

## STEREO TONE/VOLUME CONTROL CIRCUIT

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The TDA1525 is an active stereo tone/volume control for car radios, television receivers and mains-fed audio equipment. It includes functions for bass and treble control, volume control with built-in contour (can be switched off) and balance. All these functions can be controlled by DC voltages or by single linear potentiometers.

## Features

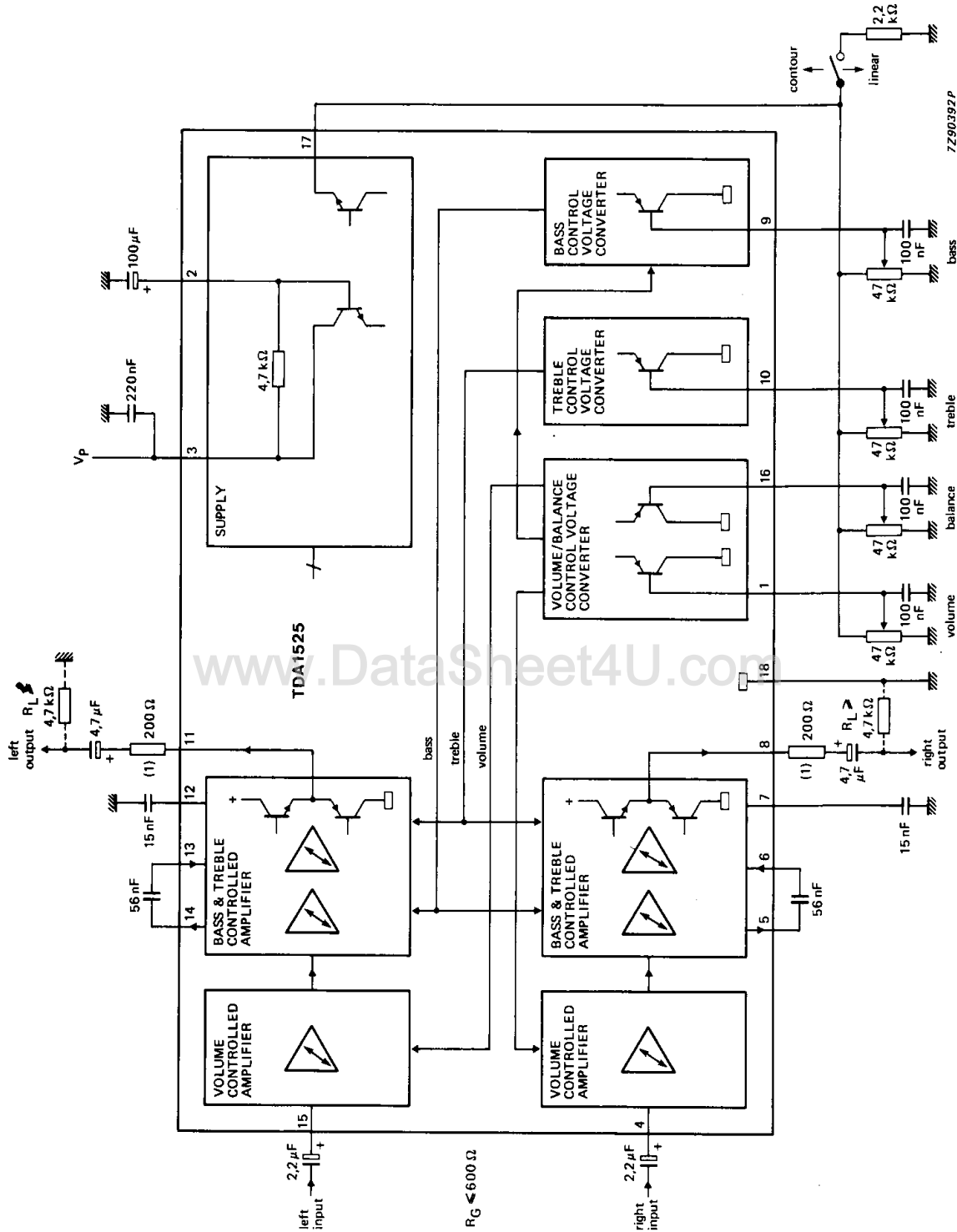
- Few external components necessary
- Low noise due to internal gain
- Bass emphasis can be increased by a double-pole low-pass filter
- Wide power supply voltage range

