

# KORG



## MONOPHONIC SYNTHESIZER SERVICE MANUAL **MS-20**

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## 1. SPECIFICATIONS

### < CONTROL SECTION >

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|--|---|
| 1. Keyboard                            | • C~C 37 keys (3 octaves)   |
| 2. Voltage controlled oscillator 1     | • Scale (32', 16', 8', 4') (6 octaves, + cent, - cent)<br>• Wave form ( $\wedge$ , $\nabla$ , PW ( $\square$ ~ $\square$ ), white noise) (4 modes)<br>• Pulse width adjust 1 : 1 ~ 1 : $\infty$   |
| 3. V.C.O.2                             | • Scale (16', 8', 4', 2') (6 octaves, + cent, - cent)<br>• Wave form ( $\nabla$ , $\square$ , $\square$ , ring modulator) (4 modes)<br>• Pitch ( $\pm 1$ OCTAVES)                                 |
| 4. V.C.O. master control               | • Master tune ( $\pm 100$ cent)<br>• Portamento (max. 00 sec)<br>• Frequency modulation intensity by MG/T. EXT ( $\pm 5V$ )<br>• Frequency modulation intensity by EG1/EXT (+5V)                  |
| 5. V.C.O. mixer                        | • V.C.O.-1 level<br>• V.C.O.-2 level  |
| 6. Voltage controlled high pass filter | • Cutoff frequency (50Hz~15,000Hz)<br>• Peak (flat~self OSC)<br>• Cutoff frequency modulation intensity by MG/T.EXT (-5V ~ +5V)<br>• Cutoff frequency modulation intensity by EG2/EXT (-5V ~ +5V) |
| 7. Voltage controlled low pass filter  | • Cutoff frequency (50Hz~15,000Hz)<br>• Peak (flat~self OSC)<br>• Cutoff frequency modulation intensity by MG/T.EXT (-5V ~ +5V)<br>• Cutoff frequency modulation intensity by EG2/EXT (-5V ~ +5V) |
| 8. Envelope generator 1                | • Delay time (10 sec)<br>• Attack time (10 sec)<br>• Release time (10 sec)  |
| 9. Envelope generator 2                | • Hold time (20 sec)<br>• Attack time (10 sec)<br>• Decay time (10 sec)<br>• Sustain level (0~5V)<br>• Release time (10 sec)  |
| 10. Modulation generator               | • Wave form ( $\nabla$ ~ $\wedge$ ~ $\wedge$ , $\square$ ~ $\square$ ~ $\square$ )<br>• Frequency (1 : 1 ~ 1 : 80)  |
| 11. Manual controller                  | • Control wheel (center click) (0.1Hz ~ 20Hz)<br>• Momentary switch $\square$ GND   |
| 12. P. Switch and volume               | • Volume  |
| 13. Indicator                          | • LED (KBD trigger, MG rate)  |

### < EXTERNAL SIGNAL PROCESSOR >

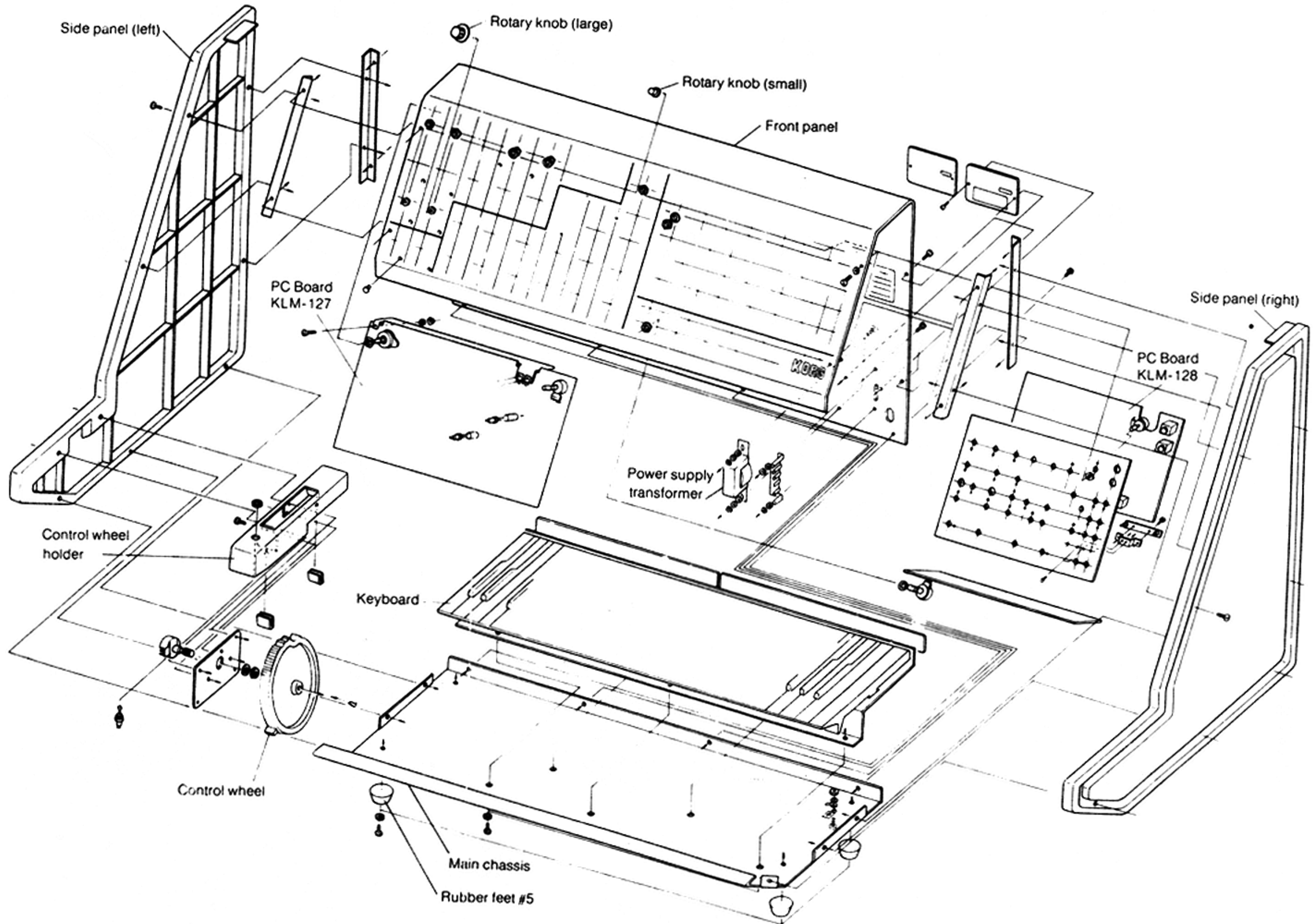
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|---------------------|---|
| 1. Control section  | • Input signal level (0dB max.)<br>• Low cut frequency (50 ~ 2,500Hz)<br>• High cut frequency (100 ~ 5,000Hz)<br>• CV adjust<br>• Threshold level   |
| 2. Input and output | • Signal In (auto pad system) (1.0 ~ +14.0V)<br>• Amplifier Out<br>• Band pass filtered Out<br>• CV Out ( $F \infty V$ ) (0 ~ +8.4V)<br>• ENV Out (0 ~ +5V)<br>• Trig Out (+5V $\square$ GND) |
| 3. Indicator (LED)  | • Peak indicator<br>• Trigger indicator   |

