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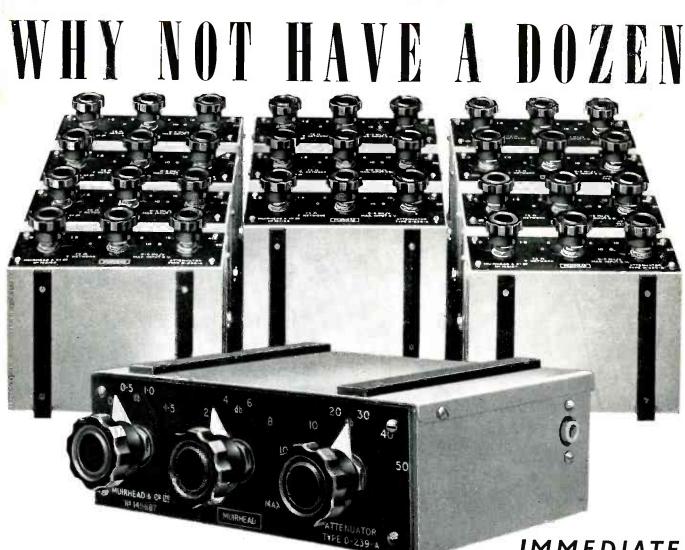
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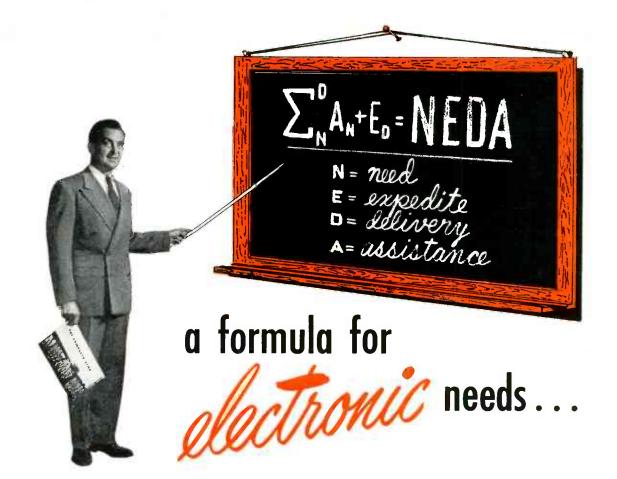
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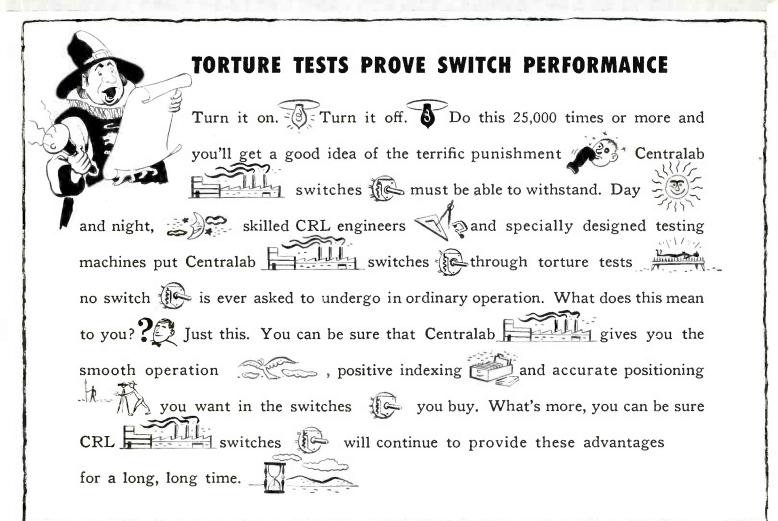
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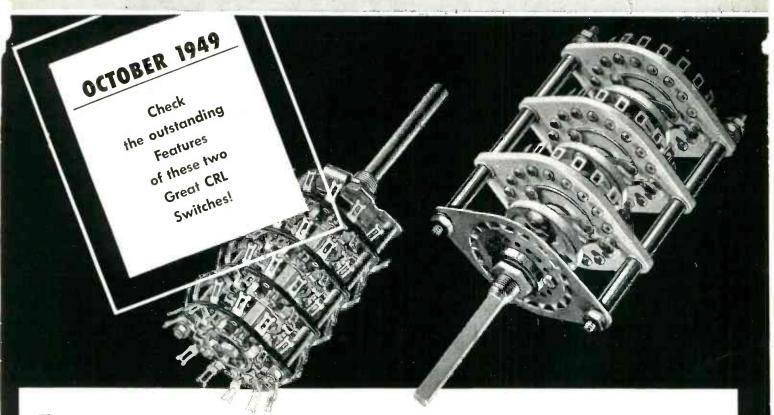


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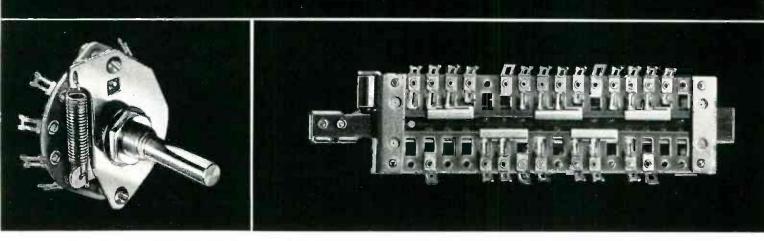


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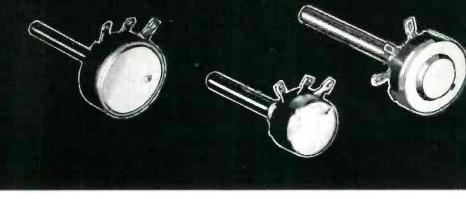
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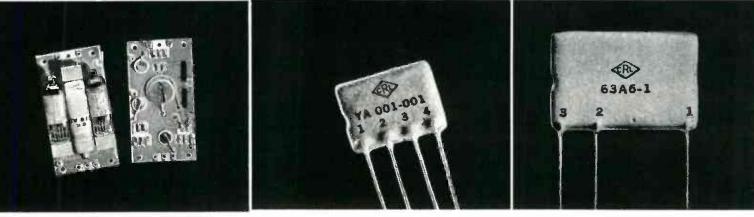


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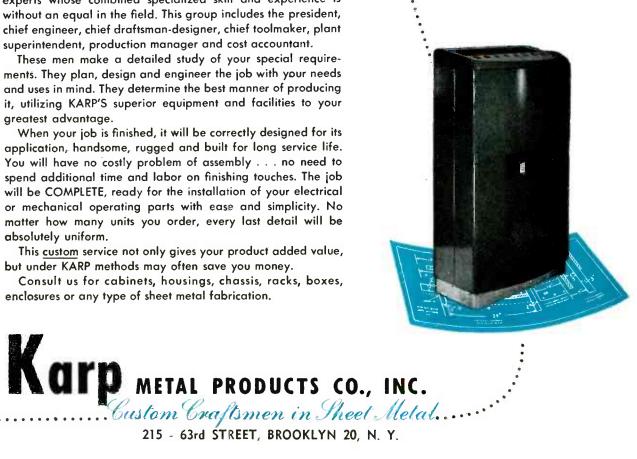
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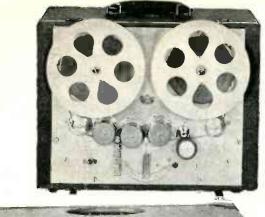
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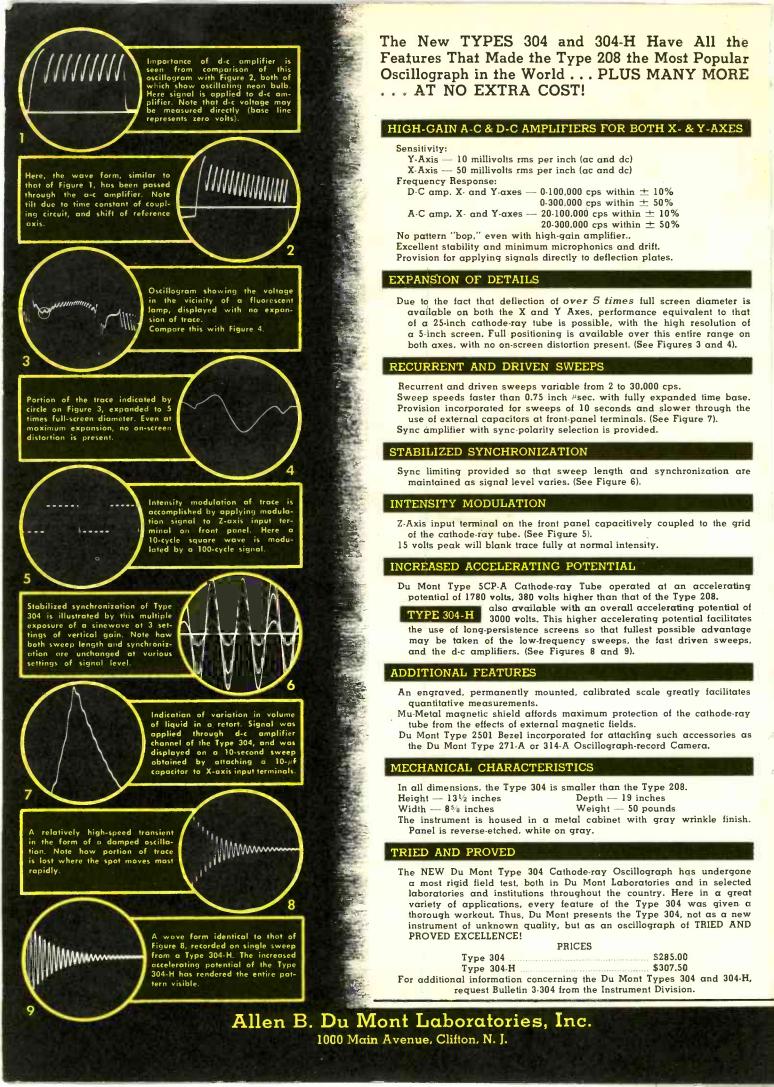
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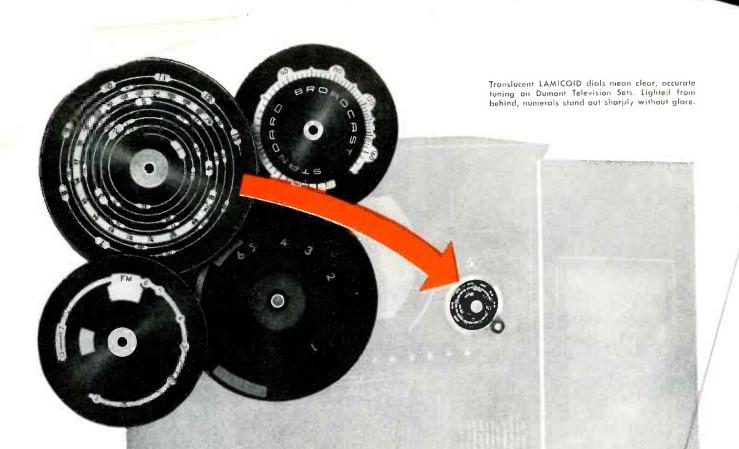
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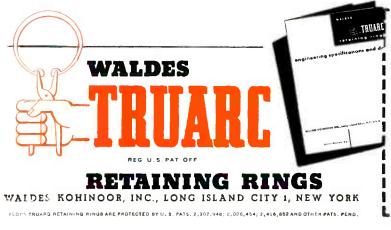
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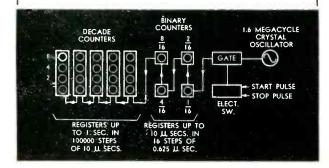
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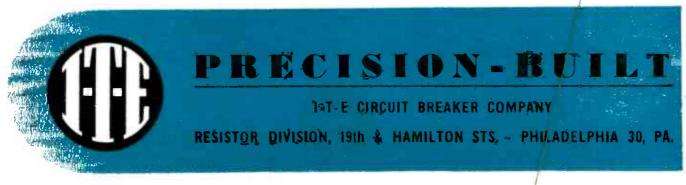


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Maximum Plate Voltage	150		VOLTS
Maximum Grid #3 Voltage	0		VOLTS
Maximum Grid #2 Voltage	150		VOLTS
Maximum Negative Grid #1 Voltage	-75		VOLTS
Maximum Plate Dissipation	5		WATTS
Maximum Grid #2 Power Input	2		WATTS
Maximum Plate Current	40		MA.
Maximum Grid #1 Current	3		MA.
Maximum Frequency for Maximum Plat	e		
Input Power	100		мс

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Typical Operating Conditions and Characteristics

RF A	MPLIFIER	AT 70 MC		
	CLASS B	CLA	SS C	
Filament Voltage	2.5 5.	0 2.5	5.0	VOLTS
Filament Current	460 23	0 460	230	MA.
DC Plate Voltage	150	1	150	VOLTS
Grid #3 Voltage	0		0	VOLTS
DC Grid #2 Voltage	1.50	1	50	VOLTS
DC Grid #1 Voltage	-15	-	-24	VOLTS
Peak RF Grid #1 Voltage	23		35	VOLTS
Grid #2 Resistor	1500		0	OHMS
Grid #1 Resistor	15000	200	000	OHMS
DC Plate Current	40		40	MA.
DC Grid #2 Current	7		11	MA.
DC Grid #1 Current	1		1.2	MA.
Grid #1 Driving Power (A	pprox.) 60	1	100	MW.
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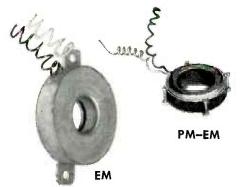
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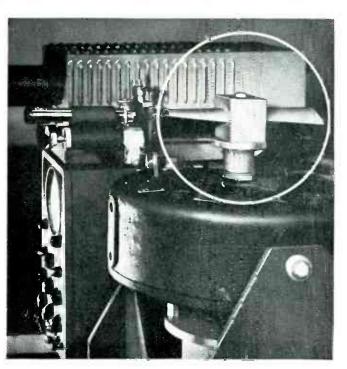
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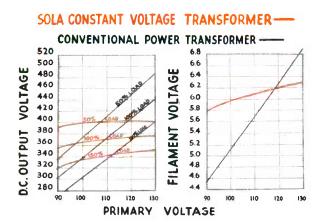
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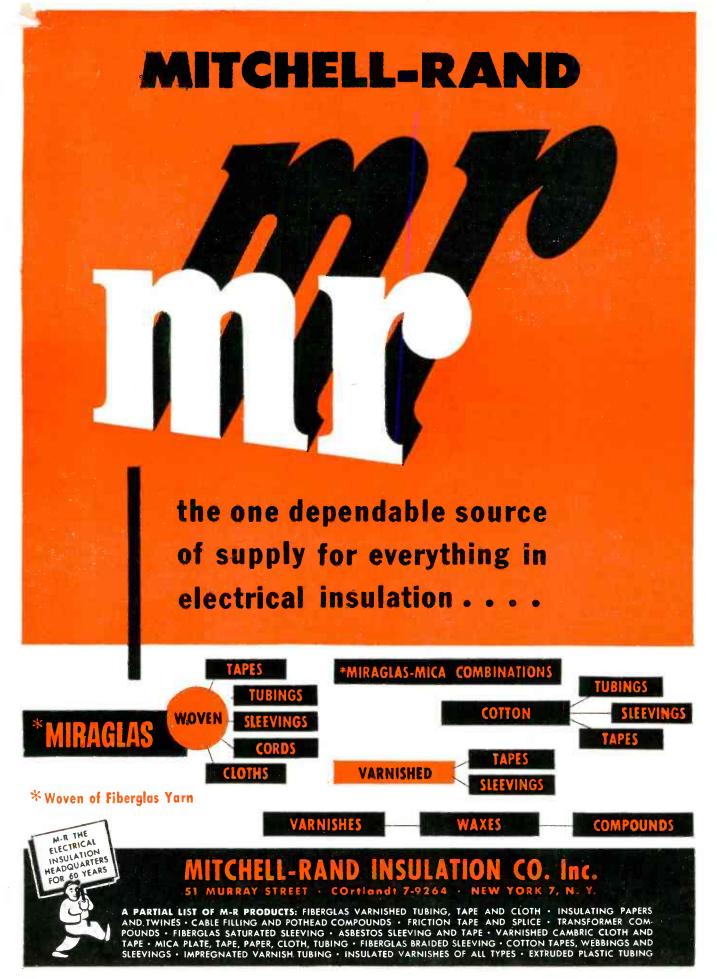
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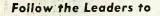
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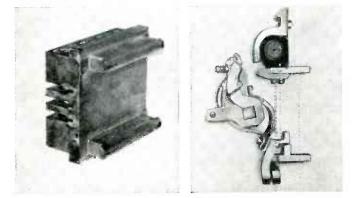
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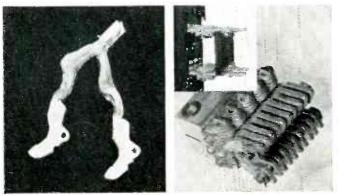
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(Left) I-T-E Contact Block made from an extruded shape. This was formerly extruded in electrolytic copper; changing to Revere Free-Cutting Copper resulted in a saving of 30% in machining time. (*Right*) I-T-E "K" Breaker, Main Contact Assembly in open position. This is an especially interesting assembly, since it shows no less than eight extruded shapes in copper and bronze. Use of these shapes makes the assembly more compact, stronger, lighter, and considerably more economical to produce. The contacts are silver alloy, and the unit is silver plated... In addition to supplying I-T-E with extruded shapes, and strip, Revere furnishes rolls, bar, rod, sheets, in a wide range of non-ferrous alloys, and seamless brass tube.



(Left) Main movable Contacts and Flexible Connectors in an I-T-E "K" Type Circuit Breaker. The two contacts are made from Revere Extruded Shapes. Revere and I-T-E collaborated closely on the specifications for the thin-gauge copper strip for the pigtails, working out the correct gauge and temper to avoid notch effects and cracking of the connection at the braze. (*Right*) Main Separable Contacts from an I-T-E Type "LG" Circuit Breaker. These are stamped from Revere Copper Strip with the temper specially controlled to eliminate a de-burring operation previously found necessary to obtain edge surface suitable for electrical contacts. (*Inset*) Back view of "K" type Breaker showing a similar type of contact.

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NEW (hp) 460A WIDE BAND AMPLIFIER





Figure 1 Actual photo of oscillograph trace showing .01 µsec pulse (left) applied direct to CRT plates; (right) through -hp- 460A.

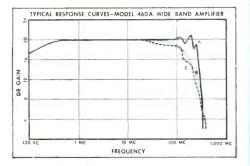


Figure 2

Typical response curves. Line A, with -hp- 410A VTVM. Line B, into 200 ohm load. Line C, Gaussian curve.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Frequency Response: High frequency closely matches Gaussian curve when operating into a 200 ohm resistive load. 3 db point is 140 mc. Low frequency—when operating from a 200 ohm source and .01 blocking condenser, response off 3 db at 3 kc into an open circuit or succeeding amplifier. When operating into a 200 ohm load, off 3 db at 100 kc. With -hp- 410A VTVM: ±1 db, 200 kc to 200 mc.
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Input Impedance: 200 ohms.

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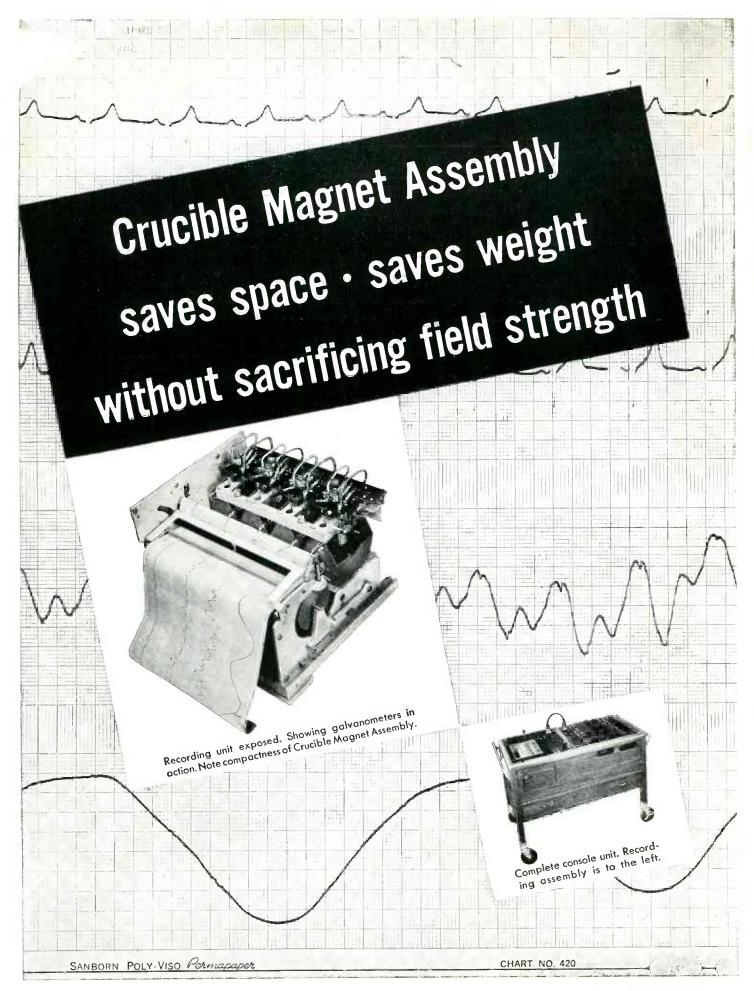
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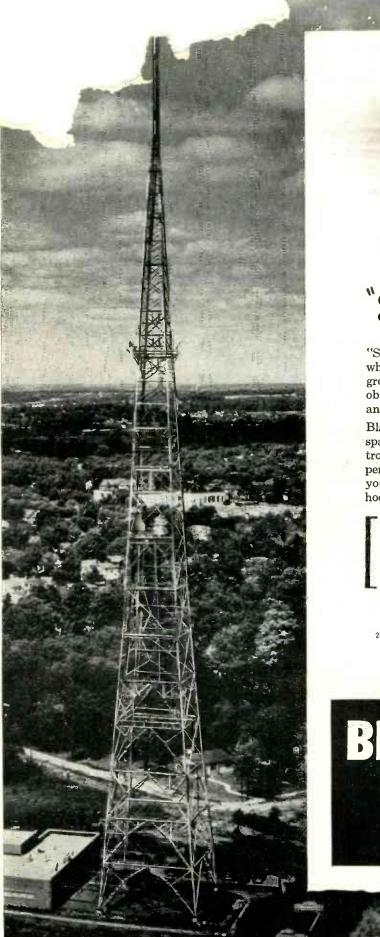
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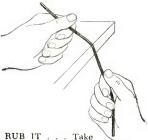
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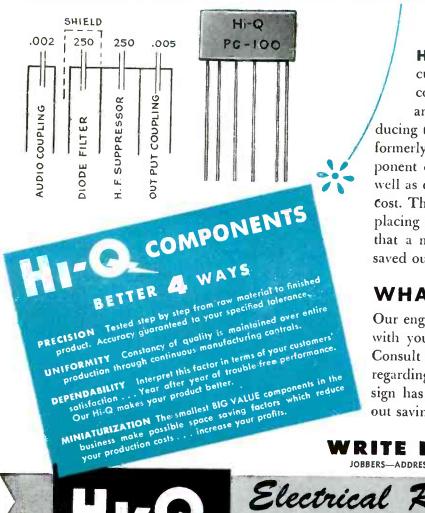
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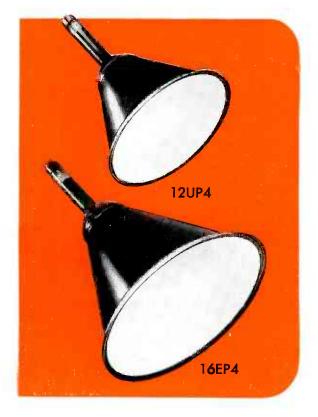
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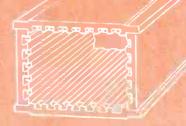
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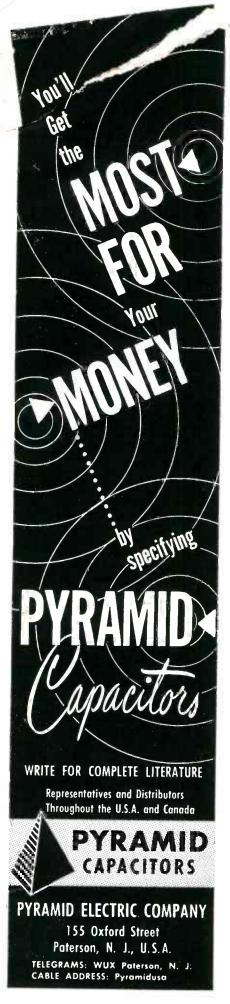
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

By W. W. MacDONALD

We Should Be Able to interpret Citizens Radio Band regulations and answer in simple unequivocal language such inquiries as "Do I have to have approved equipment before applying for a license?" and "Is a converted BC-645 approved?" but we can't. Nor do we think local FCC offices can do it.

Because the Commission is overloaded with work, or because Citizens Radio regulations have not been worked out in detail, or both, the best advice we can give prospective applicants at the moment is to write to Washington and then keep writing until all necessary details are cleaned up.

Survey among 78 members of the Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers indicated the following prevailing terms of sale as of early this year:

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Of the manufacturers reporting, 55 said they strictly enforced discount dates.

Tit-Tat-Toe Machine designed by Bob Haufe of Cal Tech exhibits a nice understanding of human nature. It lets its human opponent start the game. It beats him or draws every game, but is equipped with a switch that permits a really skilful player to win. And Bob has held the machine's speed down to five seconds per move so that the relative slowness of its opponent's mind is not made too obvious.

President LeBel of the Audio Engineering Society, speaking informally to the press at a party held to give the society's Audio Fair (see p 136) a sendoff, made a very refreshing remark. He said that all exhibited audio apparatus would be in operation and that for him "it would have to sound right to be right, regardless of what any instruments said."

Latest Data compiled by NBC indicates that there were 2,010,000 television receivers in use in the country as of July 1, and almost 20 million families within a 40mile radius of the 72 stations then on the air.

By Focussing attention on the living room as the center of family life and hospitality, television affords the furniture industry an opportunity to stimulate markets which can be made to yield millions of additional dollars worth of new and replacement furniture sales, thinks Joseph B. Elliott of RCA.

Two Months Ago We Said (p 60 August) that too many companies were counting on development contracts in general and government business in particular to support their still war-expanded facilities. Exception to the rule is a large West Coast plant that asks us to keep an eye open for promising electronic products they might manufacture, with particular emnhasis upon sequence-control. industrial-control, measurements and industrial television apparatus.

Subscriber Bill Stewart of Philadelphia notes that picture i-f's of many television receivers are essentially the same, wonders why some components manufacturer doesn't put them out as a standard. pre-tuned package for sale to set makers.

Most Mail this column has rereceived since its inception resulted from an item in June noting that we knew a man who had developed an electronic converter having





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no moving parts and useful as a power source for such things as aircraft, mobile and portable radios. Scads of manufacturers asked to be placed in touch with him, and we relayed their requests along.

Association of American Railroads reports the following percentage increases in radio-station authorizations from May 1948 to May 1949:

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In the same period inductivecarrier equipment installations by railroads increased:

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Exhibiting Our Ignorance concerning double-entry bookkeeping, we are always intrigued by the nice balance of assets and liabilities in reports to stockholders that come across our desk. Take one totalling \$28,824,677 for example. We find patents and trademarks listed under assets at \$3 and can't for the life of us see where its balancing counterpart is fitted in on the liabilities side of the ledger. Also, we wonder what the patents and trademarks are that are worth only \$3.

Marine Radar is used by about 187 ships operating on the Great Lakes. Most of them are ore carriers. The Lakes have about 266 ore carriers and 334 bulk carriers.

Quote: "In 20 years your radio cabinet will be as obsolete as a wood-burning cook-stove" says Howard C. Hardy of Illinois Tech. You won't have to wait that long, judging from some of them we have seen for the past 20.

Dr. Hardy thinks most radio equipment will be built into walls of homes in the future. We don't.

Reading Our Own Ads, we notice that:

Many manufacturers are selling their engineering service just as hard as their products.

Technical bulletins and/or sam-

ples are offered by a preponderance of advertisers.

Random-noise-source instruments are being made by more and more companies (imagine paying for noise in the old days!).

Toroids seem to be experiencing a renaissance.

Screws now come like bullets on a machine-gun belt, and soldering lugs are available in continuous strips.

Transformer makers now offer types for communications, for industrial applications and a third, rock-bottom-price variety for amateur and similar use.

It took us, incidentally, just three hours to read quickly through the September ads. And it was worth it in product-knowledge that was gained.

1950 Census questionnaires have already been drawn up and funds for tabulation allocated. So it will not be easy to throw in an additional question at this late date. We have it on good authority, however, that the number of television receivers in use in the country, as well as the number of radios, will be checked if the Bureau can swing the extra work within its budget.

Television Designers have done an effective job of getting receiver prices down without sacrificing picture quality. They have, however, permitted the sound quality to drop off and we are receiving reports from the field that the public is aware of it. Newsstand radio magazines are beginning to run articles telling owners of sets how to improve tv-set audio response.

Nostalgic Note: Editor Fink spent his vacation with the Henney's in New Hampshire, the writer sailed a sloop to Block Island, Markus went home to Minn-e-sota, Zeluff went to Bermuda to duck the heat, McKenzie broke ground for a summer shack in the White Mountains, O'Brien worried the crabs on the south shore of Long Island and Fahnestock took in the Cleveland Air Races. <section-header>

Improved 2 KVA STABILINE Automatic Voltage Regulator by THE SUPERIOR ELECTRIC COMPANY BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT

In this compact regulated A.C. supply an electronic circuit monitors the output voltage and makes corrections by motor control of a variable autotransformer. It has the advantages of relative simplicity, zero waveform distortion, and response time fast enough for most purposes.

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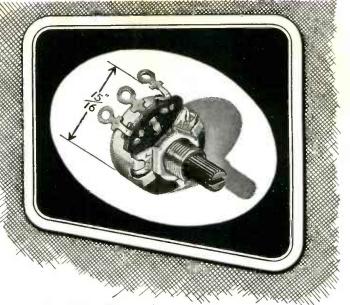
Two-way positioning may be achieved, as in this equipment, by a pair of fast single pole relays, one in each plate circuit of a push pull output stage. SIGMA Type 41 relays are excellent in this service. Where variation in the total plate current of the push pull stage cannot be controlled, the relay stage must respond only to differential plate current. Here a 3 position or null seeking differential relay is usually necessary.

Two such types are made by SIGMA. Both are polarized, both have positive detent centering. Series 6 operates at sensitivities from 5 to 100 milliwatts differential power, switching up to 4 poles. Series 7, faster and more sensitive, is single pole and operates in the range of 2 to 10 milliwatts differential power.

See more complete description of these relays given in bulletins available on request.

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Don't be deceived by its compact size. It's all Mallory through and through. For instance: Shaft is completely insulated from chassis. Good for higher voltage applications—can't get a shock. The insulated shaft is knurled for easy adjustment—has screw-driver slot for back panel applications. Thoroughly tested, the Mallory Midgetrol has come through with flying colors for television applications.

The Mallory Midgetrol is typical of Mallory superiority in controls. Today, Mallory has a control, carbon or wire-wound, required for any specific usage, for every television application.

The dependability of today's television receivers which is responsible for the great public demand has as one of its bases the precision performance built into Mallory controls by special skills, long experience and devotion to quality ideals. AALLORY CONTROIS FOR DEDUCION APPLICATION P. De volume picture on tube, horizontal or vertical P. De volumeant prightness P. De volumeant or brightness P. De volumeant or vertical "hold" controls

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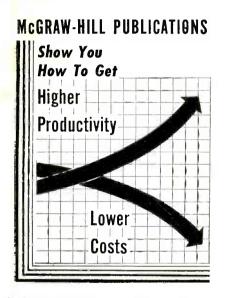


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► CAMPAIGN . . . It is always gratifying when the parent takes up the cudgel where the child has fought. We speak of our parent, the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, which is undertaking in some thirty publications a campaign to promote techniques for keeping production costs down while maintaining and improving the quality and quantity of the product. This is the vineyard in which ELECTRONICS has been laboring for nigh unto twenty years.

This magazine has published more than 15,000 pages of editorial material since 1930, nearly 4,000 of which have dealt with industrial applications of vacuum tubes to process controls, automatic measurements, and protection of property and personnel. In this issue we present 16 more pages, two articles dealing with plans for process control, and costs in radio receiver manufacture.

Our participation in the higherproductivity, lower-cost campaign involves no fanfare. But we can hardly fail to underscore its importance. If our half of the world doesn't adopt techniques to get costs down and push productivity up, we shall surely run into a stone wall, as the other half of the world so freely predicts.

► STANDARD I-F . . . JTAC, in a report made to the FCC August 26th, recommends that the Commission arrange for the adoption of standard television intermediate frequencies (41.25 and 45.75 mc for sound and picture respectively). Time was when the radio manufacturing industry would have screamed that receiver design was no part of the government's responsibility; and the FCC would have agreed. But the climate seems to have changed. The problems of the ty spectrum and the control of oscillation radiation interference loom so large that government-coordinated standardization is actively sought by a joint committee of the RMA and the IRE. Coordination between channel allocations and receiver design has always been a good idea. But the legal foundation for enforcement has been lacking, or so the lawyer said. We hope the Commission will accept the responsibility and that the industry will cooperate wholeheartedly.

▶ PICKUP ... Readers will recall that the FCC has set up a channel centering on 27.12 mc for the exclusive use of medical diathermy and similar electronic heating equipment. The rules pertaining to this allocation provide that any interference caused by such equipment to authorized radio services shall be remedied forthwith. Subsequent to the making of this rule it was realized that the picture i-f passband of the majority of television receivers includes or borders on the 27.12-mc frequency. Moreover, it was soon found that most tv receivers of current design display an alarming susceptibility to direct pickup of interference at intermediate frequencies. The question then arose whether diathermy and other heating-equipment manufacturers were required to ameliorate such interference. We are happy to report that the FCC proposes no such thing. The Commission proposes, in fact, to exempt the diathermy equipment manufacturers from such responsibility, when the interference is caused by direct i-f pickup. This puts the shoe on the foot of the tv designer, where it belongs. There are plenty of forms of interference from which the television service must be protected by regulation. but direct i-f pickup is surely not one of them. The cure lies in proper shielding of i-f components. The alternative is to shut down all radio transmissions of substantial power in the range from 20 to 30 mc.

RAILROAD TRACK



Rail flaw detector car inspects track at a rate of about 12 mph. Detector coils and current-carrying brushes are mounted on rear carriage



Operator, sitting at rear of car, directs engineer by means of intercom system. Operators work in one-hour shifts to avoid fatigue



Transverse rail fracture of the type which is now prevented by early detection

By ROBERT D. WALKER, Jr.

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E LIMINATION of accidents caused by shortcomings of track construction or upkeep depends largely on the operating railroad's ability to locate rails which have become potentially unsafe through the development of internal fissures. Known to metallurgists as submolecular disintegration within the steel, these fissures are attributed to fatigue failure of the steel forming the head of the rail.

The transverse fissure, potentially the most dangerous of the various types of defects, generally grows slowly in a plane normal to the length of the rail and spreads outward from a nucleus until it attains a size sufficient to weaken the effective strength of the rail and cause complete rupture. The rate of growth of such defects is unpredictable. Large or small, a transverse fissure is always a potential danger since it may grow suddenly to a size which will cause the rail to break under load as easily as a brittle iron casting.

Detection Methods

Years ago railroads relied upon track-walkers to inspect the track visually for signs of defective rails. This method was successful in detecting some of the defects which had grown large enough to break through the surface of the rail, or to cause an external deformation of the rail head. It was completely useless in the detection of defects which were wholly internal.

In 1911 the United States Bureau of Standards conducted a series of experiments culminating in the development of the magnetic system of rail testing. The principle appeared to be sound in theory and was successful in laboratory tests, but in actual trials on track it was found that the equipment was unable to differentiate between dangerous true defects and the strains caused by slipping locomotive wheels, surface irregularities, cold working by car wheels, and residual magnetic spots. An electric contact method was tried but soon abandoned when it was found that rust, dirt or surface irregularities on the running surface of the rail prevented good contact and resulted in more false than true indications.

The method developed by E. A. Sperry proved to be the solution to the problem. The testing car passes a heavy low-voltage current through the rail, thereby setting up a strong magnetic field around the head of the rail. A series of searching coils suspended at a constant distance above the head of the rail detects any deflection or variation in the magnetic field caused by the presence of fissures within the railhead. A defect in the rail deflects the current in the rail head at the location of the defect and thus causes a corresponding distortion of the magnetic field at the defect. When the searching coils are passed through the distorted magnetic field, a voltage is induced within them. This voltage is used to actuate the indicating components of the detection equipment aboard the car.

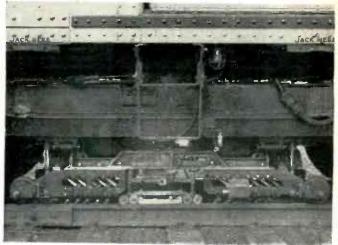
Detector Details

Since the detector car tests both rails of the track simultaneously, it is necessary to have two complete sets of testing equipment on each car, one for each rail of the track. The main rail current system con-

INSPECTION CAR



Testing rail by hand with more sensitive equipment. A paint spot near the operator's hand marks a flaw detected by the moving car



Closeup view of rail flaw-detecting system, showing pickup coil assembly at center and brushes contacting rail on each side

Self-propelled mobile laboratory permits nondestructive inspection of railroad tracks. Special generator passes large currents through rails, and search coils detect internal flaws which are accompanied by nonuniformities in the magnetic field surrounding the railhead

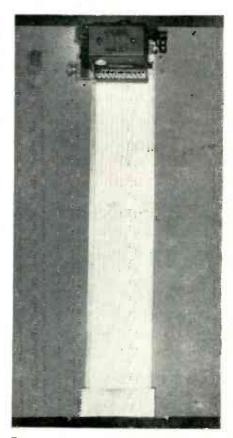
sists of a homopolar generator with a rated output of 8,000 amperes at 1.8 volts, to provide non-fluctuating direct current, the associated controls, and the main brush carriages.

The output of the generator is introduced to the rail through a cluster of alloy brushes at the rear end of the main brush carriage. The current flows forward to the brushes at the front end of the carriage to complete the circuit. In this manner a strong, constant magnetic field is set up around the portion of the rail between the front and the rear brush clusters of the main brush carriage. The strength of the field can be adjusted by the operator through rheostats wired in series with the field windings of the homopolar generator.

The searching unit, containing a number of variously wound and spaced pairs of coils, is suspended in a constant-position carriage midway between the front and rear brush clusters of the brush carriage. In this position it is moving through a magnetic field of constant strength and is not affected by variations in the transmission of current from the brushes to the railhead. Each of the various sets of coils consists of a pair of coils wound with opposing outputs. This arrangement prevents the generation of a signal due to fluctuations in the rail current which affect the entire field around the rail. The spacing of each pair is such that a local variation in field strength due to a defect will affect each coil of the pair unequally and thus generate the signal needed for indication.

A pre-energizing current, supplied by a twin generator, is passed into the rail, prior to the passage of the searching unit, through the forward brushes of the main brush carriage and through the brushes of the pre-energizing brush carriage which is mounted on the rear end of the drive truck of the car. The function of this current is to provide improved detection by better energizing of the rail.

The signal amplifiers are designed to respond to the unusual characteristic signal generated in the presence of a rail defect. They incorporate several novel features such as resonant circuit elements



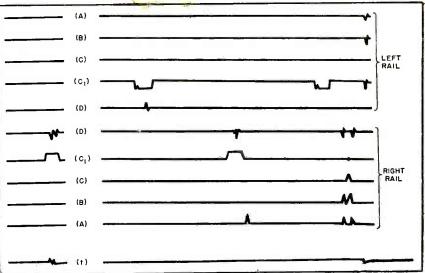
Tape printer and puller are mounted so the tape moves across the table toward the inspecting operator

which serve to peak the signal for maximum defect detection efficiency, high inherent stability to maintain critical calibration, and unusual interlocking connections with other equipment to present immediate tape and meter indications of any malfunctioning equipment. The power supply for the amplifier is regulated to prevent any serious drift which might occur between calibration periods.

Indicating System

The output of each amplifier controls the action of one or more pens at the pen unit, plus one paint-gun relay. A defect in the rail will cause the appropriate recording pen to deflect momentarily from the normal line on the recording tape. Simultaneously the paint gun will fire a spot of paint onto the rail web at the precise location of the defect.

The magnitude of the signal induced in the searching unit coils is proportional to the size of the causative defect. In order to control the minimum size of the defect detected, the sensitivity of each amplification channel is adjusted so that it will react only to signals above a predetermined level. To maintain the amplifiers at the proper sensitivity level, a signal-generator calibrator is employed. By switching this calibrator into the lines leading from each searching unit channel and sending a standard signal to the amplifier channel, the unit can be calibrated to the desired value. This value, which is based on

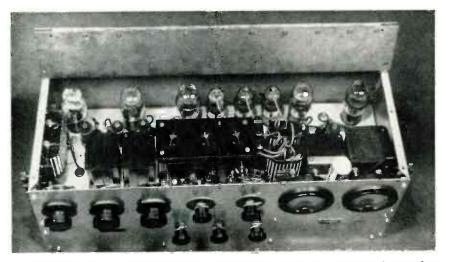


Double pips on A and B (right rail) of the recording tape indicate a rail flaw. The channels are: A, coil on field side of rail; B, coil on gage side of rail; C, center of rail; C_t , insensitive range for C coils for extra large flaws; D, rail burns and transverse defects; and t showing five-second timing intervals and landmarks which are recorded by pressing a button at the operating position. Actual tape is 3% inches wide

percent size of the minimum defects to be detected, will vary with different weights and types of rail.

The record drawn on the tape by the recording pens is not in itself sufficient for complete determination of the type and size of the defect. The operator may verify a defect by identifying the characteristic deformation or discoloration of the railhead. If the visual examination does not permit classification of the defect, a hand test is made.

In hand testing, the running surface of the rail is thoroughly cleaned with abrasives and a heavy current passed through the suspect length of rail. A hand contactor



Three-channel amplifier of the type used in the flaw detector car for amplifying the signals picked up by the search coils so they may be used to actuate recording pen and paint-gun relays

consisting of two spaced metal contacts connected to a sensitive millivoltmeter is then slid along the rail. If a defect exists, when the two contacts are spanning the defect, it will be visually indicated by a measurement of potential drop on the millivoltmeter. In the case of transverse defects, the potential drop is a measure of the area size of the separation within the rail.

Car Details

The detector cars operated by Sperry Rail Service are self-propelled, utilizing a gasoline-electric drive system.

Complete living quarters are supplied for the operating crew. A bedroom contains four bunks with adequate storage space for clothing and personal effects. A complete dining salon, with a separate galley, is used for meals and for after hour recreation. A steward is employed on each car for cooking and maintenance of the living quarters.

A fleet of twenty detector cars tests almost 200,000 track miles annually (at a rate of about 12 mph), this mileage including the majority of the main line trackage in the country. Track submitted to exceptionally heavy service may be tested as often as six times yearly in order to make fully certain that no transverse defect is given a chance to grow to dangerous size before detection and removal of the rail.

Progress Toward INTERNATIONAL TV STANDARDS

First meeting of Eleventh Study Group of C.C.I.R. at Zurich comes to agreement on aspect ratio, interlace, and power frequency independence. Nations favoring 405, 525 and 625 lines agree to conduct further study looking toward eventual regional or worldwide standards

T⁰ EXPLORE the possibility of international agreement on television standards, representatives of 11 nations met in Zurich, Switzerland, July 4th to 14th, 1949. The conference was called by the International Radio Consultative Committee following instructions issued by the C.C.I.R. at Stockholm last year.

A Study Group (number 11 in the C.C.I.R. roster) was set up and requested to formulate recommendations on standards which might be acted upon by the C.C.I.R. Plenary Session scheduled to meet in Prague in 1951. The study was instituted by Dr. Balthasar van der Pol, Director of the C.C.I.R., who sent a questionnaire to all the nations and organizations connected with the C.C.I.R. This questionnaire asked that preferences be stated on nine points:

(1) Should standards be agreed upon regionally or on a worldwide basis.

(2) Should a television system operate independently of the frequency of the power system.

(3) The optimum number of frames per second.

(4) Optimum number of lines per frame.

(5) The aspect ratio.

(6) Interlace and interlace ratio.(7) Positive or negative modula-

tion.

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(8) Horizontal or vertical polarization, and

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(9) F-M or a-m for sound transmission.

