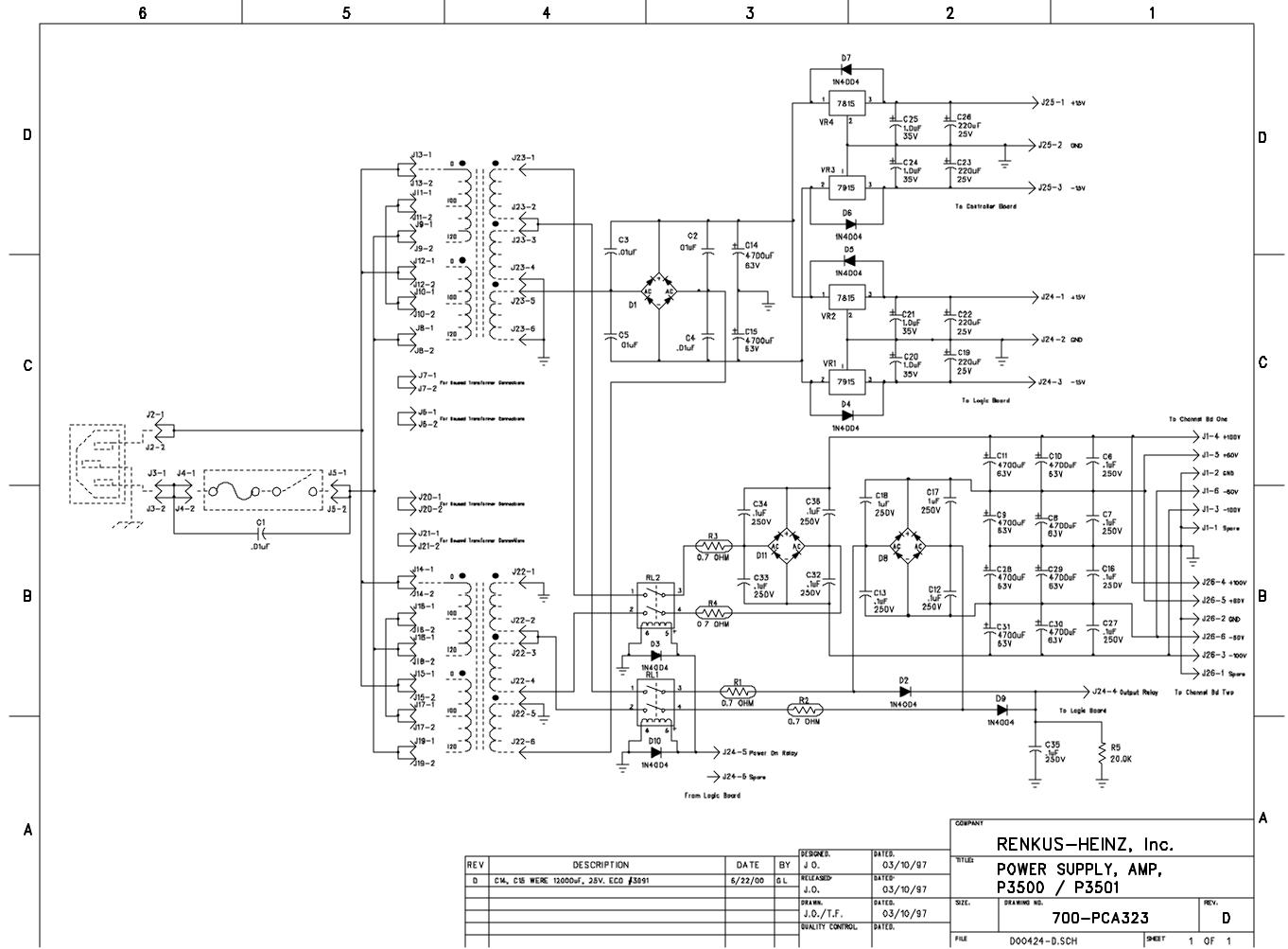
Typical Bridge Mode System Wiring Diagram



