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ELECTRONIC TROUBLESHOOTING THE OLYMPUS OM-10

1. CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The Power Circuit

The camera body is connected to the positive (+) battery terminal and the flex circuit grounds to the body at several points indicated on the schematic. The negative (-) battery terminal connects to the flex circuit via the black wire soldered above the prism near the front right side of the camera. Power is connected to the readout circuit when the switch under the rewind knob is turned on. The exposure circuit (located at the bottom of the mirror box) is powered up only when the mirror begins to rise or when the battery test switch is closed.

Turning on the readout circuit switch connects pin 33, IC-2 to the negative side of the battery and charges capacitor C-202. The charge on C-202 turns on the internal power to the IC which displays the exposure. After about 1.5 minutes, C-202 discharges and the display is turned off even though the switch is still in the "on" position. (This feature prevents battery drain if the switch is left on when the camera is not in use.) There is also a touch switch located under the release plunger bezel which when closed connects one side of C-201 to the chassis (positive). The discharge of C-201 enables C-202 to recharge and the display is turned on for another 1.5 minute interval.

The exposure-control circuit is separated from the readout section, and is powered up only after the release button is pushed. As the diaphragm control lever moves, a switch on the side of the mirror box (SW-104) closes and connects IC-1 to the negative side of the battery. All exposure related functions are controlled by IC-1, but since the camera does not have a memory circuit, there is no need for this IC to be powered up until just prior to the shutter operation.

All of the devices such as magnets, piezoelectric buzzer, and timer LED have one terminal connected to the chassis (positive). The other terminal of each is connected to IC-1 which controls their operation.

Battery requirement: two S-76 batteries.

Readout Circuit

The sole function of IC-2 is to provide exposure information to the operator before the shutter is released. The process begins with a positive voltage at pin 30 causing current to flow through the CdS cell (located behind the eyepiece) and then to pin 29. Pin 29 is referenced to pin 28 which is also the origin of an external loop.

The loop path is across the flex to the ASA resistor, to the front through the aperture value resistor (AV-VR), then to the back of the camera through the adjustment resistors

(VR-203 and VR-204), finally returning to IC-2 at pin 24. The voltage at pin 24 is near battery negative (B-). Thus, there is a voltage drop along the loop related to the settings of ASA, AV, and adjustment resistors. The voltage at pin 28 varies in regular increments of about 11 mv per Ev change in AV or ASA. Since this also changes the reference for the CdS cell, the voltage at pin 29 will vary with subject brightness (BV), ASA, and AV. This change is typically 11 mv per Ev and becomes the basis for the readout display. display.

The voltage at pin 29 is compared internally to a program which turns on a LED to indicate each shutter speed from 1 to 1/1000 second and "over."

Release Circuit

The release button operates a transverse link across the bottom of the camera which releases the mirror latch. As the mirror and diaphragm operating lever begin to move, the main switch (SW-104) is closed and the negative side of the battery is connected to IC-1. The IC powers up as the mirror continues to rise and encounters a second latch. The second latch is held in place by a combination magnet (mirror magnet) - whose operation is controlled by comparator CP-1 located inside IC-1. While the IC is powered up, the voltage at pin 9 is maintained at a level 1.1v below the positive battery voltage by VR-102 and an internal regulator. This voltage is used to set comparator CP-1 "on" which causes the combination magnet to release the second mirror latch. In the actual operation, the time interval between the closing of SW-104 and the operation of the mirror magnet is so short that there is no discernible delay in mirror travel.

If the battery voltage falls below 2.0v, the reference voltage is too low to operate CP-1 and the mirror remains latched by the combination magnet. This provision prevents shutter operation if the batteries are depleted. Resistor VR-102 adjusts the minimum battery voltage at which the camera will operate.

Exposure Control

The Olympus OM-10 is an aperture priority camera, so the problem it faces is to determine the proper shutter speed for existing subject brightness, ASA, and aperture. Furthermore, the exposure control operates only in the present. There is no memory circuit to consider the situation before the exposure begins. The camera is obliged to follow the progress of the exposure even as the light is falling on the film. To manage this task, a photodiode is positioned in the bottom of the mirror box so that light falling on the film aperture and reflecting from the film controls the exposure.

As mentioned, when the release plunger is pushed, the first motion of the mirror and diaphragm control lever closes switch SW-104 connecting IC-1 to the negative side of the battery. The first function of the IC is to check the battery voltage. It then releases the combination magnet allowing the mirror to continue its travel. As the mirror rises and the aperture closes, a constant voltage appears at pin 11, IC-1. This voltage is maintained at about 170 mv below battery positive and travels up the flex through the ASA resistor, and returns to pin 12, IC-1.

Pin 12 is less positive than pin 11 because of the voltage drop across the ASA resistor. At ASA 25 the difference is over 200 mv, but at ASA 1600 the difference is less than 5 mv. The voltage at pin 12 is applied to one input of comparator CP-2 and sets the comparator output high. This output turns on transistor TR-1 which conducts current through the shutter magnet and latches the closing curtain. The other input of CP-1 is internally connected to pin 10, IC-1. In the outside world, pin 10 is connected to the cathode of the photodiode and to one side of the timing switch. Before the opening curtain moves, the timing switch is closed, connecting pin 10 and the photodiode to the constant voltage at pin 11. One more condition: the other side (anode) of the photodiode is connected to pin 9, IC-1 which is at a lower potential than either pin 10 or pin 12. Everything is now ready for the exposure to begin.

To review the situation:

 The mirror is moving upward and is about to release the opening curtain.

 The diaphragm has closed down so that the light focused upon the film aperture is a function of subject brightness and lens opening. The **photodiode** is seeing the light reflected from the film aperture.

3. The closing shutter curtain is latched by the shutter magnet. The current path is from battery positive through the magnet, into pin 16, IC-1, through TR-1, out of pin 18, IC-1, and finally through switch 104 to battery negative.

4. Comparator CP-2 is keeping TR-1 "on" because of the voltage difference between pins 10 and 12 of IC-1. The voltage difference, remember, is determined by the ASA setting.

At this moment the three variables necessary to determine shutter speed (brightness, aperture, and ASA) are known and are being expressed in terms of voltage. The mirror now releases the opening curtain.

As the opening curtain begins to move, the timing switch opens and disconnects the cathode of the photodiode from the voltage source at pin 11. The timing capacitor Ct (probably made as part of the photodiode), which is connected to pin 10, IC-1, is now free to discharge through the photodiode to the lower potential at pin 9, IC-1. When the timing capacitor discharges to a voltage below that at pin 12, IC-1, comparator CP-2 will switch states. This turns off TR-1 and the shutter magnet, allowing the closing curtain to run.

The rate of Ct's discharge determines the shutter speed. How fast it discharges depends entirely upon the brightness of light reflecting from the film aperture to the photodiode. How much discharge takes place before CP-2 switches is a function of the ASA setting. This system enables the camera to produce an electrical analog of the exposure as it is actually taking place. The response time of the photodiode is fast enough to detect changes in light level during the

exposure, such as when a flash is used.

A few last details. Because film exposure begins as the opening curtain moves, the **photodiode** must take that into account also. The opening curtain, therefore, is decorated with reflective paint to reflect as much light as film.

Calibration of the system is adjusted by VR-103.

Manual Speeds

A switch built into the ASA resistor board is used to select automatic, manual, or bulb function. The center pole of the switch connects to pin 8, IC-1. In the auto mode, the switch is open and pin 8 connects to nothing. Moving the switch to manual position connects pin 8 to battery positive. Two events now occur inside the IC: (1) the voltage at pins 10, 11, and 12 becomes near battery negative.(2) One side of capacitor C-101 is connected to the voltage reference through pin 4.

As SW-104 closes, the other side of C-101 connects to battery negative and that same voltage appears across the capacitor and at pin 4, IC-1. When the timing switch opens, the voltage at pin 10 rises to about 750mv below battery positive. At the same time, C-101 begins to charge through resistor R-103. When the voltage at pin 4 just exceeds that at pin 10, the comparator switches states and the shutter magnet releases the closing curtain. The resistor R-103 is selected to produce a flash sync speed of about 1/45 second.

If the manual adapter is plugged into the jack on the front of the camera, a variable resistor is substituted for **R-103** and speeds from 1 to 1/1000 second may be selected.

Moving the shutter function switch to "bulb" connects battery positive to the bulb switch located under the exposure-control circuit board. Events now proceed exactly as in the manual mode except that while the release button is held, the bulb switch is closed and positive voltage is applied to pin 17, IC-1. As long as the bulb switch is closed, the voltage at pin 4 (from C-101) is inhibited from switching the comparator and the shutter remains open.

