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WEATHER MONITOR SYSTEM

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Introduction

This note describes a WEATHER MONITOR SYSTEM that was built to enable a PC to input weather information through its serial port. This system was built around the VLBA MONITOR & CONTROL CARD. In addition to weather information, 16 bits of digital input and output were provided. In order to provide isolation between the weather monitor chassis and the PC the data link is over fiber-optic cable. This fiber-optic cable is connected to a multiplexer built by R. Weimer.

Programming

The selected ID for VLBA M & C card is 8. All addresses are base address plus indicated address.

ADDRESS

- 0 Dew Point
- 1 Temperature
- 2 Barometric Pressure
- 3 Wind Speed
- 4 Spare Analog Ch 4
- 5 Spare Analog Ch 5
- 6 Spare Analog Ch 6
- 7 Spare Analog Ch 7

- 64 Digital Output, 16 Bits
 - D0 Alarm, output a 1 to close a contact
 - D1-D3 Spare output contact closures
 - D4-D7 Complemented TTL output bits
 - D8-D15 True TTL output bits
- 68 Digital Input, 16 Bits
 - D0-D3 Optical isolated input bits
 - D4-D15 TTL true input bits

Electronics Descriptions

M & C Card Interface

The VLBA MONITOR & CONTROL CARD and its associated interface logic is contained in one chassis; the block diagram (B17215K001) for this system can be found at the end of this note. It contains three modules: An RS422 to Fiber-Optic Converter, Interface for VLBA M & C card and the VLBA M & C card.

The RS422 to Fiber Converter can be found on drawing B17215S002. This circuit was a copy of R. Weimer's circuit used in the Receiver Monitor Control system. This converter circuit card can be removed through the back panel of the Weather Monitor Chassis. For test purposes a card has been designed to

allow the connection of the Weather Monitor directly to the PC without going through fiber cable, reference drawing B17215S006.

Logic to interface the outside world to the VLBA M & C card can be found on logic drawings B17215L001. Page 1 of the drawings contain the logic to generate the necessary VLBA M & C handshake signals. The digital output logic is on page 2 and digital input logic is on page 3. Take note of the optical isolated inputs D0-D3; the maximum input current is 50 mA.

A complete wiring diagram of the weather monitor chassis can be found on drawing number B17215S003.

Analog Buffer Cards

Two analog buffer cards were built to condition the weather information before it is supplied to the weather monitor chassis.

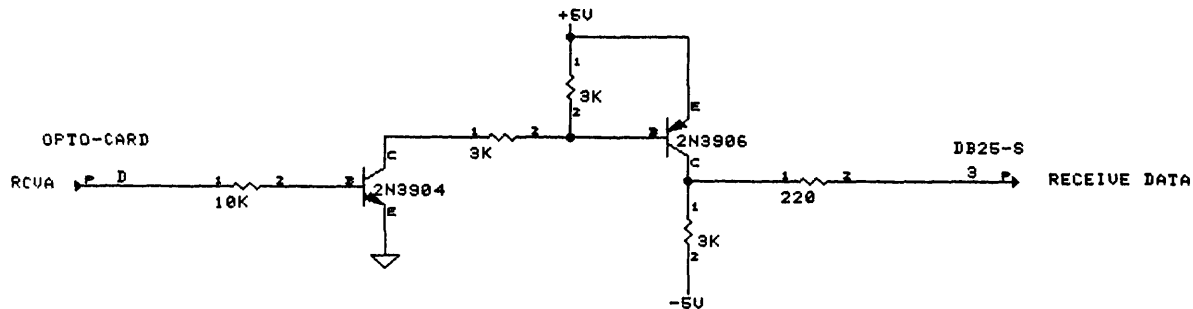
The first card, drawing B17215S004, was an addition to an existing buffer card. This card was used to buffer dew point, temperature and barometric pressure before it was sent to the 140-ft telescope. This card was modified by duplicating the three buffers and providing this weather information to the weather monitor chassis.

The second buffer card is used for wind speed. It plugs into the wind speed chassis and provides gain and filtering for the weather monitor.