The answers to these questions, as of the conclusion of the conference, are given in Table I.

Agreements Reached

As Table I shows, substantially unanimous agreement was reached on three points. In the first place, the aspect ratio (question 5) was adopted as 4 units horizontally to 3 units vertically. This conforms to the U.S.A. standard. At present the British standard is 5 by 4 units, but the BBC plans to change to the 4 by 3 ratio in the near future. The basis of the choice was the fact that the aspect ratio of commercial 35-mm and 16-mm films is very close to the 4 by 3 value.

The second agreement was on interlacing (question 6). It was agreed that interlacing should be adopted, using the 2-to-1 odd-line method.

The third point of agreement was on the independence of vertical scanning and the power-system frequency (question 2). When the conference opened, the vote was 6 in favor of independent operation to 5 against it. At the conclusion of the meeting the vote had changed to 12 to 1 in favor of the independent method. This change of opinion represented one of the important accomplishments of the meeting.

Most television stations operate with the vertical synchronizing pulses rigidly synchronized with the a-c power source to which the stattion is connected. This is done to minimize the effect of a-c hum in the filament and B-supply voltages within the transmitter and to permit motion-picture projectors to be synchronized simply with the scanning process. Similar advantages accrue at the receiver, provided the power system supplying the receiver is rigidly tied in with that supplying the transmitter. But if the two power systems are not tied together, stray fields and hum components in the system make themselves evident as geometric or tonal distortions in the received image.

In voting affirmatively on question 2, the conference put itself on record that transmitters and receivers should be so designed that distortions would not be evident, whether or not the two power systems were synchronized. Two reasons lay behind this decision. First, it was recognized that the power system of various countries would not usually be interconnected. Thus

the interchange of programs between nations would be facilitated by the independent type of operation. Moreover, power systems serving different cities in the same country are often not connected and the advantage in such countries would apply to domestic as well as to international programs.

In the second place, independence of the vertical scanning frequency from the power-system frequency would permit changes in the vertical scanning rate to be made at some future date, should such a change be desired. The European nations favor a vertical scanning rate of 50 fields per second as against the American value of 60. These nations argue that this value is high enough to avoid flicker and allows additional horizontal resolution for a given bandwidth. The American delegation pointed out that the 60-field rate allows the received picture to be 5 to 10 times as bright, without visible flicker, and that this additional brightness might be demanded by the public at a future date. If this demand should arise, the scanning rate might be changed, provided only that the scanning system were set up, initially, independent of the power-system frequency. It was recognized that additional costs would be incurred in the independent method of operation, and studies of the costs of various methods were to be undertaken prior to the next meeting of the conference.

One further agreement was reached concerning the polarization

Table I-Summary of Answers to Questionnaire (July 14, 1949)

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Belgium									
Czechoslovakia		yes	25/50	625	1/3	$\frac{\text{yes}}{2/1}$	negative	horizontal	f-m
Denmark		yes	25/50	625	4/3	$\frac{ves}{2/1}$	positive		f-m
France	_	\mathbf{yes}^d	25/50	405¢ and 819	4/3	$\frac{\mathrm{ves}}{2/1}$	positive	horizontal but not important	a -m
Hungary		ves	25/50	625	not im-	$\frac{\text{yes}}{2/1}$	negative	horizontal	f-m
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Italy	-	yes.	25/50		4/3	$\frac{yes}{2/1}$		horizontal	f-m
Netherlands		yes	25 <mark>/5</mark> 0	625	4/3	yes 2/1	negative	vertical but not import- ant	f-m
Sweden		yes	25/50	625	4/3	yes 2/1			
Switzerland		yes	25/50	625	4/3	yes			
United Kingdom		y es ^d	25/50	405° and 819 ⁷	4/3	yes 2/1	positive	vertical but not neces- sary to standardize	a-m
United States of America		\mathbf{yes}^d	30/60	525 ^b	4/3	$\frac{\text{ves}}{2/1}$	negative	horizontal	f-m
Comp. Gen. de T. S. F.	-	no	25/50	405° and 819	_				
L. M. Ericsson		yes	25/50	625	4/3	yes 2/1			-
<i>R. C. A.</i>		yes	30/60	525 ^b	4/3	yes 2/1	negative	horizontal	-m

Deferred to a later meeting. The figures 30 and 525 are compatible with 25 and 625 if question 2 is answered affirmatively. 405 is intended for frequency band 41 to 68 mc, higher frequency hands to be used for 819 lines or for color

Provided the price of receivers is not increased and the picture quality is not deteriorated in any

* To avoid misunderstanding on the significance of the answers listed under question 4 it is necessary to point out that the number of lines only is not sufficient to define the quality of any television system. The number of picture elements, the bandwidth effectively used and the fidelity of transmission provided within this bandwidth should also be indicated. / It is to be noted that the band of frequencies from 174-216 mc is not available for broadcasting in the United Kingdom and there is no intention at present of starting a television service on 819 lines on the top be interest.

on these or higher frequencies.

of the radiated waves. The conference decided that it was not necessary to standardize on this point.

Controversial Issues

No agreement was reached on the remaining items of the questionnaire.

In the final vote, negative modulation (question 7) was supported by 5 votes and positive by 3, the remaining nations showing no distinct preference. F-M sound was favored by 8 groups (question 9), against 2 for a-m. These two questions were actively discussed in relation to the intercarrier method of sound reception, which requires f-m for the sound and has thus far been used only with negative modulation. The British delegation pointed out that the intercarrier system could be used with positive modulation if the synchronizing pulses were prevented from reaching the zerocarrier level. It was stated that the sync pulses in the British transmissions do not, in fact, reach zero carrier. The British delegates stated they intended to experiment with the intercarrier system, using positive modulation, and would report the results at the next meeting of the Study Group.

The principal subject of controversy had to do with the scanning standards, that is, the number of lines per picture (question 4) and the number of frames and fields per second (question 3). Three camps of opinion appeared: the Americans favored the 525-line, 30frame, 60-field values. The Anglo-French coalition supported 405 lines at 25 frames, 50 fields, for channels in the 41 to 68-mc band. The remaining nations constituted a 625-line bloc, favoring 625-line images at 25 frames, 50 fields.

The arguments behind these positions were as follows: The United States delegation stated that the 30frame value was necessary, regardless of the power-system frequency, to allow picture brightness higher than 20 foot-lamberts without objectionable flicker, and that the sixmegacycle channel is the optimum compromise between picture quality and spectrum economy. Finally, 525 is the proper number of lines for a 30-frame image and a 6-mc channel

The British position, to which the French agreed during the course of the meeting, was that 405 lines and 25 frames provided an adequate service and occupied a channel only 5 mc wide (using vestigial-sideband transmission, the standard in Great Britain for all new stations). The British government is committed to providing service on these standards for a number of years. Therefore, if neighboring European nations desire to exchange programs with Great Britain, they must necessarily employ the 405-line standard.

The other nations stated that they did not desire to start a new public service on as low a number of lines as 405. Moreover, they beleved that the 30-frame rate of the U.S.A. system was unnecessarily high and that even if the system were divorced from the European 50-cps power rate the 25-frame rate should be retained because it allows about 20 percent additional resolution for the same bandwidth. These nations believed that a channel width between 6 and 7 megacycles is optimum and that the proper number of lines for such a channel, at 25 frames, is 625.

During the discussion of these points, the American delegation pointed out that the 525-30 standard and the 625-25 standard had an interesting relationship, namely that the line scanning frequencies of the two systems are the same within one percent (see line 6 in Table II). Moreover, substantially all receivers in service have sufficient range in the vertical hold control that either 25 or 30 frames can be accommodated. It is thus possible that a receiver designed to operate at 525 lines and 30 frames would operate equally well on 625 lines and 25 frames. If the synchronizing signals were not synchronized with the power-system frequency a receiver designed for one set of standards could receive, without degradation, programs transmitted for the other set. This would, however, be possible only if the polarity of modulation, type of sound modulation and carrier spacings were the same in both systems. Such a system of operation offers a possibility of world-wide Table II—Comparative Specifications and Performance of American, British and Proposed Television Standards

	American	British	Proposed
1. Lines per frame (total)	525 100	405	625
2. Active lines per frame	490	385	583
(93.5 percent or 95 percent of 1)			
3. Vertical resolution (72 percent of 2)	353 lines	277 lines	120 lines
4. Frames per second	30	25	25
5. Picture bandwidth	4.25 mc	2.75 mc	4.75 mc
6. Line scanning frequency (product of 1 and 4)	15,750 cps	10,125 cps	15,625 cps
7. Line scan time (total) (inverse of 6)	63.5 µsec	98.7 μsec	64.0 µsec
 Active line scan time (7 less approx, 10 μsec) 	52.8 μsec	88.8 µsec	53.1 µsec
9. Picture elements per line (twice 5 times 8)	449	188	505
10. Horizontal resolution (3/4th or 1/5ths 9)	336 lines	390 lines	379 lines
1. Picture elements per frame (product of 3 and 9)	158,000	130,000	212,000
2. Resolution ratio (ratio of 10 to 3)	0.95	1.40	0.9
3. Aspect ratio	1/3	5/4	4/3
4. Screen area utilized (percent of circumscribed circular area)	61 percent	62 percent	61 percent
5. Maximum highlight brightness for flicker-free images	100 ft- lamberts	20 ft- lamberts	20 ft- lamberts
6. Peak power output, at maxi- mum power output, of trans- mitter (anode-dissipation lin	5 kw	3.7 kw	5 kw
7. Channel width	6.0 mc	5.0 mc	6.75 mc
8. Modulation polarity	negative	positive	negative
9. Sound Modulation	F-M	A-M	F-M

agreement on dual standards which would embrace both systems.

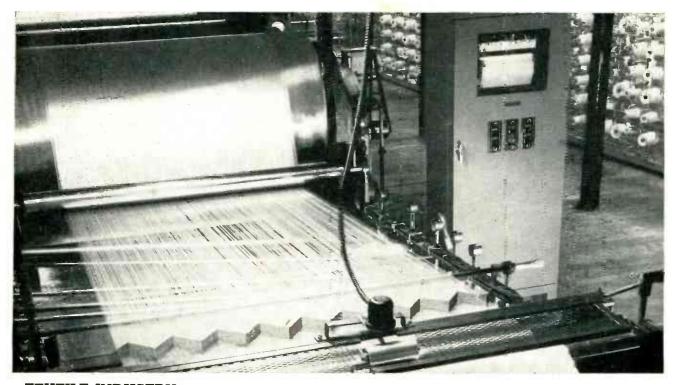
Proposals

Table II provides a comparison between the proposals made by the Americans and the British, together with a third group of proposed standards representing the majority opinions in the replies to the questionnaire. This table was prepared by the U. S. delegation.

The principal differences in performance appear in connection with vertical resolution, horizontal resolution, picture elements per frame, maximum highlight brightness and channel-width. The 625–25 system exceeds the others in vertical resolution and in total number of picture elements per frame. Its horizontal resolution is intermediate to the American and British systems. The 25-frame systems (British and proposed) are limited in brightness. Finally, the 625-line system occupies the widest channel width.

The conference concluded that several important questions required further study by the various delegations before agreement could be reached on controversial points. The first study would inquire into the methods and costs of divorcing the vertical scanning rate from dependence on the power-system frequency. A second study would deal with the relative flickerfree picture brightnesses obtainable at 50 and 60 fields per second. Two other studies would investigate the resolving power required in television systems and would compare television image quality with that of motion pictures. Positive and negative modulation would be studied with particular reference to the effect of noise on synchronization and picture quality, and its relation to age and intercarrier systems. Geographic separation between stations as a means of controlling interference was also to be examined. Finally, the standardization of motion-picture films for television transcriptions was to be studied.

The next meeting of the Study Group, scheduled for the fall of 1949 or the spring of 1950, may consist of a tour of the television systems of the world. Invitations to view the various systems were extended by the American, British, French and Dutch governments.



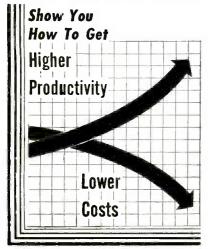
TEXTILE INDUSTRY Amount of moisture in yarn is measured and recorded continuously with resistance-type detector roll on top of yarn and associated Brown electronic

measuring and recording instrument in cabinet at right. Instrumentation like this often pays for itself in a few months. Addition of automatic control promises still further economies

Planning for AUTOMATIC

Factors to consider when adding modern electronic, electrical or other instrumentation to a machine or process, starting with the error-sensing element and going on through available ready-to-use types of recorders and controllers to the final correcting device

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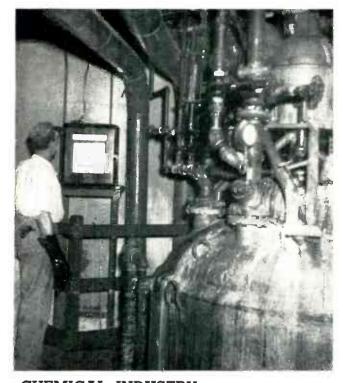


TN THE BEGINNING of industrial processing as it is known today, control was crude. The human senses of the operator, varying widely with mood and health, were the only indicators used to monitor the process. In hundreds of plants these human indicators are still in use, controlling processes involving hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of materials a day.

The indicator era for industrial processing begins when a mercuryin-glass thermometer is installed to show temperature, a meter is hooked up to indicate an electrical quantity, or some other mechanical or electrical device is put in to replace fickle human senses. An immediate improvement in product quality is obtained.

In one instance, installation of a moisture indicator on a drying machine in a textile factory revealed extreme overdrying. Operation according to indicator readings reduced drying power consumption and speeded up the machine, giving lower production cost and several hundred percent increase in output.

There is much of a sameness to the stories of early indicator installations in plants. After an appropriate period of showing off results to top brass, the plant engineer explains the indicator to the machine operator and considers his job done. Passing by the machine a few



CHEMICAL INDUSTRY Temperature of synthetic resin in processing vessel at right is automatically maintained by Leeds and Northrup controller on storage tank



PAPER INDUSTRY Measuring gloss of finished paper output of calender stack. Phototube unit for sensing gloss, near man on balcony, feeds circular-chart recorder

PROCESS CONTROL

weeks later, he all too often finds the new indicator covered with dust or even disconnected, with the operator controlling by guess and by golly just as he always did. The reason—man is inherently opposed to change.

Thus is created a need for recorders, to show exactly how well an operator maintains required conditions over periods of hours, days or weeks. Modern units are available with either circular or strip charts. for producing permanent printed or inked records of up to 16 different variables per chart. When the operator of a machine is feeling uncooperative, however, the odds are that even the recorder will be ignored. The next logical step technologically, then, is to complete the path of action from the recorder to the controlled element in such a way that corrections are made automatically.

Despite man's shortcomings, it

takes a heap of thinking and designing to build a device that will replace him. Using the textile drying application again, there are admittedly a few men who can keep moisture content within half a percent of a predetermined value just by feeling the dried cloth occasionally with the fingers and varying the speed of the machine accordingly. These men seem able to anticipate changes and make corrections in advance so deviations do

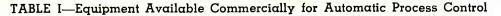
not occur. Automatic controllers must do this also, even though the process has long time lags between correction and result.

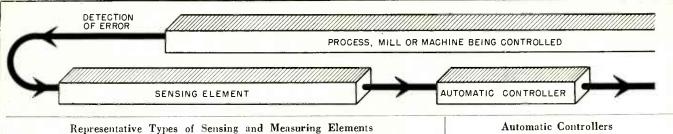
Automatic Controllers

Practically anything that can be measured today can be controlled. Some idea of the great variety of sensing elements now available commercially for measuring process variables is given by the first column in Table 1. Controllers and

TRENDS

- Productivity per man-day is being increased significantly, in many industries using continuous or batch processing, by changeover to automatic control
- Elimination of the costly human element from quality control is lowering production costs as required by buyer attitudes in today's market
- Electronic measuring circuits are expanding the list of measurable variables clear across the board, to include even such elusive quality factors as chemical composition
- The ratio of electronic to other types of controllers is increasing in monthly reports of new installations





Thermometer — Bulb filled with mercury, connected to pneumatic controller with capillary tubing. Range-minus 40



BULB

to 1,000 F. Other liquids and gas also used Thermocouple-Heat at junction of two dissimilar metal

wires produces voltage proportional to difference in temperature between junction and free ends of the wires. Fast re-

sponse when exposed to heat source, slower when enclosed in protecting well. Copper-Constantan used for -300 to 600 F; iron-Constantan up to 1,600 F; Chromel-Alumel up to 2,100 F; platinum-platinum rhodium for higher ranges



B Radiation pyrometer - Lens focuses heat rays on thermocouples or thermopile. Range-75 to 3,200 F. Gives temperature inside furnace or of hot moving objects



Resistance thermometer -Depends on change in resistance of coil of pure nickel wire with temperature. Slower in re-

sponse than bare thermocouple. Generally in protecting well. Range-20 to 300 F

Photocell or phototube - Resistance varies with intensity of light given off by hot body. Range-850 to 3,000 F

Electric hygrometer -- Conductivity of moisture-sensitive compound on dual wire winding varies with moisture absorbed



Bourdon-tube gage-Arc of thin-walled tubing straightens out when pressure is applied to open end, moving pointer through linkage. For 30 to 10.000 psi



Spring-opposed bellows gage -Pressure being measured acts on outside of bellows enclosed in shell, compressing it against spring action to move pen or pointer linkage. Range 15 psi

down to vacuum



Inverted bell gage-Inverted bell suspended in oil from balance. Pressure to be measured is applied to inside of bell so increasing pressure raises bell. Other end of balance beam may

have counterweight or another inverted bell for measuring difference in pressure between two sources

Differential pressure or head meter - Constricting orifice plate, venturi tube or flow nozzle in flow line creates artificial

pressure drop related to rate of flow, and measured with U-tube manometer. In electric version, soft iron armature attached to float in manometer moves through two coils to unbalance a-c bridge circuit

Area-type flow meter-Piston lifted by upstream pressure varies size of orifice in line to maintain constant differential pressure. Armature attached to piston actuates induction-bridge transmitter



Air purge liquid level method-Air line is immersed in liquid below minimum level and

regulated to give slow bubbling when vessel is filled. Pressure in air line, equal to back pressure exerted by head of liquid, is then measured

Mercury manometer liquid level method-One end of mercury-filled U-tube goes below minimum level of open vessel, other is open to air. Level of float on mercury, proportional to head of liquid, is transmitted electrically or pneumatically to controller

Electrodes - For control of liquid level at one specific point. Uses electrical conductivity of solution. Two electrodes give stability in turbulent liquids

pH-Glass electrodes immersed in process liquor form electrolytic cell with output voltage proportional to hydrogen-ion concentration



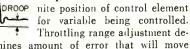
Moisture With resistance-type detector, fabric or other material passes between metal de-

tector roll and grounded metal -20 idler roll on machine. Resistance between two rolls, varying with moisture content, is connected into one leg of self-balancing Wheatstone bridge in controller. With capacitance-type detector, material moves between metal-plate electrodes, and change in dielectric constant of material with moisture is measured with special electronic bridge circuit

Chemical composition-Gas analyzer using sensitized filament measures concentration of any combustible gas within lower explosive limits. Gas analyzer using thermal conductivity measures concentration of inert gases when controlling purity or proportioning one gas to another

Two-position-Places control element in either high or low position, which may be on and off. Electric version uses movement of galvanometer pointer to actuate output relay; galvanometer pointer is peri-

odically clamped to determine its position Proportional - Produces defi-



termines amount of error that will move valve or other control element through entire operating range. Recognizes amount, direction and speed of change in variable and provides continuous corrective action

Typical electric version has null-balance Wheatstone bridge circuit to provide intermediate positioning of control motor. Controller has slidewire resistor over which contact moves in direct relation to pen. Electric motor on control valve drives similar contact over its own slidewire. Balancing relay detects unbalance in bridge containing both slidewires and closes proper motor winding to maintain balance of bridge resistances or voltages

Typical electronic version uses vibratingreed converter to change sensing element output to a-c for amplification to drive twophase balancing motor that rebalances slidewire bridge

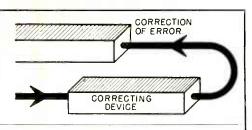


Proportional-reset-Same as DROOP proportional except returns pen to control point after each correction, so there is no droop

or permanent drift in value being maintained. Can handle all combinations of process characteristics, even the most unfavorable, except for a few special types requiring rate action

Floating-Final control element is moved gradually at constant rate toward open or closed position in response to sensing element, and floats or remains stationary at position it has when variable gets back into neutral zone around desired control point. Similar to two-position control except for slower movement of control element and intermediate positioning. Ideal for processes that respond very fast to corrections, such as speed control. Electric only

Proportional-reset plus rate action-For any amount of process capacitance, transfer lag or dead time and process load changes. Used when it takes a process longer than two minutes or so to respond to a correction



Correcting Devices



Geared electric motors—For operating valves, dampers and other mechanical control elements. Two-position operation is obtained directly from contacts. Positioning action is obtained with balancing potentiometers

Solenoid electric power units --Used with two-position electric controllers for operating sliding-stem control valves in smaller sizes. Has only two positions, full-open or fullclosed

Stalled-motor electric control valve— Used chiefly for low-pressure gas lines. Motor opens valve by driving gear train. At full-open position, mechanical stop stalls motor and gears. When power is cut off, spring action drives gear train and motor backward to close valve



AIR Pneumatic diaphragm motor—Air pressure from pneumatic controller (2 to 15 psi) is applied to one side of diaphragm and spring pushes other side, so diaphragm position varies with air pressure for driving valve or damper

directly or through lever. Fast-acting for two-position control. For proportional control, generally used with valve positioner to overcome friction and get closer control

Valve positioner—Auxiliary air pilot system using separate 15 or 30 psi air supply applies full air pressure on diaphragm or exhausts air until stem of valve is at exact position called for by controller output air pressure

Springless pneumatic diaphragm motor—Fixed air pressure used in place of spring on valve side of diaphragm. Positioning is by differential air pressure on either side of diaphragm. Provides greater forces for sensitive positioning of heavy dampers, louvres and large control valves



Pneumatic power cylinder— Gives more power and longer stroke than diaphragm motor, as required for dampers and special control elements. Air power is used in both directions of travel. Intermediate positioning obtained with device

similar to valve positioner. Available with strokes up to 32 inches and internal diameters up to 12 inches to give forces up to 11,000 lb process-correcting devices are also listed, to give a birds-eye view of the entire field of modern instrumentation.

The number of possible combinations of existing manufactured elements for controllers is not quite infinite, but nearly so. At least one manufacturer can produce from standard design items over 2 million distinctly different models and ranges of controllers for industrial use.

Practically all controllers have some form of pointer-type indicator for telling the operator what is going on. Many have recorders, for checking on operators and control equipment, providing data for cost accounting, providing clues to production difficulties, and providing a means of reproducing quality from batch to batch.

Automatic control does more than improve quality and lower costs it increases the output of a given plant. For example, a petroleum plant built today may appear no larger than one erected fifteen years ago, yet have a capacity many times that of the older unit. This is achieved largely by stepping up the velocity of fluid throughout and reducing the amount of stored liquid capacity, all because every stage of the process is under rigid automatic control.

By bringing down percentage of rejects, automatic controllers keep production costs at the absolute minimum. An excellent example of this is the plastics molding business. When molds are too cold the plastic does not flow to all extremities and a reject drops out. When molds are too hot the required cooling time goes up and the press slows down. Automatic temperature control of the dies on injection and compression-molding machines is thus becoming a must for those in the business.

Types of Control Systems

The four basic types of control systems are two-position, proportional, proportional-reset and floating. The first three are available in both electric and pneumatic forms, while the lesser-used floating system is available only for electric operation. Under comparable conditions, performance characteristics of a controller are the same regardless of whether it operates from electric power or from a compressed air line.

The choice between electric and pneumatic controllers is governed by the availability of an air supply, the existence of explosive or inflammable conditions that preclude electric operation, and the nature of the final device to be controlled. Electric switches and relays are best controlled electrically, while valves are easier to control with airactuated diaphragms.

Personal preference of plant engineers in various fields also enters into the final choice. Chemical, petroleum and rubber industries favor pneumatic controllers since they are used to handling piping and generally have air supplies available.

The choice of the basic type of control depends upon the nature of the process and the required accuracy of control. For some processes the simple and relatively inexpensive two-position controller will perform just as well as the more complex types. For other processes the controller must have capabilities approaching those of a mind reader. Here the past experience of instrument engineers with similar problems becomes highly essential to the planning of a successful installation.

The characteristics of each basic type of controller will now be taken up in turn, with advantages and drawbacks of each, as a starting point for planning an industrial process control system.

Two-Position Controller

The two-position controller moves the final control device back and forth between two fixed positions of travel in response to changes detected by the sensing element. These two positions may correspond to open and shut or on-off action or to partly open and partly shut settings of the valve, damper, or other controlling means.

Two-position control is popular because of its simplicity, and is generally satisfactory for processes that respond quickly to the valve or other control device. It is not perfect when there are large or sudden changes in the load being controlled, as it permits considerable



FOOD INDUSTRY Banana-ripening temperature is regulated by electronic controller on back wall, using vacuumtube action to position steam valves accurately. This type of device indicates but does not record

DRUG INDUSTRY Oven temperature of machine for applying and baking decoration onto collapsible metal tubes is controlled electronically by unit in center. Blank tubes enter on conveyor at lower left

deviation before settling down to even cycling. It is ideally suited, however, for such applications as temperature control of a cooking kettle, where the only load is that of maintaining a heat balance against radiation losses.

Proportional Controllers

When the position of the valve or other final control element varies proportionally with the position of the indicating pointer or pen, we have a proportional controller. This is sometimes called a throttling controller, because the valve or damper is throttled continuously and smoothly over its range as required to maintain the desired constant conditions. Corrective action for an error is provided almost immediately, with a rate and magnitude directly proportioned to the error. A triode vacuum tube providing linear amplification of the input signal is a perfect analogy for this proportioning action.

Proportional control is ideally suited for pneumatic installations, because air-actuated motors are available in a wide variety of sizes and designs to move valves and dampers smoothly between their limits of travel and provide intermediate positioning of these control elements. Electric applications of proportional controllers require more costly installations of reversing geared-down electric motors to provide this same gradual and closely controlled positioning of a valve.

Proportional controllers have a throttling range adjustment which determines how much the control valve will move for a given change in the measured variable. For example, on a temperature controller for a highly critical whiskey distillation process a one-degree change in temperature could be so serious that full-open action of a valve would be called for. In monitoring a bath of molten glass at several thousand degrees F, however, this same one-degree drift would be negligible and the throttling range would therefore be set so it caused very little movement of the control valve.

The taste of blended whiskey is actually being controlled by some manufacturers today through use of proportional controllers on the stills. This instrumentation permits duplicating a given taste from year to year without reliance on the tongues of tasters.

In normal operation a proportional controller develops a certain amount of droop or permanent drift from the control point. As a result, the value that should presumably be held constant is slowly drifting around either above or below the desired condition. For some applications this is permissible, but in others it must be eliminated by automatically resetting the control to the correct point after each correction.

Proportional-Reset Controllers

The proportional controller may be equipped with an automatic reset feature that returns the indicator or pen to the control point after each and every load change. The resulting instrument is more complex since its throttling and reset actions occur simultaneously, but is used when precise control under the most adverse conditions is essential.

As the representative applications in Tables II and III indicate, proportional-reset controllers are used more than any other type in continuous industrial process control. This is natural, because most processes require the maintaining of a fixed temperature or other condition rather than a rough elimination of wide fluctuations in conditions.

Floating Controllers

Floating control is like two-position control except that the final control device moves gradually rather than suddenly between its open and closed positions whenever the controlled variable gets outside the neutral zone. When the variable

TABLE II—Examples of Process-Control Applications in Four Major Heavy-Industry Markets

Mar- ket	Process	Factor Controlled	Type of Equipment	Typical Installations
	Oxidation of sulphur to sulphur dioxide in burner for manufactur- ing sulphuric acid	by varying air input to	Thermocouple in combustion chamher outlet; proportional-reset controller with diaphragm motor for damper in air intake	AIR SUPPLY
	Cooking of synthetic resins for varnishes	Temperature and pressure of batch in kettle	Thermocouple in bottom of kettle; proportional- reset controller; diaphragm-operated valves in cooling water line and air lines to gas burners; burner flame-failure detector	WASTE HEAT BOILER BURNER FURNACE
AL	Sewage sludge digester	Temperature of heat- ing water, by varying ratio of warm to cool water	Thermocouple; proportional controller; dia- phragm-operated valve	
CHEMICAL	Purification of water	рН	pH electrodes in raw water; pH amplifier with reset action; proportional controller; electronic motor control; feed motor for dry corrective chemical	AIR AIR MOTOR
	Fractional precipita- tion of blood plasma	Temperature of pro- cessing room	Resistance thermometer; proportional-reset con- troller; diaphragm-operated mixing valve in re- frigerant supply line	SPEED REDUCER
	Electroplating	ing water flowing	Mercury-filled stainless-steel thermal system; proportional pneumatic controller; diaphragm- operated valves in steam and cold water lines	CABLE. HOPPER DEAD CLEANING RAKE PLATE
	screen cleaning rakes in sewerage treatment plant	level on upstream and downstream size of clogged stream		
	of crude petroleum in refineries	Rate of feed of crude oil into refractionating column	Orifice-type flowmeter; proportional controller; diaphragm-operated valve in feed line	TEMPERATURE CONTROLLERS PRESSURE RECORDER
		head product with-	Thermocouple in top of column (temperature is direct measure of composition); proportional- reset controller; diaphragm-operated valve in product line	REACTION CHANNER WALVE THEFT
		Level of bottom pro- duct in kettle section of column	Liquid level detector in bottom liquid; pro- portional controller; diaphragm-operated valve in pumping-out line	GAS TO
MUS		Gas pressure in reflux condenser	Pressure-sensitive element near top of column; proportional-reset controller; diaphragm-oper- ated vent valve	
PETROLEUM	Partial vaporization of fluid by adding heat in tube still	Outlet temperature of processed fluid, by varying fuel to burner	Thermometer hulb at still outlet; proportional- reset controller; diaphragm-operated valve in gas or oil fuel line	GAMMA RAY COUNTER
ΡE	Use of catalysts for conversion of beavy petroleum fractions into gasoline	lysts, by control of cir-	Thermocouple in salt inlet line to catalyst cases; proportional-reset suppressed-range controller; diaphragm-operated valve in salt by-pass line	GAMMA
	tion gasoline and hutadiene	by controlling intensity	Infrared spectrophotometer with output product flowing through absorption cell; controller; dia- phragm-operated valves at appropriate corrective locations	FLOAT GUIDES VALVE
	inflammable liquids in tanks	Liquid level, by moni- toring gamma radia- tion from radium-bear- ing float inside	Geiger-Muller tube; gamma ray counter; con- troller; diaphragm-operated valve in tank inlet line	FLOAT WITH GAMMA RAY SOURCE
lub- ber	latex to crumb form of	pH value, by control- ling addition of acid to coagulation tank	pH electrodes; proportional controller; dia- phragm-actuated valve in acid feed line	TWO-POSITION CONTROLLER
METALS	sheet steel	maintaining constant temperature of molten tin and palm oil in gas-	Thermocouple in tin bath; proportional con- troller; electric motorized throttling valve in fuel line to burner. Thermocouple in oil; two- position controller; electric motor driving pump that circulates oil from pot through water-cooled heat exchanger	TO, OL' TO BRAN PUMP MILL PLATE BELAY ALVE
	Gas carburizing of steel in electrically beated furnaces		Thermocouple; two-position controller; relay and contactor for each zone	PALM OF OIL SHEETS
	Open-bearth furnace for melting metal	rate of fuel flow	Radiant heat-sensing element in furnace roof and flowmeter in fuel line; two interlocked pro- portional controllers, arranged so roof-tempera- ture controller takes over control of fuel valve only when roof temperature approaches preset safe maximum; electric-pneumatic relay feeding diaphragm-operated fuel valve	COOL MOLTEN MOLTEN ING WATER TOIL RETURN TO POT OIL PUMP BURNER HEAT EXCHANGER
	ducing pig iron	blast, by varying ratio	Thermccouple in hot blast line near bustle pipe; controller; air-actuated power cylinder linked with mixing valve in cold blast line	
	for bringing ingots to correct temperature for rolling mills	ing pit, by varying air- fuel ratio and input to furnace	Thermocouple in pit; proportional-reset con- troller; electric drive unit for gas valve in fuel line	
	products in continuous gas-fired furnace	nace, by varying air- fuel ratio to burners	For pre-heat zone: thermocouple in furnace; pro- portional controller; diaphragm-operated mixer valve in air line. For final zone, same except proportional-reset controller	TACHOMETER OIL VALVE
	Lubrication of electro- lytic tin strip with oil fog	Amount of oil on strip, by varying oil volume with speed of mill	Tachometer coupled to mill; proportional con- troller; electric drive unit for oil valve	PROPORTIONAL CONTROLLER

TABLE III—Examples of Process-Control Applications in Five Major Light-Industry Markets

Mar- ket	Process	Factor Controlled	Type of Equipment	Typical Installations
	steamneated cylinders	to dryer	Resistance-type moisture detector roll; pro- portional-reset controller; diaphragm-operated steam valve	LIQUID LEVEL RECORDERS RESET CONTROLLER
	inquor for pulp making	chlorine	pH electrode assembly in bleach storage tank; amplifier; proportional-reset controller; dia- phragm-operated valve in chlorine input line	
	Reclamation of turpen- tine from digester relief gases of alkaline pulp mill	to condensers	Temperature-sensitive bulb in condenser water output line; proportional controller; diaphragm- operated valve in cooling water input line	
		to turpentine still	Temperature-sensitive bulb in turpentine vapor output line of still; proportional-reset controller; diaphragm-operated steam valve	UNE WATER TO BLEACH STORAGE
PAPER		Amounts of black and white liquor used to charge digester, by controlling liquid levels in measuring tanks	Two of each, for white and black liquor measuring tanks respectively: air purge type liquid level detector; two-position controller; electric motor driving pump	SLAKING MILK OF LIME BLEACH LIQUOR TANK DILUTION TANK MAKING TANK
	Applying uniform coat- ing to paper	Level of coating mix- ture in supply pan	Two stainless steel electrodes spaced about 1/2 inch vertically in mixture; conductivity- detecting relay; electrical-pneumatic relay; dia- phragm-operated valve in mixture supply line	CONDUCTIVITY DETECTING
		temperature constant	Mercury-filled thermometer bulb in mixture; pro- portional controller; diaphragm-operated valve in steam valve to heating coils of coating pan	
	Recovery of chemicals by disc evaporator in sulfate mill	rator	Thermometer bulb at desired liquid level so bulb is uncovered and senses decrease in temperature when level of hot black liquor drops; proportional controller; diaphragm-operated valve in black liquor input line	STAINLESS STEEL
	soua or suitate water	reaving storage tanks,	Baume measuring element at storage tank output; proportional controller; dilutión valve in lime mud line of rotary filter	PAN
	Batch cooking of jams and jellies	Temperature of batch, by varying steam input	Thermocouple immersed in batch; two-position controller; solenoid valve in steam line	PROPORTIONAL STEAM PRESSURE
	inuit juices	of juice, by varying	Thermocouple in juice output line; proportional- reset controller; diaphragm-operated valve in steam input line; steam pressure controller	
FOOD	cans of foous	peramire, by varving	Thermometer bulb in retort; proportional con- troller with built-in timer; air-actuated throttling valve in steam input line; diaphragm-operated on-off valve in drain line	CONTROL AIR PRESSURE VALVE SANITARY THERMO- COUPLE
	Baking of soda crack- ers and cookies on traveling mesh in tun- nel oven	oven. Dv regulating gas	Thermometer bulb in oven; proportional con- troller; diaphragm-operated gas valve	JUICE STERILIZER
	vation of enzymes	regulating steam input	Thermometer bulb in hot water; on-off controller; solenoid valve in steam line	
	weaving	mersing time	Two level-sensing electrodes; electric relay; electric-pneumatic relay; diaphragm-operated valve in size solution inlet line	
		chamber	Thermocouple pressing against moving cloth; proportional-reset controller; diaphragm-oper- ated steam valve in input line to J-box	DRAW ROLLS WARP CABLE ARGE SPLIT ROLL
TEXTILE		schedule, by con- trolling steam input	Thermometer bulb in dyeing machine; pro- portional controller; time-pattern transmitter using scissor-cut aluminum cam; diaphragm- operated valve in steam input line	CYLINDER RODS SIZED WARP
	on cotton stasher	ture in sized warp, by	Resistance-type moisture detector roll bearing against yarn at delivery end; proportional con- troller; speed-changing mechanism	PROPORTIONAL CONTROLLER CELECTRONIC CONTROLLER CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE CABLE COMB COMB COMB COMB COMB COMB COMB COMB
		neutral by adding di- lude alkati		
		burner	Thermocouple in kiln; proportional controller; air-actuated valve in oil line to burner	
CERAMI	ing machines	glass in feeder	Thermocouple immersed in molten glass; pro- portional controller; diaphragm-operated valve in air or gas line to burner	DIAPHRAGM CONTROL SWITCH CONTROLLER MOTORS FOR DAMPERS
	Melting of refractory materials and fluxes in smelter to produce enamel frit	varying combustion air	Radiation pyrometer aimed at bath; proportional controller; diaphragm-operated valve in com- bustion air line to burner	EXHAUST ATR INLET AIR
	blocks	Kiln temperature during steaming period by varying steam input and during hot-air dry- ing by adjusting dampers	Thermometer bulb; proportioning controller; diaphragm-operated steam valve; two diaphragm- operated dampers	THERMOMETER BULB CONCRETE BLOCK CURING KINN DIAPHRAGH-OPERATED
Plas- tics	Injection molding of polystyrene	Temperature of die, by varying water feed to die block	Thermocouple inserted in drilled hole in die; on-off controllers; solenoid valve in water feed line to die block	VALVE

enters the neutral zone again, the valve stays put or floats at whatever position it happens to have then.

Floating control is relatively little used except for fast-acting processes such as those involving speed control, because it is applicable only to processes having limited time lags and is available only as an electric controller. Any appreciable time lag in the process causes excessive overshooting and wide cycling.

Other Types of Control Action

A number of special modes of control are also available, for less common applications that generally call for consulting services of experienced instrument application engineers. As an example, ratio action might be added to a proportional or proportional-reset controller when a process takes several minutes to respond to a corrective action. Ratio action provides a correction based on how fast the process is drifting away from the control point, on the theory that a fast drift calls for a bigger correction.

Final Process-Correcting Device

The valve, damper, motor or other device that makes the required correction on a process or machine is just as important to the success of an automatic control system as the sensing element and the controller.

Valves of all types are generally

operated by pneumatic rather than electric power units. Diaphragm motors and variations thereof are the most common type of pneumatic power unit for valves. A diaphragm motor has a flexible diaphragm with a pressure-type chamber on one side to which the air output line of the pneumatic controller is connected. On the other side of the diaphragm is a compression spring and a rigidly fastened rod that is directly attached to the valve stem or lever. Air pressure applied to the top of the diaphragm moves it down, compressing the spring further until a balance is reached between air pressure and spring pressure. Each change in air pressure results in a new position of the diaphragm, hence the diaphragm motor is a sensitive means for intermediate positioning of the final control element.

Diaphragm motors are also used for two-position control. Here the control air pressure from the controller is either maximum or minimum, to position the valve in either of its two extremes of travel.

Electric process-correcting devices employ either electric motors or solenoids as power units. The motors are geared down, and generally use either a lever arm or cam for converting the final rotary motion to the required linear motion for operation of valves, dampers and the like. In a few instances,



"The first industrial revolution devalued human labor. No pick-andshovel ditchdigger can sell his services at any price in competition with a steamshovel. The second industrial revolution of electronic robots is here. The completely automatic factory without a human operator is on its way

'We already have something very close to it in the electric power plants and the chemical industries, where gauges not only report the condition of the process but take executive action to keep it going right and check up to see that their orders have been carried out. Such machines will make it very difficult for the human being to sell a service that consists of making routine, stereotyped decisions. The electronic brain will make these logical decisions more cheaply, more reliably, and, of course, more quickly."

Dr. Norbert Weiner, N. Y. Times, Apr. 10, 1949

direct drives are used for rotary valves. The motors are invariably reversible, and have built-in limit switches.

Looking Ahead

The trend in instrumentation and control today is definitely toward electronics. Already machines and processes are being controlled with gamma-ray and x-ray equipment that is monitoring specific gravity, density, thickness and other factors related to selective absorption of radiation. Already Geiger-Muller tubes and their associated electronic counters are permitting precise conof inaccessible processes trol through thick steel walls, monitoring chemical composition to new degrees of accuracy through their response to radioactive isotopes, and doing a host of other stillsecret control jobs in connection with the processing of U-235. In addition, electronics has made possible the use of dropping-mercury electrodes, hygrometers, and infrared and ultraviolet spectrometers as sensing elements for process control.

But the trend is not a landslide. There are still, and will be for countless years, simple control jobs that can be done more cheaply and just as well with simpler instrumentation.-J.M.

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METALS INDUSTRY Newest application of electronic control in this major

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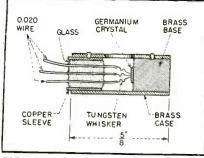


FIG. 1—Construction details of crystal tetrode suitable for use as a mixer

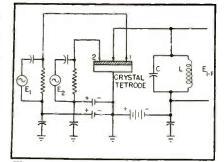
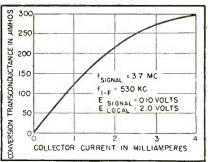
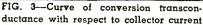


FIG. 2—Input voltages are applied to the emitter electrodes as shown





Crystal-Tetrode Mixer

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C^{RYSTAL} DEVICES have been used for many years as demodulators and mixers. Of more recent interest¹ is the crystal-triode amplifier or transistor employing two closely-spaced whiskers and a germanium crystal. This device can also be used as a mixer and will show a conversion gain in a manner analogous to that of the thermionic triode.

A crystal mixer using three whiskers offers certain advantages over the crystal diode or triode mixer, though the use of such a tetrode is by no means limited to mixers. The crystal-tetrode mixer provides the advantages of good conversion gain with accompanying high conversion transconductance, low interaction between input circuits and usefulness at input frequencies which are much higher than can be amplified in the germanium triode.

The construction of a crystal tetrode suitable for use as a mixer

is shown in Fig. 1. This construction is particularly adaptable to experimental use since either the whiskers or the crystal semiconductor can readily be changed, though a simpler construction might be more suitable for production. The three whiskers are arranged in a triangle spaced about 0.002 inch. In most of the tetrodes thus far made in the laboratory, germanium crystals of the type commonly used in 1N34 diodes were used. These are given the same processing as crystals used in triodes.

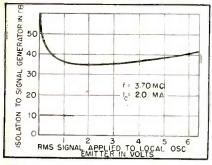
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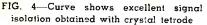
The input voltages are applied to the emitter electrodes 1 and 2 in the manner indicated in Fig. 2. Usually, emitter 1 connected to the local oscillator requires no bias since, by adjusting the local oscillator voltage to the proper level, a self-biasing action can be obtained. A resonant circuit tuned to the intermediate frequency, or a frequency equal to $f_2 - f_1$, is used for a load in the collector circuit.

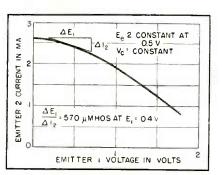
One of the usual ways for describing the effectiveness of a mixer is by the conversion transconductance. The range of conversion transconductance obtainable from vacuum-tube mixers is from 200 to 600 μ mhos. As as example for comparison with the crystal mixer, a 6SA7 pentagrid converter has a g_o of 425 μ mhos at a plate voltage of 100 volts and a cathode current of 12.3 ma. Typical operating values of the crystal mixer include a collector voltage of 30 volts, a collector current of 2 ma and a value of g_o of 300 μ mhos. Values as high as 1,100 μ mhos and conversion power gain of +1 db have been observed.

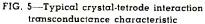
Typical of the manner in which g_{\circ} varies with collector current in the crystal mixer is the curve shown in Fig. 3. For voltages and currents below those required for vacuum-tube mixers, the crystal-tetrode mixer gives a conversion transconductance quite comparable to that from common tube types.

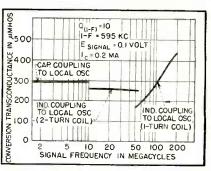
An important feature of the crystal tetrode is the degree of isolation that can be achieved between the emitter circuits. From inspection of Fig. 4 it is evident that excellent signal isolation can be obtained so that the signal impressed on each emitter does not tend to be transmitted to the other to a great extent nor does the heterodyne fre-

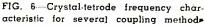












Provides good conversion gain, high conversion transconductance and low interaction between input circuits. Useful at input frequencies higher than those that can be amplified in the germanium triode

quency appear in large measure in either emitter circuit.

