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# OWNER'S MANUAL

# BLOCKADE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND SERVICE MANUAL

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#### INTRODUCTION

BLOCKADE is an electronic game that makes extensive use of digital integrated circuitry and television monitor circuitry. This manual assumes the maintenance technician possesses a general knowledge of solid state circuitry, TTL digital integrated circuitry and T.V. monitor concepts. Any individual NOT knowledgeable in these area SHOULD NOT attempt repair of the electronic portion of this game. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO REPAIR THE GAME IN THE FIELD WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THE FACTORY WILL IMMEDIATELY VOID THE WARRANTY!!

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

NEVER replace any components with anything other than exact replace-

ment parts. (See Parts List located on Service Schematics.)

NEVER remove circuit boards/connections while power is on.

DO NOT replace the fuse with anything other than the proper value. A

blown fuse indicates an overload condition within the game. Replacing the fuse with a higher value can cause severe damage to

internal components if an overload occurs.

ALWAYS consult the manual before attempting repairs.

CORRESPONDENCE regarding this game should be addressed to:

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#### NOTE

An important service note is posted in the BLOCKADE game and is repeated here for emphasis:

IF AT ANY TIME THE T.V. SCREEN SHOWS A MEANINGLESS DISPLAY OR THE GAME OTHERWISE MALFUNCTIONS, SIMPLY DROP A COIN INTO THE COIN MECHANISM. THIS SHOULD CORRECT THE PROBLEM. IF NOT, THE GAME REQUIRES SERVICE.

The circuitry in BLOCKADE has been arranged so that the insertion of a quarter thru the coin mechanism will reset the restart in the system. This clears up temporary problems caused by power line disturbances, static, etc.

#### SERVICE TECHNICIAN NOTE:

The system reset circuitry described above requires that the coin counter is attached to the system. If there is a coin counter problem and no replacement is available, the game will function properly if a 10K Ohm resistor is connected across the coin counter input pins to the video logic board.

#### WARRANTY/FACTORY SERVICE INFORMATION

#### WARRANTY

BLOCKADE is under factory warranty (Parts and Labor) for the following time periods:

- A. All electronic components/connectors for one (1) year except:
  - 1. Transformers 90 days.
  - 2. Fuses/Lamps No Warranty

This Warranty covers defects/failure under normal use.

Should an assembly become defective, contact your local distributor. Factory authorization to return the assembly will be issued with transportation charges prepaid. If decided upon by factory representative an advance replacement will be made.

The assembly will be repaired and returned, transportation charges prepaid, if still in Warranty and no advance replacement made.

If the assembly is found to be damaged by misuse, improper attempts at repair, or abuse, it will be repaired and returned with transportation and repair charges billed.

Out of Warranty assemblies, if returned to the factory with transportation charges prepaid, will be repaired and returned with transportation and repair charges billed.

In the instance of a defect of an assembly manufactured by other than GREMLIN INDUSTRIES, INC., every effort will be made to assist the customer in obtaining satisfaction from the original manufacturer.