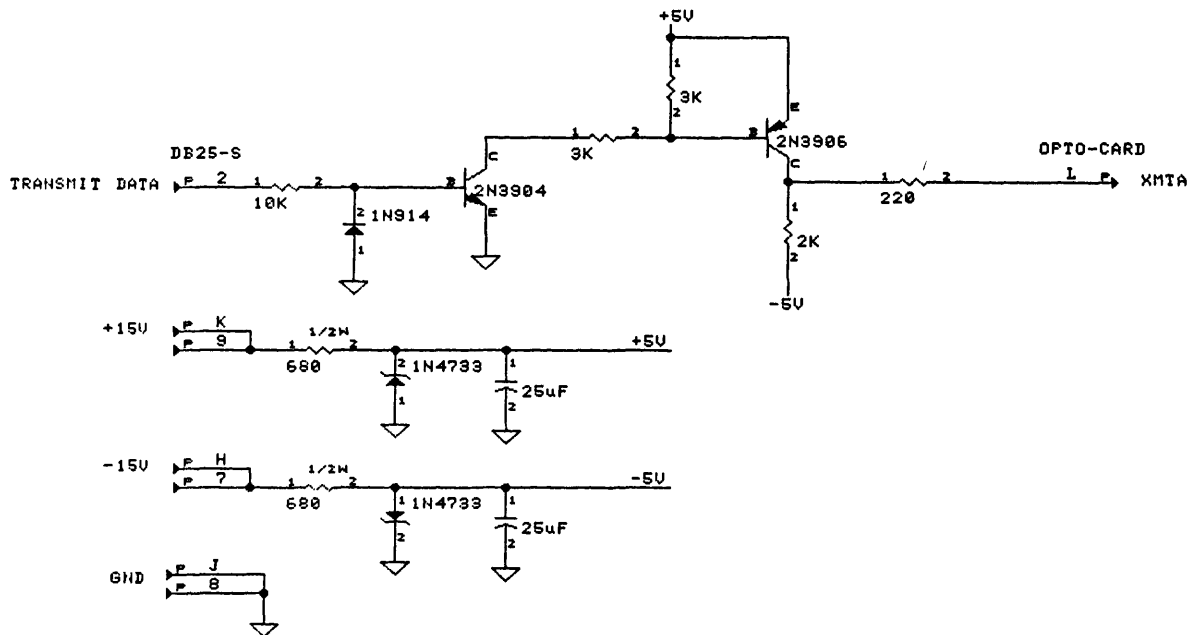
Credits

Credit should be given to R. Weimer for the fiber-optic circuit, to J. Turner for constructing the necessary equipment for the weather monitor, the Green Bank Shop for constructing the chassis, and to the designers of the VLBA M & C card.