Further evidence that there is good isolation between emitters can be found in the static interaction transconductance curve in Fig. 5, which shows the dependence of current in one emitter on the yoltage applied to the other. A typical operating point indicated on the curve has an interaction transconductance of 570 μ mhos. When compared to the usual input conductance of either emitter, which is of the order of 10' μ mhos, it is evident that signal interaction will be small.

Another important feature of the crystal-tetrode mixer is the frequency range over which it may be used. The crystal triode as an amplifier is ordinarily limited to frequencies less than about 5 mc, usually because of transit-time losses. The same is true for the tetrode when either emitter is used with the collector to form an amplifier circuit. However, if the i-f frequency used in the mixer is kept within the useful range of the device as an amplifier, the two input frequencies can be extended far beyond the 5-mc limit with no loss in conversion efficiency. Crystal tetrodes have been operated at an i-f of 500 kc and

input signals beyond 100 mc with conversion transconductance actually higher than that obtained at much lower frequencies. As an example, a typical mixer with an i-f of 600 kc showed a conversion voltage gain of 2.5 and a corresponding conversion transconductance of 430 μ mhos at a frequency of 150 mc. Figure 6 shows more completely the frequency characteristic of the crystal-tetrode mixer.

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Experiments indicate that the noise in the collector circuit is at least no greater than in the crystal triode. By way of example, the signal and noise outputs in some units were about equal with the input signal reduced to 2 microvolts.

Conclusion

It should be mentioned that the crystal triode gives good results as a mixer at some frequencies with somewhat higher values of g_e than have been obtained with the tetrode. However, due to the complete lack of isolation between the signal and local-oscillator circuits, and the difficulty of matching two signals into the same low impedance, the crystal tetrode offers considerable advantage over the triode as a mixer.

A device as new as the crystaltetrode mixer cannot be fully evaluated in one short paper. Such important details as an equivalentcircuit analysis, a more thorough study of its frequency characteristic and a measure of its noise figure are necessary before the complete picture of its usefulness can be known. However, the fact that it has a conversion transconductance equal to that of ordinary tube mixers but requires less power, is physically very small, and operated with input signals at least up to 200 mc, should make further investigation very much worth while.

The excellent isolation of the input circuits is an important advantage over diode or triode mixers. The maximum intermediate frequency at which it may be used seems to be about the same as the maximum frequency for crystal-triode amplifier operation, which is to say that the input frequencies may be much higher.

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Technique for

Data taken in the New York area indicate that field strengths measured on radials at 10-feet antenna height are not truly representative of actual service rendered. Traverse measurements are suggested and measured height factors reported

When a field-strength survey of a television station is made, two purposes are usually in mind. The first is to satisfy the FCC that the station performs in accordance with the specifications of the construction permit, the second to assure the management of the station that a satisfactory signal is available to the majority of the population lying within the service area.

These two purposes are not necessarily served by the same set of measurements. In fact, the purpose of this article is to point out that measurements made along radials in accordance with FCC standard proof-of-performance procedure may give too optimistic a picture of coverage.

Standard survey procedure has recently been described in detail¹. Briefly, the procedure is as follows: At least eight radials are drawn from the station, either at 45-degree intervals, or following roads at approximately 45-degree intervals. Profile graphs are drawn along these radials and the average elevation over the 8-mile distance from 2 to 10 miles is calculated. The height of the transmitting antenna above this elevation is taken as a reference and the expected field strength, for the given value of radiated power, is computed by reference to FCC coverage charts.

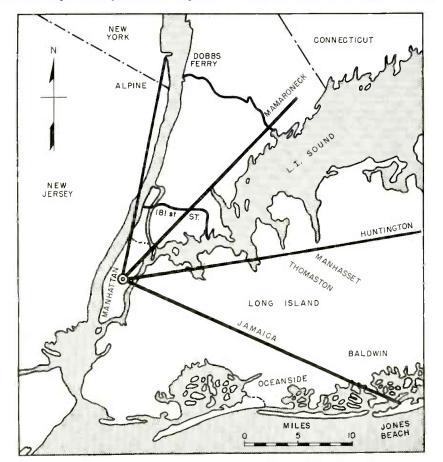


FIG. 1—Four radials and two traverses employed in making the measurements for the survey

Contours are drawn through the 500-microvolt points on the radials. It is presumed that the 500-microvolt signal is available throughout the area enclosed by this contour.

After the station is in operation, of actual field measurements strength must be made, and the values shown to agree within reasonable limits, with the predicted values. The FCC recommobile measuring mends that equipment be used, with an omnidirectional receiving antenna about 10 feet above the ground. The field values so measured must be corrected to represent the actual field strength 30 feet above the ground, the latter value being the nominal height of antennas installed in homes. Simple theory, acceptable to the Commission for this purpose, states that the field strength increase linearly with should Thus, if field-strength height. measurements are made at 10 feet the stated values for 30 feet would be three times as great.

When the terrain between the station and the point of reception is flat and free from obstructions the measured and predicted values are usually found to be in reasonable agreement. But when rough terrain or massive obstructions are encountered, two discrepancies appear. First, the field increases at a rate less than proportional to the antenna height. Second, the values

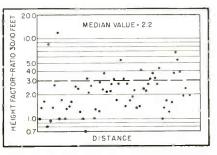


FIG. 2—Height factors on channels 7 and 11, along Jamaica and Huntington radials

TV Field Surveys

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of field strength measured along the radials are generally higher than those measured at locations between the radials. The latter effect probably is accounted for by the fact that roads along radials generally follow the gaps and valleys in the terrain, hence the obstructions between the station and the points of measurement on radials are generally smaller than those at other points.

Figure 1 is a map of a portion of the New York metropolitan area. Five television stations in Manhattan lie within the center circle. Station WATV, on channel 13, is located just off the map, 16 miles west of the center point. Four radials are shown and are referred to as the Jamaica radial, the Huntington radial, the Mamaroneck radial and the Alpine radial.

At the FCC hearing held in Washington Dec. 1, 1948, the writer submitted an analysis of 66 measurements made on the two Long Island radials. These measurements were made on channels 7 and 11 by the cluster method². At each point, the signals at 10 ft and 30 ft were observed. The ratio of the signal strengths at these heights are plotted in Fig. 2. The ratios cover a wide range. At one point, the signal at 30 ft was 0.7 of that at 10 ft while at the other extreme, the 30-ft signal exceeded the 10-ft value by 12 to 1. When analyzed on probability paper, the distribution seems to be random, with a median value of 2.2.

Very Flat Country

In an attempt to arrive at a more comprehensive understanding of the height factor several other areas were investigated by a similar method, namely readings of signals recorded on tape in a moving vehicle. In a given area, a re-



Survey car, showing antennas at 10 and 30 feet

cording was made while the vehicle moved slowly around a closed course with the antenna at 10 ft. This procedure was then immediately repeated with the antenna at 30 ft.

A section of the Meadowbrook Causeway, about 2,500 feet long, was selected. Referring to Fig. 1, this location is near the end of the Jamaica radial in the center of a coastal marsh with no hills, houses or overhead wires, located 22½ miles from a transmitter operating on channel 11. The car was operated at approximately 2 miles per hour, or 3 feet per second. The time constant of the recording system was 3.5 seconds.

Checks were made at the beginning and end of each run to determine if the station output had changed appreciably. Most measurements were made on the sound signal of the station in question, since the picture signal is apparently subject to variation when cameras are switched. Otherwise, the behavior of the sound and picture signals is very similar.

The recording tape was divided into 20 sections and the average value of each section plotted, as shown in Fig. 3. Twenty-one signal ratios were calculated. It was found that 50 percent of these ratios exceeded 2.94 (the median value). This is in very close agreement with the theoretical value of 3.0. With the car stationary, at the center of the run, measurements were made of the signal at 15, 20, 25 and 30 ft, on channels 4 and 11. (The results are plotted in Fig. 6A.) It is interesting to note how precisely linear is the height factor for this flat type of terrain. Another height vs signal measurement was made in very similar ter-

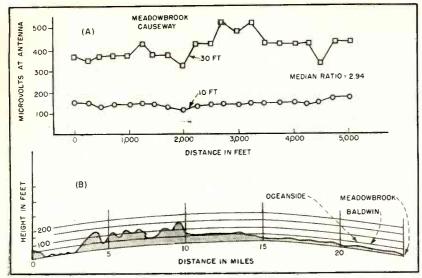


FIG. 3—Average signal levels at 10 and 30 feet at Meadowbrook Causeway (A) and profile (B) of the Jamaica radial. The median ratio between signal levels at 30 and 10 feet is 2.94, close to the theoretical value

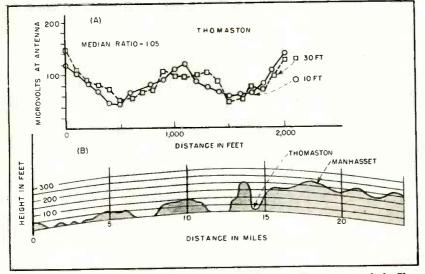


FIG. 4—Average signal levels (A) and profile (B) of the Huntington radial. The median value of the 30/10 ratio is only 1.05 in this case, reflecting the fact that the observation point (Thomaston) is well shadowed

rain at Heckscher Park, 30 miles further east. The distance of over 50 miles puts the Manhattan stations well below the horizon. These measurements (Fig. 6B) would indicate that the height factor is determined principally by the terrain in the vicinity of the receiver.

The same procedure was followed at Thomaston, 14 miles out on the Huntington radial. As may be seen from the contour, Fig. 4, this region is at the bottom of a fairly deep valley. It is, however, not an "impossible" region, since many television installations could be seen on nearby buildings.

A run of 500 ft was obtainable free of overhead wires. To obtain a better average, a complete closed circuit was made twice, giving a total travel of 2,000 ft. The tape was divided into 20 sections and the values plotted. The signals in this case at 30 ft were hardly different from those at 10 ft, the median value of the ratio being 1.05.

Observation of the signals on the video channel was made on a receiver and no special multipath conditions were noted. The signal quality was good except for noise and ignition interference. The direction of arrival was noted to be very closely the azimuth of the transmitter. The signal path apparently was one of refraction over the top of the hill.

Measurements were also made in a cluster with the car stationary and antenna heights of 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 ft on channels 4 and 11. (One typical location is illustrated in Fig. 6C.)

Another location, 18 miles out in a residential part of Manhasset was checked. This point lies on relatively high ground but the terrain is covered with trees (no foliage at the time) and detached frame dwelling of approximately 30 ft height.

No recorder run was possible because of overhead branches and wires but the cluster measurements indicated conditions not very different from those in the valley. (A typical position is illustrated in Fig. 6D).

Residential Flat Country

On the Jamaica radial at 22 miles, a residential development in Baldwin was investigated. This seemed representative of suburban communities. The streets are winding, lined on both sides with twostory frame dwellings, with trees of about 25-ft height (no foliage the measurements were when made.) A recorder run around a closed circuit of 3,000 ft without overhead obstructions was feasible. When the recordings were analyzed, the median value of the ratio was 2.4. as shown in Fig. 5.

A recorder run of about 100 ft length was made in the vicinity of Oceanside. This is only about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Baldwin location and the neighborhood is very much the same. The 30 to 10 ft ratio was 2.25.

Figures 6E and 6F illustrate the signal-versus-height factor at the Oceanside location on New York stations (peak video signals were used in this case).

Radial vs. Peripheral Measurements

During the course of several survevs in the New York area during

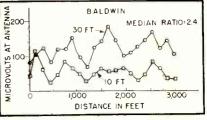


FIG. 5—At Baldwin, on the Jamaica radial, the median signal ratio was 2.4 (see position on profile in Fig. 3B)

the past year, it has been observed that, in built-up regions, the signal on radial avenues is much greater than on cross streets. It seemed likely that this condition might also occur in hilly rural areas, because vehicle surveys following radial roads naturally follow valleys, rivers, and notches in hills. To investigate this possibility, measurements were made on portions of the Alpine and Mamaroneck radials straddling the Bronx, nearby New Jersey and Westchester regions (See Fig. 1).

The Alpine radial (principally along route US 9W) lies on top of the Palisades and has a clear signal path. The Mamaroneck radial traverses flat country in the Bronx and follows the Boston Post Road fairly close to Long Island Sound. It encounters some hills at its outer end. Recorder measurements taken on these radials are presented in Fig. 7. The readings are given as μv per m at 10 ft in db above 100 μ v per m.

For comparison, portions of two traverses (peripheral paths) were measured, one on roads approximating an arc at 9 miles radius and the other at about 19 miles radius. The measurements on the traverses are presented in Fig. 8. In this figure, the straight lines represent the signal level as judged from the values on the two radials.

On the Mamaroneck-Dobbs Ferry traverse, through the center of suburban Westchester, the measured signals fell substantially below those predicted by the radials by 12 to 18 db, rising only on high ground near the center of the

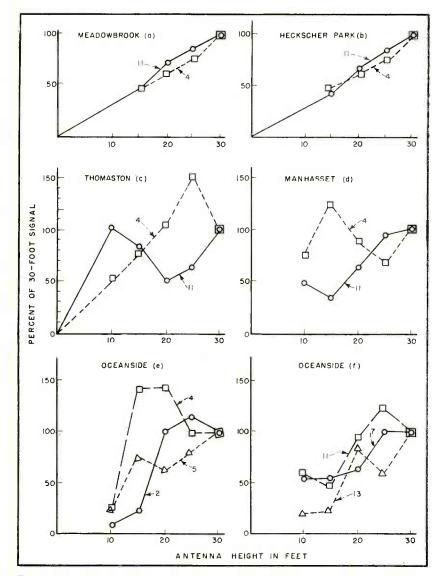


FIG. 6-Variation of signal with height at various locations, on channels 4 and 11 (a-d) and on all New York channels (E-F)

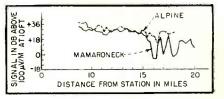


FIG. -Average signal levels along 7-Mamaroneck and Alpine radials

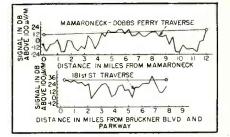


FIG. 8-Average signal levels along Dobbs Ferry-Mamaroneck and 181st Street traverses. The median signal values are 12 db and 9 db, respectively, lower than the radial values

county. The same is true of the 181st St traverse. The signal rises to the predicted line only on a high bridge across the Harlem River.

The writer favors use of a moving vehicle with 10-ft antenna height. For the high-band television channels (7-13), the height factors to change readings made at 10 feet to the value at 30 feet. should probably be as follows: 3.0 in very flat country with no houses, trees or other obstructions; 2.3 in very flat country occupied by small buildings and trees; 1.1 in regions deeply shadowed by hills; intermediate values between 1.1 and 2.3 for hilly country occupied by buildings.

To investigate off-radial coverage, it is suggested that two peripherals be run, one at approximately 7 miles, the other at 20 miles, and that the recorder tapes be analyzed in the arcs between radials. These analyses should be used in correcting the signal values obtained on the radials.

The survey car should include a collapsible 30-ft. antenna for spot checks of the height factor. Multipath transmission should be investigated photographically at appropriate points on the peripherals.

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Reducing Costs in

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HE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY, especially that branch which serves the consumer levels, has recently experienced a transition from a seller's to a buyer's market.

Many companies, operating without the benefit of accurately determined costs and with no plans for reducing costs, have found the transition difficult. Others attacked the problem with vigor, installed wage incentives, reorganized, analyzed the market for new products, and maintained the positions they had earned during the war.

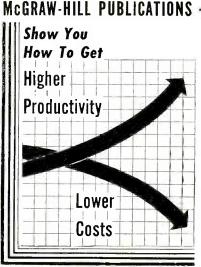
Increase of productivity, along with reduction of costs, is essential for most companies at this time, and it is to help such companies solve this twin problem that this article has been written.

A sound cost-reduction program should be all-inclusive, with each function of the company contributing its share. This includes the sales and financial functions as well as the engineering and production ends of the company.

Cost reduction is accomplished by many methods and manifests itself in many ways, each effective within its own sphere of influence. The twelve basic elements of a cost-reduction program are given in Table I.

Incentive Plans

A wage incentive plan, if properly installed, is highly effective and equitable. By paying off directly on the basis of productivity it virtually



puts each worker in business for himself.

In most electronic plants on day work it is believed that productivity averages 65 percent of a full day's work at this writing. A good incentive plan requires that 100 percent must be reached before incentive payoffs commence. After 100 percent, the plan should pay off about a 1-percent increase in wages for each 1-percent increase in productivity.

In upgrading workers from 65 percent to 100 percent a productivity increase of 48 percent has taken place, which is a direct labor cost reduction. After 100 percent, directlabor costs remain fixed but directoverhead costs reduce as productivity increases.

In most cases it is difficult to effect the upgrade from the daywork 65 percent to the 100-percent standard for incentives. Upgrading slowly by paying minor incentives before 100 percent appears to be the most effective way. A plan may be used which asks the worker to increase productivity to 80 percent, at which point management starts paying off. The payoff between 80 percent and 100 percent is about one-half for one; after 100 percent the one-for-one payoffs are resumed, as indicated in Fig. 1.

In one radio plant, girl solderers were producing an average of 300 soldered joints per hour. Three weeks after an incentive plan was installed, they were producing 430 an hour. After a month, with the assurance that rates would not be cut and that they alone were mas-



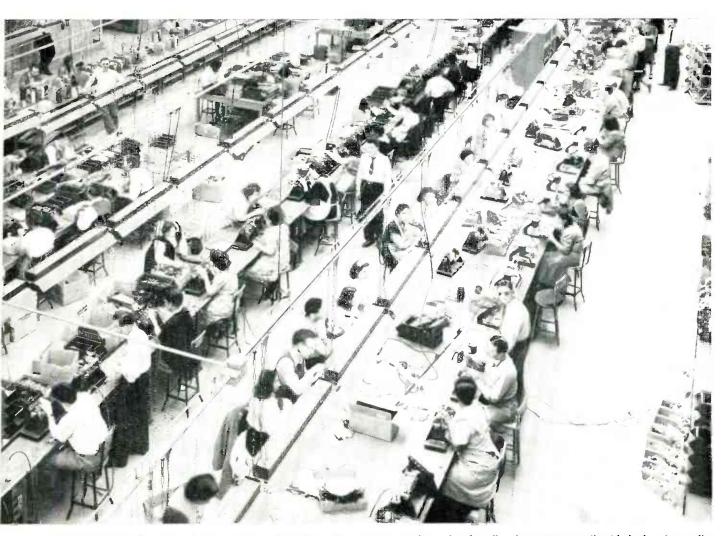
Receiver Manufacturing

Suggestions for setting up a comprehensive cost-reduction program include sales and management as well as production ideas. Case histories of successful applications of the methods and fixtures recommended for assembling radio equipment are given

ters of their payroll check, average productivity rose to 120 percent, or 520 joints per hour. After methods improvements, to be discussed later, productivity rose to 900 joints per hour.

Reducing labor costs by methods improvements in operations can be

executed by simple expedients. In many instances in the electronic industry jigs and fixtures can sharply cut costs by increasing productivity. These simple tools eliminate unnecessary handling and positioning yet do not require costly new equipment or expensive changes in existing equipment in most radio plants. It is usually much more effective economically to concentrate efforts upon plant hourly-productive-potential and use existing plant equipment. Sometimes by a change in the operation sequence, equipment may be used as is. In other cases it may



Production lines in a typical receiver assembly plant, illustrating use of overhead trolley-duct wiring, rail-guided chassis cradle, soldering-iron fixture and other cost-reducing methods and fixtures described in this article

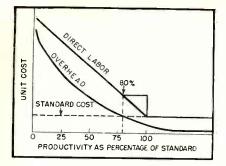


FIG. 1—Effect of incentive pay on unit cost when payoff is started at 80 percent of standard output

be necessary to make a simple change or addition to produce greater operational productivity.

The allocation of funds for expensive machinery, elaborate jigs and tools should be reduced to a minimum, except in cases where the sales order covers such cost or the plant equipment has deteriorated to such an extent as to make purchase of the items mandatory.

On the other hand, simple devices made in the toolroom are frequently justified in terms of the savings they create and by the high rate of amortization.

Process Studies

The following example proves that it doesn't always take money to make savings in the direct-labor cost. A Brooklyn manufacturer of home radios was thinking of designing a new riveting machine to rivet five sockets to the chassis at one time, instead of riveting them separately. The scheme was originally promoted on the basis that when five were riveted at once the cost should be less than five times the cost of the single riveting operation.

Upon analysis it was revealed that the cost to rivet the five at once was more than five times the single riveting cost, in addition to the cost of constructing the jig and machine. The excessive cost was due to the delicate positioning required and the dropping out of some of the rivets in clamping the jig.

Statistically, the jig and machine did five sockets at the cost of doing seven individually. Methods analysis here produced a negative saving since it served to spot and

FIG. 2—Example of parts that can be assembled on feeder line before riveting socket to chassis

negate a cost-provoking device.

While on this project, management was questioned as to why they would want to place five sockets on the chassis at the same time, or why they had to assemble all of anything at the same time. They put on five sockets at the beginning of the line, then the variable capacitor assembly, dial bracket, i-f transformers and volume control. But when were these items actually needed in the assembly sequence? One was wired one-quarter of the way up the line. some half-way up, and others almost at the end of the line. Why weren't these parts assembled into the chassis at the point at which they were to be used?

The advantages are obvious: Under the conventional sequence, each person on the line was working with the chassis at its maximum weight, since wire, solder and small components hardly affect weight. However, by changing the sequence slightly to accommodate this new theory, the maximum weight was apparent only toward the end of the line. The handling of 1,000 such units per day, on a half-minute cycle, definitely makes the fatigue element important. By restudy and allocation of a lower fatigue allowance, the direct labor cost dropped 7 percent, at no cash disbursement.

A questioning attitude is a tool of methods improvement. Equally important is the ability to remain objective and open-minded in the light of what analysis reveals. Here is where many inquiring minds fail to function fully.

While many managements are objective and advanced in terms of a new piece of equipment, they sometimes miss the boat on ideas that threaten the security of their ivory towers of tradition. They cling to the concept of operation efficiency based purely on the experience factor: "We and the entire industry have done it this way for twenty years and have made money. Why should we change it now?"

Savings from Specialization

This same assembly-line project was continued further, effecting large direct-labor savings without any expenditure.

After relocation of mechanical operations on the receiver line under discussion, the degree of specialization present at each operation was analyzed. It was discovered that similar specialities such as wiring-in wires and components and soldering were widely scattered along the line, making the element of repetition important. It was reasoned that if a wireman had nothing to do but wire, just using long-nose pliers and diagonal cutters, and if a solderer did nothing but solder, a higher productivity would result due to the greater skills which could develop from constant repetition. Actually, however,

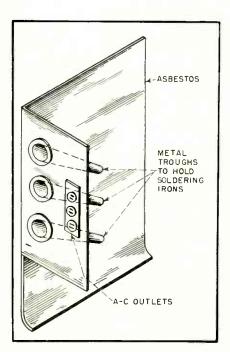


FIG. 3—Three-iron apron for a soldering position, allowing workers to change irons quickly when they cool during maximum production periods

Table I—Elements of an Effective Industrial Cost-Reduction Program

(A) Reducing Direct Labor and Direct Overhead Costs

1. By wage incentives that increase hourly productivity, thus reducing unit labor cost until standard is reached, and constantly reducing unit overhead cost proportionately as productivity increases.

2. By improving and redesigning existing manufacturing methods and processes, and by the use of more modern equipment.

(B) Reducing Factory Overhead Costs

1. By budgeted cost systems, and through incentives to foremen and supervisors, in order to maintain an economical ratio between department direct and indirect costs.

2. By control of indirect expenses through an analysis of cost of such items as repairs, scrap and reprocessed parts, and by replacement of cost-provoking equipment.

(C) Reducing Materials Cost

1. By installing statistical quality-control plans to minimize scrap, rejection and reprocessing losses.

2. By substituting less costly materials, fabricated differently.

(D) Reducing Plant Space and Process Costs

1. By proper plant layout to minimize manufacturing-cycle time and linear travel of all parts.

2. By proper scheduling to minimize floor space by reducing work-in-process, thereby releasing space.

3. By designing a flexible layout which is easily adaptable to changes in sales requirements and current consumer demands.

(E) Reducing Non-Operational Labor Costs

1. By making transportation or movement of parts machineperformed instead of man-performed, and handling materials by conveyors, trucks or bins.

2. By eliminating labor duplication through proper raw parts feeding to the line, and by using proper preparation techniques.

(F) Reducing Inventory Loss Costs

1. By proper stock control, purchasing and production control, keyed to sales forecasts and requirements.

2. By considering financial position of company in terms of working-capital ratios. Selected level of inventory should reflect capital position as well as current market and overall business conditions.

(G) Reducing Administrative Overhead Costs

1. By relating administrative labor to some yardstick in production such as units shipped or direct factory hours.

2. By designing entire organization to act as an accordion having the flexibility to expand and retrench in accordance with any given economic condition.

(H) Reducing Personnel Training Costs

1. By installing a personnel evaluation and selection plan. This includes aptitude and psychological testing for higher levels.

(1) Reducing Mortality Rate of Bids

1. By an accurate determination of all costs to allow consistent bidding. This eliminates bids which are overestimated for safety and those which try to make up for a guessed previous underbid.

(J) Reducing Engineering Costs

1. By complete and thorough liaison between all engineers and the production department for cost-conscious and cost-economic design.

2. By scheduling and planning individual engineering assignments and posting cumulative time to each job for control purposes.

3. By reducing quantity of equipment stocked and purchased by department, limiting purchases to necessary items.

(K) Reducing Selling Costs

1. By selecting salesmen on a scientific basis to ascertain their sales aptitudes.

2. By selective selling through determination of most profitable items and paying higher commissions for them, while restricting rewards on least profitable lines.

(L) Reducing Money Costs

1. By limiting, borrowing of working capital by a proper alignment among the elements of market potentials, sales forecasts, production budget and purchasing policies.

the wireman had to take a component not already in the set, such as a paper or mica capacitor or a resistor, and bend and cut its leads to size before wiring it into the set. Having other people prepare leads of parts in advance helped a great deal, but this was not the final answer.

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On the theory that wiremen should wire and solderers should solder, feeder lines were established near each major wiring position. On these lines, components were wired and soldered to loose sockets, as illustrated in Fig. 2. Then, instead of riveting an empty socket into the chassis, a socket assembly consisting of the socket with previously wired and soldered components was riveted.

Wiremen on the main line never put down their pliers. They did nothing but complete wiring connections within the set, never having to locate and fuss with outside component parts. In addition to cutting wiring costs, this procedure decreased over-all soldering time. Where formerly a joint consisting of five wire ends required two passes with the iron, at different stages in the sequence, it now required just one pass. Concern over parts falling out in transport had necessitated a first pass with the iron before.

All in all, feeder lines and specialization cut direct-labor costs another 28 percent. It worked in practice as well as in theory, even including the somewhat inflated time of the riveter because of the extra positioning element due to components hanging from the sockets he had to handle.

Soldering Iron Techniques

In another plant, solderers on incentive were working like wildfire, doing 800 joints per hour under iron were blamed. One remedy tried was to provide 200-watt irons. This did not help since the heavier iron contributed to fatigue and lowered productivity. Management in the plant felt the problem was insoluble. They were attempting to solve it in terms of what other radio manufacturers did, however, instead of opening their minds to possible new solutions.

After much wrangling, it was decided to let outside engineers use an unprejudiced and fresh approach to the problem. The result was the design of a soldering "apron" made of asbestos and sheet metal, mounted to the right and below each soldering operator. The apron consisted of three metal troughs to accommodate three irons, as shown in Fig. 3. The asbestos was used to prevent burning the operator's leg. On the front of each apron next to

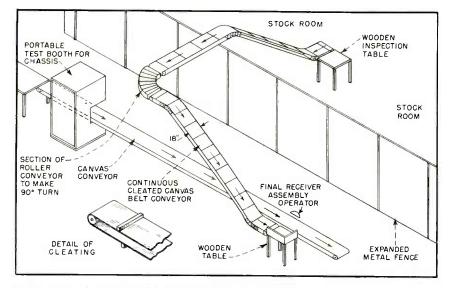


FIG. 4—Use of conveyor to speed moving of cabinets from stockroom to receiver production line

certain conditions, then dropping back severely due to "some trouble with the irons". The only trouble with the irons was that as the girls approached 800 joints per hour, more heat was pulled out of the iron than the heating element could replace. This insufficient heat melted the solder slowly, with a consequent decrease in the number of joints per hour.

The high production was always evident during the first hour or so in the morning, so that the operator's fatigue and the quality of the each trough were three plugs into which all three irons were plugged at all times. A soldering girl took one iron and used it until it was too cold, then replaced it in the trough and used another iron for awhile. Lighter irons were used, which minimized operator fatigue and lowered power consumption.

With three irons per girl, production increased and remained at a constant average of 900 joints per hour. The savings amortized the inexpensive soldering aprons in a matter of weeks, then gave to management a reducton of 63 percent in labor and unit overhead costs.

With the bottleneck eliminated that had previously prevented full productivity from operations following soldering, production per hour practically doubled.

Cabinet Bottlenecks

In the plant of a prominent manufacturer there was a huge pile-up of radio cabinets all over the final assembly area, occupying almost 400 square feet. A casual look could convince the most skeptical that something was wrong and could be improved, yet the foreman and others would trip over the mess every day with little or no reaction.

These cabinets were empty, being rejected from the line because of scratches, dents and other defects. The situation was costing this plant about \$7,000 a year because of plant space the rejects were occupying, additional time used by the final assembly operator to reject a cabinet, and full time of two stock hands carrying the cabinets back to the stockroom.

Starting with the last point first, any simple materials handling expedient such as a hand-lift truck could be used to return the rejects to the stockroom. While that would be some help, it wouldn't remedy the first two points.

The method finally adopted solved all three problems. It consisted of an overhead conveyor running from inside the stockroom over the fencing to the terminus of the assembly line. No plant space had to be provided or wasted for rejects, since inspection was made in the stockroom and only good cabinets were placed on the conveyor for delivery to the line. The final assembly-operator's time was completely devoted to his job and nothing else, which increased his continuity of work and consequently his productivity. The two stock hands were not needed.

The conveyor was a motor-driven cleated-belt type which paced the main assembly line by delivering a good cabinet to the final position at the same time that a completed chassis arrived there. The conveyor and its relation to the rest of the assembly floor are shown in Fig. 4. The cost of the entire installation was amortized within four months.

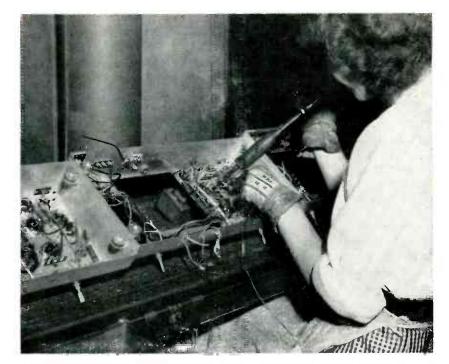
Trolley Ducts Give Flexibility

In this same project a new plant had to be laid out. The items to be manufactured were the usual table model a-c/d-c radios and larger a-m, f-m and television sets. Before proceeding, it was agreed that the layout should be as flexible as possible to permit inexpensive changes in set-up wherever style, design or sales trends demanded.

At the time of this layout, small sets were at the height of their demand. This management decided to make 1,000 five-tube sets per day and 500 seven-tube sets daily. However, they realized that this ratio could be changed overnight. Flexibility and minimum investment in fixed items were therefore paramount.

The largest items of expense in this plant were the lighting and electrical installation. Fixed lighting was undesirable since it limited the location of assembly lines to the fixed lights. Fixed electrical installations, such as overhead or underfloor conduit, also limited flexibility of assembly.

The most practical solution was the use of trolley-duct electrical installation throughout for both lighting and power. This type of duct is shown in Fig. 5. It was installed in parallel lines 10 feet apart over the entire assembly floor, so that industrial fluorescent fixtures could either be hung on a duct parallel and below it, or at right angles between two ducts. In that way, every inch of the 16,000-sq-ft assembly area received an average illumination of 45 foot-candles.



Avoiding assembly operations at soldering positions is one example of specialization that cuts costs

The cost of the trolley-duct installation was one-third that of a permanent installation. The end cost was even less, for when the manufacturer left this plant after realizing his market potential, he took the trolley system out with him and sold it for a large percentage of the original cost.

Portable Test Booths

For flexibility, in receiver production lines, each r-f and i-f alignment booth should be movable, should permit a belt conveyor to run through, and should be small enough so other lines can be set up parallel to it. Technical requirements were double copper-mesh shielding plus room for a signal generator and output meter. An inexpensive portable test booth design meeting these requirements is shown in Fig. 6. It was built on a single-faced wooden pallet which makes it easy to move by hand lift truck. Side openings admit the belt conveyor which runs through the booth. In use, the operator takes a chassis off the conveyor and places it on the small shelf before him for alignment, then returns the chassis to the conveyor.

Instead of equipping each booth with individual signal generators, a master signal-generating source fed to strategic points throughout the plant could be used. Coaxial cable tapped by T coax connectors would provide ready plug-in points for booths. The same cable could be used for carrying more than one

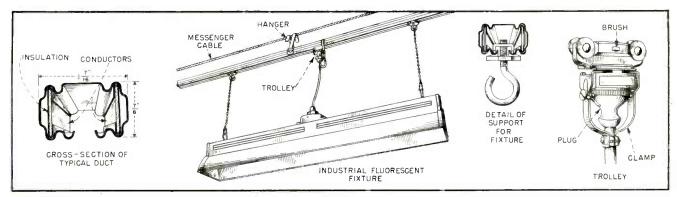


FIG. 5—Details of trolley-duct wiring system used in receiver-assembly department to give complete flexibility for any required rearrangement of production lines

signal at a time, by proper filtering. With i-f signals of 455 kc and 10.7 mc, filtering would not be mandatory at the booth, since the Q of both circuits and the harmonic attenuation of the 455-kc signal would be sufficient to prevent difficulties. In very large plants where many people would be using the same frequency at the same time, r-f equalization of the line would be needed at all the used frequencies to prevent interaction due to lowered line impedance.

Chassis Cradle

Some method of easily moving a chassis from one position to the next on the line is highly desirable in receiver assembly. Push-along methods generally involve too much friction, since up to five chassis units are usually found between operators to cushion against waiting for work or being overburdened.

A solution is found in the bench and chassis cradle design of Fig. 7, where the cradle rides on an angleiron rail. The cradle is constructed from sheet metal. By a simple stud and spring arrangement the chassis can be rotated and indexed at any position for maximum accessibility. Four wheels on the cradle are roller or ball bearing. At the rear of each cradle is a lever which is gravity operated and which automatically engages in a notch at each operating position. When an operator finishes a certain set she depresses the lever, disengaging the cradle from the stop, and rolls the cradle toward the next operator.

The cost of the cradle was about \$4.00. At the operation prior to the insertion of the tubes for heater test, a cradle-return system provides for return of empty cradles to the starting point, while the completed chassis is placed on a belt conveyor which goes through the portable test booth and on to the end of the line.

Besides savings in fatigue, operational time was considerably reduced, which increased productivity. The cost of the cradle system was amortized in about two months. Direct labor savings amounted to 43 percent of an already lowered total cost.

For larger sets the cradle was made larger, but the rails on which the cradle traveled were the same. This made the workbenches highly flexible and standardized at the same time.

The soldering iron apron and the rail are easily moved by loosening a

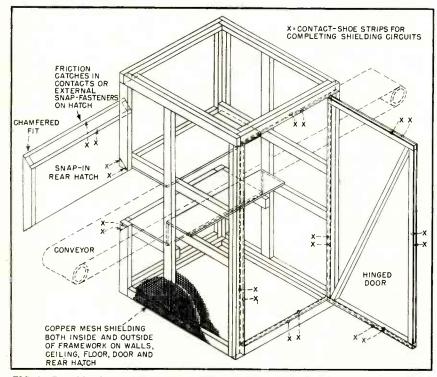


FIG. 6—Portable shielded test-booth for chassis conveyor. It can be moved to any production line in a few minutes with a hand-lift truck

few screws, when benches are moved to other positions.

Custom Building

One unending discussion in radio and television assembly plants concerns custom building larger sets versus specialization and breakdown of operations. Those in favor of custom building claim better technical accuracy as regards such things as critical lead dress, plus the advantage of being able to fix responsibility, which may yield fewer rejects. Advocates of specialization claim increased productivity because of the higher skills acquired on repetitive jobs.

There are elements of validity in both arguments. It is possible to combine the advantages of both methods by preparing and cabling a large group of wires beforehand, using a wooden jig with nails as pegs. The cabling operation is done on a feeder line by operators who develop great skills in this operation. A large set may have two or three cable assemblies. Only noncritical leads are selected for cabling. In a plant making 12 and 15-tube sets, cabling doubled custom productivity. Including the cost of external cabling, direct labor was cut 40 percent.

Telescoping Stud Jig

In a plant manufacturing intercommunicating equipment, considerable direct labor was being used in testing the completed units, especially in the switching circuits from the master station to each call position. The wiring at the multi-connection terminal strip in the rear of the unit had to correspond with the station markings on the front of the master station and had to work at each station.

The method of testing was to connect 42 spade lugs to each of the 42 terminals by unscrewing each and then tightening each connection and feeding it into a mock-up for visual check of output at each position. In connecting the spade lugs, care had to be exercised to prevent the lugs from touching and shorting out a circuit. It took about 15 minutes to test each unit, and that operation became the bottleneck of the plant.

A new method solved the prob-

lem. A jig containing 42 spring telescoping studs, simulating the same mechanical layout of the terminal strip, was built. The terminal strip of the unit was placed in this jig and clamped so that each of the studs made contact with each of the terminal screws on the strip. The springs compensated for screws which were not screwed all in.

The studs were connected to an external selector switch that fed each station in turn into the master unit. The station's dynamic speaker, used as a microphone, was placed in front of the master station speaker, and the external selector switch was rotated through each of the individual station positions. If the wiring was OK, acoustic feedback was heard at each position. This insured communication from individual stations back to the master. To insure communication from the master station to each of the individual stations, the master station speaker was switched to use as a microphone, and the selector switch was rotated back through each of the positions. If the same feedback was heard, the entire system was functioning.

The entire new procedure took approximately one minute.

Quantity Amortization

In making small metal parts for electronic devices, methods-conscious managements often look for the most modern and fastest methods of fabrication without duly considering their real cost in terms of quantity amortization.

In making small flat chassis pieces and brackets, most progressive factories think of stamping dies and neglect simpler, less expensive methods on the basis that they are old-fashioned. For smallrun production, the lower labor cost induced by the dies, for example, may still not be truly representative of the end cost, since it takes a certain minimum amount of production to pay for the die. If there is no possibility of reaching this minimum, which is high for dies, then management had better use a cheaper first-cost tool, even though it means higher direct-labor cost.

In other words, management should not use direct labor cost as

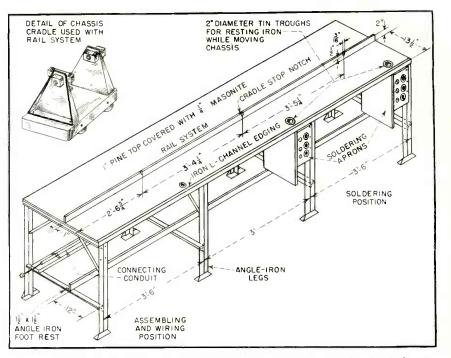


FIG. 7—Design of standard workbench for receiver assembly, and details of chassis cradle that rolls along bench guided by rail in center. Back of bench is used for storage of parts and for preparatory operations like cutting and bending wires

the sole criterion. Before a new piece of equipment is purchased, a comparison of both methods should be made by plotting the information on a break-even chart to show the amortizing quantity required for the proposed new machine or process. The data to make such a chart is taken from a tabulation like the following:

SAV	VING VS. STAMPING Cost per M		Pro- posed Method	
(2)	Labor Power	.08	\$.94 .19	
• •	Maintenance and re- pairs		.41	
• •	General plant ex-	.04	.07	
(6)	General overhead Supervision	.03	.12	
	Scrap cost Cost of new equip- ment	.42	.02 3,500.00	
	Total cost, first 1,000 pieces	\$4.68	\$3,501.77	

Where this sort of tabulation is not made, the decision to buy generally hinges on the labor item, which here is clearly favorable for the proposed method. But the cost for the first 1,000 pieces is out of line for the new method, if 1,000 is the total expected production. From a break-even chart it can be seen that the new equipment is feasible only when the expected production exceeds 1,202,700 pieces.

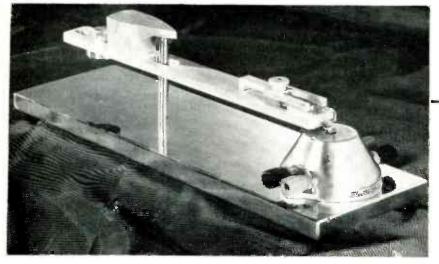
If management uses or will use up pieces at the rate of 100,000 per year, then the proposed method will pay for itself in 12 years. This may be a poor financial policy since it ties up working capital for a long period. Therefore, another factor should be used in evaluating a new proposal—the loss to the firm from a lowered working capital. This can be done by estimating interest charges on loans which ordinarily might not be required.

Capital equipment changes cannot be decided unilaterally. The sales department must be involved for market and sales forecasts. The financial functions must state and fix financial policies, and the operating departments must evaluate direct savings.

In this same situation, even if the past and expected production was better than one million pieces per year, making the amortization period one year instead of twelve, the capital and operating characteristics of the company may veto the proposal. If a company is undercapitalized any large expenditure jeopardizes the meeting of weekly payrolls and immediate material purchases.

The only answer to this problem and all the others brought up in this article is the ability to remain objective, to think and to have an open mind.

Compliance Meter



Compliance meter with a universal tone arm

CINCE THE ADVENT of the one-D mil stylus, and the low needle force required to prevent excessive wear on stylus point and record groove, it has been necessary to design pickups with greater compliance than was heretofore necessary. There have been several types of compliance meters¹ and mechanical impedance bridges² used which have been very useful for determining the value of the compliance of a phonograph pickup. Some of the instruments used in the past, however, have been strictly laboratory instruments and involve time-consuming labor to make a measurement or to calculate the compliance.

The compliance meter illustrated is simple to construct and easy to use. The compliance in centimeters per dyne may be read directly from a specially calibrated vacuum-tube voltmeter by merely placing the stylus of the pickup on the vibrating element.

The effective mass of a tone arm may also be determined from the data obtained.

The vibrating system of the compliance meter is composed of a cantilever reed which serves as the armature of a magnetic driving system. A piezoelectric ceramic slab is cemented to this reed in such a manner that a voltage is developed which is proportional to the displacement of the reed. Machined into the top of the reed are V slots to facilitate the application of the stylus point to the reed. A schematic drawing of the vibrating system is shown in Fig. 1.

When an alternating force is applied to the reed by sending a current through the driving coil, the reed will vibrate with a velocity of

$$= f/Z_m$$
 (1)

where v is the velocity in centimeters per second, f the force in dynes and Z_m the mechanical impedance in mechanical ohms.

The mechanical circuit of such a system is simply a series circuit composed of the mass M of the reed, the compliance C_R of the reed, and the mechanical resistance R of the reed, as shown in Fig. 2. The force required to overcome the reactance of the compliance is f_c .

When a lateral stiffness load such as the stylus of a phonograph pickup is applied to the reed as shown in Fig. 1, the stiffness at the stylus point will be added to the stiffness of the reed, and the reed will vibrate with a different amplitude due to the added stiffness of the stylus. The mechanical circuit of the system is shown in Fig. 3. The resistance of the system is neglected as it is quite small.