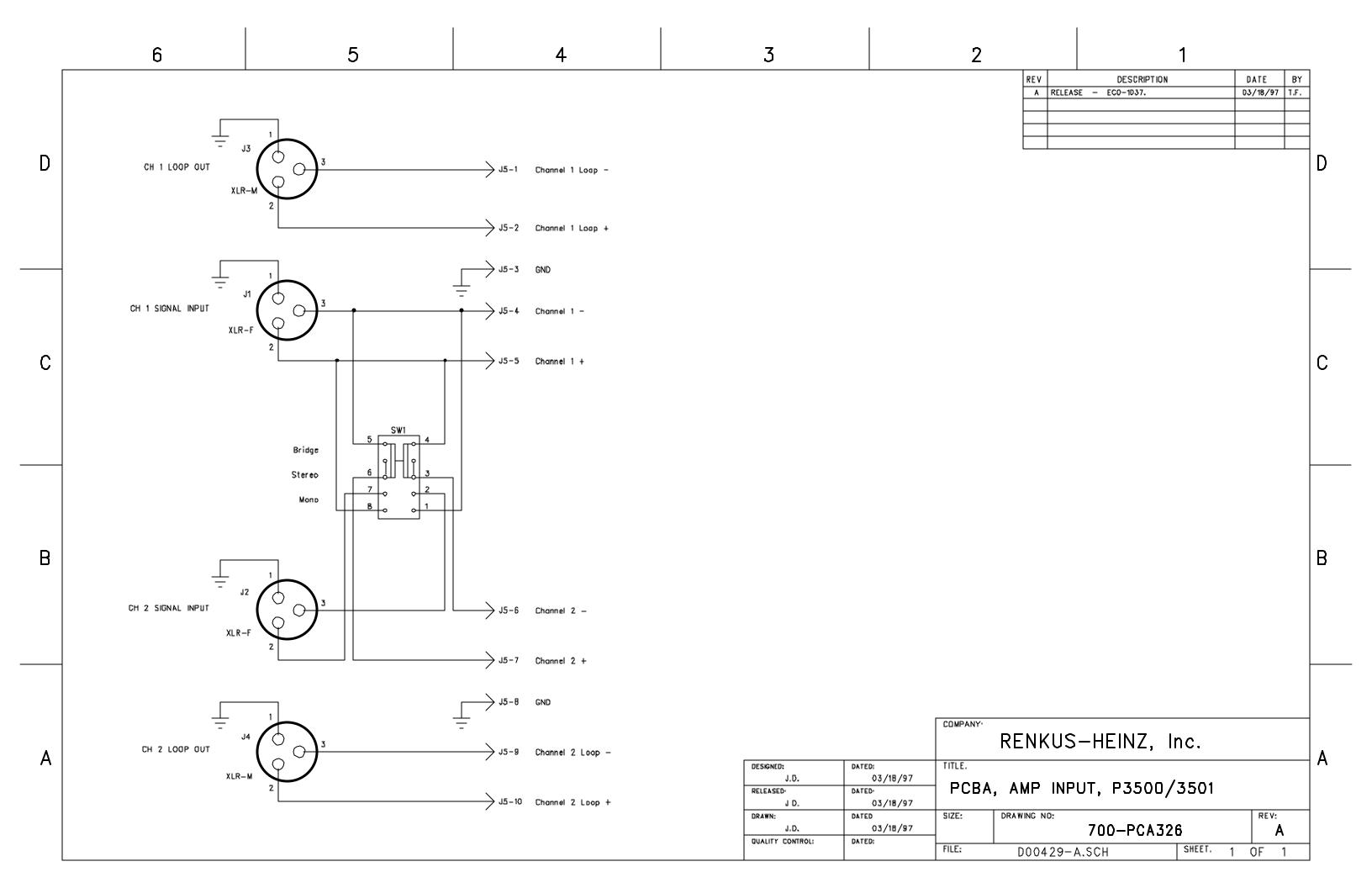


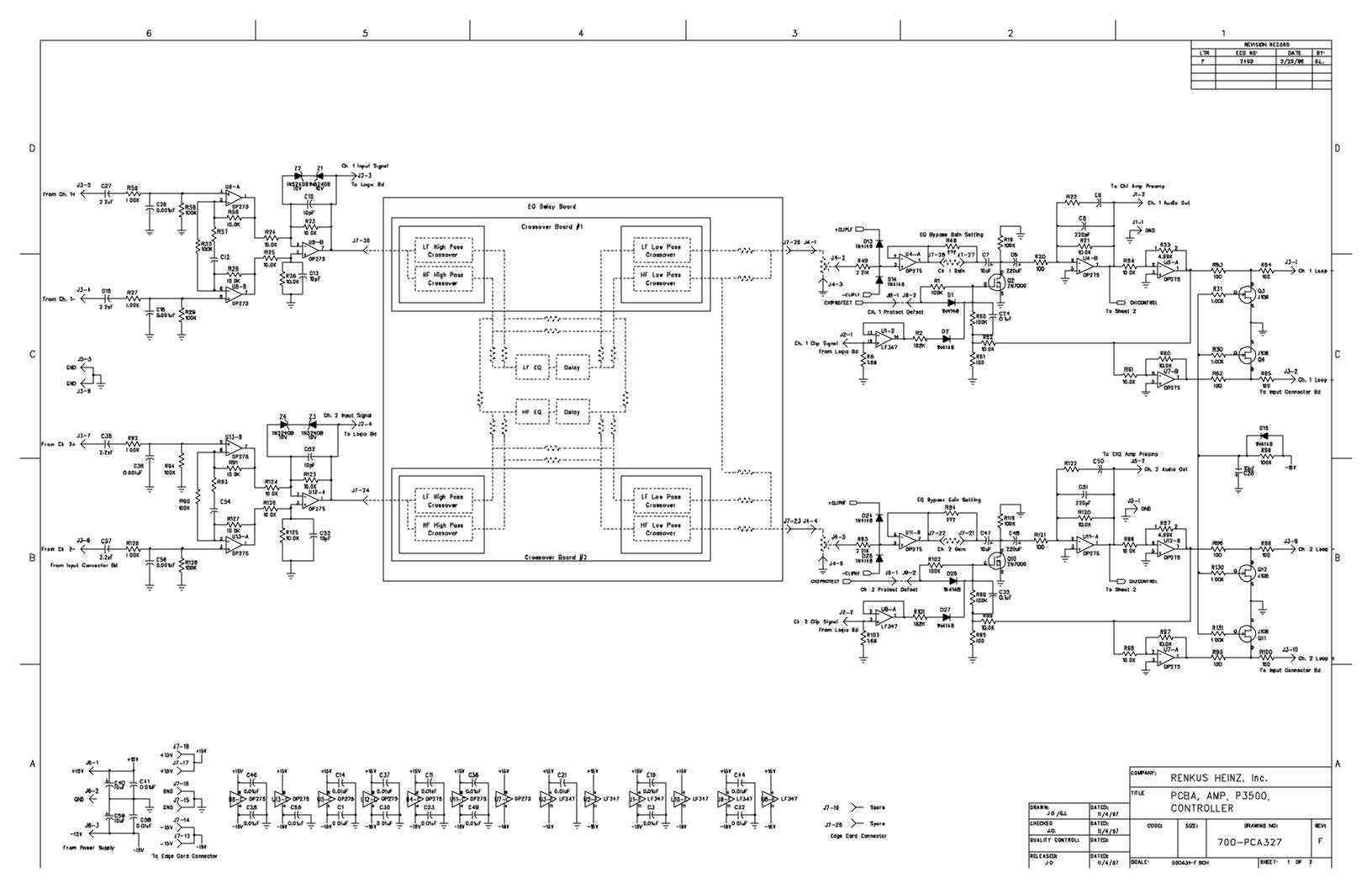


