
Service Bulletin

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TO: ALL HARMAN/KARDON REPRESENTATIVES, DEALERS
AND WARRANTY STATIONS

FROM: LEN GAYNOR, NATIONAL SERVICE MANAGER

SUBJECT: MODEL 330B (FUSES)

The design of this Receiver utilizes two (2) 1.5 ampere fuses in the speaker output circuit. Under certain conditions of low impedance (less than 4 ohms) and high power level of operation, it is possible for this fuse to blow. This does not indicate failure of any components within the unit but only that the SAFE operating current limit of the output stage has been exceeded.

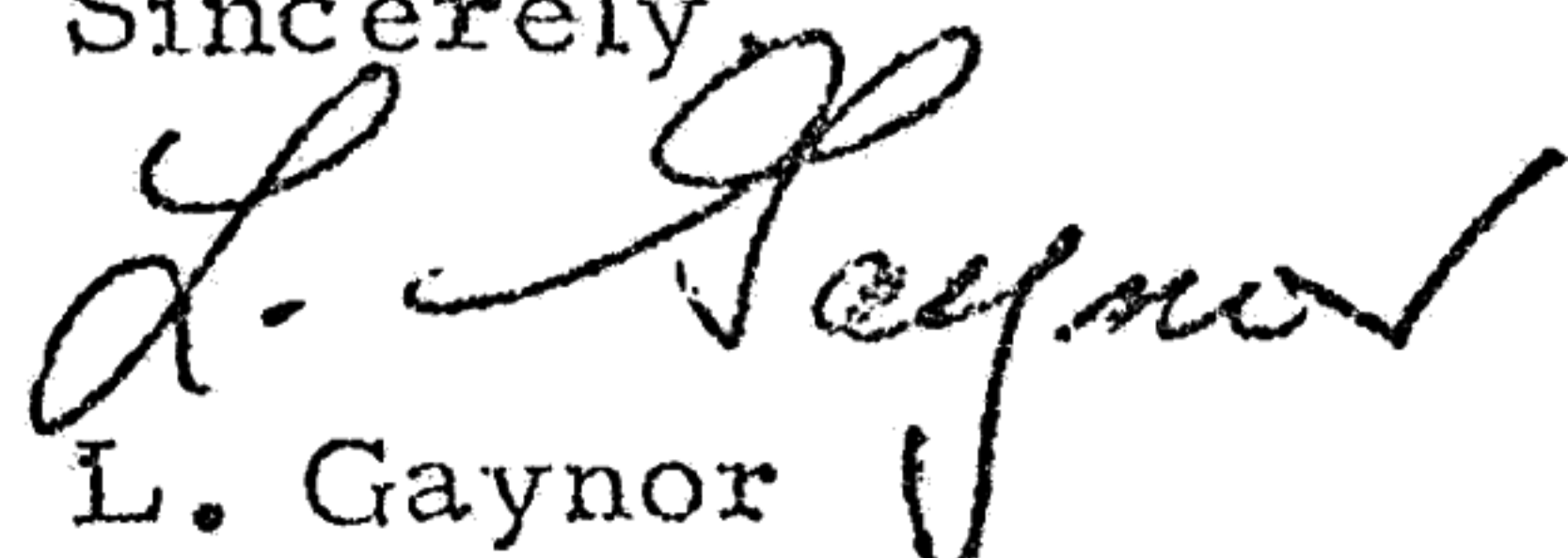
We are seeing many Receivers being returned to the factory with blown output transistors. In the majority of these cases, the original 1.5 ampere speaker fuse has been replaced with a higher rated fuse, i.e.: 2A, 2.5A or even slo blow fuses.

In these cases, the receiver is allowed to operate above its designed parameters. The output devices will not fail immediately, but would eventually deteriorate and be prone to failure. This could occur anywhere from 1 week to 4 or 5 months.

We strongly emphasize that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should any fuse except the original 1.5 Ampere value be used.

In cases where evidence of larger fuses are found, the warranty will be VOIDED.

Sincerely,



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