RECEIVE DATA, SHALLOWAY CARD TO SERIAL PORT



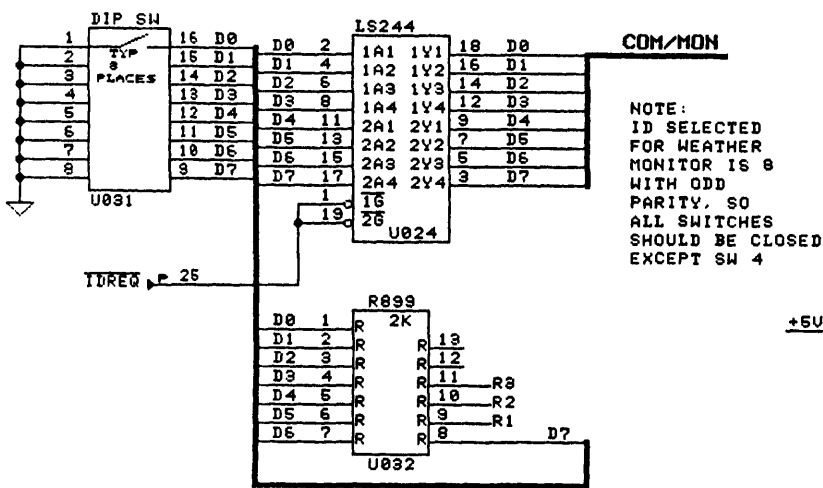
TRANSMIT DATA, SERIAL PORT TO SHALLOWAY CARD



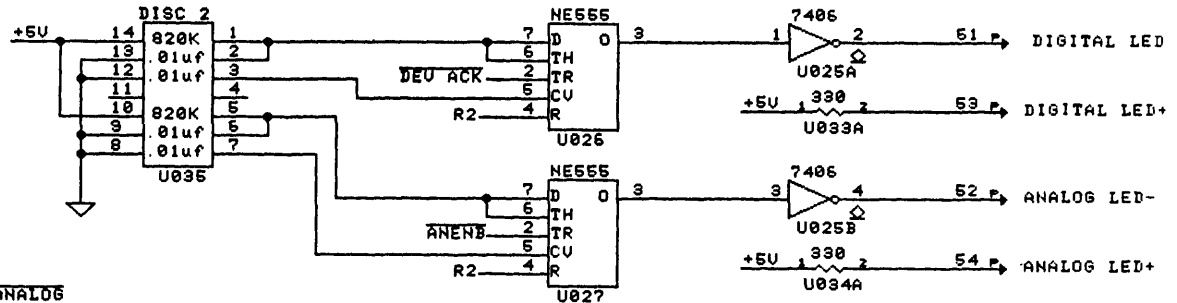
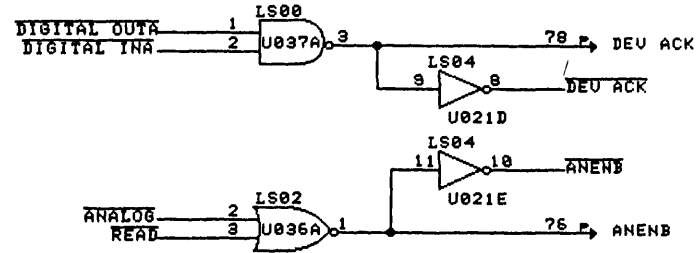
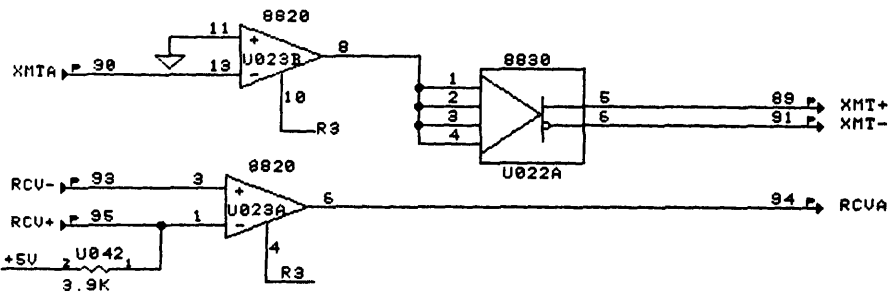
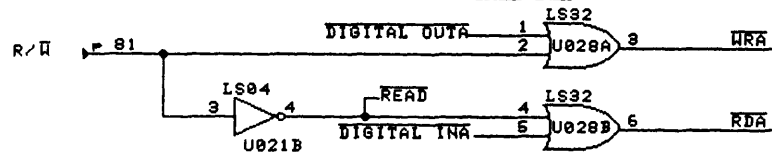
