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A-12	Low impedance mike, pickup, or multiple line to grids	50, 125/150, 200/250, 333, 500/600 ohms	80,000 ohms overall, in two sections	15.00
A-14	Dynamic microphone to one or two grids	30 ohms	50,000 ohms overall, in two sections	14.00
A-20	Mixing, mike, pickup, or mul- tiple line to line	50, 125/150, 200/250, 333, 500/600 ohms	50, 125/150, 200/250, 333, 500/600 ohms	15.00
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A-16	Single plate to single grid	15.000 ohms	60.000 ohms, 2:1 ratio	13.00
A-17	Single plate to single grid 8 MA unbalanced D.C.	As above	As above	15.00
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Hot water thermostat and component parts-Courtesy Camstat, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.

Seven Copper Alloys Resist Corrosion in Bi-Metal Switch

Rusting and other forms of corrosion change the electrical characteristics of parts, decrease strength of springs and jam bearing points in small control instruments.

To combat such conditions, copperbase alloys were primarily selected for all functional parts in the illustrated water heater thermostat. This unit operates with a bi-metal actuator which curves forward as the result of one metal expanding more rapidly than another.

Since each copper alloy has different mechanical and physical characteristics, seven were used in this unit, and, in some cases, several tempers for each alloy.

Cartridge brass, 70% copper and 30% zinc, because of its ability to withstand heavy working better than high brass, is used for the cover (1), bracket (2), pointer (4), yoke (9), and staple (3). Half hard metal was necessary to permit drawing, forming and bending of the cover, pointer and yoke, and in the staple to permit the prongs to be bent at assembly. The bracket is spring hard (8 numbers) as it acts as a flat spring.

Phosphor bronze Grade A, 95% copper, 5% tin, 0.15 phosphor, produces flat springs in light gages (0.006 and up) due to its excellent spring properties and resistance to fatigue. This alloy is used for the contact springs (16), push button spring (17), spring link (18) and flat spring (20). All have spring temper.

Nickel Silver Grades A, B

Two grades of Nickel silver find use in this unit. In the pivot bracket (8) grade B, 55% copper, 18% nickel and the remainder zinc, gives the part fine spring characteristics, high strength (better than 90,000 psi in its extra hard temper), and the ductility in this hard state to permit heavy bending and forming.

Grade A, 65% copper, 18% nickel and remainder zinc, has greater ductility than B which permits dimpling, bending and forming on the actuating lever (10). The base metal is hard (4 numbers) and has a tensile strength of 85,000. The coldworking done on this lever increases its strength to around 90,000.

Several Parts Machined

Free machining brass rod, with the highest machinability of the copper alloys, can be accurately machined with good finishes at high speeds. For these reasons, it is used for the counterweight (shown on assembly 9), adjusting nut (5), terminal (6), stub (7), and calibrating screw (12). This alloy also has a conductivity 26% that of copper.

The hollow rivets (11) and (13) are produced in cold headers from 70-30 (cartridge brass) wire. When the hollow rivets are such that drilling is required rather than extrusion in the header, a light leaded wire is used (65% copper, 0.3% lead and remainder zinc) to facilitate the drilling.

The cold headed and roll threaded screws (14) and (15) are made from high brass, 65% copper, 35% zinc. Although not as ductile as the cartridge brass used in the hollow rivets, it is sufficiently ductile for medium-sized heads and roll threading.

Silver Rivets

The hollow rivets used for electrical contacts in the switch under the silver links are also of silver to eliminate danger of arcing.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

By W. W. MacDONALD

Better Men than this Business Briefs editor, in government and industry, are reshaping our economy to meet the requirements of peace, part-time police action or full-scale war. We are glad they are doing such planning, for the transition from the first condition to the second has already occurred and the third step seems probable. The only real uncertainty appears to be one of terminology and timing.

We think that no matter which way the bear jumps the devotion of American men and materials to military projects will purely eventually be at least equal to that which applied at the close of World War II. We think the electronics industry will ultimately face a greater manpower shortage. receive more military equipment orders, and have to suspend more business than most civilian people believe at this time. We think this will be more apparent after the November elections.

Having said all this, we can now report current news out of Washington, without further editorial comment.

Mobilization Plans already being implemented as this item goes to press lead Washington officials to believe that military orders for electronic items through the remainder of 1950 and fiscal year 1951 will total between \$2 billion and \$2.4 billion, with equipment actually shipped totalling about \$1.5 billion.

Electronic industry spokesmen say that if this is so military business will require about 25 percent of their plant capacity and manpower to handle. This might permit an industry goal of 6 million television sets and 10 million radio receivers to be reached in 1950, despite an anticipated sharp drop in December. A reduction in civilian business of from 20 to 25 percent would be sufficient in 1951. Military people think this is overoptimistic.

Some raw materials are already in short supply due to military

needs. Some component parts are in short supply due to heavy television receiver production and protective stockpiling. Allocations in some categories seem likely.

Three Major Groups have been set up by the electronics industry to work closely with the military. They are: (1) the National Electronics Mobilization Committee, which is a joint undertaking of RTMA and NSIA; (2) the Electronics Industry Advisory Committee, appointed in 1948 by the Munitions Board and NSRB; and (3) the Army Signal Corps Advisory Council.

Navy has set up a new Electronics Office, part of the Office of Navy Materiel located in the Executive Office of the Secretary of Navy. It will serve as a central point of contact for contractors formerly dealing individually with BuShips, BuAer, BuOrd, BuSupplies and Accounts.

Training Servicemen capable of handling electronic equipment to the satisfaction of the Navy Department in time of war costs from 10 to 100 times the value of the equipment these men maintain, according to L. V. Berkner of Carnegie Institute. It takes from two to four years, plus an additional four to ten weeks on each new highly specialized piece of equipment.

Editorial Assistant Jack Carroll went on ELECTRONICS' masthead last month. This month he is back in his Ensign's uniform and Somewhere in the Pacific.

Fascinating Fact of the month is the granting of permission to remain silent for one day to radio stations KFGQ and KFGQ-FM by the FCC. It seems that the stations are run by a biblical college and the staff needed a day off to attend graduation exercises in Iowa City.

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First Six Months of 1950 saw production of the following receiver totals by RTMA members:

	TV	Home Radios (inc. portables)	Car Sets
Jan	335,588	470,715	189,480
Feb	367,065	529,254	221,139
Mar	525,277	724,691	255,673
Apr	420,026	648,352	234,354
May	376.227	693,592	206,464
Jun	388,962	784,108	270,348

The 2,413,145 tv sets produced in the first half of 1950 compared with 913,071 made in the corresponding period of 1949. The 5,-228,170 radio sets made compared with 3,481,858 made in the preceding comparable period.

F-M and F-M—A-M radios included in the figures above totalled 539,852 in the first six months of 1950, an increase of 115,000 over the first six months of 1949. In addition, 225,673 of the television sets made from January through June this year had f-m reception facilities.

Receiving Tube Sales by manufacturers totalled 170,375,921 in the first half of 1950 as against 81,663,213 in the first half of 1949.

Electrons, Inc. says Detroit is still number one market for industrial thyratrons of its manufacture, but that Milwaukee and Cleveland are running a close second and third. We wonder how these and other cities stack up as industrial electronic equipment markets for others.

Heard In A Lab, and applicable in many other walks of life: "He has an unerring instinct for the unimportant."

Mexican XHTV is now transmitting television programs on a commercial basis two hours nightly, transmits music and a test pattern two additional hours each day. At least three major U.S. television receiver brands are being sold in quantity in Mexico City.

In July we mentioned a 700outlet master television antenna system installed in New York and invited correspondence from anyone who knew of a bigger job. Curtis Pierce of RCA Victor Distributing now tells us that Roberts-Stage Electric is completing a 740-unit installation suitable for both television and f-m on Chicago's Lake Shore Drive.

New Product Ideas are always interesting to manufacturers. If you have one tell us about it. Maybe we can help.

Advertising Copywriters are indeed ingenious in the matter of artwork. Looking through the ads in one of our recent issues we note the presence of such widely assorted eye catchers as flying saucers, Indians, tight-wire artists, ghosts, magicians, elephants and butterflies.

September Issue Ads:

Just two pieces of copy make a direct bid for military business. However, several makers of temperature, pressure and humidity test chambers, and vibration testers, are back in print for the first time since World War II.

Three tube makers feature special long-life industrial types.

We are intrigued by the terms "mush-wound" coils and "ground worms (hard or soft)".

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CROSS TALK

▶ BLOOPERS . . . Major Armstrong has reminded the industry that local oscillator radiation, now so troublesome in the f-m and ty bands, is an old problem, licked long ago in regenerative and superhet sets for the broadcast band. In a strong letter read before the RTMA f-m receiver committee he cites measurements on a particularly bad f-m receiver, with no r-f stage, that developed a full volt of local oscillator voltage across the antenna terminals, and compares it with a better receiver developing 20 millivolts.

We agree with the Major that keeping the radiation voltage down to 20 millivolts is good engineering, but unfortunately it's not good enough. If it were, the tv band would not be in the trouble it's in today. Measurements on tv receivers of twelve manufacturers, recently conducted under RTMA auspices, showed that the voltage across the antenna on channels 2 through 6, adjacent to the f-m band, was under 20 millivolts in 12 models of the 14 tested. The majority were below 10 millivolts on channels 2 through 6.

The mark to shoot at is one millivolt across 300 ohms for these channels. Such a radiated voltage represents only 3 billionths of a watt radiated, and produces a field of 15 microvolts per meter at 100 feet. Even on the low-band channels, achieving this low level is difficult. On the higher channels, thus far, it has proved almost impossible to meet this mark, because radiation direct from the chassis comes into play when the wavelength is only a few times the maximum dimension of the chassis.

The development that licked the problem on the broadcast band, so far as we are able to determine, is the built-in loop antenna. The majority of a-m sets now made use loops, and no r-f stage. But the loop is such a poor radiator that the radiation is held to an acceptable level. We wish that some equally simple solution were available to f-m and ty designers.

► TV NATIONS ... A checkup reveals that as of September 1, public television service of one sort or another is being rendered in eight countries. In the Americas, stations are operating on 525 lines in the U.S.A., Mexico City and Sao Paulo (Brazil). A second Brazilian station, in Rio de Janeiro, is scheduled to start on 625 lines, the difference in scanning being predicated (wrongly!) on the power supply frequency. Equipment for 525-line service has been shipped to Cuba and should be on the air this fall. In Europe stations are on the air in London and Birmingham, Paris, Eindhoven (Holland) Milan, and in Russia. Experimental transmissions, without public participation, are reported to be under way in Denmark and Sweden.

Many new stations can be ex-

pected in Europe, now that the European standards have been agreed on. Word from Geneva has it that the European nations (except France and England) have definitely settled on 625-line, 25frame scanning, as anticipated in our last report (August issue, p 70). Negative modulation and f-m sound, following U.S.A. practice and opposed to the British recommendations, have been adopted. The channel width is 7 mc. Except for the adoption of 25-frame scanning, which will put the European system at a disadvantage from the flicker standpoint. the choices made at Geneva are a sound basis for television service, and reflect a careful study of alternatives.

▶ RED FEATHER . . . The symbol on our cover this month is a reminder that October is Community Chest month. Two of our leading industrialists, whose names are 100 percent correlated (Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric and Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors) are national campaign chairman and vice-chairman respectively. The Wilsons point out that the onecampaign method is a very sound way of raising money, from a business standpoint, because the production costs drop as the volume increases. The campaign is not only sound in method, it is freeenterprise humanitarianism at its best. Give enough!

NEW IDEAS In



General view of studio A. Each studio has its own program control room from which program director, video switcher and audio operator watch action. Cameras are controlled from central control room which views both main studios from second floor



Frogram control room. Director's console is designed for unobstructed view of studio

By NEWLAND F. SMITH Engineer in Charge of Television WOR-TV New York, N. Y.

DEMANDS ON TECHNICAL FACILI-TIES at television studios vary from program to program and from day to day as new techniques and ideas are developed. In order to keep up with constantly-changing requirements, the arrangement of equipment must be extremely flexible.

A new approach to the problem of television studio design has been made at WOR-TV. A maximum of attention has been directed toward getting the most out of available technical equipment. Facilities are provided for rapid and effortless interchange of equipment from scene to scene and from studio to studio. Careful planning has reduced the number of camera chains required, while at the same time production problems have been eased.

The setup includes two large studios, two announce studios, three program control rooms, film



Camera control center. Here operators set outgoing video levels and maintain electrical focus on all cameras. Camera cable patch panel is visible at extreme right

Television Studio Design

Separation of program direction and technical control solves many problems and enables station to get more out of available facilities. Central camera control provides increased flexibility and efficiency with less confusion and complication

projection facilities and a camera control center. The space is divided as shown in Fig. 1.

All camera-control facilities for all studios are centrally located in the camera control center. Thus, camera-control operation is removed from the actual studio control rooms which are called the program control rooms.

Program director, video switcher. and audio operator are located in these program control rooms. The program director's console has seven 10-inch picture monitors. These monitors are directly in front of the director, enabling him to have a close view of each camera and signal available for his program make-up. The console has a lower top than is normally used in television consoles, providing a good view through the studio window onto the studio floor. Here the program director finds no distraction from the camera control operators

being between him and his monitors, as in the usual setup, making concentration on his production that much easier.

Video Switching

To the right of the program director, who normally sits in the center of the console desk, sits the video switcher. He has, in front of him on the desk top, a sixty-button control panel, which enables him to do the necessary camera switching as called for by the director.

The panel uses d-c voltages to energize video-switching relays which are centrally located for all studios in the camera control center. The control panel consists of five rows of buttons. It may be seen on the right-hand end of the desk in the program control room photograph. The lower row of controls provides for the switching of any one of the twelve inputs to the outgoing program line, and represents,



Two additional rows of buttons on the top of the panel enable either of the two preview monitors located in the console to be switched at will to any one of the twelve inputs to this switching system.

Program Patching

All required signals for a particular program are sent to the program-control-room switchboard through a coax patch panel located in the camera control center. With the normal arrangement, the first eight positions on each studio-control switching system are reserved for camera inputs, that is, signals with video and blanking only. The next three positions are reserved for composite video signals. This enables a remote signal to be switched in as part of a studio program in any of the studio control rooms where it is required.

The video switching relays used in the system are the standard RCA TS-20A switching relays. In these, the timing is dependent on only one relay for each outgoing channel, thus simplifying adjustment. In



FIG. 1—WOR-TV's new 67th Street studio building is designed to afford most efficient use of technical facilities

switching a television signal, time delay is very important and has been reduced in these relays to approximately one millisecond. In the case of the program bank of relays, the transfer relay is set to produce an overlap in the switching. That is, the two cameras are momentarily on together at the time of switchover. This gives a smoother appearance on the outgoing signal than a gap between the two cameras. It does, however, momentarily parallel the output of the camera control units during the one-millisecond switchover. This does not reflect back in any other outgoing signal.

In the case of the effects and preview switching relays the timing has to be set for a gap in switching. It is necessary to use gap switching here in order that switching of cameras on the preview or effects busses will not disturb cameras that may be feeding the outgoing program line.

The camera switching system, which is identical for all studios, is shown in block form in Fig. 2. The switching relays incorporate in each outgoing bank a cathode follower which isolates the capacitance of the outgoing line from the incoming camera circuit. In this manner a uniform frequency characteristic through the video bank is obtained out to seven megacycles. It is necessary, however, to keep the cable to the isolation amplifier as short as possible.

Camera Control Center

All control units for both film and studio cameras are located in the one central control room as shown in Fig. 3. Central camera control



FIG. 2—Video switching is accomplished by remotely-controlled relays located in the camera control room

operators merely set levels on the outgoing video signals and maintain proper background and electrical focus on each of the cameras. A line monitor is incorporated in the camera control console for each of the studio control rooms. Thus, the camera control operator can readily check his levels after being switched onto the program line.

The camera cable patch panel on the wall of the camera control center enables any of the eight studio camera control units to be patched into any of fifteen outgoing cables. These cables are routed to the different studios and announce booths. Any combination of the eight studio cameras can be distributed to the studios as required for a given program. In addition to distributing the cameras to the various studios as required, it is, of course, necessary to patch the video output of the camera chain to the proper cameraswitching control position, where the show is to be directed.

A tally-and-intercom patch panel enables the tally light signals that are furnished by the switching relays to energize the corresponding camera control monitors and cameras when they are switched on the The same patch cord also air. carries order wire and program audio to the headsets of the camera control operators and the cameramen. Thus, at each of the camera control positions the operator can plug in a headset which will give him communication with the video switcher in the appropriate program control room, and also with the cameras that he is controlling. In addition, the program audio is fed to the camera operator from his studio.

The film camera controls located to the left of the studio camera controls are operated in a similar manner, with the exception that the camera cable is connected directly from the film cameras in the projection room to their corresponding camera control units. The video outputs of the film camera controls may be patched at the video patch panel into any of the three studio control rooms for switching as required. Thus we have the provision in any one of three studio control rooms to switch in film inserts or

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FIG. 3—Complete equipment diagram shows wide variety of combinations available through the use of separate program and camera control rooms

slides, as well as any of a number of studio cameras, depending upon the size of the production.

Advantages

By centralizing the camera control units some of the control operators who have been working with one studio can switch immediately to a program from a second studio, since it requires no physical movement from one room to another. It is possible to realize a saving in operating personnel. Also, the quick interchange of camera control sections, by use of the camera cable patch panel, makes it possible to replace defective units quickly in case of trouble during a rehearsal or actual program.

An additional advantage of the centralized control room is a simplification of the cable-delay problem which normally occurs when several studios are operated at different distances from a central master control room. In this case it is customary to delay the horizontal driving and blanking pulses of the nearer studio control rooms, so that the time delay is equal to that of the studio control room having the greatest cable distance to the master control room. By having all of the camera control units for all studios located at one point the same delay between synchronizing and blanking pulses holds, regardless of which studio control room is used.

By centralizing the camera-control equipment and the cameraswitching equipment for all studios in one place, the actual program signal does not appear in nor is it routed through any of the studio control rooms. The monitors in the individual studio control rooms are fed by lines from the camera control center, which merely bridge the program circuits in the camera control center.

Power Supplies

In addition to the switching relays and associated amplifiers, the camera control center contains the necessary power supplies for all of the studio equipment, including monitors in the individual program control rooms. There are approximately 150 power supplies which occupy 20 cabinet-type racks. All of these power supplies are of either of two standard types. They are all of the plug-in type, which means that spare units can be quickly substituted in case of failure of any individual power supply. A power-cable extension cord with suitable connectors is always kept available for patching in the d-c outputs of the spare supplies when required.

Centralizing all power supplies simplifies the power distribution problem and eliminates much of the heat from the studio control rooms. Furthermore, a reduction can be made in the number of spare units required to take care of several studios.

Projection Room

The projection room, located adjacent to the camera control center, contains three TK-20A iconoscope film cameras. Each of these is multiplexed by means of a mirror system to provide three sources of film or slides for each film camera. Two 16-mm projectors, two 35-mm projectors, opaque projectors, and slide projectors comprise the projection equipment.

Cabinet racks contain picture monitors for each of the film camera chains as well as space for audio and intercom amplifiers. An intercom system consisting of a microphone and talk-back speaker is suspended over each film camera assembly. The intercom system can be tied in individually with any of the studio control rooms that the film camera should be associated with on a given program. In this way one film camera chain can be used for a rehearsal with one studio control room, while another film camera chain is being used with a second control room to produce a show on the air. In the same way that tally lights indicate studio cameras are on the air, tally lights on the individual film cameras show when each is placed on the air by a studio control room. The tally signals are fed through the tally patch panel in the same way that the studio camera tallies are fed.

Master Control

The master control facilities are located in the same room as the



Video switching relays like these are energized by d-c from program control rooms

camera control center, and actually are one half of the large U-shaped console. The switching facilities consist of equipment to switch six incoming studios to four outgoing channels. Both audio and video are switched here, and individual picture and audio monitors are provided on each outgoing channel. All switching is done by relays. The switching relays set for gap timing are used for the video switching and a special audio-relay switching system has been built up to accompany this.

All switching can be preset and provision is made for either simultaneous audio-video switching or independent audio and video switching if required. Normally, only simultaneous audio-video switching is used, since only complete programs are switched at the master control point. However, if required to hold over the audio from one studio to another, and switch only the video, this can be and the audio accomplished. switched at a later moment. Provision is also made for tripping all four outgoing channels simultaneously when required, or for switching them in groups or individually.

At this point in the system only composite signals are handled, and no provision is made for lap dissolving or fading. Fading is always a program function, and should be handled when so required at the direction of a program man in one of the studio control rooms. Each outgoing channel is provided with a stabilizing amplifier in its output, so that the picture level and synchronizing level may be set independently on that particular channel. Corresponding audio-gain controls are also provided on each outgoing channel.

The transmission center is really a part of master control. Two additional console sections are provided with TM-5A picture monitors, which can be fed from any of the six inputs to master control. The inputs to these monitors are switched by control buttons directly in front of the monitor. Any of the inputs to master control can be previewed here before actual switching.

Adjacent to the monitors are located remote controls on six stabilizing amplifiers. The controls en-



Master control switching console

able the operator to match the levels on all of the studio outputs as well as any remote outputs which may be patched in for checking.

Phase Comparison

A means is provided for comparing the phase of an incoming remote signal with that of the local synchronizing system. This is done by switching the vertical driving pulses of the local sync generator onto the grid of the cathode-ray oscilloscope in one of the preview This blanks out the monitors. period of the local vertical synchronizing signal, and when a remote signal is switched up on this monitor a portion of its synchronizing will be blanked out. When the blank period is phased so that the vertical disappears, then the two synchronizing generators are properly phased as regards vertical synchronizing. Normally, the phase of the remote sync generator is changed to bring it in with that of the local studio sync generator. Thus, the studio sync generator is kept as a standard.

Remote controls on the phasing of the local sync generators are brought over to this console section also, so that when required the phase of these generators can be changed conveniently. In addition, a remote-control switch is provided so that a stand-by sync generator can be switched in in place of the regular generator as an emergency. It is important that the two local generators be previously phased.

Provision has been made for utilizing the new RCA Genlock unit. This will enable remote signals coming in to control the phase of the studio sync generator line-byline. A remote signal coming in can be treated as a local camera,

and when patched into any of the studio control rooms can be faded and lap dissolved with local cameras. To treat the signal this way it is necessary to wipe off the synchronizing component on the incoming remote by means of one of the TA-5C stabilizing amplifiers. The synchronizing thus removed is fed into the Genlock unit to provide afc control on the local sync generator. Synchronizing from the local generator is then finally mixed with the output of the studio control room to provide a composite signal for both local cameras and remotes.

Remote signals come into the building through Telco video lines. Approximately twenty-four circuits are available from different points within the city where remotes are handled. One circuit comes from the microwave receiving location on the Empire State Building, where many remotes are received, and is then routed to the master control.

Results

This studio system has been in use since the first of the year, and has worked out very well. On some of the larger productions both studios have been used for one show. In this case as many as seven camera signals have been switched in one studio control room to make up a given production. On other occasions rehearsals have been conducted in one studio concurrent with an on the air show from another studio control room. The flexibility of the system has been very apparent in the rearranging of camera facilities to meet the individual requirements of different types of productions.

With the present setup, only three program control rooms are used. Undoubtedly, the future of television will require many more studios. In such a system the same basic principles that have been used in the WOR-TV studios could be extended to provide the same advantages. It may be that a practical limit, as to the number of camera control units that might be located in one center, would be reached. In that case, two or more camera control centers might be provided for, say, six or eight studios, to form a practical arrangement.

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SUN FOLLOWER for V-2 Rockets

Automatic tracking device keeps spectrograph in nose of V-2 rocket pointed at sun for making intensity measurements at wavelengths as low as 500 angstroms. Servo-drive system resembles SCR 584 auto-track principle, except that error signal is derived from photocell mounted in rocket

K EEPING a spectrograph in a spinning V-2 rocket pointed at the sun is accomplished by a photocell-controlled servo-drive mechanism called the sun follower. By lengthening the available exposure time, measurement of radiation intensities down to 500 angstroms has been made possible. Hitherto observation of solar spectra from photographs taken by ultraviolet spectrographs in the nose or tail of V-2 rockets passing through the ozone layer has been limited to wavelengths above 2,000 A.

To overcome the effects of the rocket's angular motion, a two-axis tracker was developed for stabilizing the spectrograph and keeping it pointed at the sun regardless of the spin and precession of the rocket. Automatic detachment and descent by parachute are provided to facilitate recovery of the sun follower and spectrograph.

Requirements

The behavior of the rocket in flight is depicted in Fig. 1. During the burning period, axial-spin and precessional velocities are imparted to the rocket and remain approximately unchanged from a few seconds after burn-out until the denser atmosphere is encountered on descent. A typical rocket assumes axial-spin velocities up to 50 rpm in either direction, and precessional velocities up to 10 rpm in either direction at angles up to 20 degrees to a precessional axis which may be inclined up to 20 degrees from the vertical.