### < PATCH PANEL >

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1. Keyboard           | • Keyboard control voltage output (exponential) (0~+8V)<br>• Keyboard trigger output (+5V $\square$ GND)<br>• VCO-1 + VCO-2 control voltage input (linear response) (0~+8V)<br>• VCO-2 control voltage input (linear response) (0 ~ 8V)                               |
| 2. VCO                | • VCO-1 + VCO-2 external frequency control input (OCT/V) (+5V -5V)  |
| 3. VCF                | • External signal input (3Vp-p max.)<br>• External HP filter cutoff frequency control input (2OCT/V) (-5V ~ +5V)<br>• External LP filter cutoff frequency control input (2OCT/V) (-5V ~ +5V)  |
| 4. VCO + VCF          | • Total external modulation input (T. ext) (-5 ~ +5V)   |
| 5. VCA                | • External initial gain control input (0~+5V)   |
| 6. EG                 | • EG 1 envelope signal normal output (-5V $\square$ 0V)<br>• EG 1 envelope signal reverse output (+5V $\square$ 0V)<br>• EG 1 + EG 2 trigger input ( $\square$ GND)<br>• EG 1 trigger input ( $\square$ GND)<br>• EG 2 envelope signal reverse output ( $\square$ 0V) |
| 7. MG                 | • Triangle output ( $\nabla$ ~ $\wedge$ ~ $\wedge$ ) (5Vp-p $\square$ 0V)<br>• Rectangle output ( $\square$ ~ $\square$ ~ $\square$ ) ( $\square$ $\frac{5V}{0V}$ )   |
| 8. Noise generator    | • Pink noise output (5Vp-p $\pm 20$ )<br>• White noise output (5Vp-p $\pm 20$ )   |
| 9. Sample and hold    | • Clock trigger input ( $\square$ GND)<br>• Sample signal input (5Vp-p max.)<br>• S/H output (5Vp-p max.)   |
| 10. Modulation VCA    | • Control voltage input (0~+5V)<br>• Signal input (-5V~+5V)<br>• Signal output (-5V~+5V)  |
| 11. Manual controller | • Control wheel output (-5V $\leftarrow$ 0V $\rightarrow$ +5V)<br>• Momentary switch output ( $\square$ GND)  |
| 12. Signal out        | • Signal output (2Vp-p output impedance 3.5k $\Omega$ )   |
| 13. Head phones       | • Head phones output ((8 $\Omega$ ) 120m watts 5.6)   |
| 14. Power consumption | • 10 watts  |
| 15. Dimensions        | • 569(W) x 309(D) x 249(H) mm   |
| 16. Weight            | • 7.7 kgs   |
| 17. Accessories       | • Patch cord, connection cord (35 cm x 2, 3 m x 1)  |
| 18. Options           | • Stand, hard case, foot pedal (MS-01)<br>• Junction box (MS-02)  |

