OPERATOR'S MANUAL

AUTOPILOT

MODEL FAP-55



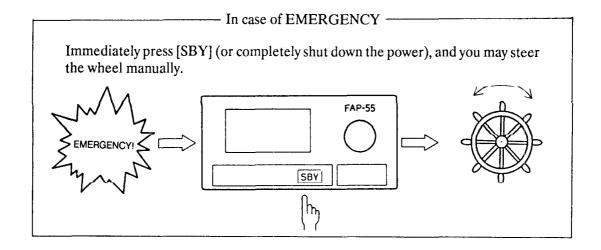


WARNING AND CAUTION

An autopilot is a very convenient and useful piece of equipment if it is used properly. Accidents and collisions are usually due to misuse and misunderstanding of the system.

When using the autopilot, the following precautions should be taken.

- 1) DO NOT USE AUTO/NAV MODES IN THE FOLLOWING CASES. (Operate in SBY mode in the following cases.)
 - (1) In heavy traffic areas and narrow channels.
 - (2) In bad weather conditions, such as poor visibility, strong wind and current, rough sea, etc.
 - (3) When changing course to avoid collision with other vessels.
 - (4) In the areas where local laws prohibit use of an autopilot.
- 2) Keep the following points in mind when sailing in the AUTO/NAV modes.
 - (1) DO NOT LEAVE THE HELM UNATTENDED.
 - (2) Do not place magnetic materials or magnetic field generating equipment near the heading sensor.
 - (3) Verify the course and position of the vessel, both before engaging the autopilot and while using it.
- 3) No one navigational aid should be relied upon exclusively for the safety of vessel and crew. The navigator has the responsibility to check all aids available to confirm his position. Electronic aids are not a substitute for basic navigational principles and common sense.



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1. PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

An autopilot is a system connected to the ship's steering gear to automatically control rudder movement in order to steer the ship on a set course. Anyone can appreciate the advantages of being free to carry out navigational checks, trim adjustments, or simply to relax and enjoy himself.

To better understand how the autopilot system works, a brief knowledge of the history of the autopilot is necessary.

The first generation autopilot was developed in the 1930's. Off-course error was detected by a contact wire. The contact is made when the boat moves to one side of the desired course, the contact is broken when the boat moves to the other side. This causes the boat to continually "hunt" back and forth across the correct heading. Hence, the name hunting autopilot.

Although the components in this type of autopilot are relatively simple, the constant zig-zagging across the correct heading decreases fuel economy and increases wear and tear on the autopilot and the steering system.

The second type of autopilot, which was developed in the late 1940's, utilizes two contacts, one for port off-course, and one for starboard off-course. If the boat is on course neither contact is made, resulting in a small arc, or deadband. When a heading error greater than the deadband is detected, the helm is moved in the appropriate direction in an amount proportional to the heading error. As long as the boat remains on a course within this deadband, the helm is at rest.

One of the advantages of this type of autopilot is that it eliminates the constant zig-zagging across the heading. However the boat still may wander within the deadband, thus the course is usually not as tight as desirable.

The latest generation of autopilots, the FAP-55 included, utilizes a proportional rate system to steer the boat. The proportional rate system is similar to the highly accurate and reliable system used on aircraft, missiles, and space vehicles. The proportional rate autopilot provides the necessary course correction to the helm proportional to the speed and the amount the boat moved off-course.

With the removal of the deadband (NAV Mode), the autopilot no longer wanders within a deadband but now steers a prescribed course, taking action within the presence of even a minute course error. The amount of action depends on the course error detected; i.e., when the course error rate is small a very low helm correction rate is applied.

Because the wandering is eliminated, the proportional rate autopilot has the advantages of low power consumption and low wear and tear on the autopilot and the steering system. Off-course correction is smooth, not jerking back and forth at full speed.

The force necessary to steer the boat back onto the set course is provided by a power or drive unit.

Now let's see how an off-course error is detected and how the boat is steered back onto the set course. Figure A on the next page shows the symplified block diagram of the autopilot.

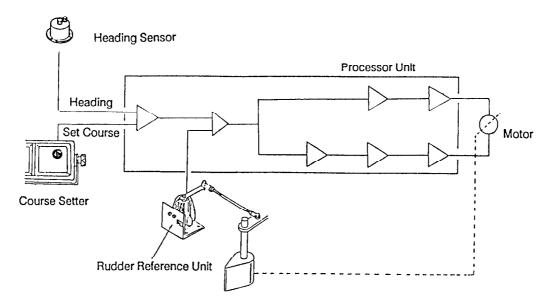


Fig. A simplified Block Diagram of Autopilot

In the AUTO mode, the primary heading information (fluxgate sensor) is continuously compared with the set course. With the boat on course, the two signals are equal.

Once the boat goes off course, the difference between the primary heading and the set course will changes proportionally and there will be an imbalance at the comparator, whose output will move up or down depending on whether the course error is to the left or right of the set heading.

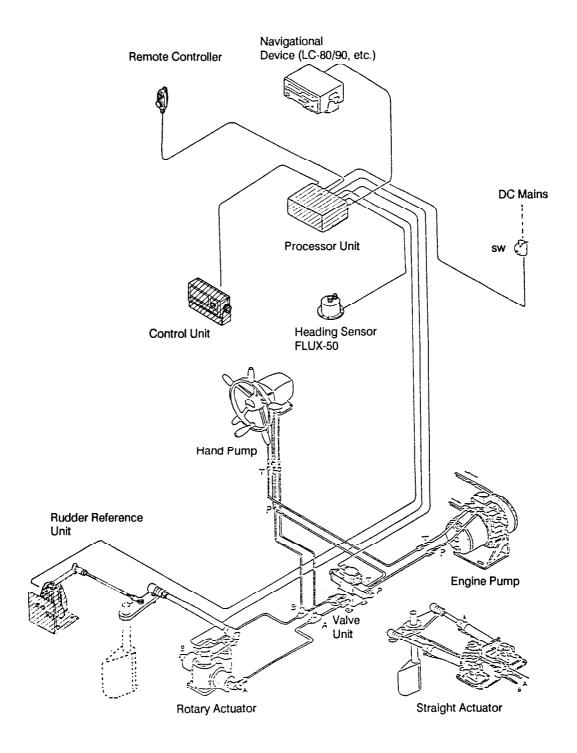
The rudder continues to move until a balanced condition is obtained at the comparator, at which point the drive switches off.

To set the rudder when the boat is off-course, the rudder angle is generated at the rudder reference unit, then fed back to the processor unit.

Although the autopilot is capable of steering a steady course for the helmsman, it cannot think for him. Always post a lookout while under way and never use the autopilot in congested harbors or areas of heavy traffic.

As a final note of caution, it must be remembered that no machine can perform to the utmost of its ability unless it is installed and maintained properly. The reliability and performance of your autopilot is directly related to the quality of the installation. The installation is one of the most complicated of all marine electronics equipment and is best left to a qualified technician. Happy sailing.

2. SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS



Hydraulic Steering Boat with Valve Unit

DC Mains

Remote Controller

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St. NS

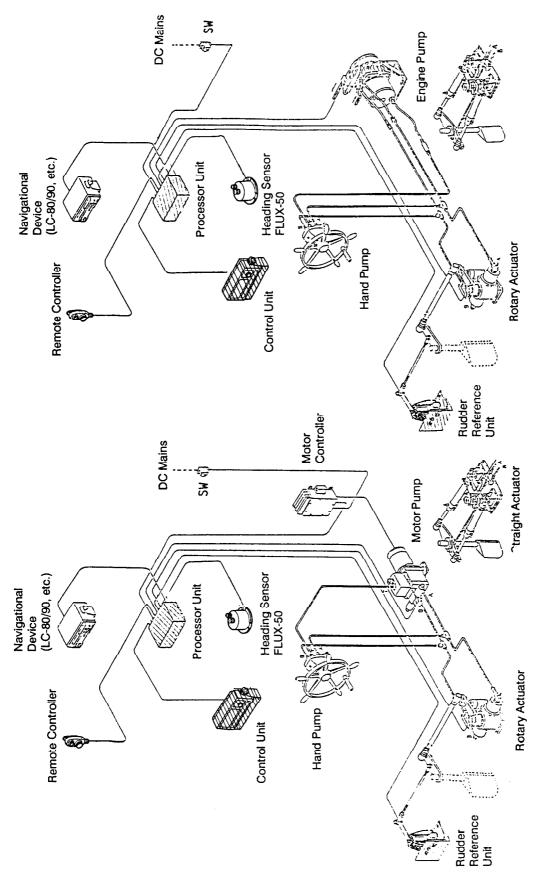
Hydraulic Steering Boats with Bar Tiller

Rotary Actuator

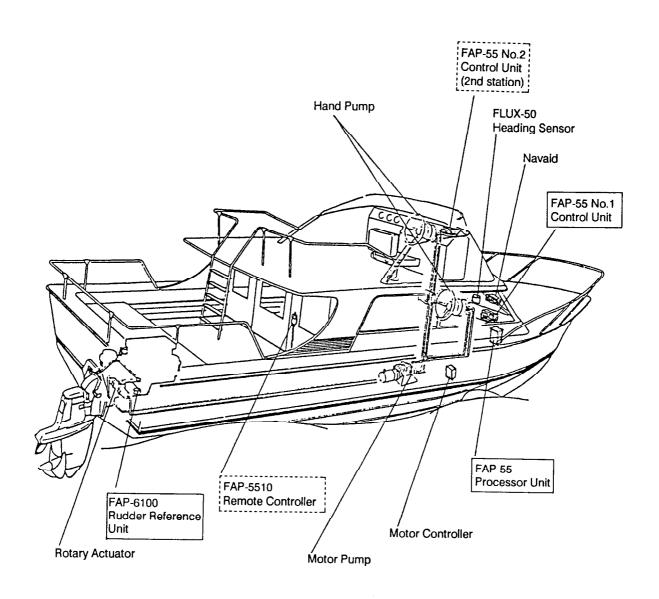
Rudder Reference Unit

Bar Tiller

Control Unit



Hydraulic Steering Boats with Hand Pump

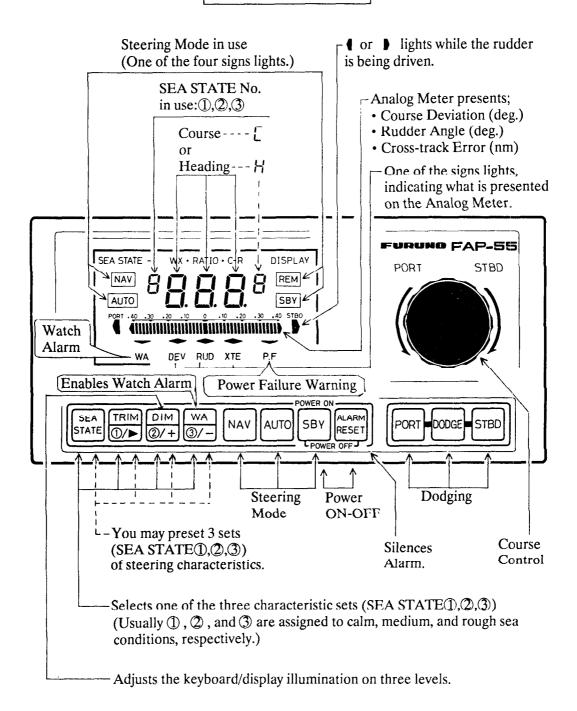


Typical Installation on a Hydraulic Steering Boat

3. CONTROL PANEL LAYOUT

Operation of the FAP-55 may be done from the control unit or the remote controller.

FAP-55 CONTROL UNIT



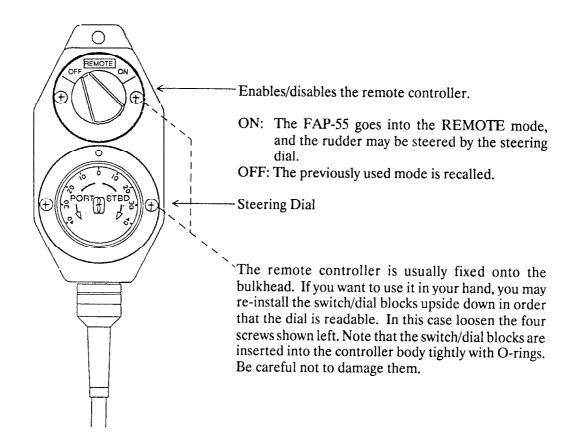
Key-pressing Acknowledgment Beep

A press of any key is acknowledged by a short beep. When an illegal key stroke is detected, two short beeps will be generated. In this case press key(s) again.

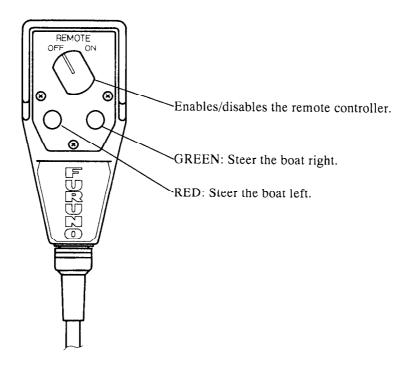
CAUTION: When No.1 and No.2 control units are connected, <u>do not</u> operate from the two units simultaneously. If this is done, the operation from either control unit will be accepted, while the one from the other unit will be totally disregarded.

REMOTE CONTROLLER

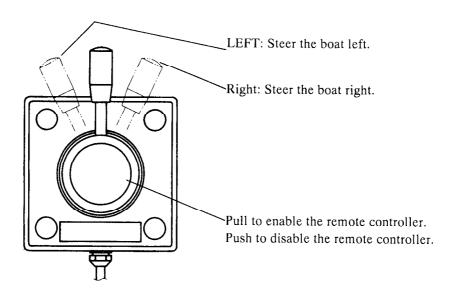
(Optional)



REMOTE CONTROLLER FAP-6210 (Optional supply)

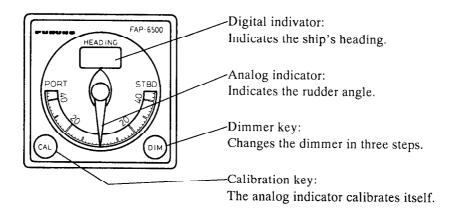


REMOTE CONTROLLER FAP-6220 (Optional supply)



RUDDER ANGLE INDICATOR

FAP-6500 (Optional supply)



NOTE

The power is interlocked with the FAP-5520 (processor unit).

4. OPERATING PROCEDURE

From Departure to Arrival (How to use the AUTO mode)

(1) Turning on the FAP-55

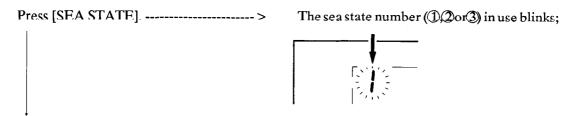
Press [SBY] (Stand-by) key. ----> The FAP-55 is turned on, and a long peep sound is generated. NOTE: "PF" sign presentation at power Self-check is conducted for 10 seconds. on does not indicate power (See page M-4.) fallure. Ignore It. The FAP-55 goes into the [SBY mode]; (Ship's wheel may be steered manually.) Check if the **HEADING DIREC-**TION is reasonable. (Compare ISBY with the compass reading.) **PORT STBD** \mathbb{D} RUD PF Rudder angle is read out.

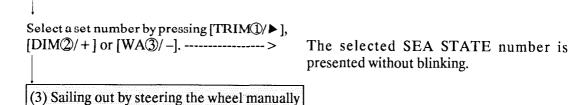
NOTE: 1. When the SBY mode is selected with a remote controller turned on, the "REM" indication blinks. In this case turn the remote controller off.