When the system is vibrating with no load applied, the compliance to be measured, C_x , is shorted in the circuit diagram. When the load is applied the short is removed from C_x . From the mechanical circuit under no load conditions By A. M. WIGGINS Engineering Director Electro-Voice Inc. Buchanan, Michigan

$$f_c = \frac{f \frac{1}{j\omega CR}}{j\omega M + \frac{1}{j\omega C_R}}$$
(2)

where f_c is the force required to overcome the stiffness of the reed under no-load conditions, C_R is the compliance of the reed, M is the equivalent mass of the reed, and ω $= 2\pi f$ (where f is the frequency). Under loaded conditions

$$f_e' = \frac{f \frac{1}{j\omega CR}}{j\omega M + \frac{1}{j\omega C_P} + \frac{1}{j\omega C_P}}$$
(3)

where f_c' is the force required to overcome the stiffness of the reed under loaded conditions. Combining these two equations,

$$\frac{1}{j\omega C_{x}} = \left[j\omega M + \frac{1}{j\omega C_{R}} \right] \frac{f_{o} - f'_{o}}{f'_{o}}$$
(4)

$$C_x = \frac{f'_e}{f_e - f'_e} \left[\frac{C_R}{1 - \omega^2 MC} \right]$$
(5)

For frequencies well below the resonant frequency

$$1 >> \omega^2 MC \tag{6}$$

and the equation reduces to

$$C_x = \frac{f'_c C_R}{f_c - f'_c} \tag{7}$$

The ceramic generates a voltage proportional to the displacement, and the displacement is proportional to f_o and f'_o

$$e_0 \propto f_c \text{ and } e_L \propto f'_c$$
 (8)

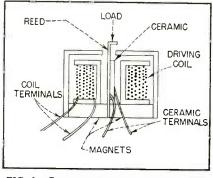


FIG. 1—Components of the vibrating system

For Pickups

Stylus point is placed on a vibrating reed on which is cemented a piezoelectric ceramic slab whose output voltage is indicated on a vacuum-tube voltmeter that may be calibrated in centimeters per dyne of compliance

where e_o is the voltage generated under no-load conditions and e_L is the voltage generated under loaded conditions. The unknown compliance C_x may now be written as

$$C_x = -\frac{e_L C_R}{e_0 - e_L} \tag{9}$$

The compliance C_R of the reed may be determined by applying a known compliance such as a cantilever reed as a load. The compliance of a cantilever reed may be calculated by

$$C = \frac{4 L^3}{E_b c^3}$$
(10)

where C is the compliance in centimeters per dyne, L is the length in centimeters, b is the width in centimeters, c is the thickness in centimeters, and E is the modulus. The compliance C_R of the reed can now be determined by

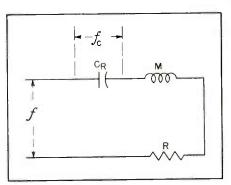
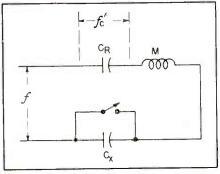


FIG. 2-Mechanical circuit of the vibrating system



the FIG. 3—Stiffness load added to mechanical circuit

$$C_R = C \left[\frac{e_0 - e_L}{e_L} \right] \tag{11}$$

To measure compliance, the driving coil of the compliance meter is connected to an oscillator. The measurement should be made at a frequency above the tone arm resonance of the pickup and well below the resonance of the vibrating reed of the compliance meter.

The terminals of the piezoelectric ceramic are connected across a vacuum-tube voltmeter of at least 0.5-megohm input impedance. The output of the oscillator may be set so that the vacuum-tube voltmeter reads full scale when no load is applied.

When a stiffness load is applied the meter will read less than full scale by an amount depending on the ratio of the stiffness of the load to the stiffness of the reed. Bv the use of Eq. 9 the meter may be calibrated in centimeters per dyne.

When a measurement is desired at a frequency above about one third the resonant frequency of the reed, the mass of the reed must be considered and Eq. 5 used. A measurement should never be made at a frequency within 100 cycles of the resonance of the reed, as the resistance of the system would then have to be considered.

The effective mass of a tone arm

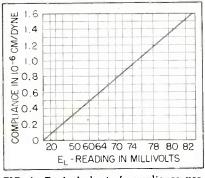


FIG. 4—Typical chart of compliance versus loaded voltage

may be determined by placing the tone arm on the vibrating system so that the point of contact is at the same position as the stylus would be and measuring the resonant frequency of the system by observing the voltage maximum on the meter. The effective mass of the tone arm may then be calculated from

$$M = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 \int_0^2 C_R}$$
(12)

where M is the effective mass of the tone arm and f_{\circ} is the resonant frequency of the system.

Care should be taken that the vibrating reed is parallel to the axis of the pickup cartridge when a measurement is made. The reed should not be driven at a displacement high enough to produce rattles or too great nonlinear distortion.

The tone arm should be quite rigid and massive enough to have a low tone arm resonance with the lowest-compliance cartridge to be measured.

In the compliance meter illustrated the resonance of the reed was 800 cycles per second with a compliance of 0.32×10^{-6} centimeter per dyne. The no-load voltage output of the ceramic slab is set at 0.1 volt without producing appreciable nonlinear distortion.

A chart of compliance versus the loaded voltage output of the ceramic slab, when the no-load voltage is set at 0.1 volt, is shown in Fig. 4. For rapid measurements, the calibration of a vacuum-tube voltmeter to read in centimeters per dyne with a full-scale setting of the no-load voltage is recommended over the use of a chart.

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Properties of

CONDUCTIVE PLASTICS

New conductive materials can be molded like ordinary plastics yet have electrical resistivities approaching that of mercury. Many can be soldered or electroplated directly. Promising applications include shielding, molded circuits, resistors and commutators

A^N INCREASING NUMBER of engineering problems require for their solution structural assemblies having selected properties of both metals and plastics.

Efforts to secure desired combinations of metallic and plastic properties usually depend upon such methods as incorporating metal inserts in plastic bodies at the time of molding, coating formed metal parts with plastic insulator materials and metal-cladding molded plastic objects. The most exten-

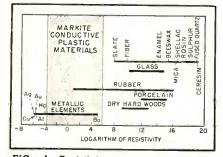


FIG. 1—Resistivity spectrum, showing range covered by new conductive plastic materials

sively employed method of metallizing plastics is electroplating. However, since all ordinary plastics are good insulators, it is necessary to first render the surface conductive in order that plating can take place. This is accomplished by such means as applying a conductive undercoat such as a silver mirror deposit, graphite-wax layers or conductive bronzing lacquers.

For many purposes, the above procedures are partially or wholly unsatisfactory. Thus, metal-toplastic bonds may be subject to severe stresses and may fail at extremes of temperature due to the great disparity in thermal expansion coefficients of the two materials. Similarly, the use of a conductive undercoat as a base for metal plating introduces other processing operations with attendant expenses and sources of rejects; deep recesses and isolated flat areas involve special difficulties. Electrically conductive materials

which can be molded like ordinary plastics and can be directly plated offer a solution to many of these problems. Quite apart from serving as a base for electroplating, the materials have other useful and unique applications as engineering materials. Thermosetting, thermoplastic and elastomeric variants have been produced, many of which exhibit enhanced thermal conductivity and heat stability.

As indicated in Fig. 1, Markite conductive plastics have been prepared which encompass a fairly extensive range of resistivity values. Appearances vary from dark, opaque, semimetallic-looking materials to completely transparent ones. Most of these materials may be classified as organic plastics and seem to depend chiefly on high polymeric carbon-carbon chains and networks for their plastic structure.

Current costs are of the order of several dollars per pound. Since the molding operations are normally

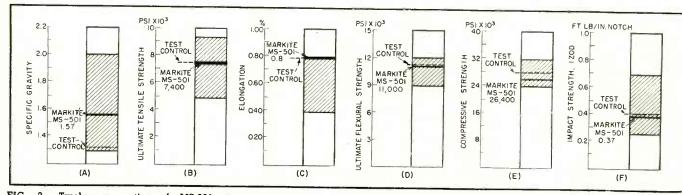
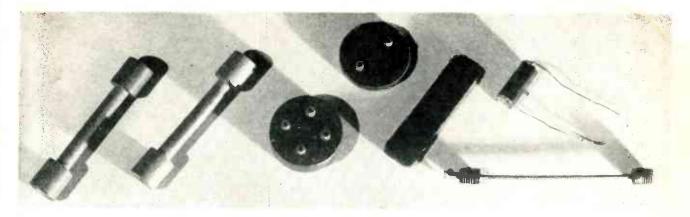


FIG. 2 — Twelve properties of MS-501, a representative conductive plastic material, shown in relation to corresponding properties of general-purpose phenolics (shaded areas). Speci-

mens of one typical general-purpose phenolic were used as test controls. In general, conductive properties are obtained in the new materials with no sacrifice of other desirable prop-



Samples of typical thermosetting, thermoplastic and elastomeric conductive plastics. Rods at left have less than 1 ohm resistance between ends. Leads are soldered directly to ends of resistor section at right. Disc sample with four terminals was used to check homogeneity of material, by measuring resistance between various pairs of terminals in turn

not conventional and special precautions must be observed, present arrangements are designed to furnish parts molded to the user's specifications rather than molding powders.

More detailed properties of a representative conductive plastic are indicated in the bar graphs of Fig. 2, which also provide a reference comparison with the familiar general-purpose phenolics. In order to have a more specific yardstick and a cross-check on the test methods, specimens of a single typical general-purpose phenolic were included as test controls. Control samples were molded, stored and tested under the same conditions as the conductive plastic samples.

Mechanical Properties

Test observations and comparisons with respect to specific gravity, ultimate tensile strength, elongation, tensile modulus of elasticity, ultimate flexural strength, compres-

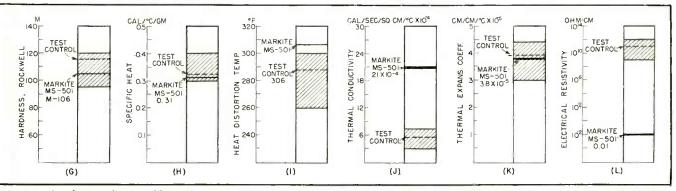
sive strength, impact strength and hardness show that the new conductive material behaves like the reference phenolics with respect to all of the general and mechanical properties examined, as indicated in Fig. 2A, B, C, D, E, F and G. Accelerated weathering tests showed substantially the same weathering resistance as the general-purpose phenolic control, with both exhibiting little or no deterioration of these mechanical properties under the conditions of test. Incidentally, in most applications involving use as an electrical conductor, insulator coatings or envelopes would probably be employed for electrical purposes; bare specimens were employed in the above tests without benefit of such supplemental protection.

Thermal Properties

The specific heat (Fig. 2H) falls in the range of the typical plastic materials. The heat distortion temperature (Fig. 2I) is distinctly on the high side of the generalpurpose range. Irrespective of the electrical properties, a high heat distortion temperature is definitely advantageous when a molded part is to serve as a structural member at elevated temperature.

The enhanced heat distortion resistance may be at least in part a result of the comparatively high thermal conductivity, shown in Fig. 2J as being approximately four times that of the average generalpurpose phenolic. High thermal conductivity favors more even curing of large masses.

Many applications require composite structures made up of insulators and conductors. Conductive metallic inserts mounted in nonconductive plastic masses are extensively used in the electrical industries. Difficulties often arise due to the differences in thermal expansion coefficients; thus, generalpurpose phenolics have coefficients



erties of ordinary plastics. Material MS-501 is thermosetting, black in color, and can be fabricated by compression molding, machining and grinding. Water absorption (gain) is 0.55 per-

cent; moisture vapor transmission is 44 g/103 sq in./24 hr/mil; flexural modulus of elasticity is 11 x 10⁻⁵ psi; tensile modulus of elasticity is 13 x 10⁻⁵ psi of the order of 2.5 times that of copper. These difficulties are naturally accentuated at extreme temperatures and may result in loose-fitting parts or splitting and deformation on shrinkage.

The thermal expansion coefficient (Fig. 2K) of the conductive plastic is squarely in the range of the general-purpose materials, permitting the combining of the two particular plastic materials (which happen to be comoldable) without shrinkage difficulties. The thermal expansion of both materials is the same over a temperature range extending from below -50 to 80 C (-60 to 180 F). Comoldings of both materials exhibit good integral bonding characteristics.

Electrical Properties

Conductivity (Fig. 2L) is of the order of a trillion times that of the reference general-purpose plastics, and definitely in the range of the substantial electrical conductors. However, low resistivity is in itself of little value for most electrical applications unless reasonable predictability and reproducibility of behavior with respect to the chief operating variables can be expected. Important variables include temperature, current density, duration of loading and frequency.

The resistivity increases in a simple and essentially linear manner with increasing temperature as indicated in Fig. 3. The temperature coefficient of resistivity of approximately + 0.2 percent per degree C is, for many purposes, desirably low. The value is roughly one half that of the most familiar conductor materials—copper, silver and aluminum.

The effect of current density on resistivity is indicated in Fig. 4. For current densities up to about 16 amp/cm^2 , the resistivity is independent of the current density and the material follows the simple Ohm's Law relation. In the neighborhood of 30 amp/cm^2 destructive pyrolysis appears to take place. At lower current densities the behavior is reversible and resistivity values check on repeated testing cycles. The increase of resistivity in the 10-30 amp/cm^2 band is primarily a temperature effect.

At moderate and low current

densities, the resistivity is stable and apparently exhibits no tendency to drift or vary significantly after an appreciable number of hours of continuous loading.

For the range from d-c to 40 mc, resistivity appears to be independent of frequency.

A number of these conductive plastics are compatible with each other and can also be blended with certain conventional insulator plastics to yield materials of intermediate resistivities. Predictable and reproducible variations can also be secured, within limits, by the incorporation of different fillers and plasticizers and modifications of the processing methods. It is thus possible to produce plastics of preassigned resistivities over a substantially continuous range of values. The extent of this range has been indicated in Fig. 1.

Future Possibilities

Roughly summarized, it is feasible to design materials having any desired resistivity from approximately one megohm-cm to less than one milliohm-cm. There is evidence that the range may be extended upward to at least 1,000,000 megohms and probably may be extended downward to values approaching 10 microhms. The present conductive plastic materials have resistivities which span the range of the moderate and semiconducting metals and the high-conductivity rubbers. This range includes all of the common aqueous solutions of electrolytes such as acids, bases and salts. The present band is approximately bracketed between multiply-distilled water and mercury,

Resistivity values for a number of specific conductive materials are given in Fig. 5. Of those listed, MP-401-8, MP-401-11, E-473 and M-485 are thermoplastic; the others are thermosetting. Lower-resistivity thermosetting and higher-resistivity thermoplastic materials have also been produced.

A unique member of the series is E-473, which has distinct rubberlike properties. Strips of this elastomeric material have been reversibly bent and twisted through arcs of more than 180 degrees without undergoing major changes in conductivity during or subsequent to deformation. This material has over 1,000 times the conductivity of the highly conductive rubbers.

Applications

In many applications, such as devices intended for aircraft use, a special premium is placed on low total weight. Similarly, low density is often desired of parts which are to be rotated at high speeds in order to minimize centrifugal stresses. The favorable conductivity-weight ratios of a number of conductive plastics commend them for such purposes. The strength-weight ratios also compare favorably with those of the metals.

The wide range of resistivities available and the desirable loading and temperature characteristics naturally suggest the use of these materials as resistors. There appears to be a serious need for relatively inexpensive low ohmic value (0.5-0.01) resistors suitable for a frequency range in the neighborhood of 100 mc. The present materials are promising for such purposes.

For a given material, a wide range of resistances may be secured by merely varying the path length and cross-section. It is intrinsically just as easy to mold a tapered resistor or the key member of a tangent potentiometer as it is to mold a plain uniform linear resistor. Cooling fins can be molded integrally.

Many devices such as certain wave guide auxiliaries, attenuators and pads require high surface conductivity; the conductivity of the interior structural material may not



Sample of true elastomeric conductive plastic, being twisted

be as important. Often, intricate shapes are involved which demand elaborate machining and close tolerances. Conductive plastic parts precisely molded and directly plated with silver are inherently promising for such applications.

Protective devices which depend upon destructive action of predetermined overload currents may be directly molded.

There is evidence that wide but controllable variations of resistivity with temperature may be designed into these conductive plastic materials.

Irrespective of electrical functions, it is often desirable to have parts which can be fabricated with the ease and speed of ordinary plastics but which possess higher heat distortion temperatures and greater flame resistances. Several of these conductive plastics are superior in these respects, partly because of their relatively higher thermal conductivities.

Static electricity is a frequent source of annoyance. In the handling of explosives and in surgical procedures involving the use of anaesthetics, it has been a cause of many recorded deaths. Storage containers, casters, handles, funnels and laboratory appliances, in general, molded from conductive plastic materials will not build up undesirable static charges.

Cabinets, instrument cases and related members may be simultaneously furnished with shielding properties at the time that they are being molded on a mass-production basis. In addition, the enhanced thermal conductivity will tend to minimize overheating effects.

Molded Circuits

By comolding compatible conductive and ordinary plastics of matched temperature coefficients, composite assemblies may be fabricated in which the joints and interfaces are liquid-tight and gas-tight and will remain so over a wide temperature range.

Two and three-dimensional electric circuits can also be molded. Instead of requiring a panel on which to mount wires and terminal equipment (or to print a circuit with conductive ink) the wiring itself may be molded, threaded, tapped

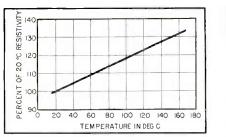


FIG. 5—Effect of temperature on resistivity of type MS-501 conductive plastic

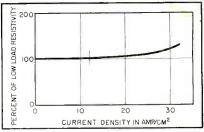


FIG. 4—Effect of current density on resistivity of MS-501 conductive plastic

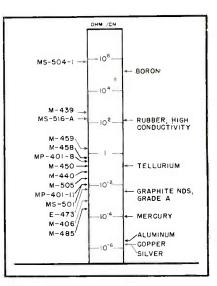
and heat-bonded to provide a compact and adequate support for tubes, capacitors and other parts. Soldered connections and awkward lead wires may often be reduced in number or eliminated completely. Certain conductive plastics may be soldered to directly.

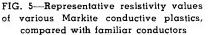
Such molded circuits may be used by themselves or in cooperation with printed and other circuits. In common with printed circuits, they would possess the inherent advantages of mass-producibility and lend themselves to uniform and comparatively foolproof manufacture since the correctness of most connections would be fixed by the master dies. Stocks of many miscellaneous parts and supplies would be replaced by a few molding powders and corresponding molded sections.

Three-dimensional configurations will permit the utilization of corners and other irregular, inconvenient and frequently wasted regions, thus further favoring miniaturization of equipment and allowing more space for other items such as batteries.

Plastic commutators are special examples of molded three-dimensional circuits. Apart from simplified fabricating procedures, possible advantages include the natural tendency for matched plastic conductors and plastic insulators to wear down together more uniformly. By similar matching of thermal expansion coefficients, close relative dimensional tolerances may be preserved over a wide temperature range.

Elements may be made to develop heat by both ordinary resistance and induction effects. Rubber-like as well as rigid types may be fabricated to form jackets, panels and immersion units. Complex curved





shapes which will conform to preassigned contours may be built up in sections and often as a single unit.

It is implied in the above examples that no one type or grade of conductive plastic can be expected to serve all purposes efficiently. However, there is a fair chance of satisfying almost any reasonable specification.

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VHF Dummy Antennas

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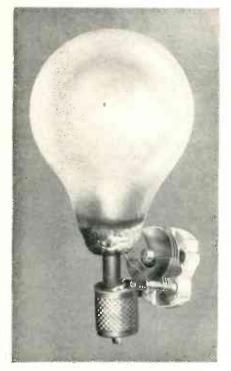


FIG. 1-Low-power dummy antenna consists of a debased 32-volt bulb and a variable capacitor

HE INCREASING NUMBER of vhf stations has accented the need for revision of test techniques and equipment designed for operation on the lower frequencies.

At 100 megacycles, a load used as a dummy antenna on the low frequencies may have a reactance several times its d-c resistance, with consequent introduction of a high standing-wave ratio. Standingwave ratios which do not exceed a ratio of 1:1.5 are generally considered acceptable in the industry and the three dummy antennas illustrated meet this requirement,

The 25-watt unit shown in Fig. 1 handles 25 watts up to 160 mc with a standing-wave ratio under 1:1.3 when properly adjusted.

The 1,000-watt unit, Fig. 2, handles slightly over 1,000 watts at any frequency in the f-m broadcast band with a standing-wave ratio which does not exceed 1:1.3 after the initial adjustment. With reasonable care in building and adjustment it may be adjusted to give a standing-wave ratio under 1:1.1 at any given frequency in the f-m band.

The 5,000-watt unit is illustrated in Fig. 3. It presents a nonreactive resistive load well beyond 160 mc. Standing-wave ratios under 1:1.1 will be obtained up to 160 mc without any kind of adjustment. This is a marked advantage in laboratory applications and in factories for testing high-power transmitters.

Each of the dummy loads described has been used by the final test engineers in our f-m depart-For 10-watt f-m campus ment. transmitters and communications transmitters, the 25-watt load has proven popular, due largely to compactness and ease in connecting to the transmitter under test.

25-Watt Load

The only parts required for construction of the 25-watt dummy load are a 25-watt, 32-volt light bulb, an Amphenol type 83-1SP plug, and a Hammarlund type APC25, 25- $\mu\mu$ f The 32-volt light bulb capacitor. is of the popular rural-lightingsystem type and is readily available from electrical supply houses in most localities.

The base of the bulb must be removed. A hacksaw, a soldering iron and a pair of diagonal cutters will do the job nicely without breaking off the two wires. One side of the bulb is soldered directly to the center conductor of the plug. The capacitor is soldered in series with the plug shell and the remaining bulb wire. The rotor connection of the capacitor should connect to the shell. The 25-watt dummy load shown in Fig. 1 has a one-inch length of polyethylene dielectric pushed over the center lead to make the bulb self-supporting. The polyethylene was obtained from a piece of RG8/U coaxial cable.

1,000-Watt Load

The 1,000-watt dummy load has been of real value in field-engineering use and should prove popular because of its portability to stations that experience difficulty in the transmission system from the transmitter up to and including the antenna. When excessive standingwave ratios are experienced in the transmission-line system, the transmission line may be pulled apart and terminated with the dummy, thus isolating the difficulty to the antenna, isolating unit, or section of coax causing the difficulty.

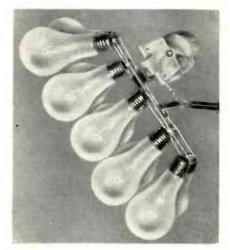


FIG. 2-Ten 100-watt bulbs and a variable capacitor form the 1,000-watt load

While the dissipation or powerhandling capabilities of this particular dummy load is limited to a little over 1,000 watts, this does not limit its uses to stations of 1,000 watts or less. Most 3-kw f-m transmitters can be reduced in power to a kilowatt by means of transformer taps for the isolation procedure.

To make the 1,000 watt dummy load, ten 100-watt, 120-volt Sylvania light bulbs are connected in parallel by means of three twelve-inch lengths of No. 8 or No. 10 tinned

Three dummy loads for transmitter powers ranging from 25 to 5,000 watts and frequencies up to 160 megacycles are easily constructed. Voltage standing wave ratios are well under 1:1.5 for all types described

copper bus wire. The bulb shells are all soldered to the middle length, with five on each side. The second length of bus is laid across the bulb center-contact point of one row of bulbs and soldered, joining the five bulbs together. The remaining length of bus is laid across the center contacts of the other row of bulbs and likewise soldered.

The two outer rows of bus are joined by a short length of copper strap at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide. This copper strap serves as the connection point for the inner conductor of the coax. A Cardwell variable capacitor is connected, by means of a copper strap, in series with the shells of the bulbs and the outer conductor of the coax. It is paramount that connections be kept short.

The 1,000-watt dummy shown in Fig. 2 has a ten-foot length of RG8/U coax with various adapters attached to assist in connecting to different types of fittings.

5,000-Watt Load

The materials for the 5,000-watt anit are an IRC type LP 51.5-ohm dummy resistor unit and a short length (approximately 14 inches) of 3½-inch coaxial cable with end flange attached. Cooling is done by a filtered water flow of five gallons per minute. A rubber hose for carrying the water and the necessary hose fittings and clamps for attaching it to the dummy and the water supply are also required as shown in Fig. 3.

The type LP resistor slides down into the $3\frac{1}{3}$ -inch coax with the flange fingers gripping the outer conductor. The lower end of the resistance element is attached to the inner conductor of the coax by means of a 10-32 screw.

The hose carrying the incoming filtered water is connected to the resistor fitting marked INLET. The outgoing heated water is carried off by an additional length of hose to the plumbing drainage system. A fine-screen wire filter unit may be obtained from a plumbing supply house for insertion in the intake line. The filter prevents abrasive material, practically always present in water mains, from wearing away the thin carbon film constituting the resistive element. Cost of the element is around \$70 and the completed dummy should be under \$100.

This type dummy load may be increased to 10 kw by using a 3inch T plumbing fitting and paralleling two 103-ohm type LP units.

Bulb Loads

It would appear that the number of bulbs could be reduced by using bulbs of greater wattage but this has not been found practical. The larger-wattage bulbs develop hot spots on the filament, destroying it before it can be brought up to brilliance. Also, a type of fluorescence occurs, often accompanied by internal arcing.



FIG. 3—Complete 5,000-watt dummy antenna is shown at left. The resistive element is at right

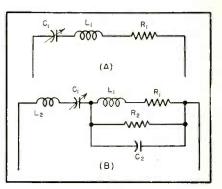


FIG. 4—Basic representation of R, L and C is shown at A. Complexities created by bulb shell and mount are shown at B

The d-c resistance of the bulbs when paralleled and operating at full brilliance figures out to be 14.4 ohms. This is far from the 51.5 ohms desired. Apparently the actual resistance is raised to 51.5 ohms at vhf due to the predominance of skin effect.

Figure 4A is an over-simplified schematic representation of the complex inductance, capacitance and resistance present in bulb-type dummy loads. Resistance R_1 represents the 51.5-ohm resistance in which we are primarily interested; L_1 represents the series inductance due to the filament structure and length; C_1 is the external capacitance added to series-resonate L_1 to the operating frequency and make the load appear purely resistive.

In practice, the complex reactances are more nearly represented by Fig. 4B. Capacitance C_2 represents the shell and lead capacitance in the base of the bulb; R_2 represents the insulating material used in the base of the bulb as well as the losses of the glass filament-supporting structure due to the high lead content used in the glass; L_2 represents the inherent inductance present in even the short external lead lengths used as connections as well as unavoidable inductance present in the capacitor construction.

Anastigmatic Yoke

Loss of picture detail in the corners of large tubes is caused primarily by spot or deflection refocusing and can be corrected by means of a deflection yoke that provides nonuniform deflecting fields that restore the spot to its proper size

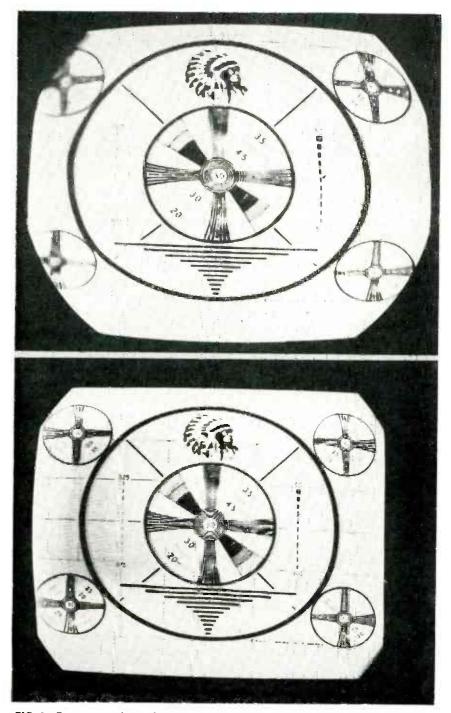


FIG. 1—Top pattern obtained with uncorrected yoke and bottom pattern with anastigmatic yoke

T wo TYPES OF DISTORTION frequently encountered in television pictures are pattern distortion and spot distortion.

Pattern distortion is a deviation from the desired rectangular frame and appears in the form of barrel or pin-cushion geometry. Non-linearity of the scanning presentation is a by-product of these geometric distortions.

Spot distortion, also known as deflection defocusing, causes a loss of picture detail in the corners of the picture. This effect has passed almost unnoticed in the smaller picture tubes. However, with the advent of large screens, such as the 16-inch tube, deflection defocusing becomes quite noticeable since these tubes are subject to viewing at relatively close range.

In Fig. 1, the top photo shows a picture exhibiting deflection distortion, giving an idea of the magnitude of the defects involved. This picture was obtained from a local monoscope generator, using a standard commercial deflection yoke and a 16-inch tube. The bottom photo shows the same picture taken with an anastigmatic yoke in use.

Spot defocusing can be compensated by the use of nonuniform deflecting fields which have a suitable and controlled amount of inherent field distortion. In so doing, a slight amount of pattern distortion is traded for spot defocusing and the deflected spot is restored to its original size. A deflection yoke with this quality has been tentatively termed anastigmatic yoke.

Practical tests with commercial picture tubes have shown that the

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pattern distortion introduced by an anastigmatic yoke is so small that it may not be noticed, whereas the original deflection defocusing is easily detected. It is further found that the adjustment of the yoke for minimum astigmatism often coincides with good rectangular geometry. One reason for this may be that the field distortion in the yoke as required for focus correction is of a type which, by itself, would produce barrel distortion on the screen. On the other hand, magnetic deflection from an undistorted sawtooth current tends to project, on a flat-face screen, a pattern of pin-cushion geometry. Both effects are small and of opposite sign, so that they tend to cancel.

Astigmatism of Electron Beam

It is widely believed that a uniform field of deflection is all that is needed to maintain proper focus, even on a flat screen.¹ However, this holds only for very small angles. It may be shown, and has been confirmed by experiment, that magnetic deflection is inherently astigmatic even in a uniform field. This is due to the circular nature of electron trajectories in a magnetic deflection field.

Figure 2 illustrates this in a somewhat simplified manner. It shows a pencil of cathode rays, represented by an axial ray 1 and a meridial ray 2. Both rays are brought to a point focus on the axis at P. If a magnetic field H_x is applied over a region L, both rays will describe circles of radii r_a and r_b , in the field, and leave it in the direction of the tangents at B_1 and B_2 , with no change in velocity along their path. The sagittal² focus Pwill therefore move in a circle with

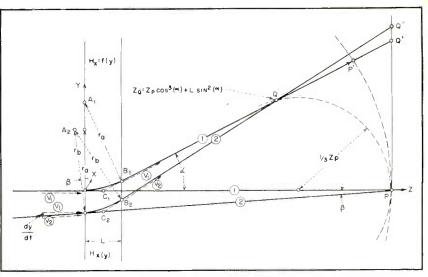


FIG. 2-Actigmatism of a focused beam with magnetic deflection

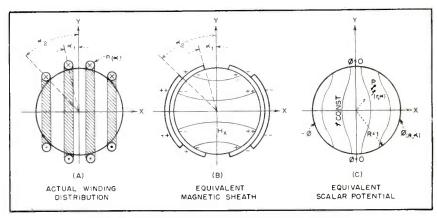


FIG. 3-Two-dimensional theory of deflection coils

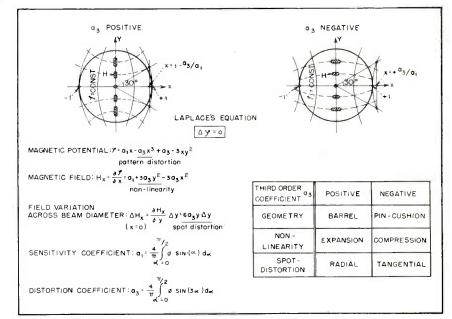


FIG. 4—Relationship between third-order term of winding distribution and spot and pattern distortion

radius $C_1 - P$ around a center of deflection C_1 which coincides very closely with the center of the magnetic field. (The deviation is less than 10 percent for angles up to ± 30 degrees). The meridial ray 2, however, is deflected too much, so that the meridial focus Q moves inward along ray 1. Simple analysis shows that the focus Q for meridial rays 2 moves on a surface whose curvature at the apex P is three times that for the sagittal rays 1. Accordingly, a spot focus at P will be distorted, by deflection, into a line focus Q'Q'', and produce radial astigmatism.

This condition cannot be corrected by variations of the axial focusing system. It can be cured, however, by introducing a controlled amount of nonuniformity into the deflecting field. What is needed is a change of the field intensity H_x in the direction of deflection and in such a way that the field becomes stronger with increasing distance off axis. This will then deflect beam 1 more and beam 2 less than shown in Fig. 2. Such a field introduces some degree of barrel distortion, but it restores the spot to its original shape and size at wide angles of deflection.

Theoretically, the spot in Fig. 2 would stay focused on a plane screen through P if the trajectories were parabolas rather than circles. This seems to suggest that electrostatic deflection is in a more favorable position than magnetic deflection as far as astigmatism is con-

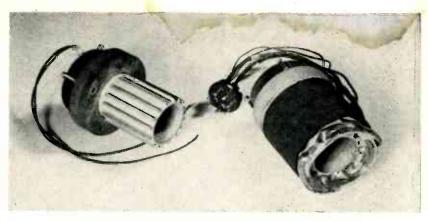


FIG. 6-Eight-coil yoke with mount and focus coil

cerned. Unfortunately, this is not so in practice since the idealized setup of Fig. 2 cannot be realized with electrostatic deflectors without introducing troublesome chromatic aberration due to electron acceleration in the fringe fields.

In practice, electrostatic deflection lends itself less well to wideangle operation than magnetic deflection.⁸ It is practical only for angles below 30 degrees, while magnetic deflection handles almost twice that angle.

For a given angle of deflection, the magnitude of astigmatism on the screen depends on the beam diameter within the field. Present tubes like the 16LP4 have a measured beam spread of only about two degrees, which means a beam diameter of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch inside the yoke. The astigmatic aberration is less than half of that value, or about two lines. This is tolerable, and hence it follows that astigma-

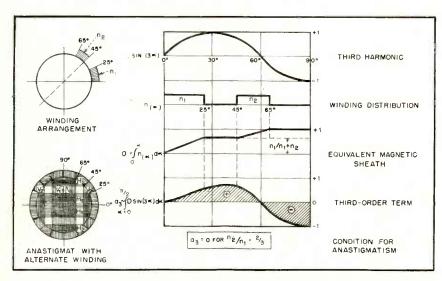


FIG. 5-Anastigmatic deflection yoke with alternate winding

tism in a uniform field is only partly responsible for the much greater aberrations observed in practice. The main cause for deflection defocusing lies in the nonuniformity of the deflecting fields themselves.

Astigmatism of Deflection Coils

We have considered the inherent astigmatism of the electron beam in a uniform magnetic field of deflection. This astigmatism of the beam may be corrected by some controlled nonuniformity of the field.

We are, therefore, interested in a simple and workable theory of nonuniform fields inside the deflection yokes. Such a theory should demonstrate the relationship between field distortion and ampereturn distribution, so that it may be possible to control the one by the other. The following theoretical approach is based on a number of simplifying assumptions. The problem is considered as two-dimensional and the effects of fringe fields are neglected. The results of the theory apply therefore only to cylindrical deflection coils of the parallel-wire type. However, those coils yield the highest deflection sensitivity for given volume.*

As a further simplification, the electron trajectories through the yoke have not been calculated. Instead, characteristics of deflection are predicted from the field configuration in the plane of reference, which is a cross section through the center of the yoke. This procedure is permissible as long as the yoke may be considered thin as compared to the total pencil length. This, and the other simplifications,

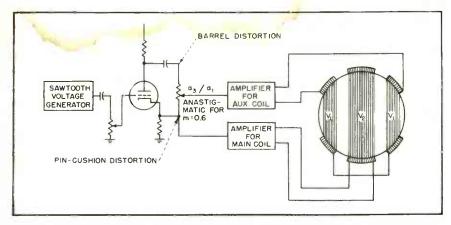


FIG. 7—Arrangement of test equipment for control of deflection distortion and defocusing

are best justified by the success of the theory in its practical applications.

Figure 3 shows the theoretical procedure used to study the field problem in yokes. Figure 3A shows some arbitrary distribution of wires on the surface of the cylinder, all being energized by the same current. Fig. 3B shows the application, to this problem, of Ampere's theorem of the equivalent magnetic sheath. The rule states that the magnetic field inside the cylinder may as well stem from a magnetic double layer on the surface, with a specific dipole moment, per unit area, of I/c. Here, I is the current bounding the surface element in question. Since the double layers are piling up on top of each other, the equivalent dipole moment at any point on the surface is proportional to the sum total of ampere-turns between this point of reference and the nearest pole $(\alpha = 0)$.

By the next step (Fig. 3C), the problem becomes very similar to an equivalent boundary problem of electrostatics. The magnetic field inside the cylinder may be considered as the gradient of a scalar magnetic potential $\varphi_{(r, a)}$ which in turn is uniquely determined by a potential distribution $\phi_{(R, a)}$ at the surface. The latter follows from the magnetic double layer and is, to a good approximation, proportional to its dipole-moment, the enclosed ampere-turns.

$$\phi \sim \int_{\alpha}^{a} n_{(\alpha)} \, \mathrm{d}\alpha$$

Considering the conditions of symmetry in our problem, the magnetic potential then appears in the following form

$$\varphi = a_1 r \sin \alpha + a_3 r^3 \sin (3\alpha) + a_5 r^5 \sin (5\alpha) + \dots$$

(1)

The coefficients a_k in this form are actually the Fourier coefficients of the potential distribution $\phi_{(r, a)}$ on the boundary

$$a_k = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \phi \, . \, \sin \left(k \, \alpha \right) \, \mathrm{d}\alpha \qquad (2)$$

Hence, we have control over the coefficients a_k in Eq. 1, by controlling the ampere-turn distribution on the surface. One well-known arrangement is the deflection coil with cosine distribution

 $n_{(\alpha)} = \cos \alpha \qquad \phi_{(\alpha)} = \sin \alpha \qquad (3)$

Within such a coil, the field is entirely uniform:

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_{(\tau, \alpha)} &= a_1 \, \tau \sin \alpha \\
a_3 &= a_5 = \dots = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

All terms of higher order than the first cancel out.

In practice, the ideal cosine distribution has been approximated by the so-called semi-distributed type of windings, which consists of several sections, usually from three to six in number. Such yokes are expensive to make and are worth while only in cases where beams of very large cross section are to be handled, such as in the orthicon, the image dissector tube, and the like.

We have found that for ordinary television picture tubes it is unnecessary to use field correction of higher than the third order. Mathematically speaking, it is necessary and sufficient to cancel the thirdorder coefficient a_3 in Eq. 2, but none of the higher terms. In practice, this does not require a distributed winding, but may be accomplished by simpler means as will be shown below (Fig. 5 and 10).

Figure 4 shows the results of the theory if terms of higher order than the third are neglected. Listed are expressions for potential, field intensity, and the force differential across the beam diameter. It is apparent that the third-order coefficient $a_{\rm e}$ is equally responsible for pattern distortion, nonlinearity of deflection and spot distortion. The diagrams of Fig. 4 and the table show more specifically how these aberrations are correlated.

The shape of the equipotential lines is indicative of the picture distortion, since they are at right angles to both the flux lines and the beam and hence coincident with the lines of force of magnetic deflection. On the basis of Fig. 4, we expect barrel distortion to be associated with radial astigmatism, while pincushion distortion brings with it tangential astigmatism.

If the third order term is made to vanish, rectangular geometry obtains over most of the field. How-

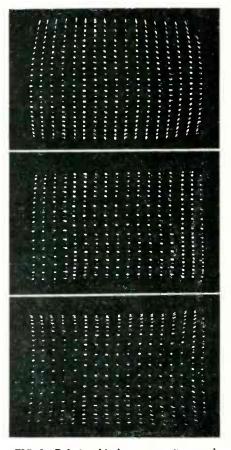


FIG. 8—Relationship between pattern and spot distortion. Anastigmatic adjustment is shown in center

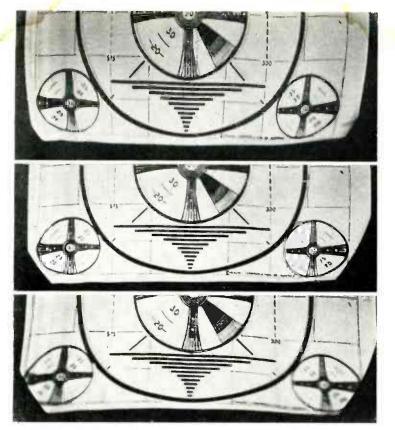


FIG. 9—Detail at wide angles for various stages of yoke correction

ever, the inherent astigmatism of the beam (Fig. 2) requires for its correction some slight radial defocusing. This may be brought about by allowing a slight degree of barrel distortion to remain in the yoke (a_s slightly positive). The absence of serious defocusing in some commercial yokes is probably due to the fact that many of them exhibit some degree of barrel distortion, which has helped, more or less accidentally, to correct for the astigmatism of the beam.

Alternate Winding

On the basis of the above theory, it has been possible to develop successfully some special arrangements of windings suitable for obtaining anastigmatic deflection. One such form is shown in Fig. 5. This is an alternate winding. Each component of defection consists of two pairs of coils, so that there is a total of eight coils on the yoke. Each pair of coils is composed of one main or field coil, and one auxiliary or corrector coil. Hence the surface of the cylinder is alternately, and completely, covered with vertical and horizontal coils.

Figure 6 shows the appearance of this yoke complete with focus coil in a common mounting.

To make this system anastigmatic, it is necessary to adjust a critical ampere-turn ratio for each pair of field and corrector coils. The design procedure for the yoke is based on the preceding theory and is indicated (Fig. 5) in several steps. The winding distribution $n_{(a)}$ is plotted for the first quadrant of the cylinder, and is integrated to obtain the equivalent surface-potential function. This is then multiplied by the third harmonic of the angle and the product is integrated.

The yoke will become anastigmatic if this integral vanishes, that is, if the shaded areas above and below the axis are equal. This condition obtains if the main coil provides 58 percent of the total mmf of the pair. The turns ratio of both coils in series connection then comes close to 1/1.5.

To prove this theory an experimental test was set up as shown in Fig. 7. Corrector and field windings were separated and each was fed sawtooth current from a separate amplifier. The ratio of these current amplitudes and the sign of the corrector current could be controlled along a potentiometer included in the circuit.

The resulting pattern and spot distortion is shown in Fig. 8. On top and bottom are the two extreme cases of barrel and pin-cushion distortion, while the anastigmatic correction is shown at the center. The results confirm the above theory; radial defocusing occurs along with barrel geometry, and tangential defocusing with pin-cushion geometry. The anastigmatic adjustment, for which there is no noticeable spotdistortion, is found to be also remarkably free from pattern distortions. This condition occurs at an ampere-turn ratio of 0.60, in good agreement with the calculated ratio of 0.58.

Figure 1 shows the picture im-

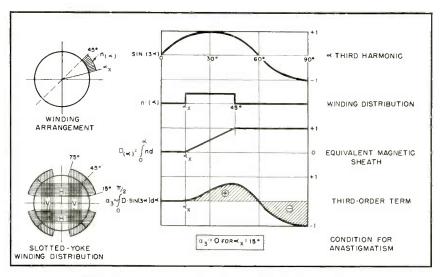


FIG. 10-Design procedure for a slotted-yoke winding

provement obtained with this type of yoke. The upper part was done with a conventional 4-coil yoke. The bottom picture was obtained with the anastigmatic yoke. Note the slight residual barrel distortion, and the improvement of detail at wide angles of deflection.

In Fig. 9, a portion of the pictures shown in Fig. 1 have been repeated. The center view shows more clearly the improvement in definition as obtained by the anastigmatic correction. The two companion pictures show how barrel distortion (bottom) impairs vertical definition, while horizontal definition (top view) is reduced by pin-cushion distortion. The anastigmatic yoke preserves full definition for deflection angles of more than 50 degrees.

The 8-coil yoke is remarkably sensitive, due to the absence of dead-angles of winding. Its powerefficiency lies between 25 and 30 percent.⁵ It is more expensive than the standard four-coil yoke, but its higher sensitivity makes it possible to use simple circuits so that the total cost of a receiver using this yoke is not prohibitive.

Slotted Winding

There is still another way to obtain third-order correction in a cylindrical deflection coil. This alternative method has only 4 coils, but it makes use of their angular position to obtain anastigmatic correction.

Figure 10 shows the structure and design of a slotted yoke. This is a one-layer, four-coil arrangement, which differs from the conventional deflection yoke by the existence of four dead-angles, or slots around the poles. By proper design of these slots, it is possible to make this yoke anastigmatic.

The procedure for finding the critical slot width is similar to that used on the alternate winding. The angle α_x for the start of each coil is left variable and its value is determined by the condition that the third-order term should cancel. It is found that this happens if the coil extends from 15 to 45 degrees. The slots then subtend an angle of 30 degrees at the center. At this setting we get pattern correction.

To obtain spot correction it is

necessary, as outlined above, to move somewhat further in the direction toward barrel distortion. This requires the slots to be narrowed down to about 20 degrees. At this point wide-angle definition is practically restored. If the slots are narrowed down still further, excessive barrel distortion results and the astigmatism returns.

