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NOTES ON SELECTING YOUR NEXT CONSOLE, and YOUR NEXT CONSOLE BUILDER.

by Bob Bushnell

CUSTOM BOARDS AND VCA's:

Can we put VCAs in your next board? Are we using VCAs now? Yes, on both counts.

The use of VCAs will increase as technology and understanding increases. The major problem lies not in the VCA itself, but the system you'll be using with the VCA. The July/August issue of R-e/p has an excellent group of articles concerning automation. Including the VCA within the console is no trick, determining the compatible system will require lots of decisions within the recording industry. It's like the early days of magnetic recording, Magnecord and Ampex, but the problems are greater. The industry needs VCAs for the difficult task of mixdowns, but there must be a standard, a vardstick. As custom board builders, we can do the best for you by assisting in usage and applications rather than develop our own system. We'd like to see a standard established; we're willing to help in setting that standard.

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From CHUCK DAVIS

In a general answer to the individual questions asked about the \$5.00 LINE AMPLIFIER published in the May/June issue of R-e/p, the correct value of the feedback resistor from output to input, as many who have written suspected, should have been 51K not 5.1K.

The value of the resistor to ground from pin 3 (non-inverting input) of the amplifier is 4.7K.

STOLL NEW INDUSTRIAL SALES MANAGER AT CROWN.

CROWN International of Elkhart, Indiana announces the appointment of Michael H. Stoll as Industrial Sales Manager of its Industrial Products Division. He was formerly a staff electrical engineer with the Aerospace Research Application Center of Indiana University, Previously he held positions as Marketing Manager for Deltek, Inc. and Assistant Manager of Field Service for the Custom Design Section of Sarkes Tarzian Broadcast Equipment Division. At CROWN he will be responsible for all industrial products, and the new Variable Speech Control Player to be offered to the educational, professional audio and broadcast markets.

RCA RECORDS ANNOUNCE NEW MOBILE CAPABILITY

During an interview with G. Allan Ballantine, Manager of Facilities and Engineering Planning for RCA Records, he announced that RCA has received a new transportable sound control console from Rupert Neve Incorporated of Bethel, Connecticut. This 32 input, 16 bus output console is built in 4 sections

From the READERS

An editorial material rating of the most useful feature article, as gathered from the Reader Service Cards received prior to press time.

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which permit air shipment virtually anywhere for remote recording sessions.

Ballantine also said that while on the east coast the console will be truck mounted permitting responsiveness to clients within several hundreds of miles of New York.

Neve has made a number of advancements in engineering in order to meet RCA specifications. The component density, performance standards, and reliability all are of significance in the Neve design.

CUSTOM FIDELITY CO APPOINTED NATIONAL DISTRIBUTORS FOR PAK 16-24 TRACK RECORDERS.

Custom Fidelity Company, Inc., Hollywood, California, based custom record production and professional audio equipment sales firm, announces its appointment as National Marketing Distributor for the completely new 16 and 24 track professional magnetic tape recorders and custom audio mixing consoles designed and manufactured by PAK Associates, Santa Ana audio engineering and development company. Products are said to represent state-of-the-art technical developments in the highly creative and fast moving recording industry.

For many years acknowledged nation-



Bill Jones

ally as a quality leader in disc mastering and custom record production, Custom Fidelity in recent years has also become a major in-depth stocking distributor of professional audio equipment. Ellis Fertig, manager of the Professional Audio Sales Division announces formation of a new department of the division to market and showcase the new PAK product line and other products now under development. The new department, appropriately named "Studio Systems Department" will be headed up by William F. (Bill) Jones who brings with him a broad background of experience in the marketing of sophisticated recording studio components and systems.

NEW BUSHNELL ELECTRONICS PLANT TO TRIPLE FIRM'S AUDIO ENGINEERING AND PRODUCTION CAPACITY.

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PART I - "TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF TERMS REGARDING SOUND AND ACOUSTICS."

by M.T. (Bill) Putnam, President the URC Companies: United Recording Corp. Western Recorders Coast Recorders URE1

An enhanced knowledge of the behavioral characteristics and basic physical laws of sound and acoustics can be of value to anyone engaged in almost any technical phase of the recording industry. Some practical examples, both the good and bad of these phenomena can improve one's technical performance in mixing, dub downs and in general pave the way for removing some of the "mystery" associated with this facet of the recording process.