## QUICK REFERENCE DATA

parameter	conditions	symbol	min.	typ.	max.	unit
Supply voltage (pin 3)		$V_P = V_{3-18}$	7.5	12	16.5	V
Supply current		$I_3$	—	35	—	mA
Maximum input signal with DC feedback (RMS value)		$V_{i(rms)}$	—	2.5	—	V
Maximum output signal with DC feedback (RMS value)		$V_{o(rms)}$	—	3.0	—	V
Volume control range		$\Delta G_V$	−80	—	+ 21.5	dB
Bass control range	at 40 Hz	$\Delta G_V$	—	−19 to +17	—	dB
Treble control range	at 16 kHz	$\Delta G_V$	—	± 15	—	dB
Total harmonic distortion		THD	—	0.3	—	%
Output noise voltage (RMS value)	unweighted; f = 20 Hz to 20 kHz; $V_P = 12$ V					
for maximum voltage gain		$V_{no(rms)}$	—	310	—	$\mu$ V
for voltage gain = −40 dB		$V_{no(rms)}$	—	100	—	$\mu$ V
Channel separation	$G_V = -20$ to + 21.5 dB	$\alpha_{cs}$	—	60	—	dB
Tracking between channels	$G_V = -20$ to + 26 dB	$\Delta G_V$	—	—	2.5	dB
Ripple rejection	f = 100 Hz	RR	—	50	—	dB
Operating ambient temperature range		$T_{amb}$	−40	—	+ 85	°C

## PACKAGE OUTLINE

18-lead DIL; plastic (SOT102).



(1) Series resistor is recommended in the event of the capacitive loads exceeding 200 pF.

Fig. 1 Block diagram and application circuit with single-pole filter.

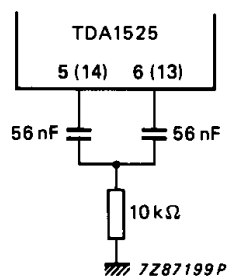


Fig.2 Double-pole low-pass filter for improved bass-boost.

**RATINGS**

Limiting values in accordance with the Absolute Maximum System (IEC 134)

parameter	conditions	symbol	min.	max.	unit
Supply voltage (pin 3)		$V_P = V_{3-18}$	—	18	V
Total power dissipation		$P_{tot}$	—	1200	mW
Storage temperature range		$T_{stg}$	−55	+ 150	°C
Operating ambient temperature range		$T_{amb}$	−40	+ 85	°C

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## DC CHARACTERISTICS

$V_P = V_{3,18} = 12\text{ V}$ ;  $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; all voltages are with reference to pin 18; measured in Fig. 1;  
 $R_G \leq 600\ \Omega$ ;  $R_L > 4.7\ \text{k}\Omega$ ;  $C_L \leq 200\ \text{pF}$ ; unless otherwise specified

parameter	conditions	symbol	min.	typ.	max.	unit
Supply voltage		$V_P = V_3$	7.5	12	16.5	V
Supply current	$V_P = 8.5\text{ V}$	$I_3$	19	27	35	mA
	$V_P = 9.7\text{ V}$	$I_3$	—	—	40	mA
	$V_P = 12.0\text{ V}$	$I_3$	25	35	45	mA
	$V_P = 15.0\text{ V}$	$I_3$	30	43	56	mA
DC input levels (pins 4 and 15)	$V_P = 8.5\text{ V}$	$V_{4,15}$	3.8	4.25	4.7	V
	$V_P = 12.0\text{ V}$	$V_{4,15}$	5.3	5.9	6.6	V
	$V_P = 15.0\text{ V}$	$V_{4,15}$	6.5	7.3	8.2	V
DC output levels (pins 8 and 11)	all control voltage con- ditions					
	$V_P = 8.5\text{ V}$	$V_{8,11}$	3.3	4.25	5.2	V
	$V_P = 12.0\text{ V}$	$V_{8,11}$	4.6	6.0	7.4	V
	$V_P = 15.0\text{ V}$	$V_{8,11}$	5.7	7.5	9.3	V
Potentiometer supply voltage output (pin 17)	$V_P = 8.5\text{ V}$	$V_{17}$	3.25	3.6	3.85	V
Contour on/off switch (control by $I_{17}$ )	switch open	$-I_{17}$	—	—	0.5	mA
	linear switch closed	$-I_{17}$	1.5	—	10.0	mA
Application without potentiometer supply from pin 17 (contour cannot be switched off); voltage range forced to pin 17	$V_P \geq 10.8\text{ V}$	$V_{17}$	4.5	—	$\frac{V_P}{2} - V_{BE}$	V
DC voltage range for volume, bass, treble and balance controls (pins 1, 9, 10 and 16 respectively)	$V_{17} = 5.0\text{ V}$ using supply from pin 17	$V_{1,9,10,16}$	1.0	—	4.25	V
		$V_{1,9,10,16}$	0.25	—	3.8	V
Input current to pins 1, 9, 10 and 16		$-I_{1,9,10,16}$	—	—	5.0	$\mu\text{A}$

## AC CHARACTERISTICS

$V_p = V_{3-18} = 8.5 \text{ V}$ ;  $T_{amb} = 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; all voltages are with reference to pin 18; measured in Fig. 1; contour switch closed (linear position); volume, balance, bass, and treble controls in mid-position;  $R_G \leq 600 \text{ } \Omega$ ;  $R_L \geq 4.7 \text{ k}\Omega$ ;  $C_L \leq 200 \text{ pF}$ ;  $f = 1 \text{ kHz}$ ; unless otherwise specified

