

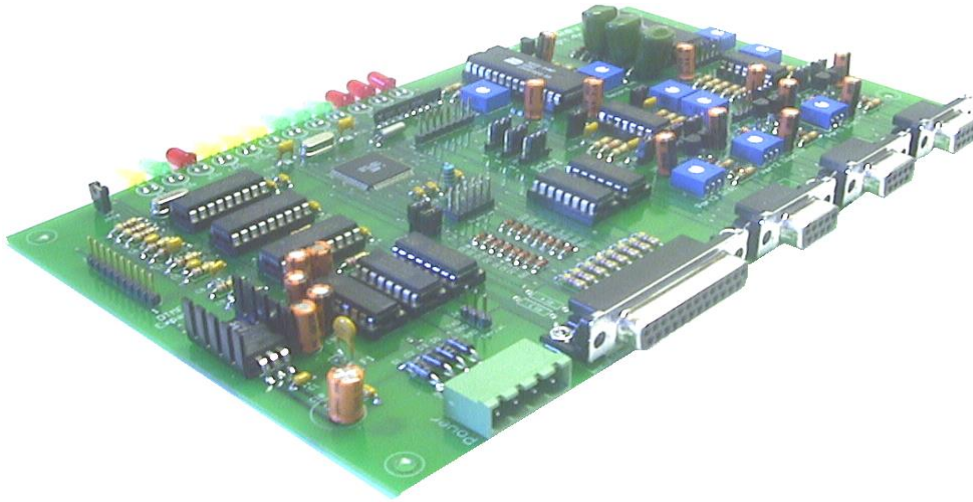


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# ***RC210 Repeater Controller Assembly Manual***

## ***Hardware Version 3.5a***

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# Parts List

Check off the part in the space provided as you locate and verify against this list.

## Resistors, 1/4 watt

- 12 10k ohm (brown-black-orange-gold)
- 4 22k ohm (red-red-orange-gold)
- 3 47k ohm (yellow-violet-orange-gold)
- 7 100k ohm (brown-black-yellow-gold)
- 3 470k ohm (yellow-violet-yellow-gold)
- 3 110k ohm (brown-brown-yellow-gold)
- 3 33k ohm (orange-orange-orange-gold)
- 23 470 ohm (yellow-violet-brown-gold)
- 2 47ohm (yellow-violet-black-gold)
- 1 4.7K (yellow-violet-red-gold)

## Resistor Networks

- 1 470 ohm network (471 or 470)
- 1 10K ohm network (103G)

## Potentiometers

- 5 10k ohm (C103)
- 3 500k ohm (C504)
- 1 100K ohm

## Capacitors

Capacitors may be marked in various ways. The typical markings are given but may vary.

- 27 .1 uf (104)
- 2 33pf (might be 30pf) (33 or 30)
- 4 22pf (22)
- 3 .0068uf (682)
- 1 .001uf (102 and has paper on each lead)

## Electrolytic Capacitors

- 7 2.2 uf
- 3 22 uf
- 1 47 uf
- 2 10 uf

## Diodes

- 2 1N4001 Rectifier (might be 1N4002 or 1N4004)
- 6 1N914 Silicon Diode (taped together)
- 13 1N5231B Zener Diode
- 4 Red LED
- 4 Green LED
- 4 Yellow LED

## Transistors

- 6 2N3904 NPN (TO92)

# Integrated Circuits

Do not handle the IC's unnecessarily. Carefully remove the ICs from the anti-static bag and check each one against the parts. Then return the ICs to the bag.

- 1 ATMega2561 (mounted on PCB) (64 pin TQFP)
- 1 ISD4003-05MP VoiceCorder (28 pin DIP)
- 2 TPIC6C595 Shift Register (16 pin DIP)
- 1 MT8806 Crosspoint Switch (24 pin DIP)
- 3 MT8870 DTMF Decoder (18 pin DIP)
- 1 ADM202JN Level Translator (16 pin DIP)
- 2 TL064 Operational Amp(14 pin DIP)
- 3 Dallas 24B33 EEPROM

## Sockets

- 3 18-pin DIP Socket
- 1 24-pin DIP Socket
- 1 28-pin DIP Socket
- 2 14-pin DIP Socket
- 3 16-pin DIP Socket

## Voltage Regulators

- 1 5.0 volt (LM7805 TO-220 case)
- 1 3.3 volt (78L33 has tape on leads)

