

APPENDIX B - MOUNT SPECIFIC DATA

For RF Scientific 4.5/3.8m.

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This appendix describes RC3000 operations unique for the RF Scientific mounts equipped with an Antenna Interface Unit (AIU). Differences between this version and the operation described in the “baseline” RC3000 manual are noted on a paragraph by paragraph basis.

Manual Organization

This appendix is provided as a supplement to the baseline RC3000 manual.

RC3000 Features – Configuration

A RC3000G version of hardware is required for this mount. The mount model will be designated as N5 (4.5m) or F2 (3.8m).

Software will be designated as RC3K-N5/F2-xxx

Mount Model

DESIGNATION	MODEL
F2	3.8 m
N5	4.5 m

1.3.1 Controller Description

The model RC3000D differs from a baseline RC3000 in the following ways:

RESOLVER BOARD. A resolver to digital conversion board has been added to the baseline RC3000 hardware.

AIU COMMAND BOARD. In place of a DC Motor Control module, a AIU command board is used to generate drive signals to the AIU. A schematic of this board is shown in section 4.2.

1.3.2 System Interface Requirements

The interface requirements for this mount are very similar to the “standard” RC3000 interface described in the baseline manual. The main difference are:

- instead of generating drive voltage from the controller, the RC3000D generates drive commands to the AIU. The AIU will then generate the actual drive voltage to the mount.
- limit switch inputs from the mount are interpreted by the AIU. The RC3000G allows for the setting of “software limits”.
- azimuth and elevation resolver position feedback is passed through the AIU to the RC3000G

1.3.3 Operational Overview

The operation of the N5/F2 version is almost identical to that described in the baseline manual. Differences will be noted in the appropriate paragraphs.

1.3.7 Drive System

Position Sensing and Limits. Azimuth and elevation software limits are implemented.

Jam and Runaway Sensing. Jammed and runaway sensing is based on resolver counts.

2.1.4 Inclinometer Orientation

For the N5 mount, the inclinometer should be 15 degrees clockwise beyond vertical when the reflector is at the 60.0 degree look (RF) angle position.

2.2 Electrical Connections

2.2.1 Power Entry

The RC3000G uses a 1 Amp fast-blow fuse. Note: this smaller value fuse may be used since the RC3000G does not generate the actual drive voltage.

2.2.2 Motor Drive

J7 generates drive signals to the AIU per the following table.

J7 PIN	VS-1 Drive Signal
A	AZ – EAST
B	AZ – WEST
C	AZ – FAST
D	AZ – SLOW
E	EL – DOWN
F	EL –UP
G	EL – FAST
H	EL – SLOW
J	POL – CCW
K	POL – CW
L	AZ + EAST
M	POL + CW

2.2.4 Limit Switches

No azimuth or elevation limit switch indications come to the RC3000G from the mount. All limit switch inputs are hardwired inside the RC3000G.

2.3.2 Elevation Calibration

Sensor Polarity. The inclinometer should increase in voltage when going up, elevation resolver count should also increase.

Elevation Reference Position. Both the inclinometer and elevation resolver should be calibrated while the reflector is at the 60.0 degree RF look angle (i.e. the elevation reference position).

With the inclinometer oriented as described in 2.1.4 the elevation reference voltage should be approximately 2.70 volts.

Rotate the elevation resolver until a raw resolver angle of approximately 180.0 degrees is seen in the MAINTENANCE-VOLTS screen. Lock the elevation resolver in place and observe the raw resolver angle. Subtract 60.0 from this observed angle and enter it as the elevation resolver offset (see 3.3.1.2.2).

2.3.3 Azimuth Calibration.

The only position sensor on the azimuth axis is the resolver.

Sensor Polarity. Azimuth resolver “counts” should increase as the mount rotates clockwise. If it does not, the polarity may be changed by setting the azimuth resolver reverse flag.

Azimuth Reference Position. - Position the mount at the azimuth stow position as exactly as possible. Loosen and adjust the azimuth resolver to be as close to 180 degrees (seen at a/d volts screen 3.3.2.1) as possible. The azimuth resolver offset will be $0.0 - \text{“raw resolver angle”}$.

Azimuth Limits. This version of the RC3000 implements “software” limits. The azimuth CW and CCW pulse limits (3.3.1.3.3) should be set to values that reflect the azimuth resolver count values near the end of azimuth travel. When the RC3000 senses that the azimuth axis has reached these values, it will generate a “software” limit condition even though the actual hardware limit has not been reached. If the user does not want to use the “software limit” feature, set these configuration items to values outside the range of normal azimuth travel.

3.3.1.3.2 Azimuth Pot Drive

Since no potentiometer exists on the azimuth axis, these items actually are used to tune azimuth movements based on angles derived from the resolver feedback.