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parameter	conditions	symbol	min.	typ.	max.	unit
<b>Control range</b>						
Max. gain (volume)	see Fig. 4	$G_{V \max}$	20.5	21.5	23.0	dB
Volume control range	$G_{V \max}/G_{V \min}$	$\Delta G_V$	90	100	—	dB
Balance control range	$G_V = 0 \text{ dB}$ ; see Fig. 5	$\Delta G_V$	—	—40	—	dB
Bass control range	$f = 40 \text{ Hz}$ ; see Fig. 6	$\Delta G_V$	$\pm 12$	—19 to +17	—	dB
Treble control range	$f = 16 \text{ kHz}$ ; see Fig. 7	$\Delta G_V$	$\pm 12$	$\pm 15$	—	dB
Contour characteristics			see Figs 8 and 9			
<b>Input signals</b> (pins 4 and 15)						
Input resistance with volume control gain at 20 dB at —40 dB	note 1  $G_V = 20 \text{ dB}$ $G_V = -40 \text{ dB}$	$R_{i4, 15}$ $R_{i4, 15}$	10 —	— 160	— —	$\text{k}\Omega$ $\text{k}\Omega$
<b>Output signals</b> (pins 8 and 11)						
Output resistance		$R_{o8, 11}$	—	—	300	$\Omega$
<b>Signal processing</b>						
Power supply ripple rejection	$V_{p(\text{rms})} \leq 200 \text{ mV}$ ; $f = 100 \text{ Hz}$ ; $G_V = 0 \text{ dB}$	RR	35	50	—	dB
Channel separation	250 Hz to 10 kHz; $G_V = -20$ to +21.5 dB	$\alpha_{cs}$	46	60	—	dB
Spread of volume control with constant control voltage	$V_1 = V_{17}/2$	$\Delta G_V$	—	—	$\pm 3$	dB
Gain tolerance between left and right channels	$V_1 = V_{16} = V_{17}/2$	$\Delta G_{VL-R}$	—	—	1.5	dB
Tracking between channels	$G_V = 21.5$ to —26 dB; $f = 250 \text{ Hz}$ to 6.3 kHz; balance adjusted for $G_V = 10 \text{ dB}$	$\Delta G_V$	—	—	2.5	dB

## AC CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

parameter	conditions	symbol	min.	typ.	max.	unit
<b>Signal handling</b>						
Input signal handling (RMS value)	$V_p = 8.5\text{ V};$ THD = 0.5%; $f = 1\text{ kHz}$	$V_{i(rms)}$	1.4	—	—	V
	$V_p = 8.5\text{ V};$ THD = 0.7%; $f = 1\text{ kHz}$	$V_{i(rms)}$	1.8	2.4	—	V
	$V_p = 12\text{ V};$ THD = 0.5%; $f = 40\text{ Hz to }16\text{ kHz}$	$V_{i(rms)}$	1.4	—	—	V
	$V_p = 12\text{ V};$ THD = 0.7%; $f = 40\text{ Hz to }16\text{ kHz}$	$V_{i(rms)}$	2.0	3.2	—	V
	$V_p = 15\text{ V};$ THD = 0.5%; $f = 40\text{ Hz to }16\text{ kHz}$	$V_{i(rms)}$	1.4	—	—	V
	$V_p = 15\text{ V};$ THD = 0.7%; $f = 40\text{ Hz to }16\text{ kHz}$	$V_{i(rms)}$	2.0	3.2	—	V
Output signal handling (RMS value)	notes 2 and 3; $V_p = 8.5\text{ V};$ THD = 0.5%; $f = 1\text{ kHz}$	$V_{o(rms)}$	1.8	2.0	—	V
	$V_p = 8.5\text{ V};$ THD = 10%; $f = 1\text{ kHz}$	$V_{o(rms)}$	—	2.2	—	V
	$V_p = 12\text{ V};$ THD = 0.5%; $f = 40\text{ Hz to }16\text{ kHz}$	$V_{o(rms)}$	2.5	3.0	—	V
	$V_p = 15\text{ V};$ THD = 0.5%; $f = 40\text{ Hz to }16\text{ kHz}$	$V_{o(rms)}$	—	3.5	—	V

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<b>Noise performance (<math>V_p = 8.5</math> V)</b>						
Output noise voltage; unweighted (RMS value)	see Fig. 14; $f = 20$ Hz to 20 kHz					
for max. voltage gain for $G_V = -3$ dB	note 4	$V_{no(rms)}$	—	260	—	$\mu V$
	note 4	$V_{no(rms)}$	—	70	140	$\mu V$
Output noise voltage; weighted as DIN45405 of 1981, CCIR recommendation 468-2 (peak value)						
for max. voltage gain	note 4	$V_{no(m)}$	—	890	—	$\mu V$
for max. emphasis of bass and treble	contour off; $G_V = -40$ dB	$V_{no(m)}$	—	360	—	$\mu V$
<b>Noise performance (<math>V_p = 12</math> V)</b>						
Output noise voltage; unweighted (RMS value)	see Fig. 14; $f = 20$ Hz to 20 kHz; note 5					
for max. voltage gain for $G_V = -16$ dB	note 4	$V_{no(rms)}$	—	310	—	$\mu V$
	note 4	$V_{no(rms)}$	—	100	200	$\mu V$
Output noise voltage; weighted as DIN45405 of 1981, CCIR recommendation 468-2 (peak value)						
for max. voltage gain	note 4	$V_{no(m)}$	—	940	—	$\mu V$
for max. emphasis of bass and treble	contour off; $G_V = -40$ dB	$V_{no(m)}$	—	400	—	$\mu V$