Many terms are commonly incorrectly used relating particularly to delay, echo and reverberation. The be-

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havior of a particular size studio and its characteristics which make it suitable for a certain style of recording and less desirable for another, can be more easily understood, and this knowledge then can be applied in a constructive and ingenious way to develop our own techniques which improve the sound quality of the end product.

Within this Part I outline of simplified terms and definitions, there lies the foundation for the understanding of the basics.





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2 mixing inputs per channel

> individual channel bias adiust

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\$1790 for basic rackmount half-track stereo deck, about \$2300 with typical accessories; Formica floor console -\$295, rugged portable case \$69 with easy access to all 10 moving parts and plug-in circuit boards; deck rotates 360° in console, locks at any angle

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I. Properties of Sound

- A. Simplified definition of sound:
 - 1. Sound is an alteration or change of pressure.
 - 2. It is propagated to the receiver through some elastic medium, such as air.
- B. A sound, once received by the ear, becomes a "sound sensation" or a "sound happening".
- C. Sound is produced when air or some other medium or body is set into motion or vibration.
- D. Sound is not transmitted through a vacuum.
- E. Noise is a characterization of certain types of sound and is a term sometimes subjective in its use.
 - 1. Generally it is used in the context of describing something that is non-rhythmical or non-musical, or,
 - 2. Is interfering or unwanted in a specific circumstance.

- F. Sound propagation:
 - I. As a body vibrates, the air layer around it is compressed and the density is increased in the first layer or "ply", and since othis first layer pressure is greater, the molecules move and propagate their movement to the next "layer" which in turn causes the same effect in the next layer, and so on, etc., etc.
 - 2. Rarefaction follows each cycle of compression which produces a wave motion.

G. Frequency of Sound:

1. The number of vibrations per second of a moving body determines the frequency (usually stated in cycles per second). See Fig. A1.

The relationship of velocity, frequency and wave length are expressed as follows:

C = freq. x wave lengtn

where C = velocity or speed of sound which is approx. 1130 ft/sec in air at 70° F.



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We can readily determine the wave length from this expression which gives the following examples

	Wave length in feet
Freq. in Hz	or inches
50	22.6 ft.
100	11.3 ft.
500	2.26 ft.
1000	1.13 ft.
5000	0.226 ft.

- 2. Wave length is the distance sound travels to complete one cycle.
- H. Speed of sound in air is approximately 1130 feet per second at room temperature.
 - 1. It has a positive temperature coefficient of approximately 1.1 foot per second per degree "F".
 - 2. The speed of sound does not appreciably increase with frequency or intensity.
 - 3. Sound travels faster in water (approximately 5000 ft/sec.) and in some solids (approx. 10,000 ft/sec.).
- I. Wave forms:
 - 1. The period of the wave with the greatest amplitude defines the pitch. (See Fig. A2)
- J. Sound levels and power: (See Figure No. A5)
- K. "Sound level" usually and conventionally refers to "sound pressure" level such as measured by the sound level meter. "Sound Pressure" has been accepted to mean effective sound pressure which is a R.M.S. value stated in dynes per square centimeter.
- L. "Sound Intensity" or power refers to the rate of flow of sound energy through a unit area in the perpendicular plane.
- M. Assuming an environment free from reflecting surfaces, *sound pressure* (spherical sound wave) is *inversely proportional to the distance* from the source.
- N. Sound Intensity is inversely proportional to the square of the distance from the source.

II. Basic Acoustic Terms

- A. Absorbtion coefficient:
 - 1. Efficiency of a given material in absorbing acoustical energy at a particular frequency.
 - 2. Defined as the percentage of incident sound wave energy that is absorbed. Fig. A2 shows the absorbtion coeff. of different materials and the effect of the method in which the material is mounted.
- B. Decibel: (dB) a logarithmic ratio between two power levels. The base for comparison of sound

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pressure levels is 0.0002 dynes per sq. CM. (*0 dB) *threshold of normal hearing at 1 kHz. See Figure A3.

