Trough Up-Kicker Dual OPTO Boards Theory of Operation & Schematic

As light from the Transmitter LED1 falls on the Receiver LED1, it generates a Positive Bias Voltage (0.7v to 1.5v) which is applied to the **Gate** (**G**) of **Q1** (Fet 2N5460) turning **Q1** off. When **Q1** is held off, no current flows through **Q2**'s (2N3906) Base (B). With no base current, **Q2** is off and acts as an *OPEN SWITCH*. When the light is interrupted (*BLOCKED*) **R1** (Rec. Bd.) bleeds the gate voltage off of **Q1** allowing it to conduct, switching **Q2** on, which acts as a CLOSED SWITCH. The LED2 (Trans/Rec) Circuit operates identical as the LED1 Circuit.



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OPTO Troubleshooting

1. Volt Meter Test (indicates normal operating condition):

A. **OPEN OPTO** (Light Falling on LED) = *SWITCH OPEN*. Place meter leads across points **A** and **B** on the **LED1 Circuit** (Refer to Schematic Drawing on previos page, 520-5174-00 Receiver Side). It should read approximately 0.8 - 1.2v DC. The **LED2 Circuit** operates the same.

B. **CLOSED OPTO** (Light Blocked) = *SWITCH CLOSED*. Place meter leads across points **A** and **B** on the **LED1 Circuit** (Refer to Schematic Drawing on previous page, 520-5174-00 Receiver Side). It should read approximately 0.0 - 0.1v DC. The **LED2 Circuit** operates the same.

2. Oscilloscope Test (indicates normal operating condition):



- A. OPEN OPTO (Light Falling on LED) = SWITCH OPEN. Place Scope lead at Pin-1 of OPTO Rec. Board with Scope Grounded (see Schematic). The Scope should display a STEADY +5v as shown in Fig. A, Wave Form Diagram.
- B. CLOSED OPTO (Light Blocked) = SWITCH CLOSED. Place Scope lead at Pin-1 of OPTO Rec. Board with Scope Grounded (see Schematic). The Scope should display a PULSE STREAM indicating Q2 has switched "On" as shown in Fig. B, Wave Form Diagram. This is your Switch Drive Pulse.

3. Bench Test (See Fig. C):

Please Note: To perform this test you must use a spare 560Ω Pull-Up Resistor, SPI №: 121-5047-00

Disconnect the OPTO Transmitter / Receiver Board from the circuit. Connect one side of a 560Ω Pull-Up Resistor to **Pin-1** of the OPTO Receiver Bd. and the other side of the resistor to a 5v DC source. Connect **Pin-2** to GND. Connect a +5v DC source to **Pin-1** of the Transmitter & GND to **Pin-2**. Align with the Receiver OPTO approx. 3" distance. Using your Volt-Meter or an Oscilloscope, monitor **Pin-1** while *BLOCKING* and *UNBLOCKING* the *BEAM* from the Trans. The output will be approx. +5v DC when the *BEAM IS NOT BLOCKED* and approx. 0v when the *BEAM IS BLOCKED*.



Trough Dual OPTO Boards Alignment / Test for LED1

When a working **OPTO** is installed and connected in a game, the transmitter should light (LED1 lower & LED2 upper) when the power is switched on. With the playfield in Service Position #1 (playfield lifted up in the half-way position resting on the Prop Rod or edge slide support brackets) and the game on, the LED lights should show up as a **BRIGHT RED RINGS** through the back of the Receiver Board around the **Receivers LED1 & LED2** (See **Fig. 1**). Testing only **LED1**: With the game in *Switch Test Mode*, lifting the Trough Plunger with a fingertip should block the **BEAM** and cause the Switch Position to trigger (See **Fig. 2**). View **Fig. 2a & 2b** (on the next page) for a sectional view of the Light Path (note alignment) and what happens as a ball breaks the light beam.



Sectional view from right (Fig. 2a & 2b)



Trough Dual OPTO Boards Alignment / Test for LED2

When a working **OPTO** is installed and connected in a game, the transmitter should light (LED1 lower & LED2 upper) when the power is switched on. With the playfield in Service Position #1 (playfield lifted up in the half-way position resting on the Prop Rod or edge slide support brackets) and the game on, the LED lights should show up as a **BRIGHT RED RINGS** through the back of the Receiver Board around the **Receivers LED1 & LED2** (See **Fig. 1, previous page**). Testing only **LED2**: *TO PERFORM THIS TEST, A PINBALL MUST BE IN THE BALL TROUGH.* With the game in *Switch Test Mode*, lifting the Trough Plunger with a finger tip should block the **BEAM** on LED2 and cause the Switch Position to trigger (See **Fig. 3**). View **Fig. 3a & 3b** for a sectional view of the Light Path (note alignment) and what happens as a "double-stacked" ball scenario breaks the light beam.



Fig. 4a Correct Position