## AC CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

parameter	conditions	symbol	min.	typ.	max.	unit
<b>Noise performance (<math>V_P = 15\text{ V}</math>)</b>						
Output noise voltage; unweighted (RMS value)	see Fig. 14; $f = 20\text{ Hz to } 20\text{ kHz}$ ; note 5					
for max. voltage gain for $G_V = -16\text{ dB}$	note 4	$V_{no(rms)}$	—	350	—	$\mu\text{V}$
	note 4	$V_{no(rms)}$	—	110	220	$\mu\text{V}$
Output noise voltage; weighted as DIN45405 of 1981, CCIR recommendation 468-2 (peak value)						
for max. voltage gain for max. emphasis of bass and treble	note 4	$V_{no(m)}$	—	980	—	$\mu\text{V}$
	contour off; $G_V = -40\text{ dB}$	$V_{no(m)}$	—	420	—	$\mu\text{V}$

## Notes to the characteristics

- Equation for input resistance (see also Fig. 3)

$$R_i = \frac{160\text{ k}\Omega}{1 + G_V}; G_{V\text{ max}} = 12.$$

- Frequencies below 200 Hz and above 5 kHz have reduced voltage swing, the reduction at 40 Hz and at 16 kHz is 30%.
- In the event of bass boosting the output signal handling is reduced. The reduction is 1 dB for maximum bass boost.
- Linear frequency response.
- For peak values add 4.5 dB to RMS values.



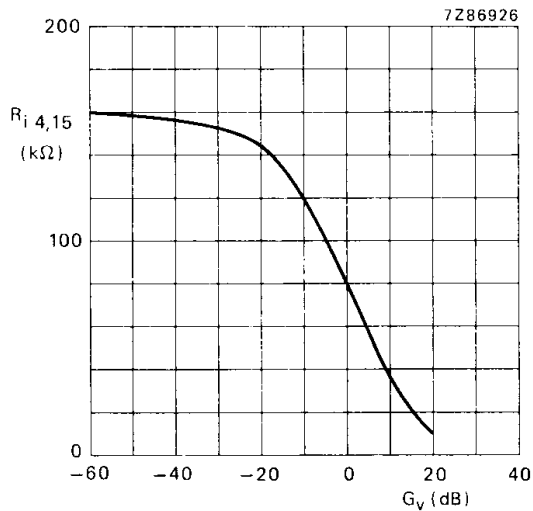


Fig. 3 Input resistance ( $R_i$ ) as a function of gain of volume control ( $G_v$ ). Measured in Fig. 1.

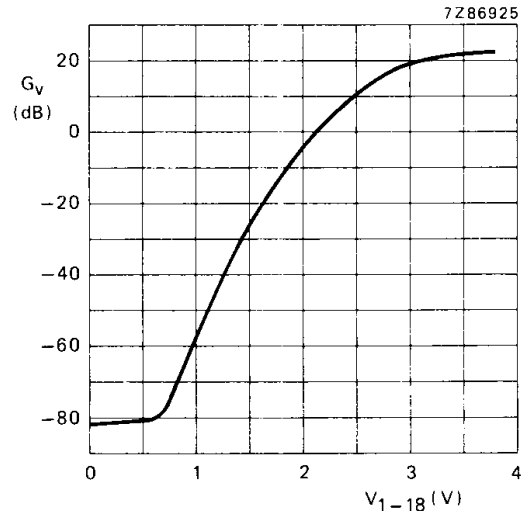


Fig. 4 Volume control curve; voltage gain ( $G_v$ ) as a function of control voltage ( $V_{1-18}$ ). Measured in Fig. 1 (internal potentiometer supply from pin 17 used);  $V_p = 8.5$  V;  $f = 1$  kHz.

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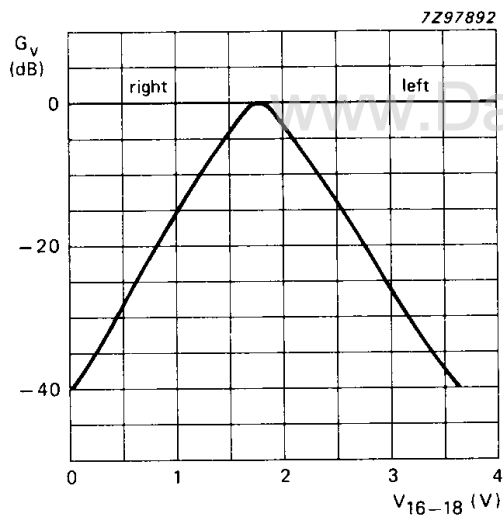


Fig. 5 Balance control curve; voltage gain ( $G_v$ ) as a function of control voltage ( $V_{16-18}$ ). Measured in Fig. 1 (internal potentiometer supply from pin 17 used);  $V_p = 8.5$  V.