# UNCRATING AND SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS "BLOCKADE VIDEO GAME"

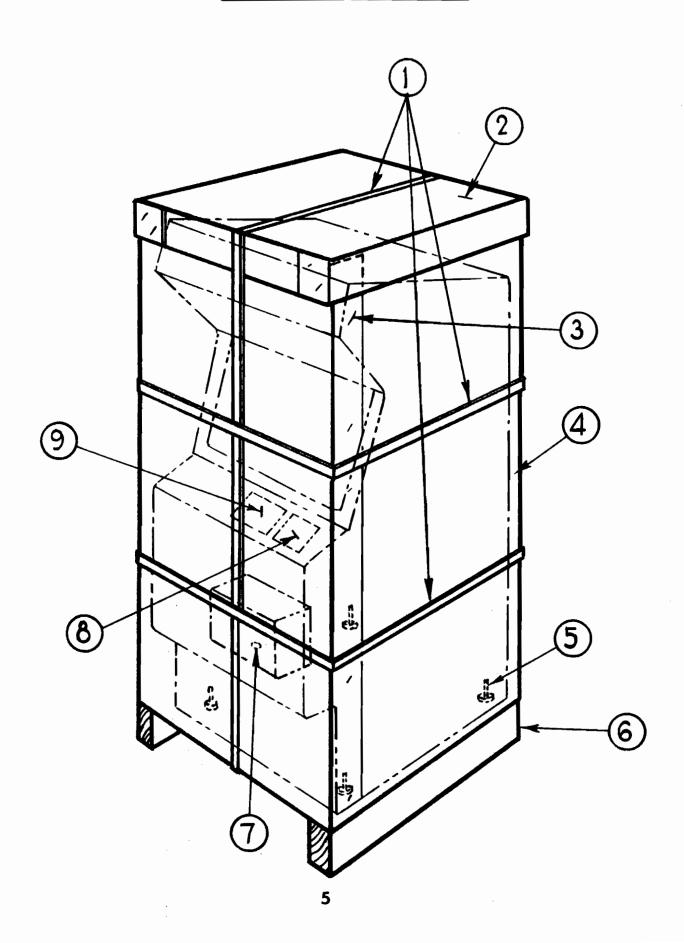
NOTE: During the entire uncrating and setting up of this game, a continual inspection should be carried out for cabinet damage and/or any other damage to electronic and mechanical hardware.

The following steps should be taken in uncrating and setting up of this game: (See diagram Page 5.)

- A. Remove all strapping (ref. 1)
- B. Remove top lid of container (ref. 2)
- C. Remove staples on vertical overlap portion of container before removing from cabinet. (ref. 3)
- D. Before removing the four corner pads that are taped to cabinet, (ref. 4), carefully lay the cabinet on either of two sides and remove the skid bolts (ref. 5) and skid (ref. 6) and discard.
- E. Remove keys (ref. 9) from packet and unlock coin door, then remove shipping screw (ref. 7) from inside of coin box and discard.
- F. Use key (ref. 9) to unlock back panel. After panel has been removed, inspect all electrical and other hardware for damage.
- G. If damage has occurred during shipment, the recipient should immediately file a Damage Claim with the carrier.
- H. Power Specifications:

AC, 100V-115V-230V, 50/60Hz, 130 W, 3-Wire Cord with safety interlock on the rear gameaccess door; NOTE - grounding is required.

# UNCRATING INSTRUCTIONS BLOCKADE



#### BLOCKADE

#### 1. GAME CONCEPT -

BLOCKADE is a two player game in which each player controls the direction of an arrow moving on the face of a video display. The perimeter of the display is a barrier, constructed of images which resemble blocks.

Each player utilizes a set of push button controls to change the direction of his moving arrow. As it moves, the arrow leaves a "trail" of block images, which form a continuous wall or barrier.

Anytime a player's arrow collides with a wall, there is an audible explosion and accompanying flashing symbol at the point of impact. A point is awarded to your opponent when your arrow enters an already occupied space (i.e.):

- 1. the block barrier created by either player
- 2. the perimeter walls
- 3. the opponent's arrow
- 4. reverse direction of your own arrow

After a pre-set number of crashes by either player, the game ends. Example: If the game were set to end after five crashes, the first player to crash five times loses the game.

#### OPERATION -

The arrows move alternately at a fixed rate, approximately two times per second. To change direction of his arrow, a player momentarily presses the push button required for a left or right turn relative to his direction of travel. The arrow will move in the new direction until changed again. A player's reaction time is important as turns must be made at precise moments during the play.

As the arrows move, a series of tones are audible. Every direction for each arrow generates a different pitch (eight in all). The result is an audible change whenever either player makes a turn.

After each collision, the players' scores are briefly displayed. If the game has not been won, all obstacles except the perimeter walls are cleared, and the next segment of the game begins.