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Built into the nose of the rocket, as shown in Fig. 2, and timed to operate above the denser portion of the earth's atmosphere after doors in the rocket's nose have opened, the sun follower stabilizes by means of error signals derived from the sun. This is accomplished with a photocell error-signal generator and two independent servodrive units. The azimuth axis is collinear with the longitudinal axis of the rocket. The elevation axis is perpendicular to the axis of the rocket and rotates about it. By



FIG. 1—Typical V-2 flight pattern shows precession and spin that limit spectrograph exposure time

tracking with an error of less than one-half degree in both azimuth and elevation, the sun follower permits the use of a spectrograph capable of recording wavelengths as short as 500 A.

Stabilization

The principle of the stabilization system is similar to that of the tracking unit employed in the SCR-584 radar, except that the photocell error-signal generator and lowfrequency amplifier replace the radar's r-f transceiver. A block diagram is shown in Fig. 3. A real image of the sun is focused by a lens onto a rotating shutter situated in the focal plane with its center on the optical axis. The shutter (Fig. 4) is constructed of transparent material upon which is placed a number of equally-spaced, radial, opaque spokes. Superimposed on the spoke design is a pattern of linear shading. The spokes chop the sun's radiation at 400 cps producing a 400-cps carrier. The linear shading modulates the carrier at 40 cps. The degree and phase of modulation of the 400-cps carrier are determined by the position of the sun's image on the shutter. A photovoltaic cell placed immediately behind the shutter intercepts the 40-cps-modulated, 400-cps light signal and converts it into a proportional electrical signal which is amplified, maintained at constant level with avc, and demodulated.

The resulting 40-cps signal is then fed into a two-channel phasecomparator circuit. In the azimuth



FIG. 2—Rotating nose of rocket compensates for spin while spectrograph is elevated to overcome precession

channel the phase of the signal is compared with the phase of a fixed 40-cps voltage from a reference generator which rotates in synchronism with the shutter. In the elevation channel, the phase of the signal is compared with that of a second fixed 40-cps voltage which is in quadrature with the fixed voltage of the first channel. The results of the phase comparisons in both channels are two independent d-c voltages whose magnitudes are functions of the differences in phase between the respective signals and fixed voltages which produced them and are proportional to the magnitudes of the respective demodulated signals.

This dual relationship makes the respective d-c output voltages directly proportional to the horizontal and vertical displacement of sun from the center of the shutter and hence the optical axis.

Displacement Voltages

For example, if the sun's image is positioned on the optical shutter at a distance R from the optical axis and the resulting differences in phase angle between the 40-cps modulation on the 400-cps carrier and the azimuth and elevation reference voltages are α and β respectively, then the following proportionalities hold for the d-c voltage swings, ΔV_{az} and ΔV_{c1} in the azimuth and elevation channels

 $\Delta V_{az} \propto \cos \alpha$ $\Delta V_{az} \propto R$

 $\Delta V_{e1} \propto \cos \beta$ $\Delta V_{e1} \propto R$

combining

and

 $\Delta V_{\mathrm{az}} \propto R \cos \alpha$ $\Delta V_{\mathrm{e1}} \propto R \cos \beta$

therefore

$$R \cos \alpha = X$$
$$R \cos \beta = Y$$

In other words, the d-c voltage swing in the azimuth channel is directly proportional to the rightleft displacement, X, of the sun's image and the d-c voltage swing in the elevation channel is directly proportional to the up-down displacement, Y, of the image. This is true for image displacements up to 25 degrees off the optical axis and is determined by the extent of the linear portion of the shading on the optical shutter. Beyond 25 degrees to the edge of the shutter the shading is a maximum and constant.

After amplification the two d-c voltages are employed to control, individually, the outputs of the azimuth and elevation amplidynes. These in turn control the azimuth and elevation servo motors. Portions of the amplidyne outputs are fed back into the last stages of the amplifiers for antihunt control.

The only stable condition for the system exists when the image of the sun is on the optical axis of the error-signal generator. Other positions of the sun's image result in the generation of restoring torques in the azimuth and elevation channels which are directly proportional to the magnitudes of the respective horizontal and vertical displacements of the image. Since the optical axis of the ultraviolet spectrograph is mechanically aligned with the optical axis of the error-signal generator; and, since the error-signal generator tends to line up with the sun, the spectrograph is brought into alignment with the sun.

Automatic Search

In addition to the simple tracking function, the sun follower automatically searches for the sun in the azimuth plane when energized at the start of the rocket's flight and will do so automatically if it loses the sun during the flight. The search rate is 70 rpm relative to the rocket in a clockwise direction.

Since the rate of search must be greater than any anticipated rocket spin velocity, the rotational velocity of the sun follower relative to the sun may be high under some conditions. The stopping and lockingon requirements are severe. Under the worst possible condition, when the direction of search and the direction of spin are the same, net search velocities up to 120 rpm can be expected. Because of the limited field of view of the error-signal generator, it is necessary to stop the sun follower in less than an 80degree sector so the tracking unit can take over. This amounts to a deceleration of approximately 600 rpm per second. A velocity-sensitive unit providing for such deceleration has been incorporated in the sun follower.

Since the vertical coverage of the error-signal generator includes the sun in its field of view under normal conditions, no added provision for rapid acceleration and deceleration is required in the elevation plane.



FIG. 4—Spokes of shutter provide 400-cps optical carrier as wedge shading modulates at 40 cps

The sun follower also provides rocket-aspect data for telemetering. Since the error-signal generator tracks the sun in both azimuth and elevation, its instantaneous position with respect to the main body of the rocket is the same as the rocket's instantaneous position with respect to the sun. Potentiometers attached to the sun follower provide d-c voltages for telemetering the



FIG. 3—Block diagram traces error signal from phototube generator to servo-drive motors

rocket's attitude. In addition, the sun follower's tracking errors in azimuth and elevation are telemetered.

Rocket Installation

The first sun follower was installed in V-2 rocket No. 38 which was fired on April 19, 1948. The rocket's flight was off course and had to be terminated at an altitude of eighteen miles. The cycle of operation of the sun follower had not begun at that time. In hope of saving the sun follower, the ejection mechanism was actuated immediately following radio-fuel cutoff. Signal Corps motion pictures taken with the aid of a tracking telescope show that the sun follower was ejected properly. However, at the time of the ejection the rocket's velocity was 3,830 ft per sec and it is doubtful if the parachute withstood the shock of opening in the earth's atmosphere. No part of the sun follower has been recovered.

A simplified version of the sun follower is now being prepared for installation in the Venus and Viking rockets as well as in some of the few remaining V-2 rockets.

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FIG. 1—Inspection fixture, associated electronic equipment, examples of the three types of curves obtained, and details of pickup coil whose output voltage varies linearly with velocity of the plunger inside

Electronic Inspection of ENGINE CAM CONTOURS

Cam pushes rod-shaped permanent magnet back and forth inside pickup coil to generate voltage proportional to velocity, for viewing on cathode-ray screen to reveal contour errors. System can also be used directly on engines to study valve motion at high speeds

HE CAMSHAFT LOBES that lift T the valves of internal combustion engines must be accurately ground if good engine performance is to be obtained. In the production of camshafts, errors in profile can arise from factors such as wear in master cams and machinery, uneven grinding operations, lash and inertia. A cam lobe possessing a contour deviating noticeably from the theoretical can affect engine performance and cause failure of parts in the valve gear. This points to the need for cam contour inspection.

Inspection Methods

The conventional method of inspection involves using a suitable fixture to record the cam contour lift at intervals of one or two de-

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grees. This method is sufficiently accurate for most inspection purposes as it provides data comparable to the design lift figures. However, small contour errors are not easily found without plotting a lift curve several times size or taking differences between adjacent lift figures and plotting the resulting data which will resemble a velocity curve. Also, differences of these difference figures can be taken to secure data which will resemble that of an acceleration curve.

Using inspection data in this manner gives erratic results since the fifth decimal place greatly affects the acceleration curve. Furthermore, this method of checking a cam contour is time-consuming and is impractical for production testing except when done in rather infrequent intervals. When each lobe is to be inspected on a sixteenlobe camshaft for an eight-cylinder engine, the inspection time can require from eight to thirty hours unless the fixture is suitably designed to handle production inspection. Small errors in indexing, errors in bearing supports for the camshaft and clearance errors in the tappet follower can affect the accuracy considerably.

An alternate method is to use a template for comparative purposes; this, however, is not suitable for any real accuracy. A modified form of the template method involves



Cam contour inspection equipment installed on lathe. Operator watches curve on scope as tappet follower on lathe carriage is set on each cam lobe in turn. Disc at left end of lathe shaft has holes that pass light to phototubes in box below for generating sync pulses

using a magnifying comparator to cast an enlarged shadow of the profile on a ground glass screen. This is much more accurate, but still does not lend itself to production inspection.

In view of the shortcomings of the two established methods of inspection, the electronic method was evolved to obtain a rapid, accurate and more reliable method of determining the type of motion a particular cam will produce.

By using the electronic method of cam contour inspection it is possible to inspect each lobe in approximately one minute. All of the cam lobes of a camshaft can be inspected and photographed in only a fraction of an hour, once the equipment is set up. This method is equally suitable for supplementing production inspection and for cam contour development work.

Electronic Method

In the electronic method of inspection, the camshaft is mounted in a lathe, and each cam contour is checked by observing curves that appear on the screen of a cathoderay oscilloscope. The general arrangement of the equipment is shown in Fig. 1, along with the lift, velocity and acceleration curves that are selected at will with a three-position switch. Individual curves can thus be studied without going through the process of plotting them from data obtained by tedious micrometer measurements.

In actual inspection work the lift curve is not of much value as small errors are not apparent. The velocity curve reveals errors more readily, and is especially useful for checking the ramps provided at each end of the cam contour. The acceleration curve is best of all for critical cam contour inspection, as it reveals local irregularities even better than by calculation from lift figures measured to 0.0001 inch.

The camshaft to be inspected is mounted in a lathe and rotated at a uniform speed somewhere in the range of 200 to 400 rpm. A tappet follower (flat, roller or shoe) is held against the cam lobe by a light spring to simulate the motion of a tappet in a valve gear. Attached to the follower is a small rod-shaped Alnico magnet that moves inside the pickup. The design of the pickup, also detailed in Fig. 1, is such as to give a high sensitivity factor along with linear response in its operating range.

The electronic equipment comprises a cam contour inspection unit, a 5-inch 208-B DuMont scope employing a blue screen for photographic purposes, and a 215 DuMont linear time-base generator. The scope has sufficient Y-axis gain to design a pickup for direct connection without an additional electronic amplifier. A more recent model of scope (DuMont 304-H) can be used without the separate generator as it has a sufficiently linear X-axis time base built-in.

The associated electronic circuit, shown in Fig. 2, provides two types of pulse voltages, one for synchronization of the scope to the rotative speed of the camshaft and the other to provide 10-degree markers on the X axis for photographic use. These pulse voltages are obtained by using a rotating disc as in Fig. 1 to trigger light to two phototubes. Two series of holes are used; one series has one hole for 360-degree rotation for synchronization purposes, while the other series has holes spaced 10 degrees apart for X-axis calibration purposes.

The upper phototube and its associated amplifier serve to produce a stationary image on the screen by injecting into the X-axis sweep generator circuit a voltage pulse directly related to camshaft speed.

Good results are obtained with this method of synchronization; however, the photoelectric circuitry can be satisfactorily replaced by a magnetic type of synchronization trip actuated by a steel pin on the lathe shaft.

The lower phototube and its amplifier serve to inject positive voltage pulses onto the control grid of the c-r tube. This gives Z-axis pulses producing dots every 10 degrees on the X axis.

When the permanent magnet (attached to the tappet follower) reciprocates within the pickup coil, a voltage is generated across the pickup terminals equal to $k_1 N d\phi/dt$. where N is the number of coil turns and $d\phi/dt$ is the rate of cutting flux



FIG. 2-Complete circuit of electronic cam contour inspection unit



dots are 10 degrees apart

0.0006 ACTUAL ACCELERATI 0.0004 THEORETICAL 0.0002 60 70 40 50 30 20 10 CAM ANGLE 10 20 70 60 50 30 0 IN DEGREES 0.0002 0.0004

FIG. 3-Example of photographed curves. X-axis FIG. 4-Comparison of actual and theoretical acceleration curves for a new cam contour that has been accurately finished

lines. But $d\phi/dt$ is equal to k_2V , where V is the velocity of the magnet, hence the generated voltage is equal to k_3NV . This shows that the output voltage from the pickup is directly proportional to the velocity curve when the output terminals from the pickup are connected directly to the c-r tube.

When the selector switch is set to give the lift curve, an R-C integrating network is connected across the pickup coil and the integrated output voltage is taken across C, as shown in Fig. 2. Values of R and C are selected to give a high ratio of resistance to capacitive reactance and a high ratio of time constant (RC)to the reciprocal of the frequency of operation (1/f).

When the selector switch is set to give the acceleration curve, an R-C differentiating network is placed across the pickup coil and the differentiated output voltage is taken across R. Values are chosen to give a high ratio of capacitive reactance to resistance and a low ratio of time constant (RC) to the reciprocal of the frequency of operation (1/f).

Calibrating Technique

A 60-cycle calibrating voltage is used for adjusting the gain controls to predetermined settings and to secure curves on the c-r screen with calibrated ordinates. This requires that the pickup be calibrated to determine its sensitivity factor by measuring the voltage generated as related to the maximum acceleration and velocity of the small reciprocating magnet.

Calibration is accomplished by employing an eccentric to reciprocate the tappet follower. Here the actual acceleration of the tappet is known and voltage measurements are easily made on the screen due to the sinusoidal waveform output from the pickup. To secure adequate sensitivity a higher speed is used for calibration than for actual cam contour inspection. Low speeds are desirable during cam contour inspection to keep inertia and spring loads to a minimum.

To find the sensitivity factor of the pickup coil, its output is fed through the cam contour inspection unit to the oscilloscope. The Y-axis gain is adjusted to give a certain amplitude on the screen, such as 2 inches overall. The selector switch is then set on CALIBRATION and the calibration switch is set on ACCEL-ERATION. Finally, fine and coarse calibration controls are adjusted to give the same height as before on the screen. The reading of the voltmeter in millivolts, multiplied by the appropriate multiplication factor given on the coarse calibration control, is then used to establish the acceleration sensitivity factor of the pickup. This factor is used for all later adjustments, providing the pickup and magnet are not altered. the test speed is held at the preselected value, and the differentiating circuit is not altered. The velocity calibration is made in the same manner.

Inspection Results

The inspection fixture as built up employs a conventional lathe. The tappet follower can be a flat plate, roller, or curved shoe, and should be the same as the type normally used with the cam contour being inspected if accurate data are to be obtained for comparison with a theoretical curve. For purposes of magnifying errors appearing on the nose of the cam, a small roller follower may be used on a cam contour normally requiring a flat plate or large roller follower. In this instance, the wave forms will be of value for comparative purposes only in production testing and will have no direct relationship to theoretical curves.

At the adopted test speed of 226 rpm the maximum inertia load, when inspecting a high-acceleration cam, is about one pound. During testing a light oil (about SAE-10) is continually supplied to the cam lobe to eliminate any tendency of



FIG. 5-Method of using equipment for checking operation of valves on an engine

the tappet follower to chatter. Inadequate lubrication produces rough and nonrepetitive curves.

Actual inspection is generally visual, but the curves on the screen can be photographed for closer study wherever desirable. A typical complete set of curves as photographed for study of velocity and acceleration is shown in Fig. 3. The multiple curves shown are obtained by multiple exposure, one for each line or pattern across the film. The film may be projected onto graph paper and traced for accurate comparison with a theoretical design curve, as shown in Fig. 4.

Engine Test Work

It is frequently desirable to observe valve motion directly on an internal combustion engine at relatively high speeds. Due to the flexibility of the various component parts, to a possible surge of the spring and perhaps to false motion in the valve gear, the resulting valve motion departs measurably from the theoretical motion which the cam is designed to produce. The same electronic instrumentation used for camshaft inspection may be advantageously used to observe valve motion at high speeds.

Arrangement of the equipment on an engine with overhead valves is shown in Fig. 5. Observations may be made with the engine motored with a dynamometer or under engine firing conditions. Typical valve lift and velocity curves obtained with the engine delivering power at 3,600 rpm are also shown.

Due to the increased frequency of operation on an actual engine, it is necessary to alter the integrating and differentiating networks to secure accurate results. For this type of work the networks shown in Fig. 5 are used.

Synchronization of the oscilloscope may be obtained by using the simplified magnetic synchronization trip shown in detail in Fig. 5. This device consists of a coil of fine wire wound on a steel core and mounted on a permanent magnet. The motion of a steel pin past the core disturbs the magnetic flux passing through the coil for a short time interval to generate sufficient voltage to give synchronization. The high speed of operation produces a rapid change in flux so that a sufficiently high voltage is produced and no additional voltage amplification is required in the electronic equipment.

The use of this type of electronic test equipment for inspection purposes will assure that more manufactured cam contours will be closer to the preferred design. Its use on engine test work will reveal to the engine designer exactly how the valve gear is performing in an engine. The results will be longer life to the component parts of the valve gear and improved engine performance.

Curtain-Rod F-M Antenna

Body forms part of tunable horizontal loop exhibiting nearly omnidirectional characteristics. Design is easy to manufacture, install and adjust and withstands rough handling on the road and in the shop



FIG. 1—Antenna mounted on front of bus between windshield and destination window

THE CURTAIN-ROD f-m antenna to be described is one component of a complete bus f-m receiver system which was developed for Transit Radio, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.¹

A satisfactory antenna for this application must meet the following requirements:

(1) Receive horizontally-polarized waves.

(2) The pattern in the horizontal plane should be reasonably omnidirectional.

(3) A vswr on 50-ohm coaxial cable of 5 to 1 or better over a frequency band several times greater than the f-m channel width of 200 kc.

(4) Mechanically strong to withstand the pressure of the large rotary brushes used to wash the bus, and to withstand the shocks caused by striking low-hanging tree branches during a run. (5) Easy to install, tune-up, and maintain by semi-skilled personnel.

Description

The antenna developed for this application is called a curtain-rod because of its physical appearance. Fig. 1 shows the antenna installed on the front of a bus between the windshield and destination window. It is a type of long, narrow, horizontal loop which is adaptable for mounting on the front or back of the bus. The loop is supported in the center by a metal U. This supporting U also serves as part of the tuned circuit that matches the balanced high impedance of the loop to the 50-ohm unbalanced coaxial cable which carries the signal to the receiver.

The antenna has five principal parts, four of which are shown in Fig. 2. The two long end elements are made of soft aluminum tubing which can easily be bent, flattened and drilled. The center U has a mounting base and connecting lugs and is cast of brass. The tuning capacitor which is mounted and connected between the top ends of the U, is a 7-to-45 $\mu\mu f$ ceramic variable of the disc type. A Plexiglas cover for the center part of the U keeps rain, dust and tree branches away from the tuning capacitor and feed wires. An access hole is provided in the bottom of the cover so that the capacitor can be adjusted during routine maintenance without removing the cover. This hole is normally closed up with a metal snap-in button.

The cable that carries the signal from the antenna to the receiver is 50-ohm RG-58/U coaxial. It terminates at taps on the inner sides near the bottom of the U to provide a shunt-fed configuration.

Figure 3 shows how the optimum

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vswr and frequency bandwidth for 5-to-1 vswr of the antenna installation shown in Fig. 1 vary throughout the frequency band 88 to 108 mc. (It is a conventional specification for receiving antennas that the mis-match loss may be as much as 2.5 db, corresponding to a vswr of 5 to 1). These curves show that the antenna can be adjusted for a vswr of less than 3 to 1 at any frequency in the band and that the bandwidth is more than 2 mc. Actual experience with a number of bus installations has indicated that this bandwidth provides a safe margin for reliable operation.

The first horizontal-plane patterns were measured using an actual bus installation tuned to f-m station WMLL on 94.7 mc. The bus was driven around in a small circle at a location in the middle of a level, clear field six miles from the station. The effective radiated power of the station was 4 kw and substantially line-of-sight propagation conditions prevailed. The strength of the input signal to the receiver was measured using a microammeter to indicate limiter-grid current for every 10-degree change of bus heading. The receiver meter had been previously calibrated in the laboratory with a signal generator. The measured pattern of receiver input signal voltage in millivolts versus bus heading is shown in Fig. 4. The strongest signal was received when the bus was headed toward the station but the extreme variation in the signal strength was only 7 db.

The same type of bus receiving antenna has also been used in several cities where the f-m station is still in the low band of 42-50 mc. In these cases, the antenna was modified by the addition of a $25-\mu\mu$ f fixed capacitor in parallel with the variable tuning capacitor in the center U. The resulting antenna is not quite as well matched, but it still has a vswr of less than 5 to 1 throughout the band and gives very acceptable performance.

General Design Aspects

The length of the loop is nearly a half-wavelength and the loop is center-fed with a balanced structure. A lumped-circuit approximation helpful in understanding the antenna is shown in Fig. 5.

Each of the two end elements is approximately a quarter-wavelength long and during reception of a signal each element provides the center U with an induced loop voltage in series with a large resistance, R, and reactance, X. Voltage is the same from both elements and therefore a balanced voltage from a highimpedance source is applied across the top ends of the U. The U acts as a parallel L-C circuit balanced to ground; the base at the center of the U is actually grounded to the bus body.

The coaxial cable is tapped across the U near its base for best match to 50 ohms. The position of the tap varies with frequency, but a satisfactory compromise tap position can always be found. This location gives the vswr characteristics shown in Fig. 3.

More than a thousand of these antennas have been in service for several years without any major changes in the design. After the curtain-rod antenna had been developed it was learned that a 75-mc marker-beacon aircraft antenna having somewhat similar radiating elements was investigated by the Germans during World War II.²

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FIG. 2—Plan-view of antenna installation on front of bus



FIG. 3—Voltage-standing-wave ratio and bandwidth characteristics



FIG. 4—Reception pattern of bus installation



FIG. 5—Lumped circuit approximation of the antenna

GETTER MATERIALS



Typical Ba flash getters for glass bulbs (upper row) and getter strip assemblies

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THE USE of getter materials is based on the ability of certain solids to collect free gases by adsorption, absorption or occlusion. This effect is widely utilized in the field of electronics to shorten the exhaust period and to improve and maintain a high vacuum or the purity of an atmosphere of noble gases.

Bulk getters are sheets or wires of gas-absorbing metals, which usually are heated for this purpose by mounting them on hot electrodes of the tube. In some cases the heating is accomplished by a separate heating source.

Coating getters are generally applied to those electrodes of vacuum tubes, which during service are maintained continuously at temperatures between 200 and 1,200 C. Such getters usually consist of nonvolatile metal powders that are sin-

tered upon the electrode surfaces. In the case of flash gettering, chemically active, comparatively volatile metals-mostly metals of the alkaline earth group-are evaporated by heating their supports at the conclusion of the pumping process. The metal vapor before and during condensation reacts instantaneously with all other than noble gaseous residues and forms on all cold parts of the tube, particularly on the tube walls, the so-called getter mirror. This surface, because of its large area, is capable of binding chemically or physically gases that are liberated during the life of the tube. With respect to the mechanism of gettering and the action of gases getter materials may be divided into two groups: corrosion type and solution type. From this aspect, barium (Ba) is the typical example of chemical corrosion by gases and zirconium (Zr) an example of solution of gases in a metal. Corrosion takes place if the oxide film is porous and incoherent, thus not preventing further oxidation, which usually happens only if the volume of the oxide is smaller than that of the metal to be oxidized. In this case, the sorption of gas from the surrounding atmosphere can continue uninterruptedly. Oxides of the alkali and alkaline earth metals have less volume than the metal.

From a technical aspect the wide application of earth alkali metals for flashing getters in vacuum tubes is founded upon the fulfillment of the following requirements.

(1) During the standard degassing procedure at 400 C the getter should have low vapor pressure $(p < 10^{-2} \text{ mm Hg})$.

(2) The getter should be readily vaporized at its activation temperature. This temperature range must be high enough so that the getter may be readily degassed prior to the flashing; on the other hand, it must be sufficiently low to avoid the evaporating, melting or loosening of electrode metals. For nickel supports this establishes a temperature range of 600 to 1,000 C.

(3) After flashing, the getter deposit on the tube glass wall must have a negligibly low vapor pressure ($p < 10^{-7}$ mm Hg) assuming the operating temperature of the vacuum tube at 200 C.

(4) Between ambient and operating temperature the getter should be very active for all gases, especially oxygen. The oxide film created must be porous and incoherent in order that the gases may diffuse without hindrance into the interior of the getter mirror and may be absorbed also by getter molecules in the volume of the getter material.

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The specific action and applicability of Ta, Cb, Zr, Th, Ti, Al, Mg, Ba and P as getters for vacuum tubes are shown. They can be formed as wires, sheets, tubes and tablets directly or indirectly heated; they may be powder coatings on hot electrodes; or they can be flashed

(5) The chemical compounds should be stable in order that during operating temperature or electron bombardment the absorbed gases are not expelled. For gasfilled tubes, the absorbed residual gas should not be replaced during operation by the filling gas, for example—Hg-vapor in tubes.

The first requirement is satisfied by all earth alkali metals. As seen from Fig. 1, Mg is near the border line, and cannot be used in tubes with high operating temperature because of the danger of migration of Mg atoms. Requirement 2 is met by all earth alkali metals but not by aluminum. Requirement 3 is met by all earth alkali metals with the exception of magnesium. The fourth requirement, with emphasis on activity, is met by all earth alkali metals with the exception of magnesium and aluminum. In a similar manner requirement of an incoherent oxide layer is not met by magnesium and aluminum. Requirement 5 (stable reactions) is met by all earth alkali metals but only up to a temperature of 200 C (regarding the oxides created even up to higher temperatures).