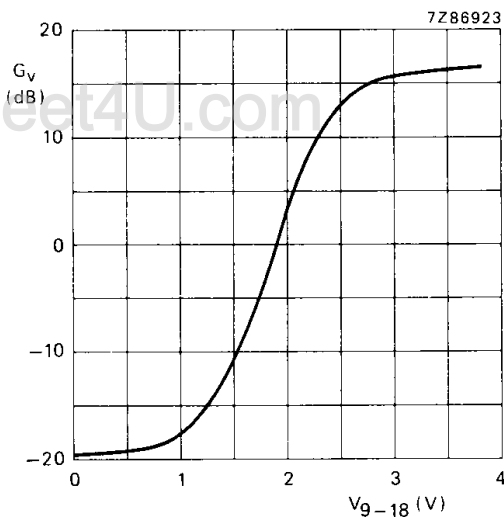


Fig. 6 Bass control curve; voltage gain ( $G_v$ ) as a function of control voltage ( $V_{9-18}$ ). Measured in Fig. 1 with single-pole filter (internal potentiometer supply from pin 17 used);  $V_p = 8.5$  V;  $f = 40$  Hz.

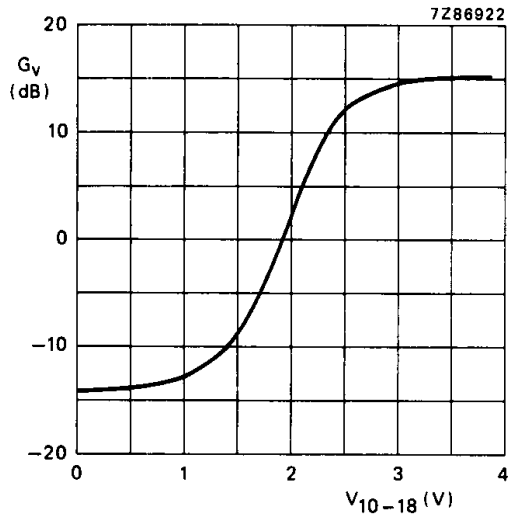


Fig. 7 Treble control curve; voltage gain ( $G_v$ ) as a function of control voltage ( $V_{10-18}$ ). Measured in Fig. 1 (internal potentiometer supply from pin 17 used);  $V_p = 8.5$  V;  $f = 16$  kHz.

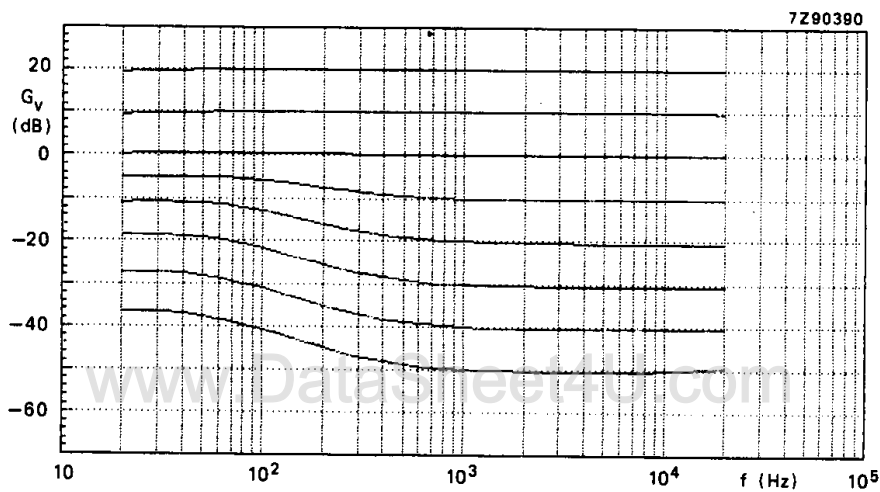


Fig. 8 Contour frequency response curves; voltage gain ( $G_v$ ) as a function of audio input frequency. Measured in Fig. 1 with single-pole filter;  $V_p = 8.5$  V.