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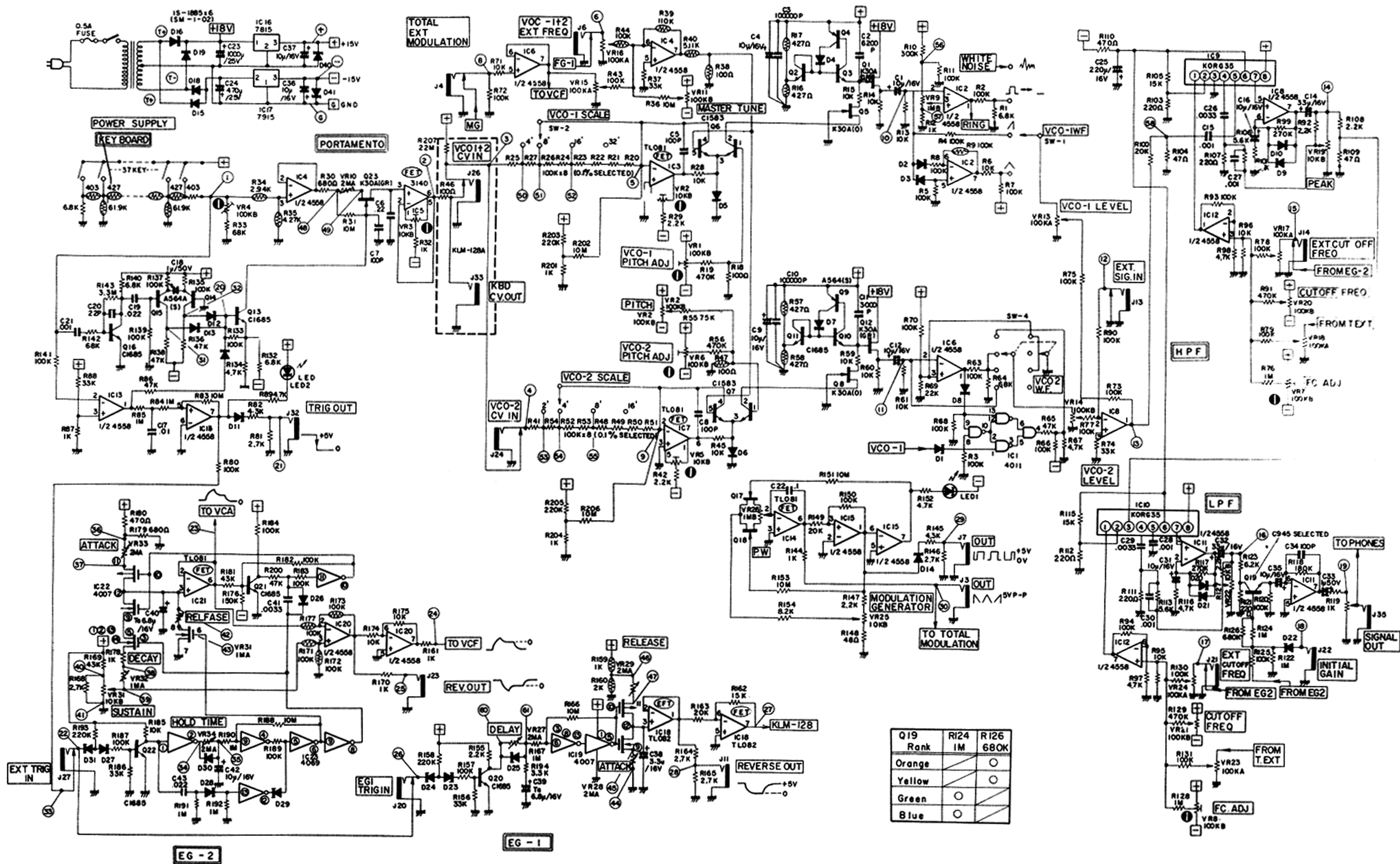
## 2. STRUCTURAL DIAGRAM





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## 3. CIRCUIT DIAGRAM (1)