Whenever BLOCKADE is not being played, an "advertisement sequence is initiated. The game plays itself to attract attention. To avoid patron confusion, the words "Game Over" appear while the advertising game is being played, and during a forty second delay thereafter. Following the delay, the advertising sequence repeats.

E-Z Adjust TM Control Panel - BLOCKADE has three adjustments, all of which are located on the back of the coin door. These three controls are:

#### 1. VOLUME CONTROL -

Set to desired volume for boom and tones during the game. This also effects advertising boom volume if boom switch is "ON".

### 2. BOOM SWITCH -

Switch to "ON" position if boom is desired during advertising.

#### 3. GAME END SWITCH -

Switch to desired game ending score. (3-4-5- or 6)



#### SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

1. SEE SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM (Fig. 1)

#### MICROPROCESSOR -

The game microprocessor is a Model 8080A and it functions as the Central Processing Unit (CPU) in the system. The CPU (1) is synchronized by a clock circuit which provides frequencies required by the CPU and the Video Timing Logic (14).

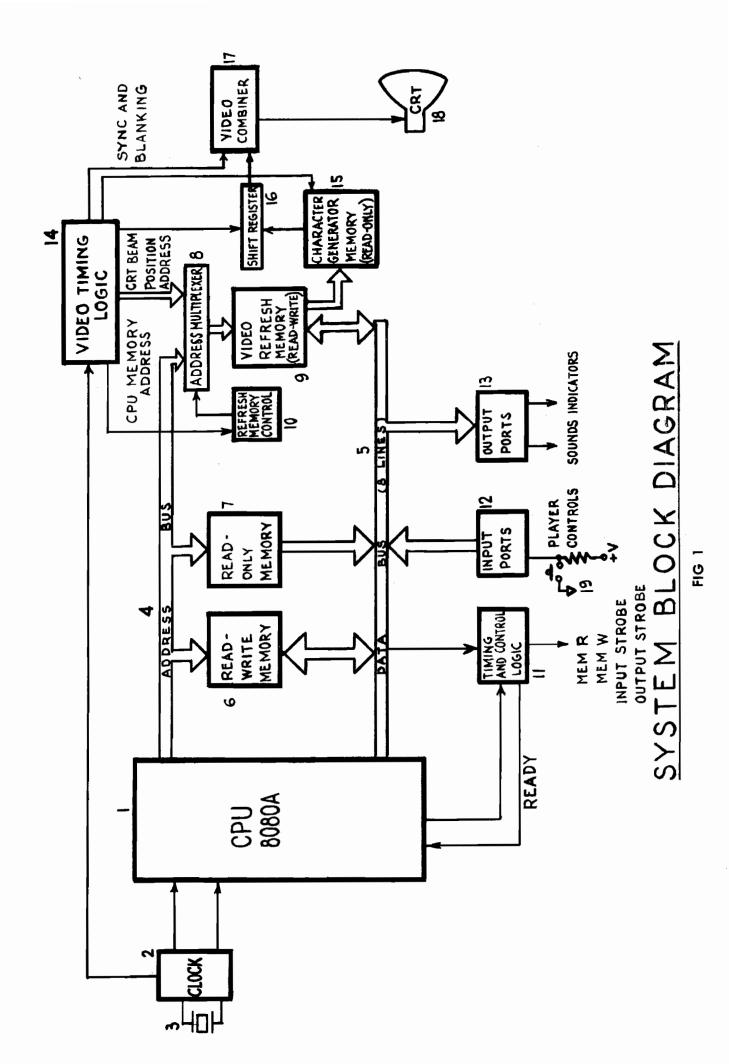
Address Bus (4) selects the memory addresses to be accessed by the CPU. It is routed to three subsystems:

- 1. Read Write Memory (6): A random Access Memory (Ram) used to form a first in/last out (stack) memory. Used to perform sub-routine calls and returns, also used for temporary data storage during program execution.
- 2. Read Only Memory (Rom) (7): Stores program instructions for the CPU.
- 3. Address Multiplexer (8): Selects either CPU addresses or addresses es from the Video Timing Logic. Used to address the Video Refresh Memory (9).