3.3.1.3.3 Azimuth Pulse Drive

3.3.1.3.6 Elevation Pulse Drive

The items on the Pulse Drive screens are actually used to tune drive movements based on resolver “counts”. The resolver counts are used in the same fashion as pulse counts are used for making precise movements (during tracking, recall) of the mount.

NOTE: the azimuth and elevation pulses_per_radian values are set to 10,431. This is the number of resolver counts per radian.

$360 \text{ degrees} / 65536 \text{ total counts} = 0.005493164 \text{ degrees/count}$ or $182.044 \text{ counts/degree}$.

$182.044 \text{ counts/degree} * 57.29 \text{ degrees/radian} = 10431 \text{ counts/radian}$

3.3.1.3.4 Azimuth Drive Monitoring

3.3.1.3.7 Elevation Drive Monitoring

The items on the Drive Monitoring screens are actually used to tune drive movements based on resolver “counts”. The resolver counts are used in the same fashion as pulse counts are used for making precise movements of the mount.

3.3.1.2 Reset Defaults

The following table supplies the default configuration item values for this model of mount. Only the values for F2 that are different from N5 are shown.

Space has also been provided to record installation specific changes to the configuration items. Note: recording of installation specific changes to defaults may prove valuable when trying to restore system configuration.

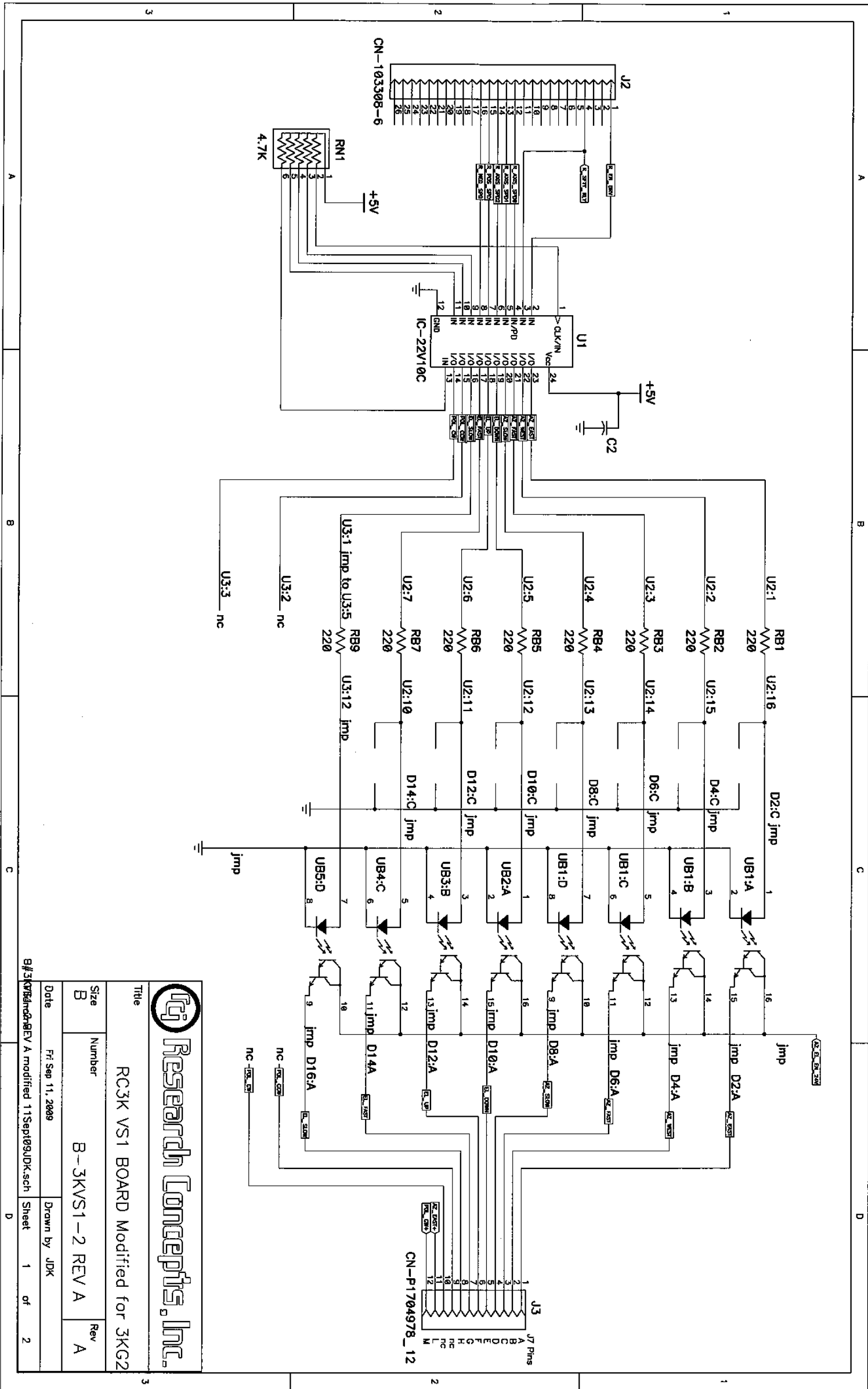
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SYSTEM DEFINITION								
GPS_present	1							
Compass_present	1							
Mode	2							
antenna_size_cm	450	380						
Waveguide_Switch_Present	0							
AZIMUTH CALIBRATION								
Azim_offset	0.0							
ccw_azim_limit	165							
Cw_azim_limit	165							
Resolver Offset	-180.0							
Resolver Direction	0							
ELEVATION CALIBRATION								
Zero Voltage	2.70							
Elev_offset	0.0							
Up_elev_limit	90							
Down_elev_limit	0							
Elevation_Scale_Factor	50.00							
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Resolver Direction	0							
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POLARIZATION CAL								
Resolver Offset	2.50							
Reference Voltage	0							
Polarization_Offset	0.0							
CW Polarization Limit	90.0							
CCW Polarization Limit	90.0							
Polarization_type	2							
H/V_Reference	1							
Default Horizontal Position	-45.0							