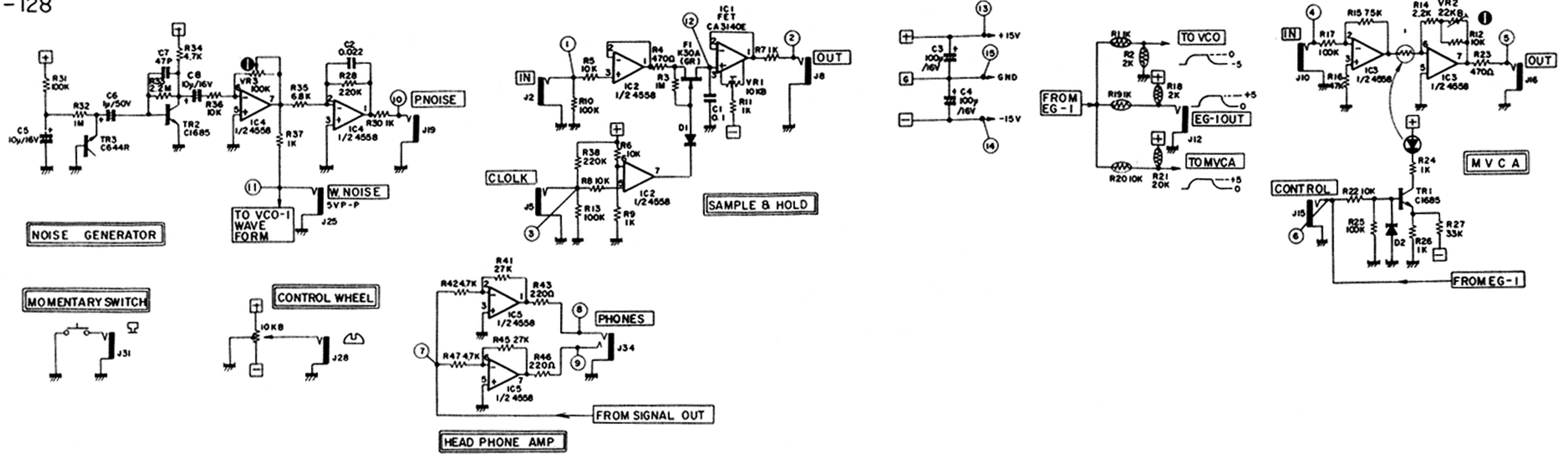




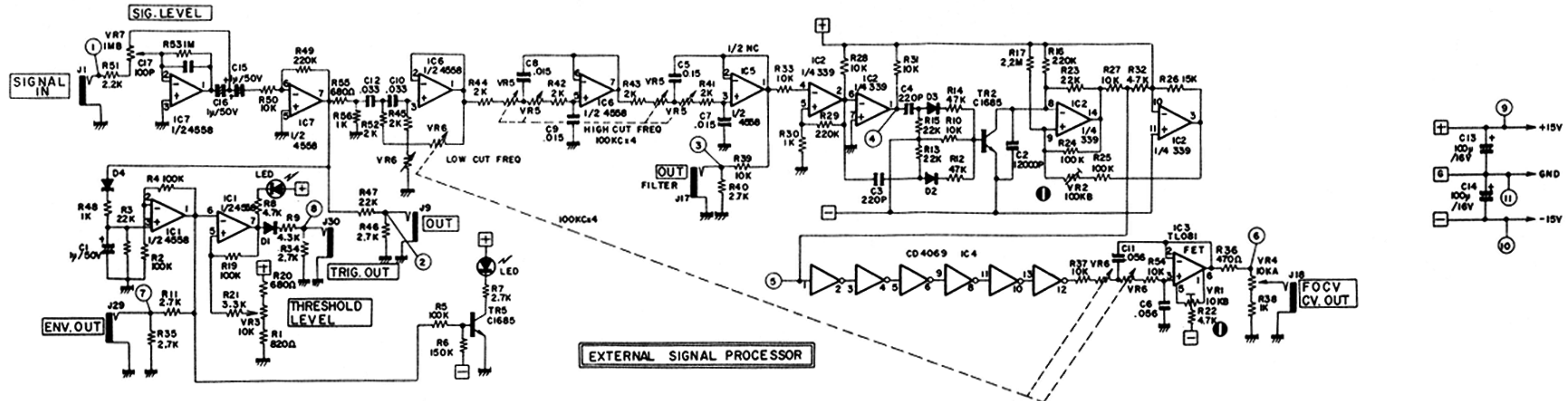
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## CIRCUIT DIAGRAM (2)

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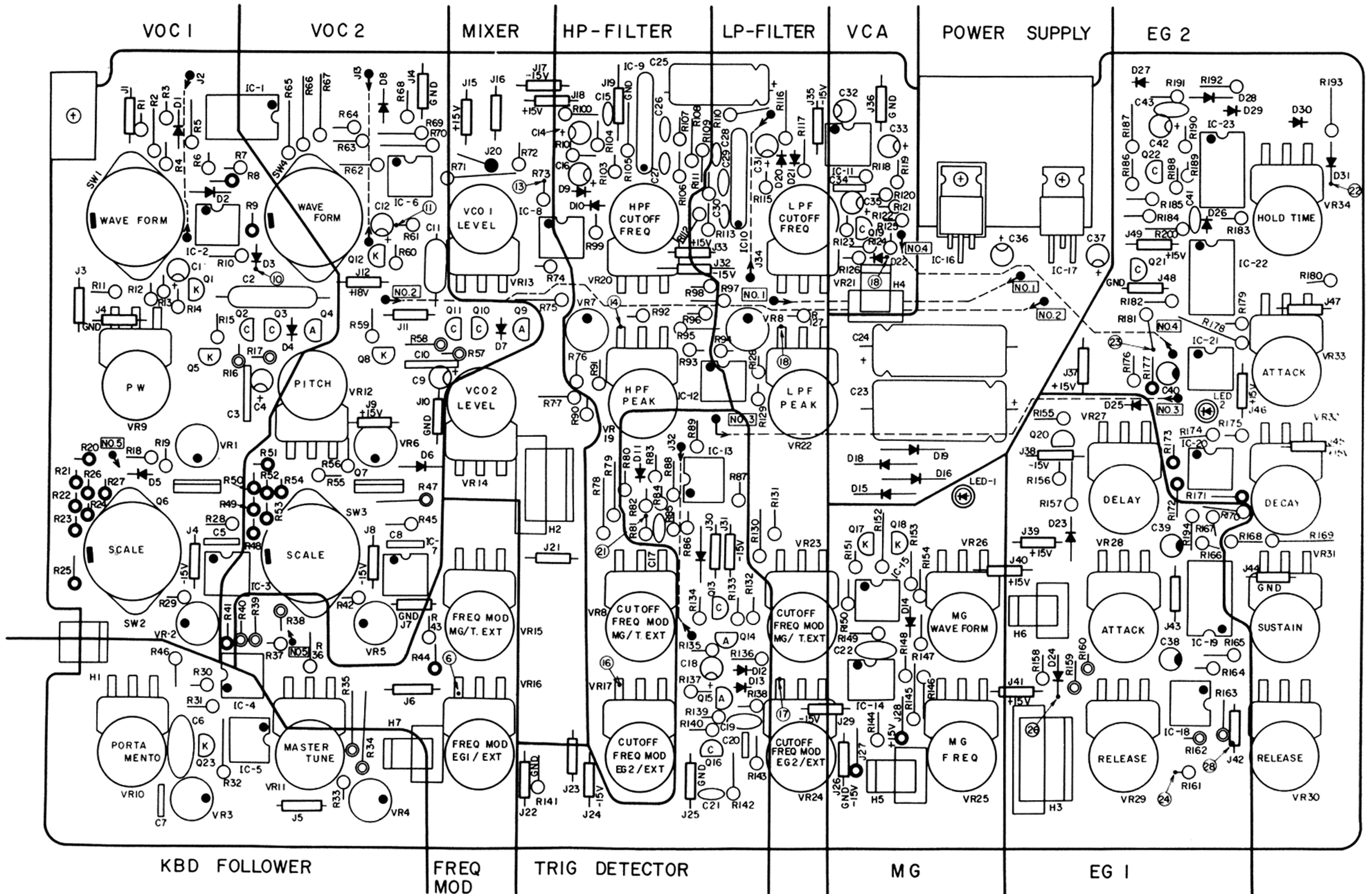
KLM-129