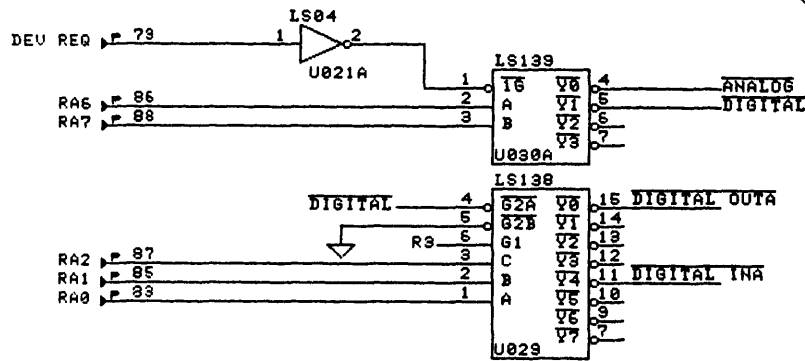
TEST BOARD TO REPLACE OPTO-CARD
AND GO DIRECTLY TO SERIAL PORT

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ID SELECT



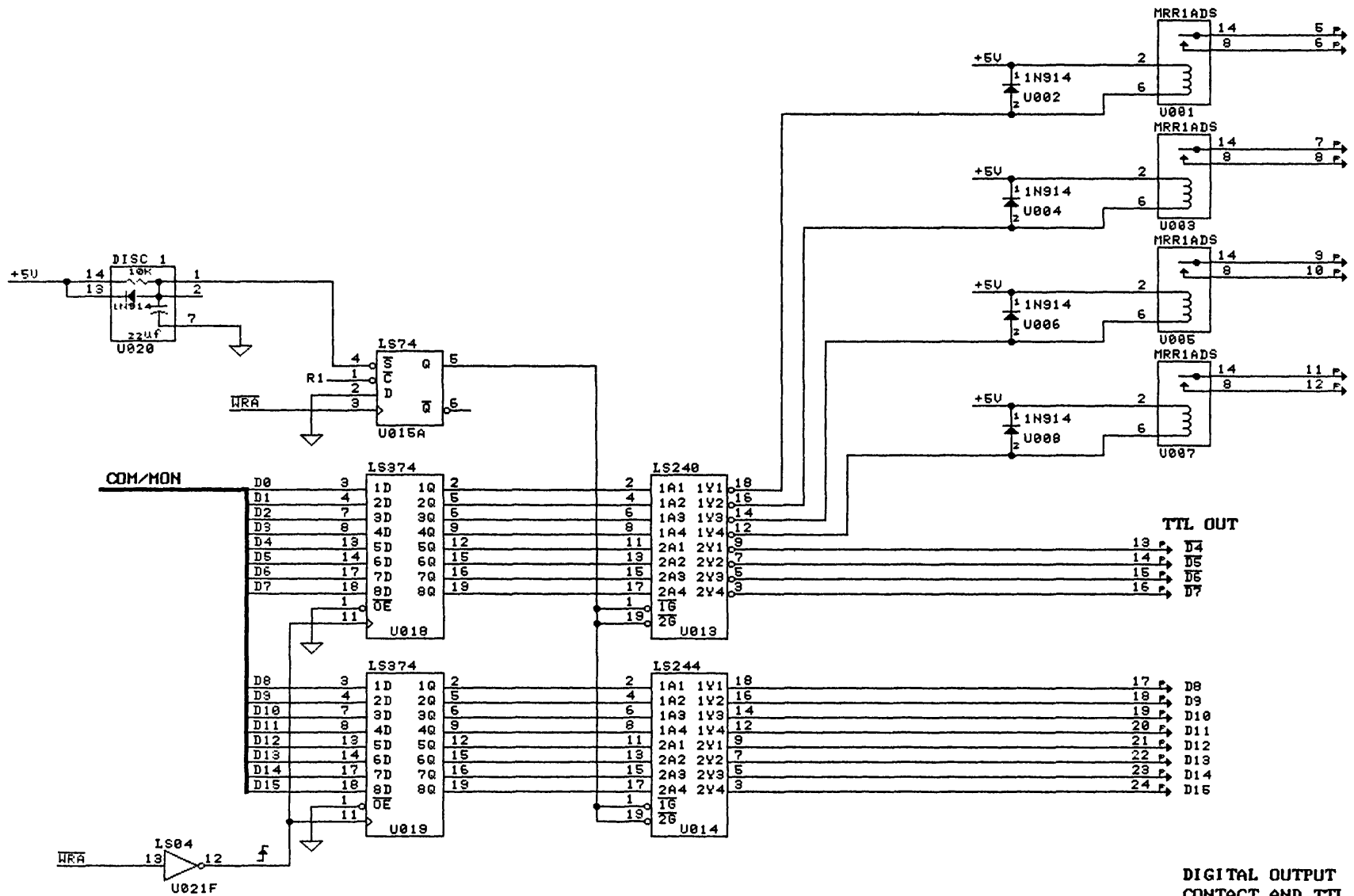
NOTE:
ID SELECTED
FOR WEATHER
MONITOR IS 8
WITH ODD
PARITY. SO
ALL SWITCHES
SHOULD BE CLOSED
EXCEPT SW 4