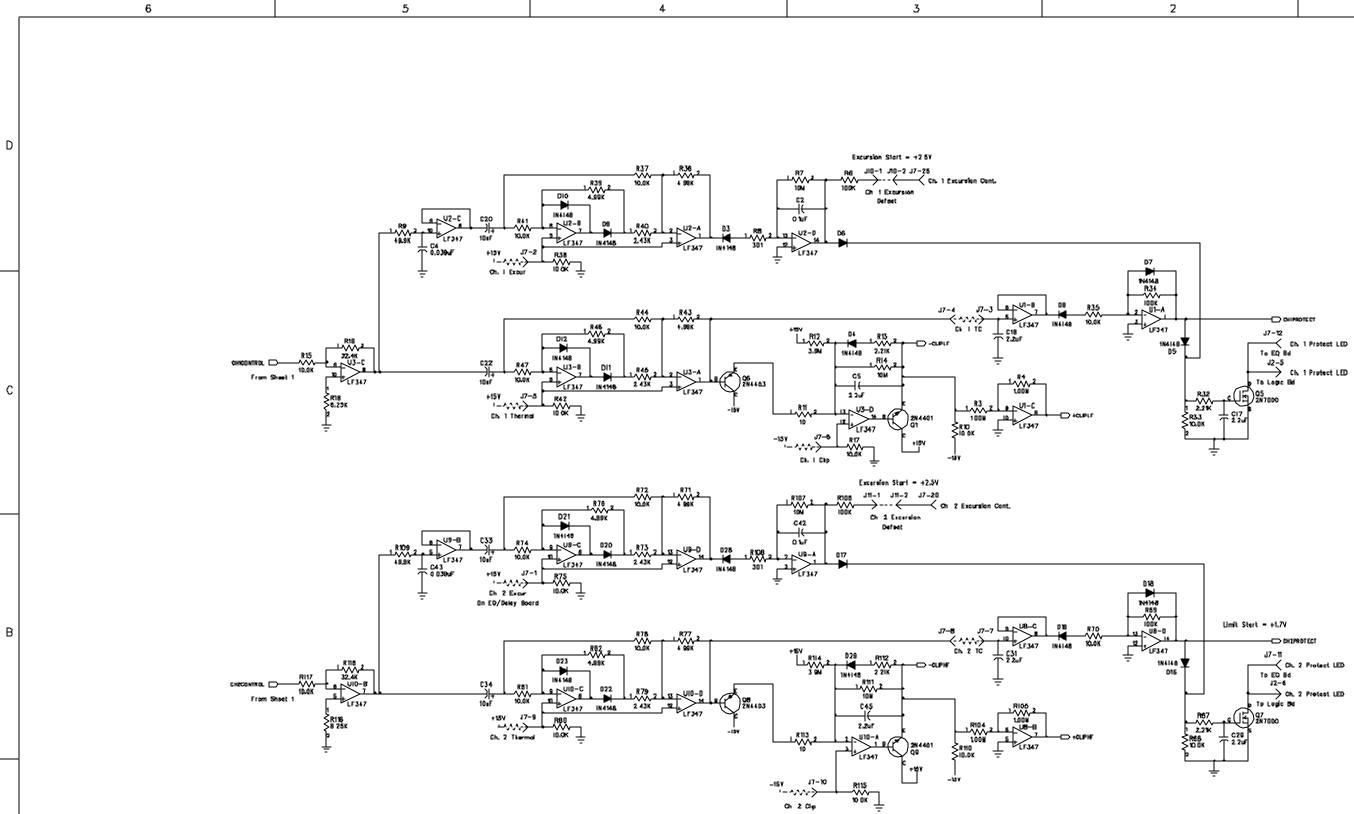
Typical 4-Way System Wiring Diagram (using three