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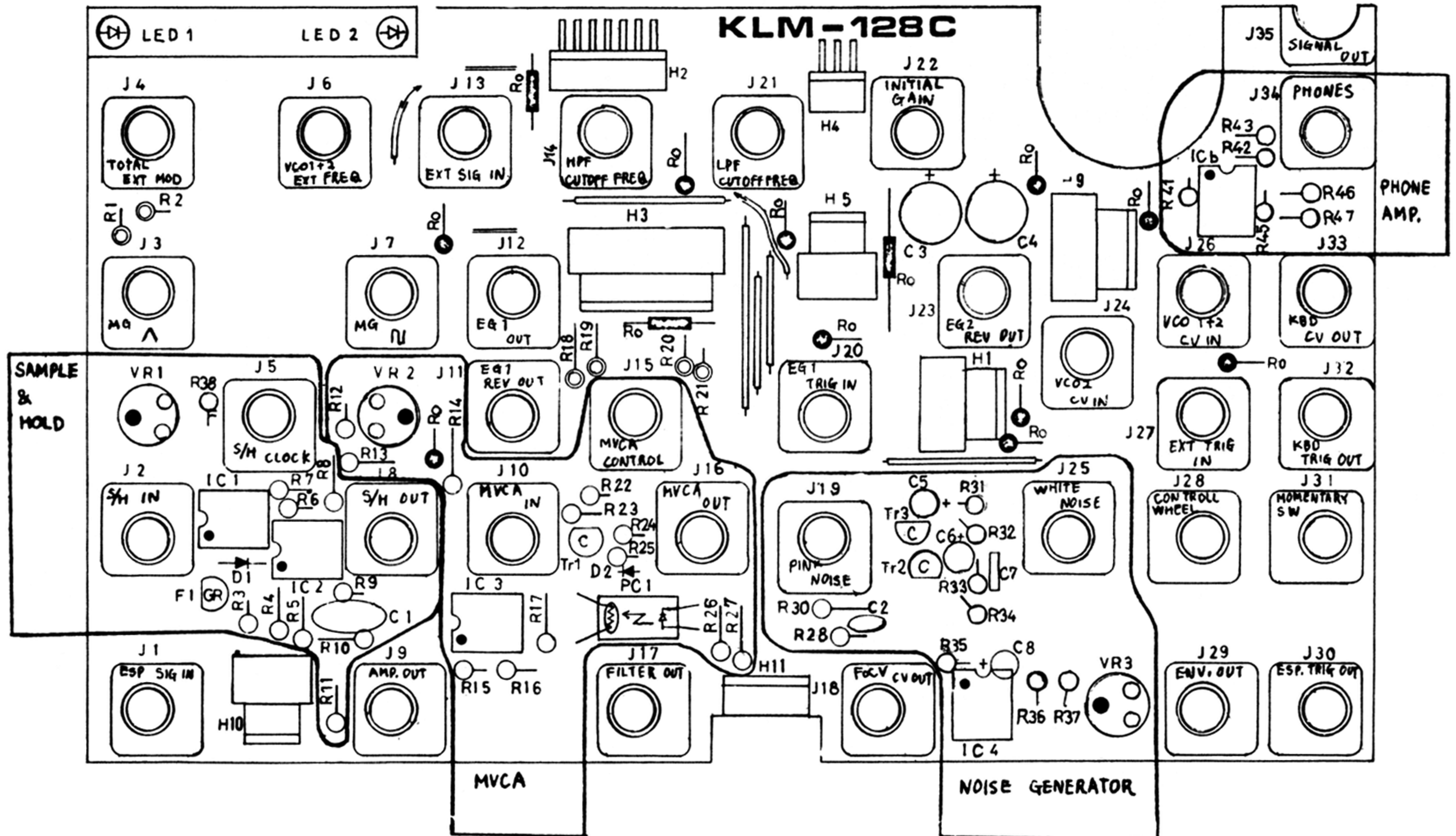
## 4. FRONT VIEW OF PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD KLM-127





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## FRONT VIEW OF PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD KLM-128C



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## 5. PARTS LIST

(Mechanical parts not listed)

### ● CARBON RESISTORS

not listed

### ● METAL FILM RESISTORS

1/4W 1% 100Ω x 2  
1/4W 1% 403Ω x 18  
1/4W 1% 427Ω x 22  
1/4W 1% 1kΩ x 3  
1/4W 1% 2kΩ x 3  
1/4W 1% 2.94kΩ x 1  
1/4W 1% 4.27kΩ x 1  
1/4W 1% 10kΩ x 1  
1/4W 1% 15kΩ x 1  
1/4W 1% 20kΩ x 2  
1/4W 1% 61.9kΩ x 17  
1/4W 1% 100kΩ x 23  
1/4W 1% 110kΩ x 1  
1/4W 1% 5.11kΩ x 1