The materials Sr, Ba and Ca, are the most suitable for flash getters in high-vacuum electron tubes. Concerning the replacement of absorbed gases by mercury vapor, however, all earth alkali metals fail with the exception of magnesium, which is the reason that the latter metal is used in mercury tubes.

There are few quantitative data that permit a comparison of the getter-efficiency of different metals for different gases. Table I shows such a comparison for flashed deposits of Al, Mg, Th, U, mischmetal and Ba and the gases O_2 , H_2 , N_2 , and CO_2 . It exhibits Ba as the most efficient getter among the metals investigated. The higher efficiency of diffuse deposits is due to their much larger surface, resulting from their finely divided state. This phenomenon, known as dispersal gettering is illustrated by the black Ba deposit.

The practical choice of the proper getter material is a function of factors other than efficiency alone. The broad use of high-efficiency flash getters requires considerations of insulation, interelectrode capacitance, contact potential and secondary emission of vacuum-tube electrodes and insulators, which often suggest their avoidance. On the other hand, Ba flash getters are preferred for oxide-coated cathodes because the Ba does not poison the cathodes and in some cases will improve the BaO cathodes. Judicious use of shields and proper positioning of the flash getters

Table I—Comparison of Getter Efficiency for Metals and Gases

Gas	Efficiency (in microns of pressure)			
	Bright deposit	Diffuse deposit		
O2 N2, H2, CO2	7.5	38.6		
O ₂ CO ₂ , N ₂ , H ₂	20	202 .		
O ₂ H ₂	7.45 19.45	31.15 53.7		
O_2 H_2	10.56 8.9	9.26 21.5		
O ₂ H ₂ N ₂ CO ₂	21.2 46.1 3.18 2.2	50.9 63.9 16.1 44.8		
O2 H2 N2 CO2	15.2 87.2 9.5 5.21	45 73 36.1 59.5		
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Getter efficiency is determined by the product of volume (1 liter) and pressure of gas cleaned up by 1 mg getter material. Diffuse deposits were obtained hy flashing the getter in argon and consist of finely divided getter material. avoids most of their disadvantages. It has been known for a long time that almost all metals (after thorough degassing) are capable of adsorbing gases on their surfaces.

Tantalum

metals are Certain capable of incorporating gases, even noble gases, by solution in their bulk volume. The classical example is tantalum which, on account of this property, plays a predominant role in the construction of high-power transmitting tubes. After degassing in a high vacuum for several hours at a temperature of 1,600 to 2,000 C, tantalum is capable of absorbing gases in amounts up to several hundred times its own volume. The optimum gettering temperature for tantalum appears to be in the neighborhood of 1,000 C. At temperatures above 1,500 C, the gettering action is reversed. The maximum getter effect is secured, therefore, by dimensioning tantalum anodes so that during normal service the electrodes operate at red to yellow heat. Generally, the high price of tantalum sheets and wires limits the use of whole tantalum electrodes to particularly valuable tubes and suggests the coating of e'ectrodes with tantalum powder. This is mostly performed by applying very fine tantalum powder on the surface of anode sheets in the finished assemblies. They are sintered together while simultaneously degassing these powders during the pumping operation by means of high-frequency heating or by electron bombardment. On account of the high degassing temperature required for tantalum, only molybdenum or tungsten is suitable as a base metal for tantalum powder. Tantalum should never be hydrogen-fired because of embrittlement

and consequent destruction by this gas.

The main disadvantages of tantalum are the high material cost and the high temperature range required for proper degassing and subsequent gettering operation.

Columbium

During recent years columbium getter pellets have been introduced to the vacuum technique. These pellets are approximately three to five millimeters in diameter and one to three millimeters high, and consist of oxide-free columbium metal.

The getter pellets must occupy a position in the tube where they can be heated to a high temperature during exhaust by either high-frequency induction or electron bombardment. The position of the pellet must be such that the temperature is maintained by either radiation or electron bombardment at approximately 500 C. This temperature is not critical but must be above 400 and less than 900 C. A temperature of 1,650 C is needed to outgas columbium pellets because at this temperature occluded and absorbed gases are expelled and columbium oxide is volatilized. A temperature lower than 1,650 C will not accomplish this expulsion of columbium oxide. The outgassing time may vary from a period of five minutes to a somewhat longer time. The preferred manner for supporting the columbium getter pellet is to weld a molybdenum wire to it. The temperature of outgassing is too high for a nickel support but is in the proper range for molybdenum. Tungsten need not be used.

Zirconium

Zirconium has valuable gettering characteristics and has come into wide use during the past decade. It forms very stable solid solutions (or compounds) with such gases as O. N. CO and CO₂. Zirconium metal is cheaper than tantalum and requires somewhat lower operating temperatures. Zirconium is available either in solid metal form (sheets or wires) or it may be applied in the form of a powder to base metals (molybdenum) as described above. The proper outgassing temperature for zirconium lies between 1,000 and 1,700 C, which is attained by either direct or indirect heating of the zirconium metal or of the base metal to which zirconium metal or zirconium powder has been applied. Wherever it is deemed inadvisable to heat the getter material to this temperature range, an outgassing temperature of 700 C must be considered minimum for activating the surface of the zirconium getter. While zirconium is effective as a getter from about 400 C on, it is most active at temperatures up to 1,600 C if used, for example, on molybdenum and carbon anodes.

The solubility of H_2 in Zr at room temperature equals 1,500 times its own volume at 1 atmosphere. Sorp-



FIG. 1—Vapor pressure of metals used as flashing-type getters. Hg and Ni are included for comparison

tion begins at 300 to 400 C and is completed at 500 C. As the temperature is increased, the metal frees H₂, but at 850 C the H₂ is again taken up during transition from a to β Zr. Above 850 C, H₂ is evolved. Sorption and desorption are reversible with decrease in temperature. Preliminary heating to a high temperature is a necessary condition for the sorption of H₂ at lower temperatures. During a rapid passage from a high temperature (above 1,200 C) to room temperature, a large amount of H₂ is quickly taken up.

Oxygen as well as N₂ dissolve homogeneously in Zr. When a Zr rod covered with a thick white oxide layer is heated in vacuum, the metallic luster reappears. Water vapor is cleaned up between 200 to 250 C. Care must be taken that a part of the Zr getter remains at a low temperature (approximately 400 C) during operation in order to bind the H₂, while another part must assume much temperatures (approxihigher mately 800 C) in order to absorb O_2 , N_2 and other gases.

Zirconium metal in sheet form 0.002 to 0.005 inch thick is used on locations that can be properly outgassed and which operate in the temperature range indicated above. Very often zirconium sheets are mounted to grid shields, cathode supports, and other structures, which during operation attain a temperature of 600 to 800 C. In small tubes zirconium sheets, cylinders, or ribbons are used for cathode supports, grid supports and radiation shields. Zirconium wire of 0.005 to 0.020-inch diameter can be mounted for direct heating, being heated whenever absorption of gas is required, or it may be mounted for the same purpose by winding zirconium wire around Mo rods or other suitable structures.

Continuous gas absorbers such as that shown in Fig. 2 provide a support for the Zr wire and are operated from 350 to 1,700 C, for example, in x-ray tubes in series or in parallel with the filament (the temperature being adjusted by proper length of the wire). They have also been used for shortening the degassing time of electrode systems during pumping. Using a



FIG. 2—Zirconium-wire assembly for continuously heated gas absorber

Zr wire spiral of fifteen turns on a 0.040-inch Mo mandrel, treated and outgassed for one hour at 1,700 C, a pressure of 5 \times 10⁻⁶ mm Hg was reached in ten minutes instead of thirty minutes with the high vacuum pump alone. This auxiliary pumping getter can be used repeatedly even though exposed to atmospheric pressure between pumping cycles, no additional outgassing between cycles being required. In every case the Zr absorber maintained a higher vacuum at a considerably higher effective pumping speed than the 20-liter-per-second high-vacuum pump.

A convenient way of using zirconium is to spray the tube parts with fine zirconium powder. Such powders, of particle size between 1 and 8 microns, may be suspended in a temporary binder such as nitrocellulose dissolved in amyl acetate. For high voltage tubes a permanent binder such as colloidal silicic acid has been used with success. Such a binder has the further advantage of not giving off gaseous products during outgassing and operation. The amount of binder is usually two to This mixture is five percent. sprayed on the electrode parts, which in turn are fired in vacuum in order to remove the binder or to convert the binder to a stable compound. Nickel electrodes (preheated at 1,000 C, operating at 200 to 500 C), molybdenum electrodes (preheated at 1,300 C in vacuum and operating at 800 C) and graphite electrodes can be satisfactorily coated with such mixtures. Quantitative data on the sorption of different gases at different temperatures by powdered Zr are shown in Table II. Other methods of applying zirconium powder to electrodes have been reported, such as a suspension mixture consisting of paraffin, naphthalene, xylene and methanol or deposition of zirconium

powder by cataphoresis.

Zirconium hydride (ZrH₄) may also be applied to Mo, Ni, Fe or graphite anodes or grids as a paste, by spraying or cataphoretic precipitation, and reduced to pure Zr upon heating. This compound compared with pure Zr powder presents the advantage that at lower temperatures the zirconium is tied up and protected against oxidation or poisoning during seal-in and exhaust. Then as the temperature is raised. metallic zirconium \mathbf{is} liberating its hydrogen formed. completely in vacuum at about 800 C. Thus, for coating on carbonized plates, which liberate much adsorbed gas during exhaust, zirconium hydride may be preferable to the pure metal since not only is the combined zirconium protected from the evolved gases but furthermore the hydrogen that it liberates at higher temperatures apparently reduces the last traces of adsorbed oxygen in the carbon layer.

Zirconium has been used successfully in high-power transmitting tubes, especially tubes having thoriated tungsten filaments, small microwave tubes and gaseous discharge tubes. Zirconium is inert to mercury vapor.

Stable solutions or compounds of Zr are formed with most gases including water vapor, with the exception of hydrogen.

The chief disadvantage of zirconium as a getter is that the optimum temperature for the sorption of hydrogen is too low for the effective cleanup of oxygen, nitrogen and the oxides of carbon. If, therefore, the zirconium-coated part is to operate at a temperature much in excess of 300 C, a supplementary lower temperature Zr getter or a getter of the barium or bariummagnesium type should be added to absorb the hydrogen. Whether this precaution is necessary or not depends upon the tube and the amount of water vapor or pure hydrogen found within it,

Thorium

During World War II, thorium, thorium alloys and mixtures of these with other getter materials were developed in Germany for use in vacuum tubes. Thorium metal is manufactured by reduction of Th0₂

with Ca. Powdered Th is very pyrophoric; it is inflammable by mere friction. Electrode parts were coated with thorium powder by cataphoresis and heated for two to three hours in a vacuum furnace. For wires the coating was 5 to 10 microns thick and for sheets 1 to 2.5 mg per sq cm. The heating temperature is about 800 to 1,000 C for nickel and iron and 1,500 to 1,600 C for graphite electrodes. Considerable gas absorption is reported to occur around 200 C but especially in the range from 400 to 500 C. This getter is therefore suitable for power tubes and very small tubes with high anode temperatures. If the anode is covered with thorium powder its surface finish is rough, resulting in increased emissivity by blackening.

One alloy of thorium is the getter called Ceto, which comprises a 20percent mischmetal, (chiefly cerium) and 80 percent thorium. This powder mixture is sintered at approximately 1,000 C, and the bars are milled to powder again. It is very inflammable. Ceto getter powder is transformed with amyl acetate into a paste that is applied to the tube electrodes in the amount of 15 to 25 mg powder per sq cm and then sintered upon the base metal in a vacuum furnace. The degassing temperature of the Ceto getter is 800 C and a marked getter action is exhibited from 80 to 130 C up, with an absorption maximum at 200 to 500 C.

Ceto getter material has a lower secondary emission than barium. It is used when it is desired to avoid or to reduce secondary emis-

Table	II—Sorptie	on c	of	Gases	by
	Powdered	Zirc	on	ium	

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	Gas	Temp C	Gas sorbed (cu cm × mm Hg per mg Zr)
	O2	25	0.38
	leves.	400	1.99
	N ₂	500	0,11-1,0
		800	1.46
	CO	25	0
		500	0.43
		800	3.65
	CO.	25	0
		500	0.57
		800	3.04
	H.	25	0.69
		350	13.33

sion that might arise from the use of Ba. It cannot be used above 600 C. Ceto bridges the gap between the low-temperature flashing getter such as Ba and the high-temperature non-volatile types (Th, Ta and Zr.) Pure thorium or compounds of Th and Zr are highly pyrophoric.

Titanium

A recent addition to bulk getter materials is titanium, which can be used either as bulk or as coating getter. It is not pyrophoric and its getter properties are good, besides being easy to form and machine. Blackening of the parts can be obtained by a short heating in air. At present titanium sheet is more expensive than zirconium per unit of gas absorbed.

Aluminum

Aluminum in its pure state is not used as a flash-getter, chiefly because its vapor pressure is too low (see Fig. 1). It vaporizes sufficiently only above 1.300 C, which is much too high for the conventional base metals like Ni. On the other hand, aluminum plated on Fe to a thickness of about 15 microns shows a considerable coating-getter effect for traces of O_2 being bound by the carbon content of Fe electrodes and released only slowly during the life of the tube. After heating at 700 to 800 C in vacuum, the aluminum forms a black compound with the Fe base (FeAl₃ or FeAl₅). This blackening increases the total emissivity to a level that is equal to or greater than that of carbonized Ni anodes. Such Alplated sheet-iron has been widely used in Europe for anodes in receiving and amplifier tubes with oxide-coated cathodes.

The trade name for sheet iron plated with aluminum on both sides is P2-iron; plated with Al on one side and with Ni on the other----PN-iron.

Magnesium

Pure magnesium possesses many desirable properties for a getter material, such as availability in suitable forms, and being comparatively stable and volatile under vacuum at convenient temperatures around 500 C. Unfortunately, the gettering power of magnesium is



FIG. 3—Typical Kemet KIC getter mountings; A is nickel h-f induction loop, B getter strip, C iron sheath, D weakened zone to allow evaporation and E is 0.5 to 25-mg barium filling

not high because most gases are only physically absorbed. As a result, magnesium by itself is not used in high-vacuum tubes. The only evidence of its use is in Hgvapor-filled rectifiers and in certain types as a grid coating powder to reduce secondary emission.

In order to obtain a material of greater stability and safety in use than pure magnesium, the so-called Formier getter was developed. It consists of aluminum-magnesium alloy powder (55 percent Al, 45 percent Mg) which is applied suspended in a nitrocellulose binder and applied to tube parts as a paint. On account of the limited gettering powers of magnesium, Formier is used only when other types of getters with higher evaporation temperatures must avoided. Magnesium getters are difficult to degas. have little gas absorption up to temperatures of 175 C and absorb only oxygen. High vapor pressure precludes use in small tubes and at high operating temperatures.

Barium

The active ingredient of most flash getters is barium, which is used in combination with aluminum, magnesium, tantalum, thorium, strontium or calcium. The getter is attached to the electrodes in the form of a pellet, or more frequently, to a special metallic support within the tube as shown in the top row of the accompanying photograph. It is mounted in such positions as to insure that the vapor stream produced is not splashed against such parts as the stem or the insulated lead-in wires. Shielding screens of metal, mica or ceramic materials are often provided to prevent this. The getter pellet must be attached to parts that during the pumping process may be readily heated to the evaporation temperature of the getter. This heating is performed by electron bombardment or, more frequently, by high-frequency induction from coils arranged outside the tube.

Flash getters of pure barium have the disadvantage that the unprotected barium reacts at room temperature with oxygen or with water vapor, thereby becoming inactive. This condition may be prevented by using: a protective layer or casing, alloys of Ba that are inert at room temperature or by generating the gettering material in the vacuum tube by a chemical reaction between stable Ba compounds and deoxidizing agents to form a reaction-type getter. Alloys of barium with magnesium and aluminum are relatively stable at room temperature and yield pure barium upon dispersa! or flashing of the getter. The percentage of metals in standard alloys for getter tablets are: Ba 25, Mg 55, Al 20; Ba 37, Mg 37, Al 26; Ba 43, Mg 20, Al 37 (known by the trade name Kemet). The tablets are mounted on nickel flags of various shapes.

Barium-magnesium alloys yield very little Ba metal in the flashing and are, therefore, seldom used in modern high-vacuum tubes. Ba-Ał getters provide much larger amounts of Ba metal, which accounts for their wider use. A common disadvantage of both types of alloys is their rapid rate of deterioration upon exposure to air and the necessity of vacuum packing.

Another commercial assembly is shown in Fig. 3. Other types comprise short pieces of iron, nickel and copper-clad barium wires to be mounted on a support of Nisheet, which can be high-frequency flashed at 900 to 1,100 C. Trade names of these materials are Feba, Niba and Cuba.

Several x-ray tubes of European

make use iron-clad barium (Feba) getter made in wire form, 2 mm diameter by 15 mm long. The getter is mounted within a miniature oven consisting of a ceramic tube into which the getter just fits. A tungsten spiral heater is wound on the outside of the ceramic tube. Care must be taken to avoid the possibility of migration of the barium to active tube elements. After sealing off the tube, the getter is flashed by heating the spiral.

Examples of the reaction type Ba getters are the reduction of BaO by Al to Ba (Alba getter) and of BaCO₃ or barium berylliate by Ta to Ba. In the case of BaCO₃, a tantalum wire heater is coated with a mixture of BaCO₃ and SrCO₈ $(SrCO_3 \text{ prevents fusing of } BaCO_3).$ At 800 to 1,100 C the carbonates dissociate to oxides and at 1,300 C the oxides react with Ta to form metallic Ba, whereby 40 percent of the theoretical Ba yield is obtained in the so-called Batalum process. Also barium berylliate $(BaBeO_z)$ is stable in air and is used in a directly heated getter, shown in Fig. 4, formed in the shape of a trough from a 0.040×0.001 in. Ta ribbon, which holds approximately 2.5 mg of Ba and gives a Ba yield of 60 percent.



FIG. 4—Arrows indicate direction of barium metal evaporation from barium berylliate in tantalum trough

Another flashing-reaction-type getter is the so-called Bato getter, which is prepared by mixing an aluminum-barium alloy with iron oxide and thorium powder. Its purpose is to provide a source of heat in the getter pellet and in so doing aims at flashing Ba metal at a relatively low getter flag temperature. The source for the Ba is the Ba-Al alloy and the latent heat so derived forms an exothermic reaction between iron oxide and metallic thorium. The powder is formed into tablets, which are pressed into nickel cups and attached to special supporting members within the tube. Since it is important to store the Bato getter in a dry atmosphere, the getter flags are usually sealed into evacuated ampoules or cans. After the pumping process, the getter is evaporated by high-frequency.

Flash getters are outgassed at temperatures between 600 and 700 C, usually by r-f heating from the outside of the tube, and flashed at temperatures beween 900 and 1,300 C. The barium vapor condenses on the cold surface opposite the getter material, usually on the envelope of the tube. The appearance of the condensed getter deposit depends upon the vapor pressure in the tube at the time of flashing. If the getter is vaporized very slowly, the first barium atoms evaporated will absorb the gas present so that the remaining getter is deposited in a very high vacuum, exhibiting a shining mirror. If flashing is done very rapidly, however, the getter deposits in a rather high vapor pressure and the getter mirror will be discolored due to dispersion of the Ba. If vaporization is carried out in the inert atmosphere of a rare gas the condensed deposit will be black, resulting in a dispersal getter. This condition does not mean that the getter is contaminated, but merely that the deposit is finely divided and therefore absorbs light. Such deposits exhibit higher efficiency than the

Table III—Outgassing, Flashing and Operating Temperatures of Typical Getters

Material 🦄	Та	Сь	Zr	Th	Ceto	Mg	Al-Mg	Ba And Ba Compounds	Re Bato	action-Type (Batalum	Getters Ba-Berylliate	Phos- phorus
Form of Application	bulk coating	bulk	bulk coating	coating	coating	flash	flash	flash	flash	flash	Aash	flash
Form of Getter	sheet powder	pellets	sheet wire powder	powder	powder	ribbon wire	powder paint	metal-clad wire pellets	Ni-clad pellets	BaCO ₃ paint on Ta	BaBeO2 paint on Ta	powder suspen- sion
Outgassing Preheating Temperature (deg C).	1,600- 2,000	1,650	700-1,300 (up to 1,700 in com- pound wires)	for metal base 800-1,000 for graphite 1,500-1,600	800-1,200	400	400	600-700	no ref	800-1,100	900-1,000	no ref
Flashing Temperature (deg C).						500	no ref	900-1,300	750-8 90 (900)	1,200-1,300	1,300	>200
Operating Temperature (deg C).	70● -1,200	500	800 (up to 1,600 in com- pound wires)	400-500	200–500	absorh only (flasi	os gases during hing	20–200 max	20-200	20-200	20-200	100-200
Applications Reported	D, E, M	D, E	C, D, E, F, I, K, L, M, N	C, D	Р	Ί, Κ	A, F	A. B, D, F, G, H, I, (1.). N	D, M	A, F	A , F	0
A = Sm $B = Mi$ $C = UI$ $D = Mi$ $E = Hi$ $F = Ox$	all receiving iniature tub IF tubes edium-size t gh-power tra ide-cathode	g tubes es ransmitti ansmittir tubes	ng tubes 1g tubes	G - H - I - K - L - M -	– Cathode – Phototub – Gascous-c – Hg-vapor – X-ray tul – High-pow	ray tubes es discharge t tubes bes ver vacuum	ubes n tubes		N — Tube D — Incan P — Vacu getter sary f	s with thoriate descent lamps on tubes in v s nor the hig for Ta and Zr	ed cathodes which neither fl h temperatures may be used	ashing neces-

bright deposits indicated in Table I.

Barium reacts with atmospheric gases such as oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide at room temperature, as well as with hydrogen and carbon monoxide. This absorption at low temperature makes flash getters particularly valuable for tubes that do not attain high operating temperatures. If the volume of the vacuum tube is large, multiple getter strips or several getter pellets are employed.

Flash getters have the disadvantage that during flashing metallic vapor is produced, which may settle on insulating parts or build up a conducting layer on the glass envelope. Such layers may become charged during operation or represent interelectrode capacitance. Usually flash getters are inadvisable in high voltage tubes or in microwave tubes, the latter type having very close spacing and only short insulating surfaces. It should also be considered that the opaque mirror interferes with the cooling of electrodes by radiation. In high-voltage types like transmitting and x-ray tubes fast stray electrons may hit the mirror and evaporate sufficient getter material to cause a gas discharge followed by a short circuit and destruction of the tube.

Phosphorus

Phosphorus has a comparatively high vapor pressure (indicated in Fig. 1) and for this reason it is not used in radio transmitting, x-ray, or other high-vacuum discharge tubes. Inexpensive and simple to handle, it is used for highvacuum and gas-filled lamps, especially for types of below 60 watts with voltages of 90 to 250 volts.

The outgassing, flashing and operating temperatures of typical phosphorus getters are given in Table III.

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Aircraft Ignition Tester

One set of spark plugs in an engine equipped with a dual ignition system is used as ionization detector to determine if the active set is firing properly. The drop in potential across the detector plug is sensed by an amplifier and neon-lamp indicator for each cylinder to give a dynamic indication on the ground

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O PERATION of the ignition tester to be described depends upon the fact that an aircraft dualignition system includes two sets of spark plugs. Each cylinder has two plugs, connected to associated magnetos by a cable harness as shown in Fig. 1. When the engine is operating on one of the magnetos, the spark plugs of the other magneto system can be used as detector plugs to determine if the other spark plug in the same cylinder is firing properly.

Testing is accomplished by applying a fairly high voltage across the detector plug. When flame strikes the electrodes as the cylinder fires, ionization conductivity of the combustion gases permits current to flow and the potential across the detector plug drops.

This drop in potential across the detector plug is used to flash a neon lamp by means of an electronic circuit.

The basic circuit of the ignition tester is shown in Fig. 2. A potential of about 500 volts is applied to the detector plug through R_1 . The same voltage also charges C_1 through R_1 and R_2 . The grid of V_1 is normally positive, grid current being limited by R_0 . Neon lamp V_4 performs the double duty of voltage regulator and voltage level indicator.

The use of a spark plug as a detector of ionization has previously been used in studies of propagation of flames in cylinders. When an active plug fires, the combustion flame at the detector plug greatly reduces the dielectric strength of the gap. When the gap of the detector plug becomes sufficiently conductive, the charged capacitor C_1 discharges through the detector plug. This discharge charges C_2 in opposition to its normal polarity and makes the grid of V_1 negative. A typical oscillogram of this variation in grid voltage, measured at the junction of C_1 and C_2 , is illustrated in Fig. 3. It will be noted that the grid voltage is driven from a positive value to a much greater negative value.

Swinging the grid of V_1 negative cuts off this triode with the result that its plate potential becomes much more positive, making the grid of V_2 positive. Tube V_2 is normally biased to cutoff, so the positive swing causes V_2 to conduct and to light the neon indicator lamp V_3 . Flashing of V_3 indicates that the live spark plug has fired the cylinder's combustion charge.