Default Vertical Position	45.0							
Pol_Automove_Enable	1							
SIGNAL PARAMETERS								
Channel 1 Polarity	1							
Channel 1 Threshold	100							
Channel 1 Delay	0.1							
Channel 1 Lock Type	0							
Channel 2 Polarity	1							
Channel 2 Threshold	100							
Channel 2 Delay	0.1							
Channel 2 Lock Type	0							
AUTOPEAK								
Autopeak Enabled	0							
Signal Source	1							
RF Band	1							
Spiral Search AZ Limit	3							
Spiral Search EL Limit	3							
Spiral Signal Threshold	200							
Scan Range Limit	8							
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CONFIGURATION ITEM	N5	F2						INSTALL VALUE
AZIMUTH POT DRIVE								
Fast/Slow Threshold	0.3							
Maximum Position Error	0.1							
Coast Threshold	0.1							
Maximum Retry Count	3							
AZIMUTH PULSE DRIVE								
Pulse Scale Factor	10431							
CW Pulse Limit	63000							
CCW Pulse Limit	2000							
Fast/Slow Threshold	50							
Maximum Position Error	0							
Coast Threshold	3							
Maximum Retry Count	3							
AZIM DRIVE MONITORING								
Jam Slop	1							
Runaway Slop	200							
Fast Deadband	1000							
Slow Deadband	500							
ELEV POT DRIVE								
Fast/Slow Threshold	0.8							
Maximum Position Error	0.2							
Coast Threshold	0.4							
Maximum Retry Count	3							
ELEV PULSE DRIVE								
Pulse Scale Factor	10431							
UP Pulse Limit	39000							
Down Pulse Limit	21000							
Fast/Slow Threshold	100							
Maximum Position Error	0							
Coast Threshold	3							
Maximum Retry Count	3							
ELEV DRIVE MONITORING								
Jam Slop	1							
Runaway Slop	200							
Fast Deadband	1000							
Slow Deadband	500							
POL POT DRIVE								
Fast/Slow Threshold	2.0							
Maximum Position Error	0.5							
Coast Threshold	0.3							
Maximum Retry Count	3							
POL DRIVE MONITORING								
Jam Slop	1							
Runaway Slop	200							
Fast Deadband	1000							
Slow Deadband	500							

CONFIGURATION ITEM	N5	F2						INSTALL VALUE
TRACK								
Search Enable	0							
Max Track Error	3							
Search Width	4							
Peakup Holdoff Time	120							
Track Signal Source	2							
Signal Sample Time	2							
REMOTE CONTROL								
Remote Enabled	1							
Bus Address	50							
Baud Rate	6							
STOW / DEPLOY								
AZ STOW	0.0							
EL STOW	95.0							
PL STOW	0.0							
AZ DEPLOY	0.0							
EL DEPLOY	60.0							
PL DEPLOY	0.0							
PL ENABLED	2							