Self Timer

Setting the self-timer switch connects one side of capacitor C-104 to the main switch SW-104. As the mirror begins to rise and SW-104 is closed, C-104 discharges to battery negative. The pulse is transmitted across the capacitor to pin 15, IC-1 and to comparator CP-1. Since the voltage is well below that required to turn CP-1 "on," (remember that CP-1 is used to inhibit release if the battery voltage is low) the mirror comes to rest against the combination magnet latch. Everything stops now while C-104 charges to the voltage required to set CP-1 and release the combination magnet. The recharge takes about 12 seconds.

There are two oscillators inside IC-101. One of them operates at 2 Hz off the capacitor connected to pin 7. The other operates at 2 kHz off the capacitor connected to pin 6. The 2 kHz oscillator provides the signal to drive the piezoelectric buzzer which provides the audible signal during the timer operation and battery check. The other oscillator provides the interval between "beeps."

The buzzer and LED are driven from the same output, pin 3, IC-1. During the time that C-104 is recharging, the buzzer and LED are enabled to indicate the camera is in timer mode.

Flash Dedication

When a dedicated strobe such as the Olympus T-20 is installed on the accessory shoe, a voltage from the strobe is applied to pin 3, IC-2. As the strobe charges, the voltage at pin 3 increases and switches on two transistors inside IC-2. The first connects battery positive from pin 19 to pin 4. Pin 4 is common with pin 8, IC-1 and switches IC-1 to the manual timing mode. The second transistor switched on by the strobe causes the "flash" LED to indicate in the viewfinder display. After the flash exposure, if the detector on the flash has read back sufficient light, the LED in the display will blink. Capacitor C-204 determines the frequency.

II. EQUIPMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The following tools and equipment should be available to carry out the testing procedures in this guide:
 - Grounded soldering iron
 - 1000 ohm test probe
 - 0 ohm test probe
 - DVM
 - · Power supply
 - 200 K ohm resistor

B. Typical power consumption:

Readout
Battery check
Timer mode
SW-104 closed (mirror Mag) 15.2ma
Shutter magnet (Bulb) 8.8ma

C. Typical coil resistance:

Mirror magnet														360	ohms
Shutter magnet														590	ohms

D. All typical voltage measurements indicated in this guide were made with the common lead of the DVM connected to the camera body. Because the body is equal to battery positive (+), the numbers are preceded by a minus sign. The magnitude of the voltage is its difference from battery positive.

For example: The reading "0.00v" indicates battery positive. The reading "-3.00v" indicates battery negative.

E. For this guide, "B+" will be used to indicate battery positive which is also the body. "B-" will be used to indicate battery negative.

III. IC CHECKS.

A. IC-1

- 1. Pin 5 is battery positive.
- 2. Pin 18 connects to battery negative when SW-104 is closed.
- 3. Pin 1 is the input from the battery check switch. Connecting pin 1 to **B** should activate the buzzer and LED. Access pin 1 at **TP-17**.
- 4. Pin 2 is the output to the mirror magnet. With shutter cocked, use a test probe to apply **B** to pin 2 or **TP-8**. The magnet should release with an audible "click."

- 5. Pin 3 is the output to the buzzer and LED. Check at TP-26 and TP-27 for 2KHZ signal at 0.5 sec. intervals in timer and battery check mode.
- 6. Pin 4 is the input from the manual timing capacitor, C-101. At TP-20 use the 1000 ohm probe to apply B+ in the manual mode. The shutter should run through at the fastest speed. Use the 1000 ohm probe to apply B- to TP-20. The shutter should latch open.
- 7. Pins 6 and 7 are outputs to the oscillator capacitors for the buzzer signals.
- 8. Pin 8 is the input from the A/M switch (shutter function switch). B+ applied to pin 8 or TP-23 should change the shutter to manual speeds.
- 9. Pin 9 is the input from the mirror lock adjustment, VR-102. Typical: -1.15v with SW-104 on.
- 10. Pin 10 is one input to **CP-2**. In auto mode, the shutter should latch open if **B**+ is applied with the 1000 ohm probe.
- 11. Pin 11 is a constant voltage. Auto: -0.175v

Manual: -0.810v

- 12. Pin 12 is the other input to **CP-2**. In the auto mode, the shutter should latch open if **B-** is applied with the 1000 ohm probe.
- 13. Pins 13 and 14 are inputs from the offset adjustment, VR-104.
- 14. Pin 15 is the input from the self timer capacitor. Using the 1000 ohm probe to apply **B** to pin 15 should latch the mirror and activate the buzzer.
- 15. Pin 16 is the output to the shutter magnet. This pin should be near \mathbf{B} (-3.0v) to latch the closing curtain. To test the magnet, use the 1000 ohm probe to apply \mathbf{B} to pin 16. The shutter should latch open.
- 16. Pin 17 is the input from the bulb switch. The shutter should latch open when **B**+ is applied to pin 17 or **TP-16** with the 1000 ohm probe.

B. IC-2

- 1. Pin 19 is B+, common to the camera body.
- 2. Pin 33 is connected to B- when the meter switch is "on."
- 3. Pins 5 and 23 are connected to B- at all times.
- 4. Pins 6 through 18 are the display LED drivers. To light any display LED, connect that pin to the body (B+) using the 1000 ohm probe. Typical voltages: -1.45v LED on,-1.85v LED off.
- 5. Pins 29 and 30 connect to the CdS cell.

 Typical voltages: Pin 29 -2.10v 11mv/EV.

 Pin 30 -0.70v 11mv/LV.
- 6. Pin 31 typical voltage: -2.0v, 11mv/Ev.
- 7. Pin 32 is a constant voltage. Typical: -1.80v.

- 8. Pin 28 begins the ASA/AV loop. Typical voltage: 2.65, 11mv/Ev with ASA or AV. If the loop is open because of poor wiper contact or solder connection, the voltage at pin 28 will go to near B+ (read 0.00) and the "over" LED will light.
- 9. Pin 24 is the end of the ASA/AV loop. Typical voltage: -2.80.
- 10. Pin 25 is the input from VR-204. Typical voltage: -2.80.
- 11. Pin 3 is the input from the flash dedication contact on the hot shoe. To test the operation, apply +3.0 volts above battery positive to pin 3 through the 1000 ohm probe. The shutter should change to manual speeds.
- 12. Pin 4 is the output to pin 8, IC-1. Use the 1000 ohm probe to apply B+ to pin 4, the shutter should change to manual speed.
- 13. Pin 1 connects to the capacitor used in indicating correct flash exposure.
- 14. Pin 2 is B+.
- 15. Pins 20, 21, 22, and 26 have no connection.
- 16. Pins 34, 35, and 36 are inputs from auto shutoff circuit. Apply B+ to pin 36 to reset to "on." B- to pin 34 should turn display off.

Note:

To power up IC-1 for extensive testing, close SW-104 with a jumper across TP-2 and TP-7. For short term testing, release the shutter while holding the diaphragm operating lever just above the point where the mirror magnet releases.

To power up IC-2, turn the meter switch to "on." The IC will turn off after 1.5 minutes. To renew the power, momentarily connect TP-28 to the body (B+).

Take care to discharge any test probe or DVM lead by touching it to the camera body before touching IC-1 pins.

IV. ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE

1. Mirror lock voltage.

Connect a metered power supply in place of the battery. Adjust VR-102 so that the mirror magnet will not release at a supply voltage of 1.95v and will release at 2.05v.

2. Viewfinder readout.

Place camera in front of a light source set to LV 15. Set ASA 100, f-16, and adjust VR-204 so that display indicates 1.125.

Next, set LV-6, ASA 100, and f-5.6. Adjust VR-203 so that the display indicates 1/2 second.

Finally, repeat the two adjustments for the best linearity.

3. Offset voltage.

Set ASA 1600 and self timer mode. Rotate VR-104 fully CCW, then release the shutter. Rotate VR-104 CW until the buzzer and LED begin to indicate the timer mode.

4. Auto speeds.

Set LV-12, ASA 100, and f-5.6. Using an exposure tester, adjust VR-103 for zero exposure error.

Increase light to LV-15 and check exposure error for 1/1000 speed. If there is significant over-exposure, clean the shutter magnet and adjust the timing switch eccentric screw for earlier opening.

NOTES:

To set ASA 100 with the top cover off, position the ASA wiper so that the slots are parallel to the front of the camera.

The resistors for mirror lock voltage and offset voltage are locked down with lacquer. These adjustments are usually not necessary unless a component has been replaced.

The face of the format adapter used to measure auto exposure must have the same reflectivity as film.

The resistor values for manual speeds begin at 8 K-ohm for 1/1000 and double for each speed to 8.3 Mega-ohm at 1 second.