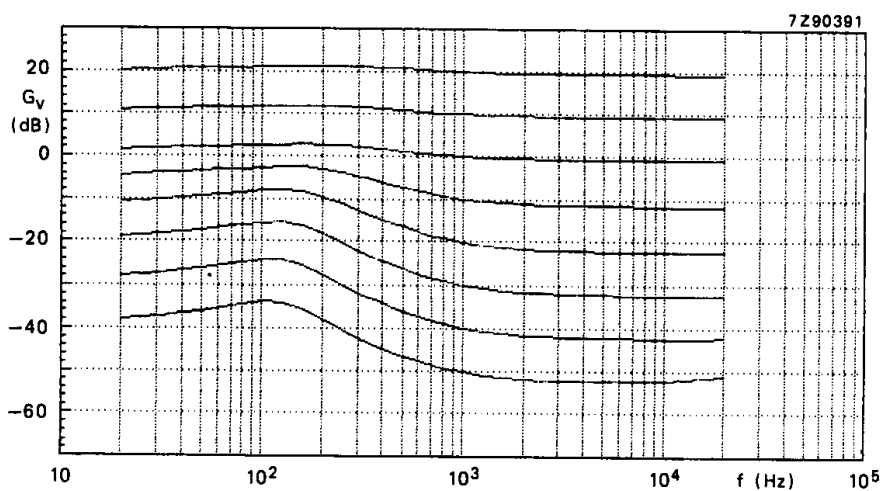


Fig. 9 Contour frequency response curves; voltage gain ( $G_v$ ) as a function of audio input frequency. Measured in Fig. 1 with double-pole filter;  $V_p = 8.5$  V.

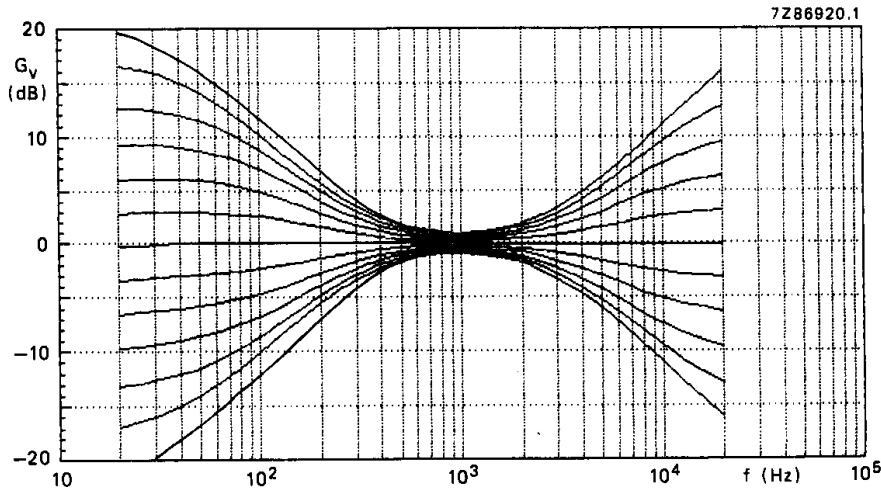


Fig. 10 Tone control frequency response curves; voltage gain ( $G_V$ ) as a function of audio input frequency. Measured in Fig. 1 with single-pole filter;  $V_P = 8.5$  V.

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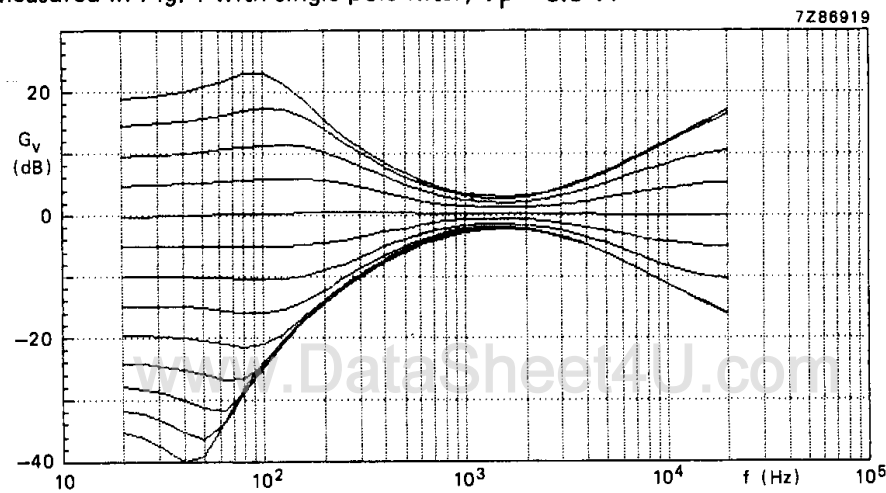


Fig. 11 Tone control frequency response curves; voltage gain ( $G_V$ ) as a function of audio input frequency. Measured in Fig. 1 with double-pole filter;  $V_P = 8.5$  V.