4.2 schematics

AIU card



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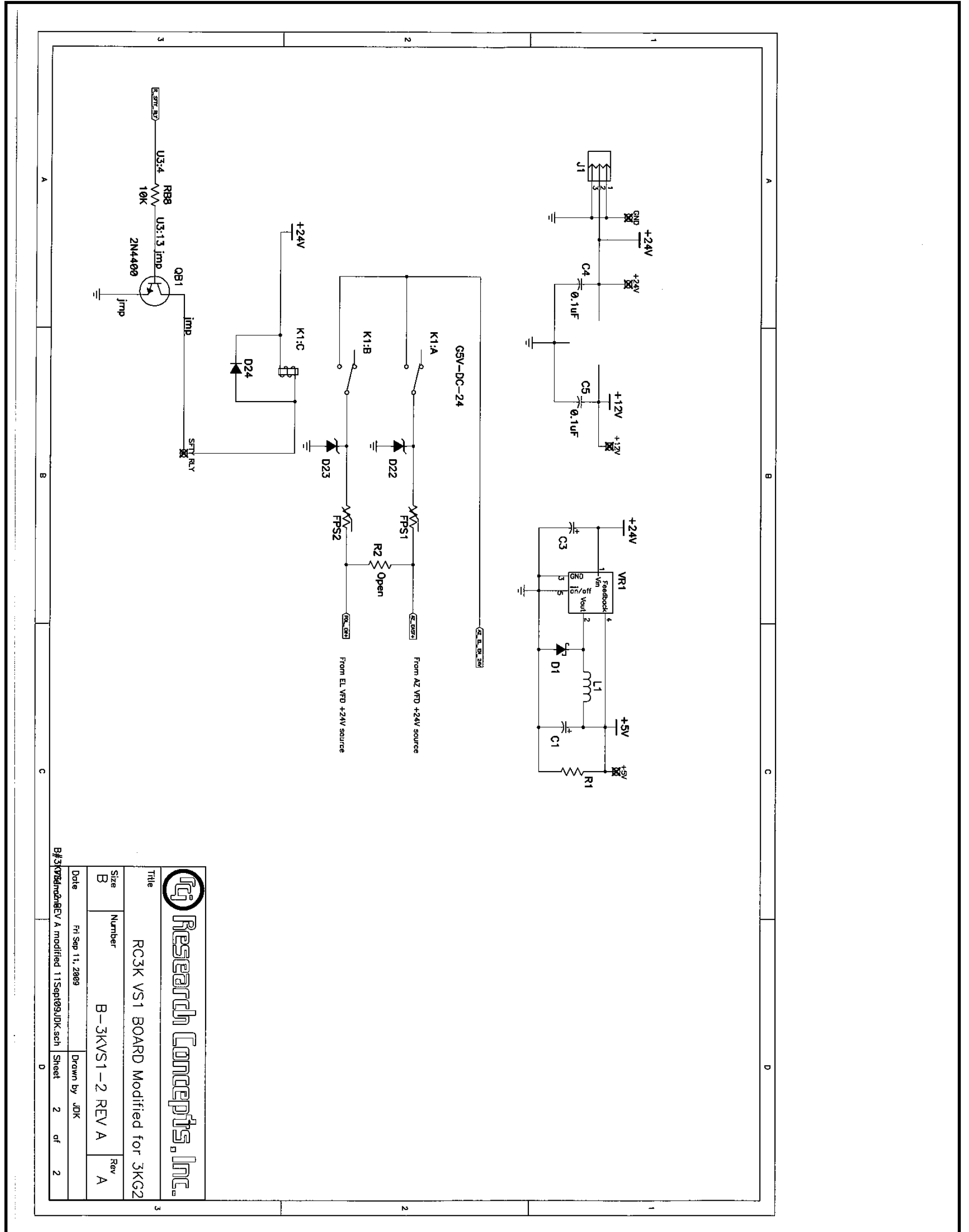
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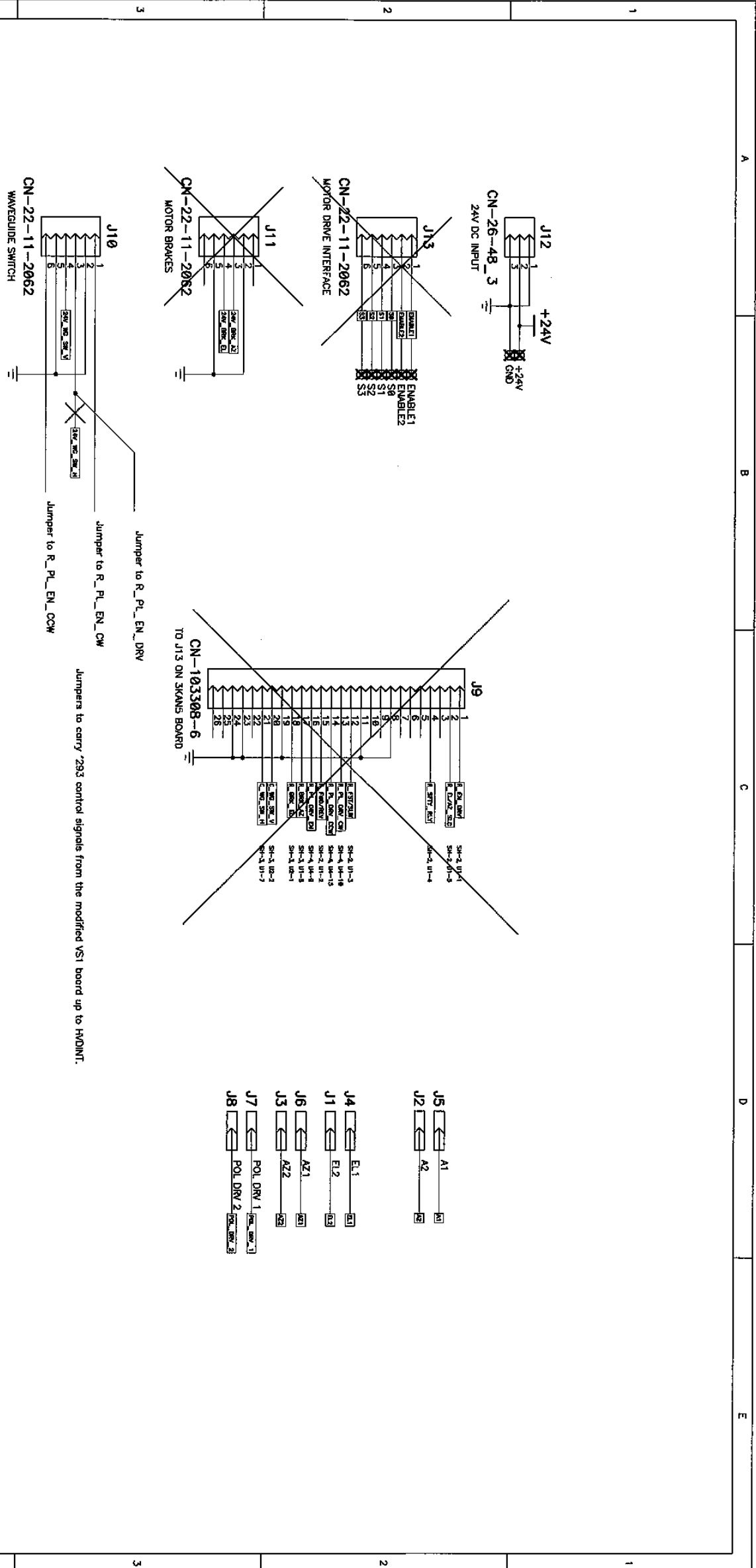