Controller Modules)



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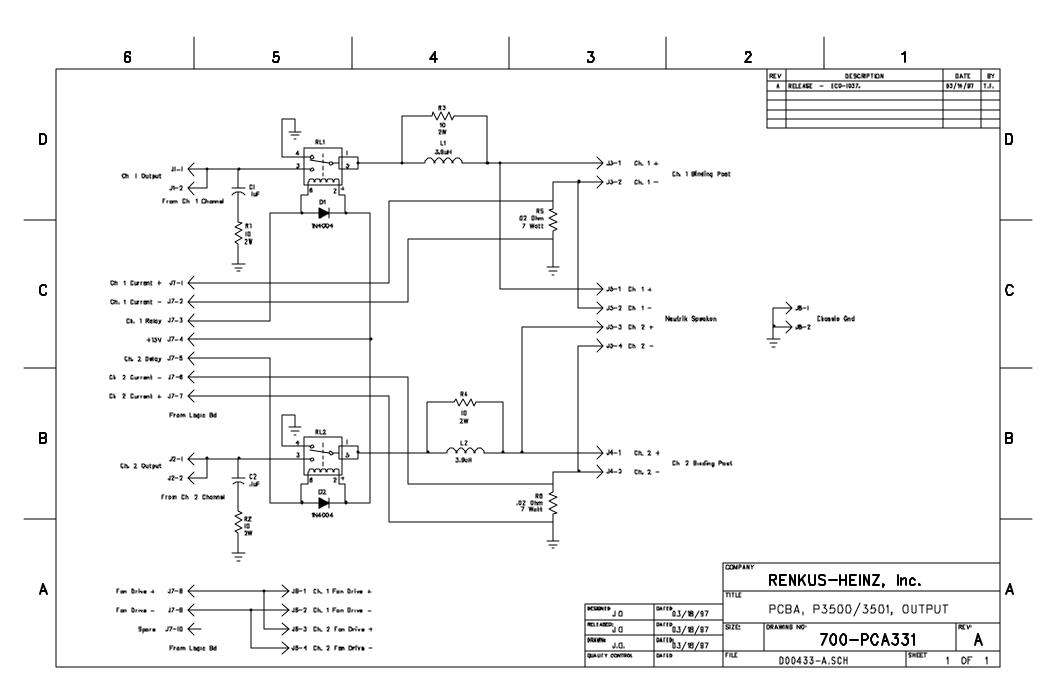


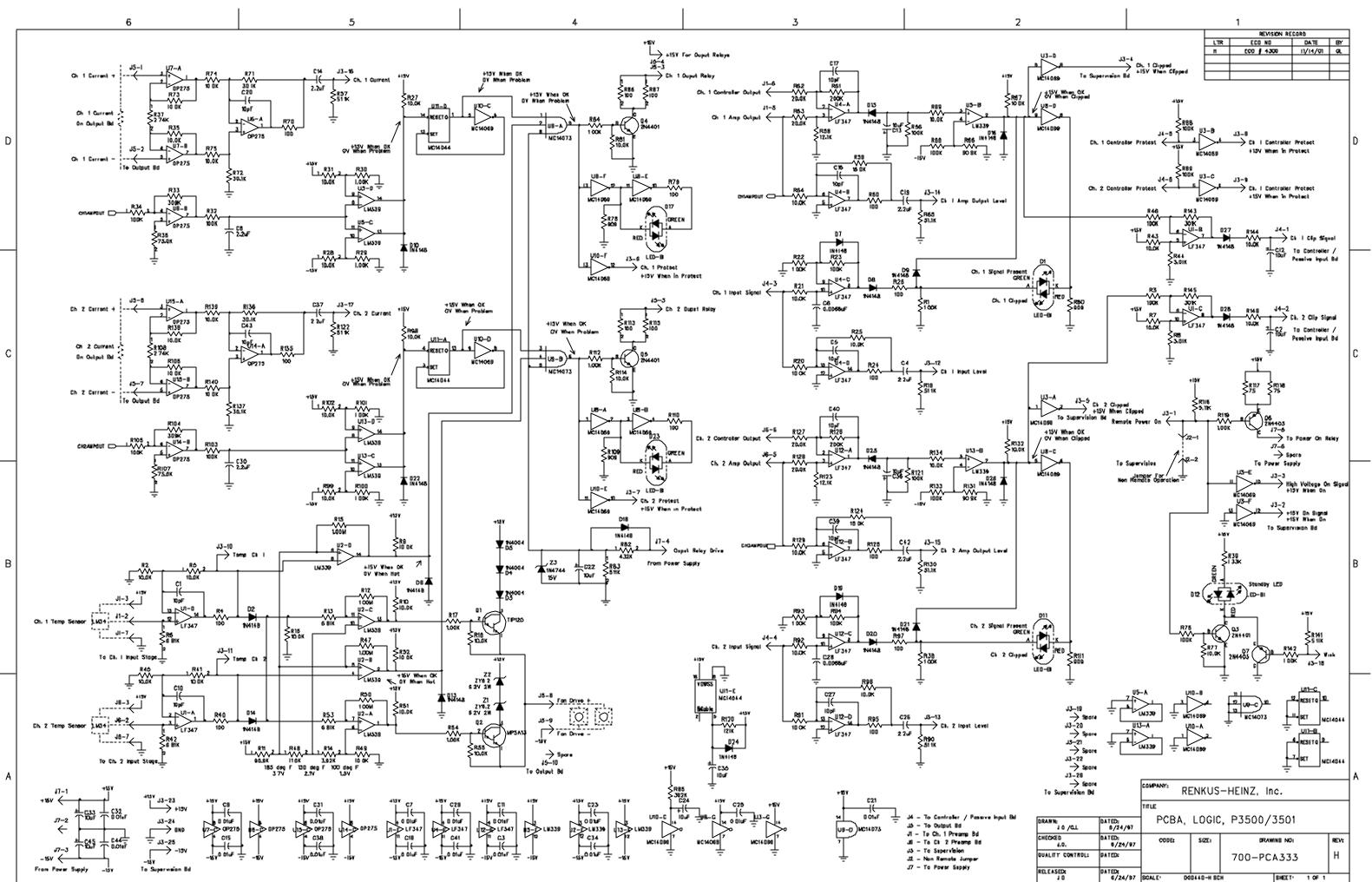