## Connectors

- 1 25-pin female right-angle PC mount
- 3 9-pin female right-angle PC mount (if ordered)
- 3 RJ45 modular jack (if ordered)
- 1 4 pin power female PCB power
- 1 4 pin power male plug
- 2 36 - pin single row header PC mount
- 1 10 pin dual row header PC mount

## Misc.

- 1 Heatsink
- 1 4-40 screw and nut assembly
- 1 3.579 Mhz crystal (3.57ECSV)
- 1 16 Mhz crystal (160ECSV)
- 1 32768 Khz crystal (small cylindrical)
- 1 10 uh choke (silver-black-black-red-silver)
- 1 Self-resetting Fuse (X050)
- 13 Push-on jumpers
- 1 PC Board (Revision 3.5a) w/ CPU
- 1 Assembly Manual
- 1 User Manual

# Construction

You are now ready to begin construction of the RC210. Use a temperature controlled, fine-tipped soldering iron and good quality 60/40 rosin-core solder for construction. Follow standard construction practices when building the unit.

You will also need small flush or semi-flush cutting pliers and small-tipped needle nosed pliers. A magnifying glass may prove useful for identifying the values of small parts.

Keep the tip of the soldering iron bright and clean, wiping it frequently on a wet sponge or rag. Make solder joints carefully, but swiftly. Prolonged heat on a PC board pad can be disastrous and ruining this PC board can be expensive! Two or three seconds should be enough time to apply heat to any joint. Follow the order of construction, as they have been developed to make installation of parts as easy as possible.

The microprocessor (ATMega2561) has already been soldered on the board. Great care should be taken when assembling the RC210 to ensure there are no static discharge issues. The use of a grounding wrist strap and grounded tip soldering iron is highly recommended. **(Note: DAMAGE DUE TO STATIC DISCHARGE IS NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY)**

## IC Sockets

Note: If any sockets are bent, carefully straighten them with a pair of needle-nose pliers. When installing IC sockets, double check to ensure that the socket is seated properly against the board with the notch, beveled corner or "1" towards the silkscreened reference (U1, IC2, etc). Be sure all IC socket pins are showing on the solder side of the board. While making certain the IC socket is tight against the PC board tack-solder two diagonally opposite corners (such as pins 1 and 14 on a 14 pin socket). Then solder the remaining pins of that socket before proceeding to the next one. If you find a socket is difficult to install, remove it and check for bent pins.

Install the following IC sockets.

- |                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| ( ) U6            | 24-pin |
| ( ) U1, U2, U3    | 18-pin |
| ( ) U4, U5        | 14-pin |
| ( ) U7            | 28-pin |
| ( ) IC2, IC3, IC4 | 16-pin |

Now check all your work. All leads should be soldered with no solder bridges or cold solder joints.

## Resistors

Resistors lie flat on the PC board and have a lead spacing of 0.5". You may wish to use a lead former to preform the resistor leads for the neatest appearance.

Install the following resistors 10K (brown-black-orange-gold) resistors:

- ( ) R32, R55, R58
- ( ) R65, R66, R67
- ( ) R36, R37, R49
- ( ) R50, R63, R64

Install the following 47K (yellow-violet-orange-gold) resistors:

- ( ) R54, R56, R57

Install the following 22K (red-red-orange-gold) resistors:

- ( ) R28, R39, R59, R70

Install the following 47ohm resistors (yellow-violet-black-gold)

- ( ) R34, R48

Install the following 470K (yellow-violet-yellow-gold) resistors:

- ( ) R10, R11, R12

Install the following 110K (brown-brown-yellow-gold)

- ( ) R33, R35, R41

Install the following 33K (orange-orange-orange-gold) resistors:

- ( ) R42, R45, R62

Install the following 100K (brown-black-yellow-gold) resistors:

- ( ) R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R9, R74

Install the following 4.7K (yellow-violet-red-gold) resistor:

- ( ) R75

Install the following 470 ohm, (yellow-violet-brown-gold) resistors:

- ( ) R6, R7, R8, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20
- ( ) R21, R22, R23, R24, R25, R26, R27, R29
- ( ) R40, R43, R61, R69, R71, R72

(Resistors R13 and R14 are not included. See Hardware Manual for details)

## Potentiometers

Carefully bend the three leads of each trim pot over 90 degrees, so the leads face the back of the trim pot body. Insert the leads through the holes in the PC board, with the body closest to the edge of the board, it is flush against the board. Then solder the connections. **(note: the pots should lay down against the board, with the adjustment slot facing up)**

### 10K ohm (C103)

- Port1 Disc, Port2 Disc, Port3 Disc
- Play, Tone

### 500K ohm (C504)

- P1 Tx, P2 Tx, P3 Tx

### 100K ohm

- Record

## Capacitors

The following capacitors are .1uf (104) and should be mounted as close to the board as possible without stressing the leads.