2. If the FAP-55 does not goes into the SBY mode, see page M-4.

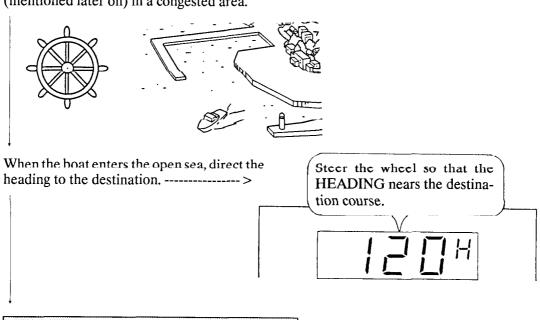
(2) Selecting a SEA STATE

As detailed from page 27, you may preset three sets of steering characteristics. Select one of the characteristic sets (Qor3) in accordance with the sea/loading conditions, etc.

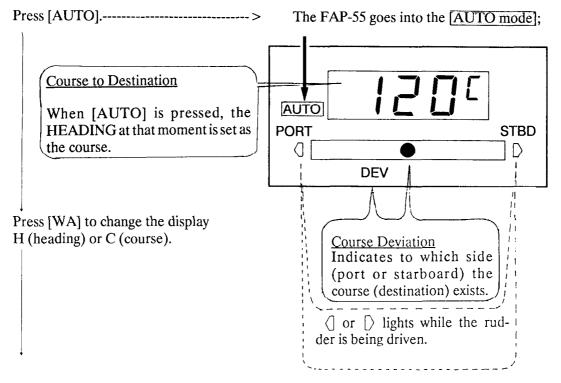




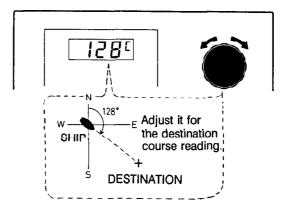
Sail out of the harbor by steering the wheel manually. Do not use the AUTO or NAV mode (mentioned later on) in a congested area.



(4) Heading for the destination by AUTO mode.



Adjust the course reading by turning the course control.



Whenever the heading deviates from the set course, the FAP-55 automatically steers the rudder to return to the set course. When you want to change/readjust the course setting during navigation, turn the course control.

Press [WA] to see the heading.

Destination

--- about COURSE DEVIATION WARNING ------

When a course deviation exceeding 30° is detected, the DEV indication blinks, and a 2-second peep is repeated. Press [ALARM RESET] to silence the peep.

(5) Dodging other boat/object in the course



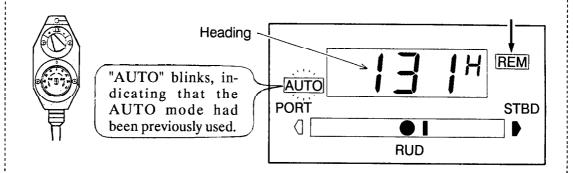
By steering the wheel manually (SBY mode)

- 1. Press [SBY].
- 2. Dodge other boat/object, then direct the heading to the destination by steering the wheel manually.
- 3. Recall the auto mode by pressing [AUTO], and adjust the course control for the correct course reading on the digital display.

By using the remote controller (REM mode)

1. Turn on the remote controller switch.-->

The FAP-55 goes into the [REM mode] which is similar to the SBY mode.



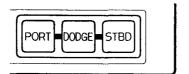
- 2. Dodge other boat/object, then direct the heading to the destination by turning the steering dial.
- 3. Turn off the remote controller, and the previously used mode (AUTO) is recalled. Adjust the 'O' course control for the correct course reading on the digital display.

The course when the remote controller is turned off can be selected between a) or b).

- a) The course does not change from the one before using the remote controller.
- b) The course changes to the heading at the moment remote controller is turned off.

NOTE 1. FU Remote controller does not work when the SBY or DODGE mode (mentioned below) is selected. Use it in the AUTO or NAV mode only.

2. Dodge other boat/object by steering the rudder with [PORT] and [STBD].



When both [PORT] and [STBD] are pressed simultaneously, the rudder returns to the zero degree position.

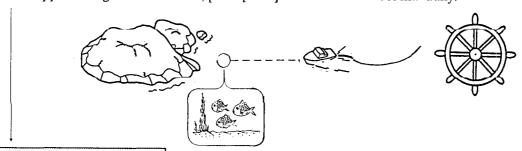
3. Press [DODGE]. ---->

The FAP-55 returns to the previously used mode, e.g., AUTO.

- NOTE: 1. Press [DODGE] after having left the boat/object completely, because the original course setting is restored and the boat will turn to that direction automatically upon pressing [DODGE].
 - 2. The DODGE mode can not be called up from the SBY mode. Call it up from the AUTO, REM or NAV mode only.
 - 3. Leave dodge mode by pressing [AUTO] when changing the course.

(6) Arrival by steering the wheel manually

When approaching the destination, press [SBY] and steer the wheel manually.



(7) Turning off the FAP-55

Press both [SBY] and [ALARM RESET] simultaneously. ---->

The FAP-55 is turned off. (Manual steering is available.)



-A note when the boat is stopped -

If the AUTO or NAV mode is used, the rudder is continually driven even when the boat is stopped. In order to save the battery power and prevent the rudder driving mechanism wear, it is recommended to place the FAP-55 in the SBY mode or shut down the power.

How to use the NAV mode

- NOTE: 1. For the NAV mode operation, an external navaid must be connected to FAP-55.

 Turn it on and select a TO WAYPOINT beforehand.
 - 2. In case of NMEA 0183, set an ARRIVAL ALARM RANGE, referring to page 46.

The navaid knows the present position and the TO WAYPOINT location. The FAP-55, while receiving those information, adjusts the course direction automatically in order to guide the boat to the TO WAYPOINT. The operating procedure from the departure to arrival is basically the same as (1) thru (7) described from page 9, but conduct the following operation in the place of [4] Heading for the destination by AUTO mode and [5] Dodging other boat/object in the course described from page 10.

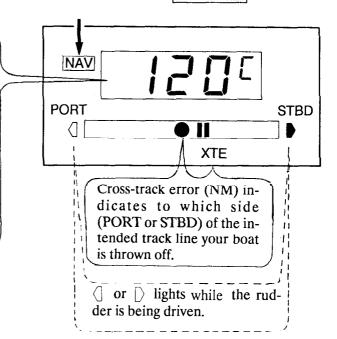
(4) Heading for the destination by the NAV mode

After having directed the ship's heading to the destination, press [NAV]. ---->

FAP-55 goes into the NAV mode;

The course is set automatically so that the boat sails on the intended track line. When [NAV] is pressed, the heading at that moment becomes the course, and thereafter the course changes automatically in order to follow the intended track line.

The course reading on the FAP-55 is not always equal to the waypoint direction which is presented on the navaid.



- NOTE: 1. Unless nav. information is received properly, a long peep sound is generated, the "NAV" indication blinks, then the previously used mode is recalled automatically.
 - 2. If the ship's position is far away from the intended track line, CROSS-TRACK ERROR WARNING will be released. See the next page.

In case that NMEA 0180 format data is transferred from the navaid: Read out the waypoint direction presented on the navaid. By adjusting the occurse control, set the value on the digital display. The FAT-55 automatically steers the rudder so that the boat follows the intended track line connecting the FROM and TO WAYPOINTS. TO WPT about CROSS-TRACK ERROR WARNING When the cross-track error exceeds 0.3 nm (for NMEA 0180) or 0.4 nm (for NMEA 0183), the XTE indication blinks, and 1-second peep is generated repeatedly. Press [ALARM RESET] to silence the peep. (5) Dodging other boat/object in the course Dodging operation may be conducted in the same manner as the AUTO mode described from page 11. When the REM or DODGE mode is selected, "NAV" will blink to indicate that the NAV mode will be recalled when the REM or DODGE mode is terminated.

When an arrival alarm information is transferred from the navaid (NMEA 0183), the course reading blinks and 1-second peep is repeated. Press [ALARM RESET] to silence the peep.

NOTE: The FAP-55 can receive nav. data which is based on the NMEA 0180 or NMEA 0183 standard.

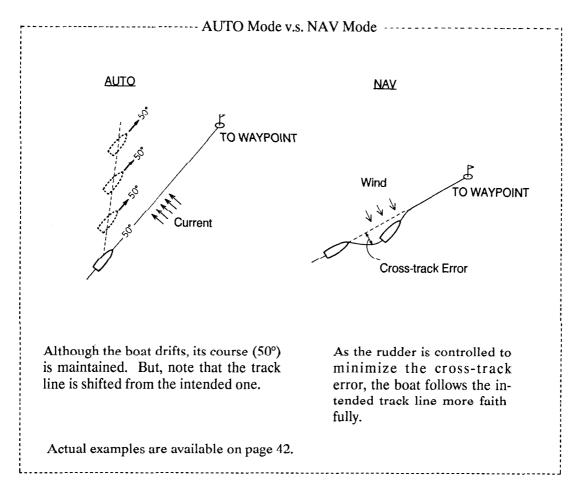
In case of NMEA 0180

Only the cross-track error data is transferred, and the rudder is steered to minimize it, but regardless of the ship's moving direction (approaching the TO WAYPOINT or leaving it). That is, 180° ambiguity exists.

Therefore, it is important to press [NAV] after having directed the boat to the TO WAYPOINT. Then adjust the \bigcirc course control for proper course reading on the digital display, referring to the waypoint direction which is available on the navaid. The allowance for the course setting is wide ($\pm 30^{\circ}$), but it is recommended to adjust the course correctly so that the boat can settle onto the intended track line smoothly.

In case of NMEA 0183

Information of the TO WAYPOINT direction is transferred along with the cross-track error information. Therefore, 180° ambiguity does not exist. (The course control does not function.) Nevertheless it is recommended to press [NAV] after directing the boat to the TO WAYPOINT so that the boat can settle onto the intended track line smoothly.



5. INITIAL SETTING OF STEERING CHARACTERISTICS

After the installation, conduct the following adjustments, (1) thru (5), in this order.

NOTE: General adjustment procedures are explained in the next chapter. It is recommended to read through it beforehand.

Items of Adjustments

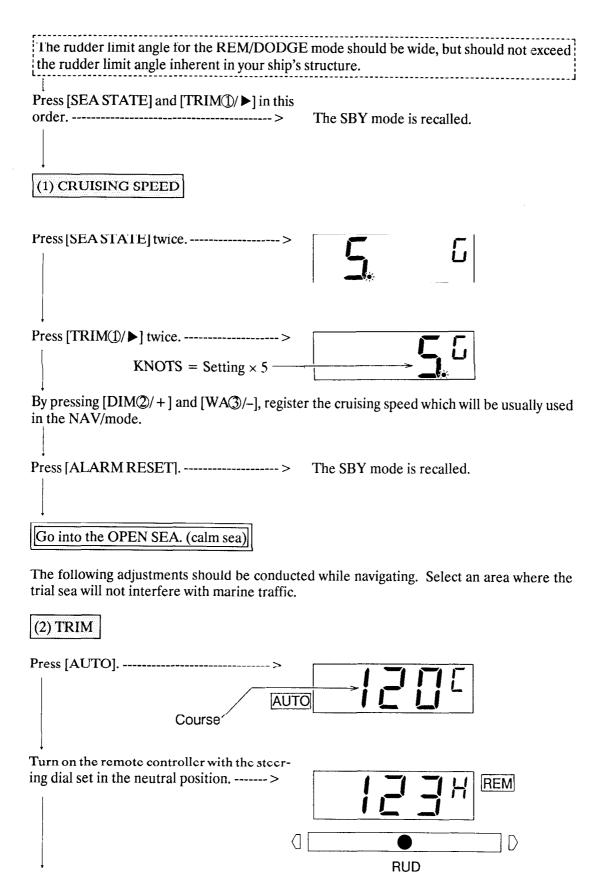
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Harbor	(1)	RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE	Prevents the rudder from being steered beyond a limit angle.		
		BLIND SECTOR	Prevents the rudder from hunting.	r	
		CRUISING SPEED	Registers ship's cruising speed.	G	
Open Sea	(2)	TRIM	Offsets the influence of current, wind, unbalanced loading condition, etc.		
	(3)	* WEATHER	Prevents frequent steering between port and starboard in bad weather.		
	(4)	* RUDDER RATIO	Adjusts the amount of rudder reaction against course deviation.	Α	
	(5)	COURSE CHANGING SPEED	Adjusts speed of course changing which is conducted by FAP-55 itself.	G	
		* COUNTER RUDDER	Prevents excessive turning by inertia when changing course.	Α	

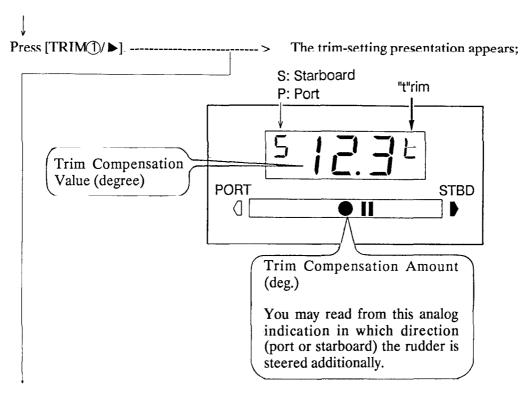
NOTE: Three sets (1), (2), (3) of values may be set for the items which bear asterisks (*).

Adjustments (2) thru (5) should be conducted on the calm sea. The characteristics set up in the trial sea are just initial settings. When you want to change the setting later in actual voyage, refer to the next chapter.

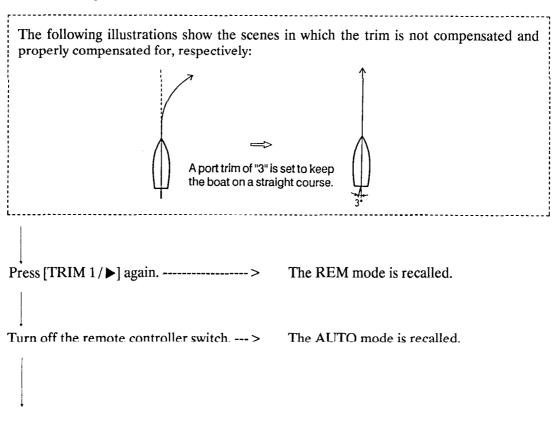
in the HARBOR The FAP-55 is turned on, the self-check is Press [SBY].---> conducted, and the SBY mode presentation appears; SBY (1) RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE and BLIND SECTOR While holding down [SEA STATE], press [TRIM 1 / ▶]. -----> Rudder Limit Angle (for AUTO/NAV) Degrees = Setting \times 5 Adjust the setting by pressing [DIM 2/+] and [WA 3/-]: The rudder limit angle for the AUTO/NAV modes may be considerably narrower when compared with the one inherent in your ships structure. Press [TRIM 1 / ▶].----> Dead Band Adjust the Dead Band when the rudder is hunting [DIM 2 / +] and [WA 3 /-]: Press [TRIM 1/▶] twice. ----> Rudder Limit Angle (for REM/DODGE) Degrees = Setting \times 5

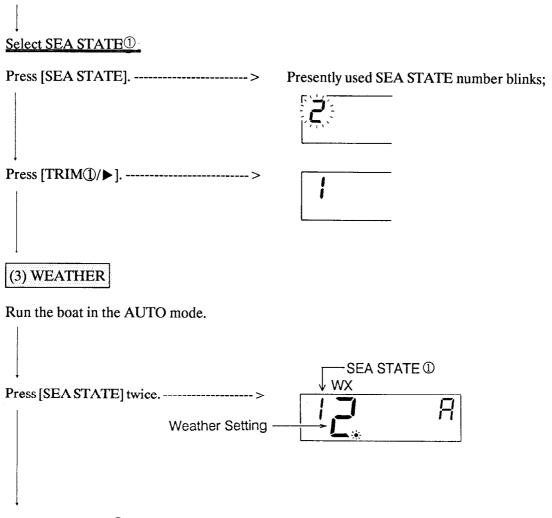
Adjust the setting by pressing [DIM 2/+] and [WA 3/-].