C. Diffraction: The distortion or "bending" of sound waves as their path is interrupted by some physical object.

D. Diffusion:

- 1. The degree of diffusion which exists in a room relates to the number and density of random reflection paths of the sound waves.
- During the "growth" period or decay period, diffusion increases the uniformity of these transient conditions.
- 3. During "steady state" condition, diffusion tends to equalize the sound pressure throughout the room.
- E. Echo:
 - 1. An echo is a "wave that has been reflected or otherwise returned with sufficient magnitude and delay to be detected as a wave distinct from that directly transmitted".
 - 2. Empirical data shows that sounds delayed by approximately 30 to 50 M.S. (miliseconds) or longer are distinguishable as individual echoes.
- F. Flutter Echo: is a rapid succession of reflected pulses resulting from a single initial pulse.
- G. Noise Reduction Coefficient: "NRC" is the average of the absorbtion coefficient to the nearest multiple of 0.05 at 256, 512, 1024, and 2048 cycles.
- H. Reverberation time: The reverberation time is the time required for the mean-square sound pressure level therein, originally in a steady state, to decrease 60 dB after the sound source is stopped. See Figure A6 showing reverberation time at various frequencies for a large room.
- Sabine: A "sabine" is a square foot unit of absorption having an absorbtion coefficient of 100%. ("The amount of absorbtion offered by an open window one foot square" - Sabine)
- J. Transmission loss:
 - 1. (T.L.) is expressed in decibels and represents the sound isolative properties of a wall, ceiling, or partition.
 - The term *"Isolating"* is usually used in describing attenuation of solid borne sounds and *"insulating"* is used in the case of air-borne sound energy. See Figure A7. For example.

III Fundamental Acoustical Design Considerations

The requirements and/or design goals for good acoustical performance as they relate to the recording studio are:

A. Satisfactory sound isolation of the studio from outside interference and provisions for the required isolation

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- E. The acoustical environment as well as the aesthetics and cosmetics of the studio, must create not only a comfortable surrounding environment in which to perform, but must also create a pleasant and artictically stimulating atmosphere.

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In general, we feel that functional automation. whether for music, film or commercials, requires that the mixdown console or separate mixdown consolette selfprogram all relevant control functions in real time. In other words, the equipment must be capable of normal manual operation, but with the additional capacity to remember what was done, when it was done, and how it was done. It must then be able to precisely re-create the original mix any number of times without degradation while individual controls are readjusted to alter or improve any portion of the recording. Since we are dealing with a new technology, there are new terms and new considerations in choosing the equipment. We believe that these considerations must be made clear to the industry if the technology is to be successfully used.

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MODEL 256 PROGRAMMER SPECIFICATIONS

NUMBER OF FUNCTIONS: 16 to 256 expandable in groups of 16 by means of plug-in circuit cards.

UPDATING RATE: 800 Micro sec/function.

ACCURACY: \pm .2 dB, 0 to - 40 \pm 2 dB, 0 to - 60 \pm 0 - inf @ - 80

BANDWIDTH REQUIRED: 5 kHz (35 dB S/N)

RECORDING LEVEL: - 20 to - 5 (actual level or level variations have no effect).

DROP-OUT AND SPLICE PROTECTION: Any occurrence of sufficient magnitude to cause decoding error causes device to hold prior information until error signal is removed (Average of 30 sec.).



- **COMPATABILITY** (System to System): Compatability within ± 1 dB. Decoder automatically senses the number of encoded functions present and adjusts its cycling rate accordingly. Decoder also displays (via LED array) the number of encoded functions as an aid to determining the degree of automation on tape of unknown origin.
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Paul Buff's article a few months ago in R-e/p covered very well a number of uses for a D.C. Control attenuator. I might add that it could be used in the feedback chain of a limiter or compressor. What Paul failed to mention was the high cost of this kind of control.

Now if you're not C.B.S., or Electric Lady, or Warner Bros. chances are you're going to read articles on voltage control, see the few consoles in the big cities that may have it, or are getting it, and go to the A.E.S. convention and moon over \$85,000 consoles that their manufacturer promises will remember everything you do except wash your socks. Now, on the other hand, you could be such a financially poor studio that when somebody says they want to do a stereo date you have to get out two more cups and bigger ball of string, then no matter what the cost you're not going to be able to afford D.C. control. Let's face it, if you're doing two track work there are a lot better places to spend your money than D.C. control.