- C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, C10, C11, C12, C13, C14
- C15, C16, C17, C19, C20, C22, C24, C32, C33
- C34, C37, C38, C39, C40, C46, C47, C48

Install the .0068 uf (682) capacitors

- C25, C26, C30

Install the following 22 pf (220) capacitors:

- C18, C21, C41, C50

Install the remaining capacitors

- C7, C8                    33pf (330) (may be 30pf, marked 30)
- C31                        .001uf (102)

## Electrolytic Capacitors

These capacitors are polarized, so care should be taken to orient them properly. Note that at the installation positions for these capacitors, the PC board is marked with a plus (+). Note that the capacitors have the minus (-) lead marked. Install accordingly.

The following are all 2.2 uf.

- C23, C27, C29, C36, C42, C45, C49

Install the remaining electrolytic capacitors:

- C1                                47uf
- C28, C35, C43                22uf
- C4, C44                        10uf

## Diodes

Diodes are polarized devices, with the cathode end being banded. Observe polarity when installing the following diodes.

- D1, D2                        1N4001 (may be 1N4004)

Install the following 6 ea. 1N914 diodes:

- D16, D17, D18, D19, D20, D21

Install the following 13 ea. 1N5231B zener diodes

- D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D9
- D10, D11, D12, D13, D14, D15

## LEDs

Install the LEDs 1/2" above the board to allow them to be bent over later. Note that one side is flat; this is the cathode. Be sure the flat side of the LED lines up with the flat side on the PC board.

- P1Key, P2Key, P3Key            Red LED
- P1Cos, P2Cos, P3Cos            Green LED
- P1Ctcss, P2Ctcss, P3Ctcss      Yellow LED
- P1Dtmf                            Red Led
- P2Dtmf                            Green LED
- P3Dtmf                            Yellow LED

## Transistors

All transistors should be installed with the body not more than 1/4" above the PC board. Match the body of the transistor with the outline on the board and carefully bend the leads to match the hole pattern on the PC board. All transistors are 2N3904

- Q1 - Q6

## EEPROM

Install the EEPROM

- EEPROM, EEPROM1, EEPROM2

## Connectors

Carefully install J4 taking care that no pins are bent over as you insert them. Holding J4 flush against the PC board, solder two opposite pins in order to hold it in place. Then solder the remaining pins, taking care to avoid solder bridges

Solder the two larger holes (one on each end) to the pads on the PC board. Use lots of solder to make a mechanically secure connection.

- J4            25-pin female right-angle PC mount

Your RC210 kit comes with the type connectors you ordered for J2, J3 and J4 - either DB9 or RJ45 modular jacks.

- J1            RJ45 or DB9 female right angle PC mount
- J2            RJ45 or DB9 female right angle PC mount
- J3            RJ45 or DB9 female right angle PC mount

Install the Phoenix PC mount 4 pin jack at the location on the PC board marked "Power". It should be installed so it fits inside the outline marked on the PC board.

( ) Power 4 pin (green)

## Voltage Regulators

**IC1 is installed laying down on the PC board with the heatsink between it and the PC board.** Carefully bend IC1's leads 90 degrees and insert into the appropriate holes in the board. Slide the heatsink in place and use the supplied 4/40 screw and nut to secure the assembly through the hole in the board.

( ) IC1 78M05 (LM340T5)

IC7 looks like a transistor. It should be installed just like the transistors.

( ) IC7 78L033 (CZ-3.3)

## Inductor

L1 looks like a 1 watt resistor. Bend one lead over and install it vertically on the board so it is standing up.

( ) 1 L1 (silver-black-black-red-silver)

## Crystals

Install the following 2 crystals with the body 1/8 inch above the surface of the PC board (Caution: Make sure you space the crystal as stated, to avoid shorting traces on the PC board).