Figure 11 shows the coil form for a slotted winding, complete with focus coil. Figure 12 is a dot pattern, taken from an experimental yoke of this kind, which had slot correction at the vertical poles but no slots at the horizontal poles. The picture shows strong radial astigmatism in the horizontal direction but practically no defocusing with vertical deflection. The slotted winding is somewhat less sensitive than the alternate winding, since only two thirds of the available winding space is used. This slight disadvantage may be outweighed, however, by its greater simplicity and lower cost. The electron-optical performance of the two types of vokes is equally good. The slotted yoke of Fig. 10 is employed in one of the latest television receivers produced by this company.

Circuit Technique

The high deflection sensitivity of the anastigmatic vokes, especially of the eight-coil type, has made it possible to use relatively simple deflection circuits. No sweep transformers are necessary for either



FIG. 11-Winding form for a slotted yoke

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FIG. 12-Slotted-yoke pattern with vertical deflection corrected and horizontal deflection uncorrected

direction, which more than makes up for the cost of the yokes. In addition, it was found practical to use the flyback energy of the yoke to operate, through a rectifier, the focus coil of the picture tube. This method may be developed to a point where the focus stays fixed over a wide voltage range.

In a sweep-focus circuit of this type the focus coil is removed from its customary connection in series with the B-supply. This avoids a considerable voltage drop and makes it possible to operate the receiver from a low-voltage power supply, using, for example, a simple voltage doubler directly off the power line but no power transformer. A receiver of this type combines the benefits of anastigmatic deflection with economy of cost and operation.

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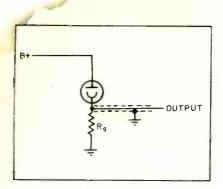


FIG. 1—Conventional phototube circuit using shielded cable

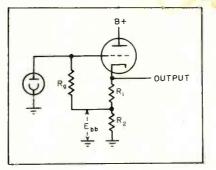


FIG. 2—Low-output-impedance phototube amplifier

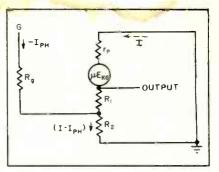


FIG. 3—Equivalent circuit of Fig. 2 for voltage analysis

Phototube Amplifier With

Both amplification and low-impedance output are obtained from a single-stage cathodeloaded phototube amplifier. Circuit analysis and development are given to show advantages over a conventional cathode follower

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THE PROBLEM of coupling to a remotely located phototube has been solved in the past by employing several feet of low-loss shielded cable in a circuit such as that in Fig. 1.

To obtain a low output impedance and at the same time amplification of signal, the circuit of Fig. 2 has been successfully employed. The phototube is considered to be a constant-current device since it has a very high internal impedance (of the order of 100 megohms). This is a valid assumption for a vacuum phototube like the 934 when the plate voltage is kept between 50 and 250 volts. Under these conditions, the phototube current I_{PH} can be expressed as follows:

$$I_{PH} = KF$$
(1)
where $F =$ light flux in lumens
 $K =$ proportionality constant
(30 μ a per lumen for the 934)

Voltage Gain

The equivalent circuit of Fig. 2 is shown in Fig. 3. By Kirchhoff's Voltage Law,

$$- \mu E_{KG} + I R_1 + (I - I_{PH}) R_2 + I r_p = 0$$
 (2)

$$E_{KG} = -I_1 R_1 - I_{PH} R_g$$
(3)

Combining Eq. 2 and 3 and rearranging,

$$I = \frac{-I_{PII} (\mu R_g - R_2)}{\mu R_1 + R_1 + R_2 + r_p}$$
(4)

The output voltage drop will be defined as

 $V_o = -I (R_1 + R_2)$ The input voltage drop is $V_i = I_{PII} R_g$ Thus, the voltage gain G can be written as

$$G = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = -\frac{I(R_1 + R_2)}{I_{PH} R_g}$$
(5)

Combining Eq. 4 and 5 produces

$$= \frac{\mu R_g - R_2}{\left(\frac{r_p}{R_1 + R_2} + 1 + \frac{r_p}{R_1 + R_2}\right)R_g}$$
(6)

Usually μR_g is much greater than R_2 and Eq. 6 becomes

$$G = \frac{\mu}{\frac{\mu R_1 + r_p}{R_K} - 1}$$
(7)

where

G

 $R_K = R_1 + R_2$

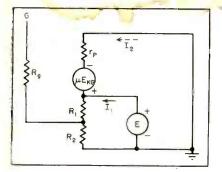
This result could also be obtained by considering the triode as a feedback amplifier where

$$\beta = \text{feedback factor} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$G_o = \text{gain without feedback} = \frac{\mu (R_1 + R_2)}{r_2 + R_1 + R_2}$$

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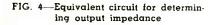


FIG. 5—Output voltage and impedance for circuit of Fig. 2

+300V rp10,000 934 PH MA TPH MA T

FIG. 6—Practical circuit developed from that shown in Fig. 2

Low Output Impedance

μR_gI_{PH}

Hence G =

$$\frac{G_o}{1+G_o\beta} = \frac{\frac{\mu (R_1 + R_2)}{r_p + R_1 + R_2}}{1 + \frac{\mu (R_1 + R_2)}{r_p + R_1 + R_2} \times \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}} = \frac{\frac{\mu}{\mu R_1 + R_2}}{\frac{\mu}{R_K} + R_1 + R_2} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{R$$

This result is the same as Eq. 7.

Output Impedance

To calculate the output impedance of the circuit of Fig. 2, impress a voltage E across the output and set I_{ru} equal to zero as shown in Fig. 4. By Kirchhoff's Voltage Law,

$$-E + (I_1 + I_2) (R_1 + R_2) = 0$$
(9)
$$-\mu E_{KG} + E + I_2 r_n = 0$$
(10)

$$- \mu E_{KG} + E + I_2 r_p = 0$$
(10)
$$E_{KG} = - (I_1 + I_2) R_1$$
(11)

 $E_{KG} = -(I_1 + I_2) R_1$ From Eq. 9, 10 and 11,

$$\frac{E}{I_1} = \frac{r_p R_K}{\mu R_1 + R_K + r_\mu}$$

The output impedance is therefore

$$Z_{o} = \frac{E}{I_{1}} = \frac{r_{p} R_{K}}{\mu R_{1} + R_{K} + r_{p}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\mu \frac{R_{1} + R_{K}}{\tau_{p} R_{K}} + \frac{1}{R_{K}}}}$$
(12)

The circuit of Fig. 2 can thus be replaced by a box as shown in Fig. 5, where the minus sign in the expression for E_v indicates that E_v decreases as I_{PH} increases. It should be noted that although the output impedance is larger than that obtained from a conventional cathode follower, it is considerably smaller than that obtained from a one-stage conventional degenerative amplifier. In addition, while the gain of a cathode follower is always less than unity, the gain of the circuit of Fig. 2 is of the order of μ , the amplification factor of the tube. This is due to the fact that R_{μ} is not grounded, and the input voltage is not considered from grid to ground, but as that across R_{μ} .

The circuit may also be considered as a device for effectively increasing the phototube load resis-

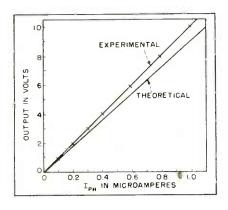


FIG. 7—Plot of ouput voltage versus phototube current

tance R_{ν} to a value GR_{ν} , thus giving a higher output voltage and at the same time presenting an output impedance which is very much smaller than R_{ν} .

Experimental Results

The circuit of Fig. 6 is a practical illustration of Fig. 2. Resistors R_1 and R_2 were chosen on the basis of linearity and favorable operating point considerations. By means of Eq. 8 and 12, the gain was calculated to be 9 and the output resistance was 7,500 ohms. The voltages listed on the diagram were those for $I_{PH} = 0$. Noise measurements indicated that this circuit (all resistors were carbon type) had approximately 100 microvolts rms of noise.

Figure 7 is a plot of the output voltage variations V_{\circ} as a function of phototube current I_{Pu} and it may be seen that the curve is quite linear and is in close agreement with the theoretical curve.

If it is desired to pass high-frequency signals a pentode could be used instead of a triode. By this means, advantage is taken of the inherently low grid-to-plate interelectrode capacitance of the pentode tube.

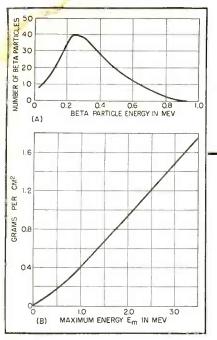


FIG. 1—Energy spectrum of beta-ray particles (A), showing significance of maximum energy rating, and material density required to stop beta rays with various maximum energies (B). Absorption of beta rays by a material is dependent only on density, hence is independent of the nature of the material

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ANY MANUFACTURING processes require a method of continuously measuring the thickness of material in one or more stages of production. It is usually preferable to accomplish the measurement without physically contacting the specimen, in order not to interfere with production or cause material damage. The advantages derived from the utilization of such a thickness gage are improved quality control, elimination of material wastes, time savings and the removal of manufacturing uncertainties.

Several methods of thickness measurement have been proposed which have achieved varying degrees of success. One arrangement is to have the material under investigation flow between the plates of a capacitor, whose capacitance is affected by the mass and nature of the dielectric between the plates. A simple relation, however, between thickness and capacitance is hardly possible because the contribution

Radioactive Thickness Gage

to capacitance made by some materials is completely out of proportion to their concentration in the specimen. Consider, for example, the inaccuracies introduced by the presence of water of dielectric constant 81 in paper of dielectric constant 2.0 to 2.5.

Other methods involve the measurement of absorption, reflection or scattering of a radiation by the material being measured. When the specimen is accessible from two sides the absorption method is usually employed because of the gross and easily measured changes occurring in the radiation upon penetration of matter.

Thickness-measuring instruments employing x-rays have been used successfully for some time. They are limited, however, by their inability to measure thin materials accurately because of the penetrating nature of the radiation. Even very low energy x-rays suffer little or no change upon transmission through thin sheets of plastic, fabric or paper. The high cost of x-ray equipment and the appreciable replacement cost of an x-ray tube, whose useful life rarely exceeds one thousand hours, have reduced the applicability of this type of radiation.

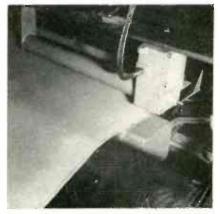
Nuclear radiations, on the other hand, have become readily available with various energy and penetrating characteristics from an imposing list of pile-produced radioisotopes, some at almost nominal cost. Their applicability has been proved and a line of thickness gages employing radioisotopes is now commercially available. These instruments are based on the principle that radiations from radioactive substances undergo reductions in intensity upon penetration of matter. The degree of absorption of a nuclear radiation is a function of the total mass between the radiation source and detector.

Geiger counter tubes and ionization chambers are at present the only radiation-sensitive devices that appear to be suitably reliable for commercial application. The stability of Geiger tubes is frequently questionable and their life is inherently short, hence ionization chambers were chosen as the radiation-sensitive elements.

An ion chamber is simply a cavity containing some ionizable medium, in this case air at atmospheric pressure. Contained within the medium are two electrodes across which a voltage is applied. Upon irradiation, the ions drift to the collecting electrodes, establishing a small current which can be measured directly by an electrometer or amplified and used to operate a current meter or recorder.

Choice of Radiation

Consider now several important aspects of nuclear radiations. Alpha particles, or positively charged helium nuclei, ionize profusely and are stopped completely by only several milligrams per sq cm of absorber. For practical use, however,



Gaging thickness of paper at Continental Paper Co., Ridgefield Park, N. J.

Material moving between ionization chamber and radioisotope source absorbs beta or gamma radiation in proportion to thickness. Meter in basic electrometer amplifier circuit can be calibrated to read thickness directly. Recorder is easily added

for Moving Materials

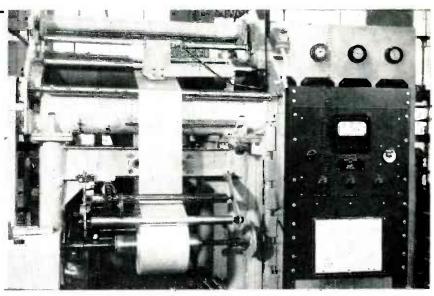
alpha particles possess too limited a range and are applicable only to very thin thickness measurements which can be accomplished with low-energy beta radiation.

Beta rays are composed of highenergy electrons originating in the nuclei of atoms undergoing radioactive transformation. The wide range of beta-ray energies provided by available emitters makes possible thickness measurements from 0.000015 in. aluminum to approximately 0.1 in. steel, corresponding to a density range of 0.0001 to 2 gm per sq cm.

Gamma rays, which are electromagnetic in nature like light or x-rays, are far more penetrating and are suitable to the measurement of considerably more ponderous masses or thicknesses up to several inches of steel or concrete.

Radioisotopes are obtainable which emit beta or gamma rays only of one or more energies, or any combination of the two. Where there is a choice between a beta and gamma emitter, the beta-ray isotope is usually more desirable because its greater ionizing ability requires less activity for equal chamber response.

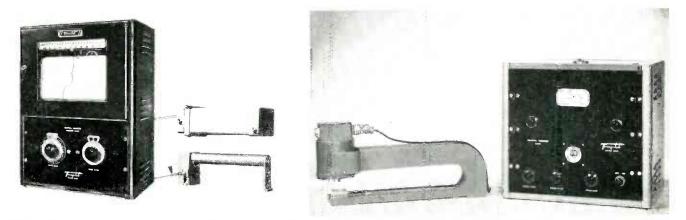
Beta rays emerging from a radio-



Installation of indicating radioactive thickness gage on machine producing thin plastic sheets at Dewey-Almy Chemical Co. plant in Lockport. New York. Ionization chamber is over plastic sheet at top of machine and radioisotope housing is directly under it beneath moving sheet material. Calibration chart is on rack at right, below indicating meter

active source are not monoenergetic but rather possess a continuous spectrum of energies, as shown in Fig. 1A. In describing the beta rays from a source, the maximum energy usually is stated; the average beta particle energy is appreciably less than this maximum. Figure 1B provides an indication of the total weight per unit area of absorber material required to stop completely the beta radiation whose maximum energy is plotted as abscissa. The range of weights indicated represents a wide variety of industrial thickness measuring applications of beta-ray absorption, such as paper, cardboard, textiles, plastic films and metallic sheets.

The process of absorption of beta rays by matter is due to the electrostatic interaction between the highvelocity electron and the electrons present in the absorber. The beta



Fully automatic recorder-type radioactive thickness gage (left) and model providing meter indication only. Both models are for continuous production measurements

particle imparts its initial energy to residual electrons during inelastic collisions with absorber atoms. The thickness of absorber required to stop completely a beta ray depends obviously upon its energy at incidence and upon the density of electrons present in the absorber. If the weight per unit area instead of thickness of absorber is considered the mass required to stop a beta ray is independent of the nature of the absorber since the number of electrons in a specific mass of material is substantially independent of the nature of the material.

For each particular application the choice of isotope depends primarily upon the maximum weight per area to be measured by the instrument, remembering that the most ideal isotope is that which generates greatest ionization in the chamber and provides the steepest and most linear section of its absorption characteristic over the range of weight per area to be covered. In addition, cost consideration and convenience require that the radioisotope be reasonably long lived.

Circuit Details

A complete instrument design including a basic electrometer amplifier arrangement is shown in Fig. 2. The small direct ionization currents developed in the chamber produce a measurable voltage drop across a high-value resistor R_{a} in the grid circuit of the amplifier The Raytheon CK571AX tube. electrometer tube used has a grid current of the order of 10⁻¹⁴ ampere and a transconductance of approximately 120 µmhos. A high-impedance circuit of this type necessitates careful shielding and good insulation technique. These difficulties can be reduced by increasing the magnitude of the chamber current by raising the level of radiation to which the chamber is exposed.

The maximum amount of activity which can be incorporated in the source is of course limited by the associated health hazard. One millicurie of a beta emitter like Sr[®] can be, with relative ease, safely shielded to prevent any likelihood of overexposure to nearby personnel and yet will produce in a chamber 5 liters in volume a current of the order of magnitude of 10^{-9} ampere. The exact value of ionization current developed is dependent on the solid angle subtended by the chamber at the source and the percentage of the total path lengths of the primary beta rays spent in the chamber volume.

The zero-signal plate current is balanced to zero in the meter by the auxiliary circuit loop containing E_{2} and R_{2} . One method of calibrating such a thickness gage is to allow the source S to irradiate the chamber after first inserting a standard absorber A between the two. The meter in this case is true zero centered, and the voltage impressed across R_a by the chamber current is counterbalanced by potentiometer R_1 to provide a zero meter reading. Any subsequent changes in the weight per unit area of A will produce a positive or negative meter deviation from zero.

To establish a scale range of, for example, ± 10 percent, the meter is first zero-adjusted by R_1 with Ainterposed between the source and chamber. Absorber A is then replaced by another A', differing from A within the limits ± 10 percent. The meter shunt rheostat R_3 is then adjusted so that the deviation 100 (A' - A)/A appears as the meter reading whose scale ends are ± 10 percent of the value represented by the meter zero at center scale, in this case, A.

Calibration of Instrument

A complete calibration chart can be provided giving settings of R_1 and R_3 for various values of weight per area represented by center scale. It is necessary for the meter sensitivity to be altered by adjustments of R_3 for different center scale values to compensate for the changing slope of the absorption characteristics at various values of absorber weight per area.

The calibration chart need not be repeated once carried out. When the specific gravity of a particular material is known, the calibration can be put in terms of units of thickness instead of weight per unit area. The operator, after consulting the calibration chart, adjusts the settings of R_1 and R_3 for a par-



Radioactive thickness gage as designed for single measurements in laboratories

ticular thickness of material being produced. If exactly that thickness of material passes between the source and chamber, the meter reading will indicate zero deviation. Subsequent changes in thickness from this value will be evidenced by changes in meter reading up to ± 10 percent or almost any other desirable limits. If only one material is used and one thickness range is adequate, the meter may be calibrated to read thickness directly.

By locating the absorber closer to the detector than to the source, the effect of flutter associated with moving absorber materials can be diminished. If the flutter is so great that fluctuations in the output meter are still observable, an integrating circuit is necessary to provide a smoothing action. The averaging effect of such an integrating circuit is advantageous when measuring nonuniform or inhomogeneous materials in motion.

Laboratory Test Model

A small laboratory model gage has been used for measuring thin sheets of mica in a Geiger tube production plant. The ionization chamber and source of radiation are contained within the instrument cabinet. The samples are placed on a slide that is moved manually to introduce the specimen into measuring position within the cabinet. Profiles of a wide sheet of material can be studied by cutting off a strip along the width of a sheet and running the strip at a constant speed through the instrument. This instrument is also suitable for laboratory measurements of sheet mate-

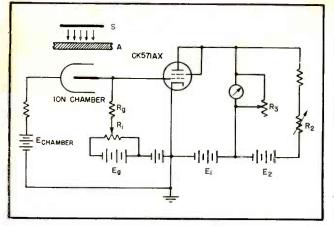


FIG. 2—Basic electrometer circuit used with indicating type radioactive thickness gage

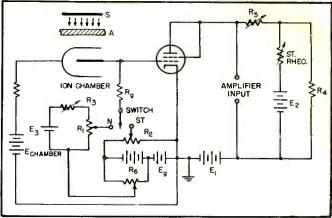


FIG. 3-Electrometer circuit with automatic standardization, for use with selfbalancing potentiometer-type recorder

rials like paper, plastic film, metal foil, mica and textile yarn roving.

Gage for Moving Materials

Another form of the gage, designed for continuous production measurements, employs the circuit shown in Fig. 3. The ionization chamber and source are supported on a U-shaped bracket which in turn is mounted on or near a machine engaged in sheet production. The material under study flows between the source and chamber and the desired information appears on a large front-panel meter which can be set several hundred feet away from the pick-up head. Tolerance limits can be set on a supersensitive relay so that a flashing red or green light will appear if thickness tolerances are exceeded. Terminals are also provided for accommodating any auxiliary warning or control equipment.

In most industrial installations of thickness gages for measuring moving sheets of materials it is desirable to have the results appear on a recorder chart. In addition, the use of a self-balancing potentiometer-type recorder makes possible a method of automatic standardization, suggested by W. C. Peacock. The recorders should be equipped with the feature for automatically standardizing slide wire potentials.

In normal operation a portion of the potentiometer voltage opposes the input voltage signal. When these two voltages are equal their sum is zero and the potentiometer contactor is at the balance position. The contactor is coupled to a pointer which indicates the magnitude of

the applied potential. If the two voltages are not equal the instrument determines the magnitude and direction of the unbalance and adjusts the postion of the potentiometer contactor to rebalance the system.

The balancing operation is frequently accomplished by converting the d-c signal voltage to a-c and after amplification applying the voltage to two poles of a four-pole induction motor. Since the other two poles are actuated by line voltage, the phase relationship between the two alternating voltages determines the direction in which the balancing motor rotates to reestablish balance.

In application, the potentiometer voltage R_1 in Fig. 3 is placed in series with the voltage developed by the current from the ion chamber flowing across the grid resistor R_{s} of the first amplifier stage. The input to the recorder amplifier is in the plate circuit of the electrometer amplifier tube whose zero-signal plate current is balanced to zero by the auxiliary bucking loop. Variations in ion current change the voltage developed across R_a and upset the null condition between the recorder amplifier's input terminals in the plate circuit. The potentiometer readjusts itself so that it develops a voltage to equalize the new potential across R_q . In normal operation the switch SW is in position N.

When standardizing, the main radiation source S becomes momentarily blocked by a heavy absorber so that it cannot affect the ionization chamber. At the same time, a

small standard source, identical in nature to S, is automatically permitted to energize the chamber from within. Simultaneous with this operation SW is switched from the normal position N to the standardized position ST. Potentiometer R_{a} is initially adjusted so that the voltage developed across R_a , due to the irradiation of the chamber by the standard source, is equalized by the R_2 voltage. The null condition between recorder amplifier input terminals remains unaffected. Any deviation from the null condition will upset this balance and the standardizing rheostat, which during standardization becomes coupled to the balancing motor, rotates to restore the null condition at the amplifier input. By this operation, which occurs approximately once every half hour for a period of several seconds, the instrument automatically corrects for variations in battery voltage, source strength and electronic components.

The ionization chamber, situated above the source mount, is equipped with a flag indicating the presence of radiation. In order to exceed radiation tolerance limits, it would be necessary for a man to stay within six inches of the source for 8 hours per day.

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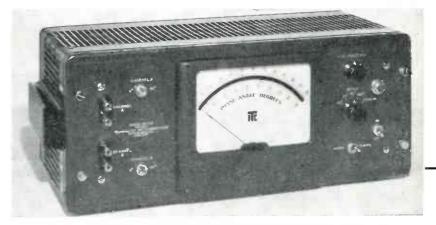
MEASURING PHASE at Audio and

PERIODIC SIGNALS are characterized by the parameters of amplitude, frequency and phase relative to some time reference.

Measurement of amplitude and frequency, at audio and ultrasonic frequencies, can be carried out rather easily, but accurate measurement of phase has proved much more difficult and has consequently been neglected in many applications where it could provide useful information. In contrast to amplitude and frequency, phase is a relative concept—that is, one is generally interested in the phase difference between two periodic signals.

A variety of methods has been used to measure phase difference. The most familiar of these is the display of Lissajous figures on the screen of a cathode-ray oscilloscope. These patterns, obtained by applying one signal to the horizontal deflection plates, the other to the vertical deflection plates of the cro, indicate the phase difference between the two signals; for example, a straight line indicates 0 or 180 degrees, while a circle indicates 90 deg. Another method, also using a cro as an indicating device, employs an electronic switch to produce a

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A commercial phase meter embodying the circuits shown in Fig. 5

superposition of the two signals on the screen, so that the phase difference can be scaled off directly.

Other cro methods, not so widely known but capable of greater accuracy, make use of a circular sweep derived from one of the two signals. One such scheme, devised by K. S. Lion¹, is illustrated. The circular sweep, ordinarily of very small diameter, is expanded momentarily by each of the two signals being compared; the geometrical angle between the two spikes thus produced is the unknown phase angle. More than two signals can have their relative phases displayed simultaneously.

Schemes not requiring a cathoderay oscilloscope fall into two classifications: null methods, requiring a balancing operation, and directreading methods that produce a direct phase-angle indication on a meter. As an example of the former, amplitude and phase of one of the two signals can be changed until it completely cancels the other. The required phase shift is then read from a calibrated dial. The use of ordinary phase-shift networks would render the calibration frequency-sensitive, but by adding a quadrature component to one of the signals it is possible to obtain the necessary phase shift independently

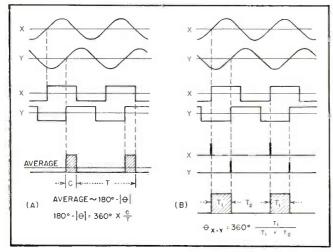


FIG. 1-Direct-reading methods of phase measurement

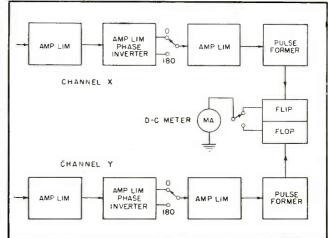


FIG. 2-Block diagram of direct-reading flip-flop meter

Ultrasonic Frequencies

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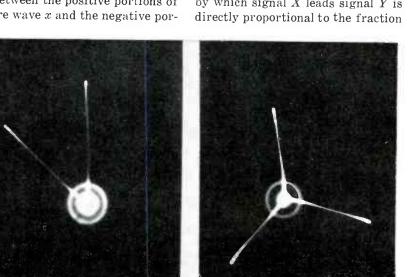
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Phase difference between two periodic signals is compared in a flip-flop circuit. The average current is read directly in degrees of phase on a calibrated meter. Possible applications include measurement of phase shift in feedback amplifiers, from screen-grid degeneration in a pentode stage, and in simulated antenna arrays

of frequency, over a finite frequency range.² Apart from the inconvenience of the balancing operation, this null method has the disadvantage of requiring sinusoidal signals.

Two practical methods that give direct meter indications of the phase difference between two signals X and Y are illustrated in Fig. 1. The signals (which need not have waveforms or equal sinusoidal magnitudes) are converted to square waves whose edges coincide with the zero-axis crossings of the original signals. In Fig. 1A, these two square waves are fed to a gate tube that produces a current proportional to the fractional overlap of the positive portions of the square waves. Similarly, the overlap between the positive portions of square wave x and the negative portions of square wave y, or vice versa, can be measured by means of a diode and a d-c meter. In any case, the meter reading is proportional to the magnitude of the phase difference, or its supplement, and is ambiguous to the extent that one cannot distinguish between the angles θ and $360 - \theta$.

The ambiguity of the overlap method is avoided in the case of the flip-flop method, illustrated in Fig. 1B. Here, the two square waves X and Y are used to form pulse trains X and Y, respectively. Each X pulse triggers a flip-flop circuit into the flip position, for a time interval T_1 until the next Y pulse arrives and triggers the circuit into the flop position, for a period T_2 , and so on. It is clear that the angle by which signal X leads signal Y is directly proportional to the fraction $T_1/(T_1 + T_2)$, and hence to the average current through the X side of the trigger circuit. Conversely, the angle by which Y leads X corresponds to the fraction $T_2/(T_1 + T_2)$ and hence to the average current through the Y side of the trigger circuit. The remainder of this paper will be devoted to this flipflop method. It was patented in 1945^a, and other workers have since experimented with this as well as



Oscillograms showing a method of phase measurement employing a circular sweep

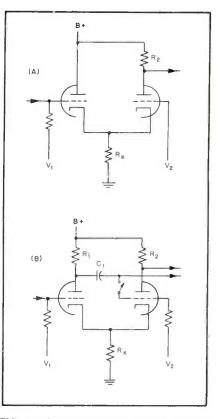


FIG. 3—Cathode-coupled clipper circuits

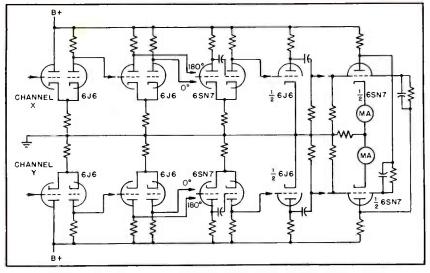


FIG. 4—Simplified circuit diagram of the direct-reading phase meter

with the overlap method.^{4,5}

The Flip-Flop Method

Figure 2 shows a block diagram of an instrument employing the flipflop method for measuring the phase difference between two periodic voltages. Two identical channels, X and Y, handle the two signals, X and Y, respectively. The principal operation performed in each channel is the limiting-amplifying process by which the signals are converted into square waves. The first three stages serve this purpose. The second stage is, in addition, a phase inverter that makes it possible to reverse the signal polarity. If the signal has evenly spaced zero-axis crossings, such a reversal represents a phase shift of 180 degrees. The square wave in each channel is fed to a pulse former, which, in effect, differentiates the positive-going edges. The resulting pips are fed to a flip-flop circuit. A d-c meter measures the average current through either side of the circuit, allowing the meter to read either the angle θ or the angle 360 $-\theta$. This switching arrangement, together with the phase-reversing switches, permits any angle to be transposed into the first quadrant (0 to 90 deg), so that the meter scale can be expanded by a factor of four if increased meter sensitivity is desired.

Although the block diagram of Fig. 2 appears straightforward, severe problems are encountered in the design of an instrument combining simplicity with accurate readings that are independent of input amplitude and frequency over wide ranges.

Square-Wave Generation

The most difficult operation is the formation of square waves from the original signals, since the squarewave edges must coincide exactly with the zero-axis crossings, regardless of signal amplitude and frequency. Most instruments constructed in the past have made use of cascaded pentode-diode combinations. Such extensive amplifierlimiter stages are neither simple, nor do they answer the requirements of wide frequency band and large amplitude range as well as might be expected. A circuit that appears better suited for the present application is the cathodecoupled clipper,⁶ the basic form of which is shown in Fig. 3A. The grid of the right-hand triode is returned to a fixed positive voltage, V_{2} . The signal is applied to the grid of the left-hand triode that is also returned through a high resistance to a fixed positive voltage, V_{1} . For small input signals, the circuit acts as a linear amplifier. However, if the instantaneous signal voltage goes below a certain value (a few volts below V_1), the left-hand triode cuts off, and above a certain value (a few volts above V_1), the right-hand triode cuts off. Thus, both the positive and negative limiting results from one or the other tube's being cut off, and very good limiting symmetry can therefore be attained. Like a cathode follower, the cathode-coupled circuit has high input impedance and can handle a large range of input voltages without drawing grid current. It has other useful advantages, illustrated in Fig. 3B. First, by inserting the resistor R_1 in the plate line of the input triode, one obtains a phase inverter, the usefulness of which was pointed out in the discussion of the block diagram (Fig. 2). The limiting action at the plate of the input triode is not exactly the same as at the plate of the output triode, but by means of a type IN34 germanium crystal diode it can be made very nearly the same. A second useful modification is obtained by connecting a capacitor C_1 as shown. This addition makes the circuit regenerative without destroying its controllability and results in an output square wave with edges of short rise and decay times limited only by stray capacitance.

Elementary Circuit

A simplified circuit diagram of a complete phase meter in Fig. 4 shows close correspondence to the block diagram. Three cascaded limiter-amplifier stages are cathodecoupled types, the first stage being in the basic form, the second modified to provide phase reversal if desired, and the third stage being regenerative so as to insure very steep square-wave edges. The fourth stage in each channel is a triode followed by an r-c differentiator. The triode has a high load resistance but a low plate resistance, so that it reacts rapidly only to the positive going square-wave edgesproducing large negative pulses of 0.5- μ sec duration at the differentiator output.

These pulses mark the positivegoing zero-axis crossings of the original signal (either channel Xor channel Y), unless the phase-reversing switch is in the 180-deg position—in which case the pulses mark the negative crossings. The fiip-flop circuit, triggered alternately by pulses from channels Xand Y, is an Eccles-Jordan type. The average current through either half of the circuit is measured in the cathode-to-ground lead; although two separate meters are shown for the sake of simplicity there is actually only one that can be switched into either side. A recording instrument may be connected in series with the meter if the phase angle is to be recorded continuously.

The complete circuit diagram of a commercial phase meter is shown in Fig. 5. The meter-scale switch provides four different full-scale ranges in addition to the test position in which the full-scale adjustment is made. An electrical zero adjustment is not required, since zero phase angle means no conduction through the triode containing the meter. There is a small region of uncertainty in the immediate vicinity of 0 degree, because the two pulses coincide and confuse the trigger circuit. Changing the position of either phase-reversing switch remedies this condition.

Practical Performance

The performance of the commercial instrument is substantially independent of signal amplitude and frequency over wide ranges. With amplitudes between 1 and 170 peak

volts and frequency between 20 cps and 100 kc, the error would not exceed 3.5 degrees if the meter were perfectly linear. Since the meter is accurate only within 1 percent of full scale, the total maximum error is 3.5 degrees plus 1 percent of full scale. The instrument functions even with input amplitudes down to 0.1 or 0.2 volt, and frequency as low as 3 to 5 cps. Decreasing the amplitudes generally reduces the stability rather than the accuracy while decreasing the frequency does cause a gradual reduction in accuracy. At 10 cps, the maxium error is 6 degrees plus 1 percent of full scale. A similar gradual decrease in accuracy occurs at the high-frequency end, beginning at 20 kc, only if the two phase-reversing switches are in opposite positions, in which case the maximum error reaches 6 degrees plus 1 percent of full scale at 40 kc. In normal operation, the switches are in identical positions and the accuracy does not change appreciably with increasing frequency up to more than 100 kc.

Since the flip-flop method measures the phase difference as the fractional time between zero-axis crossings, the measurement has a definite meaning, regardless of the signal waveform. Exceptions may occur in extreme cases of distortion in which the signal crosses the zero axis more than twice during one period, but such cases are rare and unimportant.

Asymmetrical Signals

The zero axis, as a result of a-c coupling in the limiter-amplifier stages, is the average of the a-c component of the signal. Consequently, if a sinusoidal signal has either its positive peaks or its negative peaks limited, the resulting signal is not only asymmetrical but its zero-axis crossings are no longer evenly spaced because the zero axis has been shifted. In such a case, changing the position of either phase-reversing switch will not alter the reading by 180 degrees, inasmuch as opposite zeroaxis crossings are not 180 degrees apart. The phase meter affords a means of detecting such asymmetry with greater sensitivity than a cathode-ray oscilloscope. For example, it is a simple matter to ascertain that the positive and negative half-periods of the square waves produced by some commercial

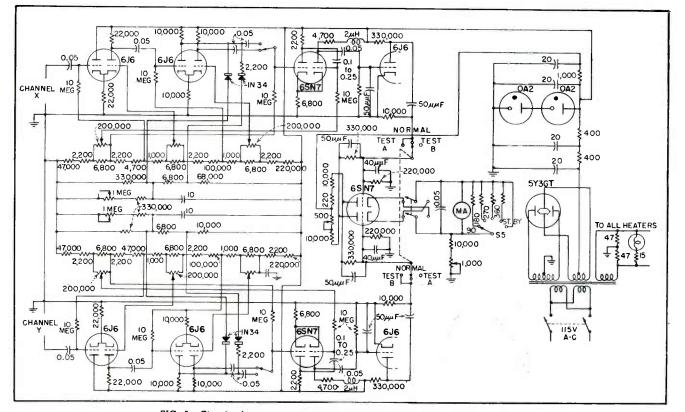


FIG. 5-Circuit of a commercial model of the direct-reading phase meter

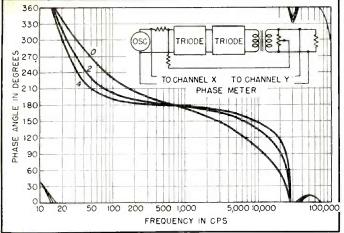


FIG. 6-Phase shift of an amplifier for various degrees of inverse feedback over a wide band of frequencies

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FIG. 8-Phase shift versus frequency for

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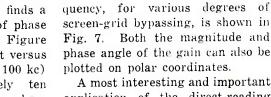
square-wave generators are generally unequal. The phase meter can readily be used to determine the duty factor of a train of pulses as well as the time delay between two pulse trains, provided that the repetition rate is not too high and the pulses are not too short.

R-F Phase Measurements

All methods of audio-frequency phase measurement can be used to measure the phase difference between radio-frequency signals, as in the testing of broadcast antennas, by taking advantage of the heterodyne principle. If both signals are heterodyned into the audio frequency band by means of a common heat oscillator, their phase difference will be preserved. The required converter stage could be added to each of the two channels with relatively little complication. A preferable solution may be to precede the phase meter with a separate unit containing heterodyne stages and amplifiers. Both audio and r-f phase measurements can then be made at low (millivolt) input levels.

Applying the Phase Meter

A typical problem in which the direct-reading phase meter finds a useful application is that of phase shift in feedback amplifiers. Figure 6 shows plots of phase shift versus frequency (from 10 cps to 100 kc) obtained in approximately ten minutes by means of the phase meter described. The three curves are for various degrees of feedback, ranging from zero to critical feedback. The amplifier tested contains



A most interesting and important application of the direct-reading phase meter occurs in acoustics. Arrays of phased loudspeakers, used to simulate directive antenna arrays, contain hundreds of small

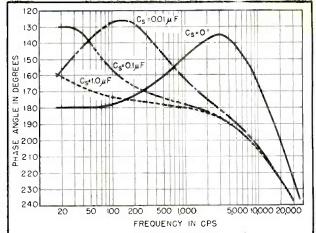


FIG. 7-Phase shift in a pentode stage with various degrees of screen bypassing when screen resistor is 240,000 ohms

speakers whose phase characteristic must be within certain tolerances over a wide band of audio The test setup for frequencies. these loudspeakers is shown in Fig. 8, together with a plot of phase shift versus frequency. It contains the speaker, an anechoic chamber, a dynamic microphone, and two transformers whose resonances are evident in the plot. A linearly increasing component of phase shift results from the chamber whose length, expressed in wavelengths, is directly proportional to frequency. Practice has shown that, by cro methods, only 3 to 5 speakers can be tested in one day, while up to 60 can be tested per day by means of a direct-reading phase meter. Some applications require the testing of hundreds of speakers, so that, several months' work is reduced to a week's work.

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(1)

$$\overline{NF}_{\rm mix} = Lt \tag{2}$$

where $\overline{NF}_{(1+2)}$ is noise factor (in power) of overall receiver, \overline{NF}_1 is noise factor of first network, \overline{NF}_2 is noise factor of second network, \overline{NF}_{mix} is noise factor of mixer, W_1 is gain (or loss) of first network, L is loss of mixer and t is noise temperature (ratio) of mixer.

The nomograph can be used with either a mixer followed by an i-f amplifier as the second network or

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with an r-f amplifier followed by a mixer-i-f amplifier combination whose overall noise factor can be worked prior to adding the r-f amplifier. Scale A is used if the first network has a gain (or loss) less than one and Scale B is used if it has a gain greater than one.

How to Use Nomograph

Place a straightedge on desired values on A and B scales to locate turning point on AB scale. Using this turning point and value on A scale (or B scale), read final value on adjacent A scale (or B Scale; use A scales together or B scales together). The L and t scales are used to determine noise factor of the mixer.

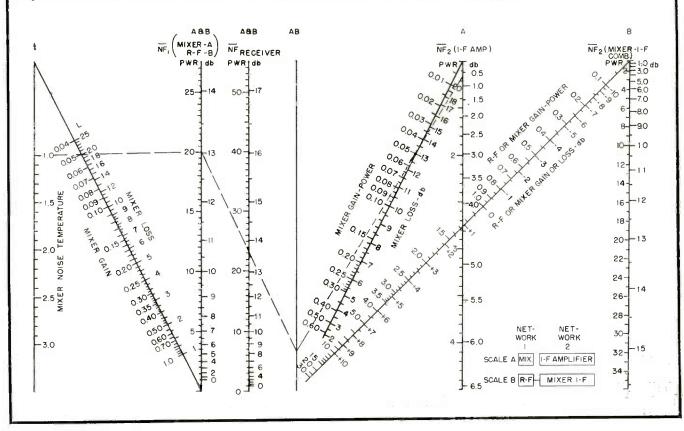
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Starting on left side of nomograph, align straightedge with noise temperature of 1.0 and mixer loss of 20, and read \overline{NF}_{mix} as 20. Using this and overall $\overline{NF}_{receiver}$ value of 23.2, find turning point on AB. Using turning point and 13-db (mixer gain of 0.05) loss point on slant A scale, read 0.65 db for NF_2 on vertical A scale, as maximum permissible noise figure.

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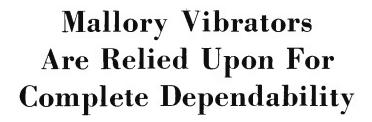
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Built-in Picture Tube Filter

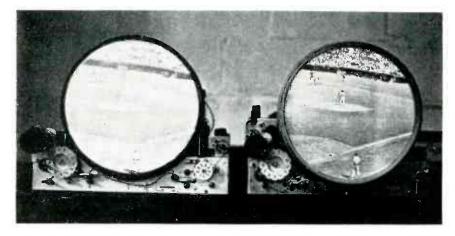
A CONTRAST RATIO of approximately 35 to 1, highlight to darkest shade, is provided for picture tubes by a new glass called Teleglas when used as the tube face.

Developed primarily as the tube face for metal-coned tubes, the glass is practically colorless. Certain metallic oxides are added to the glass in manufacture to produce uniform attenuation throughout the visible light range. The coefficient of expansion of the treated glass is the same as that of clear glass suitable for sealing to the metal of metal-glass picture tubes. Light transmission of the treated glass is about 65 to 70 percent. Clear glass is about 90 percent.

Teleglas was developed in the Creighton Research Laboratories of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and tubes containing face plates of the material are featured in the Zenith television receiver line. It is being used in 12 and 16inch metal tubes. Its use in allglass tubes would be predicated upon agreement between all of the picture tube manufacturers.

Under normal conditions, clearglass picture tubes have a contrast ratio of about 35 to 1 only when operated in an otherwise dark room. Use of external room light falling on the tube face then causes the dark picture areas to appear lighter in tone or grey. To minimize this condition, many televiewers have installed the commercially available filters. These attenuate the external light, which has to pass twice through the filter: and although they attenuate light from the phosphor as well, this passes only once through the filter, and the contrast ratio between the two is increased.

The new glass operates in the same manner to reduce the effect of ambient light, and in addition it

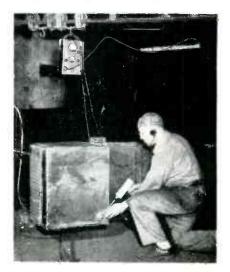


Picture tube at left has clear glass face that, although it transmits 90 percent of light from phosphor, has low contrast ratio because of room lighting and reflection of light from phosphor from front surface into dark areas. Tube at right has Teleglas face that transmits about 65 percent of light but shows contrast ratio of 35 to 1

also helps reduce halation from the phosphor. In clear-glass tubes, light from bright picture areas of the phosphor that strikes the exterior tube face surface at angles greater than 48 degrees is completely reflected over into the dark picture areas, reducing its apparent blackness. Teleglas attenuates this light both before and after reflection from the front surface so that the dark picture areas seem blacker.

Leak Detector Tests Welded Tanks

WELDED FUEL TANKS for use in large transportation trucks have capacities ranging from 85 to 150 gallons. To make certain there are no possible places for gasoline to



Pistol-shaped pickup is passed along a welded seam in a fuel tank. Gas leaking through weld is indicated visually on the General Electric leak detector on trolley hook and audibly to inspector via headphones

seep out, all welds are checked by a portable leak detector before the finished tanks pass from the assembly line at Lintern Corp., Berea, Ohio.

Six welders and one inspector armed with the leak detector can turn out about 18 tanks in the average day. Fabrication is in six stages. The tanks are placed on iron rails rather than positioners so that they can be pushed from one welding booth to another as they move along the assembly line.

The top plates of the tanks are made of mild steel deck plate; the bottoms and ends are 12-gage sheet steel. First the inner baffles and

SOLDERING TIPS

DIP SOLDERING

Container—The Solder Pot should be made of fine grained non-porous cast iron or steel; free from defects.

Size—The size of the solder pot is determined by the overall size of the articles to be tinned and the depth to which they are to be submerged.

The introduction of a large mass of cold metal into a solder pot causes a decided drop in the solder bath temperature and thought should be given to the size of the pot so that an adequate reserve of heat will be maintained.

Excessive chilling due to the addition of masses of solder may be avoided by continuously feeding solder wire into the pot or by frequent addition of small humps of solder.

Temperature—The temperature of the solder bath will fall as each article is dipped into the solder so that it is necessary to keep the solder bath well above the liquefaction point of the alloy being used. Generally from 150° F. to 300° F. above the liquefaction point of the solder, before the immersion of the article, is satisfactory. For 50% tin 50% lead solder this would be from 564° F. to 714° F.