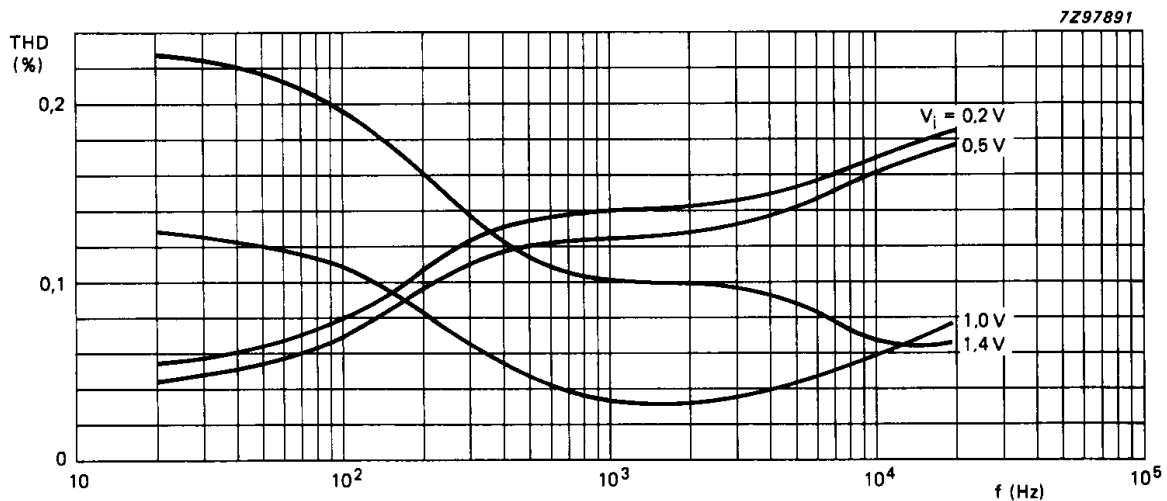


Fig. 12 Total harmonic distortion (THD) as a function of audio input frequency. Measured in Fig. 1;  $V_P = 8.5$  V; volume control voltage gain at  $G_V = 20 \log \frac{V_O}{V_i} = 0$  dB.

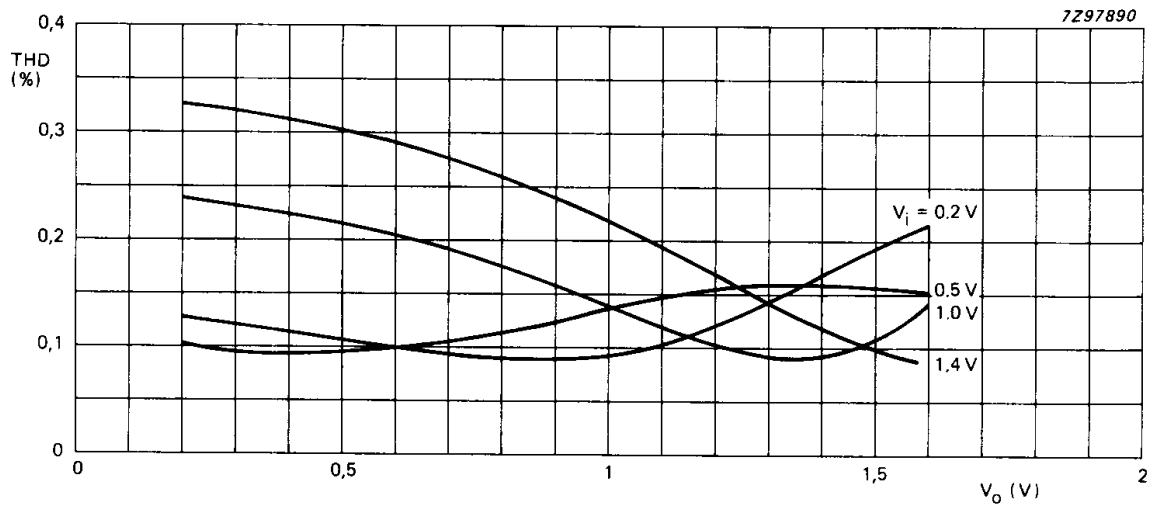
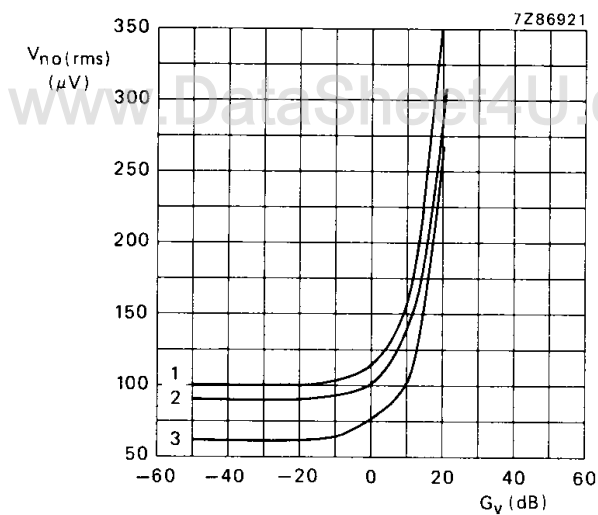


Fig. 13 Total harmonic distortion (THD) as a function of output voltage ( $V_O$ ). Measured in Fig. 1;  $V_P = 8.5$  V;  $f = 1$  kHz.