92 → HI/LO SEL
NOTE: HI/LO SEL
CAN BE USED TO
MULTIPLEX ANALOG
INPUT

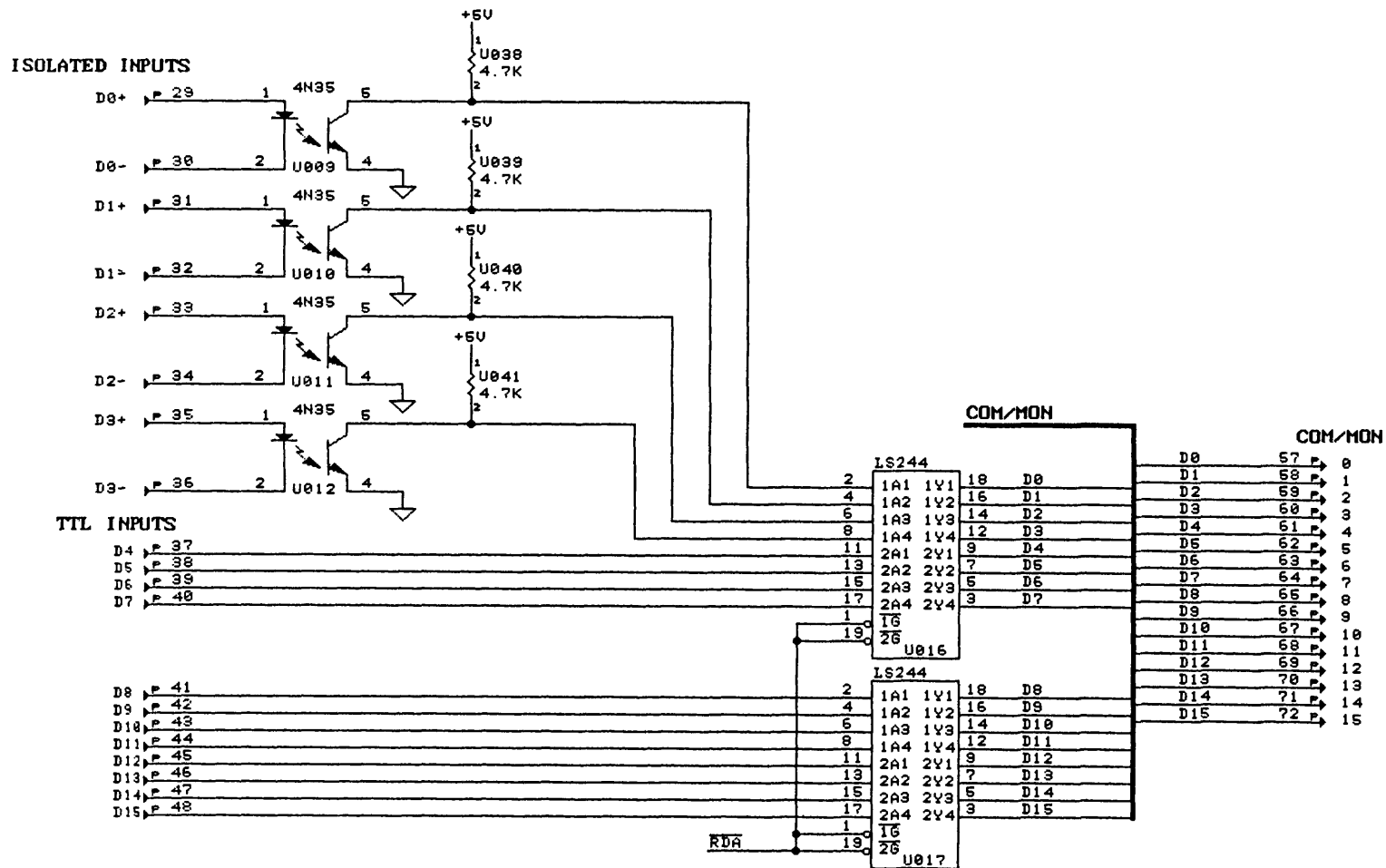
ID REQUEST
DEV REQ ANENB
ADDRESS DECODE
READ & WRITE ENABLS

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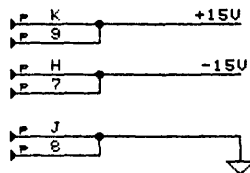
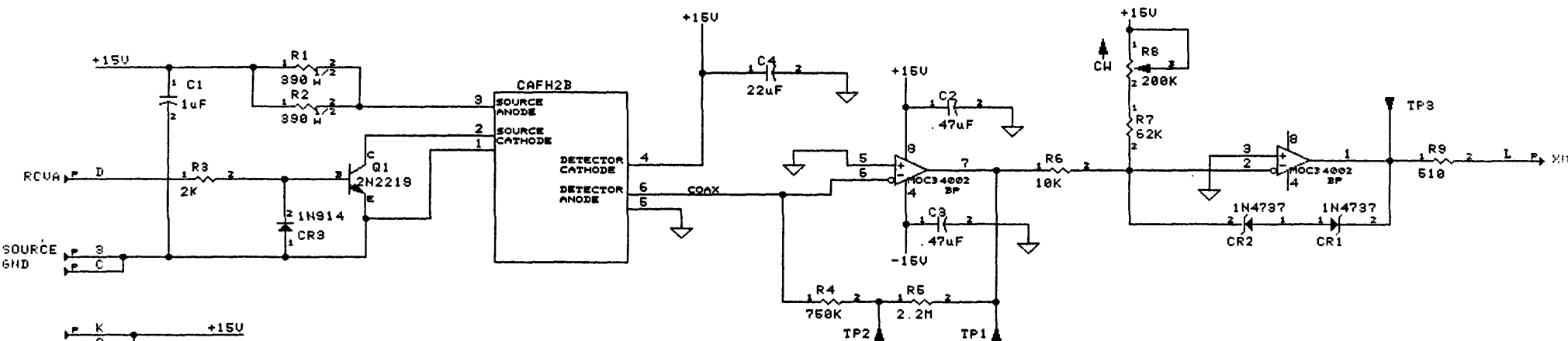
DIGITAL OUTPUT CONTACT AND TTL

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**ISOLATED INPUT AND
TTL INPUTS**