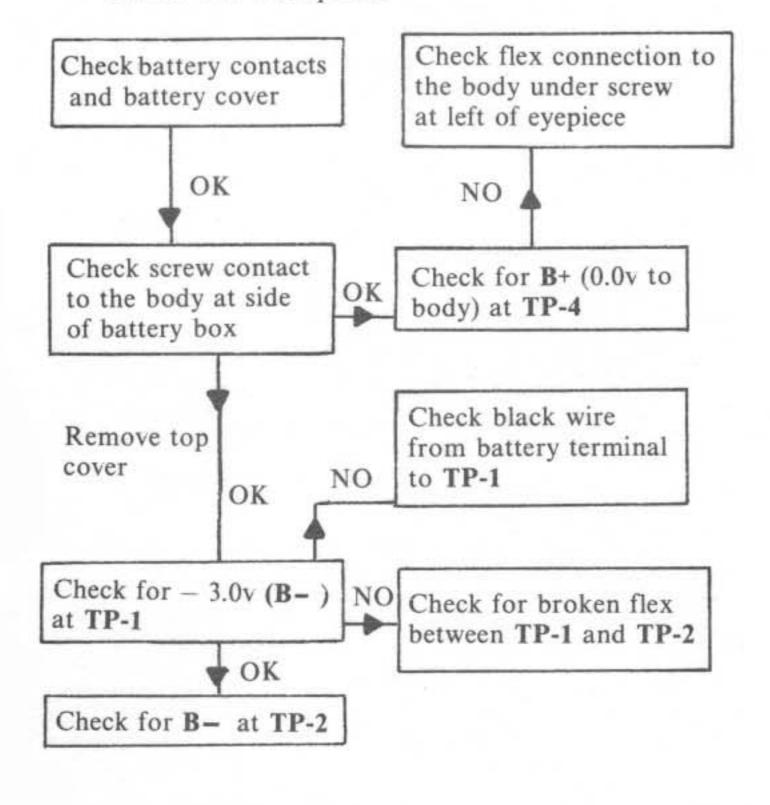
The range of manual speeds can be made faster by replacing C-101 with capacitor of smaller value; slower with larger value capacitor.

V. TROUBLESHOOTING

Power Circuit Malfunctions

A. External Observations:

No viewfinder display No battery check Shutter will not operate



B. External Observations:

Check IC-2 solder

connections. IC-2 check.

See Step 16, IC-2 Check

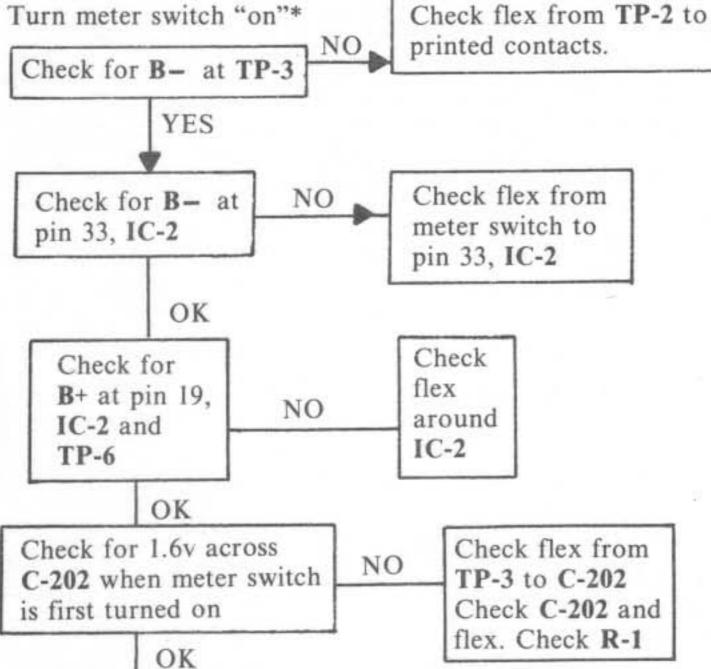
No viewfinder display Shutter operation OK Battery check OK

Turn meter switch "on"*

Check flex from TP-2 to printed contacts.

Check meter switch

*Reset every minute

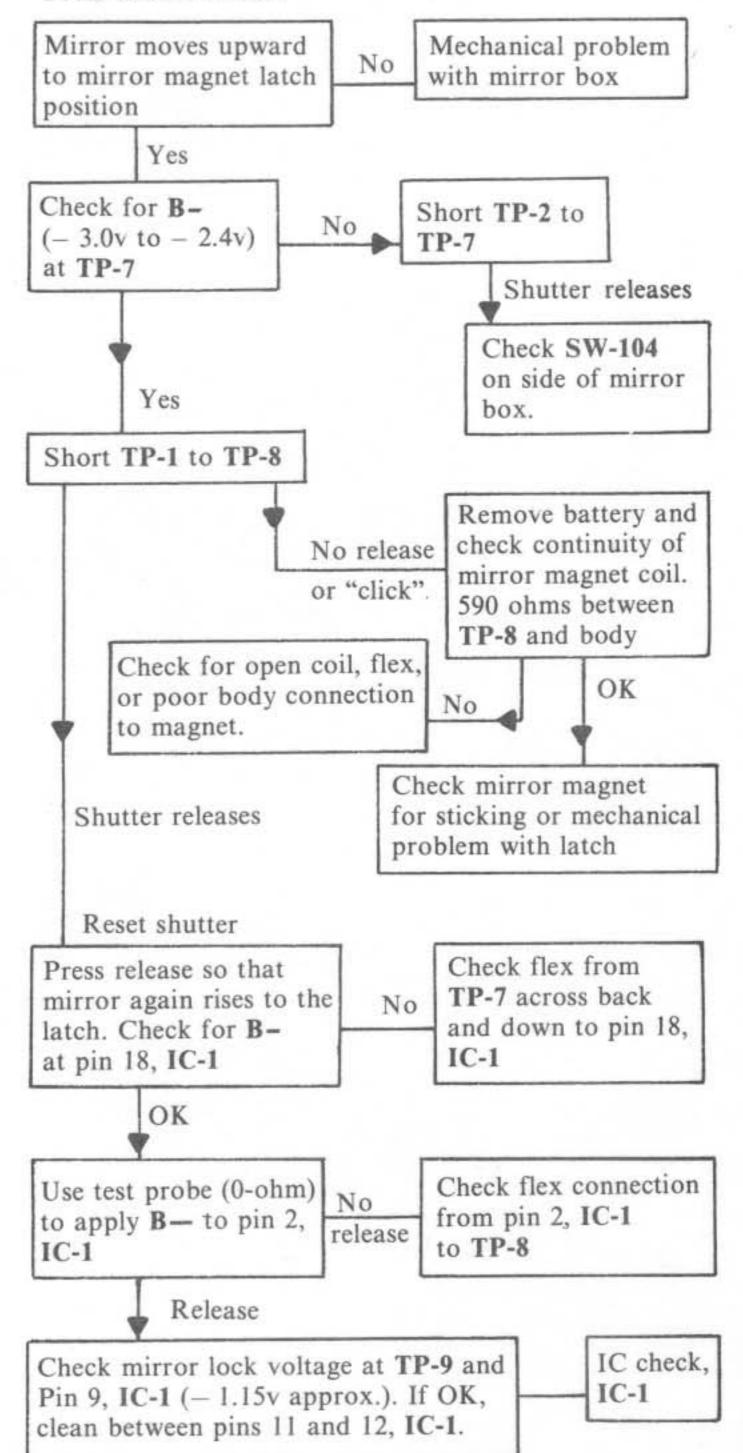


Power Circuit Malfunctions (cont.)