Too high temperatures will be inefficient due to excessive and rapid forming of oxides over the solder bath.

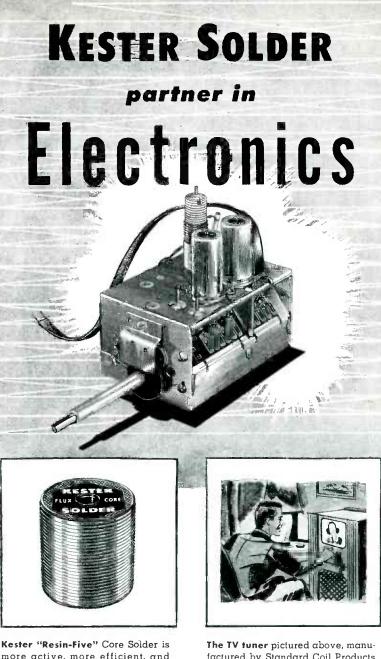
Contamination—Solder baths will gradually become contaminated due to the affinity between tin and copper, resulting in the formation of sludge at the bottom of the pot and the gradual diminishing of the tin content. Frequent stirrings will help to keep the alloy normal and as the solder bath becomes increasingly contaminated, the entire mixture should be changed.

Adding new solder to a badly contaminated solder bath is false economy and the use of floor sweepings should never be considered as they frequently contain metal filings. Use the correct flux, this will enable you to do a quicker, easier tinning job. Eliminate all doubts about the quality of your solder by purchasing virgin metal solder from a reliable manufacturer.

If you are in doubt about the corrosive qualities of the flux you are now using, send a sample assembly/or soldered parts to the Kester Solder Company, 4204 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago 39. Illinois, and an accelerated humidity test as outlined in Army-Navy Aeronautical Specifications will be made and you will be informed of the results. The test itself requires 72 hours, and since facilities are naturally limited, please allow plenty of time for your tests to be made. Of course, there is no charge. "Soldering Tips" will be pleased to answer all inquiries pertaining to solder, soldering fluxes, and soldering technique. Merely address "Soldering Tips." Kester Solder Co., 4204 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago 39, Ill.

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braces and the bottom sections are tacked together, the side panels are then tacked on, and final weldments are made after all the parts are assembled. Sixty feet of welding electrode goes into each tank.

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Edsac

CAPABLE of working out 15,000 operations in one minute, Edsac is the Electronic Delay Storage Automatic Calculator installed at the Mathematical Laboratory, Cambridge University, England.

Problems are coded on ticker tape and fed into the brain which stores them and shows their presence on a cathode-ray tube. The instrument can store 512 numbers of ten figures each. The intricate operations are carried out by 3,500 tubes mounted on 120 panels in twelve racks.

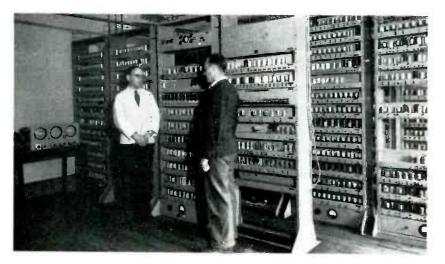
Maintenance requirements are almost negligible and are met by one man working part time. Power consumption is about 10,000 watts.

Circuits are provided that check the answers obtained. The machine takes only 0.005 second to multiply two ten-figure numbers but it can be fooled. When set to multiply a series of numbers by zero it continues to try until it is turned off or a tube ceases to function.

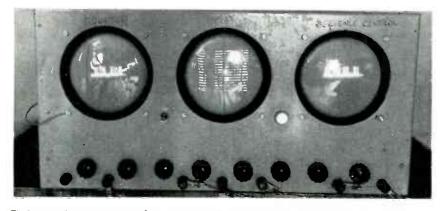
Microwave TV Remote

IN BRINGING a special broadcast from Winchester, Va. to Washington, the WMAL-TV engineering department employed its own microwave relay facilities to cover a course of approximately 74 miles.

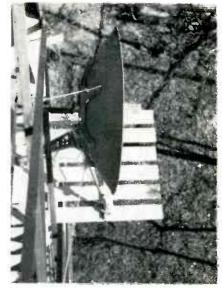
Two problems were encountered



Convenience in replacing tubes is provided in the Edsac by its designers M. V. Wilkes and W. Renwick



Timing monitor or counter tube, memory tube and sequence control tube are cathode-ray tubes in the Edsac



View of 2,000-mc four-foot reflector mounted on a scatfold below the cabin of the fire tower

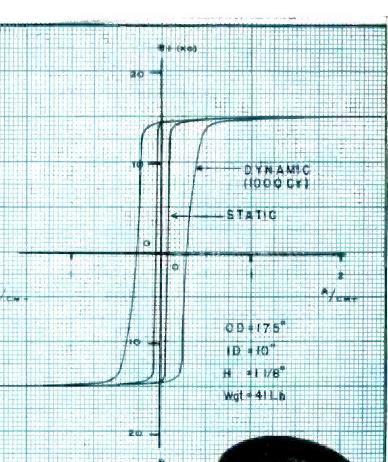
in setting up the relay. First, lineof-sight does not exist between these two points, and second, the distance involved is considerably greater than can normally be spanned by a single microwave link.

A convenient intermediate relay point was established atop Signal Mountain along the Blue Ridge near Linden. This point is 17 miles lineof-sight from the point of program origination in Winchester, and is 57 miles line-of-sight to the WMAL-TV transmitter tower in Washington. A conventional 100-milliwatt 7,000-mc relay was used for the first leg of the circuit, and a 50-watt 2,000-mc relay was used over the 57-mile course.

The transmitting and receiving equipment proper was housed in the cabin atop the fire tower, while the antennas were mounted on a specially constructed scaffold approximately 20 feet below. A sixfoot dish was on the receiving circuit from Winchester, while a fourfoot reflector was used on the transmitting circuit to Washington. Power was provided by a gasolinedriven motor-generator set.

The receiving point in Washington is shown in one of the illustrations. An eight-foot parabolic reflector is mounted on a platform at the 225-foot level of the WMAL-TV tower at American University campus. The antenna and reflector assembly is oriented from the ground by a station-constructed (Continued on p 140)

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Tropospheric Measurements

BY PETER HARBURY Cruft Laboratory, Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts

THEORETICAL STUDIES indicate that vertical incidence transmissions near 100 mc are likely to produce measurable reflections from air mass boundaries in the troposphere. It is expected that data obtained from these transmissions will yield valuable information regarding meteorological phenomena. In addition, it is expected that the use of a sharp beam will yield new information regarding meteoric ionization at higher elevations.

The antenna and recording system described herein are part of a tropospheric research project carried on at the Harvard University Field Station in Concord, Massachusetts, under the auspices of the Armed Forces. It is a continuation and extension of work done at microwave frequencies by A. W. Friend at Harvard University.

The Antenna System

The antenna system consists of a driven dipole with a disc-type parasitic reflector spaced $\lambda/4$ and the entire assembly placed at the focus of a large parabolic reflector. The reflector recently completed is shown in the accompanying photograph.

In order to minimize back radiation, as well as side lobes caused by currents flowing along the vertical stay wires, a series of wires is soldered to the vertical stays a quar-

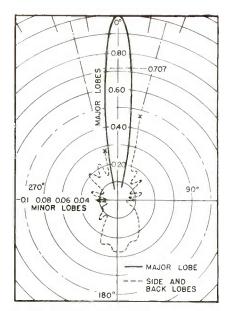
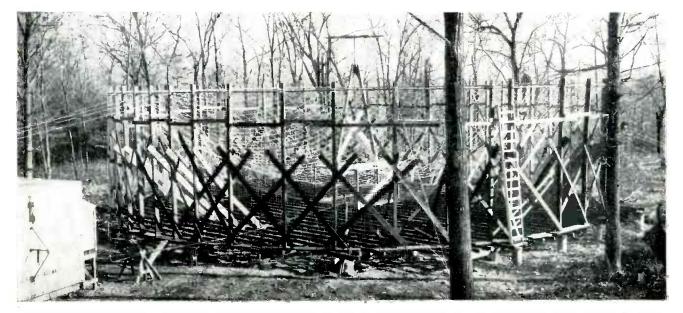


FIG. 1—E.Plane field pattern using dipole and disc reflector in a scale model parallelwire paraboloid at a frequency of 1.325 mc. The H.plane pattern is similar except for slightly larger minor lobes

ter-wavelength down from the surface of the parabola. A high impedance is accordingly presented to currents tending to flow along these vertical stays.

Maximum gain and minimum side lobes are obtained for a focal length of 0.30 to 0.35 D (depending upon the type of radiating element used). A disc type of reflector was selected as a result of field pattern measurements of various scalemodels.

The E-plane field pattern shown in Fig. 1 is for a scale-model radi-



The parabolic reflector shown is 62 feet in diameter and 13 feet deep. It has a power gain of 24 db over an isotropic radiator. Beam widths between half-power points are 12 and 11 degrees for the E and H planes respectively

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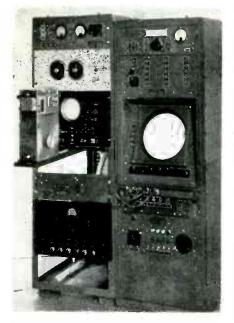
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Transmitter and Recorder

The transmitter consists of SCR-270 radar having a peak power of 100 kw operating at 106 mc with a pulse repetition frequency of between 300 and 400 cps. The pulse width is of the order of 10 μ sec.

The original 12-inch A-scope, which is a part of the equipment, together with the associated sweep and marker circuit provides sweeps up to 200 miles, with five-mile markers injected when desired. However, since the area of interest for tropospheric measurements lies between the earth's surface and approximately 15 km, sweeps of much shorter duration and of greater accuracy must be employed.

The recorder for this project, a block diagram of which is shown in Fig. 2, was adapted from similar recorders used by the Wave Propagation group located at Cruft Laboratory.

Two types of presentation are possible. The first permits intensity modulation of the baseline by the echo signal; the second is a regular A-scope presentation for wave-form analysis. There is a choice of five sweep ranges, between 0-4 km and 0-220 km, with range markers spaced at 2 or 10-kw intervals, as desired.

The recording camera, which photographs the crt face, makes use of a continuously-moving strip of photographic paper capable of moving at speeds of 36, 24, 12, 6 and 4 cm per hour. Single time-reference markers may be injected automatically every ten minutes and a double marker every hour; or, if desired, reference markers may be injected manually. This is done by brightening the baseline of the cathoderay tube momentarily which results in the recording of a black line on the photographic paper.

The research program described in this paper was made possible through the support extended Cruft Laboratory jointly by the Navy Department Office of Naval Research and the Signal Corps, U. S. Army, under contract N5ori-76.

Carrier-Type D-C Amplifier For Biological Research

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THE CONTINUOUS recording of small, slow, mechanical motions (below 0.1 min and 20 cps) has usually been done with mechanical



Pickup mechanism of instrument as positioned for observing the heart beat of an oyster that is slowly dying in a salt-water environment simulating that produced by industrial pollution. Coils are held by clamp. For this usage, the instrument has been named an astreodynamometer

amplifiers of motion and a clockdriven drum. At best, the system is far from being friction free, and usually contains quite a bit of inertia and mass which use up con-(continued on page 176).

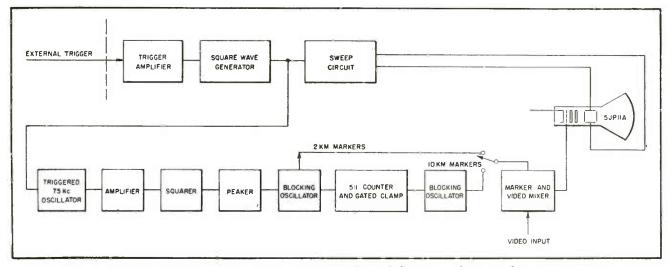


FIG. 2—Block diagram of recorder used in conjunction with parabolic antenna for tropospheric measurements

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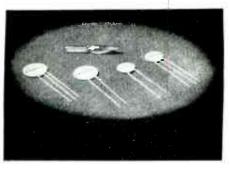
ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENTS CORP., 423 Broome St., New York 13, N. Y. Model 102, a light-weight 1,000 ohms-per-volt meter, features a 3in. square meter. Exact specifica-



tions, which include 5 a-c and 5 d-c voltage ranges, 4 d-c and 3 a-c current ranges and 2 resistance ranges, can be had by writing directly to the manufacturer.

Disc Ceramic Capacitors

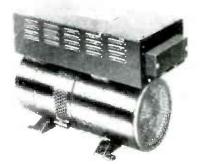
SPRAGUE ELECTRIC Co., North Adams, Mass. The new wafer-thin capacitors consist of a half-dime or dime-sized ceramic plate of very high dielectric constant with silvered electrodes fired on both faces



of the disc. Unidirectional leads are soldered to the silvering and the capacitors are coated with a moisture-resistant insulating resin. The units fit across miniature tube sockets, and can be used for bypassing at high-frequencies. They are available in ratings up to 0.01 or $2 \times 0.004 \mu f_{*}$, 500 volts d-c working.

Aircraft Inverter

EICOR, INC., Chicago, Ill., is producing an aircraft inverter which electronically controls output voltage within ± 1.0 percent and output frequency within a 1.5-percent range.

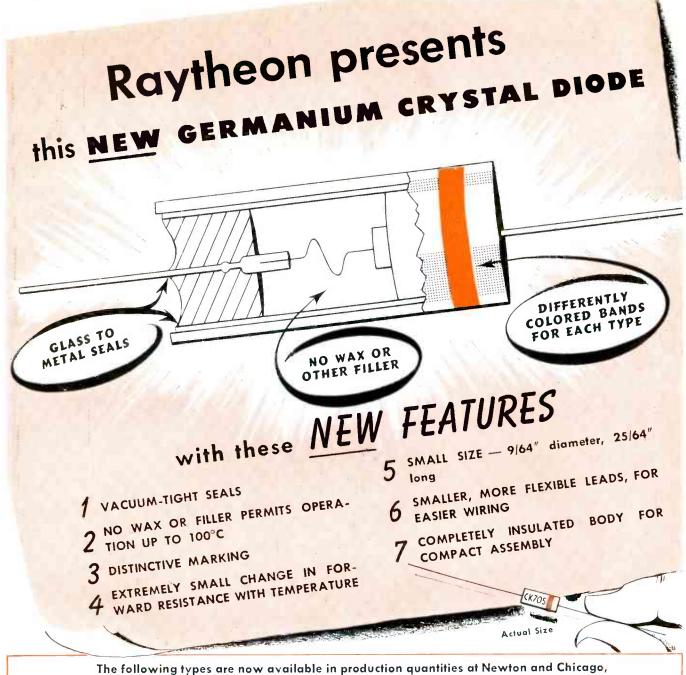


It has a 26 to 29 volt d-c input, 115volt 400-cycle output, rated at 1,500 to 2,500 volt-amperes.

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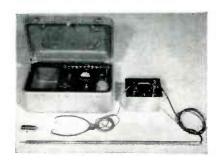
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Portable Engine Analyzer

SPERRY GYROSCOPE Co., Great Neck, N. Y., has developed a portable version of the airborne engine analyzer for use by ground crews servicing fleets not equipped with the flying model. It is applicable to engine test stands and engine and fuel research projects. The unit detects vibration and detonation troubles as well as ignition troubles. Power re-



quirements are 1 ampere, 115 volts, 400 cycles, single-phase. Frequency range is 340 to 440 cps. Voltage range is from 105 to 126.5 volts.

Vacuum Control

THE SKANEATELES MFG. Co., INC., Dickerson and Clinton Sts., Syracuse 2, N. Y. Model SM-3 Skanascope electronic vacuum control incorporates automatic line voltage regulation, a meter to give an indication of trend while the system is



activated. It will accommodate one, two or three variable sensing tubes. Range is from 100 mm absolute to 60 microns on stock model sensing tubes and down to 0.1 micron on special tube applications.

X-Ray Measuring Device

THE VICTOREEN INSTRUMENT Co., 5806 Hough Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio. The new Integron IV for x-ray dosage measurement has a meter



scale calibrated from 0 to 500 roentgens and a portable floor pedestal. It solves the problem of leakage caused by dirt, lint or humidity by use of an ionization chamber tube that is hermetically sealed. The instrument also incorporates electronic principles which eliminate rotating or moving components.

Capacitor Assembly

THE COMPTON Co., Bethesda, Md. The Capaci-Ring is a capacitor assembly designed to simplify the problem of socket terminal r-f bypassing. It combines in a compact unit four separate mica capacitors



isolated from one another. Each of the four sections of the standard unit, type 6MA, has the nominal capacitance of 500 $\mu\mu$ f. The unit is designed for application to a standard 7-pin miniature tube socket.

Klystron Power Supply

POLYTECHNIC RESEARCH & DEVEL-OPMENT CO., INC., 202 Tillary St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y. Type 801 universal klystron power supply provides for c-w, square wave, saw-

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NEC Program

THE NATIONAL ELECTRONICS CON-FERENCE, an annual forum on electronic research, development and application, is being held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, on September 26, 27 and 28. The technical program is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 26

10:00 A. M .-- Electronic Instrumentation

Radio Link Telemetering for Recording during High Acceleration Phenomena, by Sidney Himmelstein of Naval Ordnance Laborator

Laboratory. Closed Cycle Recording Oscillographs, by Ben Ciscel and Roman Ituhiand of Minneapolis-Honeyweil Regulator Co. D-C Amplifier Techniques in Oscillog-raphy, by M. Maron of Allen D. DuMont Laboratories, Inc.

Solid State Studies 1:

Sona State Studies 1: Neutron Irradiated Rectifiers, by K. Lark-Horovitz of Purdue Univ., W. E. Johnson and J. C. Pigg of Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Low Frequency Noise in Transistors, by Howard T. Mooers of Univ. of Minnesota. Experimental Examination of Rectifier Theory as Applied to the Selenium Recti-fier, by Herbert W. Henkels of Univ. of Pennsylvania. Field Effects in Germanium and Their

Field Effects in Germanium and Their Relation to the Transistor Problem, by Ralph Bray of Purdue Univ.

Computer Session 1

Computer Session 1: The Photoformer in Anacom Calcula-tions, by H. W. Schultz and J. F. Calvert of Northwestern Univ. Linear Electronic Analog Computer De-sign, by C. A. Menelev and C. D. Morrill of Goodyear Aircraft Corp. Bone Density Computing Machine, by Walter N. Brown, Jr. of The Pennsylvania State College. 2:00 P. M.—Electronic Instrumentation II:

State College.
2:00 P. M.—Electronic Instrumentation II: A Pulse Length Sorier and Counter, by Robert J. Parent and Robert W. Schu-mann of University of Wisconsh. Thickness Gage for Non-Magnetic Ma-terials, by Irving W. Rozian and Stephen V. Hart of Industrial Electronics Inc. Multiple Channel Cathode Ray Instru-mentation of Non-Electrical Quantitles, by G. F. Warnke of Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Tech-nology. nology

Computer Session II:

A Computer for Solving Secular Equa-tions, by John F. Storm of Univ. of Min-nesota.

Coordinate Tubes for Use with Electro-

A. L. Samuel of Univ. of Illinois. Electronic Analogue for Heating Sys-tem Analysis, by Ralph T. Squier, Ben Ciscel and Kimball C. Cummings of Min-neapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.

Television:

A Universal-Application Cathode Ray Sweep Transformer with Ceramic Iron Core, by Charles E. Torsch of General Electric Co. Two New Image Orthicons, by R. F. Janes, R. E. Johnson and R. R. Handel, of RCA.

Design of Printed-Circuit Television Tuner, by D. Mackey and E. J. Sass of

RCA.
 Two New Television Tuners. by Myron
 F. Melvin of P. R. Mallory and Co. Inc.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

9:00 A. M.—Antennas I: End Loaded and Expanding Axial Mode Helices as Broadband Circularly Polur-ized Radiators, by Paul W. Springer of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Impedance and Radiation Character-istics of Slotted Cylinder Antennas, by Pohert E. Beam and Harold D. Ross, Jr., of Northwestern Univ. A Combination Slot Antenna and Reso-nant Tank Circuit, by Norman L. Harvey of Sylvania Electric Products Inc. The Channel Guide Antenna, by Walter Rotman of Cambridge Field Station, USAF.

Measurements 1:

Measurements 1: Theoretical Limit to Time Difference Measurements, by Donald Richman of Hazeltine Electronics Corp. Electronic Contour Mapping, by Richard C. Raymond of Haller, Raymond and Brown Inc. Waveguide Attenuation Measurement by a Cavity Decrement Method, by War-ren A. Tyrrell of Bell Telephone Labora-tories. tories

Automatic Calibration of Oscillator Scales, by W. J. Means and T. Slonczewski of Bell Telephone Labs.

Magnetic Amplifiers:

Magnetic Amplifiers: Magnetic Amplifier Studies on the Ana-log Computer, by E. L. Harder, W. H. Hamilton, D. F. Aldrich, J. T. Carleton and F. N. McClure of Westinghouse Elec-tric Corp. On the Theory of Magnetic Amplifiers, by M. Liwchitz-Garik, E. Weber and E. J. Smith of Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. Audio Transformer with Frequency Range Extending below One Cycle Per Second, by Donald W. Kuester of Naval Ordnance Lab. 2:00 P.M.—Research Management

Ordnance Lab, 2:00 P.M.—Research Management For the Government, by R. D. Bennet of Naval Ordnance Lab. For the Research Foundation, by H. A. Leedy of Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology, For the Universities, by F. A. Rohrman of Univ, of Colorado.

of Univ. of Colorado. For Industry, by Dudley E. Chambers of General Electric Co.

Antennas IT:

An Automatic Built-In Antenna for Television Receivers, by K. Schlesinger of Motorola Inc. The Electronically Driven Ripple-Tank as an Aide to Phase-Front Visualization. by Allen H. Schooley of Naval Research Tab Lab

The Electromagnetic Field in the V

The Electromagnetic Field in the Vi-chilty of a Linear Conductor, by Paul H. Nelson of University of Florida. Correction of Spherical Aberration by a Phased Line Source, by Roy C. Spencer, Carl J. Sletten, and John E. Walsh of Cambridge Field Station, USAF.

Theory of Communications:

Theory of Communications: Application of Statistical Theory in Communications, by Jerome B. Wiesner of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Statistical Prediction of Noise, by Y. W. Lee and C. A. Stutt of Massachusetts In-stitute of Technology. Trattic Handling Capacity of Paired-Fulse Coding for 100 Channel Distance Measuring Equipment (DME), by Charles J. Hirsch of Hazeltine Electronics Corp.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

9:00 A.M.—Vacuum Tubes I: The High Frequency Response of Cyl-indrical Diodes, by Edward H. Gamble of Curtiss-Wright Corp. Radial-Beam, Velocity-Modulated Mico-wave Tube, by Chester G. Lob, of Univ. of Illinois

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Electromagnetics:

Electromagnetic Waves in Circular ave Guides Filled with Dielectrics, by Wave

Robert Teasdale of Illinois Institute of Technology, and Thomas J. Higgins of Univ. of Wisconsin. Small Surface Microwave Diffraction, by A. Applebaum and P. C. Fritsch of Naval Ordnance Lab. The Magnetic Cross Valve, by Harold J. McCreary of Automatic Electric Co.

McCreary of Automatic Electric Co. Coupling between Two Degenerate Cavity Modes through Slots cut in the Cavity Walls, by H. C. Hu of Univ. of Illinois

Supersonics:

Supersonics: Application of Supersonic Energy to High Speed Electronic Recording, by Homer J. Dana and James L. Van Meter of State College of Washington. Supersonic Control of a Lantern Slide Projector, by S. G. Lutz and George Rand of New York University. Variable Resonant Frequency Crystal Systems, by William J. Fry and Wayne L. Hall of Univ. of Illinois. 2:00 P.M.—Vacuum Tubes II: A New Rectifier Tube for Extremely High Power and Voltage Levels, by T. H. Rogers of Machlett Laboratories Inc. A Progress Report on Development of the Travelling Wave Tube as a Power Appliciency of Reflex Klystrons, by Wil-liam G. Shepherd of Univ. of Minnesota. Design Features and Some Applications of a New Photoceli, by J. H. Crow and V. C. Rideout of Univ. of Wisconsin.

Circuits:

A Versatile Crystal Controlled Source of Angle Modulation, by James F. Gordon of Eendix Aviation Corp. The "D-C Transformer" as a Component

in Electronic Circuits, by Otto H. Schmitt of Univ. of Minnesota. Transient Response of Filters, by M. S. Corrington of RCA.

Audio Frequency:

Audio Frequency: Continuously Adjustable Low and High-Pass Filters for Audio Frequencies, by Arnold Peterson of General Radio Co. A Variable Speed Turntable and Its Use in the Calibration of Disk Reproduc-ing Pickups, by H. E. Havnes and H. E. Roys of RCA. Methods and Instruments for the Visual Analysis of Complex Audio Waveforms, by H. R. Foster and E. E. Crump of Kay Electric Co.

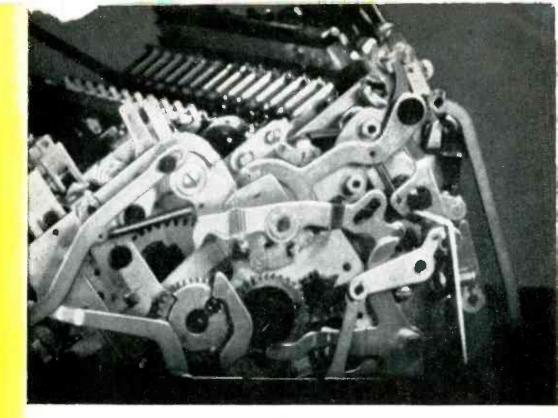
by H. R. Foster and E. E. Crump of Kay Electric Co. Devices for Speech Analysis and Com-pression, by Dr. Ing. habil Friedrich Vil-big of Cambridge Field Station, USAF.

New Operator Classification

EFFECTIVE January 3, 1950, FCC will require that each aircraft radiotelegraph operator a pass an additional examination. (At present, radiotelegraph second or first class licenses suffice.) Exceptions to the new ruling are those who have acted as chief or sole radio operator of an aircraft employing radiotelegraph prior to that date.

If the applicant does not hold a radiotelegraph first-class license, he must pass a code test of 20 code groups and 25 words of plain language per minute. In addition, he must be at least 18 years old.

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The new Supplement 5 comprises the entire new Element VII, 266 questions that require not only a good grounding in electronic principles but also those of navigation.

Audio Exhibit Scheduled

THE AUDIO ENGINEERING SOCIETY will sponsor the nation's first "Audio Fair" at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, on October 27, 28 and 29. Rooms and suites comprising the entire sixth floor of the hotel have been reserved for exhibitors, assuring those in attendance an opportunity to see and hear new products and developments with a minimum of interference.

In association with the exhibit, the Society will hold technical sessions on each day of the meeting. Expected to be covered by exhibits and papers during the three-day meeting will be recording and reproduction on tape, disc and film. Microphones, loudspeakers and amplifying equipment will also be demonstrated and discussed.

RMA Membership Committee Named

AN EIGHT-MAN committee representing all phases of the radio manufacturing industry was recently named by RMA president **R**.C. Cosgrove to serve on the Association's Membership Committee. The complete committee membership for the 1949-50 term is as follows:

J. J. Kahn of Standard Transformer Corp., chairman; Virgil M. Graham of Sylvania Electric Prod-

- Sept. 26-28: National Electronics Conference, Edge-water Beach Hotel, Chicago, tronics 111
- SEPT. 27-29: Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the Communications Section, Association of American Railroads, Wentworth Hotel, Portsmouth, N. H.
- SEPT. 28-OCT. 8: 16th National Radio Exhibition (Radiolym-pia), Olympia Exhibition pia), Olympia Exh Hall, London, England.
- 8 9:Annual Midwest OCT. ARRL Convention, Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Ост. 10-14: ASTM 1949 West Coast Meeting, Fairmount Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.
- OCT. 10-14: SMPE 66th Semiannual Convention, Holly-wood-Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, Calif.
- Oct. 12-15: Ninety-Sixth Convention of The Electrochemi-

cal Society, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

- OCT. 17-21: Annual Meeting of the Society for Non-Destructive Testing, Public Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Oct. 27–29: Audio Engineering Society's "Audio Fair," Hotel New Yorker, New York City.
- OCT. 31-Nov. 2: Second annual Conference on Electronic Instrumentation in Nucleonics and Medicine, Hotel Commodore, New York City.
- OCT. 31-Nov. 2: 1949 Radio Fall Meeting of IRE and RMA engineering department, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y.
- OCT. 31-Nov. 2: Fall Meeting of the URSI and IRE, National Academy of Sciences and State Dept. Bldg., Washing-ton, D. C.
- Nov. 14-18: 23rd NEMA Annual Meeting, Haddon Hall Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

ucts Inc.; H. L. Hoffman of Hoffman Radio Corp.; George Lewis of Federal Telephone and Radio Corp.; A. Liberman of Talk-A-Phone Co.; Harry G. Sparks of the Sparks-Withington Co.; R. L. Triplett of Triplett Electrical Instrument Co.; and Thomas A. White of Jensen Mfg. Co.

Radio Fall Meeting

MEMBERS of the RMA Engineering Department and the IRE will hold their Radio Fall Meeting at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y., on October 31, November 1 and 2, 1949. Scheduled technical sessions are as follows:

Monday, Oct. 31

10:00 A. M.—R. H. Williamson, Chairman Measurement of Transient Response of Television Receivers, by J. Van Duyne of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc. Television Transient Response Meas-urement, by Jerry Minter of Measurements Corp.

Television Transient Response Measurement, by Jerry Minter of Measurements Corp. Underwriters' Requirements for Televi-sion Receivers, by K. S. Geiges of Under-writers' Laboratories, Inc. 2:00 P. M.—J. R. Steen, Chairman Quality Control from the Producer and Consumer Viewpoints, by A. B. Mundel of Sonotone Corp. Quality Control Gets a Job in Television Manufacturing, by L. Lutzger of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc. 8:00 P. M.—Joint Session with Technology Club of Syracuse sponsored by the Syra-cuse Section of IRE. The Atomic Bomb and National Secur-ity, by R. E. Lapp.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

9:30 A. M.—R. A. Hackbusch, Chairman An Intercarrier Sound System for Tele-

vision Receivers Using the 6BN6, by Wal-ter Stroh of Zenith Radio Corp. Simplification of Television Receivers, by W. B. Whalley of Sylvania Electric Products Inc. Came the Television Revolution, by Dorman D. Israel of Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp. 2:00 P. M.-J. E. Brown, Chairman Universal Application — Cathode Ray Sweep Transformer with Ceramic Iron Core, by C. E. Torsch of General Electric Co.

Core, by C. E. Torrent Co. Characteristics of High-Efficiency De-flection and High-Voltage Supply Systems for Kinescopes, by O. H. Schade of RCA. 6:30 P. M.—Radio Fall Meeting Dinner The Engineering Aspects of Sin, by Ken-neth W. Jarvis.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

A. M.—A. N. Curtiss, Chairman kup Tracking, by H. E. Roys of 9:30

9:30 A. M.—A. N. Curtiss, Chairman Pickup Tracking, by H. E. Roys of RCA Victor.
New Audio Amplifier Circuit, by Frank H. MacIntosh, consulting engineer.
The Safety-Vox, A Novel Continuous Tape Magnetic Recorder-Reproducer for Industrial Purposes, by R. A. York of General Electric Co.
A New Type of Dual-Cone Loudspeaker.
by Harry F. Olson and John Preston of RCA Laboratories, and D. H. Cunningham of RCA Victor.
2:00 P. M.—H. C. Shreve, Chairman Design and Application of a New Minia-ture High-Frequency Transmitting Pen-tode, by Robert M. Cohen and George F. Elston of RCA.
A VHF Remotely Tunable Receiver, by Leonard A. Mayberry of The Hallicrafters Co.

Co. The Advantages of Toroidal Transform-ers in Communication Systems, by H. W. Lamson of General Radio Co.

Munitions Board's Coordinating Program

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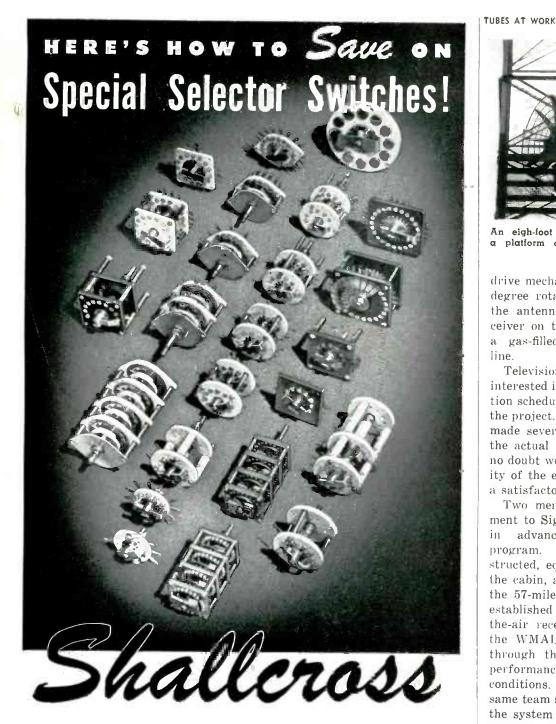
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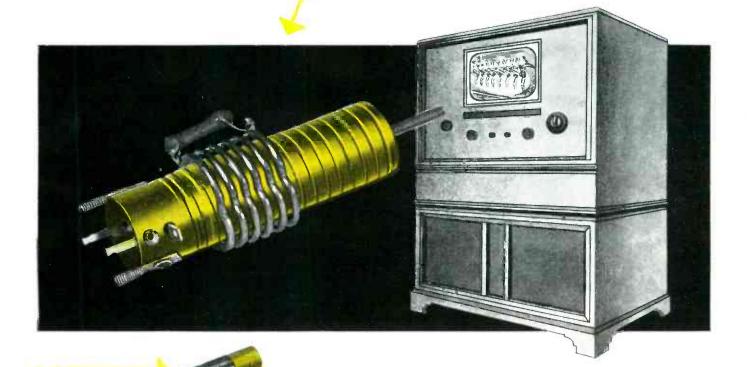
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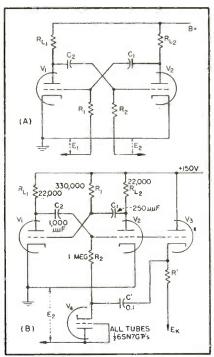


FIG. 1—Schematic diagrams of ordinary (A) multivibrator, and one having a frequency which varies with a direct voltage E_2



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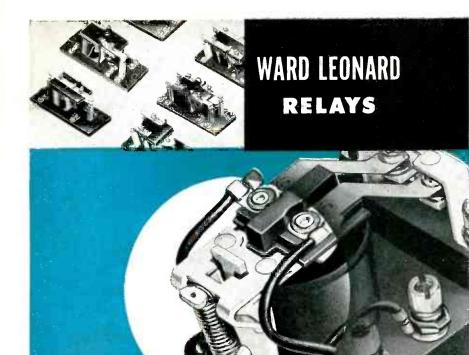




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FIG. 2—Curve showing frequency variation of multivibrator of Fig. 1B as a function of voltage E_z

by E_1 the voltage to which R_1 is returned, then the recovery of the grid of V_1 follows the exponetial curve given by

$$e_1 = E_1 - (E_1 - E_{1_{\min}}) e^{-\frac{t}{R_1 C_1}}$$
 (1)

provided $\dot{R}_{\scriptscriptstyle \rm I} >> R_{\scriptscriptstyle L\rm I}$, and the off time of this tube is

$$t_1 = R_1 C_1 \ln \frac{E_1 - E_{1_{\min}}}{E_1 - E_{1_{\max}}}$$
(2)

Similar expressions hold for V_2 . It is evident that the frequency of the multivibrator, given by

$$f = \frac{1}{t_1 + t_2}, \qquad (3)$$

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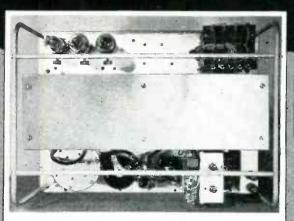
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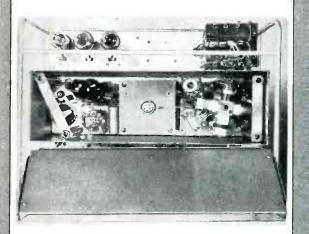
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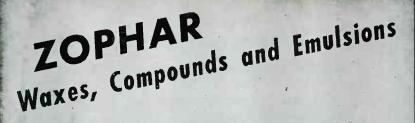
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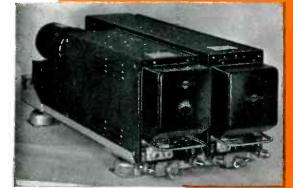
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$$t_2 = R_2 C_2 \frac{E_{2_{00}} - E_{2_{\min}}}{E_2 - E_{2_{\min}}}$$
(4)

If $R_1C_1 << R_2C_2$, so that the off time of V_1 is negligible compared to that of V_2 , the frequency is very nearly

$$f = \frac{1}{R_2 C_2} \frac{E_2 - E_{2_{\min}}}{E_{2_{\min}} - E_{2_{\min}}}$$
(5)

Obviously E_{κ} must be less than E_{cmin} to have the cathode follower function properly.

The data plotted in Fig. 2 were obtained using the circuit parameters indicated. The off time of V_1 , was about 40 microseconds. The solid line is calculated using the characteristics of 6SN7 tubes given

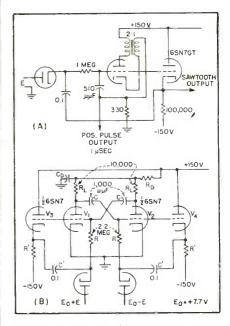


FIG. 3—Blocking oscillator with feedback to provide linear frequency change with voltage change is shown in *B*. The circuit in *A* shows how regenerative feedback on both multivibrator grids gives a frequency varying as the square of direct voltage *E*

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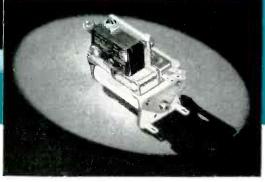
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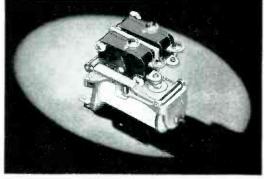
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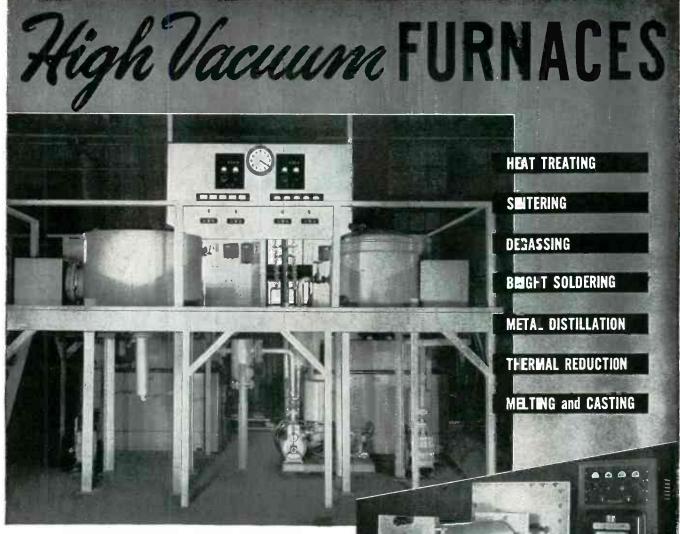


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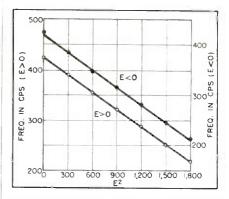


FIG. 4—Frequency of multivibrator shown in Fig. 3B as a function of the square of the voltage E

initiate one cycle of operation. A delayed trigger, with delay time controlled by E_2 , can then be developed in the usual way by differentiating the plate signal of V_2 and inverting the negative pip, or by the use of a blocking oscillator.

Regenerative feedback may be applied in a similar manner to a blocking oscillator, although, as might be expected, there is considerably more short time fluctuation, or jitter, than found with the multivibrator circuit. A typical schematic diagram is given in Fig. 3A. The observed frequency of this circuit fits the equation f = 2,030 +34.4 E with an average deviation of about ± 16 cycles for E between -60 and +80 volts (frequency between 2 and 4,800 cycles).

A multivibrator whose frequency is linearly dependent on the square of a direct voltage is obtained by applying regenerative feedback to both grids. If the circuit is completely symmetrical as shown in Fig. 3B, and $E_1 = E_0 + E$, $E_2 =$ $E_0 - E$, the frequency is given by

$$f = \frac{1}{t_1 + t_2} = \frac{(E_0 - E_{\min})^2 - E^2}{2RC (E_{e0} - E_{\min}) (E_0 - E_{\min})}$$
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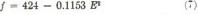
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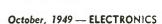
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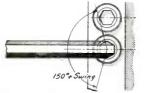
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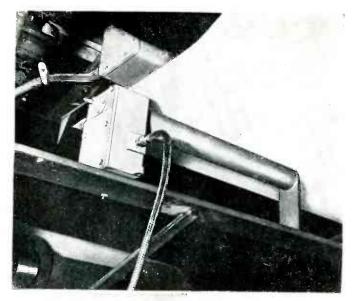
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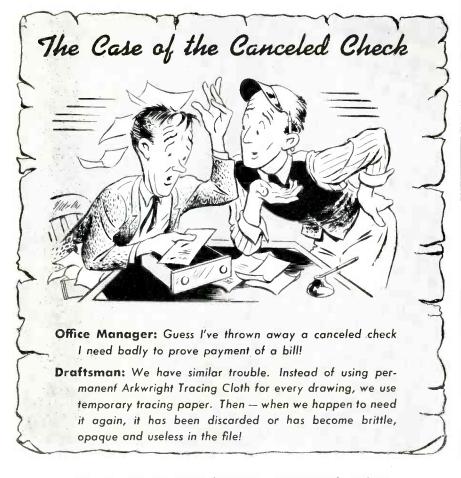
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Timken Roller Bearing Company's Steel and Tube Division at Canton, Ohio, many operating hours a month are saved by the use of twoway radio between a central station and three dispatcher units—two in material-carrying straddle trucks, and one in a station ambulance. After the first 30 days of operation, two trucks handled 354 more bales than did three previously.

Figures, according to plant officials, fail to tell the whole story about savings introduced by the adoption of two-way radio. In many cases customers' orders may be speeded by as much as five days by the efficient movement of materials and finished products. The prompt arrival of a truck at the right time and place eliminates piling up of work, keeps machines operating by providing materials when needed.

Effective coordination between overhead cranes and material trucks is made possible through the use of two-way radio communications, and the result has been seen in the noticeable increase in smoothness of flow as materials and products pass systematically between buildings and machines.

The central station in the Timken installation is a 30-watt Motorola transmitter-receiver combination, while the dispatcher trucks employ 10-watt units.

Pipe Line Communication

The Buckeye Pipe Line Company has also found two-way radio to be



At maintenance, of construction job, Patty Campbell takes the superintendent's call and relays it to other via G-E two-way radio equipment

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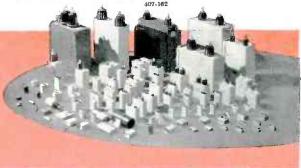
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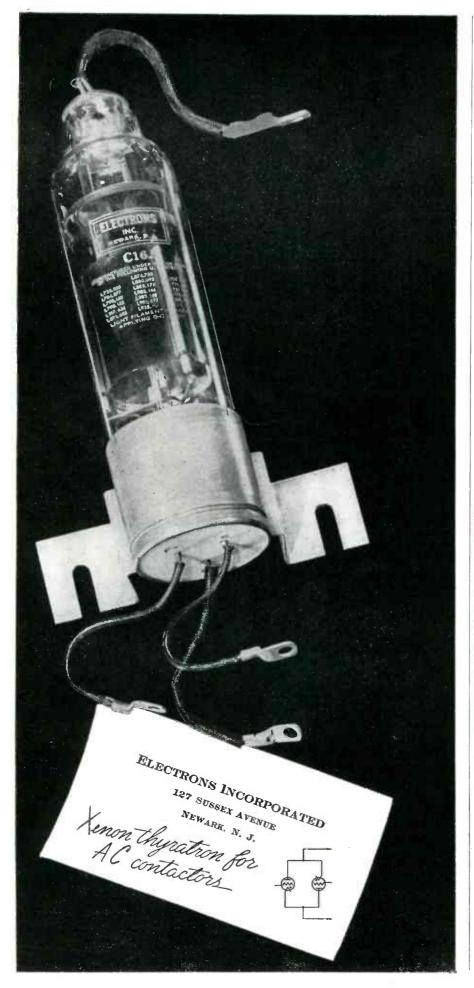
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an asset, if not a necessity. Previously, communication along the pipe lines was maintained by telephone and telegraph, but interruptions due to ice and wind storms made radio communication a vital necessity in an operation where interruptions increased the hazards of transmitting crude oil under extremely high pressures.