- (1)  $V_P = 15$  V.
- (2)  $V_P = 12$  V.
- (3)  $V_P = 8.5$  V.

Fig. 14 Noise output voltage ( $V_{no(rms)}$ ; unweighted) as a function of voltage gain ( $G_v$ ). Measured in Fig. 1;  $f = 20$  Hz to 20 kHz.

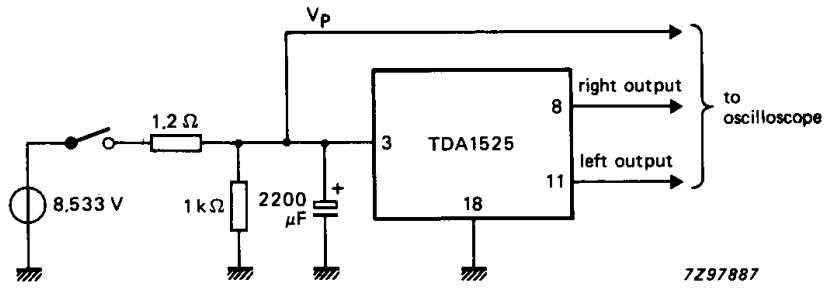


Fig. 15 Test circuit for power-on and power-off response measurements.

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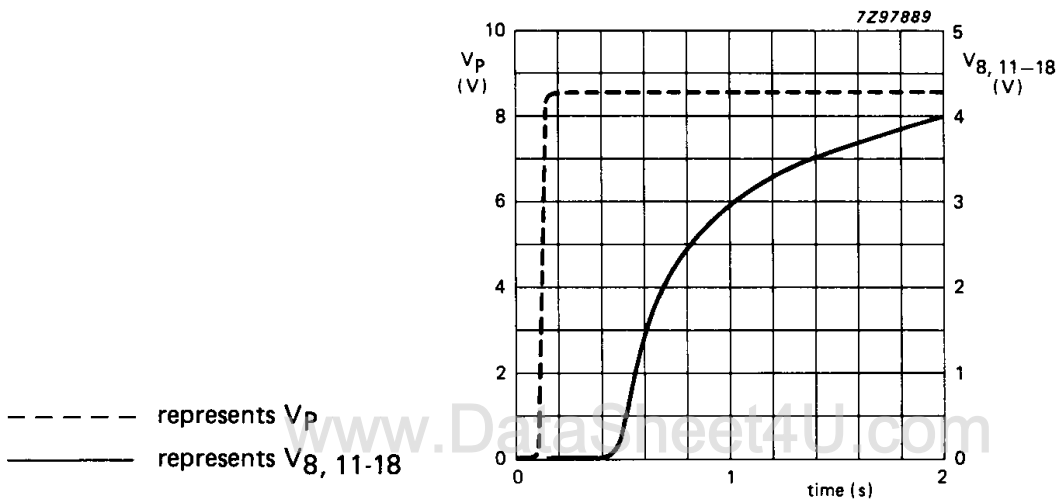


Fig. 16 Response at power-on. Measured in circuit of Fig. 15.

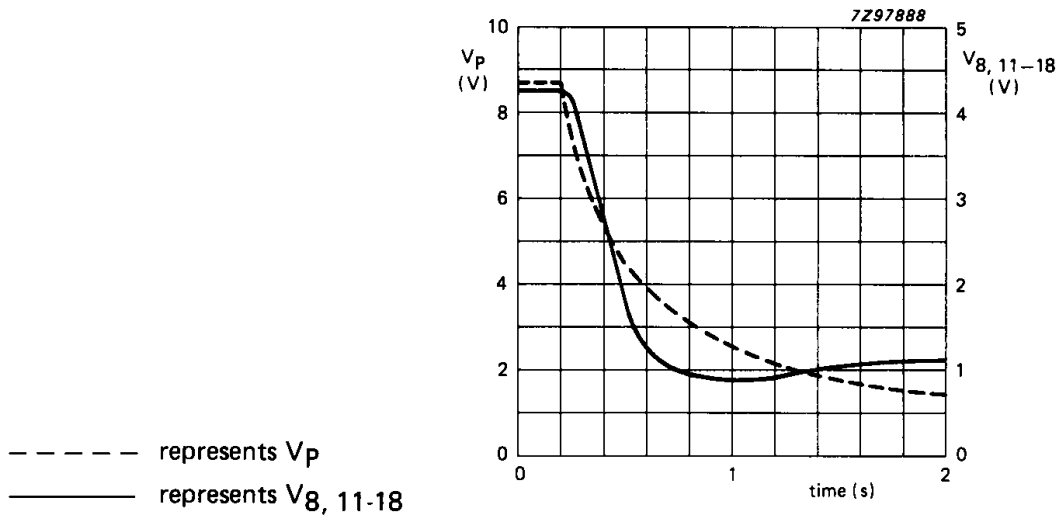


Fig. 17 Response at power-off. Measured in circuit of Fig. 15.