C. External Observations:

Viewfinder display OK Shutter will not operate (mirror is locked)

Press shutter release



Note:

To test mirror magnet operation:

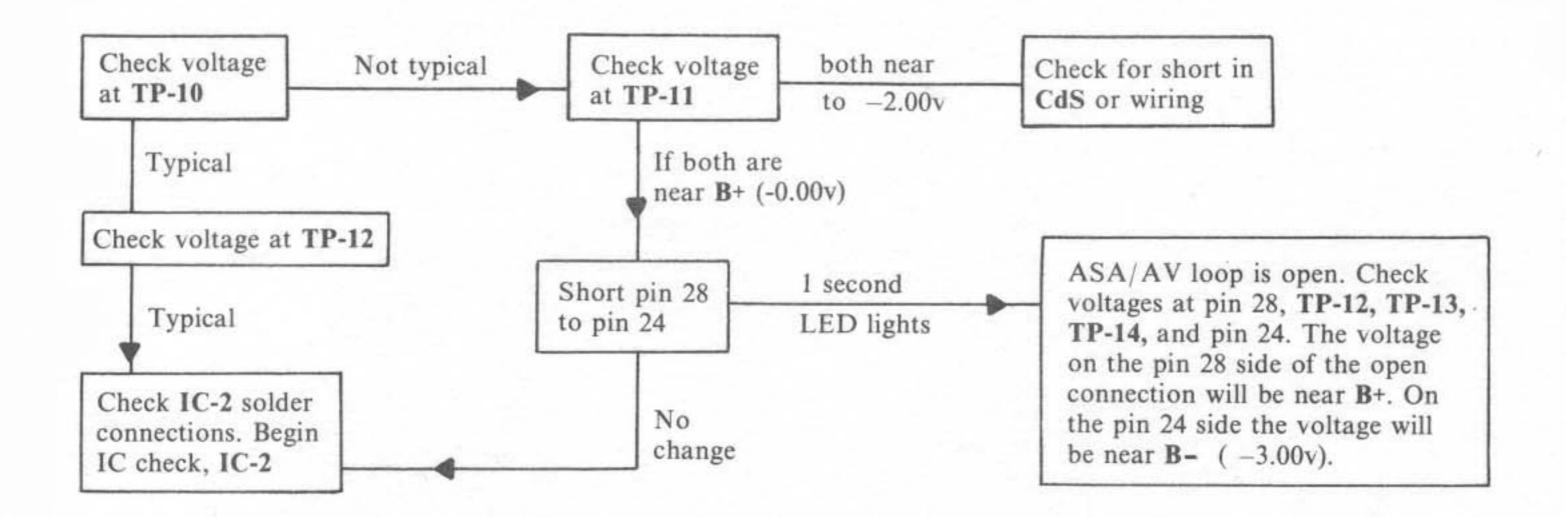
- 1. Set shutter
- 2. Be sure batteries are good.
- 3. Short TP-1 to TP-8.

 There should be a single "click" as magnet releases:

Readout Malfunctions.

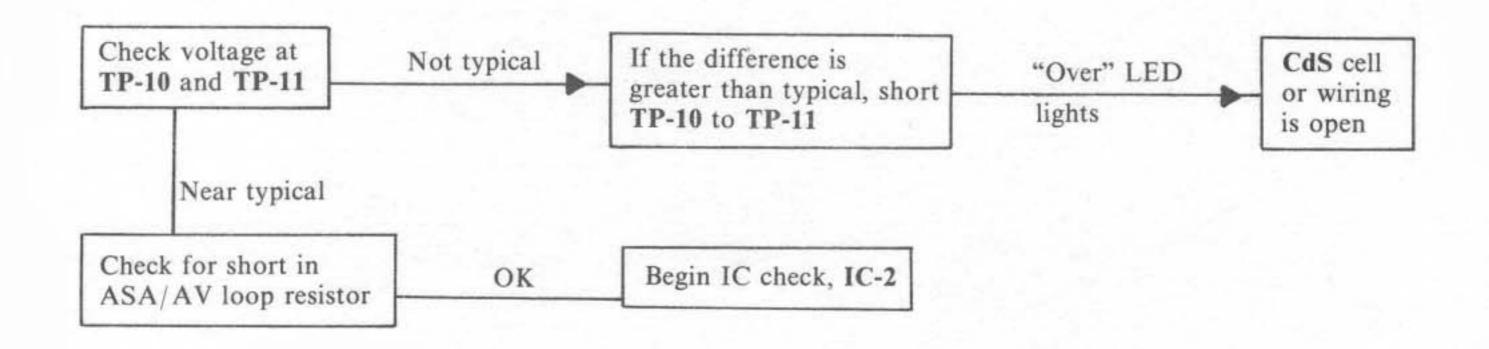
A. External Observations:

"Over" LED remains on Shutter OK Display turns on and off OK When making voltage checks of the readout circuit, reset switch every minute to defeat auto shut-off.



B. External Observations:

1 second LED remains on Shutter OK Display turns on and off OK

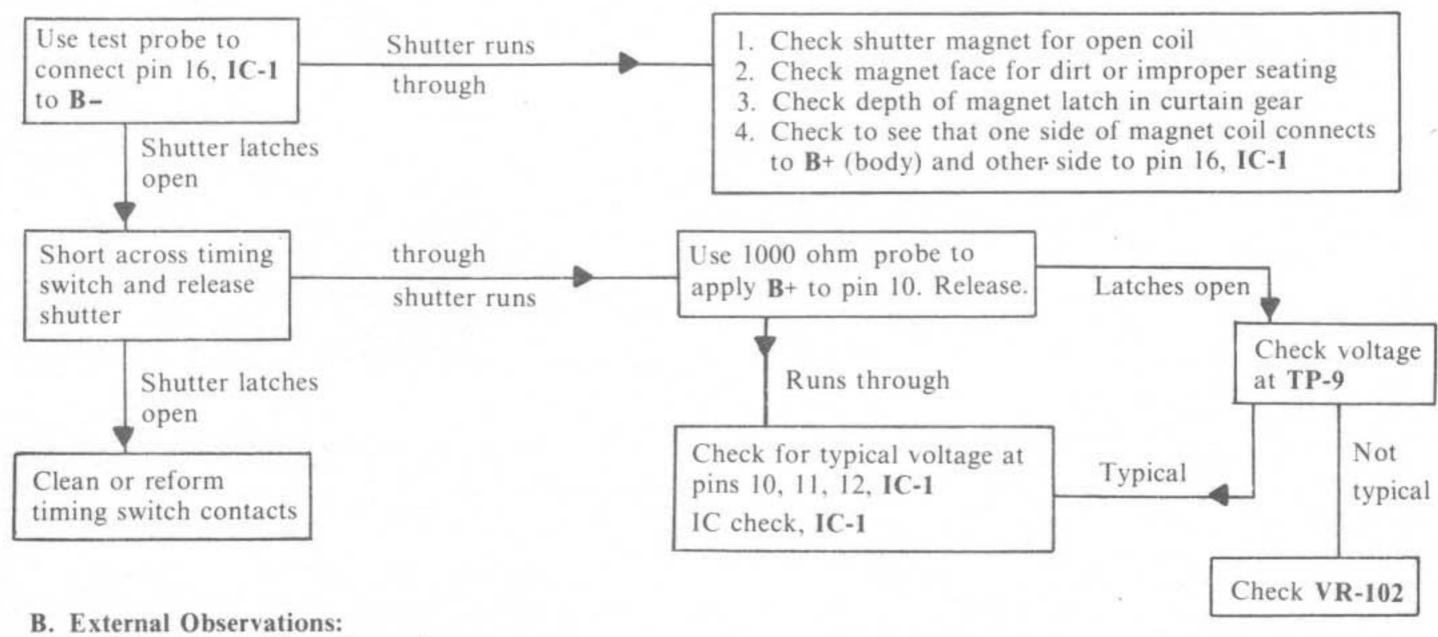


Shutter Malfunctions

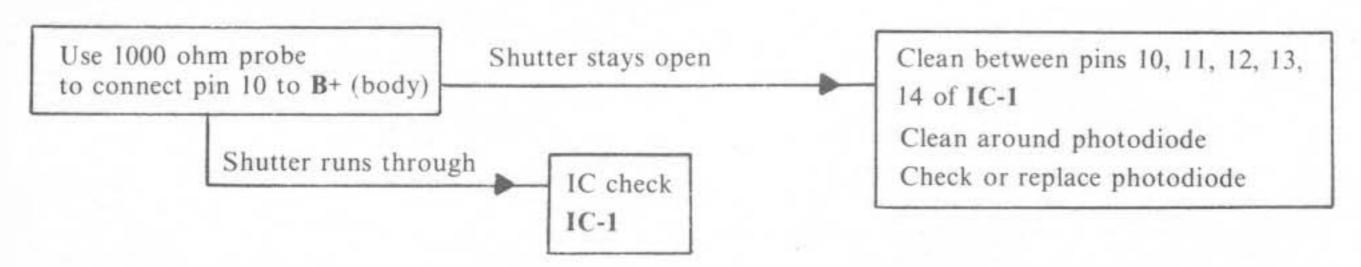
A. External Observations:

Shutter runs through on Auto and Manual Self timer is OK Battery check is OK

Set "Auto," ASA-100



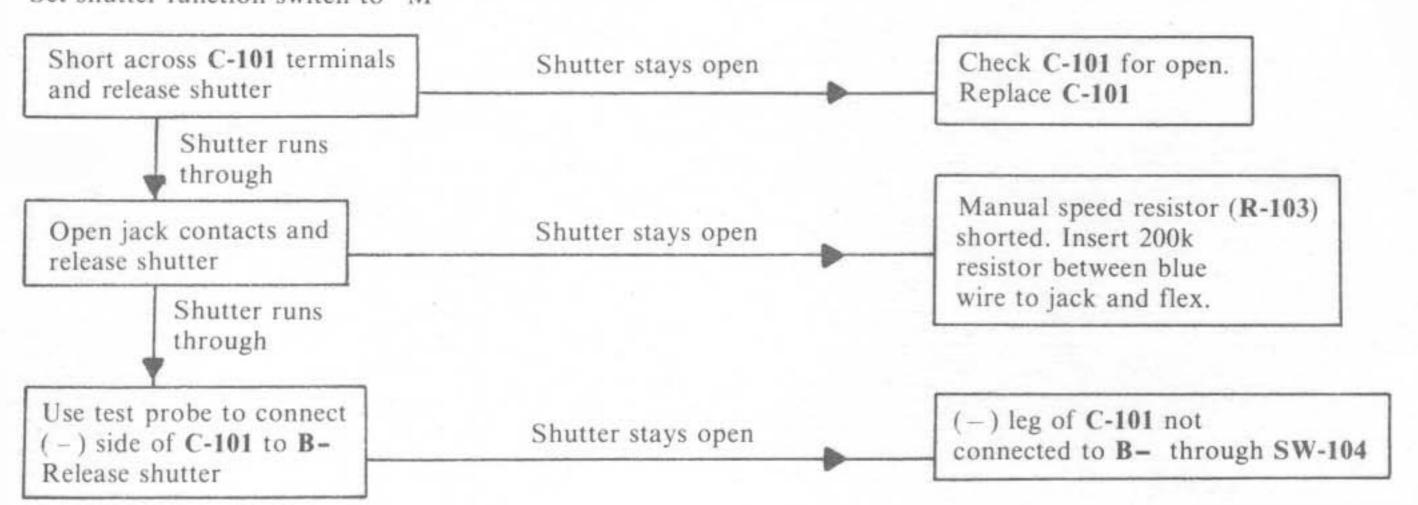
Shutter runs through on Auto Manual speeds OK



C. External Observations:

Shutter runs through on Manual Auto speeds OK Bulb operation OK

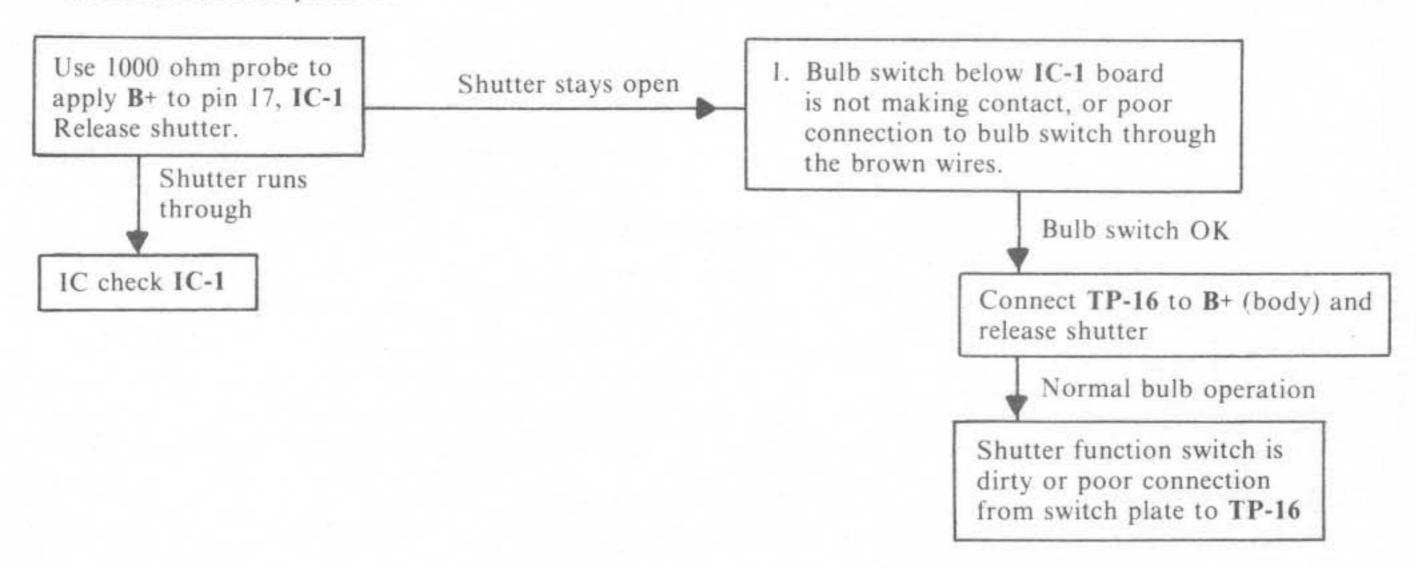
Set shutter function switch to "M"



Shutter Malfunctions (cont.)