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To cover the long distances and mountainous terrain involved, the Buckeye system employs frequencies in the 30 to 40-mc band. As a beginning, 100 company vehicles will be Motorola equipped. In some instances central stations will be as far as 100 miles apart. Ultimately, two-way radio will cover the entire line. The company also expects the system to be invaluable in future line construction operations.

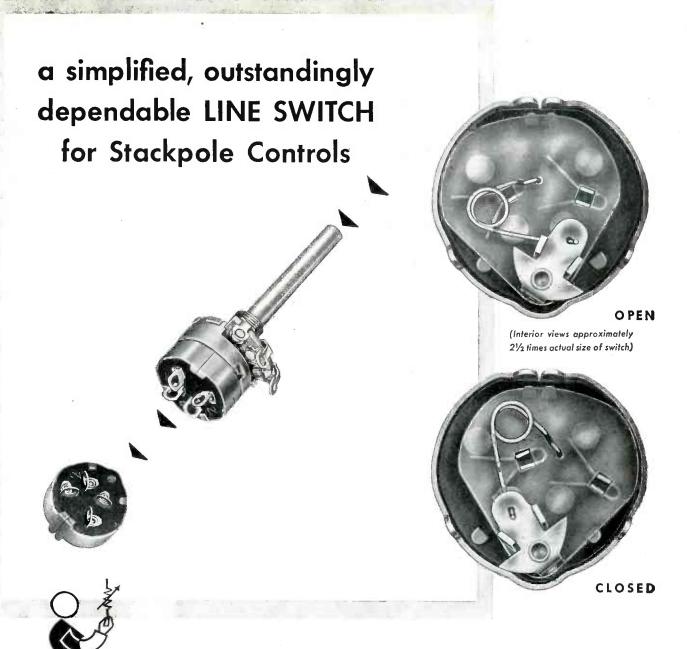
In practically all large cities, the sight of mobile transmitting antennas is already commonplace, with public utility trucks, police cars, fire department vehicles and taxicabs equipped with two-way



The shift boss receives the call from headquarters over the G-E radiophone in his truck and prepares to call his crew into action

radio equipment. The use of smaller units similar to the wartime walkie talkie is becoming more and more common among construction gangs and maintenance crews of all kinds.

Loss of equipment which would have set back materially construction of the Medicine Creek Dam



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VARIABLE RESISTORS FOR MODERN RADIO AND TELEVISION NEEDS

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of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Missouri Valley Authority on the Republican River in Nebraska, has been prevented by twoway radio. When a flash flood occurred, radio was used to direct emergency crews to vulnerable points in the temporary cofferdams and to move equipment when water came up to within 18 inches of the top of the cofferdams.

One mobile unit was moved into a nearby town to keep residents there informed of the situation during the high-water period. Last year 13 residents of the town were drowned during a flash flood. The system consists of eight GE units located in the main office, general superintendent's car, excavation superintendent's pick-up, the concrete superintendent's pick-up, in the field mechanic's truck, the service shop. at the quarry, and in the shift supervisor's pickups.

Oxide-Coated Cathodes

BY WILLIAM COUCH Machlett Laboratories, Inc. Springdale, Connecticut

THE IMPORTANCE of oxide-coated cathodes is probably not generally appreciated. All modern receiver tubes, except ballast and regulator tubes, have this type of cathode. Mercury vapor rectifiers and cathode-ray tubes have oxide-coated cathodes exclusively. In addition, they are used in many low-power transmitting tubes such as the 2C-39.

The choice of this type cathode over thoriated tungsten and pure tungsten is based on its high emission efficiency and the fact that it is the only practical indirectly heated cathode. Cathodes of this type operate around temperatures of 825 C, giving an emission of 0.7 ampere per square centimeter cathode area at an emission efficiency of 100 ma per watt filament heating power.

Pure tungsten filaments, which are used in the large power tubes because of their greater resistance to destruction by arcs and liberated gases, operate around temperatures of 2,250 C, giving emissions of 0.1 ampere per square centimeter of cathode area at emission efficiencies

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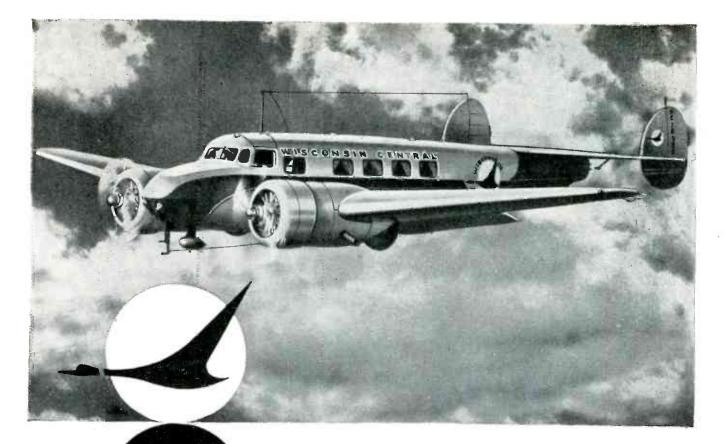
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Processing

The nitrates of barium, strontium, and calcium are mixed in the dry crystalline form in such proportions as to give approximately 60-percent barium oxide, 37-percent strontium oxide, and 3-percent calcium oxide in the final converted state. Barium is the best emitter of the three, and calcium the poorest. It has been found that a mixture is more successful in tube manufacture than any one oxide alone since a strontium oxide plus barium oxide mixture adheres better to the core metal.

The nitrates are dissolved in distilled water and then mixed with **a** water solution of sodium or ammonium carbonate. The rate at which these two solutions are poured together and the temperatures at which they are maintained during the mixing are very critical in controlling the particle size. The two solutions react and form barium, strontium and calcium carbonates (which are insoluble in water), and sodium or anamonium nitrate (which is water soluble).

The carbonates are filtered out and carefully washed, then mixed in a liquid organic medium. To this mixture is added nitrocellulose which acts as a binder, holding the material on the core metal until the cathodes are converted.

Addition of diethyl oxalate reduces the rate at which the material dries on the core metal, and increases its spreading properties so that a level coating may be obtained. Before applying the coating material to the core metal it is thoroughly mixed so that the carbonates and binder are uniformly distributed throughout the liquid.

The emitter material may be coated on the core metal in a number of ways, such as by spraying, dipping or electrolytic deposition (cataphoresis). Filamentary or directly heated cathodes are usually coated by repeatedly dragging the



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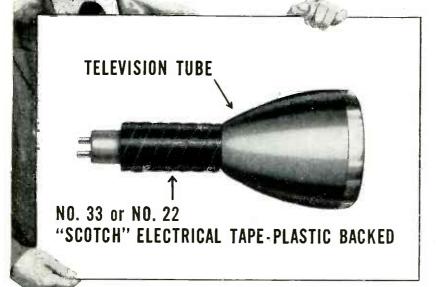
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wire through a bath of the material, thence through an infrared drying oven until the coating has been built up to the specified thickness. Indirectly heated cathodes such as that in the 2C39 are usually coated by spraying the material on with an air gun.

If the cathodes are too light or thin (below 6 milligrams per square centimeter cathode area); short life can be expected, as well as lower emission. If the cathodes are coated too heavily (above 15 milligrams per square centimeter), there is greater tendency for sparking and poor adhesion of the material to the core metal. The coating should dry with a smooth surface that is not coarse in texture and should be evenly distributed over the face of the core.

Alloy Cores

The core metal which supports the coating and reacts chemically with it to produce high emission is formed of a wide variety of metals. The choice is usually nickel alloy or tungsten alloy wire for filamentary cathodes, and nickel for indirectly heated cathodes. The core metal must not contain materials with low vapor pressures since the cathodes may run at temperatures above 900 C and it must have sufficient mechanical strength at these temperatures to maintain the electrode structure. It must chemically reduce the oxide coating, reacting with it to free metallic barium or strontium and, to a certain degree, match the expansion characteristics of the coating so that the bond between the two is not disrupted.

Extreme care is maintained to avoid contaminating the core metal before the emitter material is coated on. A degreasing and chemical cleaning is usually followed by hydrogen firing to prepare a surface entirely free of impurities.

Any volatile material driven off other metal parts while the tube is being pumped or operated is liable to poison the cathode so that the emission is seriously reduced. It is probably true that most emission troubles are caused by contamination from parts of the tube other than the cathode itself such as oil left on them from machining or drawing, or acid salts remaining

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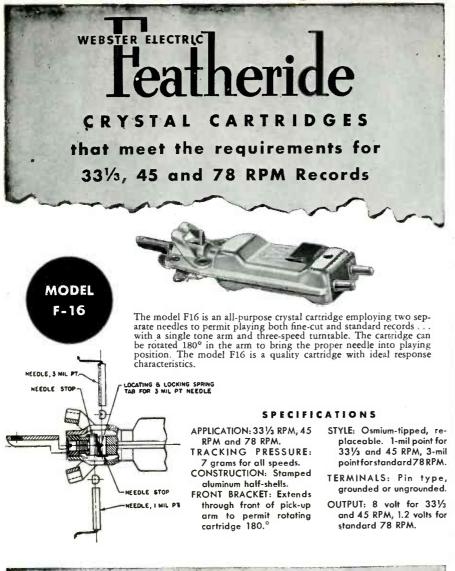
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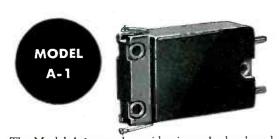
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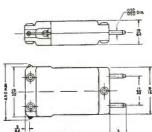
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after the cleaning operation.

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One serious source of trouble is caused by oxides left on the metal parts when they are heated during glassing or soldering operations. If they are not completely removed by acid cleaning or broken down on the pumps, during operation of the tube oxygen may be liberated, the slightest trace of which will destroy the emission.

After spraying the cathode and assembling it into a tube, the next step in the process is conversion and activation on the exhaust When a sufficiently low pumps. vacuum is reached, the nitrocellulose binder is burned off by passing a current through the filament until the temperature of the cathode is raised to approximately 500 C. The carbonate mixture is then converted to the oxides of Ba, Sr and Ca, by slowly raising the temperature of the cathode to around 1,110 C, the carbon dioxide being removed by the pump.

The electron emission is still low at this point and the actual activation takes place by prolonged heating of the cathode (1 to 1 hour), and the application of gradually increasing anode voltage until the cathode emission is in the order of 300 ma per square centimeter cathode surface.

Twin Oscillator

By TY KIRBY Radio Supervisor Detroit Street Railways Detroit, Michigan

THE TWIN OSCILLATOR described here was designed primarily as a stable oscillator which would be variable over a narrow band of frequencies. The theory of the twin is simple. Two oscillators are built on the same chassis using identical parts. The physical arrangement is made such that both oscillators are subjected to identical variations in voltage, temperature, humidity and other conditions. Then if there is any drift both oscillators should drift the same amount in the same direction.

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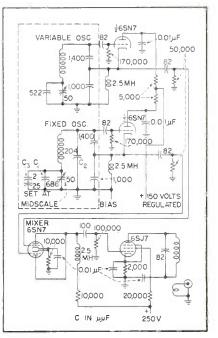
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their curves and drift the same amount under varying conditions. The outputs of the two oscillators are combined and the difference between them used as our output frequency. Thus although any oscillator will drift slightly, as long as its twin drifts the same amount in the same direction at the same time, the output frequency is constant.

It was decided to build a twin whose harmonics would cover the amateur bands. The two halves of a 6SN7 were used in Clapp circuits for the twin oscillators, followed by a 6SN7 mixer and a 6SJ7 doubler. The unit was adjusted for balance in the center of its range and a series of one hour runs made to determine the amount of drift. The resulting drifts after one hour:

Low end of band, 16 cps per mc (negative); center of band, 0 cps per mc; and at the high end of band. 15 cps per mc (positive). The band in this case was 2 mc to 1.75 mc. Tests were run over a period of several weeks to determine at which frequency the drift would be the least. This was found to be 1.850 mc. The oscillator was set at this frequency on Friday at 10 p.m. and left running until the following Monday at 8 p.m. at which time the frequency was measured and the drift found to be 12 cycles (6 cps per mc approximate).

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Schematic diagram of highly stable twin oscillator with output from 1.75 to 2 mc

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through \Box_{i} e the sis and a shield measuring 10 \times \times 6 inches covers both coils. The outside of this shield is covered with asbestos to keep external heat away from the coils and the inside cover of the shield is covered with asbestos to aid in keeping the temperature on both coils the same.

The variable oscillator was padded to operate from 6.375 to 6.5 mc. The fixed oscillator is padded to operate at 5.5 mc. Since padding the variable capacitor changes the feedback in this Clapp circuit, part of the padding was done from the grid end of the coil to ground (C_2 in diagram) and these padding capacitors (C_1 and C_2) so proportioned that the plate current of the two oscillators was the same.

Because one oscillator operates at a different frequency than the other and tends to drift the same percentage rather than the same amount (in cycles), a $25-\mu\mu$ f silver mica capacitor (0.002 positive drift) was connected in series with a $2-\mu\mu$ f zero temperature coefficient capacitor and placed in the fixed oscillator circuit (C_s in diagram). This brought the drift to zero in the center of the band chosen.

If the twin is to be used as a VFO in a CW transmitter the mixer circuit should be keyed. Since the oscillators are not on the output frequency and not keyed there is neither backwave nor chirp.

Although Clapp circuits were used for the twin oscillators any stable oscillator circuit would work. The less drift the individual oscillator circuits have the easier it is to compensate for the difference in drifts due to the difference in frequencies. Standard parts were used but parts which were used in both oscillators were individually matched since commercial tolerances are not close enough to serve the purpose.

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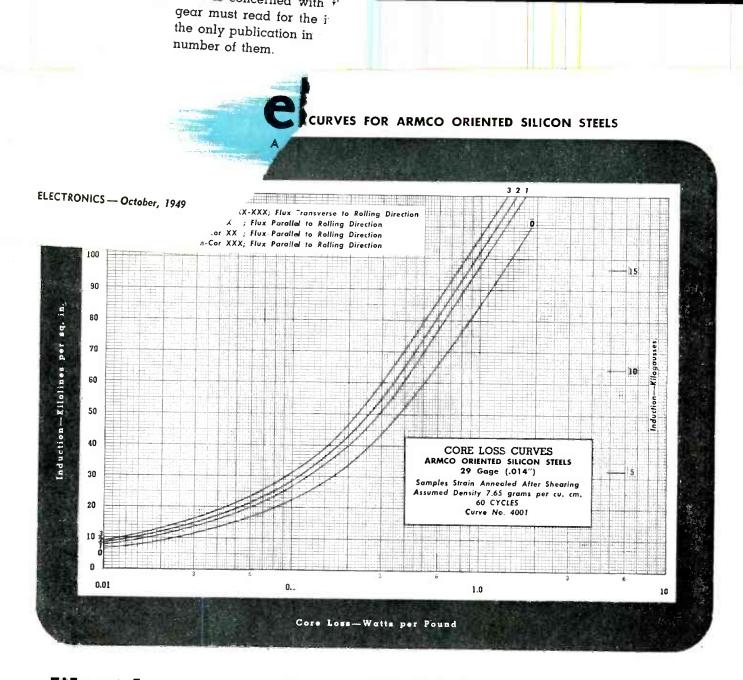
siderable energy from the entity being measured.

In biological applications the motions of small, soft membranes and tissues cannot exert much force, as undue strain would cause rupture as well as inaccuracy of measurements. The instrument described here was an attempt to keep this energy draw from biological entities at an absolute minimum. The mechanical motion is made to change the a-c impedance of two coils connected in a conventional Wheatstone bridge circuit, as shown in Fig. 1. Resulting variations in 1,000-cycle bridge output current are amplified and rectified for actuating a recorder. This instrument is now being used to study kinetic activities of bivalve mollusks. For the first time the encumbrances of the shell have been circumvented. permitting biological investigations under natural environmental conditions.

Probe Design

A small, light probe of nonmagnetic material rests on the tissue being studied so that a movement of the membrane in an upward direction exerts a very small force against a very light weight. Upon relaxation in the downward direction, gravity or surface tensions cause the probe to remain in contact with the tissue. Attached to the probe is a small piece of silicon steel of length equal to the crosssection thickness of one coil. Two coils are placed one atop the other and connected in a Wheatstone bridge circut. The coils are adjusted so that the steel fragment lies halfway between them. A sim-

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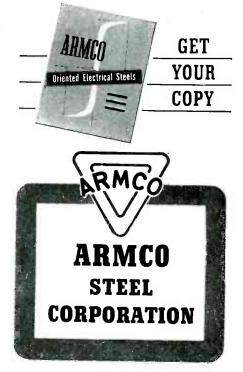
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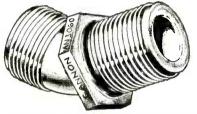
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ilar device could be designed to measure horizontal movements.

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As the probe moves upward, the upper coil will have a corresponding increase in impedance, and at the same time the lower coil will decrease in impedance. Any coil changes due to temperature or to proximity of other objects affect both coils equally and cancel at the amplifier terminals.

Detecting Bridge

The bridge is operated in a slightly unbalanced state so that if the probe moves down, the bridge is moved further toward an electrical balance. Conversely, if the probe moves up, the bridge is further away from electrical balance. The balanced condition is to be avoided, since a passage through balance would result first in a voltage decrease, then an increase. Since the coils contain a steel fragment, the frequency of the oscillator must be stable. A change in frequency could result in a corresponding change in amplitude at the detector due to the change in impedance of the coils, transformers, and other circuit elements of the amplifier system.

A conventional 1,000-cycle Wein bridge oscillator is used as a source for the detecting bridge. This oscillator has good frequency and amplitude stability, and its frequency is sufficiently high to act as a carrier for the low frequencies to be detected.

Amplifier Circuit

As the system was designed to make two measurements and comparisons are often necessary, a buffer amplifier is used to decouple the bridges in each system from the oscillator. The circuit of this

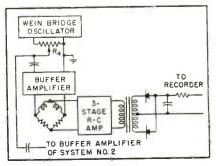


FIG. 2—Block diagram of complete carriertype d-c amplifier system

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arrangement is shown in Fig. 2. The gain of the two systems is equalized by a potentiometer when making comparative measurements. An oscillator voltage control is adjustable for sensitivity purposes. The amplifier is a conventional three-stage high-gain pentode system utilizing an 11-step degenerative feedback control for gain. The steps utilize selected resistors so that the feedback in both amplifiers is identical at the same setting of the control.

Since the amplifier is of very high gain, a well-regulated power supply is essential. Although the complete system using both amplifiers draws only 85 ma at 285 volts, the transformer, rectifier and filter are capable of delivering 450 volts at 250 ma. By using such a high voltage at the input of the voltage regulator, stability of the output at a 285-volt level is assured with the input varying between limits of 90 and 135 volts.

Operational Data

Using two 9,000-ohm coils (d-c resistance) in the detector system, a movement of 0.05 mm gave a deflection of 17 mm on recorders having a sensitivity of 1 ma for 6 inches (at 2 volts).

In operation, the probe and coils are adjusted to fit the individual oyster. The probe is adjusted so that the balance is slightly in favor of that part resting on the membranes of the oyster. The lower portion of the probe is thinly coated with a cellulose nitrate plastic and treated with a wetting agent prior to its immersion in the running salt water of the aquarium.

The pens of the recorders can be controlled by the balance units on the amplifiers. In this manner, a base line can be set in any position on the recorder. The amplitude of the recording can be regulated by varying the feedback in the amplifier or by varying the milliamperage range of the recorder.

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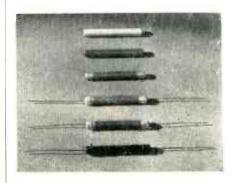
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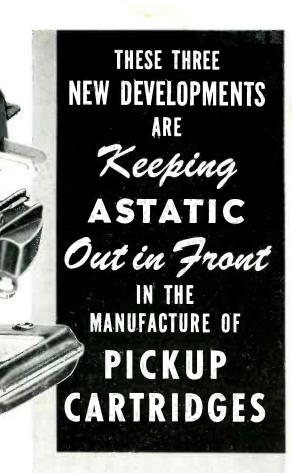
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is applied to the ends as electrodes, connecting wires are attached, and the unit is treated with a coating of baking varnish. Several of the different stages of completion are shown in the accompanying photograph.

High-Frequency Applications

Resistors of this type have been found to be highly suitable for many high-frequency applications. The usual fluctuations of effective resistance at high frequencies are minimized because of the small inductance and capacitance of the units. Skin effects are also minimized because of the thinness of the films used. In fact, computations for the thickness of films on large-diameter cores show that the relative contribution of skin effect to resistance is negligible.

Spiralling changes the distributed capacitance only slightly, and it has been found that the alteration in high-frequency behavior of a resistor which is spiralled to a highresistance value is largely that associated with the resistance increase alone. The inductance of a spiralled resistor is readily calculated by simple formulas.

Greatest constancy of effective resistance at high frequencies is obtainable when a glass envelope is placed around the resistor instead of the usual organic protective coating. This substitution reduces the effective distributed capacitance, which is a principal contributing factor in high frequency performance of any component.

Power-Handling Aspects

In power rating these components, the usual precautions must be observed since carbon tends to oxidize at temperatures above 160 degrees C. Even so, a unit with a suitable protective coating $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in diameter and $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch long is capable of dissipating one watt continuously.

Many different forms of deposited-carbon resistors have been experimented with, including special forms of tee and pi attenuators of relatively small reactance. Laboratory tests show them to be reasonably constant to frequencies as high as 100 mc.

The power-dissipating ability of a given size of deposited-carbon re-



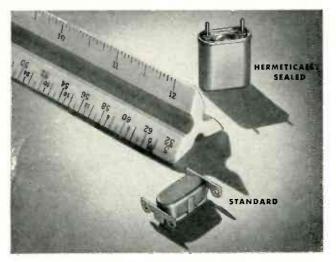
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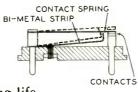
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sistor can be multiplied ten-fold by sealing the resistive element in a glass envelope containing a neutral gas. At their rated capacities, these units may be operated at red heat, the first limitation being imposed by the softening temperature of the glass envelope, if not otherwise limited by external conditions.

Another method which has been tried in an effort to increase the power handling capacity of deposited-carbon resistors makes use of water cooling. Because the water is brought into direct contact with the carbon resistance element, only a-c can be used with this type of cooling device since anodic oxidation of the carbon film will occur if d-c is used.

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USE OF SECONDARY EMISSION in a microwave cavity to give a highspeed, high-frequency switch has been proposed by B. D. Steinberg of the Research Laboratory of Electronics at MIT.

A 10-cm cavity has been designed and constructed as shown in Fig. 1. The gap distance, d, is nominally 0.03 inch and may be varied from 0.015 inch to 0.045 inch by raising and lowering the diaphragm. The opposite faces of the gap consist of beryllium copper, a material whose secondaryemission ratio is approximately 3.5. The remainder of the cavity is copper. The shunt resistance of the cavity is on the order of 500,-000 ohms, and the unloaded Q is about 3,000.

The cavity is interposed between a QK-61 magnetron and a matched load. It is operated on a vacuum

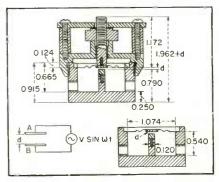


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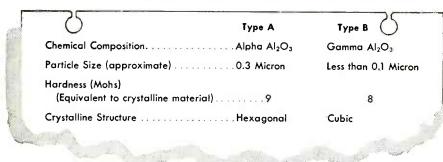
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If R is the secondary-emission ratio and n is the number of successive emissions, the gain, or ratio of final current to initial current, is R^n . In electrostatic secondary-emission multipliers, n is the number of emitting surfaces. However, if alternating fields are used, such that the electron stream returns m times to each of p surfaces, then $n = m \times p$.

With only two surfaces, designated A and B in Fig. 1, the gap distance d, the peak amplitude of the generator voltage V, and the frequency $f = \omega/2\pi$ are so adjusted that an electron leaving one plate at time t = 0 with a small or zero initial velocity strikes the opposite plate in $\omega t = \pi$ radians (as the field goes through zero). The secondaries produced by this electron will in turn be accelerated to the first plate, and will strike it approximately π radians later. These electrons will liberate secondaries which also will be directed by the field to the opposite plate. Hence, if the secondary-emission ratio is greater than unity, the current density in the space between the electrodes will increase.

The conductance of the gap is defined as the ratio of the current in the gap to the gap voltage. Being linearly related to the current the conductance will increase as the current increases.

Since electrons will successively strike the plates in $\omega t \approx \pi$ radians, the time per interval is π/ω , which

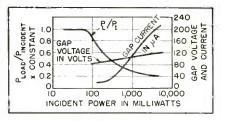


FIG. 2—Operating characteristics of cavity, showing the electron current in the gap, the gap voltage and the ratio of power transmitted to the load to the power incident upon the cavity as functions of the incident power

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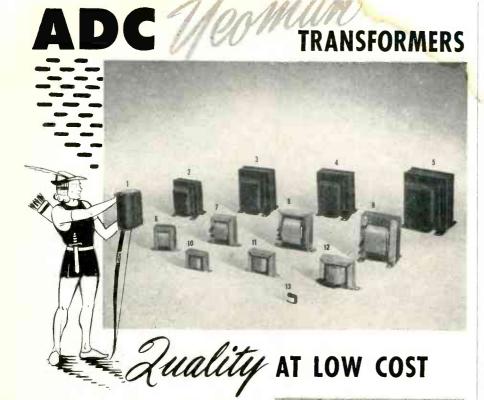


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Oxide Cathode Theory

BY WILLIAM COUCH Machlett Laboratories Springdale, Conn.

AUTHORITIES disagree widely on the exact mechanism by which an oxide-coated cathode is activated. The following theory seems to have the widest acceptance:^{1,2}

Metallic Ba, Sr, and Ca are liberated from the oxide by chemical reaction due to the reducing agents in the core metal, by positive ion bombardment of the cathode by residual gas which has become ionized by the electron flow, and by electrolysis caused by ion and electron flow through the body of the coating.

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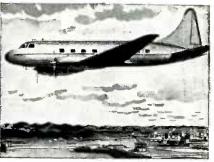
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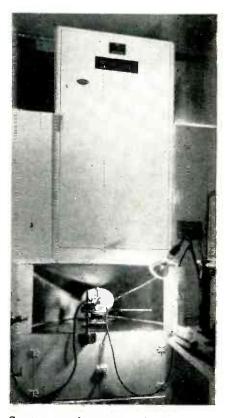


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of pure barium is formed but x-ray diffraction analysis indicates that a thin layer of strontium oxide is in the surface region, and that there is an absence of barium oxide.³ The argument for the barium layer is based on the facts that a small amount of oxygen in the tube will poison the cathode emission, presumably due to its reaction with the pure barium surface, and when metallic barium is deposited on an oxide-coated surface, the eoating is activated.

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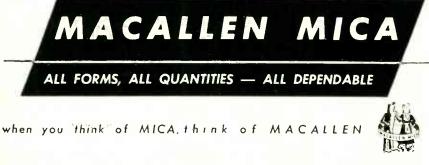
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FIG. 1—Theoretical layer structure of an oxide-coated cathode installation for spraying oxide coatings on cathodes

the oxide-coated cathode, as pictured in Fig. 1.

Peak Emission Properties

During the war a great amount of study went into the properties of these cathodes due to their importance in pulse applications. Electrodes incapable of withstanding continuous dissipations of powers required could stand intermittent high peak powers providing cathodes could be made which would deliver the required peak currents at relatively low emission efficiencies. Classical emission laws of Richardson and Schottky yield information of little value to the engineer studying the peak emission properties of oxide cathodes due to various phenomena such as patch emission, cathode temperature rise and sparking which will be discussed. However, constants for Richardson's equation have been determined and are more or less agreed upon as A = 0.01 ampere per square centimeter per degree Kelvin squared, and b = 11,605 degrees Kelvin (since the work function is about 1 volt), giving an emission equation

 $I = 0.01 T^2 \epsilon^{-12,005/T}$ ampere per sq cm

Use of this formula is practically vitiated by the following difficulties and phenomena:

(1) Inability to accurately determine T, since the thermal emissivity of cathodes varies a great deal among different ones as well as over the surface of any one.

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(3) When current pulses are drawn at relatively high repetition rates there is a large rise in the cathode temperature due to the $I^{*}R$ losses at the interface and within the body of the material.

(4) As the anode voltage is increased, the emission does not saturate, but the cathode will spark, transferring particles of oxide coating from the cathode to the anode. One or several such sparks will pit the emitting surface so that sparking will subsequently take place at lower voltages. Early in the life of the cathode this sparking occurs while the voltage is still in the space charge region on the straight portion of an I vs $E^{3/2}$ curve., Sparking is dependent on pulse width, occurring at lower voltages for greater pulse widths. It is also dependent on the nature of the cathode and the general condition of the tube, smooth cathodes and high vacuums having less tendency to spark. Other causes are incomplete activation, cathode misalignment, lint and burrs on the electrodes.

(5) For increased pulse widths it has been found that there is a tendency for emission decay, giving high emission on the leading edge of the pulse and low emission on the trailing edge. This phenomenon substantiates the theory of the blocking laver at the interface.* However, recognition of the instantaneous dissipation in the anode at high peak currents leads to consideration of liberated gases which would temporarily poison the emission, be gettered, and the cathode become reactivated in time for the next pulse.

From this brief discussion it can be gathered that there is little correlation between the operation of a cathode in a receiving tube under normal continuous emission and the operation of a cathode in a pulse transmitting tube.

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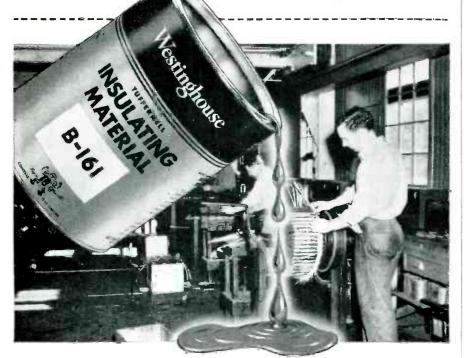
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In summary, the chief troubles with oxide-coated cathodes are: (1) Poisoning of the emission by liberation of gases from within the tube, or from contamination of the coating by impurities such as chemical salts; (2) disrupting the coatingcore metal bond by overheating the cathode or too rapid evolution of gases during conversion on the pumps; (3) sparking of the cathode due to excessive voltage, rough coating material, incomplete conversion, and scores of other reasons.

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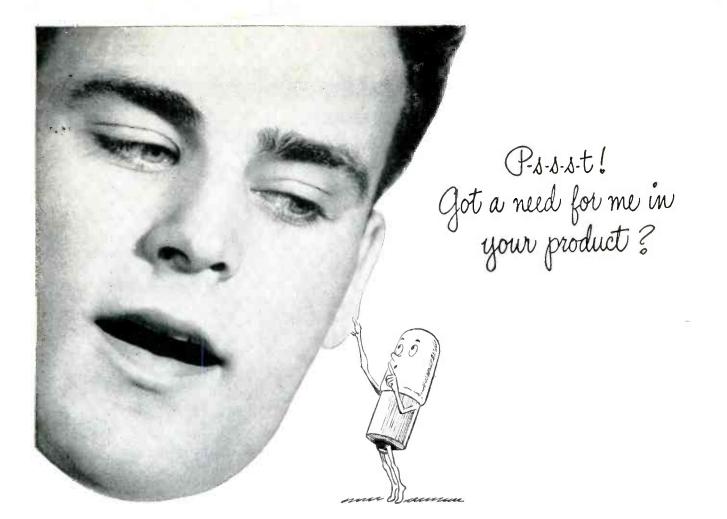
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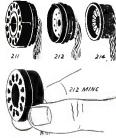
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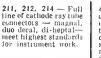


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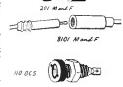
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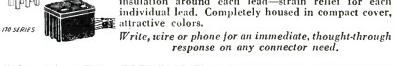
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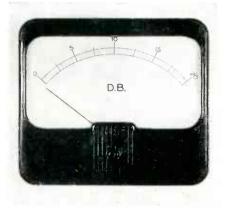
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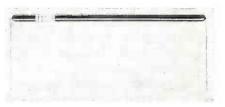
AUDIO INSTRUMENT Co., 1947 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y. Model 140 Disc-noise Meter checks noise level of lacquer discs and test pressings. It consists of high-gain



preamplifier, monitor amplifier, new logarithmic circuit and vacuumtube voltmeter. Due to use of new inherently logarithmic material, the meter is overload proof and has a scale completely linear to 20 db.

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S. S. WHITE INDUSTRIAL DIVISION, 10 E. 40th St., New York 16, N. Y. The 80X high-voltage resistor, rated at 4 watts, is offered in values



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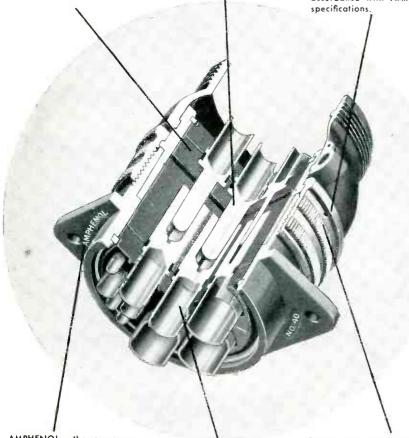
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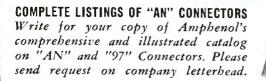
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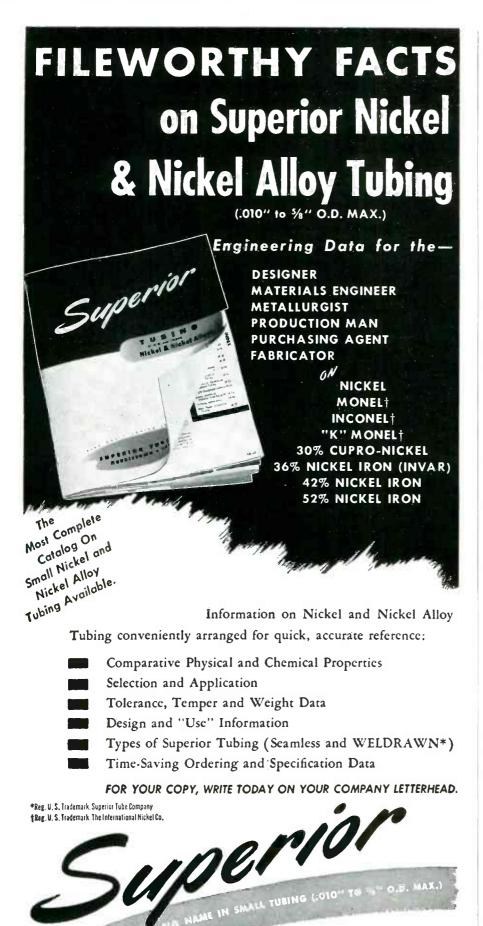
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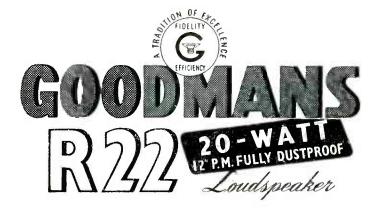
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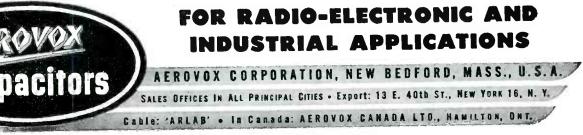


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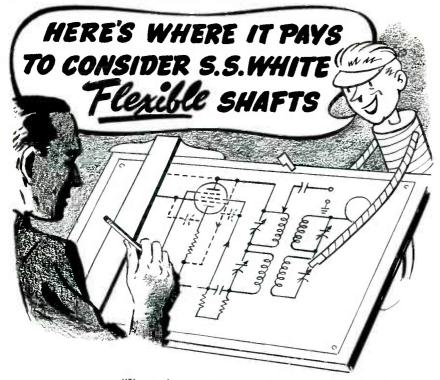
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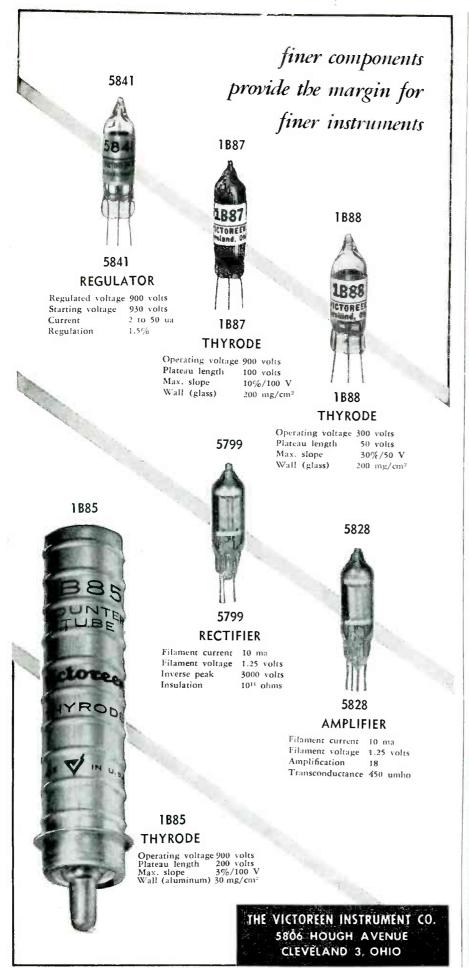
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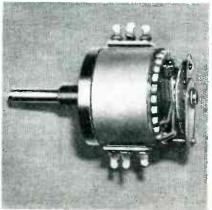
ELECTRO-MECHANICAL RESEARCH. INC., Ridgefield, Conn. Model 33A high-gain narrow-band amplifier is designed for operation at or near a frequency of 10 cycles. It is intended for use with photocells, thermistors, or other high imped-

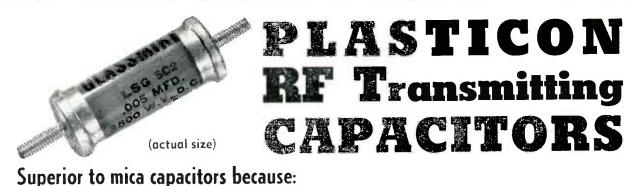


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LSG101	.0001	19/32" x 1-3/16"	.03	.09	.31	.94	
LSG251	.00025	19/32" x 1-3/16"	.05	.25	.5	2.2	
LSG 501	.0005	19/32" x 1-3/16"	.15	.5	1.6	3.0	
LSG102	.001	19/32" x 1-9/16"	.31	.94	2.5	4.5	
LSG202	.002	3/4" x 1-9/16"	.62	1.9	4.5	7.0	
LSG 502	.005	3/4" x 1-3/4"	1.6	3.1	6.0	7.0	
LSG602	.006	29/32" x 1-9/16"	1.9	3.5	6.2	7.0	
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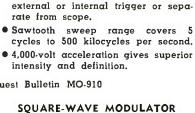
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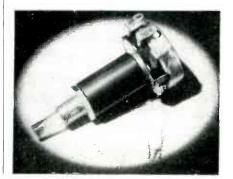
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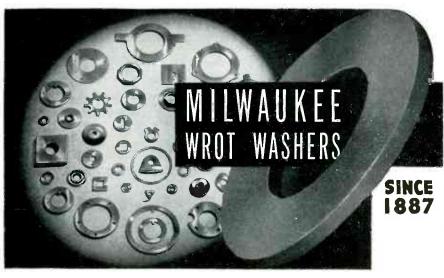
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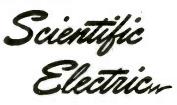
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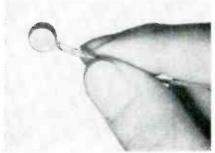
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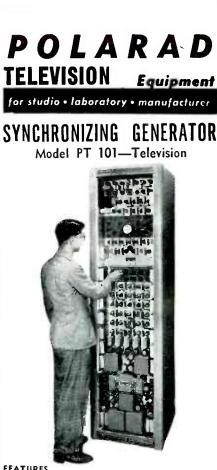
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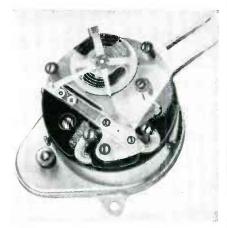
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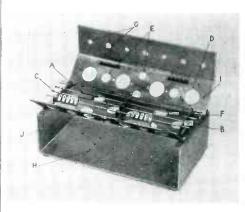
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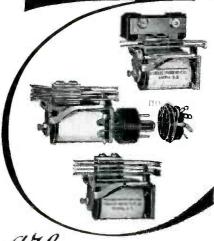
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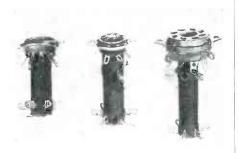


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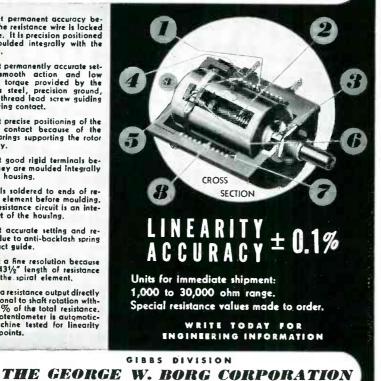




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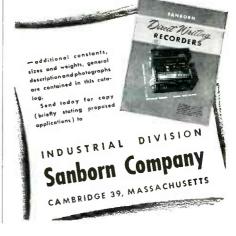
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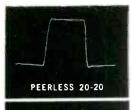
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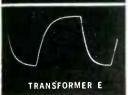
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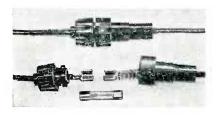
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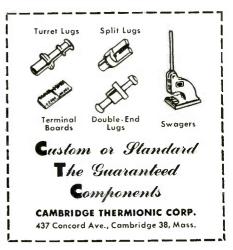
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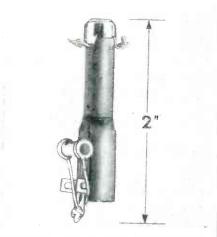
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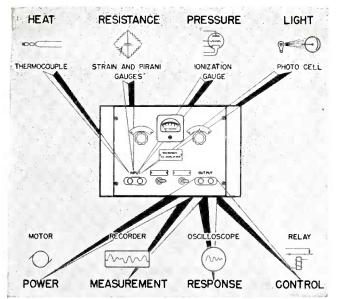
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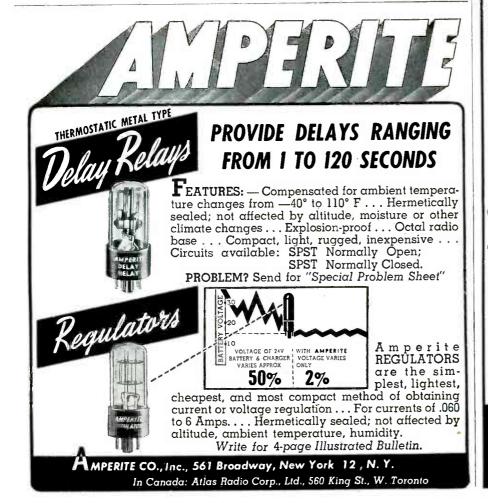
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Literature_

Plugs and Switches. Switchcraft Inc., 1328–30 N. Halsted St., Chicago 22, Ill. Catalog S49 contains valuable engineering data and complete listing on many new products including jacks, plugs and switches for low-power applications. Schematic circuits, detailed line drawings and prices are given.

Electrical Measuring Instruments. Simpson Electric Co., 5200–18 West Kinzie St., Chicago 44, Ill., recently issued catalog No. 16, a 50-page spiral-bound publication in color, dealing with a line of electrical measuring instruments. Several new products are listed including the model 480 f-m/tv Genescope, which provides all of the necessary signal sources for aligning and servicing receivers. Pro-



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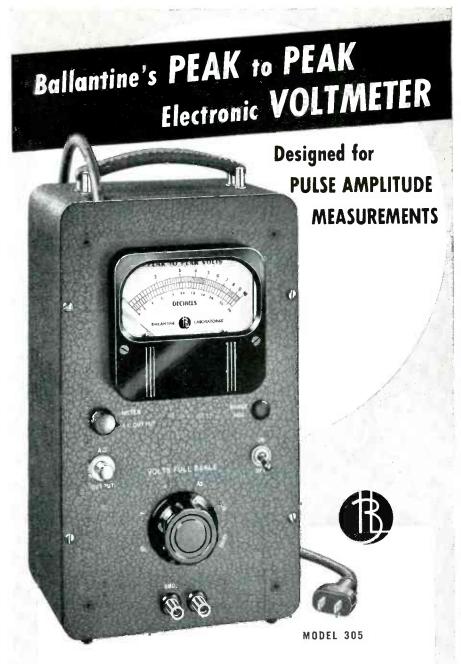
Wide-Range Oscillator. Southwestern Industrial Electronic Co., 2831 Post Oak Road, Houston 19, Texas. A four-page folder for insertion in a looseleaf catalog covers the model M oscillator which was designed as a source of power covering the frequency range of 0.25 to 120,000 cps. Description, specifications and circuit diagram of the low distortion unit are included.