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problems that the Lumitrons have had in the past, such as brown outs due to the filament breaking down with time, and burn out from short lamp life. The light sources in this circuit are L.E.D.'s.

The circuit is a passive circuit made up from a hell of a lot of variable resistance. The advantage of this as opposed to a D.C. control amplifier is that it has a very high overload point, (test generator could supply +30db) can be used balanced or unbalanced, signals lower than line level can be used with no problem because the circuit has no real noise of its own. It does, however, have 1/4db loss. That's about its only real drawback.

The circuit requires 4 LED/LDR's, three for line resistance, and one for shunt resistance to ground. The entire circuit being latched together using a complementary pair of Darlington Transistors and four resistors. Total cost is between \$20.00 and \$22.00. Cheaper if you buy more than one.

A 24vdc supply was used but the supply voltage can be almost anything. The circuit as shown will work well with a supply voltage down to +10 vdc, but the voltage can be much lower by decreasing the values of R3 and R4. The LED's will function with almost any voltage because they're dependent on current not voltage. These particular LED's (fig. 2) will take about 40ma before they'll blow, but from about 15ma plus the LDR doesn't change resistance much due to its apparent logarithmic input current/output resistance curve. (fig. 3)

The taper of the circuit can be altered, as can the worst case load resistance and value of the output resistance of LDR4 by changing the value of R3 and R4. This changes the current flowing through the LED's of the various cells. This same method can be used to alter the amount of gain reduction possible depending on

INPUT CHARACTERISTICS





what you plan on doing with the circuit. As illustrated it can be used as a standard 10k potentiometer, the worst case load of the circuit being 10k. This worst case point is where the resistance of LDR 1, 2 and 3 equal LDR4. From there, which is about the mid point of the fader, movement in either direction will result in the load resistance going up to about 100meg ohm. The output resistance varies from around 2.2k when the signal is being shut down to several meg ohm when the attenuator is passing signal. The resistance in the signal side of the attenuator is about 2.6k when it's passing signal to around a billion ohms when the series LDRs are off.

There is a certain amount of rise and decay time in the photo resistors (fig. 4), but this is in the millisecond range and be used to an advantage. can Explanation: this unit when used with a stepped attenuator as the voltage controller tends to round off the individual steps of the attenuator making the steps in the signal level considerably less apparent than if the same attenuator were used to process the signal. This same soothing effect can be used to cut the cost of the computer interface DtoA and AtoD converters. In many DC controlled amplifiers the rise and decay time is instantaneous. In order to avoid hearing the individual steps in the signal introduced by the DtoA control voltage an 8 or even a 10 bit converter must be used. However, due to their rise and decay times, the LED/LDR unit could utilize a 6 bit converter and still get a smooth resolution without dood detectable steps. A 6 bit converter gives 64 increments (which is about the same as a stepped attenuator) and is about 1/3 to 1/4 the cost of an 8 bit converter. The ten bit converter costs quite a bit more than the 8 bit. (No pun intended.)

In actually building the unit care must be taken in grounding the cases of the LED/LDR's. All resistors are 1/2 w and close tolerance resistors would be advisable for uniformity of taper and tracking. The tracking of the individual cells are quite good and quality is kept quite high. (fig. 3, 5)

The device as designed has a taper identical to that of the control fader. By changing the taper of the control fader the audio attenuator's taper will be altered similarly.

The value of the control pot can be most anything because it's used as a voltage divider to vary the potential on the two transistors. Because an effort was made to make the circuit where it could

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be used with existing pots in a console, a 10k pot was used as the voltage controller.

With this system each control drew a maximum of 8.6ma and a minimum of 3.6ma.

Motorola transistors were used because they are cheap and readily available, but an equivalent would do just as well.

The LED/LDR's are called Vactrols and are manufactured by the Vactec company. They make a variety of LED/LDRs but the 2C2 or 2C3 seem to have the best tracking, lowest usable resistance in relation to the highest usable resistance. i.e. on/off resistance ratio. (fig. 3, fig. 5) "Usable" resistance has to do with a certain amount of capacitances which becomes effective as the off resistance of the cell is allowed to go to high. This capacitances effects the high frequency output to a certain degree. For this reason 3 Vactrols are used on the in line resistance instead of a single Vactrol. To keep the LDR resistance from going too high a certain amount of current is passed (.2ma) through the LED's even in their "off" state by eliminating the transistors with 100k resistors.