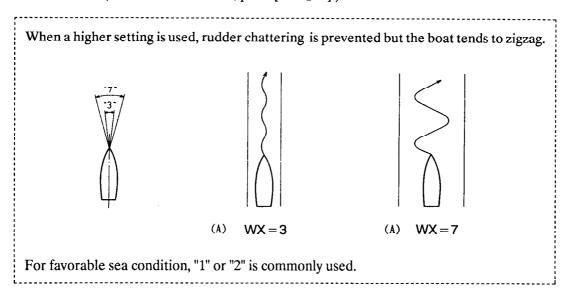


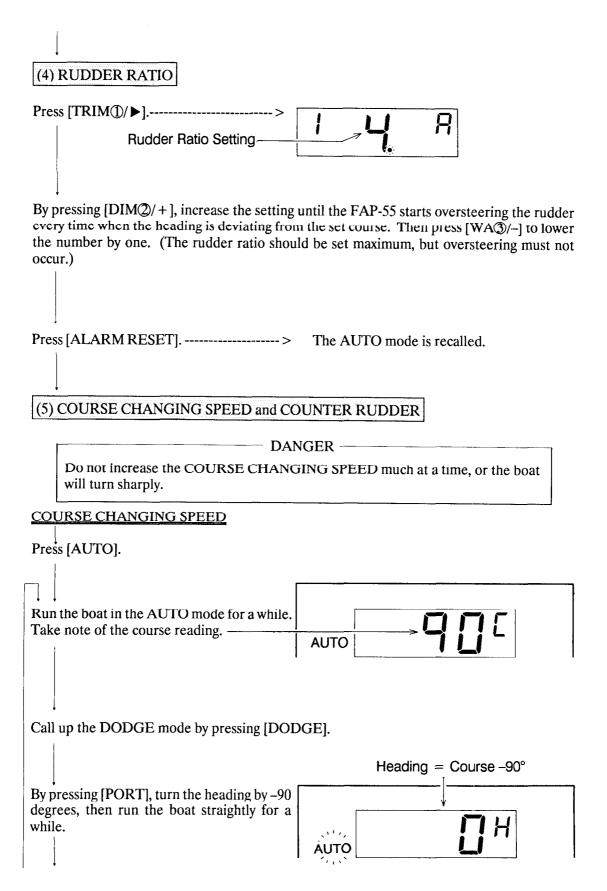
adjust the trim compensation value by the course control so that the boat goes straightly without turning.





By pressing [DIMQ/+] increase the setting until the rudder stops chattering between port and starboard. (To lower the number, press [WA3/-].)

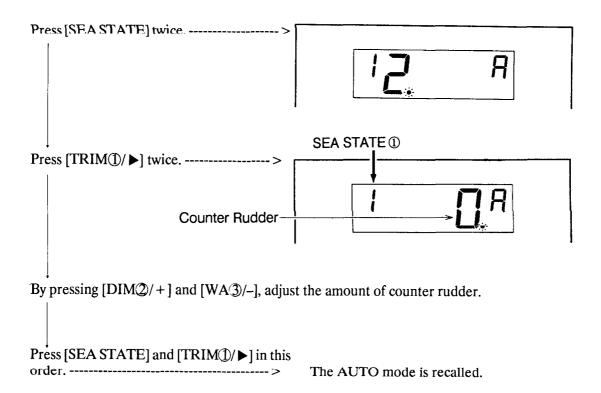


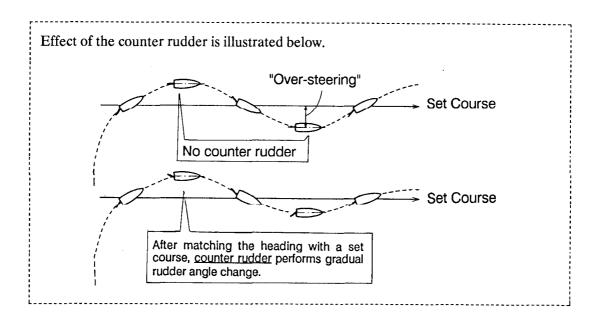


By pressing [DODGE], recall the AUTO mode, and watch how the boat returns to the original course: Set Course **AUTO** mode DODGE mode [DODGE] pressed here! **AUTO** mode Set course • If the course changing speed is appropriate, ----> the adjustment has been completed. Proceed to COUNTER RUDDER on the next page. • If the course changing speed is too fast or too slow, ----> adjust it as follows; "G"ain Press [SEA STATE] three times. ----> Press [TRIM①/▶]. -----Course Changing Speed (degrees/sec) By pressing [WA3/-] (or [DIM2/+]), lower (or raise) the setting (course changing speed) by one. NOTE: "5" is commonly used for 10 to 15 knot speed. For higher speed (knots), higher setting is usually used. Press [SEA STATE] and [TRIM①/▶] in this order. -----> The AUTO mode is recalled.

COUNTER RUDDER

Counter rudder is usually not required for small boats. If your boat zigzags before settling in the new course, however, increase the setting as follows.





(6) Preliminary Setting for SEA STATEs 2 and 3

The WEATHER, RUDDER RATIO and COUNTER RUDDER for SEA STATED (AUTO + Calm Sea) have been set already. Now, let us set the steering characteristics for SEA STATES (2) and (3).

Assign any conditions to 2 and 3, which are typically experienced, say "AUTO + Heavy Load" and "NAV", etc., and enter characteristic values tentatively, referring to the table below. When such a condition is encountered in future, use the appropriate SEA STATE (2 or 3), and modify the settings to suit the actual situation. For the modification of the characteristic settings, refer to the next chapter.

NOTE: The default settings shown on page 27 are for the following sea states.

- ① AUTO + Calm Sea
- 2 AUTO + Usual Sea
- 3 AUTO + Rough Sea

If you wish, you may assign different conditions to 2 and 3, for example;

① AUTO + Calm Sea

① AUTO + Calm Sea

2 AUTO + Rough Sea

2 AUTO + Full Load

3 AUTO + Full Load

3 NAV

Preliminary Settings for 2 and 3

Item	If AUTO + Rough Sea is assigned to ②or③;	If AUTO + Full Load is assigned to 2 or 3;	If <u>NAV</u> is assigned to ②or③;
WEATHER	Value should be 1 to 2 higher than ①.	Value should be 1 to 2 higher than ①.	Value should be 1 to 2 higher than ①.
RUDDER RATIO	Value should be 1 to 2 higher than ①.	Value should be 1 to 2 higher than ①.	Same value as ①.
COUNTER RUDDER	Same value as ①.	Value should be 1 to 2 higher than ①.	Same value as ①. *

^{*} NOTE: In case of route navigation, non-zero setting should be used.

After deciding the preliminary values, enter them as mentioned on page 31.

Whenever the characteristic values are entered/changed, it is recommend to record them in the following table. In the event of destruction or loss of the values stored in the FAP-55, reenter them, referring to this table.

Record of Steering Characteristics

Item	Settings		js	Note	Diameter
item	1	2	3	Note	Display
TRIM		%			t
WEATHER	72	3	□ <u>/</u> 5		
RUDDER RATIO	4	5	6		A
COUNTER RUDDER	%	%	7		
AUTO TRIM SENSITIVITY		5	•		
COURSE CHANGING SPEED		5			G
CRUISING SPEED		3			
RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE (AUTO/NAV)		/ ₅			
BLIND SECTOR		3			r
RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE (REM/DODGE)		4			
NAV MODE DATA SELECT		73			
REMOTE CONTROLLER No. 1		H			S
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Factory Setting

6. MODIFYING STEERING CHARACTERISTICS

When using the FAP-55 in actual voyages, you may feel like modifying the steering characteristics. This chapter shows the operating procedures and guidances in adjusting the characteristic values.

Items of Adjustments

Itom	Adjustment		Default ① ② ③		Display
TRIM	Offsets the influence of sea current, wind, unbalanced loading condition, etc.	0			t
WEATHER	Prevents frequent steering between port and starboard in bad weather.		2 3 5		
RUDDER RATIO	Adjusts the amount of rudder reaction against course deviation.		5	6	А
COUNTER RUDDER	Prevents excessive turning by inertia in course changing.	0	0	0	
AUTO TRIM SENSITIVITY	Adjusts the sensitivity in monitoring the ship's trim.	's 5			
COURSE CHANGING SPEED Adjusts speed of course changing which is conducted by the FAP-55 itself.		3			G
CRUISING SPEED Registers the ship's cruising speed which is used in the NAV mode.		3			
RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE (for safety in the AUTO/NAV modes)		5			
BLIND SECTOR Prevent the rudder from hunting.		4			r
RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE (for safety in the REM/DODGE modes)		8			
NAV MODE DATA SELECT NMEA 0180/0183		3			
REMOTE CONTROLLER No. 1 CONNECTION OF REMOTE CONTROLLER YES/NO		Н			s
REMOTE CONTROLLER No. 2	SELECTING THE COURSE AFTER USING REMOTE CONTROLLER		Н]	

Factory Settings

Sea State ①, ②, ③

As you will see in the above table, three sets $(\mathbb{Q},\mathbb{Q},\mathbb{Q})$ of WEATHER, RUDDER RATIO, and COUNTER RUDDER may be preset. In a voyage, you may use one of the three sets in accordance with sea condition, etc.

TRIM --- Offsets the influence of current, wind, unbalanced loading condition, etc.

When sea current is very fast or the loading condition is extremely unbalanced, the following symptom may be observed.

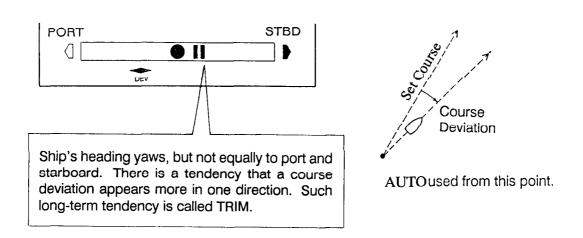
[In case of the REM mode]

The boat tends to circle as shown right even if the rudder is kept neutral.



[In case of the AUTO mode]

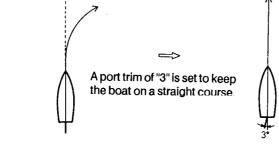
The boat goes the course deviated from the set course as shown below.



NOIE: The above-mentioned problem occurs seldom and the trim adjustment is not required usually in the AUTO mode, because trim compensation is performed automatically as explained on page 30.

In order to offset the above-mentioned tendency, the rudder should be biased. The adjustment procedure for this "bias" is explained on the next page.

Turn on the remote controller with the steering dial set in the neutral position. Press [TRIM 1/▶]. ----the trim-setting presentation appears: "S"tbd or "P"ort "t"rim Trim Compensation Value (degree) **PORT STBD** adjust the trim compensation value by the Course control so that the boat goes straightly without turning. Trim Compensation Value (deg.) You may read from this analog indicator to which direction (port or starboard) and how much the rudder is steered additionally. The following illustrations show the scenes in which the trim is not offset and properly offset, respectively;



Press [TRIM 1/▶] again. ----> Previous presentation is recalled.

NOTE: The range of the trim compensation is $\pm 30^{\circ}$. However, it is limited by the RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE (for the AUTO/NAV modes) mentioned on page 39. The trim compensation amount can not exceed;

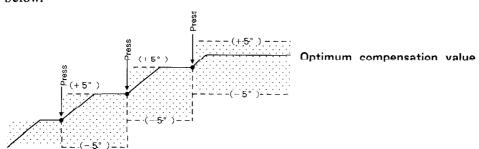
(RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE in AUTO/NAV) - (10 degrees)

Influence of wind or sea current changes as time elapses or the boat changes the course/speed. Therefore, the trim compensation value should be readjusted periodically. The FAP-55 is continually sensing the change in ship's trim, and the compensation value is updated automatically. When [TRIM①/▶] is held down, the up-to-date trim compensation value is presented, and you may change the setting as explained on the preceding page. When [TRIM①/▶] is released, the trim compensation value restarts changing from the above-entered value. Note that the variable range of the compensation value is limited within ±5 degrees of the manually entered value.

If current, wind or loading condition has changed markedly, exceeding the above-mentioned limitation $(\pm 5^{\circ})$, you must enter a new value as described on the preceding page, or conduct following operation.

Trim Adjustment without using a Remote Controller

If a course deviation constantly appears, the trim is thought to be out of the above-mentioned range ($\pm 5^{\circ}$ of the manually entered value), i.e., the compensation value should have reached the $+5^{\circ}$ or -5° limit. Occasionally press [TRIM①/ \triangleright]. The variable range of the compensation value will shift up (or down) every time the key is pressed, and finally the course deviation will disappear. See the illustration below.

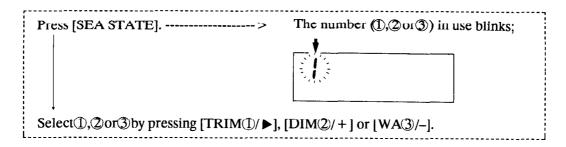


When the boat is stopped or deadly slow, the heading can not be changed sensitively, i.e., the rudder must be biased much in order to offset a trim. For this reason the trim compensation value easily reaches the $+5^{\circ}$ or -5° limit. This may be prevented by selecting the SBY mode or turning the unit off. If ship's speed information is transferred from an external navaid (NMEA 0183), you need not mind this because the FAP-55 automatically stops updating the compensation value when the ship's speed is zero.

WEATHER --- Prevents frequent steering between port and starboard in bad weather. RUDDER RATIO --- Adjusts the amount of the rudder reaction against course deviation. COUNTER RUDDER --- Prevents excessive turn by inertia in course changing.

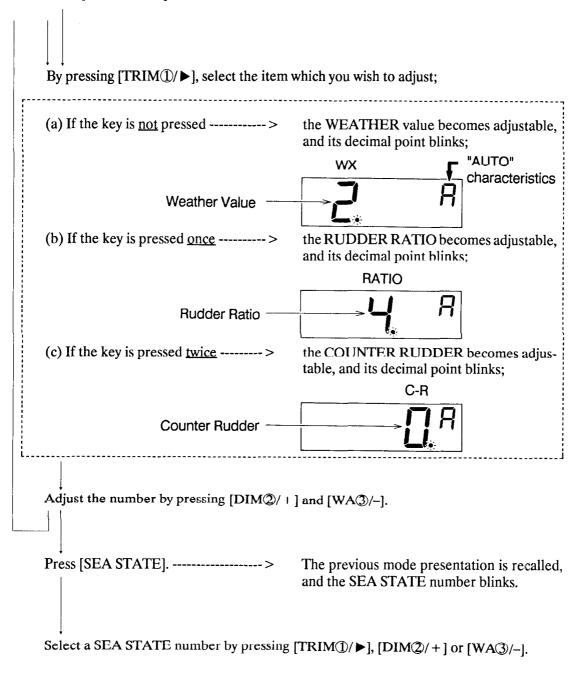
Three sets (0,2,3) of the above-mentioned characteristics may be registered.

First, select a characteristic set number which you wish to adjust;



Second, register the characteristic set as follows:

Press [SEA STATE] twice.



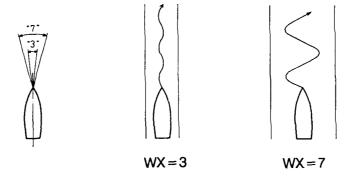
about WEATHER

When the sea is rough, the ship's heading oscillates between port and starboard. If the rudder is driven every time to maintain the set course, the helm mechanism will wear out. In order to prevent this, the WEATHER adjustment makes the FAP-55 insensitive to a minute course deviations.

You may choose a deadband among the following nine. Until the course deviation exceeds the selected deadband, steering to correct the heading is not initiated.