### ● SOLID RESISTORS

1/4W 10% 10MΩ x 7

### ● MYLAR CAPACITORS

not listed

### ● STYROL CAPACITORS

50V-12000pF x 1

### ● CERAMIC CAPACITORS

50V-56pF x 1  
50V-22pF x 1  
50V-100pF x 5  
50V-220pF x 2  
50V-47pF x 1  
25V-100000pF x 2

### ● TANTALUM CAPACITORS

16V-3.3μF x 1  
16V-6.8μF x 2

### ● ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITORS

16V-10μF x 12  
16V-33μF x 2  
16V-100μF x 4  
50V-1μF x 6  
25V-470μF x 1  
25V-10000μF x 1  
16V-220μF x 1

### ● POLYSTYRENE CAPACITORS

50V-3000pF x 1  
50V-6200pF x 1

### ● POLYPROPYLENE CAPACITORS

200V-0.22μF x 1

### ● TRANSISTORS

2SA-564(S) x 4  
2SC-945(L)K x 1  
(special selected)  
2SC-1583G x 2  
2SC-1685S x 13  
2SC-644R x 1

### ● FET

2SK-30(O) x 4  
2SK-30(GR) x 4

### ● DIODES

1S-1555 x 33

### ● LED

GD4-203RD x 4

### ● PHOTOCOUPLER

HTV-P873-G35-201B x 1

### ● IC

μPC-4558C x 17  
081 x 5  
TL-(071)  
(3140)  
082 x 1  
TL-(072)  
(3140)  
MC-14007 x 2  
MC-14069B x 2  
μPD4011C x 1  
μPC339C x 1  
μPC14315 x 1  
μA79M15 x 1  
KORG35 x 2

### ● SEMI-FIXED RESISTORS

SR19R(10kΩ) x 6  
SR19R(100kΩ) x 7

### ● ROTARY VARIABLE RESISTORS

10KB x 4  
100KA x 8  
100KA x 4  
1MB x 2  
2MA x 6  
1MA x 2  
Printed 10KA x 1  
Printed 10KB x 1  
Printed 1MB x 1  
Printed 4-ganged 100KC x 1  
24φ 10KB x 1  
Center click-stop 10KB x 1