After the voltage discharge through the detector plug, the grid voltage of V_1 relaxes toward its quiescent positive bias illustrated in Fig. 3, so that V_1 becomes conducting. It allows V_2 to return to its normally nonconducting state until the next ignition flame is detected by the detector plug. By providing suitable voltages across the detector plug and to the grid of V_1 , even a weak detection signal, owing to a very lean mixture, can



Complete tester, showing connecting cable from harness disconnect^e block. Two voltages are obtained from vibrator supply and additional vacuum-tube rectifier

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be relied upon to flash the indicating lamp V_s brightly.

Bias Tube

The unusual location of the neon indicator lamp V_{a} in the plate circuit of triode V_2 may be noted since the cathode is isolated from ground except during the conduction period of the lamp V_3 . By this means, a negative biasing battery or other inconvenient biasing method is avoided. Cutoff bias voltage is developed automatically by cathode emission and by electron collection by the plate. The cathode, being isolated from ground by the neon lamp, will raise itself to a positive potential by loss of electrons. With the grid grounded through R_s , cutoff bias is obtained that keeps lamp V_{s} dark until the positive grid signal is transmitted through capacitor C_{a} .

In practical applications a separate electronic detector circuit is used for each cylinder. For a ninecylinder engine, nine detector circuits with a total of nine firing indicator lamps and nine dual-triode tubes together with a power supply are used. This arrangement makes it possible to check all nine cylinders at once.

To connect such an ignition tester to an aircraft engine, disconnect junction blocks must be located in an accessible position somewhere along the high tension leads between the distributor and the ring manifold of the harness. In Fig. 1, the continuous ring manifold is shown with the disconnect

Spark Plug Faults Are Elusive

A plug that acts erratically in an engine when hot may test good when removed. Plugs that work perfectly under cruising conditions may go bad under takeoff conditions of higher compression and temperature. Many a crash has occurred that could have been avoided if ignition had been checked under load on the ground.

A conventional preventative is routine replacement of all spark plugs. However, it takes twelve man-hours to do the job on an 18-cylinder engine—with no assurance that new troubles have not been introduced. The ignition fault finder described in this article may go a long way toward improving maintenance

blocks located on top of this manifold in front of the engine. To attach the tester, one disconnect is opened and the tester cable is plugged into the manifold block. The plug from the magneto has all contacts grounded for protection.

For a nine-cylinder engine, nine individually shielded wires are connected to the tester from the receptacle on the ignition harness. Shielded leads are preferred in order to prevent crosstalk between the test leads in the cable to the tester. If unshielded leads are used, the mutual capacitance between leads permits induction of the firing signal from one lead to all the others. Such capacitance causes false flashing of the indicator lamps and greatly dissipates the strength of the initiating signal.

Another difficulty encountered was the severe interference from the mutual capacitance between the live ignition leads and the test ignition leads in the same harness. Reduction of interference voltage is accomplished by the capacitor divider action of the comparatively large capacitance to ground of the test leads in the 20-foot cable connection to the tester. Further elimination of interference is accomplished by the integrator circuit defined by R_2 and C_2 . Toleration of residual interference is made possible by operation of triode V_1 with positive bias that is too high for any negative interference peak to overcome.

Using the Tester

To test the ignition system of an aircraft engine, the engine may be run first on magneto 1. In this case, magneto 2 is cut out and the tester cable is connected to the receptacle at the disconnect block between the magneto and ignition harness in the circuit of magneto 2. With the engine running, firing of each cylinder is indicated by the flashing of its respective neon indicator lamp. The indicator lamp indicates definitely whether the associated cylinder is or is not firing, even if there is only occasional missing. The in-



Underchassis views of the tester. Connection to the individual test plugs is made through the multiconductor plug shown at left



FIG. 1—Simplified detail of conventional ignition harness and method of attaching tester



FIG. 2-Schematic of the test circuit. A similar channel is required for each cylinder

dication is simply the failure of the neon lamp to flash repeatedly so that an experienced operator is not required to interpret the lamp indications.

The ignition trouble is accordingly localized in the particular circuit which fails to fire the cylinder charge and in most cases the trouble can be cleared by replacement of the spark plug. If after such replacement, trouble still exists in this particular circuit, a standard harness and magneto tester may be used to locate the trouble in this circuit.

As a matter of convenience, the tester may be provided with a socalled memory switch $(S_1 \text{ of Fig. 2})$ for each indicator circuit. If an indicator lamp shows faulty ignition, the memory switch may be closed so that the lamp will remain lighted after the ignition testing is completed.

Tests have shown that the detector spark plug need not itself be in perfect condition for detecting proper firing of the active plug on test. It has been found that fouled spark plugs will serve as ignition detectors until they are practically



FIG. 3—Oscillogram of the voltage at the grid of tube V₁

shorted by a bridge of carbon across the electrodes of the spark plug. Even in case the testing apparatus falsely indicates faulty ignition of the active spark plug due to the detector plug being very badly fouled, the tester will still definitely indicate faulty ignition in that cylinder since the badly fouled plug would in this case fail to give satisfactory ignition.

Unique Performance

During a test demonstration of the ignition tester on a Wright G-200 engine, an indication of intermittent ignition in a cylinder where a new spark plug has been installed was indicated. Examination showed a mechanic's failure to make a proper connection to that spark plug. No other existing type of tester could have found this trouble, nor could a complete replacement of an entire set of spark plugs preclude recurrence of the same trouble. The action of some questionable spark plugs was to go dead for a second or two, repeating the trouble after an interval of a few seconds to half a minute. Synchronized with the indication of the tester, there was an unmistakable change in sound and vibration of the engine. This type of an intermittently bad spark plug usually tests good on all other testers.

The presently used ignition harnesses are usually not equipped with disconnect blocks that would permit the ignition tester to be readily attached. Manufacturers have indicated a willingness to produce new harnesses with disconnects. Although this type has been developed and is being tested by airlines and engine manufacturers, present applications are confined largely to military uses.

The photograph shows an experimental model tester equipped with nine separate channels so that all cylinders of a nine-cylinder engine may be tested simultaneously. A type 6SN7GT dual-triode is used in each channel. Power is supplied from a vibrator pack and its associated rectifier tube since this particular model is intended for portable operation at an airport. The dual voltage output from the vibrator is obtained with a synchronous vibrator in addition to the novel use of a full-wave rectifier tube across the secondary of the vibrator transformer. The nine neon indicator lamps are visible through the openings in the front panel. The neon lamp to the far right is the voltage regulator V_2 referred to earlier in this paper. The glowing of this lamp indicates that the voltage applied from the power supply is sufficient for reliable operation of the ignition tester.

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Complete video recording console. Hood at left covers the picture tube. Magazine of camera at right holds 1,200-foot film for 33 minutes of continuous recording

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V^{IDEO} RECORDING, the transcription of televised material onto motion picture film from a cathoderay tube, is an essential medium for long-distance network television. Used with existing relay facilities, video recording enables program presentation at the same hour in different time zones. In the absence of relay facilities, it provides the only means for network distribution of key station programs.

Current practice is to record on 16-mm film, at the motion picture standard rate of 24 frames per second. The recording camera is driven by a synchronous motor, operating from the local power line, so that the film exposure rate is synchronized to the local power line frequency. The television picture rate, on the other hand, is necessarily synchronized to the power line frequency at the point of origin. If the camera has a conventional mechanical shutter, frequency difference between power lines causes recording difficulties in distant program pickup.

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A new recording system, using an electronic shutter timed by electronic counting circuits, is entirely independent of the synchronizing frequency at the point of program origin. The equipment is self-contained in a single console. It includes picture and sound pickup circuits, the recording cathode-ray tube, a direct-reading video level monitor, a camera and a sound head.

The mechanical shutter of a conventional motion-picture camera

Video

performs the cyclic tasks of starting, stopping and timing each film exposure. The electronic shutter is an assemblage of electronic circuit blocks which performs these same tasks. It differs from a mechanical shutter in the following respects:

The exposure is started and stopped by successively applying and blanking the picture on the face of the cathode-ray tube, rather than by intervention of a mechanical shutter blade.

The exposure is timed by counting the scanning lines which compose the television picture. Exposure of each film frame is terminated on completion of the 525th scanning line, regardless of whether or not the camera and the television synchronizing generator are in synchronism with each other. To achieve the same desirable objective with a mechanical shutter, two major variables must be controlled. These variables are the operating speed of the shutter and the angular blade width. The angular blade width is fixed in the camera design so that the time of shutter opening is 525 lines when the shutter is running at nominal operating speed. Departure from nominal speed during nonsynchronous operation causes line-count errors. During synchronous operation, momentary changes in power line frequency may cause line-count errors because of the inertia associated with the camera mechanism.

With either mechanical or electronic timing, the start of exposure must be properly phased in relation to the camera mechanism. Exposure should not start until film pulldown has been completed and the film has become stationary. With a mechanical shutter, this function is performed by the trailing edge of the shutter blade (or the leading edge of the shutter opening). With an electronic shutter, it is performed by a mechanical cycling disc which generates an electrical cycling pulse suitable for actuating the counting circuits.

The circuit blocks which compose

Program Recording

Independence of synchronizing frequency at the point of program origin is established by substitution of electronic circuits for the mechanical shutter of a motion-picture camera. Tubes are also employed for phosphor persistence compensation and gray-scale correction

the electronic shutter are shown in Fig. 1 together with a timing diagram.

The scanning method commonly used with either a mechanical or electronic shutter is shown in Fig. 2. Since four film frames are to be exposed during the period of five television frames, one television frame must be dropped out of every five. By utilizing the interlace feature of the television scan, the same result is obtained by dropping onequarter frame out of every one and one-quarter. One complete field and two complementary portions of adjoining interlaced fields are photographed during a single shutter opening, the separate portions adding up to a single television frame.

Accurate shutter timing is essential for correct operation. The shutter not only blanks the picture during the film motion interval, but also times the exposure to allow exact completion of a single television picture on each film frame. It is this additional timing function that imposes the severe accuracy requirement. With correct shutter timing, the starting line of the first field and the ending line of the third field occupy adjoining positions in the raster. If the shutter remains open a trifle too long the film records several extra scanning lines, which appear on top of a completed frame as a bright horizontal strip.

Similarly, early shutter closure causes a dark horizontal strip. This strip, either light or dark, becomes an obvious exposure defect which is sometimes called a shutter bar. The region of the picture where shutter closure occurs is known as the join-up or splice.

These conventions apply to a positive print produced from a negative film. The light values reverse for a direct positive print.

It is characteristic of the scanning method that the join-ups of alternate frames have different positions. The two join-up locations are separated from each other by one-half the picture height. In Fig. 2, the intersections of the dotted lines with the vertical sawtooths indicate the join-ups. The phasing chosen places one join-up near the top of the first and third frames, and the other join-up near the bottom of the second and fourth One join-up can be reframes. moved from the picture area by phasing the camera to place the join-up at the raster edge, but the other join-up lies within the picture area. The join-up locations remain stationary when the television and camera rates are synchronized to each other. Otherwise, they travel up or down, depending on the difference between rates. An invisible join-up is a necessity in either case, and shutter timing must be correspondingly accurate. As an illustration of the degree of accuracy required, it may be noted that the edge of a mechanical shutter blade is hand-finished to almost micron dimensions in order to produce a satisfactory join-up. Even with this degree of accuracy, changes in the cyclic time base during nonsynchronous operation cause a shutter bar effect.

In the equipment illustrated, a shutter gate generator, rather than a timing circuit alone, blanks the cathode-ray tube during a portion of the film cycle. The phasing and duration of the shutter gate are established by several associated electronic circuits. One of these circuits opens the gate and starts the timing action as soon as pulldown of the preceding exposed frame has been completed. Another circuit times the exposure. A third circuit closes the gate. This combination of circuits forms an electronic shutter which replaces the



FIG. 1—Stages of the electronic shutter and illustration of line count timing. Exposure occurs when the shutter gate is open; the image on the crt is blanked when the shutter gate is closed

conventional mechanical shutter and affords greater inherent accuracy. The electronic shutter in the camera described has an inherent timing accuracy of better than one percent of a single horizontal line, or 0.5 microsecond, in either synchronous or nonsynchronous operation. The join-up reduces to a small line break in the unused margin of the raster, outside the picture area.

Since each television frame contains exactly 525 horizontal scanning lines, counting circuits may be used to time the film exposure. The counting circuits blank the recording cathode-ray tube when the correct number of horizontal lines has been scanned. Film exposur<mark>e</mark> may start at any horizontal scanning line. Once started, the exposure continues to completion of the television frame, and then stops until triggered by a cycling pulse. In the camera, film pulldown starts after the exposure stops. On completion of pulldown, when the film has become stationary, the camera generates the cycling pulse and starts a new cycle.

Referring to Fig. 1, the cycling pulse, after amplification, actuates the start coincidence circuit. The pulse does not initiate the actual exposure, but merely cocks the circuit. A single horizontal synchronizing pulse then trips the circuit. This same synchronizing pulse, which may lie anywhere in the scanning cycle, becomes the start pulse which opens the shutter gate. Photography of the first scanning line commences with this pulse and continues as long as the shutter gate is open, the duration of the shutter gate opening being determined entirely by the timing gate.

The timing gate resembles the shutter gate, but the starting edge is intentionally delayed so that the gate opens during the first scanning line, after passage of the zero pulse. With the timing gate open, each pulse following the start pulse trips an appropriate stage in the binary counter circuit until the 524th pulse trips the 10th stage. This, in turn, actuates the stop coincidence circuit, effectively cocking the circuit. The 525th horizontal synchronizing pulse then trips the circuit, closing both the shutter gate and the timing gate. The gates remain closed during the blanking interval. At the conclusion of this interval, the camera generates a new cycling pulse, exposure starts and the operation repeats itself.

Start Coincidence Circuit

Figure 3 shows the start coincidence circuit. Under static conditions, triode V_{2B} is strongly conducting and V_{24} is biased to cutoff.

The negative cycling pulse from the camera passes through diode V_{24} and arrives at the grid of V_{28} as a strong negative pulse, sufficiently large to stop conduction in this triode section. The voltage at the plate of V_{28} goes positive, carrying the grid of V_{24} with it. Conduction thus transfers to V_{24} . Meanwhile, the negative charge on V_{28} grid starts leaking off through the 1-meg resistor.

The time constant in the grid circuit is such that V_{zs} grid can remain negative during the period of



FIG. 2—Time relationships between television picture scan and film exposures

several horizontal lines. (This is the cocking action illustrated in Fig. 1). While V_{24} is conducting, the horizontal sync pulses are amplified in V_{24} and appear as positive pulses on V_{2B} grid. Within the time of a few scanning lines, the negative potential on V_{ab} grid becomes so small that a particular pulse in the string of horizontal sync pulses overrides the negative potential on the grid of V_{2B} . This is the zero pulse, illustrated in Fig. 1, which causes transfer of conduction to V_{2B} . The voltage at the plate of V_{2B} falls abruptly from + 150 volts to almost ground potential, giving rise to a large negative pulse which becomes the start pulse.

The stop coincidence circuit is shown in Fig. 4. It is similar to the start coincidence circuit, except for the use of direct coupling to V_{zs} grid. The 524 count (Fig. 1) from the 10-stage binary counter replaces the cycling pulse as one of the inputs. The other input, the string of horizontal sync pulses, remains the same. The output is the stop pulse. The stop coincidence circuit contributes the 525 count.

Shutter Gate Circuit

The heart of the shutter gate generator is shown in Fig. 5. The circuit is a symmetrical version of the start coincidence circuit, and may be recognized as a form of the scale-of-two counter. It has two stable positions, characterized by conduction of one or the other of the two triodes. If triode V_{+B} is conducting, a negative pulse applied through diode V_{3B} transfers conduction to triode V_{44} . Conversely, if triode V_{44} is conducting a negative pulse applied through diode V_{34} transfers conduction to triode V_{4B} .

The counter stages also employ the same basic circuit. Ten counter stages are used, but only the first and last of these stages are shown in Fig. 6. The circuit configuration within each stage is identical. The circuit is known as the Higinbotham counter circuit.

Tube V_1 of the counter group inverts incoming positive horizontal pulses, providing the negative pulses required by the design of the counter circuit.

The negative sync pulses reach



FIG. 3-Start coincidence circuit

the first counter stage, V_3 , through a 100 - $\mu\mu$ f capacitor and the pair of diodes in V_2 . The counter stage has has two stable conditions, depending on whether the A or B triode section is conducting. Each successive pulse transfers conduction from one triode section to the other. Whenever conduction transfers from the A triode section to the Btriode section, a 140-volt negative pulse is produced at the plate of the B triode section. This negative pulse reaches the next counter stage through another 100 - $\mu\mu$ f capacitor and another pair of diodes. The action continues to the tenth stage.

Each counter stage contains two diode sections, only one of which is effective during any one pulse application. The plate of the other diode section stands at a negative potential with respect to its cathode, and hence the diode section does not conduct. Conduction transfers from one diode section to the other as the counter operates.

Counter Operation

Assume each stage in the counter is on when its A triode section is conducting, or off when its A triode section is nonconducting. The stage produces a pulse when it goes from on to off. It does not produce a pulse in going from off to on. The stage goes through a single reversal on receipt of a pulse from the preceding stage.

Suppose, then, that all stages are on as an initial condition. A single pulse entering the first stage trips all stages simultaneously, including the last stage. As the last stage swings from on to off it generates an output pulse. In effect, the circuit has counted one.

Suppose, instead, that all stages are off as an initial condition. The first incoming horizontal pulse swings the first stage on. The second incoming pulse swings the first



FIG. 4-Stop coincidence circuit

stage off; and the resulting counter pulse swings the second stage on. The second stage thus requires two incoming pulses for a single reversal. Similarly, the third stage requires 4 incoming pulses, and so on. The tenth stage swings from on to off, and generates an output pulse, only after 1,024 incoming horizontal pulses have been counted.

By turning certain stages on and the other stages off as an initial condition, any number from 1 to 1,024 can be counted. The 525 count imposed by current television standards is just beyond the limit of a 9-stage counter, and hence ten stages are used. The ten binary register switches are set to count 524 incoming pulses during each counter cycle. The 525 count is contributed by a separate stage associated with the stop coincidence circuit. In this way, the final critical count in each cycle is obtained directly from the associated horizontal pulse, with a minimum of intervening circuit elements.

The timing gate opens during the first scanning line, and remains open during the exposure cycle. Positive polarity corresponds to closed shutter. When the positive timing gate is applied to V_{x} grid, the triode conducts heavily and the voltage at the plate falls to almost ground potential. This allows conduction through the reset diodes V_{13} to V_{22} and the binary register switches. All counter stages are thus reset to their preselected on or off initial conditions during the b'anking interval. The reset diodes do not conduct during the exposure interval, and hence do not affect the counter action.

A full frame of 525 lines is scanned during the exposure interval. One quarter frame is then dropped during the blanking interval to effect the 5:4 frame rate conversion. Under synchronous condi-



FIG. 5-Circuit of shutter gate generator

tions, the average blanking interval covers 131.25 lines. However, since the counting circuits do not recognize fractional lines, the actual number of lines dropped during successive blanking intervals is 131, 131, 131, 132, 131, 131, 131, 132 and so on. The difference on the fourth count is caused by an accumulation of fractional-line increments to the point where they start the blanking interval a whole line earlier. Each picture, meanwhile, scans to completion.

On the fourth count, the scan merely starts and ends one line higher. Since the beginning of the blanking interval is tied to the end of the picture, while the end of the blanking interval is tied to the cyclic rate of the camera, the blanking interval is not subject to rigid cyclic control. It can shrink several lines, increase by any necessary or amount. Because of this flexibility, the camera need not be locked to the frequency of the television signal. A full frame of 525 lines is photographed during each locally synchronous exposure cycle, and any short or over lines are dropped out during the blanking interval.

Camera Construction

In the camera, the most noticeable differences are the absence of the conventional mechanical shutter and the substitution of a cycling disc, outside of the picture light path, which generates the cycling pulse. This disc rotates at a constant speed of 24 turns per second (1,440 rpm) and passes a single light pulse during each revolution. It is phased so that the light pulse follows immediately after completion of film pulldown. A phototube with associated amplifying and pulse shaping circuits translates the light pulse into the electrical cycling pulse.

Figure 7 shows the amplifying

and pulse-shaping circuits. Triode $V_{\rm M}$ and V_{18} are a two-stage amplifier and V_2 is a gas tetrode used as a pulse regenerator. It is biased to cutoff in the absence of an input pulse. A positive pulse applied to the grid fires the tube and produces a single negative-going pulse at the plate. This pulse is fed to the start coincidence circuit.

Film pulldown must be accomplished in a relatively short time. The blanking interval of 1/120 second establishes the maximum time allowance for film pulldown, but only a portion of this interval may be utilized. The film must remain stationary during the initial portion of the blanking interval to allow for phosphor persistence effects in the recording cathoderay tube.

Rate changes encountered in nonsynchronous operation serve to further shorten the allowable pulldown time. During periods of increased camera rate or decreased television rate the end of the television frame intrudes on the beginning of the nominal blanking interval, and the start of film pulldown must be correspondingly delayed.

The camera uses a 3-to-1 skip movement in the intermittent mechanism. In effect, the mechanism operates at triple the normal speed and would pull the film at the rate of 72 frames per second if not for the fact that two out of three pulldown cycles are skipped. The film travels at normal rate of 24 frames per second, but pulldown is completed in $\frac{1}{3}$ the normal time. With

this fast action, pulldown can begin late in the blanking interval and can be completed before the next film exposure starts.

Practical Design Factors

It has been found that vibration, even in a small degree, may betray the location of the picture join-up. The subject for photography is a moving spot which traces successive patterns of evenly spaced lines. Vibration during film exposure displaces some lines with respect to others, causing line pairing and coarse line structure over portions of the film. Differences in line structure become particularly apapparent at the join-up.

The effectiveness of vibration reduction measures employed can be gaged from the fact that close inspection of a recorded picture, projected on a 6 by 8-foot screen, reveals no evidence of vibration effects on either side of the join-up.

The deflection yoke design necessarily involves a compromise between good focus and low distortion. Perfect focus over the entire field can be attained at the expense of linearity, by accepting a certain amount of pincushion distortion. The approach used in this design was to strive for perfect focus over the field and to compensate for nonlinearity by optical means. As a result, the scanning lines are clearly resolved over the entire tube face, while the departure from linearity at any part of the picture does not exceed the width of two scanning lines. The recorded film original



FIG. 6-Output of this counter circuit feeds the stop coincidence circuit

shows definite scanning line resolution in regions of low or medium density, at the corners as well as in the center.

A P11 phosphor is used in the recording cathode-ray tube. The major component of this phosphor's light output is in the blue region of the spectrum, where video recording films are most sensitive. This phosphor has a desirably high decay rate, the persistence illumination dropping to a very small percentage of initial illumination within the scanning time of a few lines.

Persistence illumination preserves each line for photographic exposure during an interval after scanning, and supplies an appreciable additional light contribution in relation to initial illumination. If the last line scanned in each frame is to contribute its full share of persistence illumination before film pulldown starts, the phosphor decay rate must be very high.

The P11 phosphor is almost entirely satisfactory in this respect, but has one shortcoming which seems to be common to all presently available phosphors. Complete extinction of low-level illumination requires several seconds. Residual illumination from this source causes a brightness difference between the first and last lines. Although the magnitude of the effect is small, the brightness difference can be quite apparent because these lines are adjacent in the recorded picture, and because the high contrast of the photographic film emphasizes any brightness difference.

Compensation is effected quite simply by using a sawtooth waveform which decreases the bias on the cathode-ray tube (increases brightness) as the exposure proceeds. The peak amplitude of the compensating sawtooth waveform is adjustable to meet different tube characteristics. The adjustment need be made only when a new tube is installed, and need not be repeated during the life of the tube.

Power-Law Amplifier

Gray scale rendition is improved by use of a power-law amplifier, a device which was originally developed for video recording, but which now offers promise



FIG. 7-Pulse amplifier, which is fed a 0.01-volt positive pulse from the cathode of the phototube. A 140-volt negative pulse is produced at the plate of the 2D21 to feed the start coincidence circuit

of general application wherever gray-scale correction is required.

The gray scale of the reproduced picture depends on the overall transfer characteristic of the system elements intervening between the scene and the picture. The transfer characteristic can often be expressed in terms of the exponent of a power-law relation, the exponent being analogous to the familiar gamma of the photographic art.

A gamma greater than unity indicates compression of the blacks and expansion of the whites; lower than unity indicates the converse effect. A very high exponent is associated with a harsh or contrasty picture; a very low exponent is associated with a flat or washed-out picture. A gamma of about 1.5 at the screen is considered to be most pleasing for motionpicture exhibition by direct projection.

Current television practice results in an exponent greater than unity, principally because of the individual transfer characteristics of the light-to-signal and signal-tolight transducers. Direct studio pickup involves only a single pair of transducers, namely, the pickup tube in the camera and the cathoderay tube in the receiver. The resulting transfer characteristic is quite acceptable. The video recording process introduces two additional transducers, as well as the film on which the recording is made, and the cumulative effect may be far from acceptable.