Soldering Guns. Weller Mfg. Co., 808 Packer St., Easton, Pa., has released a catalog bulletin describing a line of soldering guns, featuring the new model WD-250 which is designed for heavy duty with a 250-watt handling capacity. Specifications, characteristics, tip types and prices for each model are included.

Technical Information. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J., recently published three new bulletins of technical information. Items covered comprise the 3KP1 and 3KP11, three-inch oscillograph tubes for photographic recording; the 203L5, a 4.5-mc video-circuit trap; and the 203R2 horizontal blocking oscillator coil and frequency-stabilizing coil.

Selenium Rectifier Brochure. The International Rectifier Corp., 6809 South Victoria Ave.. Los Angeles 43, Calif., has announced a new 6page brochure, identified as C-349-848, dealing with a line of selenium rectifiers. Included in the booklet are operating characteristics, applications, circuit diagrams and design data. Price information on a standard line of fullwave, single-phase, bridge rectifiers is also given.

Bi-Metal Disc Thermostats. Stevens Mfg. Co., Inc., Mansfield, Ohio. Stressing the quick make and break operation of type M bi-metal disc thermostats, bulletin F-2001 reproduces a schematic of thermostat operation, a typical response curve and construction data. It



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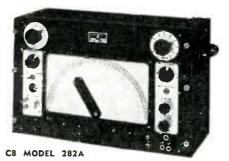
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also shows a variety of terminal arrangements available on regular or hermetically sealed models.

Torque Controllers. Duncan & Bayley Inc., 785 Hertel Ave., Buffalo 7, N. Y. Design features, installation and performance data, and history of fluid magnetic torque controllers are contained in a recent brochure. Limitations of the fluid magnetic clutch are shown so that misapplication may be kept to a minimum.

Radiation Counter Tubes. Amperex Electronic Corp., 25 Washington St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y. An 8-page folder describes and illustrates 14 types of self-quenching radiation counter tubes for research and industry. The tubes covered feature unlimited life, low operating voltage, uniform characteristics, small size and thin mica windows.

Heterodyne Eliminator. J. L. A. McLaughlin, P. O. Box 529, La-Jolla, Calif. The MCL-4 Signal Splitter, an asymmetrical off-frequency inverter type heterodyne eliminator, is fully treated in a 4page reprint and also outlined briefly in a recent folder. Diagrams, response curves and specifications are given.

Low-Voltage Controls. Square D Co., Los Angeles, Calif. Bulletin 1008R-1 is a 16-page well-illustrated manual treating of the lowvoltage control system for electrical installations. Technical data, wiring diagrams and working advantages are shown. The booklet introduces a new selector switch control and a redesigned master control contactor for use with the 24-volt system.

Electrolytic Listings. Aerovox Corp., New Bedford, Mass. Because of the wide range of capacitance and voltage values, particularly in dual and triple units, additional listings in the type AF or twist-prong-base metal-can electrolytics have been published. The added listings, as well as listings of other types of capacitors, are



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Vibration Testing and Control. The MB Mfg. Co., Inc., 1060 State St., New Haven 11, Conn. A new 12-page catalog presents data on vibration isolators and testing equipment. It features a chart for use by designers in locating the points on their products at which mountings provide the greatest degree of vibration isolation. Detailed example shows how to use the chart.

C-R Oscilloscope Application. Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Radio Division, 500 Fifth Ave., New York 18, N. Y., has published a 72-page booklet entitled "How to Service Radios with an Oscilloscope," designed as a practical reference for radio, television and amplifier servicemen, radio operators, students and electronic technicians. The publication contains more than 90 diagrams, tables and schematic circuits including many waveform patterns as they appear on the face of an oscilloscope in actual service application. Price is one dollar per copy.

Instruments Bulletin. Reiner Electronics Co., Inc., 152 W. 25th St., New York 1, N. Y., has issued a four-page folder illustrating and describing technically the following instruments: the model 508 five-inch oscilloscope; model 524 high-frequency oscilloscope; model 456 comprehensive master tester; model 530 square-wave generator; model 451 vtvm and model 101 amplifier. Price for each unit is given.

Rotating Anode X-Ray Tube. Amperex Electronic Corp., 25 Washington St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y., announces availability of a kit containing complete information and calculation charts for the new oil-immersed rotating-anode x-ray tube for all diagnostic applications, such as mass chest radiography, rapid-sequence exposure, heavy intermittent loadings and sustained operation for fluoroscopy.

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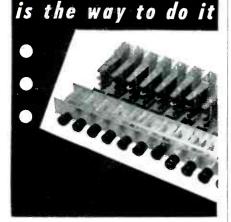
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take over military aspects of mobilization planning in electronics. The committee will work closely with the Munitions Board's Communications and Electronics Equipment Advisory Committee composed of 30 representative manufacturers and headed by Fred Lack, vicepresident of Western Electric Company. The new Electronics Committee is headed by Major General Patrick W. Timberlake, U.S.A.F., Director for Military Programs, Munitions Board. One member and one alternate of general or flag rank will be designated by each of the three Military Departments, and the committee will have the assistance of a full-time staff of military and civilian personnel.

One of the most important features of the new committee is the continuing secretariat. In the previous setup, which was under the Office of Production Planning of the Munitions Board, the chairman took over the burden of the work. Under the present plan, the secretariat will be headed by a \$10,000a-year man, preferably with industry and government experience.

Various subcommittees of the committee will be: (a) Equipment Subcommittee under five panels: airborne, shipborne, and ground electronics, wire communications and special electronic devices. (b) Components Parts Subcommittee with three panels: Common components, special components, parts and vacuum tubes. (c) Material Subcommittee composed of two panels: Common materials and special materials.

Since the formation of the first committee, there has been a heated controversy between some industry representatives and government representatives on the plan for mobilizing the electronics industry. (See ELECTRONICS, May 1949, p 60). This boils down to two plans known as the RMA and the Greenbook or government plan, both of which have been up for consideration since last April. The Industry Advisory Committee, at its last meeting in February, proposed a compromise industrial mobilization plan which was a softer version of the RMA plan and worded in such a way that it allowed the Electronics



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BUSINESS NEWS

SPEER CARBON Co., St. Mary's Pa., manufacturer of carbon and graphite products, has acquired sole ownership of both the Speer Resistor Corp., of St. Mary's and Angelica, N. Y., and Jeffers Electronics, Inc., with plants at Dubois and Driftwood, Pa.

ALTEC LANSING CORP., Hollywood, Calif., manufacturers of audio equipment, recently entered the field of television receiver production.

NATIONAL ELECTRONICS, INC., Geneva, Ill., has purchased the highcapacity resistance welding equipment formerly used by Liquid Carbonic Corp., at Morrison, Ill. The equipment will be used in the production of industrial rectifier, thyratron and mercury pool tubes.

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Schenectady, N. Y., is building a 70-million volt x-ray synchrotron which will be placed in operation at the University of California Medical School in San Francisco for research on highenergy radiation in the treatment of cancer.

GERTSCH PRODUCTS INC., Los Angeles, Calif., is a recently organized group in the electronic and



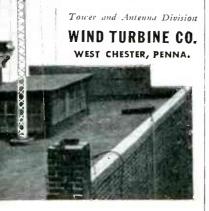
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engineering manufacturing field. The new firm has purchased the assets of Kappler Engineering and Mfg. Corp. and has expanded into a new modern building with some 5,000 sq ft of floor space.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION and General Electric Co. have invited bids for construction of the first units of the experimental atomic power plant to be erected on a 4,000-acre tract about 18 miles north of Schenectady, N. Y. The new plant will form part of the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory.

MOTOROLA, INC., Chicago, Ill. recently expanded its manufacturing plant to permit a 40-percent increase in television set production.

PERSONNEL

NEAL MCNAUGHTEN has been appointed director of the NAB engineering department. He was previously assistant director of the department and prior to that had been with the FCC for seven years.

J. W. HEAD, president and founder of Electronics Institute, Inc., Detroit, Mich., was recently elected president of the Detroit Section of the Instrument Society of America.

JOHN REINARTZ, designer of the Reinartz tuner, has joined the field engineering department of Eitel-McCullough, Inc., San Bruno, Calif., to assist in directing the application of tubes for amateur use.



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LLOYD M. HERSHEY, previously assistant to the chief engineer at the Hallicrafters Co., was recently appointed director of research for General Instrument Corp., Elizabeth, N. J.

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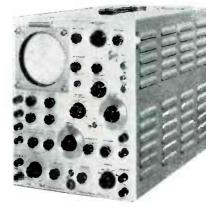
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H. B. FANCHER, formerly assistant section engineer in charge of television equipment, was recently named section engineer of broadcast studio equipment for the transmitter division of General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y.



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KARL F. KELLERMAN has left the post of executive director of the Research and Development Board's committee on guided missiles to join The Brush Development Co., electronic designers and manufacturers, as head of their recently opened Washington, D. C., office.

JOHN RANKIN, formerly chief engineer for Belmont Radio, Chicago, and six years with the RCA License Laboratory in New York, has been appointed chief engineer of Hoffman Radio Corp., Los Angeles, Calif.

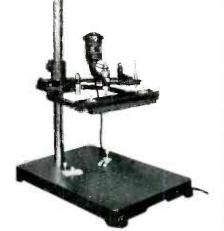
CHEN TO TAI of Harvard's Cruft Laboratory has been appointed senior research physicist in Stanford Research Institute's department of electrical engineering to head the theoretical section of the Aircraft Radio Systems Laboratory.

H. P. CORWITH, formerly director of research, has been appointed vicepresident in charge of development and research of the Western Union Telegraph Co., New York City.

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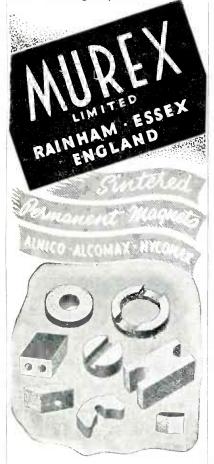
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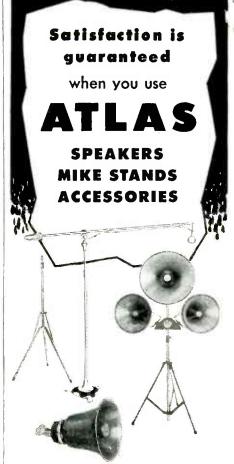
Magnetic Recording

By S. J. BEGUN, Murray Hill Books, Inc., New York, 1949, 242 pages, \$5.00.

THE RAPID progress and increasing importance of magnetic recording during the last decade almost demanded that someone write a book that would review the subject up to date, separate the chaff from the wheat in the literature and present an authoritative discussion of the art. Mr. Begun has accomplished this and considerably more in an unusually readable and well organized text. Of particular interest is the excellent bibliography presented at the end of each chapter and the glossary defining magnetic recording terminology. The development of the information, through basic theory to a discussion of specific equipment, applications, problems and instrumentation for their study, is logically ordered and clearly presented with a wealth of illustrations.

It is always a difficult compromise to write a book intended to aid the "technically interested amateur" that will be worthwhile reading for the engineer. Mr. Begun has recognized this and coped with it in an unusually successful manner. The first few sentences of the preface express the problem involved in writing a book during an active period in a dynamically expanding art. The interval between the time of writing and the date of publication has indeed produced a number of new and interesting developments. However, this simply means that a revised edition will be necessarv in the future and certainly should in no way deter current interest in the book.

In many instances the author has recognized the logical path of research and development and prophesied the course that it would take. As an example of this he says, ".... fortunately it seems quite feasible to make a multitude of copies from one master recording at the same time A good deal of engineering ingenuity will have to go into the development of such equipment. None of the equipment is available today." Now, in the July 1949 issue of ELECTRONICS,



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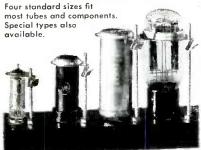
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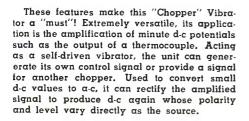
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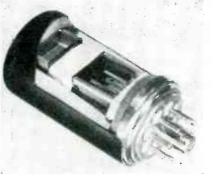
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the article describing the multiple magnetic tape recorder developed by Reynolds Marchant in the laboratories of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. announces that this feat has already been accomplished in practical form.

It may be worthy of comment that introductory material relating to the general subjects of acoustics, hearing and fundamental electronic components is endlessly repetitive from one book to the next and represents a never completely suceffort to condense cessful a thorough education in audio engineering in the space of a few pages. Although in this instance the author has done well with limited space, it is a moot question whether it would be better to eliminate the chapter on "Acoustic Factors" or to expand it. As it stands a good portion seems either inadequate or unnecessary, depending upon the status of the reader.

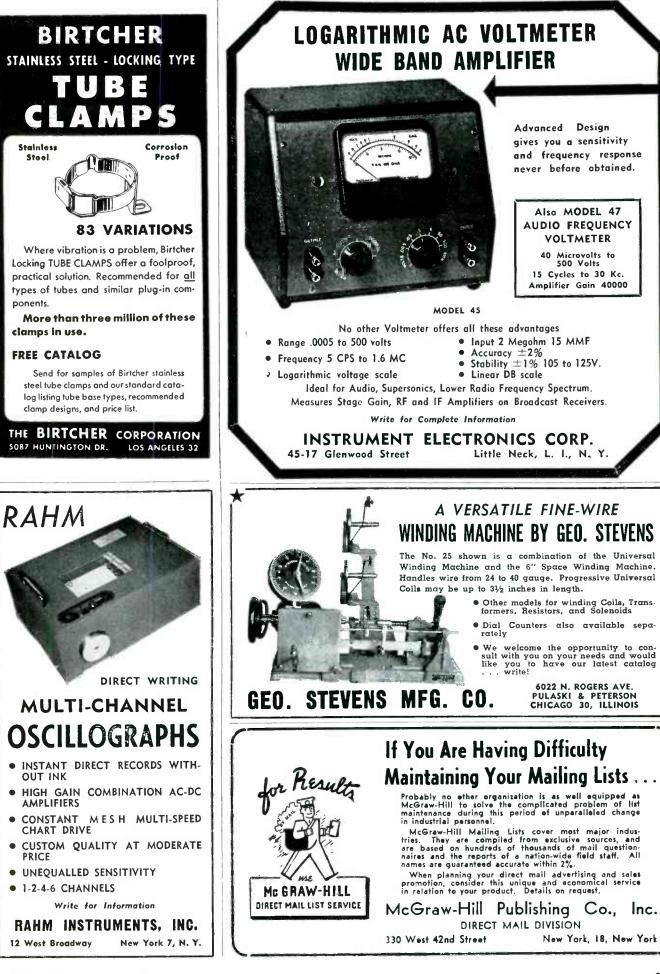
Certainly it is true that the novice in the field will gain greatly through the reading of this book, and there are few engineers, even among those active in magnetic recording work, who will not profit from reviewing the information and using this presentation as a means for collating their concepts. The book should be read, at least in part, by everyone in the industry.—JOHN D. GOODELL, The Minnesota Electronics Corp., St. Paul, Minn.

Photoelectricity and Its Applications

BY V. K. ZWORYKIN AND E. G RAM-BERG, John Wiley & Sons Inc., New York, 1949, 494 pages, \$7.50.

THIS BOOK covers virtually the entire field of photoelectricity from its historic beginning to its recent application in Ultrafax. The various photoelectric phenomena are described individually and the histories of their development presented along with the general theories and characteristics of lightsensitive devices.

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The last half of the book deals in specific applications for photoelectric devices. Numerous industrial circuits are shown. Photosensitive television camera tubes are discussed individually, and the complete electronic television system is studied in detail.

The application portion of the book is completely illustrated with circuit diagrams, and wherever practical, design data are included. A complete appendix of material pertaining to photoelectric devices is furnished.-J.F.

Books Received for Review

AUTOMATIC RECORD CHANGER SERVICE MANUAL, Vol. 2, 1948. Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., 1949, 432 pages, \$6.75. Covers 45 models of standard, LP, dual-speed record changers plus wire and tape recorders. Ex-ploded diagrams show each individual part in approximately correct relationship to other parts, to speed identification of any part.

THE CATHODE-RAY OSCILLOSCOPE. By George Zwick. Radcraft Publications, Inc., New York, 1949, 112 pages, paper-covered, \$.75. Simple fundamentals of scopes and measuring techniques, for those lacking engineering training.

ELECTRON TUBES. Vol. I—1935-1941: Vol. II—1942-1948. Published by RCA Review, Radio Corporation of America, Princeton, N. J., 1949, 475 and 454 pages respectively, \$2.50 each. Collected papers published by RCA authors, arranged in four sections in each volume: general; transmitting; receiving; special. Each look includes an electron tube bibliography for the period covered.

ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS. By Stephen S. Attwood, Prof. of E. E., Univ. of Mich. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1949, Third Edition, 475 pages, \$5.50. Advanced electrical engineering text for colleges, arranged in four parts to cover separately the electric field, magnetic field, ferromagnetic field, and interactions of electric and magnetic fields. Moderate revision of 1941 edition, with all formu-las recast to units of official mks system.

A PROFESSIONAL GUIDE FOR JUNIOR ENGINEERS. By W. E. Wickenden: Edited and Collated by G. Ross Henninger. Engineers' Council for Professional De-velopment, 29 W. 39th St., New York, N. Y., 56 pages, paper cover, \$1.00. Pre-sentation of philosophy and engineering ethics for young engineers. Beginnings of engineering societies are traced, and engineering is evaluated as a career. Ap-pendix includes a self-appraisal question-naire. naire.





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Packaged Precision

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READING THROUGH a series of your publication, ELECTRONICS, to which journal we have subscribed for many years, I have been interested to note the number of times the term "packaged" or "packeted" occurs when some concern wishes to draw attention to the size or quality of a product.

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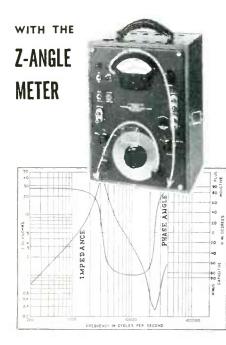
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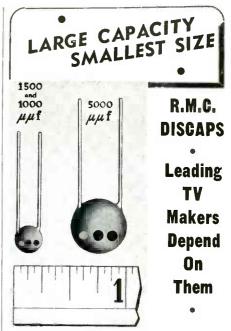
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DEAR SIRS:

MESSRS. GOODELL AND SWEDIEN presented an interesting description of their pipeless organ in the August issue of ELECTRONICS. I was sorry to notice, however, that they made no reference to the original electric organ based on the use of tooth and More than 40 pole generators. years ago, Thaddeus Cahill designed and built such a machine. About the year 1906, I well remember its furnishing music for an electrical show in old Madison Square Garden in New York City. At that time, of course, loudspeakunknown. Instead. were ers hundreds of old-fashioned telephone



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receivers equipped with horns were used. The effect was quite impressive, for those days.

Cahill was years ahead of his time. His voluminous patents indicate that he had an excellent knowledge of the fundamentals and problems involved in electrical musical instruments.

To the best of my knowledge, he did not report his work in any technical publication, but popular types of articles were written. In the November, 1936, issue of the IRE Proceedings, B. F. Miessner devoted several pages to Cahill's work and showed pictures of parts of his equipment. One of the pictures shown was a pitch-wheel assembly bearing a striking resemblance to that in your August issue. but having a length of about four feet and weighing hundreds of pounds.

> W. C. WHITE Schenectady, New York

Electrocardiographs

DEAR SIRS:

I SHOULD LIKE to call your attention to some errors that were made in the February issue of ELECTRONICS in reporting on a paper I presented at the AIEE-IRE Conference on Electronic Instrumentation in Medicine and Nucleonics. The paper in question is "Engineering Aspects of Biological Recorder Design."

In outline, my paper presented some short general remarks about end instruments for general biological recorders. The remainder of the paper concerned itself with a special type of biological recorder, the electrocardiograph, as an example of the problems encountered in typical instrumentation for biology. All remarks as to frequency bandwidth, phase measurements and so on, were concerned with the electrocardiograph.

The summary given in ELEC-TRONICS made no mention at all of the electrocardiograph but gave the erroneous impression that the entire paper was concerned with general biological recorders. It is fairly well known that recorders having only a 200-cps bandwidth, as stated in the summary, could not have satisfied the requirements of all biological recording.

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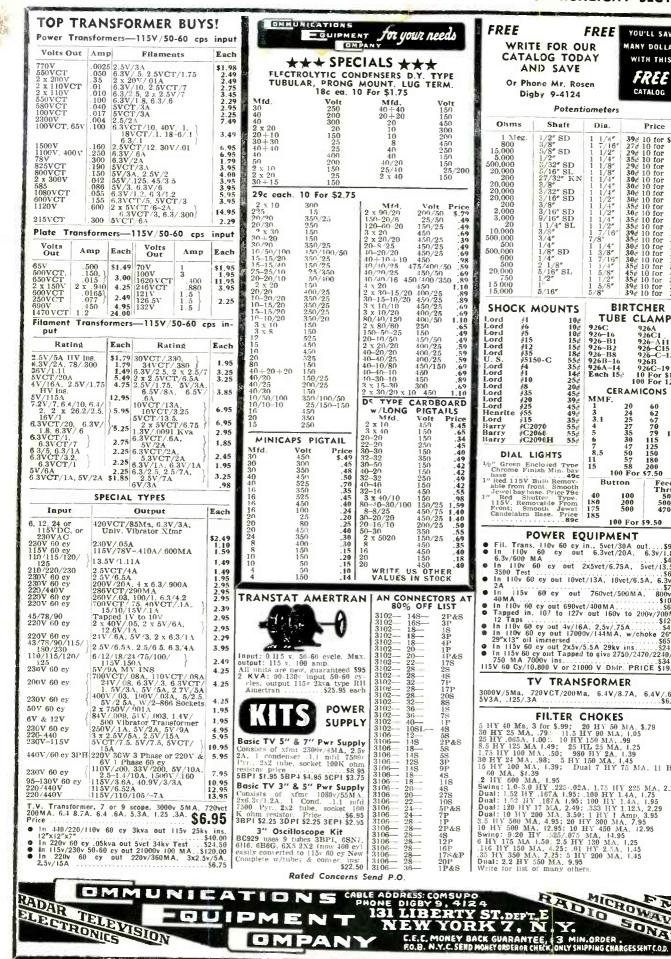
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DA LIEDIBOUSE LUDE. COMDIETRIV Junable Heavy		tween terminals 6-7 and 1-2 is 2:1. Frequency range: 380-520 c.p.s. Permalloy core	
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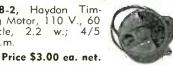
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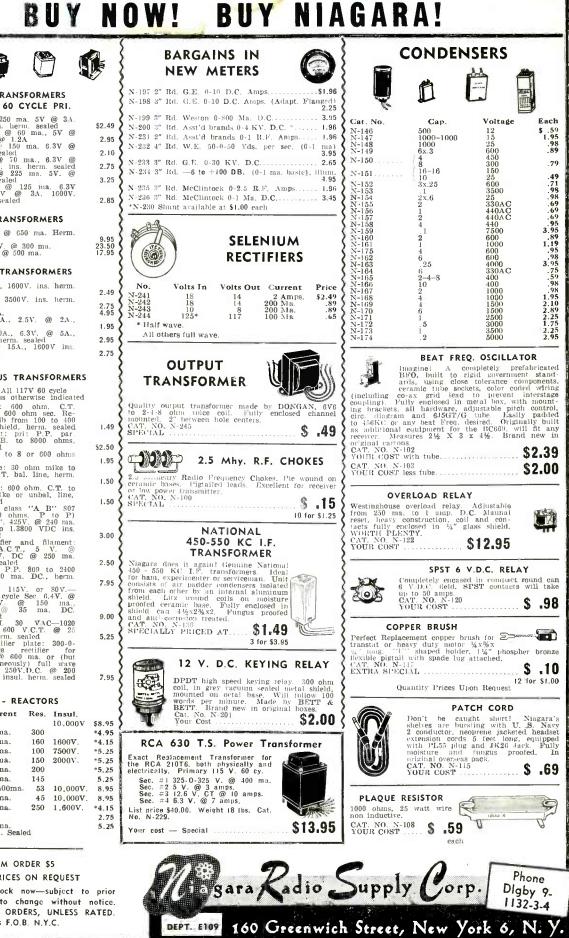
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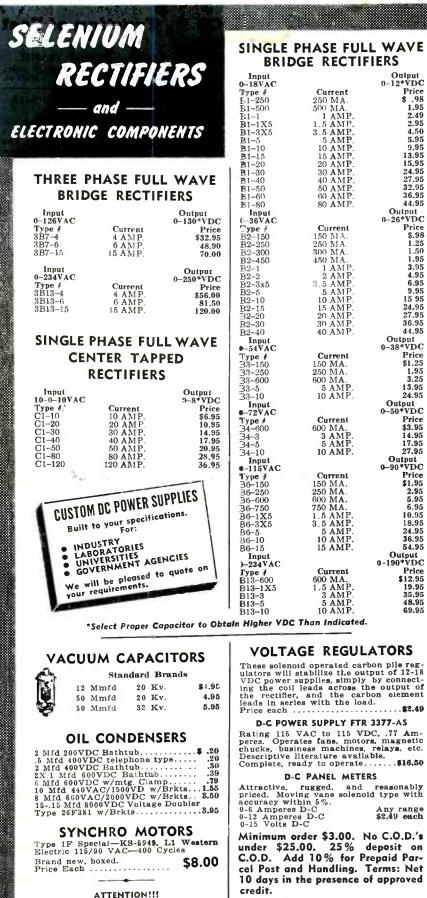
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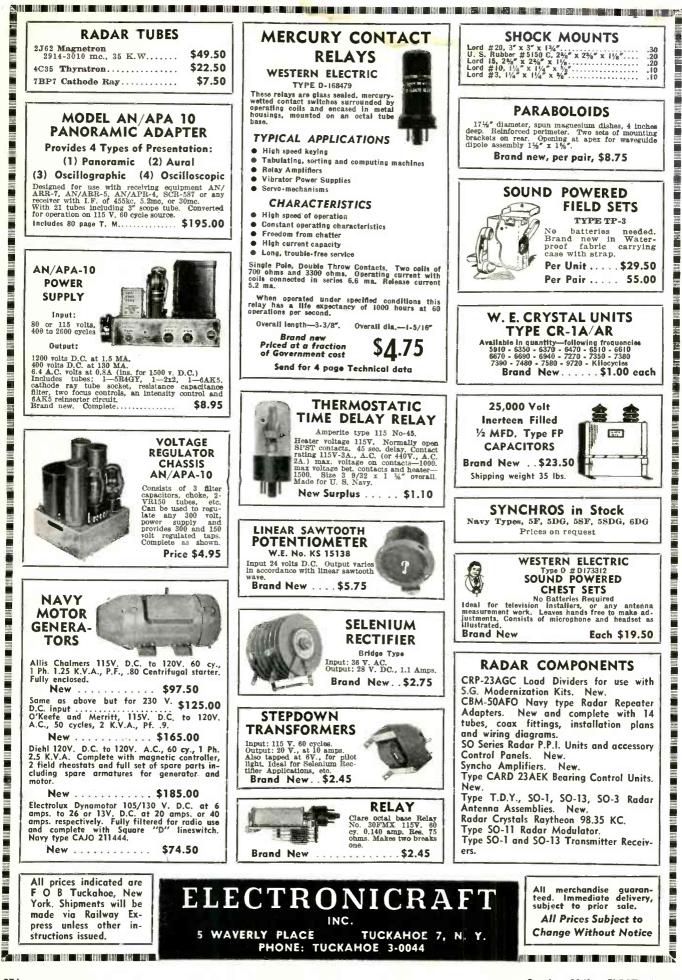
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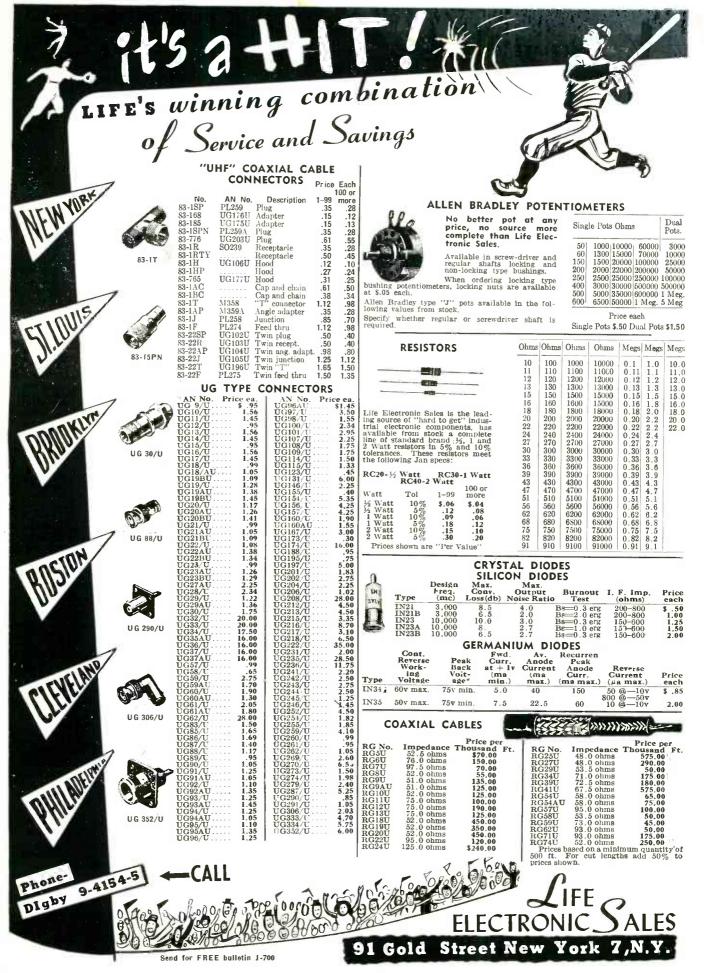
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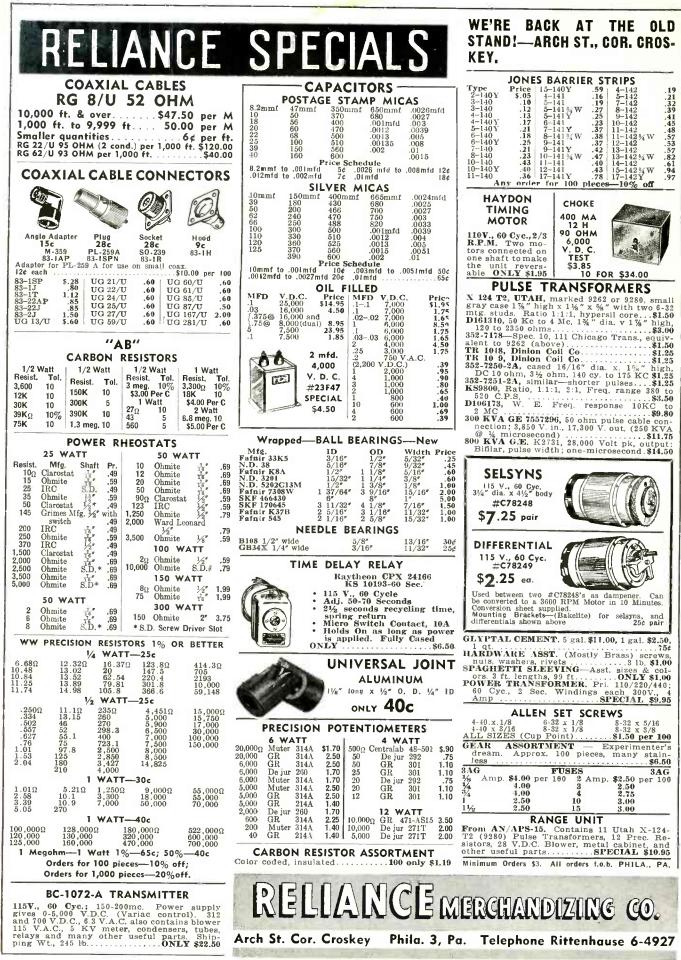


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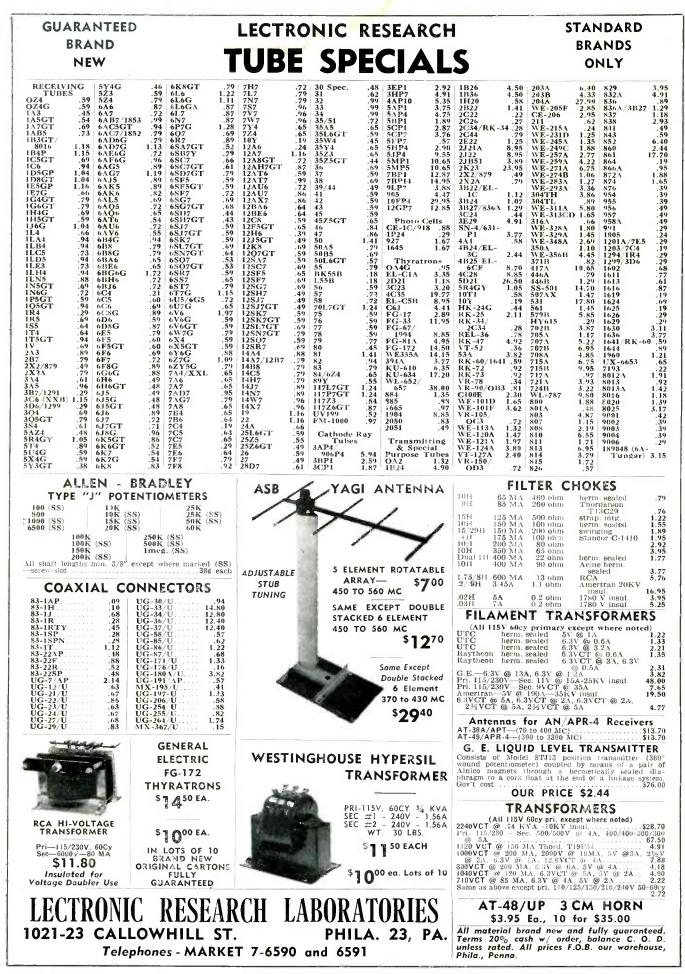
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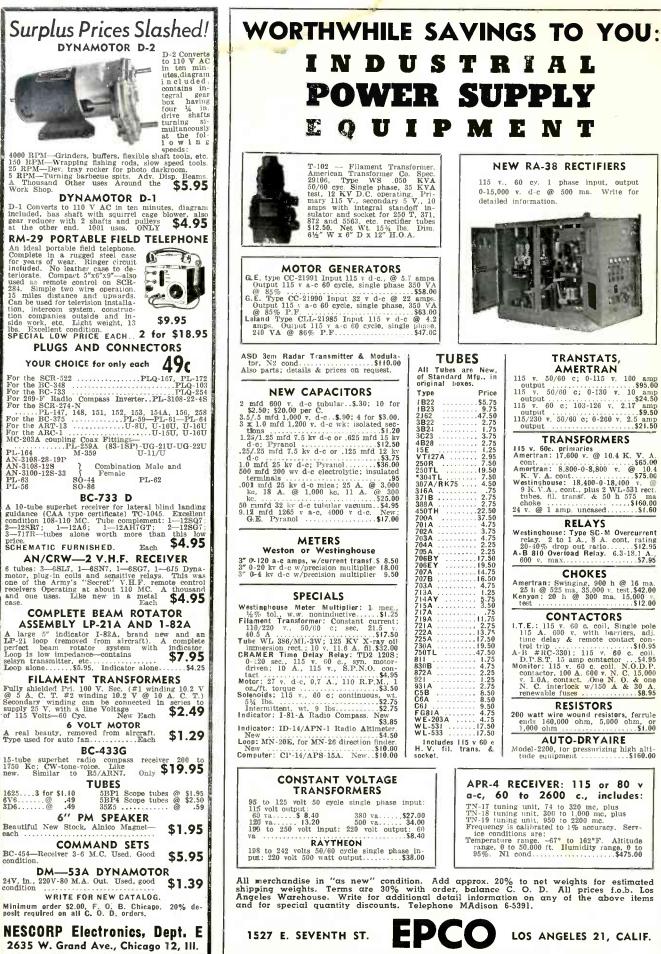
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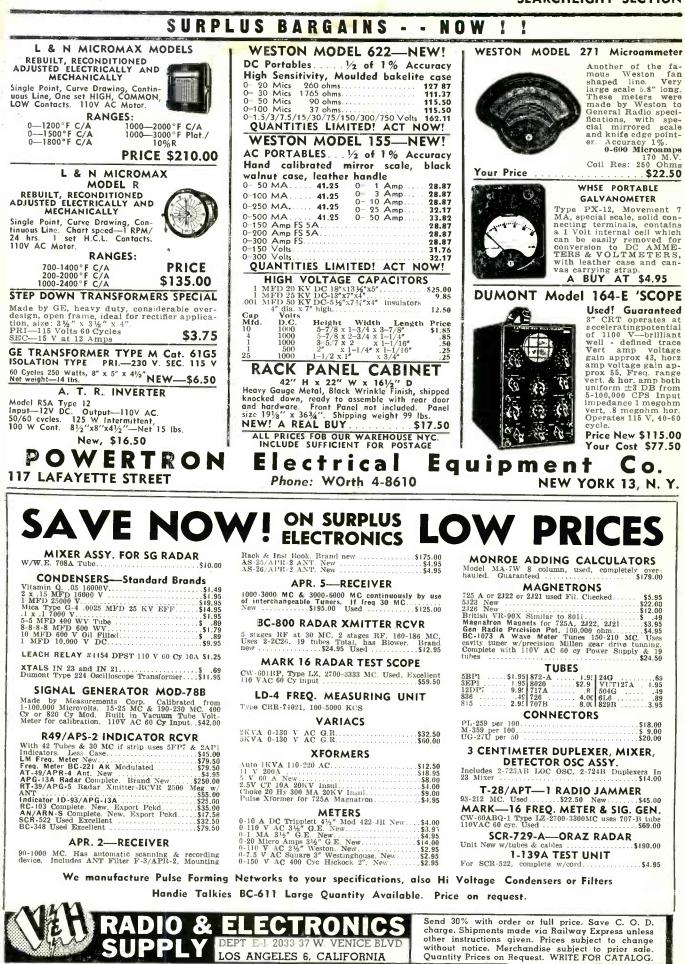
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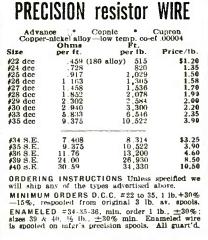
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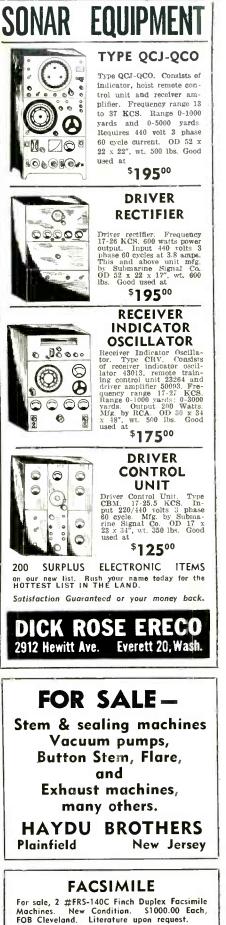




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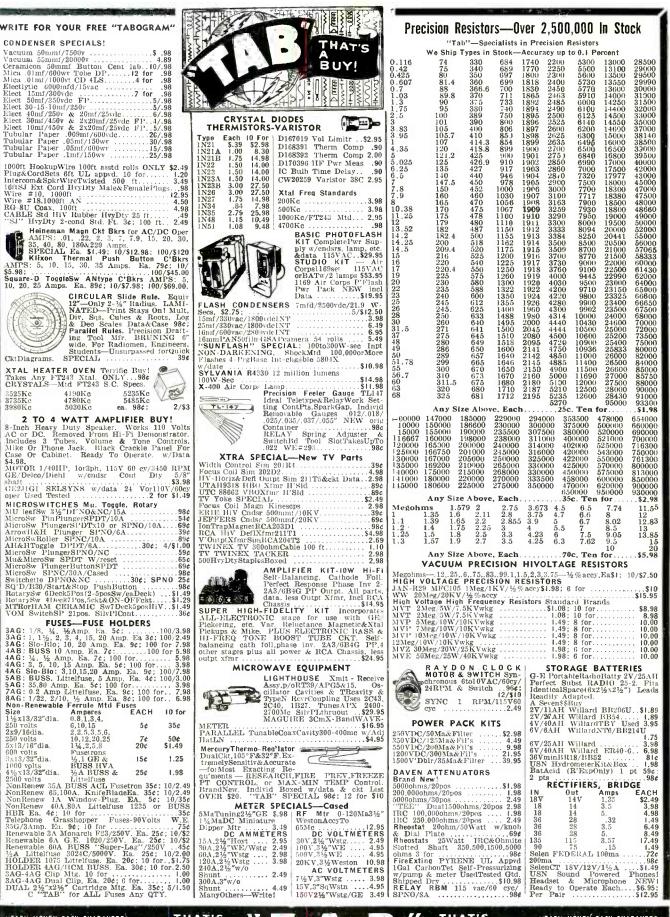
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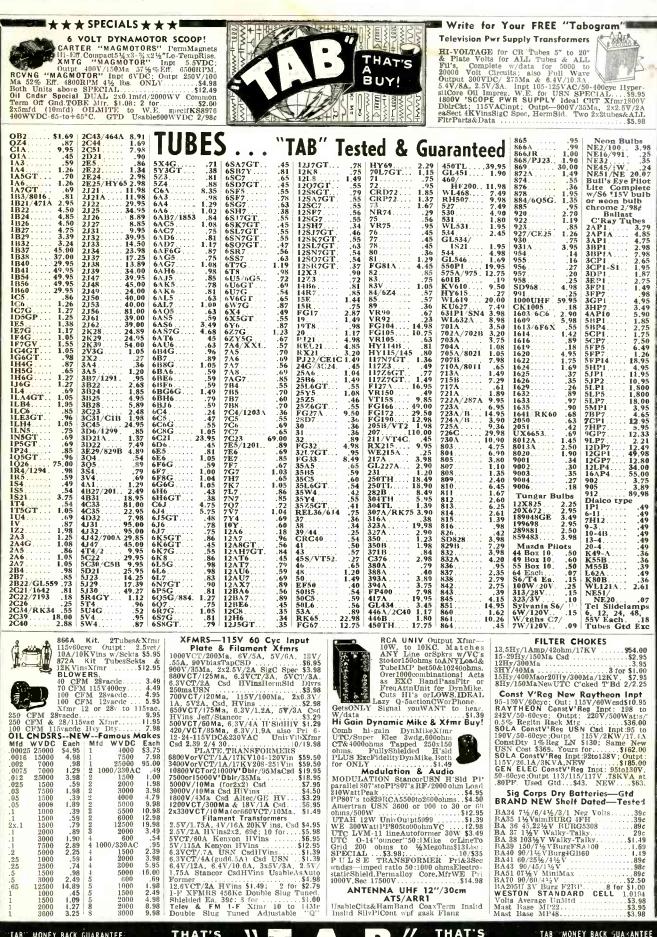
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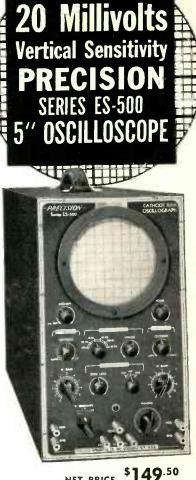
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	AX-9900	AX-9901	AX-9902			
Filament — Thoriated Tungsten Voltage Current (Amps.)	6.3 5.4	5 15	10 9.7			
Amplification Factor	25	25	27			
Maximum Ratings — Class "C" Telegraphy Plate Voltage Plate Current (Ma) Plate Dissipation (Watts)	2500 200 135	3000 400 250	4000 550 450			
Frequencies (MC)	150 200	30 120	100			
Typical Power Output (Watts)	390 200	820 520	1450			
Inter-electrode Capacitances (mmf)						
Grid-Plate Grid-Filament	5.5 5.8	8.0 8.0	8.0 11.0			
Plate-Filament	0.1	0.3	0.3			