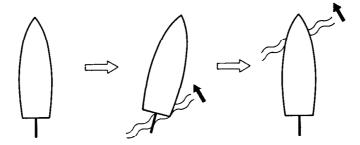
Setting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Deadband	±Ι°	±2°	±3°	±4°	±5°	±6°	±7°	±8°	± 10°

The illustrations below show ship's track lines with weather settings 3 and 7. When 7 is set, the rudder is not driven until the course deviation exceeds 7 degrees. Increasing the setting reduces chattering of the rudder, however the boat tends to zigzag.

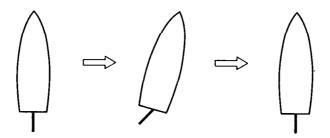


When favorable sea condition exists, setting of "1" or "2" will be appropriate. For rough seas, a higher setting is required.

Let's suppose a wave hits the boat on the starboard quarter. It throws ship's stern to port, and as a result the heading deviates to starboard. As the same wave propagates to the bow, ship's bow is also thrown to port. After all, the heading is not so deviated from the original course.



See the illustrations below. If the autopilot is operating, the rudder will be steered to port when the heading deviates to starboard. When the same wave propagates to the ship's bow, the heading is restored, resulting that rudder will return to the initial angle. This process is repeated each time a wave hits the boat.



Higher setting of WEATHER prevents this kind of rudder chattering.

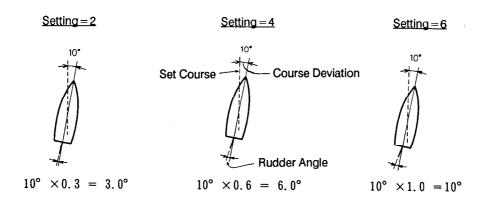
NOTE: A small boat sometimes zigzags seriously in the following sea. Refer to page 40.

about RUDDER RATIO

When the ship's heading deviates from the set course, the FAP-55 drives the rudder to recover it. The rudder angle (number of degrees) which is steered against every degree of course deviation is known as the rudder ratio. Nine rudder ratio settings are available as tabulated below.

Setting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Rudder Ratio	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.9

The following illustrations show how many degrees the FAP-55 steers the rudder in order to nullify 10 degrees of course deviation with various settings of the rudder ratio:



NOTE: When the heading deviates from the set course markedly, a special rudder ratio (higher than the manually entered one) is used automatically.

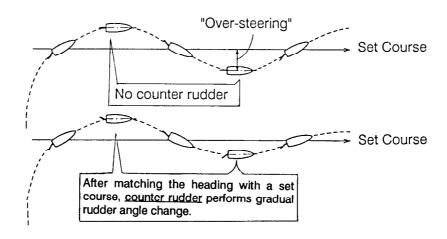
Increase the setting until over-steering occurs, then reduce it by one. Rudder ratio should be adjusted, considering the following factors.

(Setting of "4" is commonly used.)

fast _____ Ship's Speed _____ slow
light ____ Load Condition _____ heavy
low ____ RUDDER RATIO ____ high

about COUNTER RUDDER

When the course setting is changed, the FAP-55 steers the rudder to the new course. If the boat is heavily loaded, the heading will turn excessively by inertia, passing the new course. Then, the FAP-55 will steer the rudder to the opposite side, the heading will turn in that direction excessively again..... In an extreme case the heading oscillates several times until it finally settles in the new course. A skill known as COUNTER RUDDER is used to prevent this kind of oscillation as illustrated below.



You may set the value of counter rudder from "0" to "9"; the higher the setting, the more counter rudder is steered by the FAP-55. ("0" = No Counter Rudder)

Counter rudder is usually not required for small boats. When your boat zigzags a lot before settling in the new course, increase the setting.

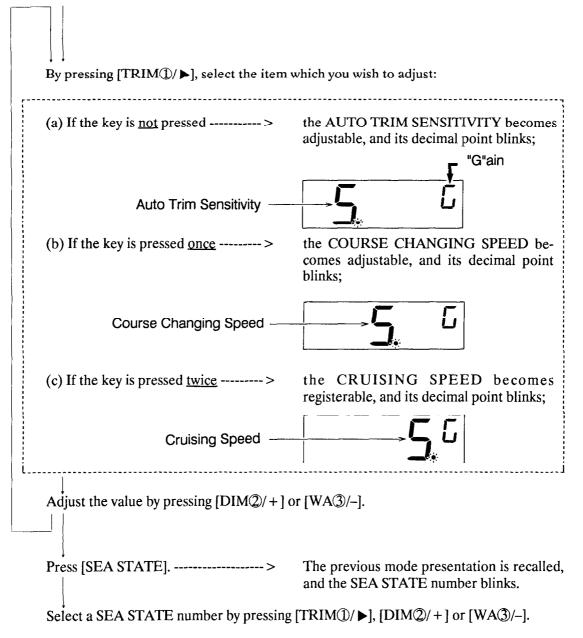
AUTO TRIM SENSITIVITY --- Adjusts the sensitivity in monitoring the ship's trim.

* COURSE CHANGING SPEED --- Adjusts speed of course changing which is conducted by the FAP-55 itself.

CRUISING SPEED --- Registers the ship's cruising speed, which is used in the NAV mode.

* NOTE: When the operational mode is changed or while the NAV mode is used, the course setting is changed/adjusted automatically. In the following operations, you may choose a speed of such course changing. In the AUTO mode the course setting changes depending on the turning speed of the course control knob, irrespective of the course changing speed discussed here.

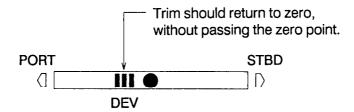
Press [SEA STATE] three times.



about AUTO TRIM SENSITIVITY

As mentioned on page 30, the FAP-55 continually monitors the ship's trim in order to keep the compensation value optimum. You may enter a number from "1" to "9"; the larger the number the more frequently detected is the change of ship's trim, resulting that setting of the trim compensation value is updated more quickly. A lower setting is common because ship's trim usually does not change quickly. If high setting is used in order to nullify the trim quickly, the following problems may arise.

1. Trim-compensation is over-effected, resulting that a trim appears in port and starboard directions alternately.



2. A boat usually yaws due to wave, etc. If the setting is too high, the auto trim-compensating mechanism responds even to the yawing, resulting in more serious oscillation of ship's heading.

------ Choice of Setting Value

Run the boat with setting "0" (AUTO TRIM = off), and measure the period (one cycle) of yawing.

If the period is 2 to 3 seconds, setting "5" or so will be appropriate. For longer periods, lower settings should be used.

If the boat repeats "go" and "stop" frequently, or if the ship's speed is unstable, it might be better to disable the AUTO TRIM function by using setting "0".

NOTE: If a trim is not cleared for a long time, suspect that the trim compensation value has reached its upper or lower limit. See page 30.

about COURSE CHANGING SPEED

When the mode is changed or when the NAV mode is used, the course is controlled by the FAP-55 itself. If the course is changed too quickly, it is dangerous; contrarily if the course is changed too slowly, course change takes a long time. You may enter a number from "1" to "9", which corresponds to the course changing speed of 1 degree/sec to 9 degrees/sec, respectively.

Too high a setting will turn the boat sharply at course change. Dangerous!

Setting of "5" or so is commonly used for 10 to 15-knot cruising speed. The faster the speed, the higher the setting.

When you feel the course changing speed is too fast, decrease the setting.

CRUISING SPEED

The ship's speed information is used in the NAV mode. You may enter a number from "1" to "9" which corresponds to the following nine speeds.

Setting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
KNOTS	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45

 $(KNOTS = Setting \times 5)$

Select a number in accordance with the speed which is usually used in the NAV mode.

(If the ship's speed information is transferred from the navaid with the NMEA 0183 format, it is used in place of the manually entered value.)

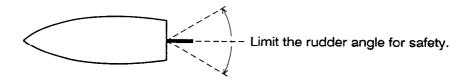
If the boat goes zigzag in the NAV mode, crossing the intended track line, decrease the setting.



RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE ---- for safety in the AUTO/NAV modes DEAD BAND ----- to prevent rudder hunting RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE --- for safety in the REM/DODGE modes While holding down [SEA STATE], press [TRIM 1 /] three times. (Then release [SEA STATE].) By pressing [TRIM 1/], select the item which you want to adjust: -----(a) If the key is <u>not</u> pressed ----> the RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE (for AUTO/NAV modes) can be adjusted, and its decimal point blinks; "r"udder Rudder Limit Angle (for AUTO/NAV) = Setting \times 5° (b) If the key is pressed <u>once</u> ----> the BLIND SECTOR can be adjusted, and its decimal point blinks; Dead Band -= Setting \times 0.1° the RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE (for (c) If the key is pressed twice ----> REM/DODGE) can be adjusted, and its decimal point blinks; Rudder Limit Angle (for REM/DODGE) = Setting \times 5° ------Select a number by pressing [DIM 2/+] and [WA 3/-]. Press [ALARM RESET]. -----> The previous mode presentation appears.

about RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE (for the AUTO/NAV modes)

In the AUTO or NAV mode the FAP-55 drives the rudder for course keeping only, where a wide rudder angle is usually not required. It is recommended to limit the rudder angle so that the rudder may not be deeply steered incidentally.



You may enter a number from "2" to "9", and the actual limit angle (degree) is obtained by multiplying the number by five;

Limit Angle (degree) = Setting \times 5

Every boat has its inherent rudder limit angle, and the rudder must not be steered beyond this point. The limit angle for the AUTO/NAV modes may be considerably small compared with the one which is inherent in your ship's structure. 15 degrees or so will be appropriate usually.

------ Heading Oscillation in Following Sca

The boat which has the following characteristics often zigzags seriously in the following sea.

- Its heading is easily changed when the stern is hit by a wave or when the rudder is steered.
- Its rudder can not move quickly, i.e., hardover to hardover requires a long time, say 10 seconds or more. This causes a lag in recovering the set course.

Adjustment of WEATHER, RUDDER RATIO or COUNTER RUDDER can not be a remedy for this type of problem. Narrow the RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE, ±20° for example, and considerable improvement will be observed.

about RUDDER LIMIT ANGLE (for REM/DODGING)

A number from "2" to "9" may be entered, and the actual limit angle (degree) is obtained by multiplying the number by five;

Limit Angle (degree) = Setting \times 5

NAV MODE DATA SELECT	NMEA 0180 or 0183 CONNECTION OF REMOTE CONTROLLER SELECTION OF COURSE AFTER USING THE REMOTE CONTROLLER
While holding down [SEA STA Press [TRIM①/►].	ATE],
Press [SEA STATE]	Remote Controller function setting presentation appears.
By pressing [TRIM①/▶], select th	e item which you wish to adjust:
(a) If the key is <u>not</u> pressed	> Navigational data input for NAV mode can be registered.
3: NMEA 0183. Talker ID will be selected auto ically.C: NMEA 0183 Receives Loran-C only.O: NMEA 0180.	mat- 5
(b) If the key is pressed <u>once</u>	Remote Controller No. 1 function can be registered.
O: No Connection H: Remote Controller Connected. The course at the moment remote controller is turned off becomes the course. C: Remote Controller Connected. The course before using the remote controller is stored.	[]. 5
(c) If the key is pressed twice	Remote Controller No. 2 function can be registered.
O: No Connection H: Remote Controller Connected. The course at the moment remote controller, is turned off becomes the course. C: Remote Controller Connected. The course before using the remote controller is stored.	<u></u> 5

* NOTE: If data with various talker IDs come in with Talker ID automatic selection.

Talkers are prioritized in the order of GP-LC-TR-DE-LA-II. The FAP-55 examines all the incoming data for a certain period after power-on, then judges which is the highest priority. The ΓΑΡ-55 thereafter picks up only the data with that talker ID until power is turned off. Even if such data does not come for an extended period of time, the FAP-55 does not switch to a different talker ID because it is dangerous if data consistency is lost. Safety comes first!

-----about NMEA 0183 Sentences accepted by the FAP-55

Immediately after power application, the FAP-55 conducts the following sequence;

- (1) Collects nav. data for a certain period.
- (2) Examines which of the following nine are contained in the collected data.
 - 1. (RMB)*
 - 2. both (APB)* and (VTG)
 - 3. both (APA)* and (VTG)
 - 4. all of (BOD), (XTE), (VTG) and (AAM)
 - 5. all of (BOD), (XTE) and (VTG)
 - 6. (APB)*
 - 7. (APA)*
 - 8. all of (BOD), (XTE) and (AAM)
 - 9. all of (BOD) and (XTE)

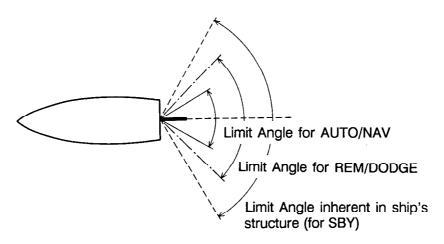
(3) "1." to "9." are priority numbers. (1 = top 9 = bottom)

The FAP-55 chooses format(s) with the highest priority.

The FAP-55 thereafter fetches the data selected in (3) only until it is turned off.

^{*}composite sentence

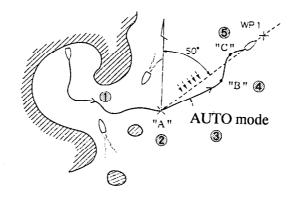
In the REM or DODGING mode steering, we usually use a wide range of rudder angle, and therefore a larger number should be entered. However, it must not exceed the rudder limit angle which is inherent in your boat.



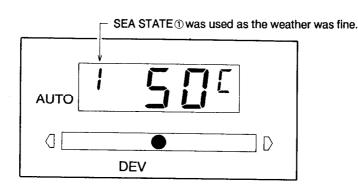
7.EXAMPLES OF AUTOPILOT NAVIGATION

AUTO mode

See the chart below.

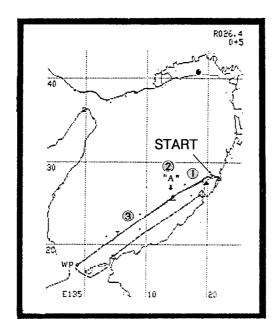


- ① As traffic was heavy in the bay, the boat was steered by using the wheel (SBY mode) until it came to point A.
- When the boat entered into the open sea (point A), the heading was directed to WAYPOINT 1 (destination) by steering the wheel manually, then [AUTO] was pressed. The course control was adjusted for the correct course (50 deg.) presentation;



- (3) The boat navigated in the AUTO mode, but it drifted to starboard gradually due to wind.
- As the boat had run a long distance with considerable course deviation, the course setting was readjusted for 40 degrees with the course control. (Point B)
- (§) As the course readjustment at Point B was excessive, the course setting was adjusted for 45 degrees again at Point C. Now the boat is heading for WAYPOINT 1.

AUTO mode + NAV mode (Loran-C)



- (1) After departing the START point, the mode was changed to AUTO, and the course was set for WP (235°). However, the heading deviated to starboard by 10° due to strong sea current. The mean heading throughout this period was 245°.
- ② The mode was changed to NAV at point A.
- The boat navigated optimally on the intended track line, and finally reached WP.

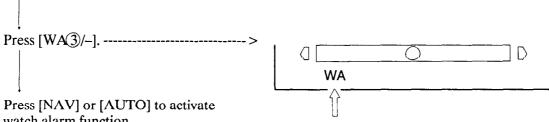
8. ALARM and WARNINGS

Watch Alarm

If the watch alarm function is enabled, it will periodically warn the helmsman to check the autopilot navigation.

Press [SBY].

The watch alarm function can be turned on or off at SBY mode only.



watch alarm function.

(a) "WA" lights up, and the watch function is enabled.

(If any key is <u>not</u> pressed for 4 minutes)

(b) Preliminary warning sounds "PipPip Pip-Pip PipPip "

(If any key is <u>not</u> pressed for another 1 minute)

(c) Watch alarm sounds continually "Peep Peep Peep "

NOTE: When any key is pressed, the FAP-55 recognizes that a helmsman is attending, and as a result it returns to starting point (a) in the above sequence. If you are operating the FAP-55 by pressing keys one after another, for example, the alarm does not sound because the FAP-55 returns to the starting point at every key depression.