Data Bus (5) carries data to and from the CPU. It receives data from Read Write Memory, Read Only Memory, Video Refresh Memory and Input Ports (12). The Bus transmits data to Read Write Memory, Output Ports and Video Refresh Memory. The Input Ports accept player control data (19). The Output Port (13) initiates sound control and activates any external logic and indicators needed by the game.

Timing and Control Logic (11) generates synchronizing signals to keep system operation synchronized to the CPU. It controls:

- 1. Memory Read
- 2. Memory Write
- 3. Input Port Read
- 4. Output Port Write

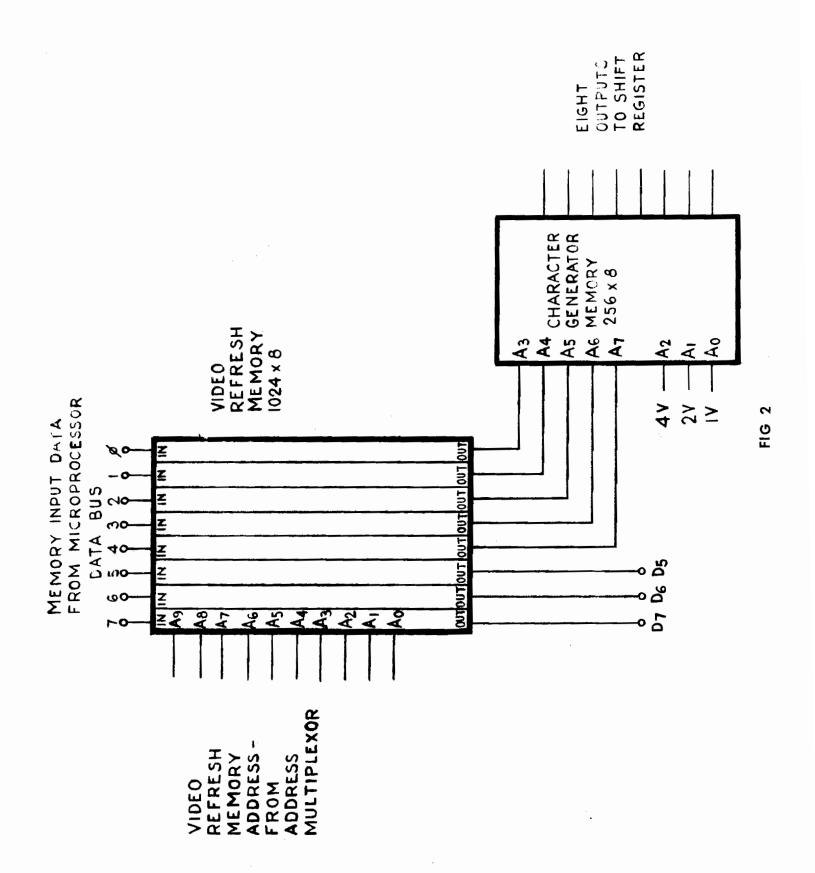


The remaining elements in Figure 1 convert (CPU) system information into a video display format. The T.V. monitor (18) uses a standard 525 scan line system.

Video Refresh Memory (9) stores information from the CPU which is read out as the CRT beam sweeps across the screen. It is addressed from two sources as controlled by Address Multiplexer (8). During vertical sweep retrace of the CRT, the Video Refresh Memory is addressed by the CPU so information can be updated. During scan time, Video Refresh Memory is addressed by Video Timing Logic (14). Refresh Memory Control (10) insures that address demands from Video Timing Logic and the CPU never occur simultaneously.