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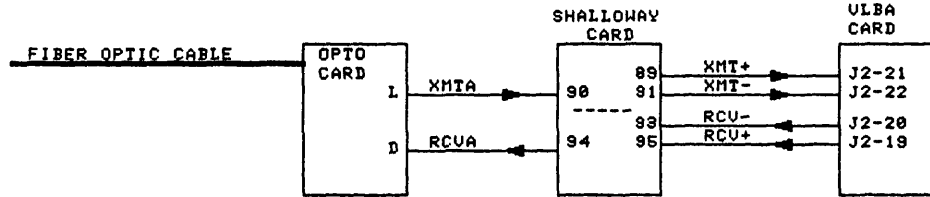
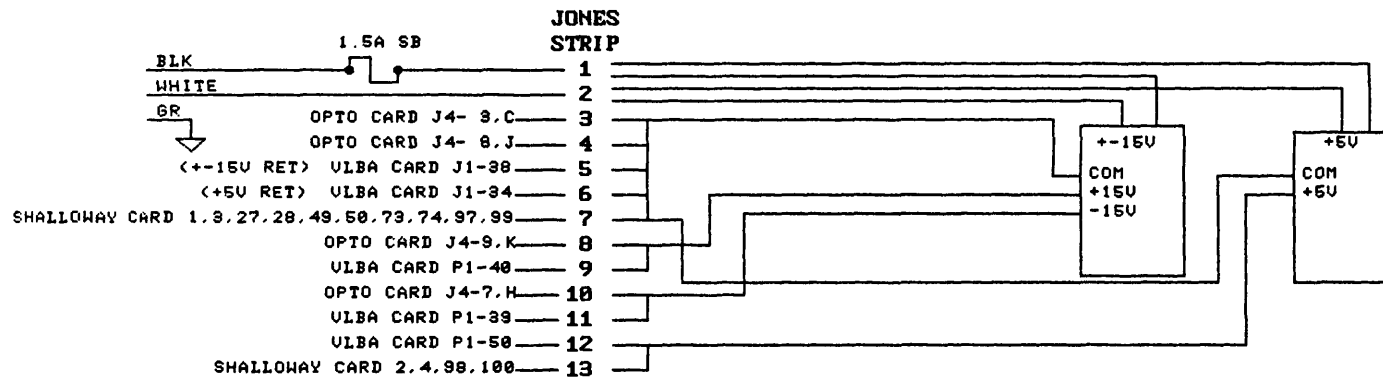
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ALL RESISTORS ARE 1/4 W

NOTE:

When in operation look at P-P level at TP1, it should be 1 to 4U P-P. For short runs it may be > 4U, short TP1 to TP2 to out gain of first stage. Adjust pot for good crossover points after gain of first stage is adjusted. Turn pot clockwise for low input and counter clockwise for high input.