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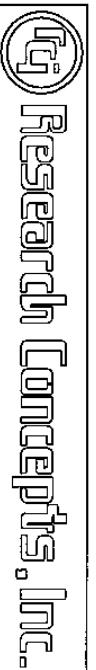
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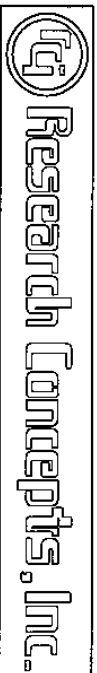
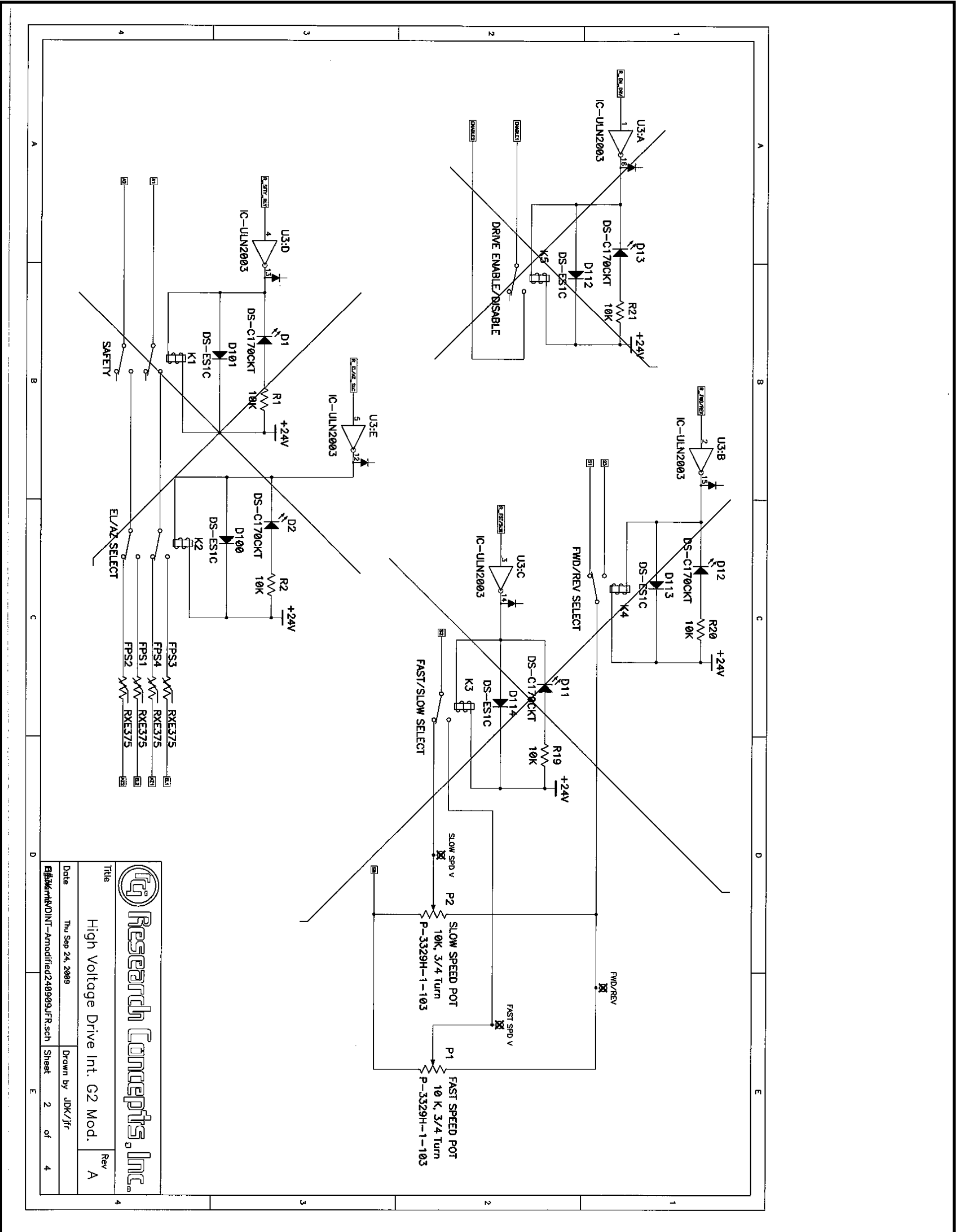
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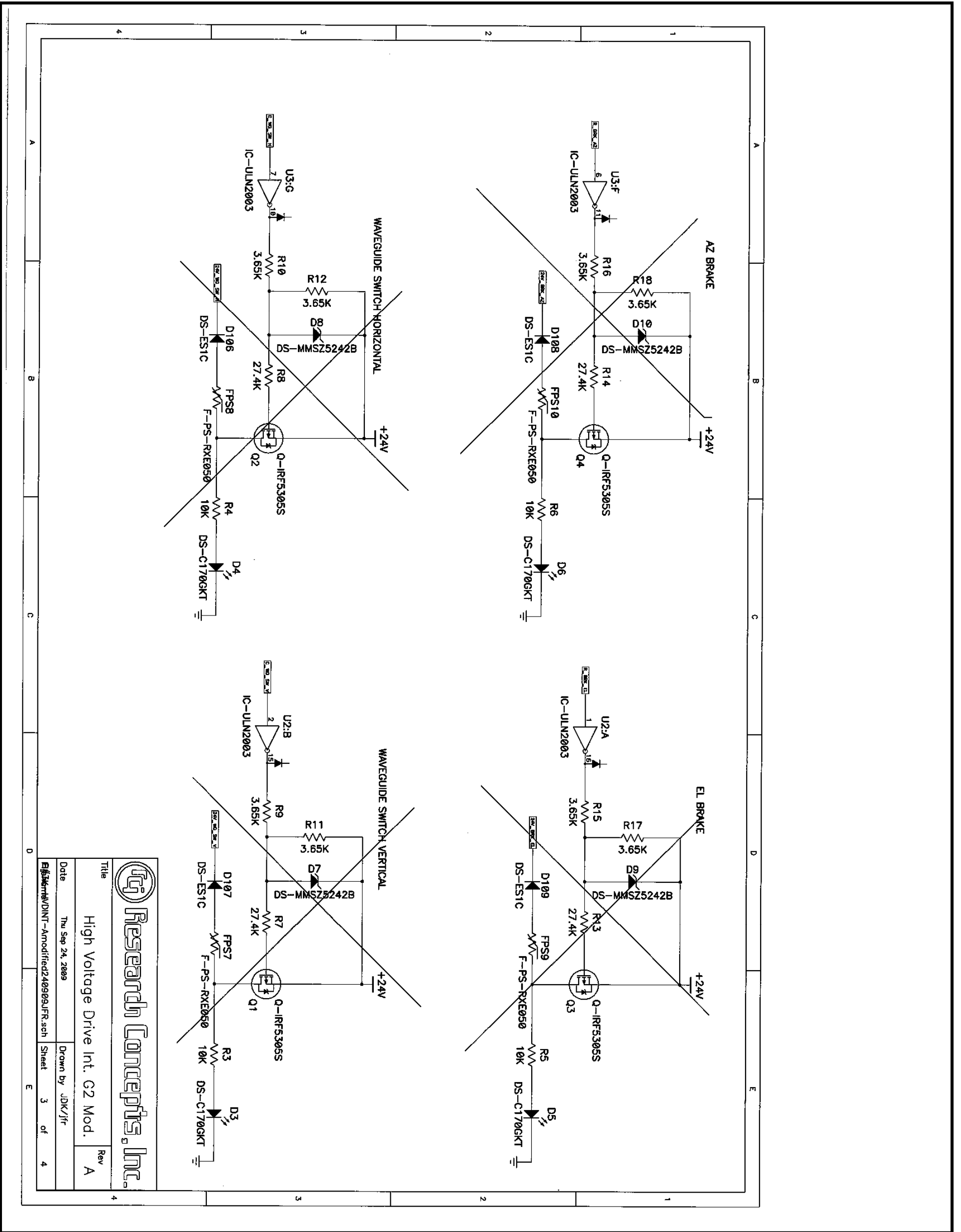
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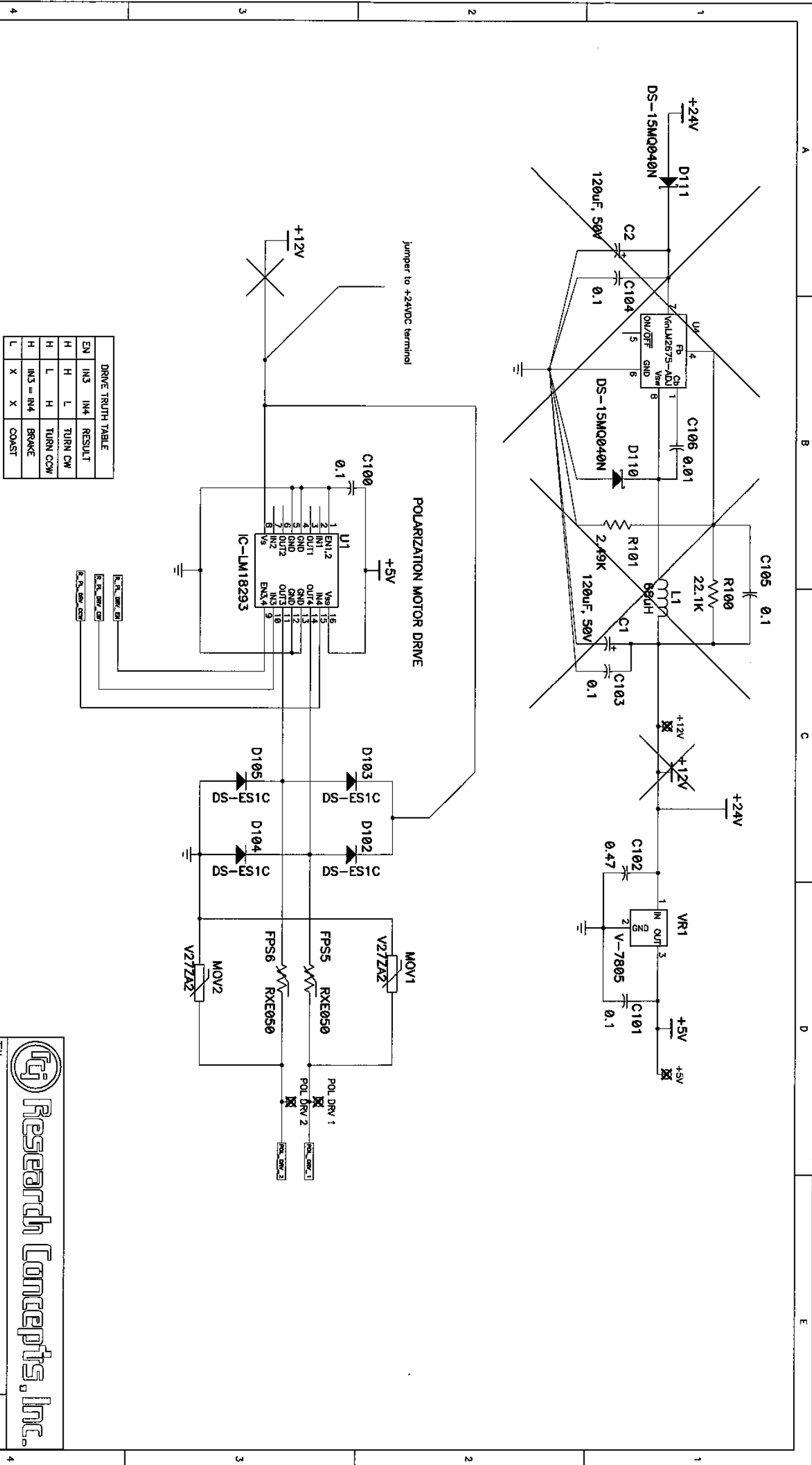