Press of [ALARM RESET] silences the alarm, but it does not disable the watch alarm function.

When you want to disable the alarm function, press $[WA(\bar{3})/-]$.

Warnings

FAP-55 is continually monitoring its own function and the signals which are exchanged among the units. When any abnormality is detected in the monitoring, visual and audible warning will be issued.

Depending on the seriousness of a tro	uble, a unique peep is released.
(a) Continuous tone "	
	> Immediately press [SBY] or shut down the power, and steer the wheel manually.
	be connected to the FAP-55. If the external buzzer 5's screen totally blank, suspect that power is not
	ESETJ or both [SBY] and [ALARM RESET] simul- zer will stop. Turn on the main switch (or circuit the FAP-55 again.
(b) Repeated 1-second peep "— —	"
Trouble detected!(Erratic signal input/output, etc.)	> Press [SBY] or shut down the power, and steer the wheel manually.
EXCEPTIONS: In the following instructions men	cases, you may use the FAP-55, but strictly follow the tioned below.
"PF" is <u>lit</u> and "SBY" <u>blinks</u>	
Power supply was interrupted mode. Press [SBY] and steer when the cause of the power f	more than 2 seconds in the AUTO, REM, or NAV the wheel manually. You may use the other modes failure is rectified.
"PF" blinks	
Supply voltage is too low. (mo	ore than 10% below the rating.)
Use the FAP-55 after charging	g up the battery.

The SEA STATE number blinks.



The steering characteristic values stored in the FAP-55 are invalid. (Memory contents may have been destroyed by intensive electric noise, etc.) The default characteristic values (shown on page 26) are presently used. If necessary, reenter the characteristic values, referring to the memo on the same page.

NOTE: If none or only one remote controller is connected, "REM" warning (mentioned below) will appear because default REMOTE CONTROLLER CONNECTION STATUS is for two controller connection. Reenter the correct status. See page 41.

"REM" blinks in the REM mode.

The remote controller is faulty. Turn off the remote controller switch. Do not use the REM mode.

"REM" blinks in the SBY mode. (No peep)

The remote controller is turned on in the SBY mode. If you change the mode to AUTO or NAV, the FAP-55 will go into the REM mode immediately, resulting that the rudder will be driven in accordance with the dial setting on the remote controller. If the setting is extreme port or starboard, the rudder will be driven sharply. Dangerous!



The heading reading blinks.

- Ship's heading has abruptly changed more than 15 degrees. To silence the warning press [SBY], then return to the previously used mode again. If the warning appears again, the FAP-55 may be faulty. Press [SBY] or turn off the FAP-55 completely, and steer the wheel manually.

"NAV" blinks.

Trouble detected in the NAV mode. Use the other modes.

(c) A 1-second peep is released.

When interruption of power supply (shorter than 2 seconds) is detected, the above mentioned warning sounds and "PF" lights up. When you press any key, "PF" goes off. You may use the FAP-55, but the cause of the power suspension must be rectified.

NOTE. 1. "PF lights but no peep"

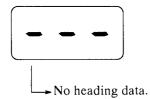
- (a) This occurs when the unit is turned on. This is not a trouble.
- (b) This also occurs if power is suspended during the SBY-mode operation. Check the power supply.

In any case PF disappears when any key is pressed.

- 2. The following warnings do not mean defect of the FAP-55.
 - (a) A long peep at power on page 9
 - (b) Course Deviation Warning page 11
 - (c) Cross-track Error Warning page 15
 - (d) Waypoint Arrival Alarm page 15
 - (e) Watch Alarm page 44

Rudder Angle Indicator

(FAP-6500 Optional supply)



Digital display is displaying "---".



Analog display is displaying 0 degree and the decimal point of the digital display is blinking.

►No rudder angle data.

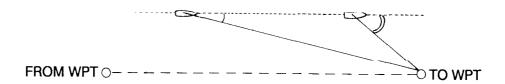
Both of the above.

→ No heading data and no rudder angle data.

9. MISCELLANEAS

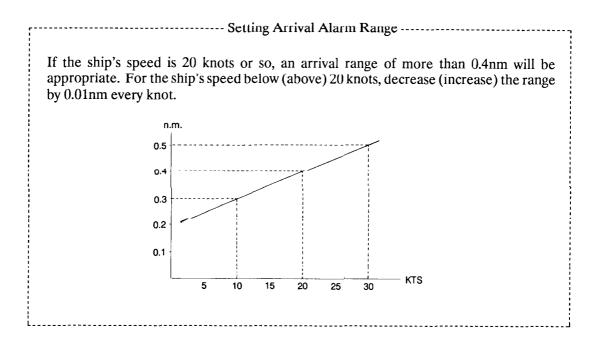
Arrival Alarm Range for NAV Mode Operation (NMEA 0183)

In the NAV mode the set course is modified automatically in order to nullify a cross-track error. As illustrated below, a minute cross-track error can cause a large course deviation (degrees) when a boat is close to the TO WAYPOINT. This means that the rudder may be steered sharply when the cross-track error has changed in the vicinity of the waypoint.



In order to avoid this danger, the following method is taken in the FAP-55. When an arrival alarm information is transferred from the navaid, the set course is frozen to the ship's heading at that moment, and this condition is maintained until a new TO WAYPOINT number is transferred.

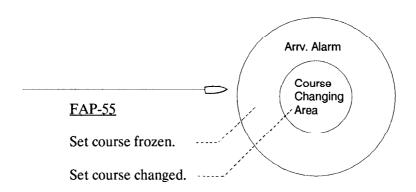
Supposing that the arrival alarm range is set short, the rudder may be steered sharply when the boat is near to the alarm zone. Therefore, it is important to set a longer arrival alarm range when the NAV mode is used.



- *NOTE:* 1. When FURUNO's Plotter LP-1000 or GD-1000 is connected, the arrival alarm range should be 0.1nm longer than the recommendation on the preceding page.
 - 2. When FURUNO's Plotter GD-180 (Mk-2) is connected, confirm its Program Version Number.

GD-180 Use Ver.21 or after. GD-180 Mk-2 Use Ver.6 or after.

On the GD-180 (Mk-2), both ARRIVAL ALARM AREA and COURSE CHANGE AREA may be set. When the NAV mode is used on the FAP-55, the former should be set greater than the latter.



MAINTENANCE

1. CHECK BEFORE SAILING

When the FAP-55 has not been used for an extended period, or before you go on a long voyage, it is recommended to conduct the following function test which is feasible with the boat moored in a harbor.

- IMPORTANT —

1. The FUNCTION TEST must be conducted by a person who has thorough knowledge

2. Make sure that there is no one nor obstruction in the area near the rudder.

of autopilot operation.

3. If the rudder is driven continually, immediately shut down the power or press [SBY]. The FAP-55 may be faulty or not installed properly. (1) With the FAP-55 turned off, steer the wheel from hard to hard, then return it to neutral. ----> • The rudder should be steered smoothly without undue stiffness. (2) Turn on the FAP-55 by pressing [SBY]. > • The SBY mode presentation should appear. • The rudder angle presentation should be zero. (If not, conduct Rudder Angle Null Adjustment, page AP-15.) (3) Steer the wheel from hard to hard, then return it to neutral. ----> • The rudder angle presentation should change reasonably. (4) Compare the heading presentation (digital) with the compass reading. ----> • The heading presentation should be reasonable.

(5) Press [AUTO]>	• The AUTO mode presentation should appear.
(6) By adjusting the course control, change the course by 10 degrees in starboard direction, i.e., increase the course reading by 10 degrees.	•The analog meter should indicate 10 degrees' course deviation to starboard.
(7) Press [SBY]> (8) Press [AUTO].	•The analog meter should indicate reasonable rudder angle in starboard direction. See NOTE on the next page.
(9) By adjusting the © course control,	
change the course by 10 degrees in port direction, i.e., decrease the course reading by 10 degrees.	• The analog meter should indicate 10 degrees' course deviation to port.
(10) Press [SBY]>	• The analog meter should indicate reasonable rudder angle in port direction. See NOTE on the next page.
(11) Press [AUTO].	
(12) Turn on the remote controller>	• The REM mode presentation should appear.
(13) Slowly turn the steering dial on the remote controller from hard to hard>	 The rudder angle (analog) presentation should change reasonably. or should be lit while the rudder is driven in that direction.
(14) Turn off the remote controller>	• The AUTO mode should be recalled.

(15) If a navaid is connected to the FAP-55;

(16) By pressing [SBY] and [ALARM RESET] simultaneously, turn off the FAP-55.

NOTE: Rudder angle against 10 degrees' course deviation is given by the following formula;

Normally the indicated rudder angle should be equal to the calculated one.

In addition to the above-mentioned Function Test, it is always a good idea to sail out of the harbor and check FAP-55's performance in every mode.

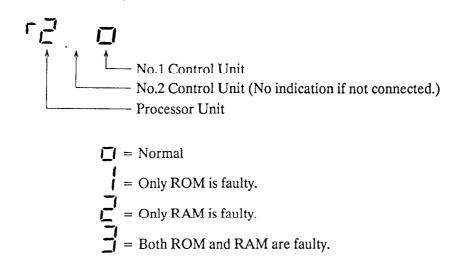
IMPORTANT —

The trial must be conducted in the open sea where traffic of other boats, any objects (rock, etc.) will not interfere with it.

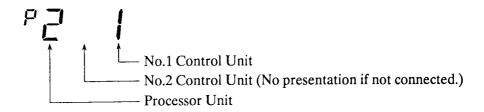
2. POWER-ON SELF-CHECK

When the FAP-55 is turned on, the following sequence is initiated automatically:

(1) The memories (ROM/RAM) are checked for proper operation. If any abnormality is detected, the faulty memory (or memories) is identified with a numeric code and the FAP-55 is made inoperative. If normal, the self-check continues.



- (2) The display (LCD) segments are lit sequentially.
- (3) Program version numbers are presented:



NOTE: The version numbers may differ depending on units.

(4) The FAP-55 becomes operational, e.g., SBY mode.

Rudder Angle Indicator

(FAP-6500 Optional supply)

(1) Display changes as follows

"All the segment on", "111", "222", "333" --- "888", "999", "000"

(2)Two decimal points light alternately while the display is displaying the even numbers.

(3)The ROM and the RAM are tested.

The result of the test appears on the digital display for 1 second.

If the test shows faulty ROM or RAM, the sequence freezes.



Remedy

Faulty ROM

Replace the P.C. board when the result shows "faulty ROM" after trying the test once again.

Faulty RAM

Replace the P.C. board

Table 1 The P.C.Board

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1	PICONT Board	66P1108	009-006-290	1	

(4) Program version numbers are presented:

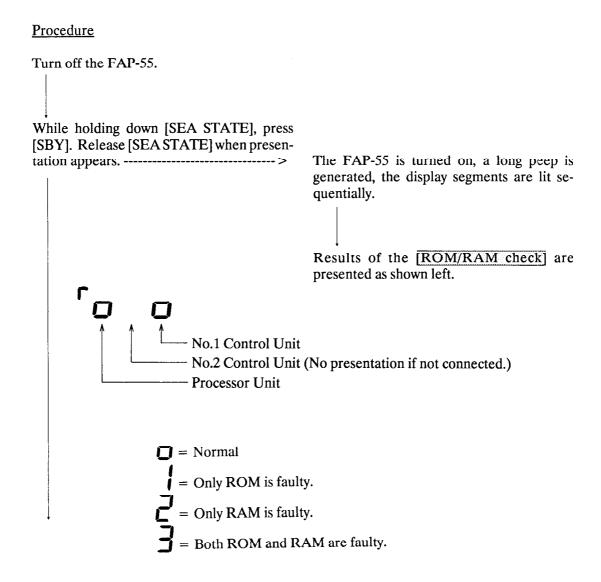


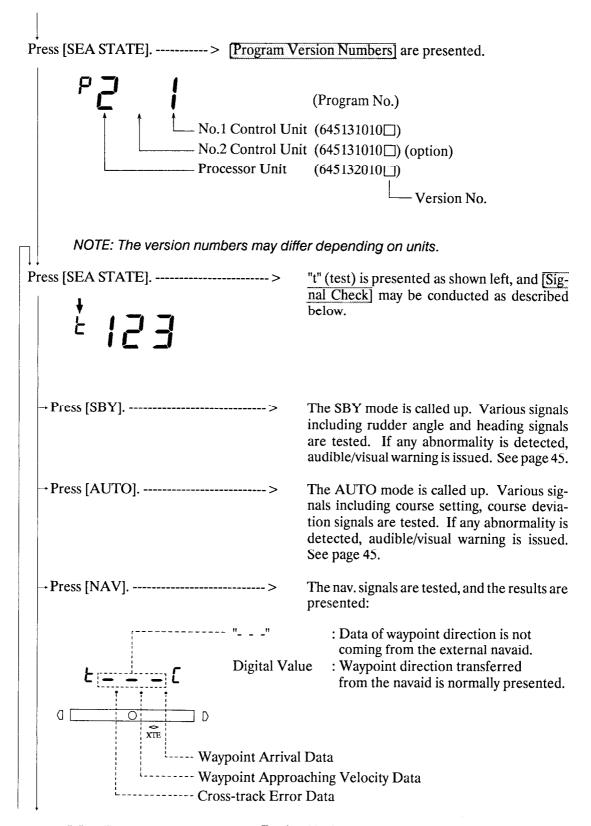
- (5) The analog indicator is tested.
 - Automatically seeks 0 point of the scale and put the needle on it.
- (6) The FAP-6500 becomes operational.

3. SELF-CHECK PROGRAM

When a visual/audible warning is issued, it is recommended to conduct the troubleshooting by running the self-check program.

- NOTE: 1. During the self-check mode operation, the ship's steering system is electrically isolated from the FAP-55. Even when the AUTO, NAV, or REM mode is selected, the FAP-55 does not drive the steering system.
 - If a trouble is detected during normal operation, the AUTO, NAV, or REM mode can not be called up. In the self-check mode you may call up these modes freely even when a trouble exists. This feature is helpful for troubleshooting.

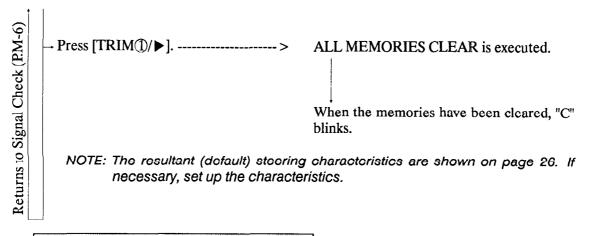




"•" = Data coming in.

Decimal Point not lit: Data not coming in.

	NOTE. FOI THE NAV THOUG OPERATION I	ne ronowing data are indispensable.
	NMEA 0180 Cross-track NMEA 0183 both Cross	k Error -track Error and Waypoint Direction
	→Turn on the remote controller>	The REM mode is called up, and the remote control signal, etc. are tested.
	NOTE: The information presented on the steering dial setting.	e analog meter is not rudder angle, but is the
	The following [Key/Display/Dimmer Checks] may be conducted at any time during the [Signal Check]. Every hit of [DIM(2)/+] should change	re the illumination
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	After pressing [DODGE];	
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P	Press [SEA STATE]>	[Display Check] is conducted. (LCD segments should light as illustrated left.)
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	→ Press [TRIM① ▶]>	The above-shown segments are lit sequentially.
P	ress [SEA STATE]>	"C" is presented as shown left, and the FAP-55 becomes ready for ALL MEMORIES
	[†] 234	CLEAR].



How to escape from the SELF-CHECK mode

Hold down [ALARM RESET] longer than three seconds, and the FAP-55 will go into the SBY mode.