Character Generator Memory (15) provides a means for Video Refresh Memory to select 64 dots for each 8 word access. Each image, on the display, will have the dimensions of 8 dots high, and 8 dots wide. Shift register (16) develops this into a video signal. (see Figure 2)

A Tone Generator is driven by Output Ports (13). The CPU controls the frequency of the tone by loading a number (0-255) into the Output Ports (13). A direction change by a player will cause the CPU to load a different number into the Output Port, changing the tone. (see Figure 3)



TONE GENERATOR

#### MAINTENANCE

NOTE:

IF AT ANY TIME THE T.V. SCREEN SHOWS A MEANINGLESS DISPLAY OR THE GAME OTHERWISE MALFUNCTIONS, DROP A COIN IN THE COIN MECHANISM. THIS SHOULD CORRECT THE PROBLEM. IF NOT, THE GAME REQUIRES SERVICE.

#### **FACTORY ASSISTANCE:**

TECHNICAL HELP IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GREMLIN FACTORY. IF A PROBLEM OCCURS WHICH CANNOT BE EASILY RESOLVED BY YOUR DISTRIBUTOR, A PHONE CALL OR LETTER TO THE FACTORY WILL BRING ATTENTION TO YOUR PROBLEM BY A TRAINED REPRESENTATIVE.

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## **EQUIPMENT**:

- 1. Oscilliscope 50 mhz or wider band width
- 2. DVM (Digital Volt Meter)
- 3. OHM Meter
- 4. Logic Probe
- 5. Solder Station 75 Watt or less
- 6. Jumpers
- Replacement parts including game programs:
   1024 x 4 prom 316-0004 and 316-0003

This is a recommended list for anyone attempting to service BLOCKADE.



#### MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

#### **BLOCKADE POWER SUPPLY MALFUNCTION:**

- 1. Remove Output Connectors
- 2. Initial Tests: (GND lead to C-18 negative terminal located off board.)
  - a. +9v at "+" of C-18
  - b. +19v at C-6 (4700 mfd)
  - c. -19v at C-5 (4700 mfd)
  - d. -12v at pin 11
  - e. +12v at pin 12
  - f. +5v at pins 18-20
  - g. zero v (GND) at pins 14-16
- 3. If adjustments are required, attach meter ground to pins 14, 15 or 16 or equivalent local ground and:
  - a. +5v adjust input lead to pins 18, 19, 20 and adjust R-9 for +5.0 to +5.1 VDC
  - b. +12v adjust input lead to pin 12 and adjust R-8 for 11.5 to -12.1 VDC
  - c. -12v adjust input lead to pin 11 and adjust R-10 for -11.1 to -12.1 VDC
- 4. If initial test is good, attach output connectors to Video Logic Board. Repeat Step 2.
  - a. If readings differ from those previously taken, a loading problem exists on the Video Logic Board.
- No -12VDC or 5VDC on the Video Logic Board: (Power Supply Normal)

Video Logic Board Schematic (VLBS)(SH. 2). CHECK U-65, C-29 for open/short. CHECK R-40, C-12, D-2(VLBS) (SH. 1).

#### No +12VDC at CPU: (Power Supply Normal)

WLBS)(SH. 2). CHECK U-65, C-28. (VLBS)(SH. 1). CHECK C-23, C-25.

#### No Ø1, Ø2 CLOCKS: (Ref. Fig. 4A)

WLBS),(SH. 1). CHECK U-32 pins 1 and 3 for 20.79 MHZ. CHECK U-31 pins 14, 13, 12 and 11 for 150 nsec sinewave. CHECK U-17 pins 1, 3, 4, and 10. CHECK latch network U-18 and U-8. CHECK high voltage outputs of U-30 pins 3 and 6. If not present, remove driver transistor. Should U-30 now output, replace driver transistor, if still not present replace U-30. U-45 could load down Ø1 clock.

#### No Coin Start:

(VLBS)(SH. 1) CHECK output U-9 pin 6. If signal not present, lift U-10 pin 5. Should signal return, replace U-10. If still not present, check output of U-8 pin 3. CHECK D-8 pull up diode and C-18. CHECK U-14. U-32 could be shorting signal to  $Q_3$  and  $Q_A$ .