Assume that a linear transfer characteristic (exponent of 1 in the reproduced picture) is the desired objective, and that the overall system response is such as to result in an exponent of 2. An amplifier is in-

serted in the video line and is adjusted to provide a transfer characteristic which follows a 0.5power-law relation between its own input and output. Prior to correction, the brightness of the reproduced picture follows the square of the scene brightness. The video signal is modified by insertion of the amplifier, the amplifier output signal following the square root of the input signal. With this correction, the brightness of the reproduced picture is linearly related to the scene brightness.

The heart of the amplifier is a germanium crystal diode. The resistance of the diode varies with the crystal current. One portion of the resistance-versus-current characteristic can be closely approximated by the relation, $R = KI^{-0.5}$, where K is a proportionality constant and R and I are crystal resistance and current, respectively. The amplifier circuit which utilizes this characteristic is shown in Fig. 8.

The first 12AT7 operates as a cathode follower and delivers a voltage replica of the video waveform at point A. Video black level is at ground potential; video white level is at approximately 0.3 volt positive. The cathode load on this first tube is an essentially constant re-The crystal resistance, sistance. even at maximum value, is negligibly low in relation to the resistor in series with it. The cathode follower can therefore be regarded as a lowimpedance source feeding a constant-resistance load. The load consists of two voltage dividers having significantly different characteristics.

The voltage divider composed of R and the germanium crystal diode delivers its voltage output at point B. Because of the relatively high constant resistance of the resistor, and the negligibly low resistance of the crystal diode, the current through the crystal diode is a replica of the video waveform. The voltage across the diode is, however, influenced by the crystal resistance characteristic. The voltage at point B is thus a power function (exponent = 0.5) of the voltage at point A.

The voltage divider composed of R_1 and R_2 delivers its voltage output at point C. The voltage at this

point is a linear function (or a power law of unity exponent) of the voltage at point A. The potentiometer arm is set for equal white level voltages at points B and C.

Both voltage outputs are applied to the second 12AT7. Each half of this second tube functions as a cathode follower. Video output voltage can be obtained from point D, E, or from any intermediate point F. Point D provides maximum correction, point E provides minimum correction, and point F provides any intermediate value of correction.

Sound

The sound portion of the equipment is planned for direct positive variable density sound-on-film recording, using a recording system developed by J. A. Maurer, Inc.

The positive film stocks used in video recording are relatively insensitive in comparison to the negative film stocks which are normally



FIG. 8-Circuit of power-law amplifier for correcting gamma

used in motion picture photography. Considerably more light is required if the optimum density range of the film is to be utilized. The sound recording system uses larger than normal optical apertures to allow an approximately fourfold increase in illumination level.

A precisely-shaped mask compensates for the nonlinearity of the light-transmission-versus-exposure characteristic of the film.

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PRODUCTION TESTER

Transistor characteristics are determined quickly and accurately by a-c test apparatus. Circuit design information is furnished as well as operational test results. Includes provision for electrically forming transistors

VOLTAGE GAIN, current gain and input impedance of transistors for various emitter biases and collector load resistances are determined quickly and conveniently by the transistor testing apparatus shown in the photograph. Since no general set of curves can describe

each transistor, this tester furnishes specific design information as well as operational test data.

The equipment has a built-in circuit to modify the electrical characteristics of a transistor and an oscilloscope for visual inspection of its diode characteristics.



Fig. 1-Block diagram of a-c test apparatus

Figure 1 is a block diagram of the circuit. The transistor is connected in the conventional manner with 500 ohms in the emitter circuit and a 400 to 42,000-ohm variable resistor in the collector circuit. The emitter bias is supplied by a center-tapped voltage divider so that either positive or negative d-c voltage may be applied. The collector is supplied 60-cycle a-c voltage through the isolation transformer T. A crystal-diode rectifier D, in series with the collector probe, is connected in opposition to the direction of rectification of the collector probe itself. When not shorted out by S_2 , it will have the positive half-cycle voltage of the 60-cycle supply developed across it, permitting the collector probe to be swept in negative polarity only. With S_2 closed, the magnitude of the forward current in the collector may be varied by the variable resistor in series with S_2 . The negative peak value of the 60-cycle collector current is read on M_2 as the 20-µf capacitor shown in Fig. 3 charges through diode D'. Switch S_{12} selects the proper series resistance to read either 10 or 20 ma full



FIG. 2—Scope trace (A) shows collector volt-ampere characteristic of transistor while line diagram (B) gives typical bias conditions of emitter current and collector voltage. Back-voltage breakdown of crystal due to forming pulse is shown at (C) as seen on scope

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scale. The peak collector voltage may be read directly from the trace on the calibrated oscilloscope screen.

Voltage Gain

Voltage gain of the transistor is measured at 10 kc by applying the output of the 10-kc oscillator to the emitter through the linear attenuator and comparing the 10-kc voltage developed across the load resistor with the direct output of the oscillator. Voltage comparison is made by means of the peak voltmeter and S_1 , as shown in Fig. 1. If the linear attenuator is adjusted so that the two voltages are equal. the voltage drop in the linear attenuator is balanced by the gain of the transistor, and the reading of the attenuator equals the voltage gain of the transistor. The 60-cycle sweep voltage is filtered from the input to the peak voltmeter so error will not be introduced.

A similar method is employed to measure current gain. The relationship of collector and emitter currents is determined by comparing voltage drops across resistances selected by step switches S_8 and S_{9*} . These signals cannot be fed directly into the peak voltmeter but first must be amplified as shown in Fig. 4A. Step potentiometer S_{s} (Fig. 1) is adjusted to pick up the same value of 10-kc voltage as appears across the resistance selected by S_{\bullet} . The current gain can be read directly from the setting of the step potentiometer. The decimal point is determined by S_{\circ} .

The input impedance may be found by measuring the voltage and current gains at a known value of load resistance, since the voltage gain is equal to the current gain multiplied by the ratio of load resistance to input impedance.



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The collector volt-ampere characteristic is shown on the oscilloscope with the voltage across the collector on the horizontal plates and the voltage across the load resistor on the vertical plates. The 10-kc voltage amplitude is negligible compared to the 60-cycle sweep voltage so the trace is not broadened appreciably if voltage gain measurement is made while the collector characteristic is being examined. Figure 2A shows a typical characteristic. Figure 2B gives typical bias values of collector current and voltage.

Short-circuit current gain α may be measured by adjusting the load resistance to equal the a-c resistance of the collector-characteristic line at the desired operating point, measuring the current gain and doubling it. The collector characteristic on the oscilloscope may be used to adjust the load resistance to this value. The load resistance is varied until the voltage drop across the load is equal to the voltage drop across the transistor. To facilitate this adjustment, a diagonal line is ruled on the oscilloscope screen at the proper angle and the collector characteristic trace is made parallel to this line by varying the load resistance.

Forming Circuit

To form the collector probe of the transistor a second 60-cycle sweep voltage of large magnitude is applied momentarily to the transformer in the collector circuit. The duration of this forming pulse is determined by the timing circuit through RE_s . The ratio of forward to backward current in the collector is controlled during the forming pulse in the same manner as for the sweep. A range of forming pulse lengths from 20 cycles to one cycle is available. The forming pulse is applied by pressing the push-button switch S_5 shown in Fig. 3, and the effect of forming may be observed immediately on the oscilloscope and peak voltmeter. Figure 2C is a photograph of the back-voltage breakdown of a crystal induced by a forming pulse.

The timing circuit shown in Fig. 3 controls the length of time of application of the forming voltage. It consists of a capacitor discharging through the winding of the relay, initiating a voltage pulse in the collector circuit. The relay is in parallel with a variable resistor so that the time of capacitor discharge can be varied. One of two capacitors can be selected with S. and these capacitors are charged through resistors large enough to ensure that RE₃ cannot be activated more often than once in 5 seconds to prevent overloading.

Peak Voltmeter

The peak voltmeter is one of two systems used to measure voltage and current gain. The output voltage of the 10-kc sine-wave oscillator is compared by the peak voltmeter with the same 10-kc signal after passing through the linear attenuator and transistor. Voltage gain is measured by balancing the gain of the transistor against the drop in the linear attenuator. A peak value voltmeter is necessary because the modulated form of the wave varies with transistor characteristics.

Circuit illustrated in Fig. 4B consists of a filter for 60 cycles, two-



FIG. 4—Current measurement preamplifier (A) handles extremely small signals. Peak voltmeter (B) permits relative gain measurement

stage amplifier, series rectifier, storage capacitor C_1 , and a lowcurrent voltage-measuring circuit. The incoming signal passes through a network consisting of C_2 and a parallel L-C circuit. The L-C circuit is tuned to 10 kc for maximum impedance to ground. The high reactance of C_2 in combination with the low reactance of the L-C circuit at 60 cycles forms a 60-cycle filter. The 10-kc signal is then amplified 150 times in two stages to provide sufficient amplitude for linear operation of the 6AL5 rectifier. Capacitor C_1 charges through the 6AL5 to peak value of the signal.

The 12AX7 monitors this voltage, and the reading of M_1 is



FIG. 3—Transistor bias supplies and timing circuit for transistor forming pulse

proportional to it. Potentiometer R_1 is a zero set for M_1 ; a 70,000-ohm unit controls its sensitivity.

Direct Gain Reading

The absolute magnitude of the voltages is unimportant. Meter M_1 is set on the direct 10-kc signal, then switched to the modulated 10-kc signal of the transistor output. The attenuation is varied until the meter reads the value previously set. The attenuator then gives voltage gain directly.

The second method of measuring voltage gain is to apply the output of the peak-voltmeter amplifier to the vertical plates of the oscilloscope and compare the height of the two 10-kc signals.

The use of the peak voltmeter to make current-gain measurements is essentially the same as described above for the voltage-gain measurements. Either M_1 or the oscilloscope may be used to indicate a balance between the signals originating across the step potentiometers S_8 and S_9 shown in Fig. 3.

By use of selector switches S_i , S_τ and S_{10} (Fig. 1) diode characteristics, the voltage-comparison test or the current-comparison test may be viewed on the oscilloscope. The horizontal input for the voltageand-current comparison tests is a 60-cycle variable sweep voltage. The two methods of measuring voltage or current gain will work simultaneously. When the diode characteristic is on the scope, the peak



FIG. 5—Ten-kc oscillator furnishes test signal while linear attenuator gives direct gain reading

voltmeter alone will register balance.

The 10-kc attentuator in Fig. 5 consists of two 10-step potentiometers in series. The first adds 300 ohms resistance in each step. The second adds 30 ohms per step.

The output of the attenuator is always taken across the 30-ohm resistor, R_{0} . When the attenuator is on position 1, the 30 ohms is in parallel with the secondary of the transformer and may load the oscillator amplifier to some degree depending on the secondary impedance. This does not create an error in the measurements since all tests are of a comparison nature. Above position 3 this effect disappears. Increasing the attenuator from position 1 to position 2 drops the voltage across the output resistor by one-half. The next step drops the voltage by one-third. These fractions represent the ratio of the attenuator-output voltage to input voltage, therefore the step-position numbers indicate directly the voltage factor by which the 10-kc oscillator output is attenuated. When this attenuation is balanced by the gain of the transistor, the numbers read directly the voltage gain of the transistor.

Current Gain Measurement

The method of measuring current gain makes use of extremely small signals compared to those used in voltage-gain measurement. These



FIG. 6—Oscilloscope displays both gain measurement and transistor characteristics

signals are amplified by the circuit shown in Fig. 4A. Since the amplitude of the 60-cycle current in the collector circuit is large, and only the 10-kc current is to be measured, a 60-cycle filter is added ahead of the preamplifier to prevent saturation by 60 cycles. A twin-T filter' was chosen because it is possible to tune such a circuit to cancel out one frequency completely. The twin-T circuit's relatively low input impedance is no disadvantage since the original signal appears across a resistance of the order of 10 ohms. Following the preamplifier, there are terminals for an external oscilloscope, which are used if current and voltage gains are read simultaneously.

The signal used to measure current gain is so small that any stray signals caused by inter-winding capacitance in the oscillator output transformer will add a constant factor to the readings. This effect is minimized with the addition of the second transformer by permitting grounding of the secondary of the first output transformer.

Oscilloscope

Through switches S_1 , S_7 and S_{10} , the scope shown in Fig. 6 becomes multipurpose. The circuit consists of a 2,000-volt power supply, a potential-dividing system, centering controls for the scope traces and a system of calibrating the horizontal and vertical scope traces in volts as illustrated in Fig. 6. Horizontal and vertical deflections are varied simultaneously by varying the second-anode voltage, thus maintaining a vertical-to-horizontal deflection ratio of 7 to 10. The voltage is usually set so the horizontal sweep is 7 volts per division. The vertical calibration is 10 volts per division.

Oscillator

The Colpitts oscillator shown m Fig. 5 is tuned to 10 kc. The signal is amplified and fed to the linear attenuator and the peak voltmeter. The oscillator has proved stable in both amplitude and frequency. Binding posts on the front panel are provided for an external oscillator should measurements at another frequency be required.

This apparatus has been used in production of transistors to check the semiconductor ingots before cutting, to select the best pieces after cutting, to check the best probe adjustment, to form electrically the finished transistor, and to grade the final product. It has also been used to pick the best transistor for a given circuit application, and to give the information necessary for a proper choice of other circuit components. It has been used to check periodically the characteristics of transistors when in use, and to carry out experiments on transistors in statistical quantities.

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Selective Mixing Amplifier For Aircraft

Unit combines ten channels of communication and navigation audio information in any combination, selected separately by pilot and copilot, without mutual interference between used and unused channels. Fail-safe arrangement insures reliable operation

WARTIME and postwar develop-ments in the field of communications and navigation are in daily use along the airways. The opening of vhf channels for range, traffic control and ILS has increased the complexity of aircraft installations. Connecting radio headphones to one or two receivers is not difficult, but handling the various audio channels of a modern installation of several receivers and transmitters is definitely an engineering problem.

The duties of pilot and copilot are such that it would in fact be desirable for each to have entirely independent radio systems. Such an installation would be most uneconomical of space and weight. It is possible, however, to attain a high degree of efficiency from a minimum amount of equipment by running all audio signals through a multichannel dual-output isolation amplifier.

The amplifier to be described provides a means of integrating almost any composite installation into a highly efficient and practical system. Because all audio signals pass through this amplifier it has necessarily been made fail-safe. That is, in the event of partial or complete failure, it is easily disconnected from the circuit by the pilot or copilot in such a way that service is uninterrupted. Isolation of the two circuits is such that there is no crosstalk. Sufficient output power is available to drive small cabin speakers, thus eliminating the fatigue of wearing headphones. Since the amplifier is optional equipment, it has been designed to

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be added to existing installations. The F-11 isolation amplifier is capable of handling ten audio input circuits. Two of these circuits are



FIG. 1—Two of the ten basic isolation circuits are shown. The pilot is connected only to channel 1, while the copilot hears channel 1 and channel 2 simultaneously

of component failure

FIG. 3-With a single range filter, pilot and copilot can independently choose range, voice or both

divided in such a way that the outputs of two receivers can be terminated in two range-voice filters. Pilot and copilot can then independently select any combination of range, voice or both filter outputs without mutual interference. A typical assignment of audio circuits to the various channels is as follows:

Channel

Number	Audio Circuit
1	ADF receiver
	Range-Voice-Both
2	L-F range receiver
	Range-Voice-Both
3	ADF receiver
4	Broadcast receiver
5	VHF navigation receiver
6	VHF communication
	receiver
7	Marker beacon receiver
8	H-F transmitter sidetone
9	VHF transmitter sidetone
10	Intercom

The photographs show the complete unit and the under side of the chassis, base removed. Connections are made by means of multiwire ceramic-insulated connectors plugged into receptacles mounted on the front plate.

Basic Circuit

The basic isolation circuit is shown in Fig. 1. For simplicity only two of the ten circuits are drawn in detail. Each input channel provides a 500-ohm load for the circuit connected to it. As shown, the pilot is connected to channel 1, while the copilot is connected to channels 1 and 2. In the case of the pilot, the desired signal from channel 1

Packaged design permits addition of selective isolation amplifier to existing aircraft systems

All channel switching is accomplished from the cockpit by means of d-c relays which are located underneath the amplifier chassis. Low-impedance audio lines between amplifier and cockpit are free from crosstalk

passes through the closed switch, a 300,000-ohm isolating resistor and thence to the grid of his isolationamplifier tube. Because the nine other isolating resistors connected to this grid are grounded, the desired signal suffers a reduction of only 20 db.

The signal from channel 2, to which the copilot is also listening, reaches the grid of the pilot's amplifier by the path indicated. It can be seen that it undergoes the following losses: (1) to copilot's amplifier grid -20 db, (2) to circuit 1 input load -56 db, and (3) to pilot's amplifier grid -20 db. The undesired signal level is therefore 96 db below the input level or 76 db below the level of the desired signal at the grid of the pilot's amplifier. Actually common ground currents and cross coupling reduce this to about 60 db.

All audio switching is done by relays. The selector relays are located in the bottom portion of the chassis along the sides. The arrangement can be seen in the bottom-view photograph. Relays permit short unshielded leads between receivers and amplifier. All wiring between amplifier and cockpit is d-c and high-level low-impedance audio. These wires are not subject to cross coupling or noise pick-up.

Operation

Figure 2 shows a modification of the basic circuit to provide a means of bypassing the amplifier in the event of component failure. The two relays are connected in the common lead of the input load resistors. When energized this lead is grounded and operation is as described above. The relay coils are connected directly to the primary power circuit. When this circuit is broken by fuse failure or manual switching, the relays open and connect the common lead of the input load resistors directly to the output circuit. The loss introduced in each receiver line by the load resistors and shunting effect of other receivers is about 10 db. This loss, although noticeable, is not sufficient to impair operation of the system and the receivers can be shared by pilot and copilot as before installation of the amplifier.

Figure 3 shows a method of using a range-voice filter in one channel. The filter is the receiver load. The input load resistors are now divided and brought to separate pins of the input receptacle. These pins are connected to the arms of pilot and copilot filter switches. The pilot and copilot can now connect their input circuits to filter output range, voice or both. No crosstalk will result if both users are connected to the same circuit but there will be a noticeable reduction in output (3 db). If this cannot be tolerated,

FIG. 4—Special circuit mutes incoming signals during transmission periods

the use of separate filters is recommended.

It is desirable to cut off or mute all incoming signals during transmission. Isolated muting circuits are desirable because the speaker only requires perfect quiet. The use of selector relays makes possible receiver muting as desired. Figure 4 shows the muting circuit.

The selector relay circuits are energized by completing their coil circuits to ground by means of individual selector switches. Any circuit or group of circuits may be muted by breaking the common ground lead of the corresponding selector switches. This is easily done by the muting relay which is operated by the microphone key circuit when the button is pressed to talk. Muting relays are usually located in the control boxes.

Installation

A complete installation permits independent selection of 1 to 10 audio channels by pilot and copilot, independent choice of range-voice filters on two circuits and independent muting of receivers, also choice of speaker or headphone operation. The design of the amplifier unit is such that an input signal of 300 mw will produce 3 watts output for loudspeaker operation.

At this time it is felt that the 10channel amplifier is adequate for most needs. Another such unit can be added as the number of channels increases. Thus pilot, copilot, radio operator and flight engineer can listen to any combination of the 10 facilities without mutual interference.

Precision Phasemeter

PHASE DIFFERENCE measurements accurate to 0.1 degree are obtained by the precision phase meter shown in the photograph.

Phase comparison is accomplished by a detector bridge consisting of four 5647 diodes arranged as a ring modulator. Phase difference is read directly from a decade voltage divider which controls the amount of quadrature voltage added to a reference signal.

The instrument is self-calibrating and provides sense information to remove 180-degree ambiguity. Figure 1 shows a block diagram of the phasemeter.

Some proposed applications of the instrument are in testing polyphase systems, goniometers, wideband phase-shifting networks for single-sideband transmitters and feedback amplifiers. It may also be used in filter, transformer and network design and in measurement of residual L and C in resistor units.

Basic Method

The method developed by J. R. Ragazzini and L. A. Zadeh¹ forms the basis for design of the precision phase meter. It can be classified as a phase comparison method. The phase meter is seen in the simplified block diagram of Fig. 2 to consist of two signal channels terminating in a phase detector, which need only indicate approximate phase quadrature between its input signals. Two phase shifters, one

Specifications

Frequency Rang Phase Range Accuracy	e
	incremental angles
	up to two degrees)
Signal Level	-0.5 to 10 volts rms
Input Impedance	ce—10 megohms
	shunted by 25 $\mu\mu$ f
Display	-decade null system
Power Supply	-105-125 volts rms,
	50/60 cps
Size	-191/2" wide × 161/4"
	deep $\times 25''$ high
Weight	-110 pounds includ-
Ŭ	ing walnut cabinet

Precision phasemeter gives phase difference of two sinusoidal voltages directly in degrees

calibrated and the other uncalibrated, are inserted in series with one or the other channel. Either phase shifter can modify the phase difference between signals at the phase-detector input as compared with those at the phase meter input.

The phase meter is calibrated by applying a single test signal to both input terminals, and setting the calibrated phase shifter to zero. The uncalibrated phase shifter is adjusted so that the phase detector indicates a condition of balance.

To measure phase difference, the input terminals of the two channels are separated and connected to the two signals whose phase difference is sought. The phase detector will then show a condition of unbalance. The indication of balance is restored by adjustment of the calibrated phase shifter.

The operation of the calibrated phase shifter is shown in Fig. 3A, B, and C. In Fig. 3B the input signal $E_1 \angle 0^\circ$ is shown. Added to this signal in exact quadrature is a vector E_1 tan θ . The resultant E_R is phase-displaced by an angle θ from the original vector. In Fig. 3A is shown the method of producing vector E_1 tan θ . The amplifier of gain A has capacitive reactance X bridged from input to output. It can be shown that for R = X, the By J. KRITZ Senior Engineer W. L. Maxon Corp. New York, N. Y.

overall gain is unity and the phase shift is closely equal to 90 degrees. The error in quadrature is approximately 1/A radians. For values of R unequal to X due to frequency variations, the accuracy of the quadrature relationship is essentially maintained with the output amplitude varying directly with frequency. The output divider can then be calibrated in terms of tan θ .

For the condition R = X, all values of calibrated phase shift up to 45 degrees may be obtained by properly adding the two voltages. An additional 45 degrees can be obtained by merely switching the divider to the $E_1 \angle 0^\circ$ vector before summation. The vector diagram of this relationship is shown in Fig. 3C. It can be seen that phase angle calibration is independent of frequency provided the R = X condition is maintained throughout the band. Similar results are obtained if R and X are interchanged. The circuit shown is the preferred arrangement since it displays an intecharacteristic to hargrating It does however tend to monics. low-frequency noise accentuate which is controlled by R-C cutoff filters in the band switching.

The condition of R = X or unity gain requires adjustment of R for each frequency of measurement. The balance voltmeter used for this purpose is shown in Fig. 4A. The input and output signals of the 90degree amplifier are fed to a pair of stable feedback amplifiers which in turn feed a pair of full-wave averaging rectifiers. The d-c output of these rectifiers is applied to a microammeter through a pair of self-protecting cathode followers. The two inputs are connected to the same signal source to establish amplitude equality. The gain of one amplifier is adjusted to obtain a
for Audio Frequencies

One-tenth degree accuracy is obtained in phase-difference measurements between two sinusoidal voltages. Problems in design of a commercial instrument to this accuracy are discussed. Self-calibration procedure is outlined

balance reading on the zero-center microammeter. The inputs are then connected to the 90-degree amplifier with the meter serving as indicator for the balance condition. The required sensitivity of one part in 3,000 is obtained with amplifier gains of approximately 250. A schematic diagram of the balance voltmeter circuit is shown in Fig. 5.

Method of Display

The mechanical calibration of a continuously variable potentiometer is not feasible for a dynamic range of 360 degrees with 0.1-degree accuracy and a sensitivity of discernment of 0.01 degree. A combination of 23 precision fixed resistors is used to obtain 2-degree intervals These intervals are chosen by means of two switches, the first selecting any 10-degree value from 0 to 80 degrees, the second selecting any of five additional two-degree intervals. The transition around the 45-degree point is accomplished automatically as the tens or units dial is rotated. The interpolation of the remaining 2-degree interval is provided by the phase comparator.

The phase comparator must have a sensitivity sufficient to resolve phase deviations of the order of 0.01 degree. It must be capable of measuring such incremental angles accurately over a range of two degrees. The comparator is shown in block form in Fig. 4B. It is an application of the classical wattmeter circuit or ring modulator. The d-c output current measured by the zero center microammeter balances when a 90-degree phase difference exists between the two channel voltages. The d-c current is a function of the signal ampli-

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tudes and the cosine of the phasedifference angle.

For plus or minus one-degree deviation from the balance condition, the d-c current is linear to within 5×10^{-5} degree, so that linear scale calibration is adequate for this interval. A deviation of plus or minus ten degrees departs from linearity by approximately 0.05 degree. This is applied in obtaining coarser phase measurements with greater rapidity by shunting the meter to obtain a plus or minus tendegree scale.