2C2's were used in this circuit instead of the 2C3. However, the 2C3 have as good a linearity curve as the 2C2. (fig. 3 and fig. 5) but their higher on resistance might cause a problem when used in the shunt leg of the audio circuit. LDR4.

Vactec, incidentally, sells to both Teletronix and Fairchild.

The circuit designed (with the help of Norm Wolff at Vactec) was perfectly flat at any level, at any setting. The circuit was tried with a 600 ohm load and it seemed to have no problem. The circuit has at least 90db of loss.

I.M. Distortion was around .5% (a worst case value) when the signal output was 1/2 of the input levels of plus 20dBm. I.M. got better as the attenuator got closer to full off or full on. This I.M. level was improved with a fixed 10k load placed across the attenuator input giving the preceding amplifier a steady hi z load. With the 10k load the worst case I.M. distortion was .25%.

Harmonic distortion seemed to be dependent on the input level. At plus 20dBm in the worst case (output = 1/2input) Harmonic distortion was .8%. At plus 4dBm the distortion was about .01%. Again distortion level improved with more, or less, signal being passed through the attenuator.

Distortion levels also improved by increasing the input resistance minimum

MAXIMUM RATINGS Fig. 7b Case temperature - operating -55°C to +70°C storage -55°C to +85°C Cell power 100 mW - derate 2mW/°C above 30°C Signal - Current (4) 40 mA - derate 1mA/°C above 30°C Forward voltage @ 40 mA 1.65 typ. - 2.0 max. Reverse voltage 3.0V Thermal resistance - case to 160°C/W ambient Actual Size Fig. 7a Isolation voltage 500 Volts

SPECIFICATIONS

@ 25°C; 40 mA INPUT Fig. 7c

	RESISTANCE OHMS			RESPONSE (3) Milliseconds			
Part	ON	(1)			Decay to	Cell	Features —
Number	Dark Adapt (typ)	Light Adapt (max)	OFF (2) (min)	Ascent (typ)	100K *1M (max)	Voltage (max)	Application
VTL2C1	2K	10K	108	.5	*3.5	70	Photochopper
VTL2C2	300	500	106	3.5	500	100	High stability — small change from light to dark storage — low temperature coefficient
VTL2C3	1K	2К	107	2.5	35	300	Good stability — fast response low voltage coefficient
VTL2C4	50	100	4x10 ⁵	6.0	1.5 sec	70	Low resistance — fast light adapt

(1) Dark adapted resistance measured after 24 or more hours of no input. Light adapted resistance measured after 24 or more hours of continuous 40 mA signal. See figures 1,3,5,7 for typical resistance at other conditions.

(2) Measured 5 sec. after removal of the input. The ultimate resistance is many times greater than the value after 5 seconds.

(3) Ascent measured to 63% of final conductance from the application of 40 mA input. The conductance rise time to a specified value is increased at reduced input and the conductance decay to a specified value is decreased. See figures 2, 4, 6, 8 for typical times to specified resistance from 40 mA input.

(4) Since the input has a substantially constant voltage drop, a current limited source or current limiting resistance is required. See figure 9 for typical current vs voltage of the LED.

Notes:

- 1. All curves are typical
- 2. At 5.0 mA and below, units may have substantially higher resistance than shown in typical curves. Consult factory where guaranteed characteristics are required at low input currents.
- 3. Figures 1,3,5,7 show input current vs. Output resistance after the following adapt conditions
 - (1) $25^{\circ}C 24$ hour no input
 - (2) $25^{\circ}C 24$ hour 40 mA input
 - $(3) + 50^{\circ}C 24$ hour 40 mA input
 - (4) -20° C -24 hour 40 mA input.

from 10k of this circuit to 15k ohm.

Vactrols can be purchased directly from the factory. Contact Vactec, 2423 Northline Industrial Blvd., Maryland Heights, Mo., 63043. Tele.: 314 872-8300. If you call talk to their chief engineer, Norm Wolff.