D. External Observations:

Shutter runs through on bulb Manual and auto speeds OK

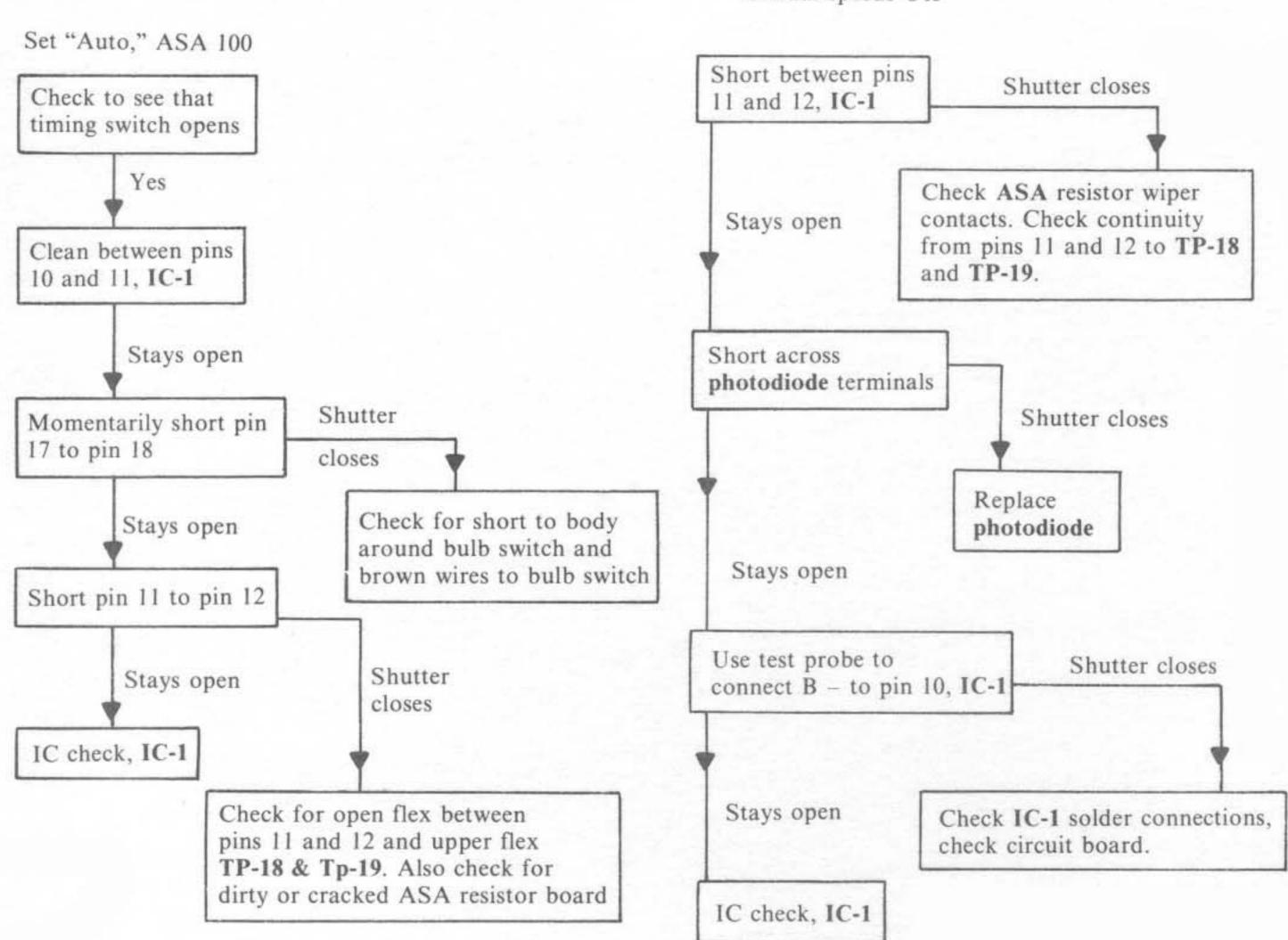


E. External Observations:

Shutter stays open in Auto and Manual

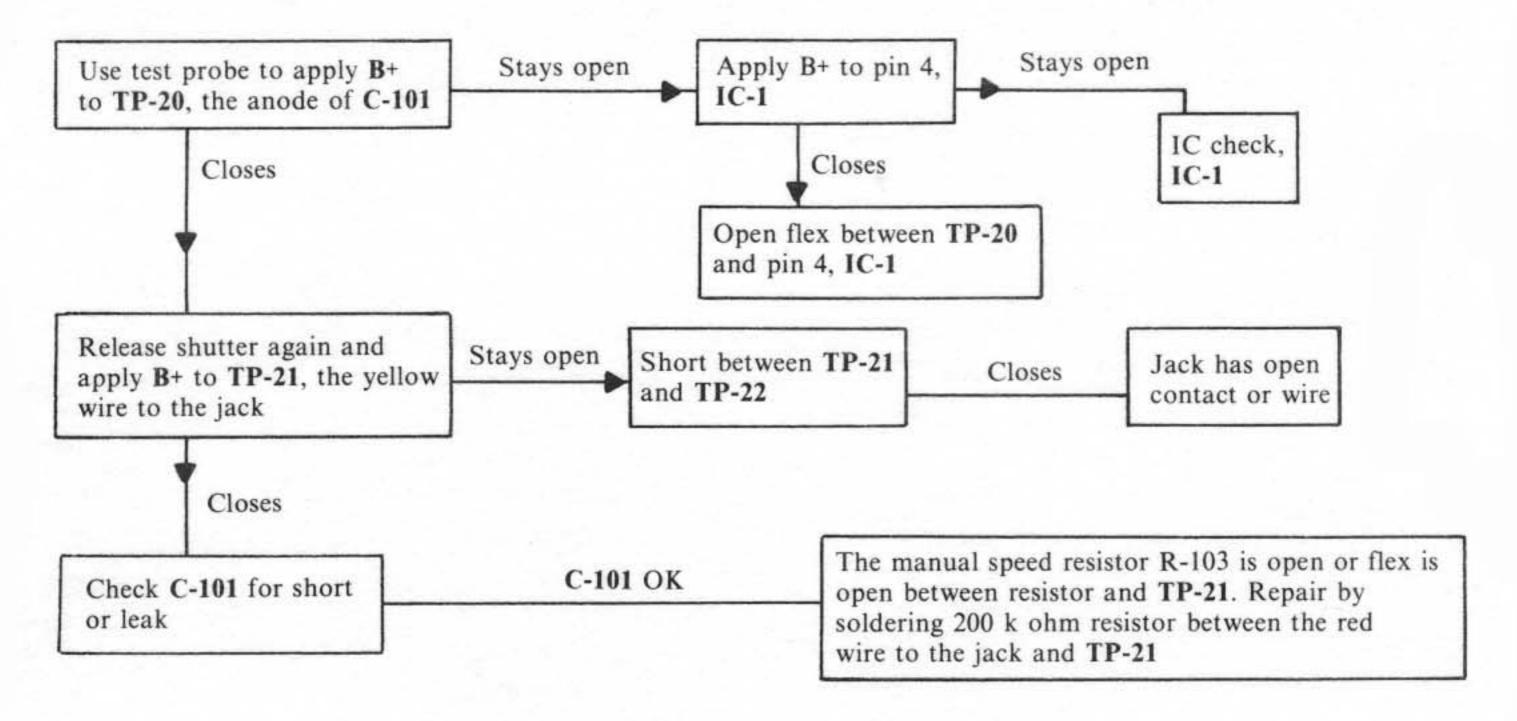
F. External Observations:

Shutter stays open in "Auto" Manual speeds OK



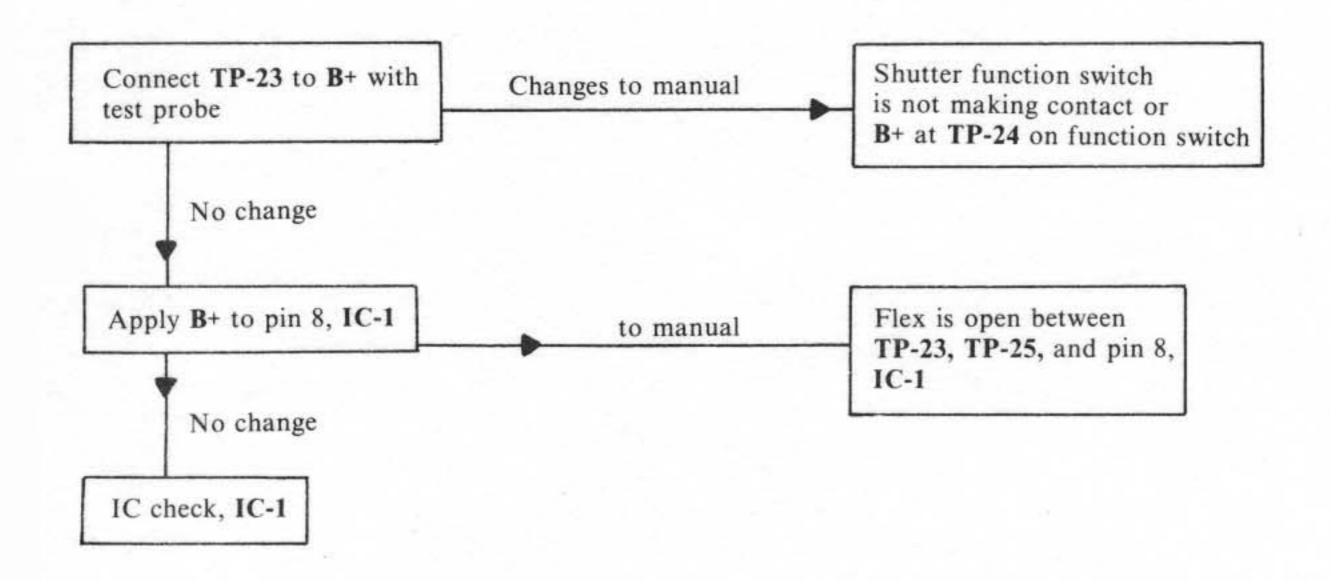
G. External Observations:

Shutter stays open in "Manual" Auto speeds OK Stays open in "Bulb"



H. External Observations:

Shutter is always in "Auto" mode.



I. Other Shutter Malfunctions

PROBLEM	CAUSE
Shutter stays open in bulb mode	Bulb switch not opening or wires to switch shorting
First exposure is long if camera sets for a time with shutter cocked. Also, no fast speeds.	Shutter magnet dirty. Clean shutter magnet with isopropyl alcohol.
Fast speeds slow or erratic. Magnet is clean.	Timing switch leaking. Clean circuit board near timing switch terminals. Also, around pin 10-13, IC-1
Mirror Magnet Malfunctions	
PROBLEM	CAUSE
Mirror will not latch in timer mode or without batteries.	Dirt on magnet face or latch spring unhooked. Also, camera may be incorrectly assembled so

VI. Common Mechanical Problems

Magnet slow to release

or erratic.

1. The camera jams, but will release when bottom cover is loosened. The horizontal release arm catches on the winder port cap in the bottom cover and does not return fully.

Oil on magnet face.

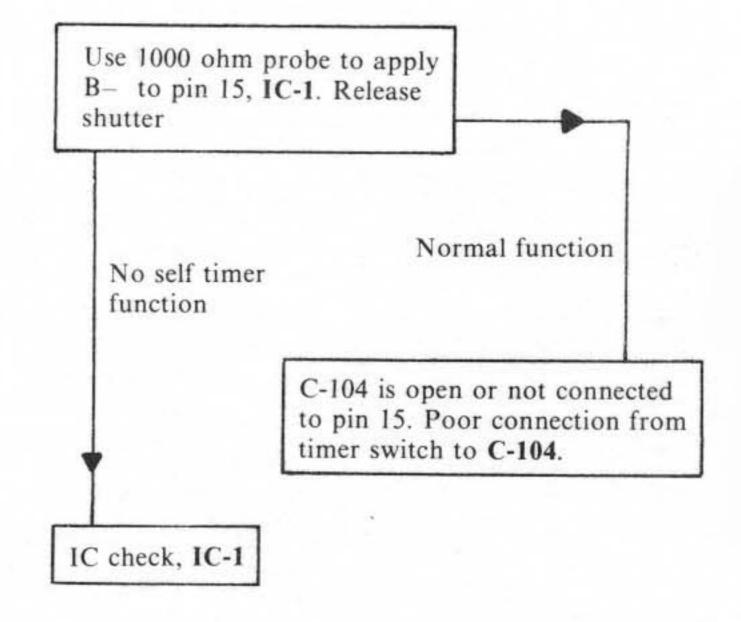
Clean with alcohol.