NOTE: If [ALARM RESET] is released within three seconds, the FAP-55 will return to Signal Check (page M-6) from any point in the self-check.

FAP-55 SPECIFICATIONS

1. Operating Mode • Manual (SBY) • Automatic (AUTO) • Navigational (NAV) • Remote (REM) • Dodge (DODGE) 2. Controls • Course setting by knob (1° step) • Trim compensation .. by knob (1° step) • others by touchpad key 3. Setting of Steering Characteristics • Trim . . . from -30° to $+30^{\circ}$ (1° step) * • Weather (Deadband of Course Deviation) . . . from ±1° to ±10° (9 steps) * • Rudder Ratio . . . from 0.3 to 2.4 (9 steps) * • Counter Rudder . . . 9 steps + OFF • Auto Trim Sensitivity . . . 9 steps + OFF • Course Changing Speed . . . from 1°/sec to 9°/sec (9 steps) • Rudder Limit Angle ... from 10° to 45° (9 steps) (2 angles may be registered for AUTO/NAV and REM/DODGE, respectively.) *NOTE: 3 sets of the characteristic values may be memorized, and one characteristic set may be used in accordance with weather condition, etc. 4. LCD Display • with backlight dimmer (common to keyboard dimmer) 5. Presentations • 3 digit Digital . . . Heading or Course • Bar . . . Rudder Angle, Course Deviation or Cross-track Error • Warnings . . . Watch Alarm, Power Failure, Inter-unit Signal Failure, etc. 6. Heading Sensor • Fluxgate Heading Sensor (FLUX-50) • Gyro Compass (Gyro Converter AD-10S required) 7. Steering Unit • Hydraulic or mechanical steering system 8. Navaid • NMEA 0180 (LC-55/70/85 etc.) connectable • NMEA 0183 (LC-88, LP-1000, GD-180/185/1000, etc.) 9. Power Supply • Control + Processor Units --- 10 to 42 Vdc, 20W • Valve Unit (optional) --- 12/24 Vdc, 24W

10. Standard Supply

- Control Unit FAP-5510-10CE × 1
- Processor Unit FAP-5520E × 1
- Rudder Reference Unit FT-10-2F-NH/E × 1
- Accessories × 1 set
- Spare Parts × 1 set
- Installation Materials × 1 set

Optional Supply

- No.2 Control Unit FAP-5510-10CE
- Remote Controller FAP-5550-NH/E
- Remote Controller FAP-6120
- Remote Controller FAP-6220

(Up to two remote controllers may be connected.)

- Valve Unit (with 8m cable and crimp-on lugs) SPF-1SVF-12/E (12Vdc) [000-090-130] or SPF-1SVF-24/E (24Vdc) [000-090-131] or SPF-1SVF-32/E (32Vdc) [000-090-132]
- Control Unit Flush Mounting Materials OP64-1 [009-004-020]
- Remote Controller Hanger OP64-2 [009-004-030]
- Rudder Angle Display FAP-6500

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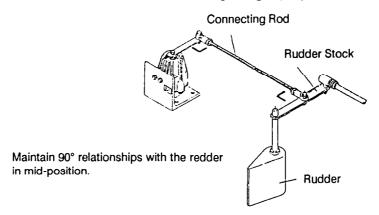
INSTALLATION

Mounting the control/processor units

- Although the units are designed to be splashproof, avoid a place where there is danger of salt or fresh water spray or immersion.
- Do not mount the units in the place exposed to direct sunlight because heat is built up inside, resulting in malfunction.
 - Even though the LCD display is quite legible in bright sunlight, it is a good idea to keep the control unit out of direct sunlight or at least shaded.
- The control unit is mounted on a bracket assembly (supplied) as shown on page D-1. The bracket itself can be installed either overhead, on a bulkhead, or on a tabletop.
 - When deciding a mounting place, take the viewing angle into account.
- The processor unit may be fixed to a tabletop or a bulkhead. When installing on a bulkhead, mount the unit with its cable gland side facing toward the deck. If not, water may collect in the cable glands.

Mounting the rudder reference unit

- Although this unit is waterproof, it is only common sense to give it some protection from splash of water.
- Sufficient clearance must be given around moving parts.
- This unit must be coupled to the rudder as shown on page D-4, where the following conditions must be satisfied:
 - (1) Y2 < 600mm
- X1 = X2
- Y1 = Y2
- (2) When the rudder is in neutral position:
 - The rudder reference unit should be also neutral.
 - The arm of the rudder reference unit should be at right angle (90°) with the connecting rod. Also the rudder stock should be at right angle (90°) with the connecting rod.



After the installation, apply grease to both ends of the rod.

NOTE: This unit may be placed at either side of the rudder.

Cabling

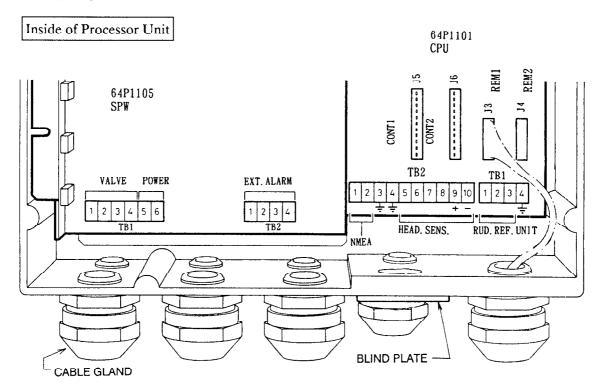
Cabling should be carried out as shown in the cabling diagram on page S-1.

General Notes on Cabling

1. The DC power supply cable should be kept as short as possible, and should be taken directly from the battery for the processor unit, via the circuit breaker (30A fuse incorporated) supplied locally. Longer cable runs require an even larger wire size to minimize voltage drop.

Under no circumstance should a cable be used to supply both the autopilot and other equipment: ship's power lines are notorious for being "dirty" electrically. The voltage can go all over the place as various heavy loads are placed on the line, and the power wiring is a prime source for interfering electrical signals (from such sources as alternators or generators, and other electronics equipment, like radars or echosounders).

- 2. All signal cables should be separated (not parallel) as far as possible from cables carrying RF or pulsed signals. At least 1m (3ft) separation is recommended.
- 3. The supplied cables should <u>not be lengthened</u>, otherwise the performance of the unit will be greatly reduced.



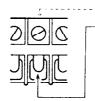
NOTE: 1. Cables should be led into the unit through the cable glands which are nearest to the destination (terminal board or jack). Do not leave unnecessary slackness of cables in the unit.

2. Two lines of cable glands are available. The unit is delivered with the following bushes contained in them:

- Bushes for Large Cable (6.5 to 10mm dia.) ---- upper line
- Bushes for Small Cable (4.0 to 8mm dia.) ---- lower line

If you wish, you may change the bushes between the upper and lower lines.

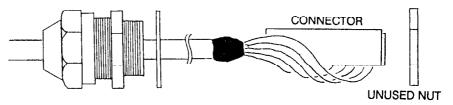
- 3. The cabling diagram on page S-1 shows the full lineup of connections where eleven cable inlets are shown. In reality, however, only ten inlets are available.
- 4. How to tie a lead to the terminal board.



- 1. Turn the screw ccw.
- 2. Insert a stripped lead tip into the gap shown left, then tighten the screw. In case of a thin lead, fold back the end as illustrated below for good contact.



- 5. The control unit cable is delivered with the cable gland. Follow the instructions below when connecting it to the processor unit.
 - (a) Remove the unused cable gland fixing nut as shown below.

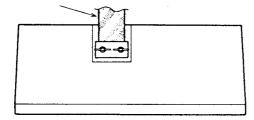


- (b) Remove a cable gland (or blind plate) from the processor unit, and you will see a cutout.
- (c) Lead the cable into the unit through the cutout, then plug the cable-end connector in J5 (or J6 in case of No.2 Control Unit.)
- (d) Fix the cable gland tightly.

about GROUNDING -----

Do not share the FAP-55's grounding copper strap with other equipment. Unless the processor unit is grounded properly, the FAP-55 may malfunction (the rudder may be steered suddenly) when a radiotelephone transmits, etc.

Use the copper strap supplied.



Terminate the shielding mesh of the interconnection cables as indicated on the cabling diagram (page S-1).

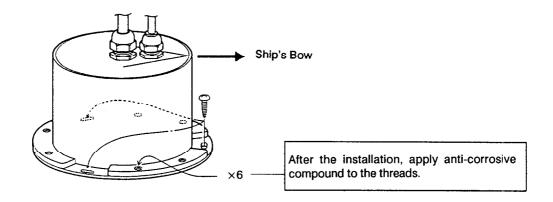
Installing the fluxgate heading sensor (FLUX-50)

Notes on Installation

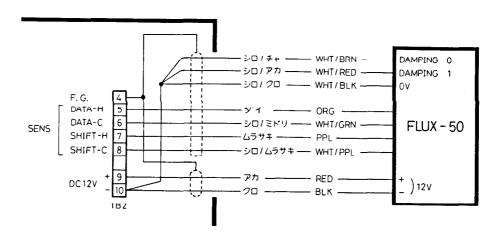
- Ideally the sensor should be mounted near the center of ship's gravity, but this is not critical.
- The FLUX-50 must be installed indoors. Avoid a place exposed to direct sunlight or splash of water.
- This sensor is very sensitive to magnetic fields when compared with a conventional magnetic compass. In selecting a mounting location, choose a spot that is as far from metallic objects as possible. Bear in mind that a transformer and power cable generate magnetic fields. The more carefully you place the sensor, the more satisfactorily the FAP-55 will work.

Mounting

- The arrow mark " > " on the sensor housing must be parallel with the keel line.
- The sensor should be installed horizontally, however this is not so critical because gimbal structure is employed inside. However, never mount it on the bulkhead.
- The wood screws should be tightened after the compensation has been completed. (Do not overtighten the screws, or the plastic brim may be damaged.)



Connection



NOTE: Insulate the unused leads (not shown in the above diagram) individually. Do not ground them.

Adjustment

Heading Alignment

- (1) Turn the sensor by hand until the heading reading on the FAP-55 gets equal to ship's master compass reading.
- (2) Fix the sensor by tightening the wood screws.

Compensation

The automatic calibration compensates magnetic influence of the boat. Turn the boat through two circles. Make each circle two minutes to complete. Anytime the boat turns through a circle, the compasation is recalibrated. For details, refer to the instructions contained with the Flux-50.

Damping Adjustment

This adjustment determines how sensitively (quickly) the sensor responds to the changes of ship's heading. Four kinds of damping factors are available, and they may be chosen by connection of leads.

Damping (Response)	Connection	
1 (fast)	WHT/RED> Tie to GND.	WHT/BRN>Tie to GND.
2	WHT/RED>Tie to GND.	WHT ∕ BRN> Open
3 (WHT / RED → Open	WHT/BRN>Tie to GND.
4 (slow)	WHT / RED → Open	WHT ∕ BRN → Open

When the FLUX-50 is connected to the FAP-55, select "1" (fast).

FLUX-50 v.s. AD-100

FLUX-50's output signals are equivalent to the ones which are output by AD converter AD-100:

Lead	Signal
Black ———	— Automatic Calibration
Brown	— Radar 1 Data—H
Red ———	— Radar 2 Data—H
Orange ———	—Nav 1 Data−H
Yellow	
Green —	— Radar 1 Shift—H
Blue ———	— Radar 2 Shift-H
Violet —	— Nav 1 Shift—H
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White/Orange —	
White/Yellow	— Radar 1&2 Data-C
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Black/White	— Radar 1&2 Shift—C
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NOTE: In case of AD-100, only four lines must be connected.

Installing the rudder angle indicator (FAP-6500)

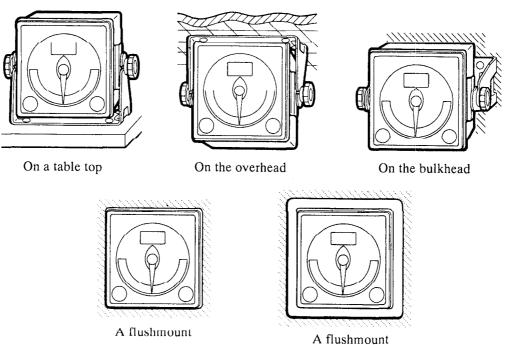
Notes on installation

Avoid the following places

- 1)A place exposed to direct sunlight.
- 2)A place exposed to direct water spray or rain.
- 3) High-temperature, poory ventilated envitonment.
- 4)Aplace with excessive vibration.

Mounting

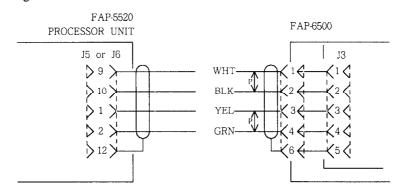
The rudder angle indicator may be mounted on the overhead, on a table top, on the bukhead or flushmounted using an optional installation materials.



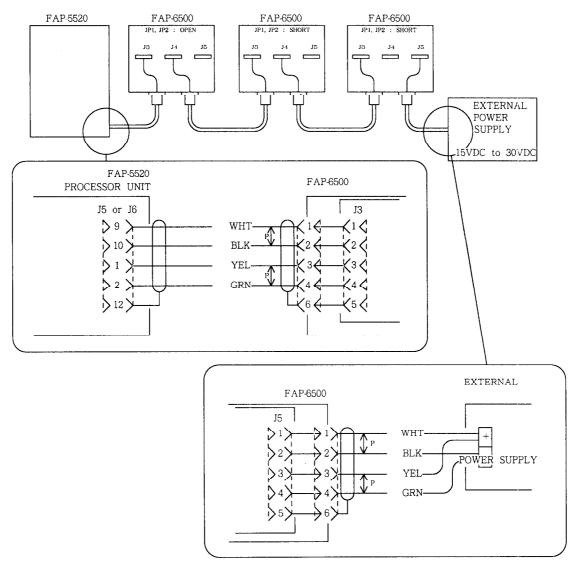
Connection

Connect the rudder angle indicator to a vacant connector either J5 (CONT 1) or J6 (CONT 2). To connect two units to a same connector, pull out the NH conductor from the NH connector housing and solder the wire of a second unit. An external power supply is needed to connect rudder angle indicator in series (Max. three units).

Connection of single FAP6500



Connection of FAP6500 in series



Connection of External Power Supply

- 1. Cut the jumpers JP1 and JP2 of the FAP6500 to supply the power from the external power supply.
- 2. Connect pin 1 and pin 3 to the positive terminal and pin 2 and pin 4 to the negative terminal. See the figure below.
- 3. Connecting the FAP6500 in series requires an additional "Connection Cable Assembly (OP64-6, Code number 009-005-810)" for each extra unit.

Calibration

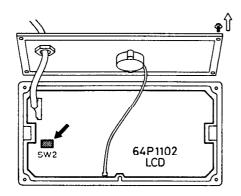
The rotary switch S3 on the P.C.board calibrates the rudder angle indication on the panel. Turn the rotary switch to the direction you want to move the pointer. The range for calibration is \pm 3.2 degrees.

Tailoring DIP switches and jumpers

By tailoring the DIP switches and jumpers, you may adjust the FAP-55 to the desired usage.

Control Unit

After loosening the four screws, open the rear panel as illustrated below.

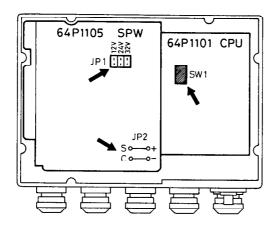


 $\underline{SW2}$ [Factory Setting: all bits = off]

#1 #2 #3 #4

off	
ON	Japanese
off	Not used.
	Analog (Bar) Indicator presents:
off	Rudder Angle, Course Deviation or Cross-track Error depending on the mode.
ON	Rudder Angle only irrespective of operational mode.
	Operating Mode
off	Normal
ON	Test (factory use)

Processor Unit



<u>JP1</u> (Power Failure Alarm Voltage) [Factory Setting: 12V]

In accordance with the supply voltage, set the jumper plug in one of the three positions.