### ● ROTARY SWITCH

SRM-1034 1-15mm x 4

### ● KEYBOARD

ESK-431 37 key

### ● TERMINAL LUG BOARD

2L4P x 1

### ● PUSH SWITCH

MS-102 x 1

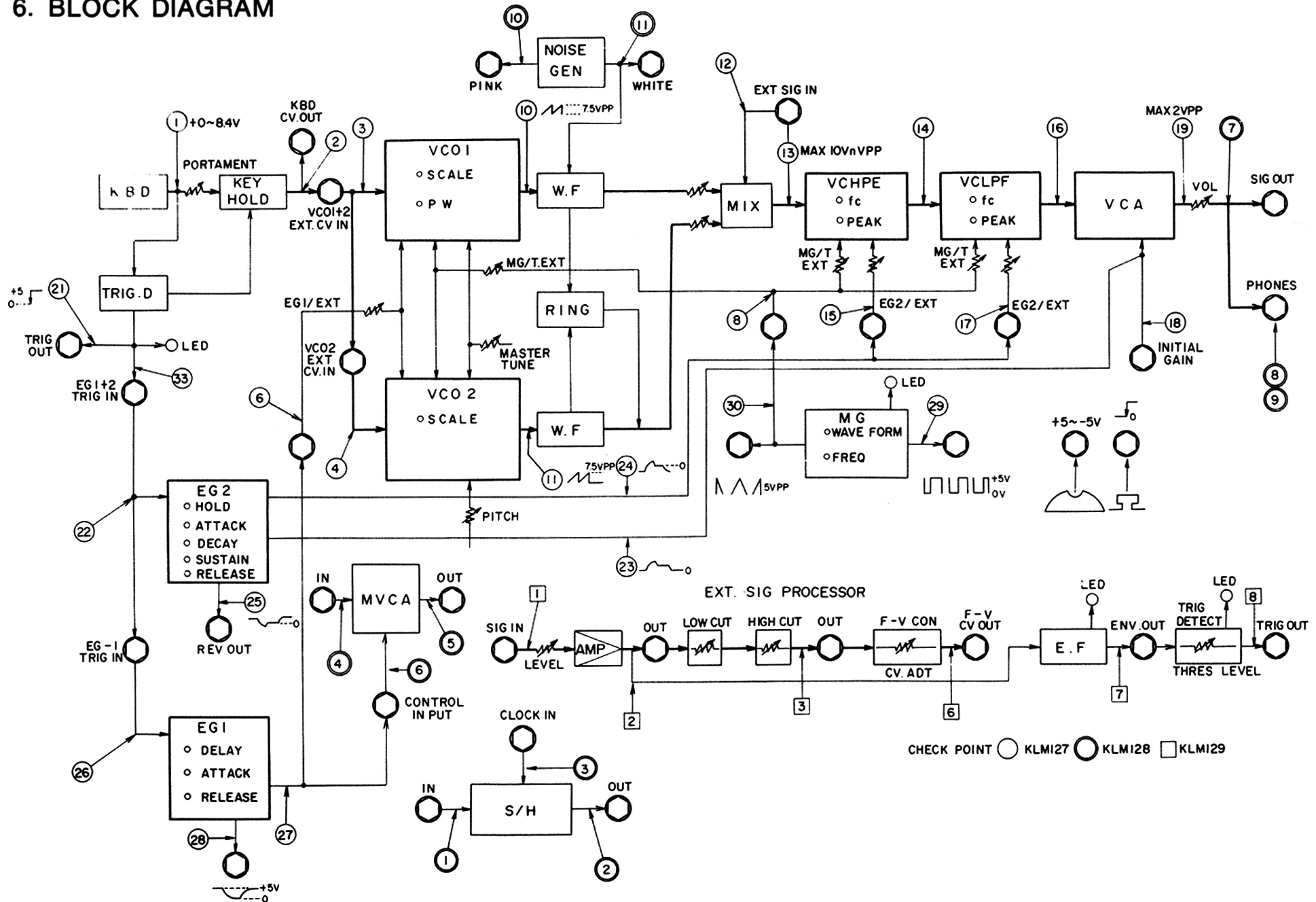
### ● CONNECTORS

3P x 6  
4P x 2  
5P x 2  
7P x 1  
8P x 2  
3P x 3  
5P x 1  
Female Connectors  
3P x 10  
4P x 2  
5P x 3  
7P x 2  
8P x 2



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## 6. BLOCK DIAGRAM



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## 7. ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE

### 7-1 Power supply check

- Positive ripple.  
Should be no more than 2mVp-p.  
Set oscilloscope vertical gain at 10mV/cm and check that power supply ripple is 2mV or less.
- Negative ripple.  
Same as positive, should be no more than 2mVp-p.

### 7-2. Pitch adjustment

- VCO-1.  
Perform adjustment with synthesizer controls at "normal setting" (Scale=8, Waveform =  $\square$ , Master Tune, Pitch, and all other knobs at "0"). See figure 1.
  - Play C-4 (high C) on the keyboard and adjust the high ① semi-fixed screw until you obtain the correct tuning as indicated by WT-10A (connected to the SIG OUT jack).
  - Play key C-1 and adjust the low ② semi-fixed screw.
  - Repeat steps a and b as many times as necessary until both are tuned to the correct pitch.
  - Check the tuning of C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4 on the WT-10A meter to make sure pitch deviation is within  $\pm 2$  cents for each.

- Change the scale to 32', 16', 8', and 4' and check the tuning of all four C keys to make sure that the pitch deviation of each is within  $\pm 10$  cents.
- VCO-2.  
Set the VCO-1 level at "0" and the VCO-2 level at "10". Then follow the same procedure as for VCO-1, by adjusting the high ③ and low ④ semi-fixed screws.

### 7-3. KBD CV adjustment

- Use a 4-1/2 digital voltmeter to measure the KBD CV OUT signal.
- Measure output voltage first when you play key C-4, then when you play key C-3. The output voltage for C-3 should be exactly half that for C-4. Adjust the KBD CV high ⑤ semi-fixed screw as necessary so that C-3 produces half the voltage of C-4.
  - Measure C-2 and then C-1 in the same way. Adjust the KBD CV low ⑥ semi-fixed screw as necessary so that C-2 produces exactly half the voltage of C-4.
  - Repeat steps a and b as many times as necessary until the output voltage of each of C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4 is exactly half that of the next.