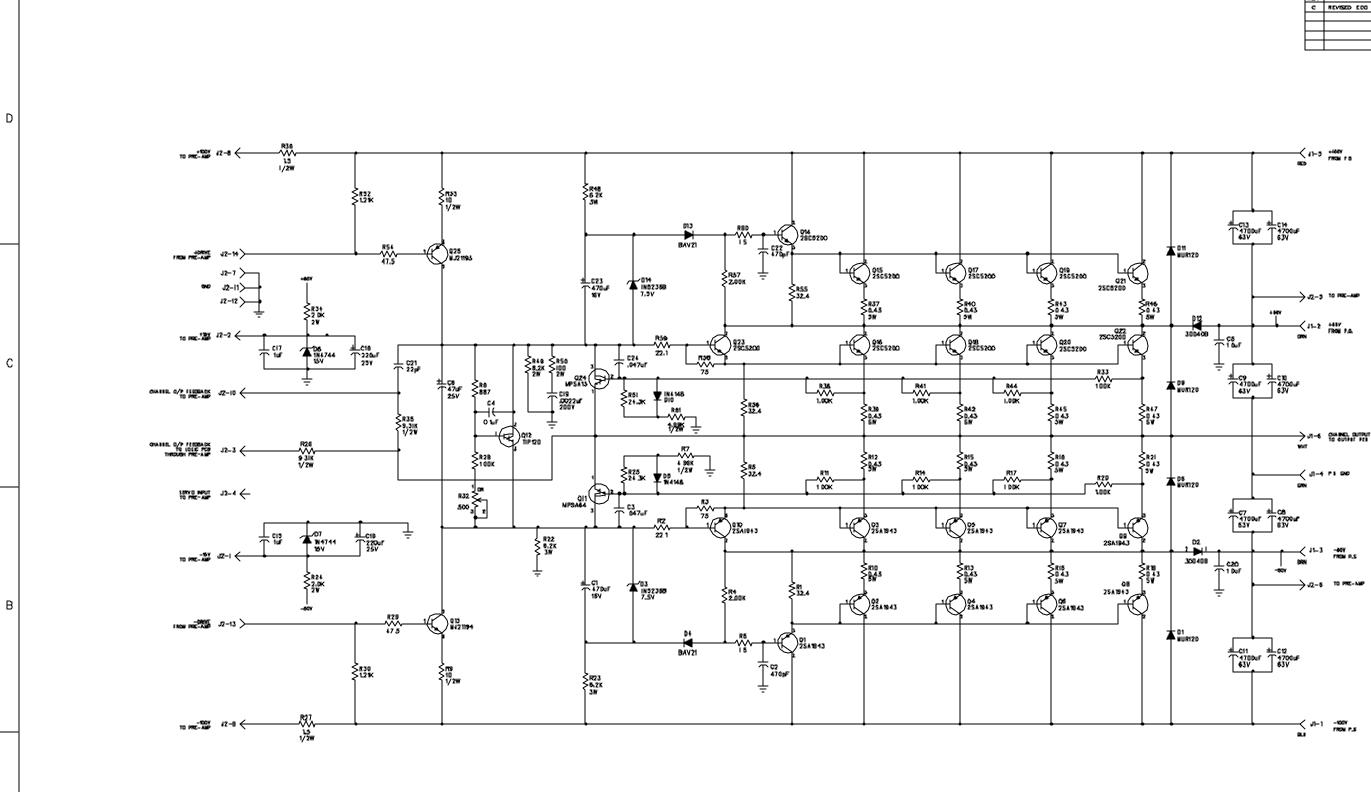


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