<u>JP2</u> (Mode of Ext. Buzzer Driving Signal) [Factory Setting: Voltage Signal]

Voltage Signal Connect two jumpers (S — + and C — -).

Contact Closure Signal . Remove the two jumpers, and strap a jumper between "S" and "C".

 $\underline{SW1}$ (NAV Signal) [Factory Setting : all bits = off]

#1 #2 #3 #4

Type of No. 1 Remote Controller

Type of No. 2 Remote Controller

Output of Heading Sensor

off Magnetic Bearing

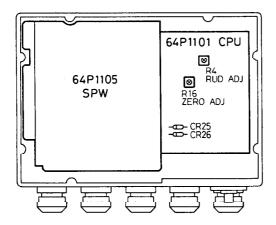
ON True Bearing

Operation Mode

off Normal

ON Test (factory use)

Tuning the processor unit



Turn on the FAP-55 by pressing [SBY].

Rudder Angle Null Adjustment

Set the rudder in its neutral position by steering the wheel manually. (Visually inspect the rudder to confirm this. Do not rely on the rudder angle indicator provided on the FAP-55 because it has not been tuned up yet.)

Adjust R16 [ZERO ADJ] so that CR26 lights.

Rudder Angle Gain Check

While steering the wheel, confirm that the rudder angle indication matches the actual rudder angle. (As the adjustment is done at the factory it is unlikely that a significant discrepancy exists between the two. If it does, the following adjustment is required.)

Adjustment

Set the rudder limit angle (for REM/DODGE) as mentioned on page 39.

Steer the wheel until the rudder reaches the above-set limit angle. (Actually measure the rudder angle. Do not rely on the rudder angle indication on the FAP-55.)

Turn R4 [RUD ADJ] clockwise until the point where CR25 starts illuminating.

Jobs after the installation

When the installation is completed, conduct the followings;

- CHECK BEFORE SAILINGpage M-1
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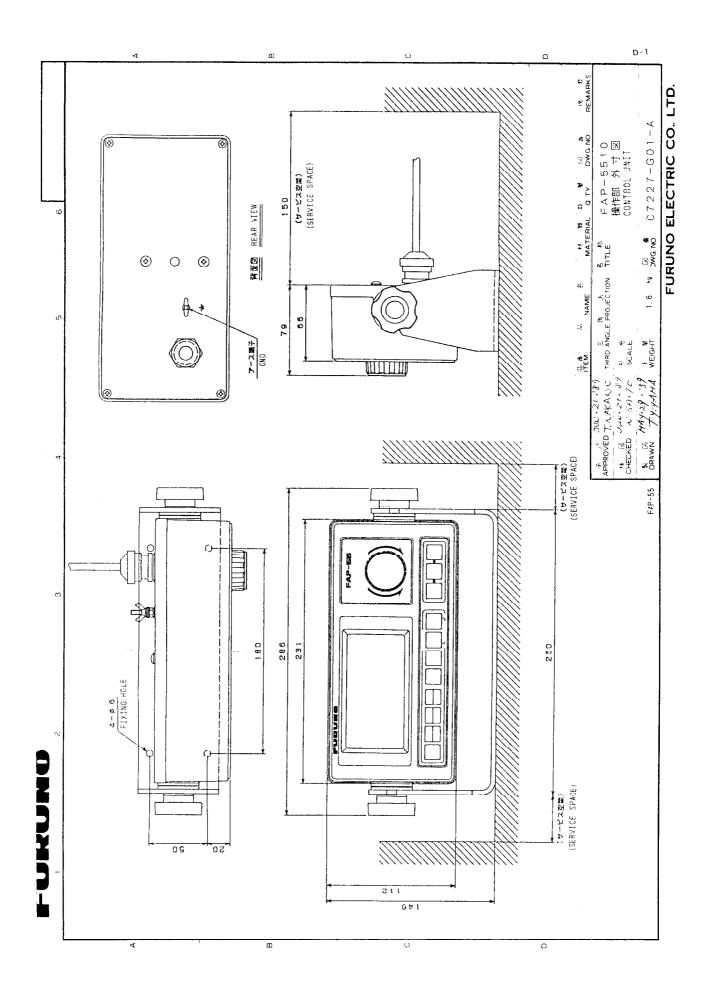
Notes on the external buzzer

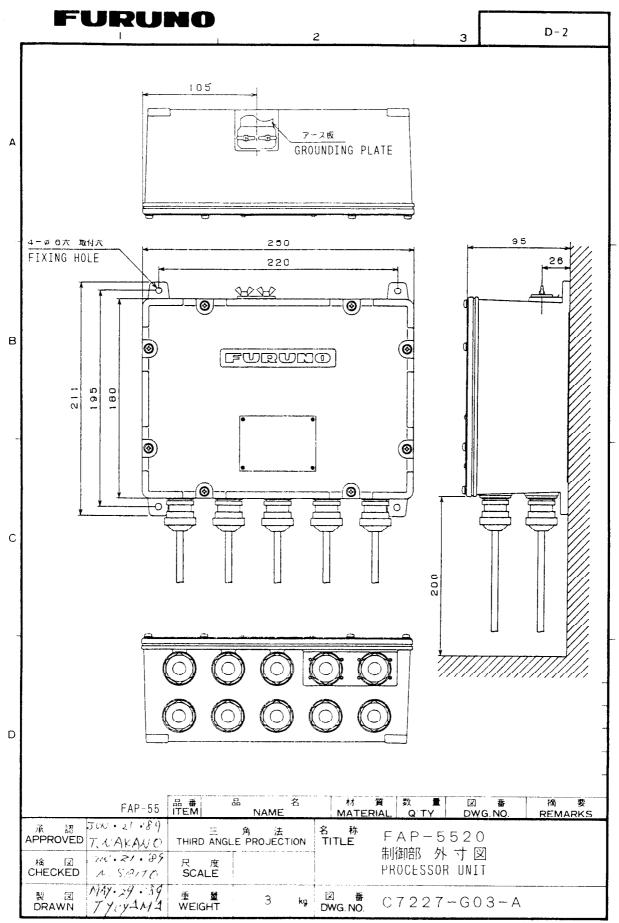
- A horn for a car may be utilized as an external buzzer for the FAP-55.
- As described on page AP-13, the buzzer driving signal may be output in either one of the following modes.

Voltage Signal ----- A battery power should be fed to the processor unit (TB2 #1 & #2).

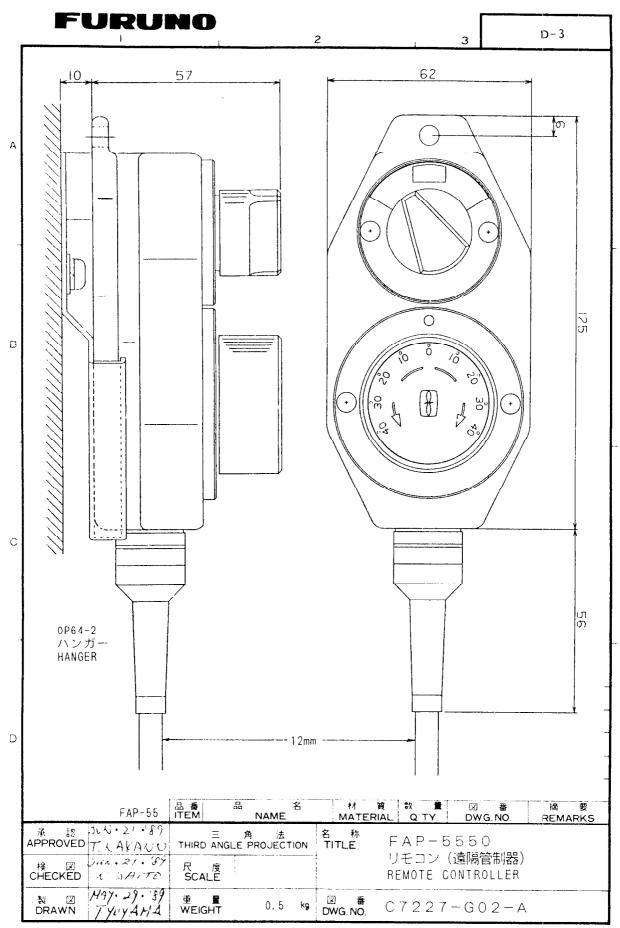
Contact Closure Signal ---- Contact capacity is three amperes.

- The external buzzer and the internal one (peep) sound at the same time. If power supply for the FAP-55 is failed, only the external buzzer sounds continually.
- The connection cable should be separated (not parallel) as far as possible from cables carrying RF signals or large power. Test the FAP-55 with a transmitter operated, etc. Use a shielded cable if necessary.

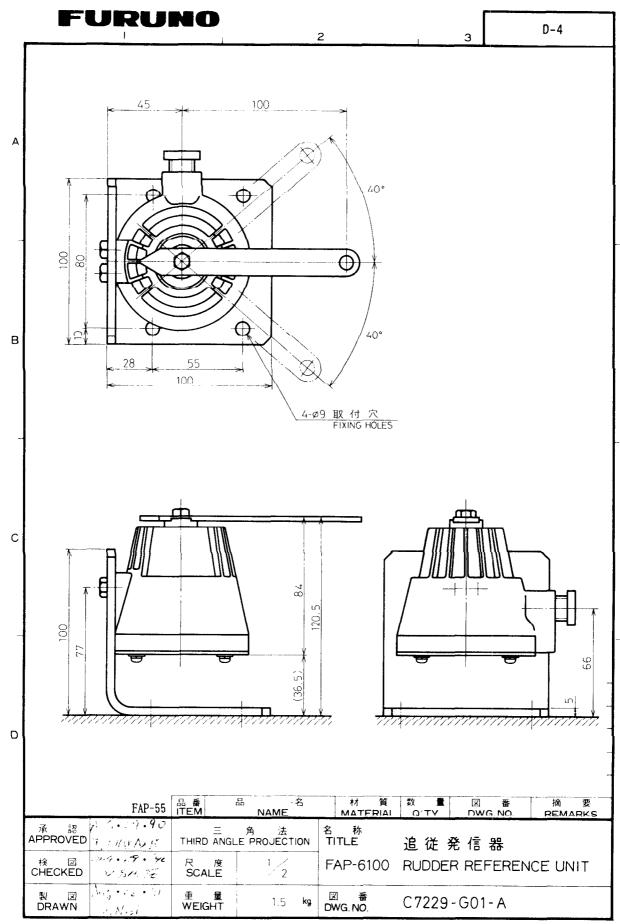




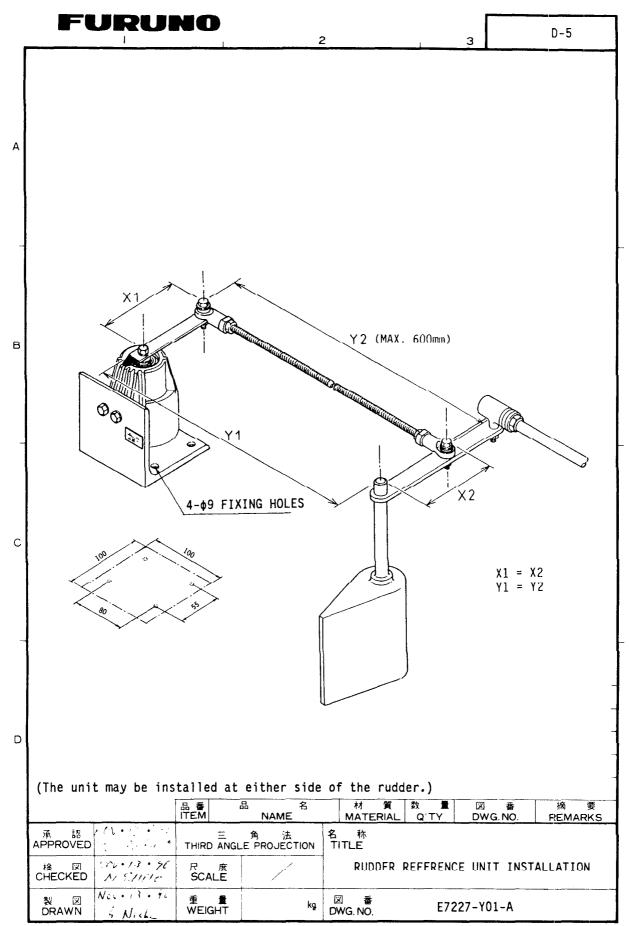
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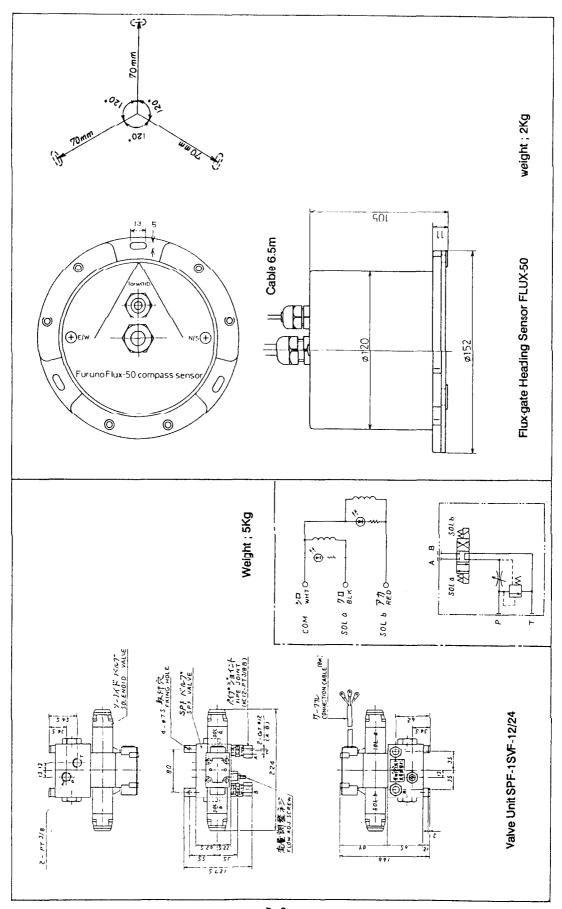
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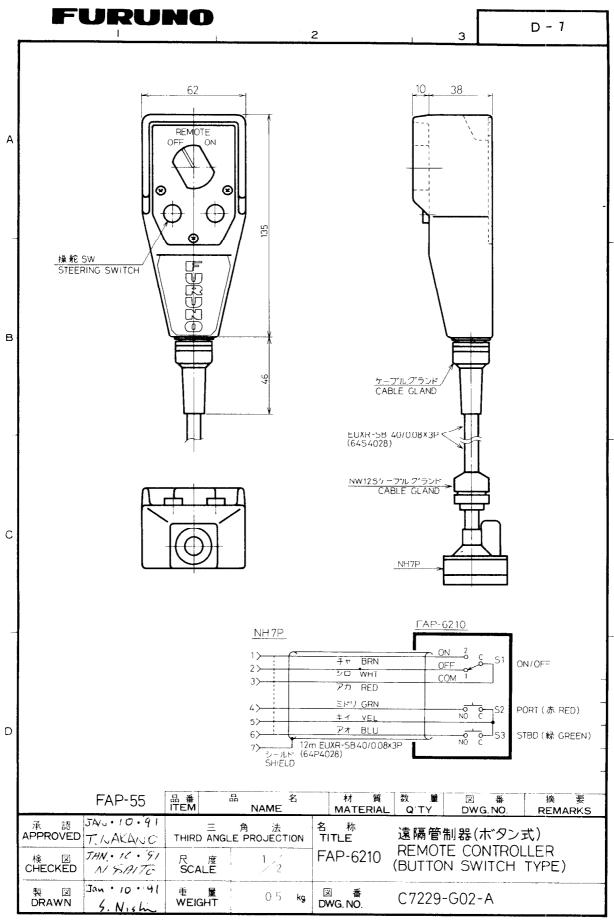