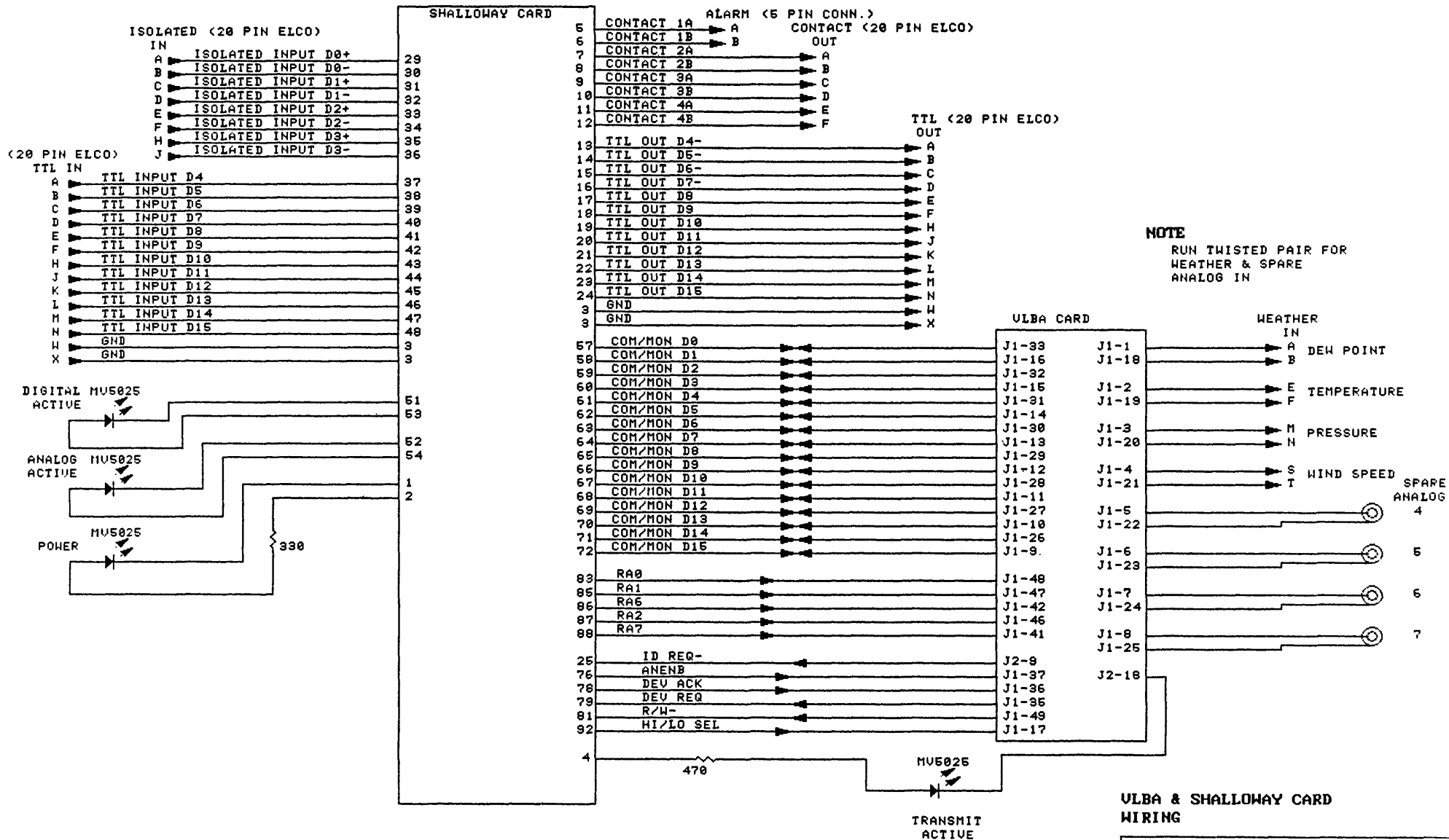
OPTICAL COUPLER CARD

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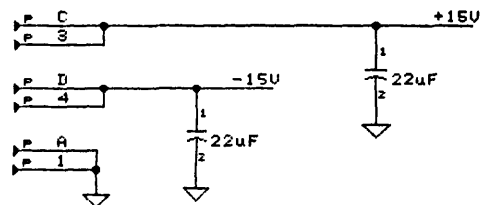
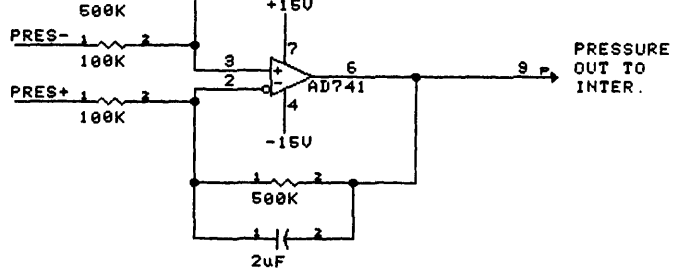
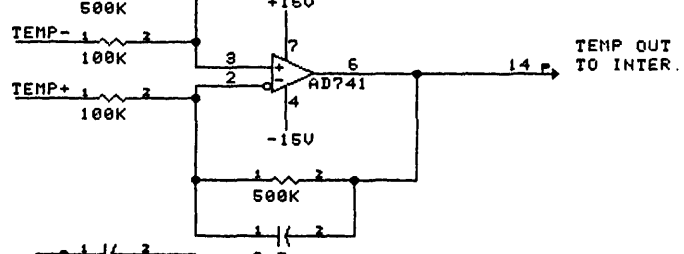
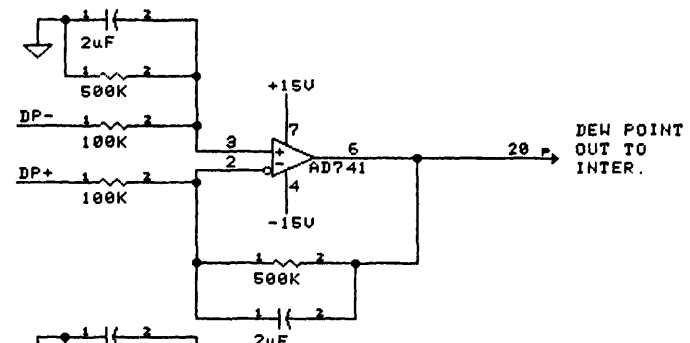
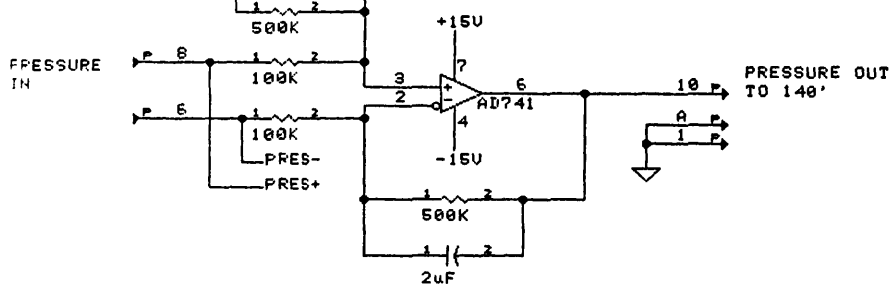
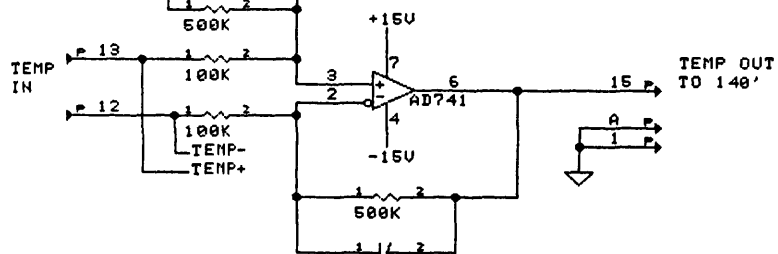
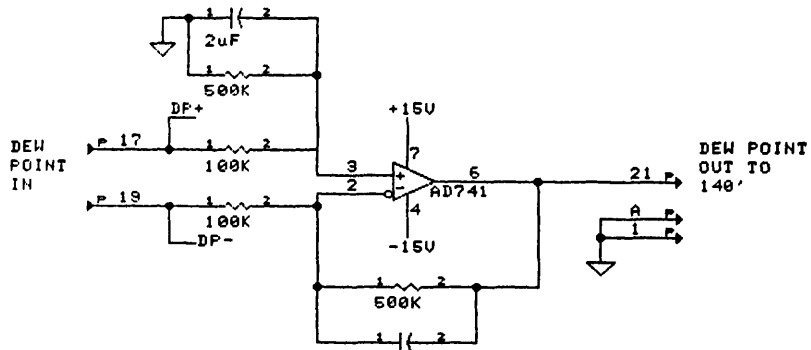