( ) Y1 3.579 Mhz crystal (3.57ECSV)

( ) Y2 16.00 Mhz crystal (160ECSV)

Crystal X1 looks differently from the other 2 crystals - it is a small, cylindrical type with close-spaced leads. X1 should be mounted 1/4 above the PC board, then bent over so it lays flat against the board, away from the Mega2561.

( ) X1 32768 Khz crystal

## Fuse

The RC210 uses a special, self-resetting fuse. It looks like a yellow ceramic capacitor and is marked "X050"

( ) F1 Fuse

## Resistor Networks

The resistor networks are a 10 pin single in-line package. There is a white dot on one end, which indicates pin 1. Line pin 1 up with "1" marking silkscreened on the PC board at RN1 and RN2.

( ) RN1 470 ohm resistor network

( ) RN2 10K ohm resistor network

## Jumper Headers

Locate the 2 - 32 pin jumper header connectors. Carefully cut them between pins (in the notches in the plastic) to create the following:

( ) 7 3 pin

( ) 3 5 pin

( ) 1 6 pin

( ) 1 8 pin

( ) 4 2 pin

You may add the leftover to your junkbox!

Install the following pin headers you just created, being careful to keep them perpendicular to the pc board

( ) JP1, JP2, JP3 3 pin

( ) JP4, JP5, JP6 3 pin

( ) JP7, JP8, JP9, JP13 2 pin

( ) JP10, JP11, JP12 5 pin

( ) J6 3 pin

( ) J7 8 pin

( ) J9 6 pin

Now install J5, the 10 pin dual row header

( ) J5

Locate the push-on jumpers and slide them over pins 1 & 2 or 2 & 3 of the jumper headers BELOW depending on your COS polarity requirements. Don't worry if you don't know which you need right now, as you can easily change them later.

( ) JP1, JP2, JP3, JP4, JP5, JP6

Install push-on jumpers over pins 2 & 3 of JP10, JP11 and JP12. This completes the audio path for the receiver amplifiers when the audio delay board is not installed:

( ) JP10, JP11, JP12

Install a push-on jumper on each of the 3 de-emphasis jumpers. You can skip this step if you plan on using flat audio on your repeater.

( ) JP7, JP8, JP9

Install a push-on jumper on JP13. This enables the LED's (you can remove it later if you wish to reduce current draw)

( ) JP13

# Check Your Work

Double check your work.

- All solder connections are bright and shiny.
- No solder bridges between IC socket pins.
- All components are installed in their correct positions.
- Diodes, transistors, voltage regulators and electrolytic capacitors are installed with their proper polarity.

Congratulations! At this point your RC210 is completely assembled except for the integrated circuits. These will be installed after you run some voltage checks.

## Checking Voltages

For these tests, you will need to connect power to the RC210. It is suggested that you use a power supply with current limiting "just in case".

Locate the green, 4 pin power plug and connect it as follows:

Pin 1            +11.5 to +15 Vdc  
Pin 3 or 4        Ground

<u>Meter Plus Lead</u>	<u>Meter Minus Lead</u>	<u>Result</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> IC2, pin 16	Ground	+5 ± 5%
<input type="checkbox"/> U6, pin 24	Ground	Vcc ± 10% *
<input type="checkbox"/> U5, pin 4	U5, pin 11	Vcc ± 10% *
<input type="checkbox"/> U5, pin 12	U5, pin 11	1/2 Vcc ± 10%
<input type="checkbox"/> U7, pin 27	U7, pin 12	3.3v ± 5%

\* Vcc refers to the voltage supplied to the RC210.

If you do not obtain the results above, carefully check the PC board for cold solder joints, bridges or unsoldered connections.

If all is well, remove power. You're now ready to install the socketed integrated circuits.

- U1, U2, U3        MT8870DE1
- IC2                ADM202JN
- IC3, IC4          TPIC6C595
- U4, U5            TL064
- U6                MT8806AE
- U7                ISD4003-04MP

Note. Your RC210 is already programmed with the latest firmware at the time of purchase. As such, you do not need to load firmware at this time.

Your RC210 is now ready for installation and programming. Please consult the Operations Manual.

# If You Need Assistance

We offer several ways you can obtain assistance with your RC210:

Our email list (it's a good idea for all RC210 owners):

Go to: <https://groups.io/g/rc210>

Or you may contact us directly at:

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