Upgrade Instructions for LIF2010, LIF 2011 and LIF2012

Who should upgrade

Everybody that has a LIF201x board and wants to improve the performance of the LIF converter. LIF2012 PCBs that do not already have the components as per upgrade.

What are the improvements

- Better linearity of the spectrum and equalization of USB –LSB reception
- Better strong signal performance
- Improvement of the noise level and mixer noise

What is needed

Part	Current Val:	Amt	Chg to:	Description:	Change in:
U3	78L05	1	78L08	8V voltage regulator	All LIF PCBs
R5	120k or 220k		47k	¹ / ₄ W carbon resistor	LIF2010 & 2011
C14	470pF	1	100nF	Monolithic capacitor	LIF2010 & 2011
C18	470pF		100nF	Monolithic capacitor	LIF2012
na	na	1	220nF	Monolithic capacitor	LIF2010 & 2011
na	na	1	2.2nF	Monolithic capacitor	LIF2010 & 2011
na	na	1	1k	¹ / ₄ W carbon resistor	LIF2010 & 2011
na	na	2	47k	¹ / ₄ W carbon resistor	LIF2010 & 2011

All parts are easy to obtain from local electronic store.

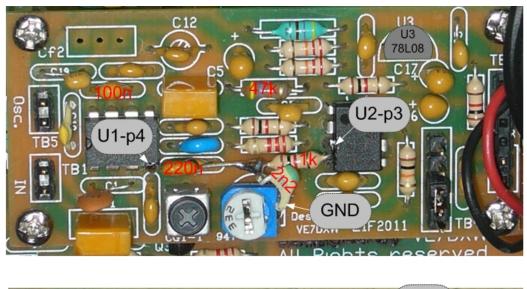
LIF Board 2012 upgrade

- Remove C18 and replace with 100nF monolithic or ceramic capacitor
- Remove U3 and replace with 78L08 voltage regulator

LIF Board 2010 and 2011 upgrade

- Remove C14 and replace with 100nF monolithic or ceramic capacitor
- Remove U3 with 78L08 voltage regulator
- Remove R5 and replace with 47k resistor
- Cut trace to isolate U2 pin3 with a exactor knife (solder side as per pic)
- Solder 47k resistor between pin3 and pin5 of U2 (solder side as per pic)
- Solder 220nF capacitor to U1 pin4 (component side as per pic)
- Solder 2.2nF capacitor to the GND connection of the R1 trimmer (comp side)
- Solder 1k resistor to U2 pin3 (component side as per pic)
- Solder all three components empty leads together (component side as per pic)

Component and Solder Side view of upgraded LIF2011 PCB





Calibration

The PCB and the MDSR software will have to be recalibrated as per instruction in the help file.

Conclusion

This completes the upgrade procedure for the LIF201x PCBs. If you have any questions or recommendations please post them on the MDSR Yahoo user group.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mdsradio/

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