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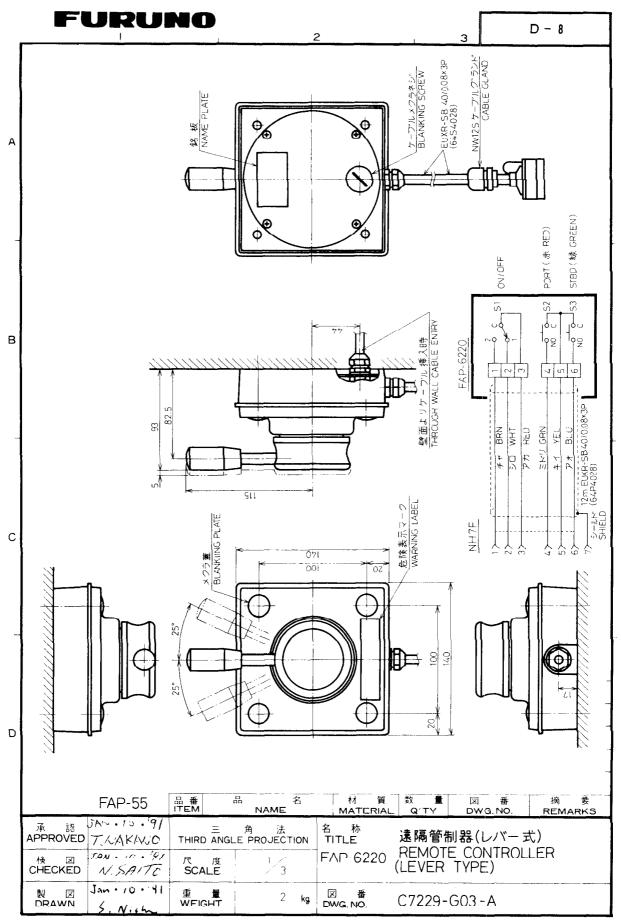


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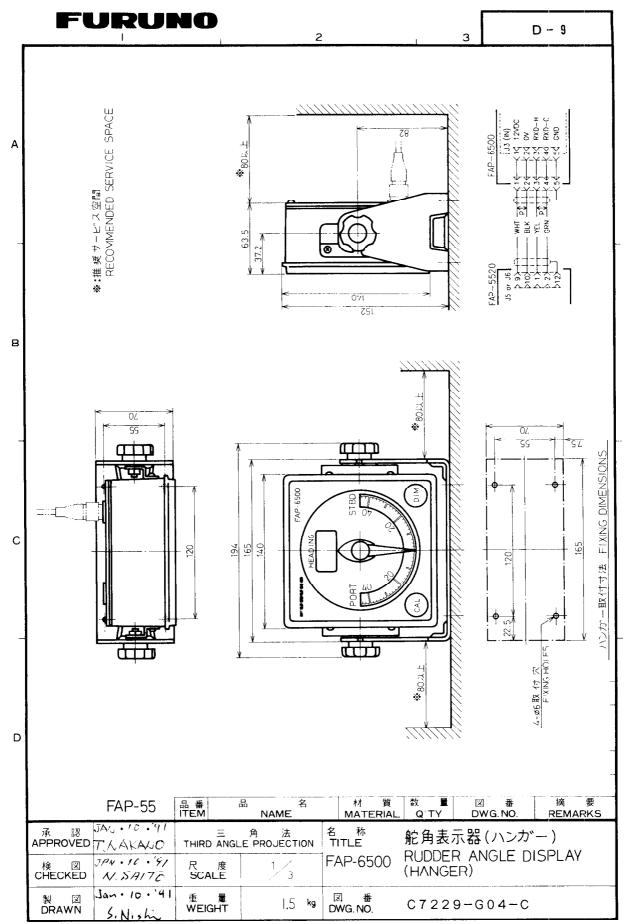




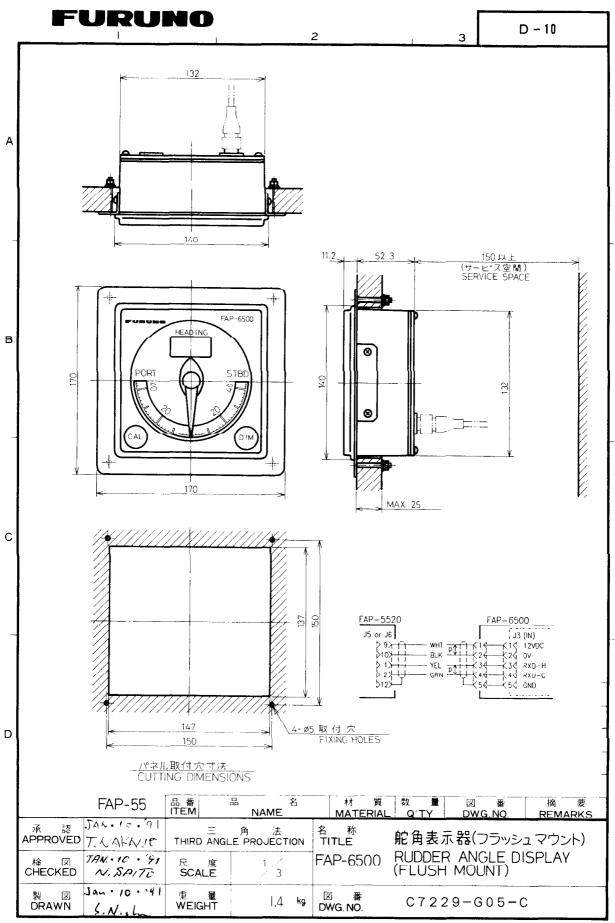
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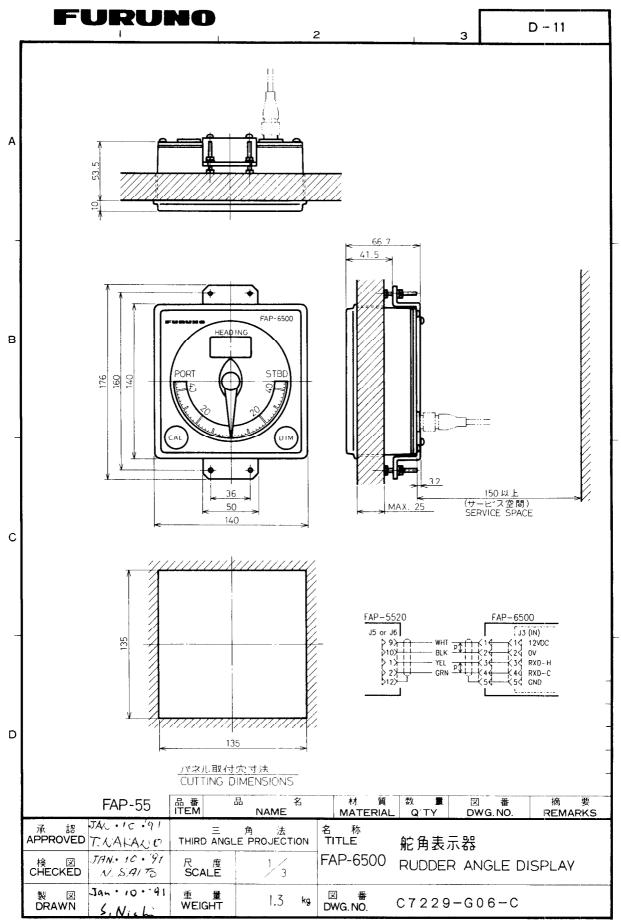
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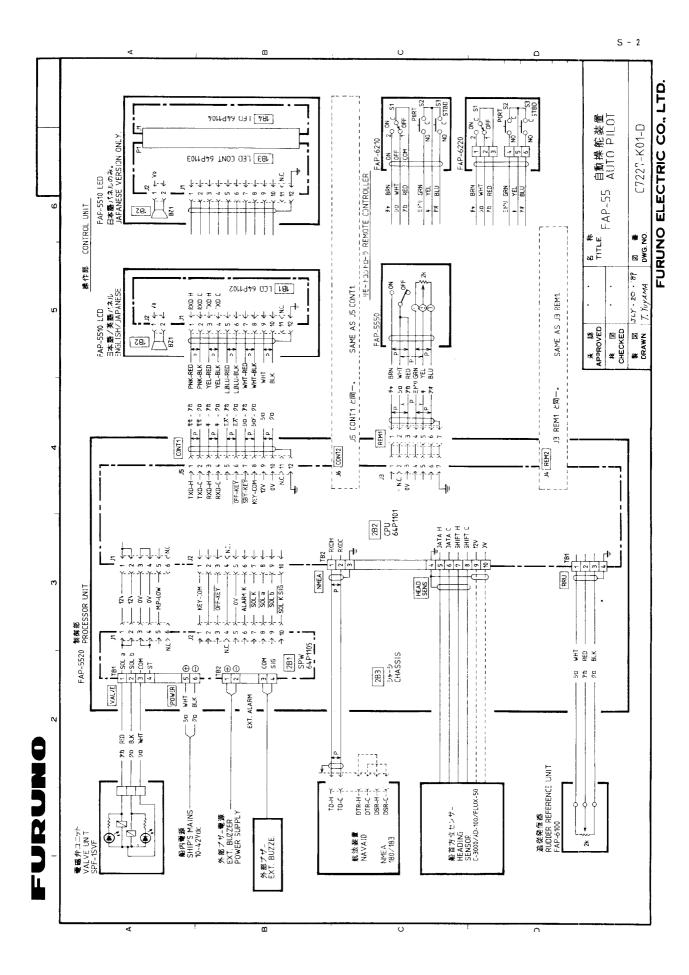


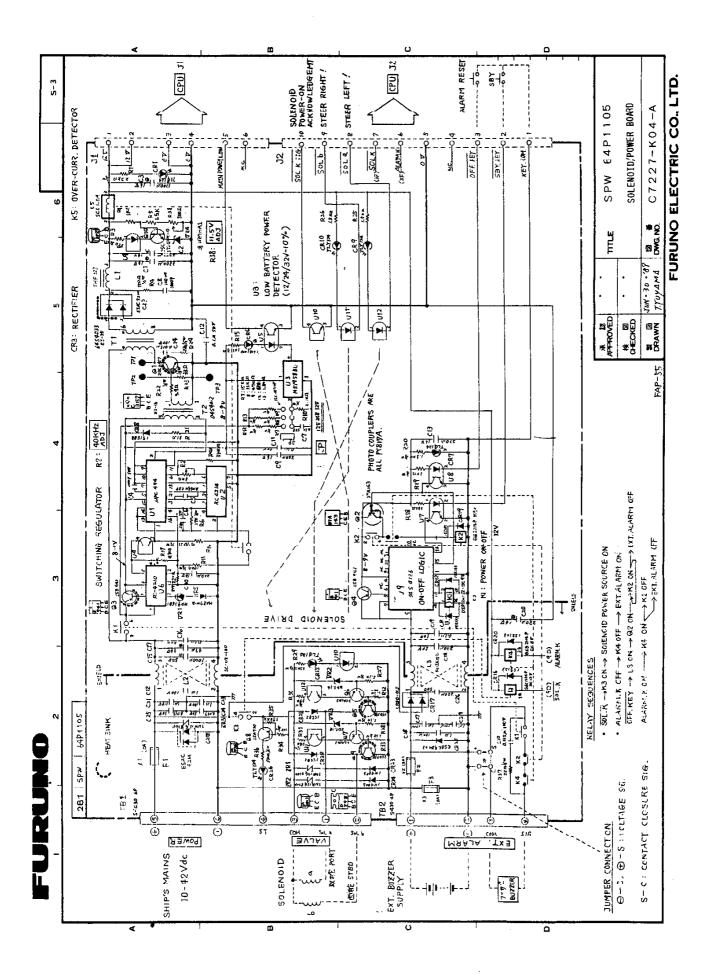
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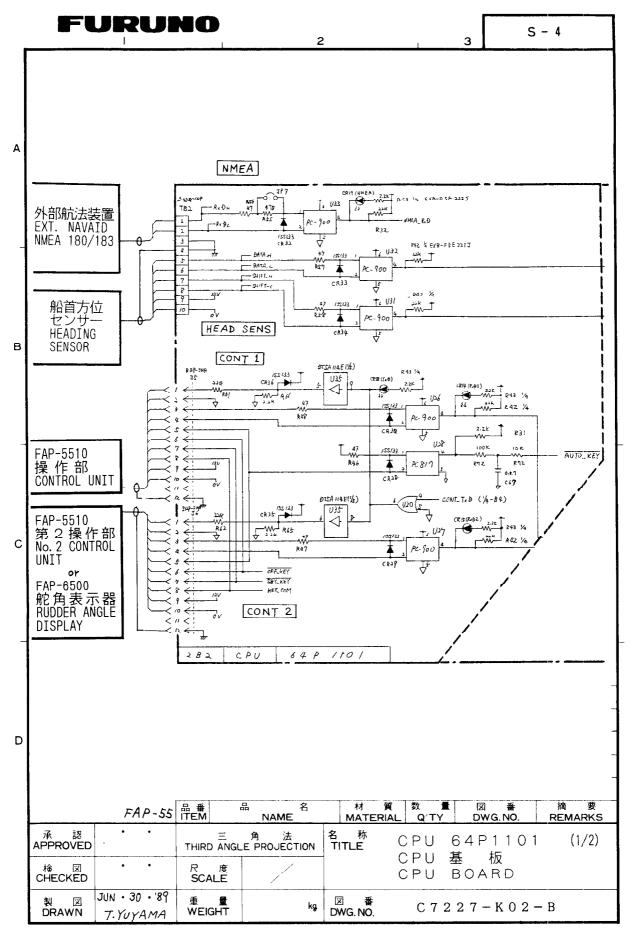


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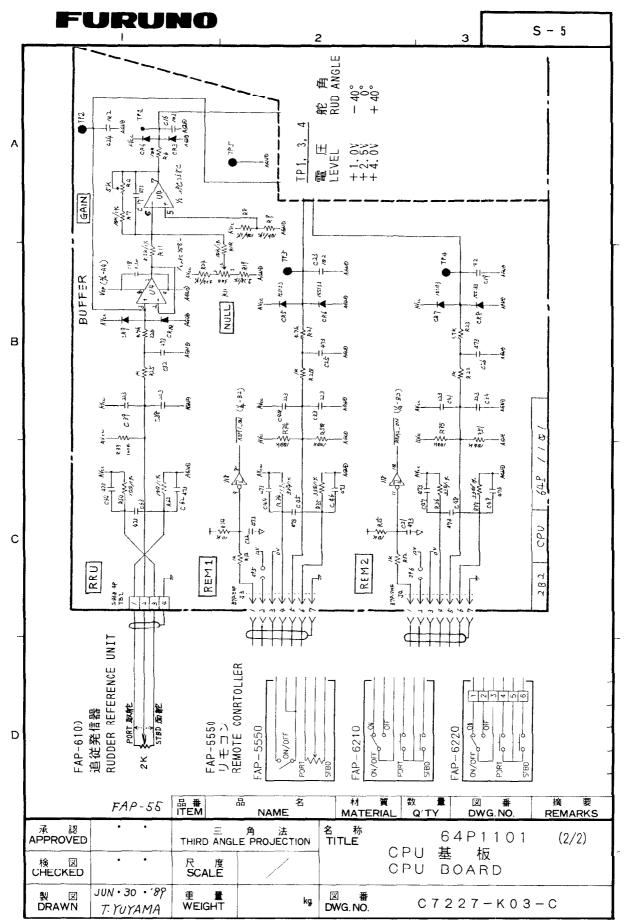
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