The physical size of the gadget can be put in an area about the size of the end of a thumb. (A good sized thumb, but a thumb.) The size of the vactrol as well as its specifications are shown in fig. 7a, b, c, and d.

Well, good luck with your cheap way to do something expensive. I've got to go now. There's a Quad session coming in. I've got enough string but I've got to go out and buy a few more cups.

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Microphone Techniques : SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF RECORDING THE ARTIST WHO IS BOTH PIANIST AND VOCALIST

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Recording an artist who is both the vocalist and the pianist during a live recording session often presents the engineer/producer with the need to make a series of, perhaps, unhappy comprimises due to several problems.

Presented here is just one technique which eliminated the need to compromise either the piano or the vocal. The technique was most recently used during the sessions recording the MGM-Sunflower Records artist Randy Edelman at the Devonshire Sound Studios in North Hollywood, CA. Before describing the technique which uses a pair of super-cardioid mikes, head to head (X-Y technique), facing the rear of the piano, along with a standard cardiod dynamic for the vocal, it might be wise to outline the problems to be solved, and the reasons for the unacceptability of other techniques.

... How can the vocalist be recorded with the least amount of piano leakage on his track?

... How can the vocal leakage into the piano mikes be kept to rock bottom minimums without completely shrouding the piano in blankets, thereby restricting the piano to a closed, compressed, boxxy sound?

... How can the piano be recorded in stereo while still maintaining the natural perspective of the instrument without having it sound 10 feet wide?

. How can the vocalist's mike be kept from picking up the other instruments in the band?

... How can we eliminate the phase problem and time delay of the stereo

pick-up of the piano by two spaced microphones?

The piano was the first problem. Spaced microphones, one at the high end of the piano and one at the low end produced a stereo piano that was so wide that it engulfed the vocalist. It also sounded like two pianos, one on the left playing the low end, and one on the right playing the high end parts. When the stereo sides were combined to mono for a phase compatibility check the balance of the keyboard changed drastically from what was heard in stereo. This method of psaced microphones was unacceptable.

In moving the two spaced microphones close together the time/phase problems would be minimized, but the stereo perspective would not be very good. Also, how much vocal would be getting into the Piano Mikes? Not at all good, if the vocalist was forced to do an over-dub later.





THE X-Y PIANO RECORDING TECHNIQUE

The X-Y recording technique described here, and used on the session, utilized a pair of RE-15 super cardioid microphones mounted at 90° to each other, with the heads touching ... one on



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top of the other. Any pair of good cardioid mikes could have been used, but these were chosen for another reason. When the stereo pair were placed over the piano, as seen in the photographs, the back of the microphones were toward the vocalist. The fact that these were super-cardioid meant that the maximum rejection point is approximately 1200 off axis, not 180°... and that point for both microphones was centered, generally, at the point where the vocalist's head would be, in front of the keyboard.

Very, very little of the vocal could be heard on the piano tracks. MIKING THE VOCAL

Realizing that the vocalist would have to be very close to the microphone to eliminate leakage from the other instruments on the session, and that the piano being so close would require maximum rejection, we had to look for a standard cardioid mike with a maximum rejection at 180° to the main axis. A choice of any professional quality cardioid mike would have done the job. Our choice was a RE-20 with an additional Acoustifoam wind screen. This windscreen's lack of proximity effect greatly reduced popping and over-bass problems. This set-up produced the best rejection of the piano on the vocal mike. and at the same time reduced the phase reflection problems that are caused by the music holder on the piano. (See PHASE AND THE SINGLE MIKE, Malo, R-e/p, Volume 2, Number 6.)

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FEEDBACK ... A problem when the Leslie is used in the studio:

To achieve the desired Doppler effects with the Leslie operating in the recording studio, except if an electrified instrument is being taken direct, the set-up required would be similar to a typical public address system set-up. This arrangement would be prone to the typical feedback problems engendered in any situation where the microphone and the speaker are both operating in a common, high sound level, acoustic environment; where it is difficult to achieve good isolation between mike and speaker.

Recordings we have listened to; some released product, as well as our own test recordings where the Leslie was used right in the recording studio, did not seem to take as much advantage of the unique Leslie effects as recordings made with the Leslie in some remote environment.