#### No Coin Meter Action:

(VLBS)(SH. 1). Signal from U-8 pin 11 feeds current limiter R-27 to  $Q_4$ . Saturated  $Q_4$  turns on high current transistor  $Q_5$ . Either  $Q_4$  or  $Q_5$  faulty, will inhibit meter.

#### No Player Control:

(VLBS)(SH. 1). Input accepted through U-12 and U-13 via data lines when strobe IND2 signal is generated through U-18 from U-45 and U-51 (status latch). CHECK U-18 pin 11, U-45 pin 8, U-45 pin 11, U-51 pin 10 for strobe pulse.

#### No Game Time Select:

WLBS)(SH. 1). Input accepted through U-10 and U-11 via data lines when strobe IND1 signal is generated through U-18 from U-45 and U-51. CHECK U-18 pin 3, U-45 pin 8, U-45 pin 11, U-51 pin 10 for strobe pulse.

# Meaningless Display on Screen: (Inserting coin does not correct problem)

There are two probable areas:

- 1. A program malfunction
  - a. Check ROM sockets, U-2 and U-3

#### 2. A data transfer malfunction

a. Test the CPU Data Bus by ensuring proper voltage levels. Pullup resistors are used to make memory outputs compatible with the 8080A. High State Logic on the Data Bus should be 3.3v minimum. For involved problems in this area contact GREMLIN INDUSTRIES.

#### Characters on Screen not correct: (Wrong image behaves normally)

(VLBS)(SH. 2). Use character generator code table to isolate possible bad RAM (U-38; U-39; U-40; U-41, or U-42). Also probable are U-22. U-23 (data buffers), U-24, U-25, U-26 (multiplexers), U-29 and U-43, U-49 (shift register).

#### No Video: (Ref. Fig. 4B, 4C, 4D)

(VLBSXSH. 2). CHECK U-54, U-53 circuitry for H reset. U-52 pin 1, clock for horiz. scan. U-55, U-58 provides timing for vert. scan. U-56 provides for vert. blanking.

#### Bad Video:

(VLBS)(Sh. 2). Bad video could be vertical roll or horizontal sliding. CHECK U-55 pin 12 and U-56 pin 4 of horizontal or vertical generators. CHECK U-63 pins 12 and 13 for vertical and horizontal blanking. U-64 develops sync pulses.

## Monitor Malfunction:

Refer to Motorola Service Manual (File VP 12). This manual included with BLOCKADE schematics.

# Audio Tones; Sour/None:

(VLBS)(SH. 2). U-68, U-61, U-62, U-66, U-67, U-60 comprise tone generator. Amplifier on Power Supply Board (U-4,  $Q_5$ ,  $Q_3$ , QX,  $Q_9$ ). Could also be problem area.

# Boom; Sour/None:

(VLBS)(SH. 1, Sh. 2). D-6,  $Q_{10}$ ,  $Q_{9}$ ,  $Q_{11}$ , U-5,  $Q_{7}$ ,  $Q_{8}$ , Generates Boom. Amplifier section on Power Supply Board (U-4,  $Q_{5}$ ,  $Q_{3}$ ,  $Q_{8}$ ,  $Q_{9}$ ), also probable.