2. The shutter charge gears on the bottom of the camera become out of time and cause the camera to jam. The problem may be due to a broken recoil spring under the center gear, or the gears do not spin freely. See the diagram below for proper timing.

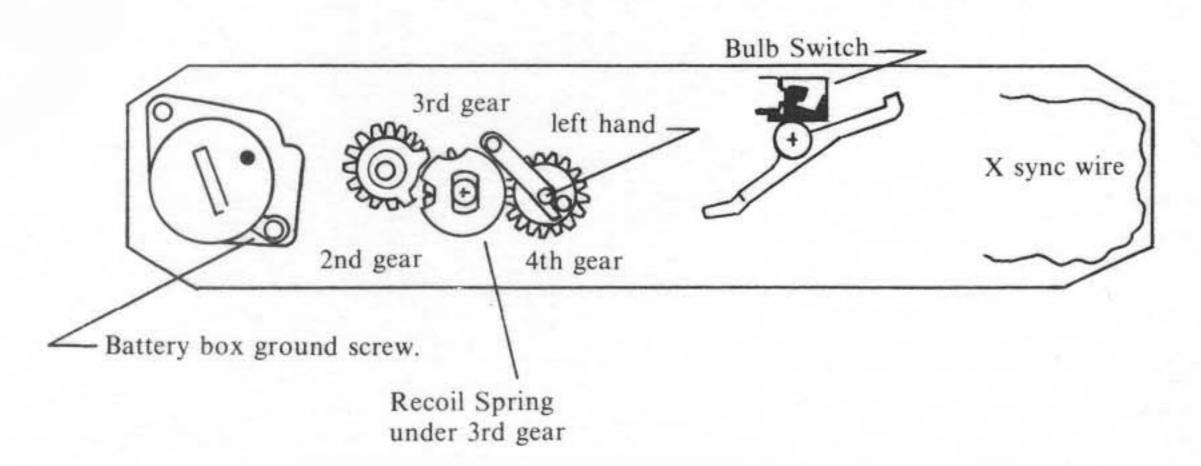
Self Timer Malfunctions External Observations:

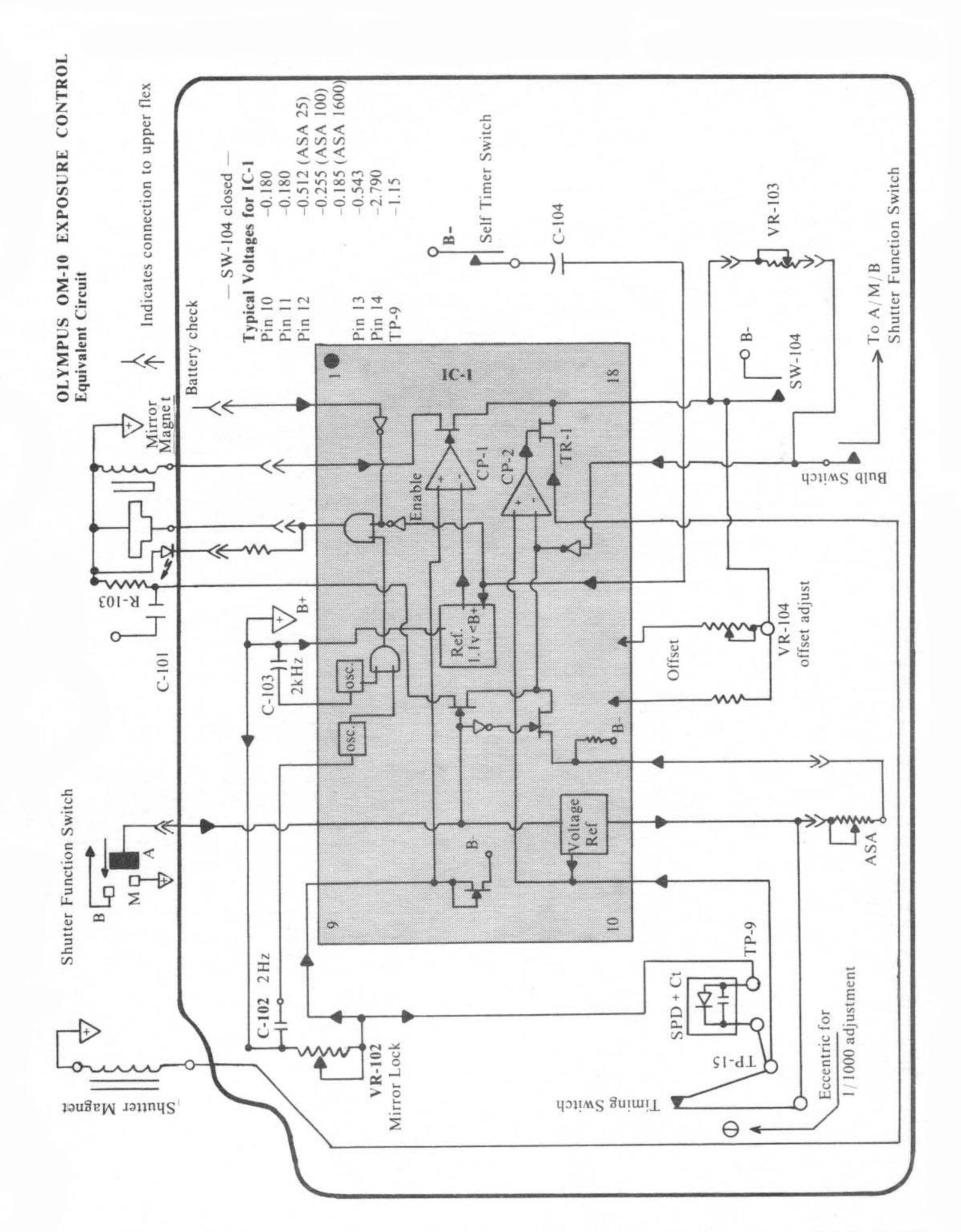
No self timer action Mirror locks without batteries