Amplitude inaccuracy is virtually eliminated by setting the levels on the phase-detector bridge to prescribed values. Misadjustment of more than ten percent of both levels is required before impairing the 0.1-degree accuracy with the meter at full scale. Analysis of the ring modulator disclosed that at discrete operating level ratios various orders of odd harmonics in one channel would be rendered ineffective in producing errors. Since the bridge is insensitive to even-order harmonics, levels were designed for cancelling thirdharmonic effect in channel 2. The 90-degree amplifier is integrating in character and is therefore used



FIG. 2—Simplified block diagram illustrates phase-comparison method of measurement



FIG. 1—Block diagram shows path of input signals to phase-detector bridge. Divider gives phase-difference reading

for feeding channel 1. The result is to preserve meter accuracy in the presence of harmonics.

Sensing Circuit

The 90-degree amplifier and dividers are capable only of calibrated phase shift over 90 degrees. An additional 90-degree shift is obtained by interchanging the positions of the calibrated phase shifter and the uncalibrated phase shifter shown in Fig. 1. The phase comparator is however, ambiguous about 180-degree points. A sensing circuit consisting of a low-level wattmeter 90 degrees out of phase is used to indicate the quadrant. While a value between zero and 90 degrees is read on the phase meter, a switch position indicates polarity and the sense meter indicates whether or not 180 degrees must be added.

Developmental Problems

For 0.1-degree accuracy, it is necessary to limit individual known error effects to a maximum of 0.01 degree. The gain of the 90-degree amplifier contributes an error effect approximately equal to 1/A radians. Therefore high orders of gain must be achieved in the presence of a 0.7-feedback ratio at 45 degrees at operating frequency. The schematic of the 90-degree amplifier is shown in Fig. 6.

Stray capacitance across R (Fig. 3A) contributes error in the form R/X_{stray} radians while leakage re-



Rear view of instrument removed from its cabinet. Three anode-voltage supplies are provided

sistance across X contributes X/R_{leakage} radians. This complicates amplifier design in that a low operating-impedance level is required to minimize these errors. An amplifier with a cathode-follower output working at an impedance level of about 1,000 ohms is employed. The amplifier gain is 4,000 over the frequency band, with amplitude-phase characteristics outside the operating band controlled to insure stability. High quality polyethylene capacitors with Q's of the order of 5,000 are used.

Resistor R must be capable of stable adjustment to one part in 3,000 to achieve a settability of 0.01 degree at 45 degrees. Three series controls are used to adjust R: a coarse-control 31-position attenuator, a medium-control 31-position attenuator and a smooth lowresistance rheostat for fine control. The coarse control is calibrated in frequency to permit easy, rapid adjustment with the balance voltmeter.

Adding two signals with phase accuracy better than 0.01 degree and amplitude accuracy of one part in 3,000 is accomplished by two feed-back amplifiers with low-impedance (less than one ohm) cathode-follower outputs that feed a pair of precision-balanced 5,000ohm resistors whose centertap is fed to the high-impedance input of the subsequent amplifier stages. Thus the effects of vacuum-tube variations and of component aging are virtually eliminated. Figure 7 shows the circuit of one of the amplifiers.

Vacuum diodes are used in the phase-detector bridge because of the linearity and consistency of diode characteristics even with heavy loading. Since contact potential and diode characteristics are critically dependent upon heater potential and vibration, stability is achieved through use of subminiature ruggedized diodes (type 5647) suspended in a sealed potted container. The heater supply is current regulated.

The output transformers feeding the diodes are designed for maximum primary inductance and minimum variation with level adjustment. Leakage reactances between



FIG. 3—Calibrated phase shift is obtained by adding quadrature voltage to input signal



FIG. 4—Balance voltmeter (A) indicates signal amplitude equality. Phasedetector bridge (B) responds to signals in quadrature

half secondaries and primary are maintained small throughout the range.

The output stage is a push-pull Class-A amplifier with 30-db feedback, driven by direct-coupled cathode followers to eliminate phase-shift variations at low frequences due to small grid conduction. The output-level meters are specially designed rectifier types flat to within $\frac{1}{2}$ db from 30 to 20,000 cps.

Due to the low operating impedance levels used throughout the design, common coupling at high frequencies presents little difficulty. Elimination of coupling at low frequencies through the common impedance of the power supply requires three separate anode sources. Their self impedances are kept below one ohm and their transfer impedances below 0.01 ohm with a combination of L-C filtering and electronic regulation. A schematic of the channel-1 output amplifier



FIG. 5—Circuit of balance voltmeter used to display departure in voltage equality of one part in 3,000



FIG. 6—Circuit of 90-degree amplifier with high-pass filter and low-impedance cathode-follower output

and uncalibrated phase shifter is shown in Fig. 8.

Test Methods

To determine performance characteristics within the specified tolerance, a test method capable of divulging 0.01-degree error is necessary. Such orders of accuracy are unobtainable in any primary standard. The use of accurately calibrated phase shifts created by resistive-reactive networks and carefully measured frequencies is unsuitable. In the most favorable case of a single 45-degree R-C network, calibration accuracies suitable at one frequency only are of

the order of 1.75 parts per 10,000. This assumes basic calibration equipment of such complexity as is available only at the Bureau of Standards. The method employed uses the instrument itself to divulge its own error.

A phase standard of zero degrees implies connection to the same signal source. In addition, two variable uncalibrated phase shifters of the following characteristics are necessary. Input and output impedances must be sufficiently high and low respectively that less than 0.01-degree change is effected by loading one input on another output. The output impedance must be sufficiently low that less than 0.01-degree change is effected by loading the output with the input impedance of the phase meter.

Design of such phase shifters is readily realizable. Cathode-follower input and output stages of conventional 12AT7-type miniature triodes provide sufficient isolation. The test procedure is as follows:

With the input terminals tied to a common source, the phase meter is adjusted to its calibrating position of zero degrees. It is then connected to measure the shift of one phase shifter which is adjusted to give an exact reading of 180 degrees on the phase meter. The first phase shifter is removed, and the remaining phase shifter is similarly adjusted. The phase meter is then connected to measure the phase shift of the two shifters in tandem. For zero error in the original reading of 180 degrees, the sum should now read 360 or zero degrees. The deviation from zero degrees indicated by the phase meter is double the error at 180 degrees. This permits exact calibration of the true 180-degree point.

This procedure is then repeated with each phase shifter adjusted to 90 degrees as read on the phase meter. The deviation from the previously calibrated 180-degree point when connected in tandem is double the 90-degree error, and the true 90-degree position is evaluated. In this manner 45 degrees, 22½ degrees, etc. may be checked.

By means of the two-degree steps, it can again be shown that eleven equal phase shifts as indi-



FIG. 7—Low-impedance feedback amplifier used in adder circuits



FIG. 8—Channel-one amplifier includes uncalibrated phase shifter and output amplifier. Transformer feeding bridge is designed for maximum primary inductance and low leakage reactance

cated on the degree meter add to 22 degrees, and 22 such equal shifts add to 44 degrees, and 45 such steps add to 90 degrees. In this manner the entire region from -90 degrees to +90 degrees may be tested. The remaining angles of the complete 360 degrees can be checked by a similar process utilizing the 180-degree symmetry of the instrument.

Production Technique

For a large number of frequencies in the spectrum this complete test method is laborious and time consuming. Exhaustive tests on the prototype have borne out theoretical considerations of unobservable error at 180 degrees, and complete symmetry about 180-degree spaced values. Two-degree step tests to 46 degrees in addition to the cardinal points have proved sufficient to guarantee an instrument accuracy of 0.1 degree throughout the range, thus enabling a more rapid production technique. This technique tests the divider accuracy as a basic 45degree calibrated phase shifter as well as the remaining circuitry which remains unaltered over the entire range.

Evaluation of Tests

The maximum error disclosed in type testing the prototype is 0.06

degree. This represents the maximum accumulation at various angles and frequencies of the calculated 0.01-degree errors in different circuits. Stability of zero calibration is such that measurements to full accuracy are possible after about 15 minutes of warm-up. Variation of vacuum tubes and components within the commercial tolerances shows no effect on performance. Evaluation of performance in terms of harmonic content of the signal source is in process and will soon be available. Preliminary observations indicate no error contributed by even-order harmonics and a tolerance of about



View from above shows ganged degree switches and resistors of precision voltage divider

one percent third within stated accuracy. Accuracy and calibration are not disturbed by insertion of filters in the input. Zero calibration may be set even if the filters are not matched.

Equipment Layout

The top row of instruments on the front panel is for indications of balance, channel levels and sense. Immediately below are the major degrees dials and meter. Below these dials, on the left are the three balance controls (R of Fig. 1), with calibrated controls for the uncalibrated phase shifter on the right. The contact potential balance dials and balance voltmeter controls are located in two panel recesses. These elements require infrequent adjustment and are removed from the operating area.

A photograph shows a rear view of the instrument removed from its cabinet. The lower deck is the power supply. Also shown is a top view from the rear with the dust cover removed from the switch box. The ganged degree switches and precision divider resistors can be seen. The first production model has been delivered to the Communication and Navigation Lab., Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, whose cooperation and stimulation aided the program considerably.

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A Fast Sweep Circuit

Designed for study of extremely short-duration phenomena, the oscilloscope described has a maximum sweep speed of 100 inches per microsecond, obtained from a simple thyratron circuit. Three methods of calibration are employed



FIG. 1—Stable delayed sweep is provided by modified raster scan

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TN ATOMIC STUDIES, the scintillation counter has assumed great importance. With these counters it is now possible to detect the incidence of single alpha or beta particles or single-gamma quanta upon certain types of crystals. When particles strike the crystal, minute fluorescent light flashes are produced.

The use of a multiplier phototube makes it possible to convert these tiny flashes to voltage pulse waveforms, a much more convenient form for recording and studying. The voltage waveforms produced are, however, of extremely short duration and the problem of displaying them in sufficient detail to allow accurate study and counting presents a considerable problem in design of high-speed oscilloscopes. In the field of digital computers there is an increasing requirement for high-speed operation. Such operation demands the use of shortduration pulses. For the observation of such pulse voltages, a fastsweep oscilloscope is required.

For use in the type of problems mentioned an oscilloscope with the following characteristics has been developed: The frequency response is uniform to 265 megacycles. It is possible to observe either single traces or recurrent traces to a repetition rate of 5,000 cycles. The unit has a maximum sweep speed of 100 inches per microsecond (0.01 μ sec per inch) with several sweep ranges reaching a maximum sweep length of 25 microseconds. A lowimpedance keying pulse is provided for keying external circuits under examination. A variable delay between the external keving pulse and the oscilloscope is available which may be varied from 0 to greater than 3 μ sec.

Requirements

The first three specifications place severe requirements on the cathode-ray tube and its circuitry. The tube must be capable of producing traces of very high brilliance, and the transit time of the electron beam through the deflection plates must be sufficiently low to permit the required frequency response. The performance of the cathode-ray tube on both of these factors is improved by the use of very high accelerating potentials.

Two DuMont crt types are designed for high-speed oscilloscope applications. A few of the pertinent characteristics of these two tube types are compared in the accompanying box. For the oscilloscope to be described, the 5RP-A satisfies the required brilliance and frequency limits and was used because of its immediate availability.

Sweep Circuitry

With an accelerating potential of 20,000 volts on the 5RP-A tube, a deflection sensitivity of approximately 0.005 inch per volt may be expected. For five inches deflection approximately 1,000 volts of sweep voltage is required. If the fastest sweep (100 inches per μ sec) is considered, a voltage slope of 20,000 volts per μ sec must be developed for a sweep wave form.

Two general methods of generating suitable sweep voltages were investigated: modified raster scan using vacuum tubes, and sweeps generated by hydrogen thyratrons.

The modified raster scan produces the presentation shown in Fig. 1. To develop this scan, a two-megacycle oscillator is keyed to provide either sine-wave sweeps or a series of linear sawtooth sweeps. The cathode-ray tube is then unblanked during the interval under investigation. Coinciding



FIG. 2-Balanced and unbalanced sweep circuits for hydrogen thyratrons



FIG. 3—Two-output delay line for initiating action observed and later, the scope sweep



FIG. 4—Jitter is avoided by taking two outputs from cathode of thyratron

with the unblanking pulse, a small expansion sweep voltage is applied to the vertical deflection system so that several consecutive sweeps become distinguishable. This corresponds to a raster type of scan in that several sweeps may be made available at a given time.

One advantage of this type of sweep is that it provides stable delayed sweeps with no stable delaypulse generation required. The time jitter of any sweep depends only upon the variation in the amplitude and frequency of the twomc basic oscillator.

The jitter in the delay of the unblanking pulse used in this system does not result in time jitter in the trace itself, but is seen as fluctuations in the end of the interval being examined. This method works quite satisfactorily for sweeps longer than 0.5 μ sec. Above this speed, the generation of steep voltage slopes demands higher currents than can be conveniently obtained from vacuum tubes.

The rate of rise in volts per second of voltage across a capacitor is equal to the current divided by the capacitance.

 $\frac{i}{c} \left(\frac{\text{amperes}}{\text{farads}} \right) = \frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}T} \left(\frac{\text{volts}}{\text{seconds}} \right)$

If the sweeps are developed over the lowest possible capacitance consisting of the output capacitance of the sweep generator tube in parallel with wiring and cathode-ray tube capacitances, the current which must be handled becomes objectionably high to be handled by a vacuum tube. For example, given a minimum capacitance of 30 $\mu\mu$ f and a rate of rise of 20,000 volts per μ sec, the current becomes 0.6 ampere.

In addition, the amount of cross coupling from one deflection plate to the next right-angle plate increases as the capacitance from plate to ground is lowered. This is due to the capacitance divider by the capacitance to formed ground and the plate-to-plate capacitance of the cathode-ray tube. If the capacitance from the deflection plate to ground is deliberately made as high as 100 $\mu\mu f$ to minimize cross-coupling effects, the current is increased to two amperes. This magnitude of current leads to the selection of a gas-filled tube such as the thyratron as a sweep generation source.

Several variations of the basic circuit for the development of

CRT Characteristics

Direct interelectrode capacitances	K1030	5RP-A
Deflection plate D_1 to D_2	0. <mark>52</mark>	1,8
Deflection plate D_3 to D_4	<mark>0.39</mark>	1,5
Maximum ratings		
Anode 2 to final in- tensifier	30,000 v	22,000 v
Typical deflection factor	128	140 ± 20 percent

sweeps through the use of a hydrogen thyratron are possible. Figure 2A shows one form such a circuit may take. The tube may be a 2D21, 2050, 3C45, 4C35 or others.

This circuit operates as follows: with the thyratron in an unfired condition, the pulse-forming network is charged to voltage Ethrough resistance R_c . When the trigger pulse is impressed upon the grid of the thyratron, the tube conducts and the voltage at the plate of the gas tube falls very rapidly to a voltage 20 to 50 volts above ground depending upon the tube used.

The charged line then discharges through the series circuit of Z_{\circ} and the thyratron. This produces a negative square pulse across Z_{\circ} of amplitude E/2 and length equal to twice the delay of the line, providing an unblanking pulse. The sharp drop at the plate is integrated by the *RLC* circuit to provide a substantially linear sweep voltage approximately equal to the supply voltage.

Associated with single-ended sweeps on electrostatic cathode-ray tubes there is an effect known as deflection defocusing which appears as progressive defocusing from start to end of the sweep. To correct this situation, two methods of producing balanced sweeps have been investigated. One method is illustrated by the circuit shown in Fig. 2B. The circuit is similar in operation to that previously described. When the thyratron is triggered, the cathode of the gas tube rises rapidly to a voltage V/2. In this way, C_2 charges to V/2through L_2 and R_2 to provide a positive linear sweep approximately equal to V/2. Capacitor C discharges from V to V/2 to provide a negative sweep approximately equal to V/2. A positive square pulse of amplitude V/2 is developed across Z_{o} so that an unblanking pulse may be obtained from the circuit.

Another method of obtaining balanced sweeps employs a transformer. In this circuit, Fig. 2C, the cathode of the gas tube is grounded, eliminating the necessity of filament chokes and the pulse transformer for keying purposes. Here the unblanking pulse is obtained across Z_o and the sharp voltage step at the plate is capacitively coupled to the phase-inverting transformer. The voltage step is integrated from the secondary of the transformer to develop balanced sweeps. The linearity of these sweeps depends upon the frequency response of the transformer.

With the 5RP-A tube, deflection defocusing is not very serious and because of the possible simplification of circuitry, the single-ended sweep circuit shown in Fig. 2D is now used in this oscilloscope. The sharp voltage drop at the plate of the gas tube is integrated by $L_1R_1C_1$ to provide the sweep output.

The sharp voltage drop is also coupled by C_4 , a very small capacitor, to one of several tuned circuits in the grid circuit of the cathoderay tube where a damped train of oscillations suitable for intensity markers is generated. The L_2 , R_2 and C_2 components produce a negative voltage pulse from which an unblanking pulse of sweep duration is formed.

Delay

When using an oscilloscope having high sweep speeds, the difficulty of maintaining the sweep in coincidence with the signal is considerable. To obtain a good presentation, the jitter should be kept less than one line width. This naturally applies to recurrent phenomena only since jitter from one sweep to the next is not recorded if individual sweeps are being photographed. Consider the case of the fastest sweep described, namely, 0.01 µsec per inch. Allowing for a spot size. of 0.05 inch, this demands a jitter less than 500 $\mu\mu$ sec for recurrent sweens

To obtain coincidence of sweep and signal, means must be provided to delay the sweep over the interval being examined. In the past, some variation of the circuit shown in Fig. 3 has been used. In this circuit a pulse is developed and fed into a delay line. This pulse traveling along the delay line is picked off at two points. A pulse with one delay is used to initiate the action to be observed, and a pulse at a second delay is used to initiate the oscilloscope sweep. These delays are so chosen that the transient to be observed occurs in the desired portion of the oscilloscope sweep.

An investigation of the keying characteristic of thyratrons has shown that with a d-c heater supply, a keying pulse supplied from a low-impedance source can provide



FIG. 5—Trace of a 120-mc keyed oscillator with a sweep of 0.05-µsec per inch

stable keying of a thyratron on a comparatively slow voltage slope. By decreasing the amplitude of this low-impedance pulse, the delay in firing the thyratron is increased.

Figure 4 shows a suitable source of low-impedance keying pulses. In this circuit two low-impedance pulses are obtained simultaneously from the same thyratron, thus assuring that no jitter exists between them. One pulse is used to trigger the thyratron sweep tube while the other is used to trigger the thyratron to be observed.

The values of L and C can be switched to furnish a rough adjustment of the delay in firing. For fine adjustment the amplitude of the keying pulse is changed by varying R. By means of suitable adjustment, the sweep tube and the tube under observation can be keyed simultaneously.

With this general type of circuit negligible jitter delays to 10 μ sec have been obtained. To do this the values of L and C are such as to produce an approximate half sinewave pulse of length equal to 20 μ sec. By suitable compensation within the gas-tube circuit as well as changes in the design of the thyratron the stable delay interval may be increased.

Calibration

The high-speed sweeps described were calibrated by several methods to find one accurate method suitable for both visual and photographic use.

Perhaps the most accurate method tried consists of using a crystal-controlled transmitter as a timing-wave source. The timing wave is applied to the vertical deflection plates and single-trace photographs taken. It has the disadvantage of not being synchronized with the sweeps and cannot be used to measure time directly when viewing recurrent phenomena.

A 120-mc oscillator was keyed and photographed, Fig. 5. This circuit is very stable and easily photographed since a considerable number of sweeps can be observed at one time.

A third method consists of ringing an inductance to produce a train of damped oscillations. This method is easiest to apply since a



FIG. 6—Alternate keying of 0.005-µsec pulse and 50-mc timing wave

thyratron having high-current capabilities can be used for generating the oscillation. With the 3C45 the physical size of the tube appears to limit the frequency of oscillations to about 60 mc.

Figure 6 shows a 50-mc timing wave obtained from a ringing circuit superimposed on a 0.005 μ sec pulse by alternate keying.

The oscilloscope is housed in a four-foot cabinet with component parts placed in three levels. The crt gun and deflection section are enclosed in a mu-metal shield to prevent magnetic fields from influencing the beam. The front of the tube is maintained at the final intensifier voltage by means of a copper band encircling the tube. To prevent corona and provide physical support for the tube, a Lucite collar is fastened to the front panel and supports the front of the cathode-ray tube. A sheet of 1-inch Lucite protects the observer from the high voltage. The high-voltage bleeder for obtaining the proper voltages for the intensifier elements consists of half-watt 1.8megohm resistors wound in a spiral groove cut into a polystyrene rod to minimize corona effects. The total resistance is 100 megohms so that a 200-microampere meter may be used with the bleeder to read 20 kilovolts at full scale.

The limits on bandwidth and sweep speeds encountered in this oscilloscope are not a function of the circuitry. The frequency limitation is imposed by the cathoderay tube and may be extended by a factor of four with use of the K1030 type tube. The available writing rate then becomes much greater and the circuitry may be extended to provide sweeps of much higher writing rates.

Calculating UHF Field Intensities

Curves based upon accepted propagation concepts facilitate theoretical prediction of television field intensities between 470 and 890 mc until more experience is obtained. Data on nulls and maxima resulting from path differences are included to show their location in miles from the transmitter

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THE RECENT allocations proposals by the FCC for commercial television broadcasting in the band from 470 to 890 mc have centered attention on propagation problems at these frequencies. In order to facilitate the prediction of theoretical ground-wave field intensities in this band, the group of charts presented here has been prepared.

The methods for the calculation of field intensities employed were originally proposed by Norton¹ and have been conveniently summarized by Terman.²

Field Near Transmitter

The equation for field intensities in the immediate vicinity of the transmitting antenna for the ultrahigh frequencies under consideration is given by Terman³ as

Field Intensity,
$$E = \frac{2 E_o P^{\frac{1}{2}}}{d} \sin \frac{2\pi ha}{\lambda d}$$
 (1)

where E_o is the reference field intensity produced at a distance d of one mile for an effective radiated power P of one kilowatt, and h, aand λ are the heights of the trans-

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mitting and receiving antennas and the wavelength, respectively.

The reference field intensity selected by the FCC as an f-m and tv standard is that developed in the equatorial plane of a half-wave antenna under the conditions specified above, or 137.8 millivolts per meter. Such an antenna has a power gain of 1.641 when compared to an isotropic radiator.

Using this value for E_0 and substituting 186,200 miles per sec \div f or (c/f) for λ , with h and a in feet and f in megacycles, Eq. 1 can be reduced to

 $E = \frac{275,600}{d} P^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta \text{ microvolts per meter}$

where $\theta = 6.92 \times 10^{-5} haf/d$ degrees (2)

It can be seen from Eq. 2 that for a fixed distance and receiving antenna height, a single value of field intensity will result for a given frequency-transmitting antenna height fh product. Thus, where Eq. 2 applies, a transmitting antenna height of 1,000 feet at 450 mc will produce the same field intensity as 500 feet at 900 mc, other factors being equal. This relationship has been employed to simplify the construction of the field-intensity chart, which is similar in many respects to previous charts published by the FCC for field-intensity calculations in the vhf band. Here, the product *fh* serves as the independent variable, which permits the use of a single chart for the entire frequency band under consideration.

Phase Interference

Near the transmitting antenna. a series of oscillations will occur in the field intensity as a result of phase interference due to differing path lengths traversed by the space wave and ground-reflected wave components of the signal. This effect is indicated by the sine term of Eq. 2, which will oscillate between unity and zero in value as Θ reaches successive values of 90, 180, 270 degrees, and so on. The nulls and maxima thus produced will become much more frequent with decreasing distance. However, the latter will always be tangent to a curve along which the field intensity var-



FIG. 1—Theoretical ground-wave signal range for 470 to 890 mc



FIG. 2-Distance in miles to maxima and nulls

ies inversely with distance. Such 'a curve can therefore serve as a guiding upper limit when the graph is used to secure a plot of E as a function of d.

The approximate distances at which the above mentioned nulls occur for various *fh* products can be estimated from the null lines that have been drawn for the first five nulls. These null points may be more exactly determined from the smaller graph, Fig. 2, which represents the distance to the various maximum and null points as a function of fh. The dotted lines adjacent to the first null line in Fig. 1 serve to indicate the points at which the field intensity curves will start to fall from and return to the inverse distance curve on either side of the first null, giving some idea of the behavior of the field-intensity curves in a null region.

As the transmission distance increases, nulls cease to appear, and field intensities will progressively diminish, varying as the inverse square of the distance when Θ has decreased to 20 degrees or less. This is seen in Eq. 2 where sin Θ may be replaced by Θ itself for the values of Θ just mentioned, causing d to be squared in the denominator.

Equation 2 may be used with accuracy until Θ equals ten degrees, or until the radio line-of-sight horizon has been reached. Beyond these limits a different expression must be employed which provides field intensities in the diffraction region where the receiving antenna is below the line-of-sight. In order to obtain the continuous curves that appear in Fig. 1, smooth transition curves were drawn between the field strengths calculated for line-ofsight conditions and the field strengths calculated for the diffraction region.

It should also be noted that values shown in Fig. 1 for *fh* products of 10^e or more are approximate only.

Diffraction Region Fields

Field intensities in the diffraction region where the receiving antenna is below the line-of-sight are computed by means of an expression due to Norton and given by Terman⁴ as:

 $E = F_1 F_2 E_{en}$ (3)where E_{su} is the surface wave intensity at the point on the earth's surface below the receiving antenna as calculated from Eq. 10, par. 2 of the same reference', and F_1 and F_2 are the appropriate height factors for the transmitting and receiving antennas as given by Eq. 20, par. 3 of the source above.