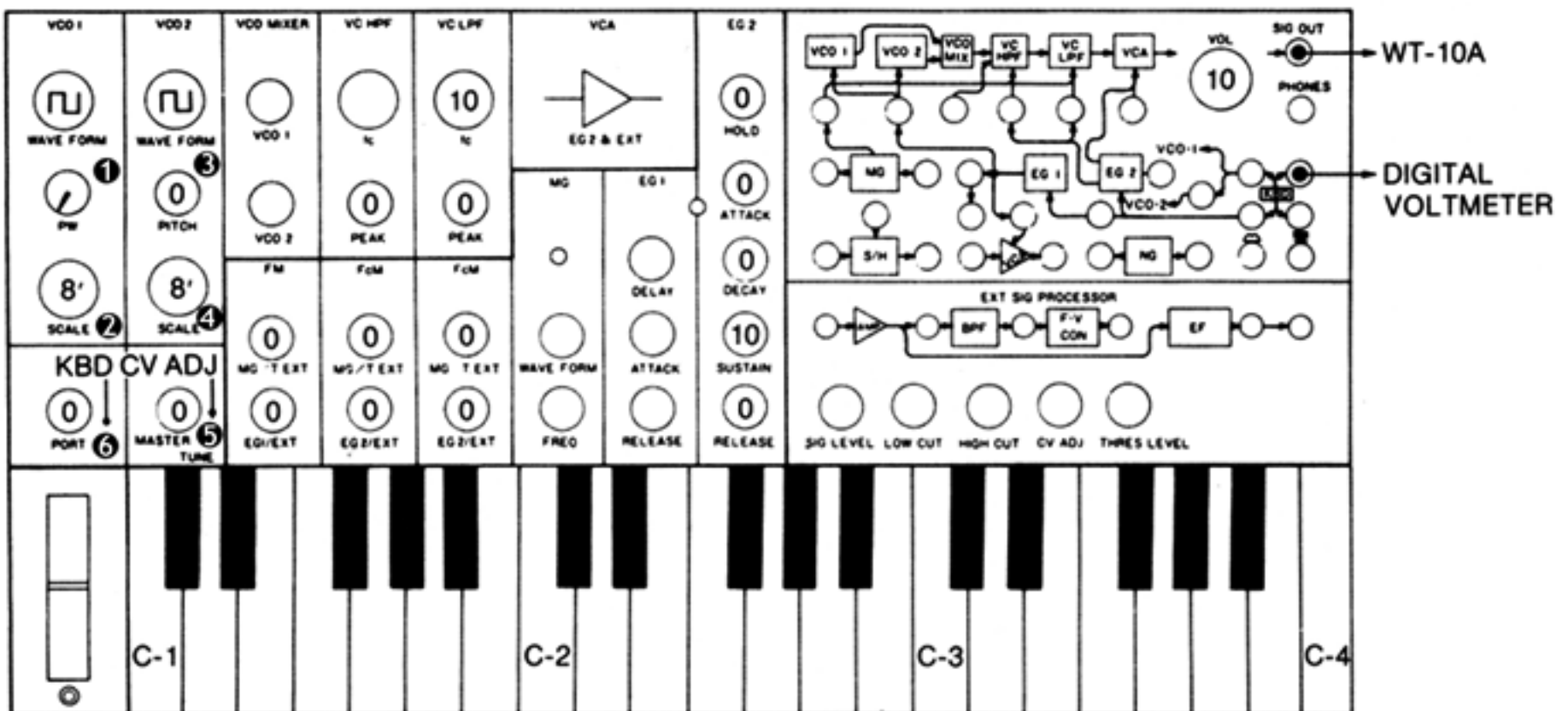


Fig. 1

### 7-4. VCF Fc adjustment

Connect a frequency counter to the PHONES jack (since a high output level is needed for measurement). Set VCO-1 and VCO-2 level at "0".

- VC HPF  
Refer to the settings shown in figure 2. Set the LPF PEAK knob at "0", and the HPF PEAK knob

- at "10". Then adjust the ① semi-fixed screw as necessary so that the HPF oscillation frequency is 500Hz.
- VC LPF  
Set HPF PEAK at "0", and LPF PEAK at "10". Then adjust the ② semi-fixed screw in the same way as you did for the HPF.

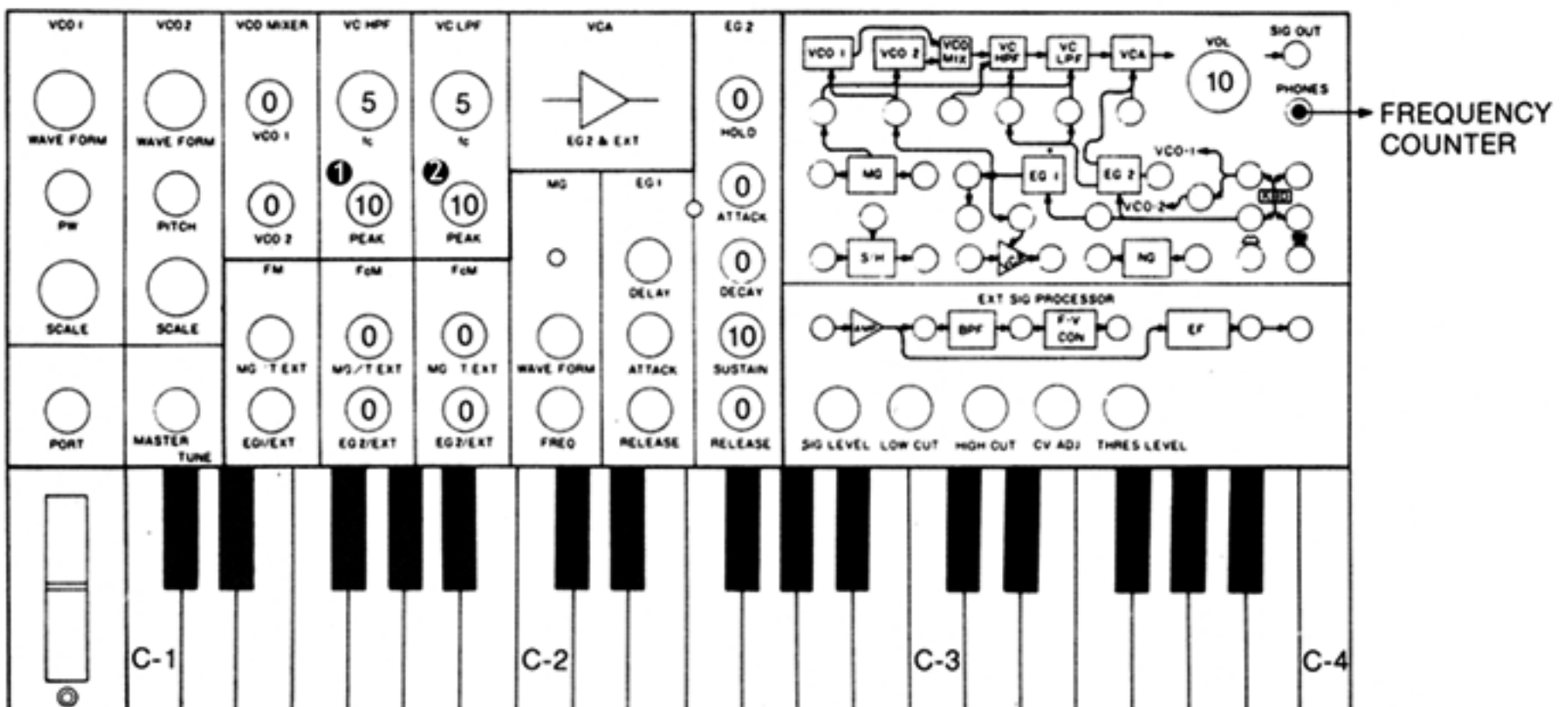


Fig. 2