# CHARACTER CODE TABLE

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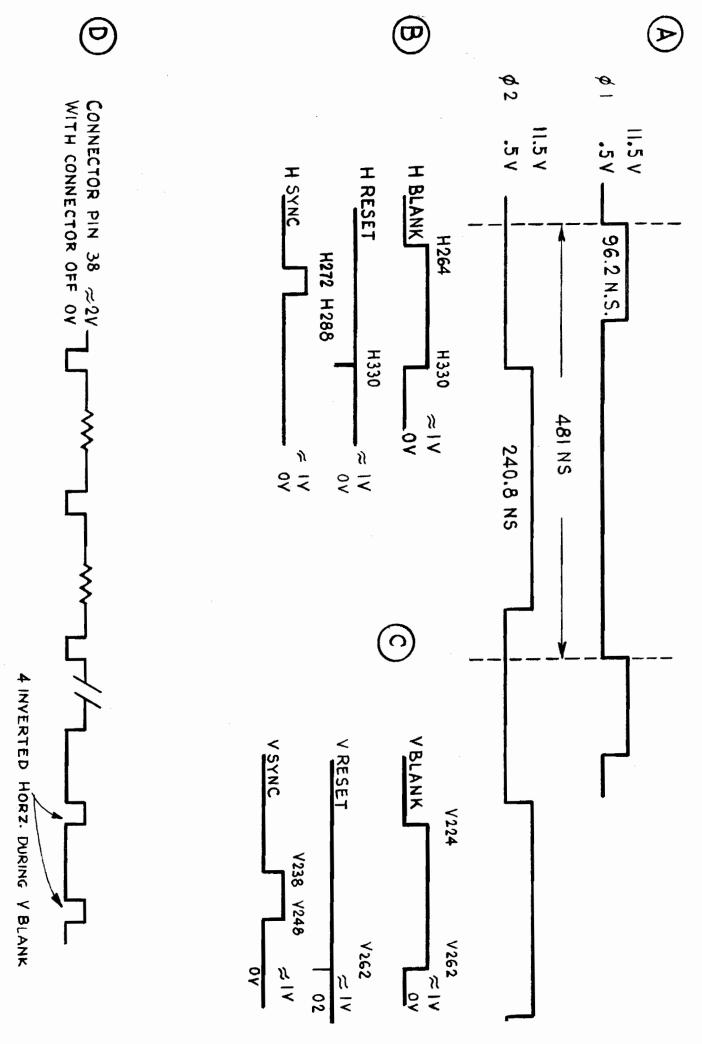


FIG. 4

## **BLOCKADE PARTS LIST**

DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER	QTY. USED
ANCHOR WASHER ASSY, CONTROL BLOCK CABLE TIE CONN, CRIMP COINBOX	280-0028	1
ASSY, CONTROL BLOCK	807-0007	1
CABLE TIE	280-0005	10
CONN, CRIMP COINBOX	211-0001	6
CONN, CRIMP LOCK CONN, FEM 4 PIN BLK	211-0005	14
CONN, FEM 4 PIN BLK	212-0005	2
CONN, FSM 10 PIN CONN, KEY, POLARIZING	212-0016	1
CONN, KEY, POLARIZING	211-0007	4
CONN. SPADELLIG 1/4"	211-0019	2 1
DECAL, VOLUME CONTROL	420-0031	1
KNOB, VOLUME CONTROL	240-0001	1
POT, 10K	475-0007	1
SWITCH BRACKET	250-0031	1
SWITCH, SINGLE POLE, 4 PGS.	511-0003	1
SWITCH, SLIDE, SPOT	510-0014	1
SWITCH, SLIDE, SPOT ASSY, JUMPER HARNESS CONN, CRIMP LOCK CONN, FEM 10 PIN	807-0006	1
CONN, CRIMP LOCK	211-0005	16
CONN, FEM 10 PIN	212-0016	2
CONN, FEM TO FIN CONN, KEY, POLARIZING ASSY, JUNCTION BOX BUSHING, STRESS/RELIEF CONN, QUICK 1/4" FEM	211-0007	4
ASSY, JUNCTION BOX	807-0009	1
BUSHING, STRESS/RELIEF	280-0007	2 2
CONN, QUICK 1/4" FEM	211-0017	2
CONN, QUICK 3/16" FEM	211-0022	4
CONN, SPADE LUG 1/4"	211-0019	14
CORD, LINE, 3 COND.	600-000T	1
FUSE, 2 AMP. 250v SB	514-0001	ı
HOLDER, FUSE	514-0005	1
FUSE, 2 AMP. 250v SB HOLDER, FUSE JUNCTION BOX	140-0016	1
JUNCTION BOX COVER	140-0017	1
SWITCH, SPDT CHERRY	510-0013	1
TERMINAL STRIP 6 POS.	280-0011	1
TERMINAL STRIP MARKER	280-0017	1
ASSY, MONITOR HARNESS	807-0005	1
CONN, CRIMP LOCK	211-0005	2
CONN, FEM 4 PIN BLK	212-0005	1
CONN, KEY, POLARIZING	211-0007	2
CONN, PIN CRIMP, FEM	211-0026	5
CONN, SPADE LUG 1/4"	211-0019	3