It is apparent from Fig. 1, that in the diffraction region the frequency-height product relationship no longer holds, and as a result separate distance scales have been provided for 500 and 900 mc, with the addition of curves for 600, 700, and 800 mc at the 20, 30 and 40-mile points as an aid to interpolation.

Prediction Vs Measurement

Unfortunately, the theoretical calculation of field intensities at these frequencies fails to take into account various factors such as terrain irregularities, shadowing or phase differences in signals arriving at a given point by multipath propagation. Also neglected are effects important at larger distances such as fading, day-to-day variations due to changes in the refractive index of the atmosphere, and tropospheric reflections.

Initial uhf field measurement surveys in the New York⁵, and Washington^{6,7} areas have indicated that actual uhf field intensities observed are likely to be lower than those predicted theoretically. However, it is evident that much more investigation will be required before local deviations from the theoretical can be predicted with any accuracy.

Using the Chart

The field intensities developed at any distance up to forty miles for one kilowatt of effective radiated power may be read directly from the ordinate of Fig. 1 for any frequency-transmitting antenna height product along the abscissa. For example, an fh product of 100,000 will produce approximately 54 millivolts per meter at a distance of four miles for an erp of one kw for all frequencies in the band, and at thirty miles, 253, 212, 170, 141 and 124 microvolts per meter for 500, 600, 700, 800 and 900 mc respectively.

For other values of P, the ordinate scales must be shifted in proportion to $P^{\frac{1}{2}}$ as is done when using the charts published by the FCC for the vhf bands.

Where Eq. 2 is valid, Fig. 1 may be compared directly with the FCC curves. Citing the same example, at a distance of four miles, 54 millivolts per meter will also be obtained from the FCC curves for 82 mc at 1,220 feet, 98 mc at 1,020 feet and 195 mc at 513 feet.

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Cathode Follower Response

Chart gives permissible cathode-follower pulse drive at video frequencies in terms of low-frequency sinusoidal input. Video-frequency overloading and distortion in conventionally loaded circuits originate in output time constant

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C ATHODE FOLLOWERS frequently overload and distort on video signals when designed on the basis of low-frequency formulas. This behavior results from the effect of the time constant associated with the output impedance of the cathode follower and the load capacitance. The usual formula for the peak signal permissible is

$$e_{g_{\text{peak}}} = \frac{E_B}{\mu} \left[\frac{1 + \frac{R_k}{R_p} (\mu + 1)}{\frac{R_k}{R_p} + 2} \right] \quad (1)$$

which is readily calculated. Inspection of Eq. 1 shows that medium values of μ (15-30) are



desirable for maximum permissible input signal.

When a video signal with rise time t microseconds is applied to a cathode follower this permissible grid swing is reduced by a factor of

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{\mu \frac{R_k}{R_p}}{\frac{R_k}{R_p} + 1} \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon^{-\frac{t}{T}}}{\frac{t}{T}}\right)}$$
(2)

where T is the time constant. Whenever T approaches the pulse rise time in order of magnitude, the reduction in permissible grid signal can no longer be neglected and the correction factor of Eq. 2 becomes essential.

The graph is a solution of Eq. 2; the following procedure applies when a pulse waveform of rise time t is to be handled without distortion where

$$T = \frac{C_T R_k}{1 + g_m R_k}$$

(a) Determine the value of R_k/R_p and t/T. (b) On the graph, connect R_k/R_p with μ_{\star} (c) At the intersection of line A with the line drawn in step (b), read vertically up or down to the proper t/T curve. The solution is then obtained from the percent scale by reading horizontally to the left.

As an example, consider a tube with $\mu = 40$, $R_p = 20,000$ and a load impedance of $R_k = 1,000$ and $C_t = 250 \ \mu\mu f$ in parallel. From Eq. $1e_{s_{peak}} = 5.6$ volts for $E_s = 150$ volts. Suppose a video signal with rise time t = 0.42 μ sec is handled by the cathode follower. Then T = 0.0834 μ sec and t/T = 5. From the graph the permissible peak signal is seen to be 72.3 percent of $e_{s_{peak}}$ at low frequencies, or 4 volts.

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Automatic Audio Level Alarm

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ONE of the many things to which a broadcast station engineer must pay careful attention is program level and quality. Because rather large variations in level are not easily detected by ear, particularly if the engineer is occupied with other allied work, an automatic alarm system becomes a practical necessity. Such a device is particularly valuable when more than one transmitter carrying the same program material must be monitored.

The audio alarm used at this station is fed through a bridging transformer from the audio source to a 6K6 amplifier stage. This tube feeds into a cascaded diode rectifier, a type 6H6, that separates the diode load circuit from the control circuit. Load resistor R_5 in the cathode of the 6H6 is used to adjust the level of audio to be rectified.

The plate of the same tube feeds the cathode of the second 6H6 section and acts as a d-c separation circuit. The plate of the second section charges a large capacitor that bleeds off through resistors $R_{\rm e}$, R_{τ} and $R_{\rm s}$ with $R_{\rm i1}$ the controlling element. The grid of the 2050 is connected to the junction of $R_{\rm e}$, R_{τ} and $R_{\rm i1}$. The plate circuit of the 2050 contains the a-c alarm relay. A type 6E5 tuning-eye tube facilitates adjustments for proper level and time delays $R_{\rm i0}$ and $R_{\rm in}$, respectively.

In operation, the 2050 gas tube is made conducting by the rectified signal on its grid stored by the 20microfarad capacitor. This signal results from the charging effect of the audio input. The proper reference level is set by potentiometer



FIG. 1—Diagram of the audio failure alarm. Potentiometer R_{10} sets the level at which the gas tube fires, R_{11} controls time delay between loss of audio and sounding of alarm, and R_8 sets level of audio into the device

 R_{10} that effectively biases the gas tube. Failure of the audio signal, after an appropriate time delay set by R_{11} , results in the relay being de-energized and closing the alarm circuit through its back contacts. A disabling switch in the alarm circuit is useful during symphonic or similar programs in which wide dynamic range is encountered.

The unit can be fed from either audio program lines or the output of an r-f monitor. In the latter case, failure of either the program or the carrier will be detected.

Low Frequency Generator

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THE GENERATION of sine waves by ordinary electronic means becomes increasingly difficult as the frequency is lowered below 10 cycles. The phase-shift circuit is generally used but elaborate care in design and construction is necessary to achieve satisfactory performance. Since a multivibrator is a more dependable low-frequency oscillator, operating down to almost any slowness, it was decided to use the output wave of a multivibrator and shape it into essentially a sine wave.

First a large square-wave voltage was generated by triggering an Eccles-Jordan flip-flop circuit from the multivibrator, this being easily done because the triggering signal can be applied to both grids. By incomplete integration, essentially a triangular wave is obtained. Since this wave contains no even harmonics and only 1/9 third and even less higher harmonics,

 $Y = \frac{8}{\pi^2} E(\cos x + \frac{1}{9} \cos 3x + \frac{1}{25} \cos 5x \dots),$

a simple filter system will reduce the harmonics to negligible value.

Such a sine-wave generator is most easily constructed for a single frequency and is not very well suited for continuously variable frequencies over a wide range because of the increasing attenuation of the filter as the frequency is raised. However, it is quite feasible to construct a unit covering a num-





ber of fixed frequencies selected by means of a suitable switching arrangement.

Figure 1 shows the diagram of such a circuit as constructed for calibration purposes. Type 6J6 tubes are employed in the multivibrator and flip-flop circuits, the multivibrator receiving its plate supply from a regulated source for greater frequency stability. Capacitor C_s and R_s form the triangular wave and V_s is a cathode follower inserted to lower the impedance. Two filter circuits, C_4R_4 and C_5R_5 , are so proportioned that the third harmonic is attenuated in each about three times as much as the fundamental, leaving about one or two percent third and practically no higher harmonics. For simplicity only three switch positions are shown in the diagram, but values are given in the table for 10 frequencies. These are the values actually used and differ somewhat from calculated values. The value of C_{s} was chosen experimentally to give approximately the same voltage output for each frequency. The cathode circuit of V_4 contains a control allowing for further minor adjustments in output voltage. The output voltage, after being amplified by the 6AQ5 tube, is about 14 volts at the input to the attenuator.

Since the generator, as constructed, is used for calibration work, some method was necessary to make sure that the output voltage is approximately the same for each frequency. Since the frequency is too low for the use of a meter, a small cathode-ray tube is used as an amplitude indicator. The vertical and horizontal plates are tied together to increase the sensitivity of the tube. Since this causes the spot to move back and forth diagonally, the tube must be rotated 45 degrees to give a horizontal spot movement.

Blocking-Oscillator Time Base

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BLOCKING OSCILLATORS, commonly used for fixed-frequency time-base generators, can be used to provide very satisfactory oscilloscope time bases.

A blocking oscillator with positive grid bias is shown schematically in Fig. 1. It has an upper frequency limit higher than obtainable with gas triodes; its cost is low, the tube being an ordinary dual triode and the oscillator coil small and simple; a single variable resistor provides fine-frequency adjustment; the output waveform is

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FIG. 1—Schematic of sine-wave generator producing frequencies from 0.2 to 100 cycles

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Ionosphere Winds Charted from Meteor Echoes

IONOSPHERIC WINDS, 55 to 80 miles above the earth, have been measured by analyzing the drift of meteor ion trails.

Wind velocity, which may range from 30 to 125 mph, is determined by use of the Doppler effect. Doppler recordings have been made using a 23.1-mc c-w transmitter, the beat difference between the transmitted and reflected signals being used to determine wind velocity. In addition, a 17.3-mc pulse transmitter has been used for ranging on the ion trails.

Wind direction is determined through the use of a special meteor direction finder. Four vertical antennas are spaced about a vertical reflector as shown in the photograph. Each radiates through a single quadrant. The antenna pattern is swept electronically. Presentation involves sixteen vertical A-scan traces on a horizontal trace.

This research, carried on at Stanford University and financed by the Office of Naval Research, is expected to have useful applications both in the design of long-range guided missiles and in weather forecasting.

Irregularities Noted

Although each ion trail lasts only a second or two, the average motion of the upper atmosphere air mass is determined by averaging many measurements. In addition to this average motion, evidence of irregularity in the nature of the wind has been reported.

The meteoric ion trails are usually observed to drift at speeds of 200 mph, although the air mass as a whole moves several times more slowly. It is not yet clear whether these irregularities are the result of local turbulences or of separate layer-like winds blowing in different directions at different altitudes.

The measurements show that during July and August last year, the winds in the outer atmosphere were predominately from the southsouth west, with some winds from the north, and a few weaker winds blowing west to east.

The bright flashes seen in the night sky by the naked eye are caused by particles of matter about the size of a small pea. Smaller, more numerous particles produce weaker flashes not visible to the human eye and are easily detected by electronic methods.

Continuous Readings

Radio equipment can detect these tiny meteors both day and night, so the ion trail method of wind measurement is potentially capable of giving continuous wind readings.

Thus far measurements have been made only during the early



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morning hours when radio conditions are best. Improved equipment, which is just being put into service, is expected to extend the measurement schedule around the clock.

By a further extension of the technique it is believed, that winds at selected heights in the 55 to 80mile altitude range may be measured.

The meteor drift method is the first to offer the possibility of continuously measuring winds at different altitudes. Other radio windmeasuring methods have recently been devised in the United States and England, but they depend on the regular ionosphere layers and so are restricted to specific heights. Wind measurements made during high-altitude rocket flights are expensive and restricted to a few minutes duration at the most.

Knowledge of the high altitude winds gives information as to the composition of the upper atmosphere. This information is of value to high-altitude aircraft designers in connection with airfoil design; and it is particularly useful to weather forecasters because weather predictions must be based on the most complete possible knowledge of the atmosphere.

Field tests carried out simultaneously with measurements at Stanford served to confirm the reality of the wind-drift effect and showed that the same meteor disturbances could be detected simultaneously at two locations as much as 50 miles apart. Valuable data on the composition of a given meteor trail at different points along its length was also obtained in these tests.

Metallized Paper Capacitors

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THE CONCEPTION of a metallized paper capacitor dates back to approximately 1900. However, developments at this early stage of the art were stymied mainly by the inability to obtain a uniform and continuous metal coating on thin The basic principle was paper. proven sound by Robert Bosch of Stuttgart, Germany during World War II when he developed a practical evaporation process for coating paper with a thin uniform film of zinc. The zinc is placed in a high-vacuum chamber and its temperature is raised to about 350 degrees C. The gaseous vapors given off then condense on the relatively cool paper surface in the chamber.



FIG. 1—Variation of electrical characteristics with temperature for metallized paper capacitors



Under the right conditions of vacuum and temperature the result is a homogeneous metallic coating 50 millimicrons in thickness.

Bosch found zinc most suitable for his purpose because of its low vapor pressure of 10^{-2} mm Hg at 350 C, which gave him no refractory difficulties during the process. It was found, however, that zinc is somewhat limited for capacitor applications, chiefly because of its high power factor which limits it to d-c applications. It is also difficult to obtain a strong lead connection to the zinc-coated paper section of small capacitors.

A practical method was developed in England for the vaporization



Top to bottom: Conventional 0.1-#f molded paper capacitor; corresponding metallized unit; hermetically sealed metallized unit

of aluminum on paper, using a vacuum of 3 to 4 microns and a temperature of 1,500 C. The thin uniform coating of aluminum permits use of a single-sheet dielectric and gives a small, compact and light-weight capacitor unit with revolutionary selfhealing characteristics.

Prior to metallizing the paper is continuously coated on one side with a thin film of lacquer material consisting of a 10-percent solution by weight of cellulose acetate, to increase the dielectric strength and insulation resistance of the paper.

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Metallized paper capacitors can be subjected to intermittent overvoltages and surges without danger of failure. If surges are of short duration, the capacitors can safely stand surges of 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ times their operating voltage. .As the temperature is increased the tendency to spark increases and the breakdown point of the capacitor is lowered. When the capacitor is overstressed, any incipient weakness in the dielectric is burned out. Actually the aluminum coating on the paper is melted by the spark discharge caused by the puncture, whereupon the molten metal is blown away from the hole by the arc, leaving a metal-free area around the puncture. The area thus made has a high surface resistance so that the overall insulation resistance of the capacitor is only slightly lowered. In most circuits, reduced in-

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In general: Kodapak Sheet is available in various forms including Kodapak I Sheet, cellulose acetate, gauges up to 0.060"; Kodapak II Sheet, cellulose acetate butyrate, gauges up to 0.002". Of the two, the latter is preferred for many electrical applications because of its high dielectric strength, its superior resistance to moisture and oxidation.

Self-centered...Solvent-sealed. Wire wound with Kodapak tape is perfectly centered; thus permits over-all diameters to be held at a minimum. Also, when overcoating of braid is employed, lacquer and lacquer solvents tend to seal tape, forming a continuous waterproof tube around the wire.

Hard to harm it: Because it has excellent strength, stretch, and toughness characteristics, Kodapak Sheet is particularly suitable for use on winding machines. It serves well at high speeds without breaking. These same properties allow wire to be flexed or bent sharply without harming the insulation.



For further information, including other applications, urite for free copy of the folder, "Kodapak Sheet for Electrical Uses."

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NEW PRODUCTS

Edited by WILLIAM P. O'BRIEN

Radio and TV Equipment Vie With Nuclear Devices . . . Improved Lab Gear and Testing Equipment Are Listed . . . Twenty-Four Literature Items Are Reviewed



Impedance Measuring Device

FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATION LAB-ORATORIES, INC., 500 Washington Ave., Nutley 10, N. J. The 42A Impedometer is a compact device for the measurement of impedance in the frequency range from below 50 mc to above 500 mc. Below 500 mc its accuracy is ± 5 percent. It consists of a short length of standard 18-in, 52-ohm coax line on which are mounted two directional couplers, a voltage probe and a capacitance plunger. To use the unit a signal generator is connected to one end of the line and the load to be measured is connected to the other end.



Sound Stretcher

KAY ELECTRIC Co., Maple Ave., Pine Brook, N. J., has announced the Sona-Stretcher, an instrument that lengthens the time scale of recorded sounds by a 2-to-1 ratio but does not alter the frequency distribution. It covers a sound frequency range of about 100 to 5,000 cycles. The instrument consists of three component parts: a stretching circuit and monitor amplifier; a turntable suitable for standard disc records, with variable reluctance pickup; and a monitor loudspeaker. It is useful in general studies in phonetics and language instruction.



Ultrasonic F-M Receiver

RADIO ENGINEERING LABORATORIES, INC., 36–40 Thirty-Seventh St., Long Island City 1, N. Y. The model 720 Remo receiver is particularly designed for f-m broadcast music in public places, such as restaurants and shopping centers. The audio output can either be muted or boosted by transmission from the broadcast station of a superaudible tone. Specifications are given in Article 10–31.



Lab VTVM

THE HICKOK ELECTRICAL INSTRU-MENT CO., 10527 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, Ohio. Model 209-A volt-ohm-capacitance milliammeter is especially designed for increased speed and range for tv engineers and technicians. It measures resistance as low as 0.1 ohm and capacitance of 1 $\mu\mu$ f. The unit has a new a-c range of 1,200 v and features flat frequency response to 300 mc. New literature is available covering full technical details.



Modulation Monitor

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Camden, N. J. Type BW-66E amplitude modulation monitor provides continuous direct reading of modulation percentage in a-m transmitters operating in the 500 to 2,500-kc range. It will measure percentage of modulation on either positive or negative peaks, carrier shift when modulation is applied, and transmitter a-f response. It will also provide overmodulation indication and is useful in program level monitoring. The unit operates from a 75-ohm r-f transmission line, and can accommodate a range of r-f input powers from 0.35 watt to 6 watts. No tuning adjustments are required.



TV Stabilizing Amplifier

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., Syracuse, N. Y. Type TV-16-B television stabilizing amplifier provides automatic correction of the sync and



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	Type No.	Remarks	Maximum Diamater	Maximum Length	Filame Or Her	ant	Conduct- ance	Power Output	TY Piate	ICAL OPER	ATING CO Scra	ONDITIONS	Grid
	CYADACY	Half Ways Partifiar	inches 0.400	1 75	4 7	ma.	Umnoi	00 TF	4 OILE	MG.	tons	mu.	150 voltr
->	CKOZDCA	Characteristics of 44KS	0.400	1.6	4.2	200	5000		120	7 5	120	2 5	PL - 200
	CK5702/CK603CK	Triade UNE Orellates 26 matrix at 500 kbs	0.400	1.50	4.2	200	5000		120	2.0	120	4.5	PL - 220
	CK5704/CK4060X	Diada, aquivalant to one-half 6415	0.400	1.5	6.3	130	2000		150 ac	9.0			NN- 220
	CK57U4/CK6U6BA	Triade With mu	0.315	1.5	4.2	200	4000		250	4.0			Ř. = 500
	CK5744/CK019CA	Chanadariating of 6454	0.400	1.5	4.2	200	3200		120	5.2	120	3.5	-2.0
	CK5764	Station to 4415	0.400	1.5	0.5	200	5200		11700	5.0 per r	ection	3,5	
	CK3829	Similar to GALS	0.30020.400	1.5	0.5	: 20				o.opers	e e l'oui		
	FILAMENT TYPES												
	1AD4	Shielded RF Pentode	0.300x0.400	1.5	1.25	100	2000		45.0	2.8	45.0	0.8	Kg = 2me (
	2E31-32	Shielded RF Pentode for pocket rodio	0.300x0.400	1.56	1.25	50	500		22.5	0.4	22.5	0.3	0
	2835-36	Output Pentode for pocket radio	0.290x0.390	1.56	1.25	30		6	45.0	0.45	45.0	0.11	-1.25
	2641-42	Diode Pentode for pocket radio	0.290x0.390	1.56	1.25	30	375		22.5	0.35	22.5	0.12	0
	2G21-22	Triade Heptode for pocket radio	0.300x0.400	1.56	1.25	30	conv. conc	8	22.5	0.20	22.5	0.30	
	RK61	Gas Triode, Exp. Radia Control	0.550	1.81	1.4	50			45.0	1.5	Special	Circuit	
	CK510AX	Double Space Charge Tetrade Amplifier	0.285x0.400	1.25	0.625	50	150† both unit	1	45.0	0.06			0
	CK512AX	Law microphonic voltage amplifier	0.285×0.385	1.25	0.625	20	37 1		22.5	0.125	22.5	0.04	-0.62
	CK522AX	Output Pentode 20 mp. filament	0.285×0.385	1.5	1.25	20	450	1.2	22.5	0.30	22.5	0.08	0
	CK524AX	Output Pentode	0.285x0.385	1.5	1.25	30	300	2.2	15.0	0.45	15.0	0.125	-1.75
	CK525AX	Output Pentode	0.285×0.385	1.5	1.25	20	325	2.2	22.5	0.25	22.5	0.06	-1.2
	CK526AX	Output Pentode	0.285×0.385	1.5	1.25	20	400	3.75	22.5	0.45	22.5	0.12	=1.5
	CK527AX	Output Pentode 15 ma, filament	0.285x0.385	1.5	1.25	15	225	0.75	22.5	0.10	22.5	0.025	0
	CK529AX	Shielded Output Pentode	0.290×0.390	1.515	1.25	20	350	1.6	15.0	0.32	15.0	0.075	-1.25
	CK533AX	Output Pentade	0.285×0.385	1.5	1.25	15	400	1.8	22.5	0.36	22.5	0.09	0
	CK534AX	Voltage Amplifier	0.285×0.385	1.25	0.625	15	30†		15.0	0.0047	15.0	0.0014	-0.62
	CK535AX	Output Pentode	0.285×0.385	1.5	1.25	20	3 50	1.6	15.0	0.32	15.0	0.075	-1.25
	CK55TAXA	Diode Pentode	0.300x0.400	1.56	1.25	30	235		22.5	0.17	22.5	0.043	0
	CK553AXA	RF Pentode	0.300x0.400	1.56	1.25	50	550		22.5	0.42	22.5	0.13	0
	CK571AX	10 ma. filament Electrometer Tube, 1g = 2x10-13 amps. max.	0.285×0.400	1.5	1.25	10	1.61		10.5	0.20	Triode	B Conn.	-3.0
	CK573AX	Triode, High-Freq. Osc.	0.300x0.400	1.5	1.25	200	2000		90.0	11.0			-4.0
	CK574AX	Shielded Pentode RF Amplifier	0.290x0.390	1.25	0.625	20	160		22.5	0.125	22.5	0.04	-0.62
	CK 5672	Output Pentode	0.285×0.385	1.5	1.25	50	650	65.0	67.5	3.25	67.5	1.1	-6.5
	CK5676/CK556AX	Triade, UHF Oscillator	0.300×0.400	1.5	1.25	120	1600		135.0	4.0			-5.0
	CK5677/CK568AX	Triode, UHF Oscillator	0.300x0.400	1.5	1.25	60	650		135.0	1.9			-6.0
	CK5678/CK569AX	Shielded RF Pentode	0,300x0.400	1,515	1.25	50	1100		67.5	1.8	67.5	0.48	0
	CK5697/CK570AX	Electrometer Triode Max. grid current Sx10-17 amps.	0.285×0.400	1.25	0.625	20	1.51		12.0	0.22			-3.0
	CK5785	High voltage rectifier	0.300×0.400	1.5	1.25	15				0.1	Invers	e peak 350	itlav OC
->	CK5851	Class C. RF Beam Tetrode	0.400	1.6	1.25	110	1600		125	5.5	125	1.0	-7.5
*	CK5889	7.5 mg, filament electrometer pentode lg=3x10-15 amps, max,	0.285x0.385	1.6	1.25	7.5	14		12.0	0.005	4.5	0.005	-2.0
	VOLTAGE REGULA	TORS											
	CK 5783	Voltage reference tube.— like \$651	0.400	1.625	Up	erating volt	age 87. Op	perating cu	rrent tange	1.5 to 3.5 m	ia.		
	CK5787	Voltage regulator	0,400	2.06	Op	orating volt	oge 100. O	perating c	urrent range	5 to 25 mg			
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This chart gives you at a glance the characteristics of representative Raytheon Subminiature Tubes



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blanking portion of a tv signal. It features adjustable sync percentage, can remove noise and hum from the video signal will combine sync and video or separate sync and video, and automatically clips black and white spikes. The unit can increase the picture signal by up to 20 db.



Feed-Through Capacitors

CENTRALAB, 900 E. Keefe Ave., Milwaukee 1, Wisc., now offers tiny ceramic feed-through capacitors designed for single-hole mounting where a capacitance ground to either chassis or shield is desired. They are available in 500, 1,000 and 1,500 $\mu\mu f$. Voltage rating is 600 volts d-c working, 1,000 volts d-c flash test. Both ends of the terminals are hooked to facilitate soldering. electroplating for fabrication of all size commutators and slipring assemblies. The miniature sections illustrated are firmly anchored to withstand high centrifugal force at up to 12,000 rpm. Commutator forms are stamped out of laminated linen base bakelite sheets with the laminations running parallel to the segment faces in order to utilize the strength of the linen base. By threading wire connections prior to plating, the wires and segments are bonded so as to be impervious to heat.