WEATHER MONITOR CHASSIS
 POWER WIRING
 XMIT/REC TO ULBA CARD

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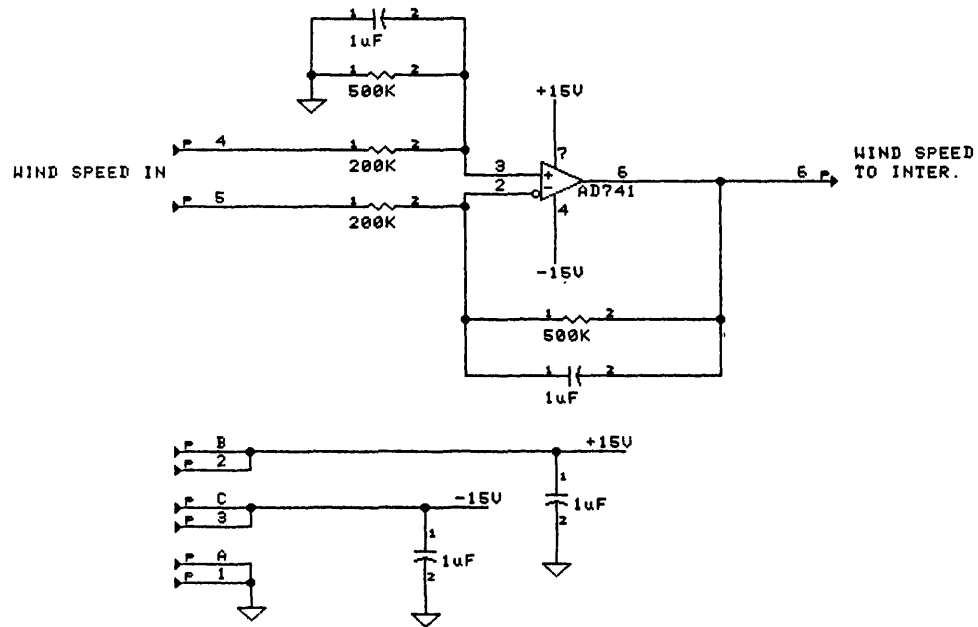


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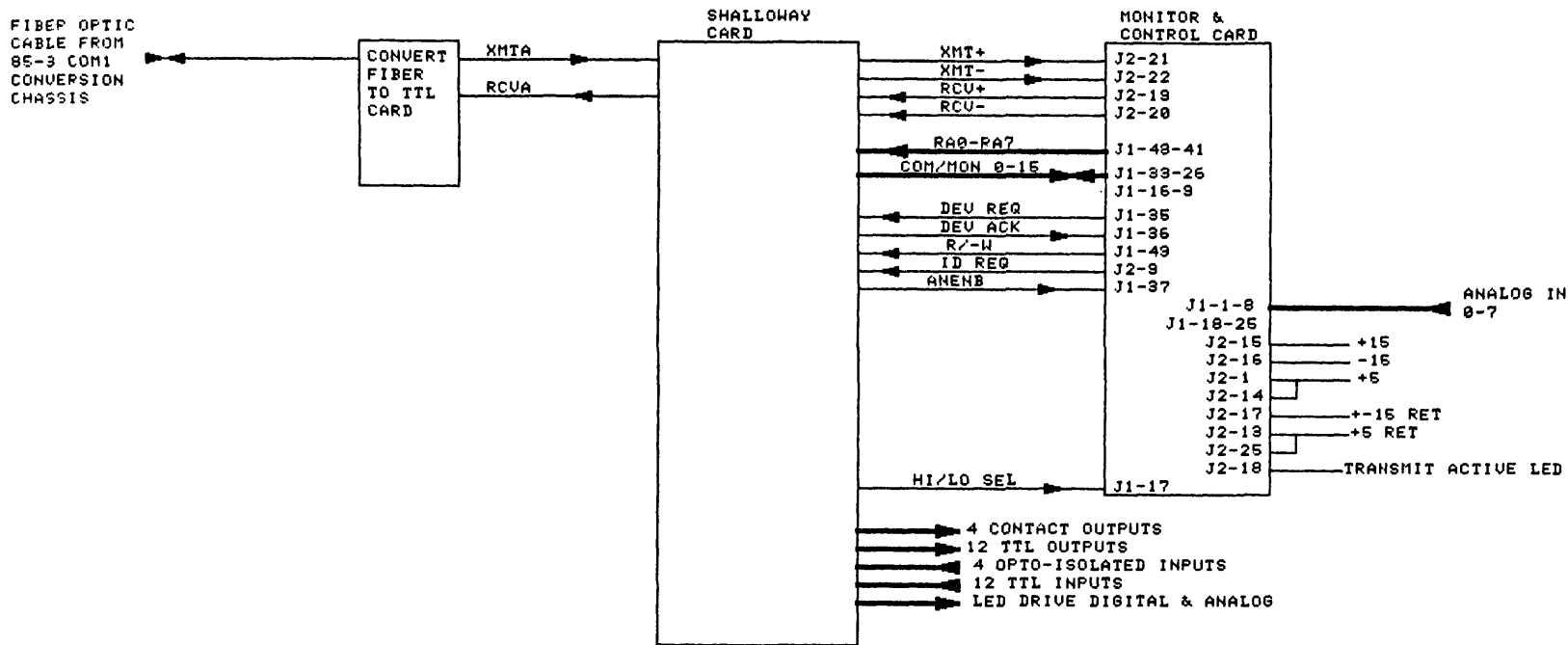
TEMPERATURE, PRESSURE & DEW POINT BUFFERS FOR 140' AND INTERFEROMETER

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WINDSPEED BUFFER

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BLOCK DIAGRAM FOR WEATHER MONITOR SYSTEM

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