The specific application presented here illustrates how at Bolic Sound, Ike and Tina Turner's studio, we achieved the best effects we have heard using the Leslie, by putting it in one of the echo chambers (not the tiled one). Too, by using certain combinations of baffles in the chamber with the Leslie speaker we found that we could additionally control the reverberation time of the effect.

POWER AMP OVERHEATING IN THE ECHO CHAMBER:

In moving the Leslie out of the recording studio, for the previously stated

reasons, had we operated the unit with its integral power amplifier in any other well ventilated atmosphere we probably would not have had to separate the power amp from its speaker cabinet. However, as a precaution against overheating of the Leslie power amplifier, since the echo chamber in which we placed it is practically airtight, it was deemed necessary to remove the amplifier from the speaker ... there being no way of knowing just how long the power to the unit might be left on. The power amp in the Leslie is a tube amplifier - push/pull, 6L6 output - so it could get rather warm in a confined area with no ventilation. So the amplifier was removed to a storage area near the chamber where a small muffin fan is used to cool it.





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It was also decided that it would not be practical to run the speed control through the jack field, so a separate line was installed from the control room to the control box. This too ended up using a relay to change the speed of the Leslie motors.

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From the diagram (figure 4) the model 122 Leslie has a speed change-over relay built internally into the amplifier. The relay action is controlled by 1/2 of a 12AU7 tube. The other half of the 12AU7 as noted is unused. The Leslie speed control DC is phantomed down the audio lines to the model 122 amplifier. This is done in such a way that the audio "Just 45 minutes from Broadway" . . . is audiotechniques, inc., your headquarters in the Northeast for MCI and all your pro audio requirements.

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The remote box we built contains an audio transformer 600 ohms to 600 ohms. The transformer is wired balanced, and is mounted on the chassis box with a tip, ring, sleeve jack on the input. The primary connects to the jack field of the echo rack in this case, but could come directly from the control room. Coming through the echo rack makes it available to be used in another studio when necessary, if such exists.

The secondary of the transformer has its center tap returned to ground through a 100K ohm resistor. Also, a large 10 ufd condenser returns the center tap to ground at this point. The input to the 122's amplifier is a form of high impedance. Since the amplifier of the model 122 Leslie has no input transformer of its own, this input is now bridging across the 600 ohm transformer.

In order to make the speed change relay operate in the 122's amplifier, a DC voltage is connected to the center tap of the 600 ohm audio transformer, on the 122 amp side. This voltage comes from the 122's amp itself, and is controlled through the contacts of Relay K2 in the remote control box. The speed changes from fast to slow or vibrato to chorale. Relay K1, as noted previously, is also a 24 volt relay and is used to turn on the AC to the 122, and make available the 24 volts DC to the relay K2. Both relays are dioded to redcue the switching transient on turn off.

By placing the amplifier in a remote place, away from the speaker of the Leslie, required that 4 AC extensions were needed to run from the amplifier to the four Leslie motors. The speaker line had to be extended, as well.

OPERATIONAL SET-UP

Referring to the operational diagram (Fig. 1), note the general hook-up plan. The microphone in the recording studio is set up like any other mike, for solo isolation and somes to the mixing console as other microphones would. Next, the particular channel assigned to this mike can be patched out of the board and fed to the Leslie send channel. If necessary, it can be monitored at this point. The signal at this stage should be line level. From this point the Leslie feed, in our case, goes through the echo jack field and is

patched to the Leslie input feed. This is still 600 ohms, and now feeds the 600 to 600 ohm transformer at the remote control box. The return mike line comes back to the jack field through a preamp. From here the return signal is patched back to the control room and appears at the patch bay in the control room as 'Leslie Return.' From the patch bay the signal can be inserted in the 🦚 in any configuration that can be dreamed up. For a stereo return effect the regular echo return mike from the chamber can be rerouted in the control room patch bay, to be used as a stereo return from the Leslie.

In our use of the system described here, even though we used the Leslie in an echo chamber, it was possible to produce both live room effect as well as the Doppler effect at the same time. This can be accomplished by using absorbing baffles in the chamber to adjust the reverberation time.

Placement of the return microphone in the chamber is somewhat critical. We have generally placed the mike fairly close to the Leslie and we allow the reverb of the room to add to the Doppler effect.

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