# BLOCKADE PARTS LIST (Cont'd.)

	PART NUMBER	
ASSY, OPERATOR SWITCH	807-0004 280-0005 211-0005 212-0016 211-0007	1
CABLE TIE	280-0005	10
CABLE TIE CONN, CRIMP LOCK CONN, FEM 10 PIN CONN, KEY POLARIZING CONN, QUICK, 1/4" FEM	211-0005	9
CONN, FEM 10 PIN	212-0016	1
CONN, KEY POLARIZING	211-0007	1
CONN, QUICK, 1/4" FEM	211-0017	16
CONN. SPADE LUG 1/4"	211-0019	2
SWITCH P/BUTTON, UNIMAX	510-0012	8
SWITCH, PLATE ASSY, POWER INTERRUPT ASSY, POWER SUPPLY	250-0029	2
ASSY, POWER INTERRUPT	807-0012	1
ASSY, POWER SUPPLY	807-0003	1
ASSY, SPEAKER CABLE	807-0010	1
ASSY, SPEAKER CABLE CONN, CRIMP LOCK	211-0005	2
CONN, FEM 4 PIN BLK	212-0005	1
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CONN, QUICK 3/16" FEM	211-0022	2
ASSY, VIDEO LOGIC B/A	807-0001	2 1
BEZEL FRAME	250-0032	1 1
CABINET B/A	140-0014	1
CABINET FEET	280-0030	4
CONN, KEY, POLARIZING CONN, QUICK 3/16" FEM ASSY, VIDEO LOGIC B/A BEZEL FRAME CABINET B/A CABINET FEET CASH BOX	220-0012	1 1
CASH BOX, LOCKING ASSY	252-0014	1
CASH BOX, LOCKING ASSY CLIP, WIRE HOLD DOWN	280-0004	35
COIN COUNTER ASSY	807-0011	1
CONN, CRIMP LOCK	211-0005	2
CONN. FFM 10 PIN	212-0016	1
CONN, KEY, POLARIZING	211-0007	ī
CONN, KEY, POLARIZING COUNTER, DIGITAL	<b>220-000</b> 8	1
CORNER STRIP	420-0037	4
DECAL, BLOCKADE	420-0032	1
DECAL, CAUTION 115V	420-0030	
DECAL, IMPORTANT NOTE	<b>420-003</b> 8	1 2
DECAL, RE-CYCLE	420-0040	1
DECAL, SERIAL NUMBER	<b>420-002</b> 8	1
DECAL, SERIAL NUMBER, SMALL	420-0041	1
DECAL, SERVICE	420-0029	1
	420-0042	1
•	220-0010	1
	390-0011	1
LAMP, FLUORESCENT, 18",	390-0012	1
(FIXTURE)		
LATCH, LOCK B/A	220-0015	1

# BLOCKADE PARTS LIST (Contd.)

DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER	QTY. USED
LOCK, PANEL	320-0009	1
MASK, SHADOW CABINET	253-0014	1
MONITOR SCREEN	253-0012	1
NUT, WIRE	280-0010	2
PANEL, DISPLAY UPPER	253-0013	1
PANEL, FRONT SWITCH	250-0030	1
PLATE, LOCK STRIKE	250-0033	1
SPEAKER COVER 6 x 9	130-0002	1
SPEAKER, GAME	130-0001	1
SPRING, RETAINER	250-0034	1
SWITCH, LIP	<b>250-00</b> 48	1
SWITCH, SLAM W/PLATE	510-0016	1
TOP COVER	420-0035	1
VIDEO MONITOR 19"	200-0002	1
WRAP AROUND SIDE	420-0034	1