Set "Auto," ASA 100

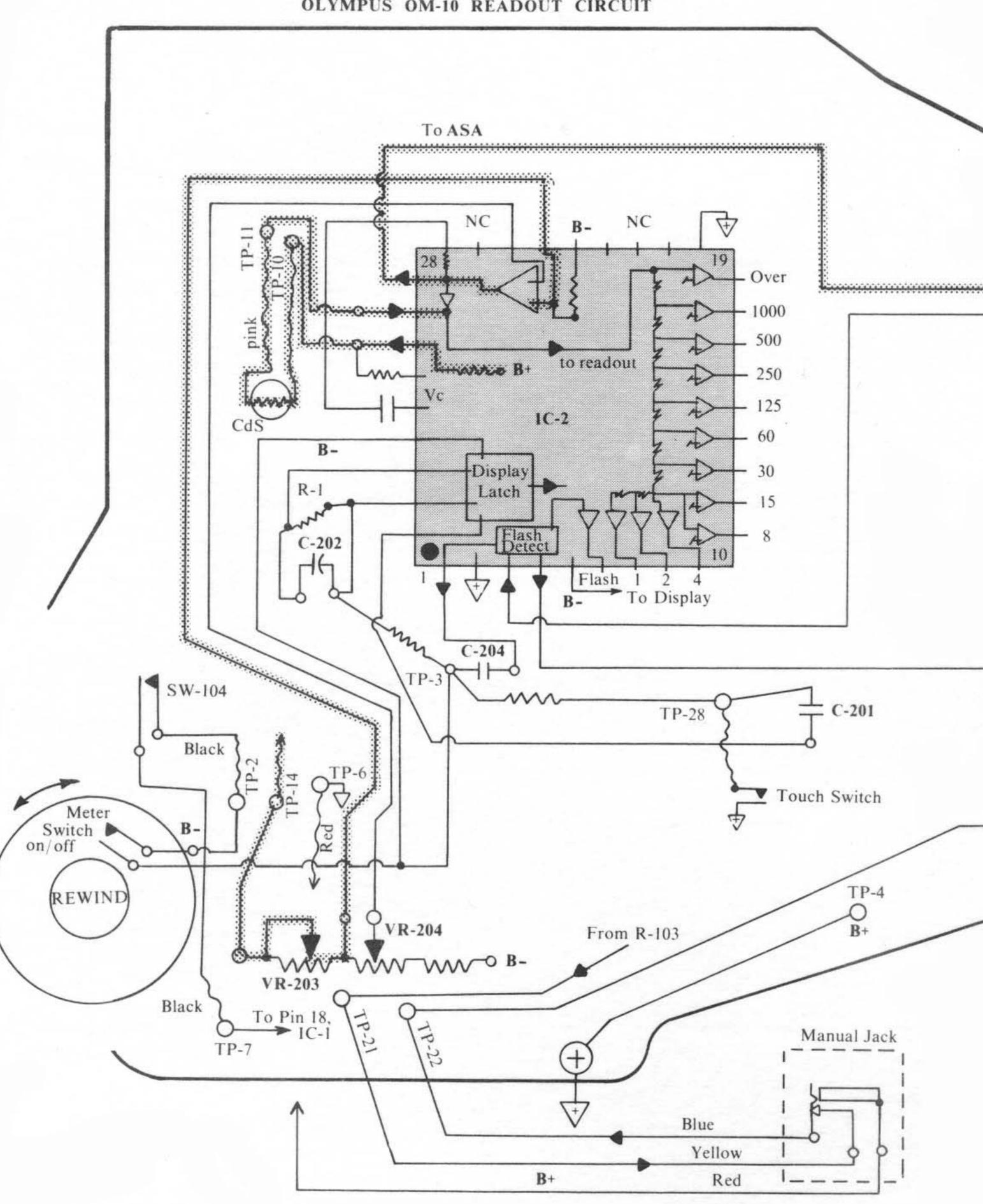


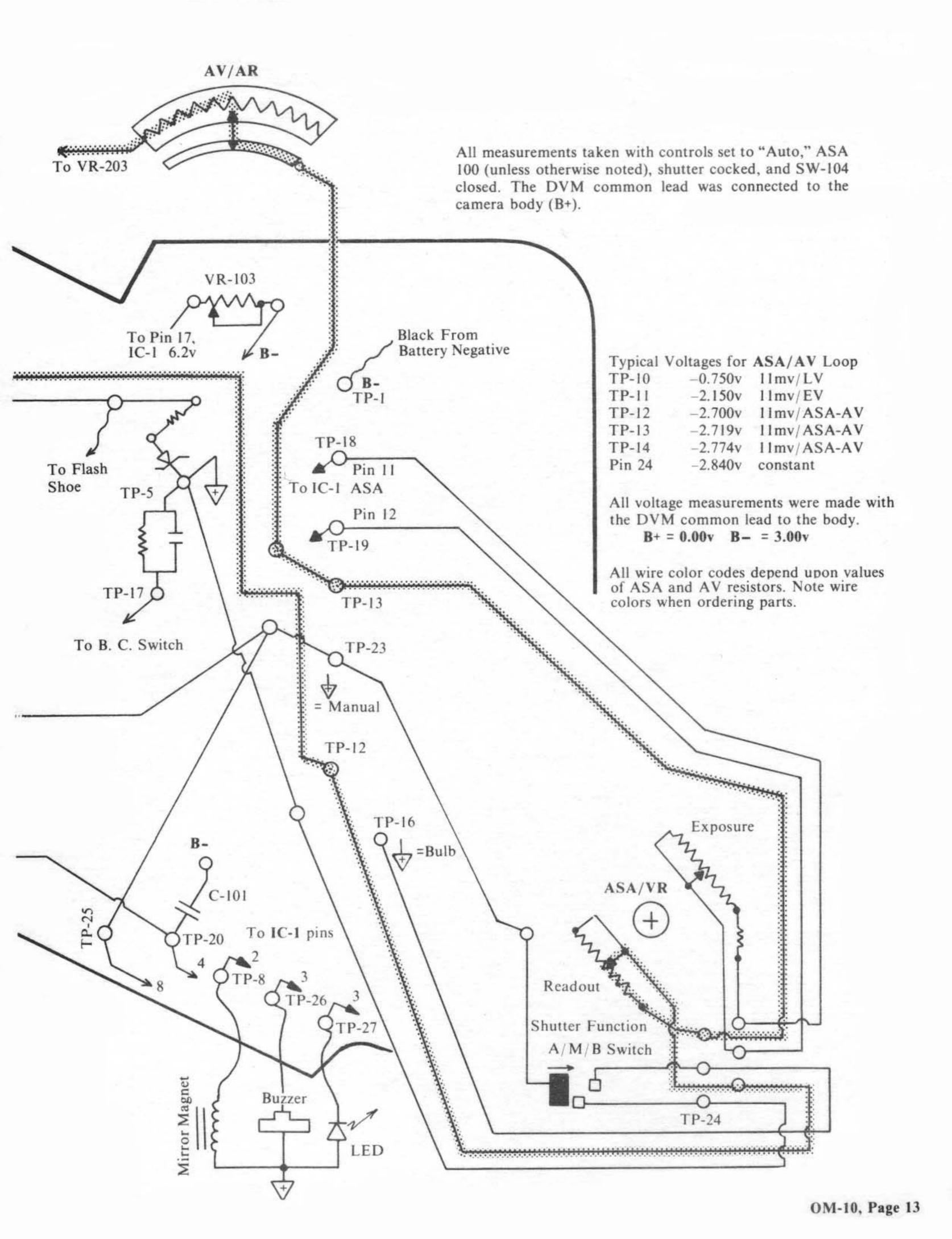
Notes: If timer does not time out in about 12 seconds, C-104 may be leaking If timer interval is too short, C-104 is under value.





OLYMPUS OM-10 READOUT CIRCUIT





VII. List of Commonly Used Parts

Part Description	Part Number	Part Description	Part Number
Wind lever	ZC207200	Shutter magnet	ZC132100
Wind lever screw/	CE205700	ASA board (Rev.)	ZC207700*
washer dress plate	CE205600 CE204100	ASA wiper assembly	ZC213100
Rewind knob	ZC208300	CdS cell	ES5010
crank	CE201400 CE201800	Screen	LC409100
shaft	CE215200	2nd gear shaft assembly	ZC201700
shaft bearing	CE214700	3rd gear assembly	ZC103000
Meter/timer switch Manual speed jack	ZC208500 ZJ132600	Recoil spring	CA885100
Accessory shoe Battery cover	CE202200 CE215700	4th gear assembly	CE223800 (1 CE223900 (2
Foam for auto board cover Rewind button assembly	CA915600 ZC202700		CE224000 (3 CE224100 (4
Right side mirror box assy./mirror magnet	ZC205100	Top cover screws	PUK1.7 410SG
Right front leather	CE211600	Bottom cover screws	CEZ15500
Left front leather	CE211500	Mirror	LC409000
Main flex circuit	ZC200300	AV resistor	CZ206100*
Photodiode	ZJ132500	*Note wire color code	

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I. EXTERNAL TESTS

- 1. Wind the shutter, then leave the camera set for at least 15 minutes. With lens off, test the "Auto" shutter speed pointing the camera toward a bright light. Next, release the shutter several times in rapid succession. Note any hesitation in the mirror the first shot (Mirror Magnet sticking) and any tendency for the shutter speed to increase on successive shots (Shutter Magnet sticking).
- Release the shutter with the batteries removed. The mirror should rise part way and stop. If the shutter cycles through, the Mirror Magnet is dirty and not latching.
- 3. Test self-timer operation; the interval should be about 12 seconds. Next, set ASA 1600 and try self-timer operation. If it does not function, the offset voltage is incorrect or VR-104's wiper is not making contact.
- 4. Test the minimum release voltage. The Mirror Magnet should not release if the supply voltage is below 1.95v. Adjustment is made with VR-102 and auto speeds can be affected.
- 5. Replace the lens, then test auto shutter operation to see if it changes with light and ASA.
- 6. Turn on the display and be sure it responds to changes in light, ASA, and aperture value. Remember, the display and Auto shutter speeds are not related.
- 7. Wind the shutter 10 times in rapid succession while holding pressure on the film sprocket. If the wind lever slips, the upper ratchet needs to be cleaned.

II. TROUBLESHOOTING UPDATES

- 1. If the shutter is fast at low light levels:
 - A. Clean around the photodiode under the mirror.
 - B. Check the offset voltage and minimum release voltage adjustments.
 - C. Check the ASA Board for dirt or corrosion which could cause leaks.
- 2. If the display is erratic or self-timer doesn't function, check for cracks or wear on the printed switch board under the rewind. Damage can sometimes be repaired with conductive paint.

III. MECHANICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. To remove the upper film transport for service:
 - A. Take out the screw holding the rewind button and shaft assembly, then lift the assembly away while turning it to clear the hole.
 - B. Remove the three screws holding the counter plate and wind gears. There will be a loose bushing.
- 2. If the owner forces the wind lever when shutter curtains can't move, the lug on the first curtain charge gear may be broken. Sometimes this can be repaired by inserting a pin from the bottom; however, replacing the gear is usually not practical.
- 3. On early models, the screw holding the third gear has a small head which allowed the gear to wobble and lose timing. New screws (part number CE1 14600) correct the problem.

Another reason OM series cameras sometimes jam is slow action of the second wind stroke prevention latch on the bottom.