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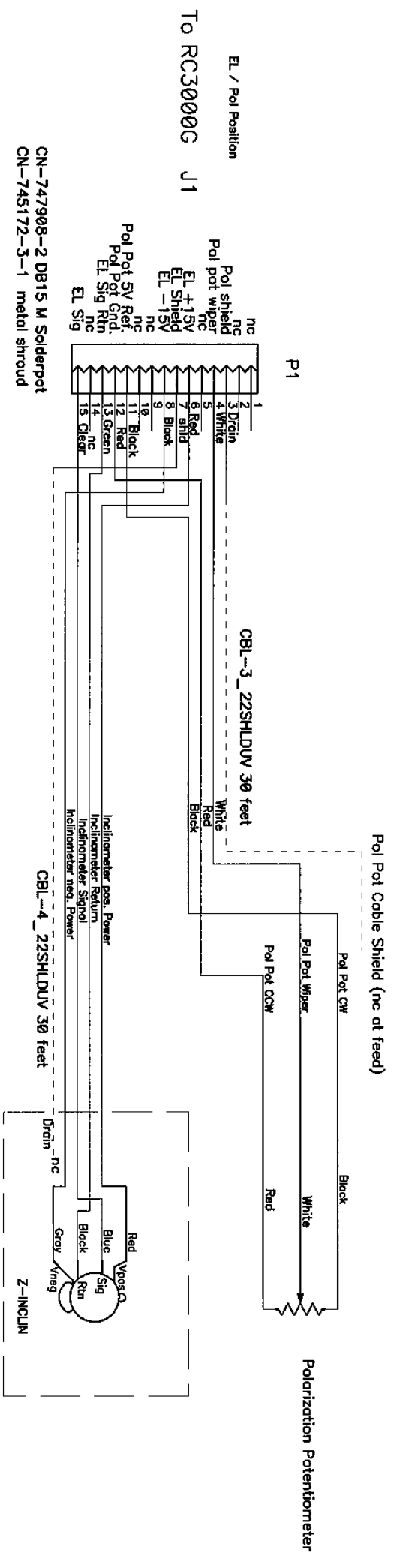
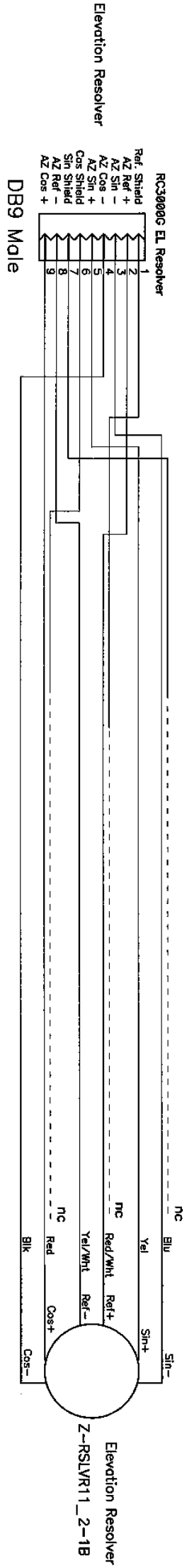
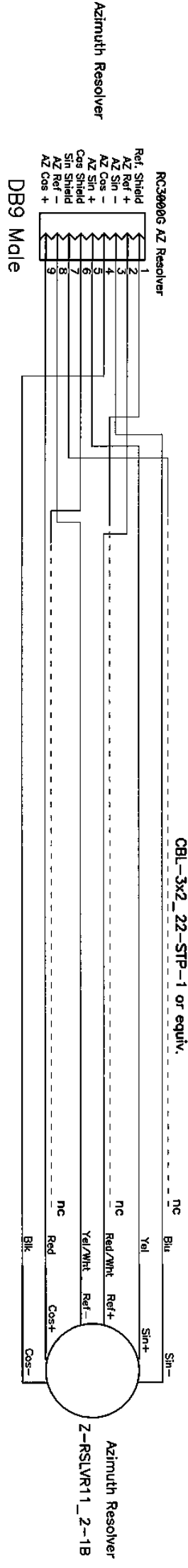
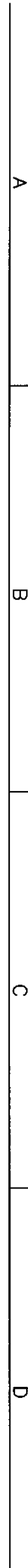
DRIVE TRUTH TABLE			
EN	IN3	IN4	RESULT
H	H	L	TURN CW
H	L	H	TURN CCW
H	IN3 = IN4	H	BRAKE
L	X	X	COAST



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