Sync Lock Unit

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Syracuse, N. Y. Type TV-30-A television sync lock unit allows remote picture signals to be treated and handled like local studio productions. Through its use local commercials, special effects or other local program material can be inserted into the remote picture without disturbance. This is accomplished by means of automatic synchronization of the local sync generator with the remote sync signals.

range of 15 mc. Sawtooth sweep eliminates phasing problems. Amplitude modulation of the sweep signal is less than 1 percent per megacycle. Both switched and continuously variable output attenuation is provided, with maximum outputs of about 0.5 volt on the 70ohm unbalanced output and 1 volt on the 300-ohm balanced output.



Voltage-Regulated Power Supply

KEPCO LABORATORIES, INC., 149–14 41st Ave., Flushing, N. Y. Model 315 features one regulated B supply, one regulated C supply and one unregulated filament supply. The B supply is continuously variable from 0 to 300 v and delivers from 0 to 150 ma. The C supply is continuously variable from 0 to 150 v and delivers 5 ma. Ripple is less than 5 mv. The a-c output is 6.3 v, 5 amperes, center-tapped, unregulated.



Miniature Plated Commutators

THE ELECTRO-TEC CORP., 53 Bergen Turnpike, Little Ferry, N. J., has pioneered the use of precious metal



TV Sweep Generator

KAY ELECTRIC Co., Maple Ave., Pine Brook, N. J., has announced the Switcha-Sweep, an all-electronic tv sweep generator with fundamental outputs on all channels as well as output in the i-f range. A rotary switch selects the desired channel, which is swept through a



Ore Detector Kit

ALLIED RADIO CORP., 833 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill. The Scout radioactive ore detector, in addition to field survey work, may be used for (continued on p 242)



THE FOUNTAINHEAD OF MODERN TUBE DEVELOPMENT IS RCA

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RCA Application Engineers are ready to consult with you on the application of these improved tubes and accessories to your specific designs. For complete technical information covering the types in which you are interested, write RCA, Commercial Engineering, Section J42R, Harrison, N. J.



RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA ELECTRON TUBES HARRISON, N. J.

NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

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AIEE-IRE Electronic Instrumentation Conference

FINAL DATES for the third annual joint AIEE-IRE Conference on Electronic Instrumentation in Nucleonics and Medicine have been set as October 23, 24, and 25, 1950. Location of this meeting which will feature technical papers and discussions on the various problems in instrumentation for the vital fields of nuclear and medical science, is the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City.

More than 300 persons attended the highly successful three-day gathering last year at which papers were presented covering the nonnucleonic phases of electronics in medicine, nucleonics in medicine, and nucleonic developments in industry and government.

Such great interest was evoked in the papers presented that they were compiled and published in the form of a consolidated pamphlet covering the proceedings of the conference and made available by the

two organizations. This year's meeting will be held along the same lines and a similar type of publication is contemplated.

Prominent among the features of the conference is a special evening meeting during which a number of prominent authorities will discuss, "Effects of Atomic Weapons"-a government publication containing recently declassified information on the subject. They will explain various parts of the book in an effort to educate the technical man in the techniques of protection from atomic weapons so that he in turn can pass on the information.

Interesting and informative exhibits of instruments and related products will be displayed by leading companies in the field. Those attending the meeting will have an opportunity to see many of the devices (some in actual operation) that will be discussed in the technical papers.

Ford's Rouge Railroad Gets Radio System

INSTALLATION of a two-way radiotelephone communication system for direction of railroad traffic over the 105 miles of track in Ford Motor Co.'s Rouge plant will be completed within a year. The Rouge railroad,

largest such industrial system in the world, is one of the first private lines to adopt this method for traffic direction. As of August, the special equipment had been installed in ten of the company's 19

diesel-electric locomotives.

Ford officials expect the radio control system to improve the railroad's overall efficiency, expedite the movement of freight cars in and out of the yards, and speed execution of all switching orders. It is the result of four years of experimentation with equipment and methods by the company's communications, railroad and plant security sections. A special control tower has been constructed to serve as the brain center for the system.

Audio Fair Program

THE THIRD ANNUAL AUDIO FAIR, sponsored by the Audio Engineering Society will be held from Oct. 26 to 28, 1950, at the Hotel Commodore, N. Y. The advance program of papers for the technical sessions is as follows:

Thurs. Oct, 26

Thurs. Oct. 26 Symposium on High Fidelity Audio Sys-tems For the Home, by N. C. Pickering of Pickering & Co., R. H. Synder of Sta-tion KJBS, San Francisco, and M. S. Corrington of RCA. Proposed Standard Method of Calibrat-ing Cutters & Pickups, by H. E. Roys of RCA.

RCA. RMA Standards Covering Loudspeaker Systems and Associated Equipment, by O. L. Angevine of Stromberg-Carlson Co. Educational Audio Requirements, by W. J. Temple. Application of Square Wave Testing to Disc Recording (speaker to be announced) of Naval Research Lab., Washington, D. C. Fri Oct 27

Fri. Oct. 27

Fri. Oct. 27 New Developments in Radio Tubes and Their Application to Audio Circuits, (speaker to be announced). A Consideration of Intensity-Loudness Function and Its Bearing Upon the Judg-ment of Tonal Range and Volume Level, by S. E. Stuntz of U. S. Naval Medical Research Lab, New London, Conn. CBS Television Studio Intercommuni-cation Facilities, by R. B. Monroe of CBS-TV. Report of the A.E.S. Standards Commit-

BS-TV. Report of the A.E.S. Standards Commit-ie on Playback Characteristic (speaker be announced). Free Field Audiometry, by R. Allison of to



Dispatcher (right) at the mike of Ford railroad's new radiotelephone communication system relays switching orders to diesel locomotives in the 105-mile track yard. The traffic direction unit is located in a 42-foot high control tower (left)



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Microtone Co., St. Paul, Minn. The Measurement of Audio Volume, by H. A. Chinn of CBS. A New Low Cost Intermodulation Meas-urement and Analysis Technique, by C. J. Lebel, audio consultant. Loudspeaker Damping, by A. Preisman of Capitol Radio Engineering Institute.

Sat. Oct. 28

Sat. Oct. 28 Multi-Channel Magnetic Tape Record-ing, by P. Brubaker of Rangertone, Inc. A Solution to Magnetic Tape Timing Problems, by D. R. Andrews of RCA. Action of A-C Bias in Magnetic Tape Recording, by W. W. Wetzel of Min-nesota Mining & Mfg. Co. Sprocket Hole Magnetic Tape Record-ing, by A. C. Davis of Cinema Engineer-ing Co.

IRE Emporium Seminar

A NUMBER of prominent speakers were featured at the eleventh annual seminar of the Emporium Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers, held August 18 and 19 at Emporium, Pa.

Included as speakers for the technical sessions were Norman Pickering of the Pickering Co., Oceanside, N. Y., who discussed high-quality audio reproduction; C. Wesley Carnahan of the Sandia Corporation, Albuquerque, N. M., who spoke on the application of electronics to remote control devices; R. M. Bowie of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Bayside, N. Y., who reported on color television; and F. M. Geyer of the Corning Glass Works, who discussed the electrical characteristics of glass.

ARINC Expands Pacific Communication Services

NEW equipment installed in Hawaii by the Mackay Radio and Telegraph Co., subsidiary of the American Cable and Radio System, will permit coverage of the entire Pacific area with both radiotelephone and radiotelegraph service to aircraft and base stations, thereby expediting the increased flow of air traffic to the Far East.

This rapid expansion in available communication services in this area has been carried out under the direction of Aeronautical Radio, Inc., or ARINC as it is commonly known, the organization established and supported by the air industry to operate radio communication stations wherever required.

Mackay, under terms of a contract with ARINC, broke ground for a large extension to its radio transmitter at Kailua, Hawaii, on June 21, and before the deadline

MEETINGS

- SEPT. 25-27: National Electronics Conference, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- SEPT. 30-OCT. 8: Third Annual National Television & Electri-cal Living Show, Chicago Coliseum, Chicago, Ill.
- OCT. 3-5: AIEE District No. 2 Meeting, Lord Ba Hotel, Baltimore, Md. Baltimore
- OCT. 16-20: 68th Semiannual Convention of SMPTE, Lake Placed Club. Lake Placed, N. Y.
- OCT. 23-25: Third Annual Joint AIEE-IRE Conference on Electronic Instrumentation in Nucleonics and Medicine, Park

date of August 1 had completed the installation of four multichannel transmitters and associated anten-The new equipment was nas. manufactured by Federal Telephone and Radio Corp., a subsidiary of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

N. Y. Ferries Get Radar

ALL City of New York ferries operating between Manhattan and Staten Island will be radar-equipped by the end of the year. Contracts for double-ended installations of General Electric radar X-band navigators in the eight ferries now on the run have been received by the Marine Electric Corp. of Brooklyn, N. Y., distributors for G-E equipment.

Each craft will have two radar consoles, with a scope in each pilot house. Skippers of the ferries will receive training in the use of radar during their two-week installation layups.

Disaster Communications

providing PROPOSED rules for emergency radio communications have been formulated by the FCC. They provide for "disasters and other incidents involving loss of communications facilities normally available or demanding the temporary establishment of communications facilities beyond those normally available".

The Disaster Communications Service would operate in the frequency band of 1,750-1,800 kiloSheraton Hotel, New York City.

- OCT. 23-27: AIEE Fall General Meeting, Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- OCT. 26-28: Second Audio Fair, sponsored by the Audio Engineering Society, Hotel New Yorker, New York City.
- OCT. 30-Nov. 1: Radio Fall Meeting, sponsored jointly by IRE and RTMA engineering department, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y.
- MAR. 19-22: IRE Annual Con-vention, Hotel Waldorf Astoria and Grand Ce Palace, New York City. Central

cycles. Any fixed, land or mobile station could qualify for participation in such emergency operation, including amateurs and commercial radio operators.

It is proposed that application for authorization to operate in the Disaster Communications Service for a radio station already licensed in a different service shall be submitted directly to the Commission. The application would detail the individual's eligibility and include a certified copy of the locally coordinated disaster communication plan.

In this proposal it is mandatory that a local network be set up under appropriate leadership with rules for self-government and operating procedure that will tend to assure an orderly and reasonably efficient service.

Radio Fall Meeting

LATEST technical developments of radio and television equipment and components will be discussed at the annual Radio Fall Meeting sponsored by the IRE and RTMA engineering department, to be held at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 30 to Nov. 1. Following is the tentative technical program:

Mon. Oct. 30

9:30 A.M.-General Session (Ralph R. Batcher, presiding) A Broad Range Oscillator for Television Testing, by H. A. Finke and J. Ebert of Polytechnic Research and Development

(Continued on page 282)

Wideband Impedance Matching Between a Resonant Antenna and a Line, by H. A. Wheeler of Wheeler Laboratories, Inc. High Frequency Crystal Calibrator De-sign, by J. B. Minter of Measurements Corp.

Corp. The Determination of Amplifier Sensi-

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NEW BOOKS

The Principles of Television Reception

By A. W. KEEN. Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, Ltd., London, 1949, 319 pages, 30 shillings.

THIS short book, by a well-known contributor to the British technical press, is unusual in that it treats the American and British television systems on an equal footing, and is one of the few sources of comparative data on receiver design in the two countries. Complete circuit diagrams of popular American and British receivers of the 1947 vintage are included.

The book opens with chapters on system standards, basic video signal theory and circuit operation. The following six chapters are devoted to detailed examination of typical receiver circuit functions. Chapters on aerial systems and test equipment are included. The final chapter gives an introduction to color television, describing the wideband field-sequential and simultaneous systems. Since the manuscript was prepared in 1947, no mention is made of the linesequential or dot-sequential systems.

The treatment is non-mathematical in the text proper, but a

RELEASED THIS MONTH

Better Television Reception; W. Smith and R. L. Dawley; Editors and Engineers Ltd.; \$2.50.

- Father of Radio—The Autobiography of Lee de Forest; Wilcox & Follett Co.; \$5.00.
- Response of Physical Systems; John D. Trimmer; Wiley; \$5.00.
- The Effects of Atomic Weapons; Mc-Graw-Hill; \$3.00.

TV Installation Techniques; Samuel L. Marshall; Rider; \$3.60. mathematical appendix is included for those who wish to consult it. The book is not intended for design engineers, except as it reveals details of receiver practice (many of which are now unfortunately outmoded, such is the pace of tv design in both countries). The book is an excellent introduction to the subject, however, and is recommended to all who wish to compare British and American methods.—D. G. F.

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BY HUGO GERNSBACK. Second Edition, 1950, Frederick Fell, Inc., New York, 207 pages, \$2.50.

SHADES of Edward Bellamy, Jules Verne and all the more recent imaginative writers of science fiction! This book is a revival of one of the early classics of that peculiar brand of literature that is at once the dismay of those who don't like it and the bread and life of those who do. And to anyone in this field of electronics who has followed Hugo Gernsback through the years, (Continued on p 133)

BACKTALK

This Department is Operated as an Open Forum Where Readers May Discuss Problems of the Electronics Industry or Comment Upon Articles that ELECTRONICS has Published

Why not here?

DEAR SIRS:

I READ with much interest the paper by Dr. Brueckmann which appeared in the May 1950 issue of ELECTRONICS on an antenna for the regular broadcast band used on the broadcast station in Frankfort designed to push out the rapid fading zone and increase efficiency.

My special interest is due to the fact that in the late thirties, I spent some time on the theory of such an antenna and variations of it and also on an antenna fed at more than one point, whereby the current distribution along the antenna could be controlled accurately, so as to provide the desired radiation disthe basis of this work I applied for patents and was in due course granted patents No. 2,283,617, No. 2,283,618, No. 2,283,619. I had thought that the clear channel stations in the United States would have been interested to have had their service improved by such antennas, but no interest has been shown by them. I was therefore very interested to find that German broadcast stations have found this antenna worth while. Dr. Brueckmann has just written me that he believes another German station, located at Muhlacker, has a similar antenna under construction.

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ELECTRONICS Quiz

As PROMISED in July Crosstalk, here is the first installment of our electronics puzzle-quiz column. To start, we will publish one problem every month and its solution the following month, along with the next problem. Readers are encouraged to submit brain-teaser problems for this department. A payment of \$5.00 will be made for each acceptable entry.

This month's problem is submitted by R. W. Johnson, China Lake, California.

What is the power dissipated by the plate resistor of a class A audio amplifier when both a sinusoidal and d-c component of plate current are present?

Answer will appear next month.

Neutralizing Bifilar I-F Stages

DEAR SIRS:

IN THE PAPER "Bifilar I-F Coils", appearing in the June 1950 issue of ELECTRONICS, it is stated that a (Continued on p 290)

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With forewords by Lee deForest and Fletcher Pratt, this little book is fascinating reading and surely will prove to lots of us that its author is not as crazy as we thought.---K. H.

Electrical Communication

BY ARTHUR LEMUEL ALBERT. Professor of Communication Engineering, Oregon State College. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York. Third Edition, 1950, 593 pages, \$6.50.

THIS new edition of Professor Albert's useful text follows the general scheme of earlier editions-to provide a concise picture of all aspects of modern communication systems as means for transmitting and receiving intelligence in the form of codes or voice or music over radio or wireless circuits.

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Some of the early history of the communication art is most interesting and since it is not allowed to occupy much space in this book, it is distinctly worthwhile.—K. H.

Photoelectric Cells in Industry

BY R. C. WALKER. Pitman Publishing Corp., New York, 1948, 510 pages, \$8.50.

THE OBJECT of this British book is best described by the author's words, ". . . to present a representative selection of the industrial uses of light-sensitive cells of the emission and rectifier types, with a very superficial explanation of the theory of operation of these devices, sufficient, it is hoped, to make the text readable to practical men whose purpose is to employ electrons rather than theorize about their internal affairs." This modest though somewhat verbose statement (as are most of the sentences in the book) pretty well tells the story.

It is difficult to imagine a capable industrial electronics engineer who could not benefit from this book. One scan through its pages, just looking at illustrations, should bring to mind some possible idea for putting photosensitive devices to work. The final solution may or may not come from the same pages, but adequate information is supplied for design and construc-

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Better Television Reception

BY WOODROW SMITH AND R. L. DAW-LEY. Editors and Engineers Ltd., Santa Barbara, Calif., 141 pages paper-covered, \$2.50.

recommendations are SPECIFIC given for the best method, the best antenna and the best accessories for improving vhf television reception in fringe and low-signal locations. Techniques presented apply to difficult nearby locations behind hills or in canyons, as well as locations far beyond line-of-sight paths from transmitters. Emphasis is on practical rule-of-thumb data, with theory included only to give a general idea of the considerations involved.

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The Radio Manual

BY GEORGE E. STERLING AND ROBERT B. MONROE, D. Van Nostrand Co., New York, 1950, Fourth edition, 890 pages, \$12.00.

IT IS SAFE TO SAY that this volume represents a comprehensive study of the entire field of radio communication. The field is broad and its subdivisions are diversified, but the authors seem to have had the skill, experience and initiative to weigh each phase and to collect and record a good balance of general information.

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FIG. 1—Positive-grid blocking oscillator provides oscilloscope time base

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FIG. 1—Driven element of three-element close-spaced array for 29 mc using coaxial feed system

the actual impedance may always be represented by an equivalent series circuit of resistance and reactance. Prediction of the actual input impedance between two driving points is difficult in a parasitic array although approximate formulas are available for the halfwave dipole.^{*}

The driving points must be chosen empirically to satisfy the requirement of an equivalent series resistive component equal to the characteristic impedance of the transmission line. Once these points have been determined, the series reactive component of the impedance may be calculated.

Shield Bonded

Assume that two symmetricallylocated driving points have been located on the antenna. If the shield of a coaxial cable is connected to the center of the antenna, no antenna current will flow into the cable since the voltage at the center of the antenna is negligible. The cable may also be run along the antenna since it will act merely to increase its effective diameter. If protrusion of the inner conductor is negligible, no current will flow in the cable. Accordingly, it may be extended to one of the driving points. The shield should be well bonded to the antenna at this point.

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(1)

where a and d represent length and diameter of each conductor in inches, and L is given in μ h.

The actual equivalent circuit is shown in Fig. 2A where R_p is unknown while L_p , the inductance of the length of antenna between driving points, has been calculated.

The inductance of the extended center conductor, L_2 , may likewise be calculated. In Fig. 2B the parallel circuit of R_p and L_p has been replaced by the series equivalent R_* and L_s . In this case, R_s is the characteristic impedance of the line. Inductance L_s may be calculated from

$$X_{p} = \frac{X_{s}^{2} + R_{s}^{2}}{X_{s}}$$
(2)

$$R_{p} = \frac{X_{s}^{2} + R_{s}^{2}}{R_{s}}$$
(3)

$$X_{s} = \frac{X_{p} + \sqrt{X_{p}^{2} - 4R_{s}^{2}}}{2}$$
(4)

Resistance R_p may be determined likewise if desired.

Resonating Load

Once X_s has been determined the next step is to combine it with the reactance of L_2 and insert a capacitance, C, of such a value to resonate



FIG. 2-Equivalent circuits of coaxial feed system show effect of shorted line and distributed inductance



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$$X = -j Z_k \tan \theta \tag{5}$$

where X is the desired capacitive reactance. The electrical angle θ may be converted to inches from

$$D = \frac{(32.8) (\theta) (v_p)}{f} \tag{6}$$

where θ is expressed in degrees, fin megacycles and v_p , the propagation velocity, as a fraction.

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With a series variable capacitor and a Micro-Match, two feed points were located 20 inches each side of center. Type RG-8/U cable was then connected as described. The cross lead was formed by 42 inches of center conductor from which the shield had been removed. The cross lead was allowed to sag about three inches from the center of the antenna. The driven element is diagrammed in Fig. 1.

The inductance of 42 inches of wire with a cross-sectional area approximately equivalent to number 14 wire from Eq. 1 is $1.52 \ \mu$ h. The inductance of the antenna, L_{ν} is $0.862 \ \mu$ h. Reactance X_{ν} is therefore 158 ohms at 29 mc. Reactance X_{ν} from Eq. 4 is 19 ohms. Reactance X_{ν} is 277 ohms, making the total inductive reactance 296 ohms.

The capacitive reactance required for resonance is 296 ohms. This capacitive reactance was obtained by a 72-inch length of RG-8/U, shorted at one end, as calculated by Eq. 5.

First tests on the antenna were made with the shield of the capacitive shorted section and the driving cable bonded to the antenna and to the metal supporting pole throughout their mutual lengths. On a second antenna the shields were bonded to the antenna at the driving points where the vinyl jacket was removed from the cable but the remainder of the cable was left with the insulation on and merely taped along the antenna and supporting pole. No difference in performance was detectable in the two systems.

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pedance matching such as the length of coaxial cable used to produce capacitive reactance. Reference to Fig. 2C shows that the series resonant circuit includes a resistance of 51.5 ohms. The total series inductive reactance has been calculated as 296 ohms. Thus, the Qof the series circuit is 5.75. Obviously, the feed system is a wideband device compared to the threeelement parasitic array on which it is used.

The 29-mc beam antenna was next checked for line current balance. The pattern of the antenna was first measured with a fieldstrength meter. Maximum radiation was found to be perpendicular to the antenna elements. An unbalanced antenna will usually show an altered pattern with the maxima occuring slightly off center. The field-strength meter was then positioned a fixed distance from each antenna-element tip in turn and the deflection of the meter was found to be the same in each case. This test indicates that the voltage at each antenna tip is the same. Small incandescent bulbs hung from each end of the antenna showed the same brilliance.

Further Tests

Next, the center conductor was broken close to the first driving point where the conductor emerged from the shield. A receiver connected to the line was now completely dead. The absence of pickup showed that the cable had no signal pickup of its own. Type RG-8/U cable may be used to carry transmitter outputs of two kw or so with the line matched. A standing wave exists in the capacitive shorted line section. Therefore care must be used to select a line of sufficient insulation capacity. For a one-kilowatt transmitter the line current which must flow through the matching section is 4.41 amperes.

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The principle of the device is that displacements or pressure differences are utilized to modulate a beam of light falling on to a photocell and the resulting electrical changes are ultimately applied to an oscilloscope where they are translated into direct indications of the quantities concerned.

The gaging mechanism is housed in a hollow metal cylinder and is composed of a light source, a slit of variable width and a photocell. The light beam is arranged to be parallel to the axis of the cylinder, which has the lamp and cell on either side of it. The slit, which is horizontal, is interposed in the beam.

For pressure measurements the edge of the slit shutter is linked to a horizontal circular diaphragm fixed to the base of the gage and moving with it. Pressures to be measured are applied to the diaphragm from a pipe.

For displacement measurements a different operating mechanism is used. It consists of an adaptor unit carrying a push rod which moves the slit shutter. The slit is decreased by upward displacement of the rod, which is restored to its normal position by a spring.

When the equipment is in use the current through the photocell varies directly with the width of the slit, providing that this is over 4 mils. The current change never exceeds approximately 1.9μ amp and a change of this order corresponds to variation of the slit by about 5 mils.

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SPECIFIC GRAVITY	0.90
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@ 325 F	40-42 seconds
FLASH POINT	500 F
ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES	
POWER FACTOR 0.02	3 (106 cycles: 77 F)
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TESTS-HIGH TEMPERATURE

Using paper tubular capacitor samples, the tubes were impregnated with, and the assembled units were flash dipped in 3760 (coating approximately 15 mils thick), the units were then subjected to oven tests at 220 F for 24 hours. NO SAGGING OR BLEEDING OF THE COATING WAS EVIDENT.

TESTS-LOW TEMPERATURE

The same units were cold tested by being placed in a cold chamber at -40 F for a period of one hour. The units were then removed and permitted to return to room temperature. INSPECTION SHOWED THAT THIS LOW TEMPERATURE TREATMENT CAUSED NO CRACKS IN THE COATING OF 3760 . . . and the surface obtained by dip coating with 3760 showed good resistance to blocking at temperatures normally encountered in shipping.

3767-A. CORONA SUPPRESSING PLASTIC, was developed to reduce or eliminate corona around certain points on television components, and similar electrical parts, which operate at high potentials. Application in the form of a corona suppressing "tire" on the periphery of "flyback" transformer coils and similar units is the primary function of 3767-A. The customary method for applying 3767-A is to dip or roll the units to be coated in a molten bath of the insulation.

Dielectric Strength 368 V/mil (77 F; 60 Cycles) Dielectric Constant 2.51 (77 F; 10⁶ Cycles) Power Factor 0.0069 (77 F; 10⁶ Cycles)

Since low power factor and high dielectric strength are particularly desirable in this type of insulation, this material combines the best possible electrical properties consistent with the necessary physical properties. The surface obtained with this corona suppressing plastic is particularly smooth and free from ridges and bumps. This feature of itself reduces the evolution of corona. During the development of 3767-A particular attention. was given to the physical stability of applied coatings at extremes of high and low temperatures.

FUNCTIONAL TESTS of this material applied in moderately heavy coatings on flyback transformer coils SHOWED THAT 3767-A WILL WITH-STAND A CYCLE OF 24 HOURS AT -40 C FOLLOWED BY 24 HOURS AT 125 C WITHOUT THE APPEARANCE OF CRACKS AT THE LOW TEM-PERATURE OR SAGGING AND SWEATING AT THE HIGH TEMPERATURE.



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There has been investigation into the dependence of resistance and photosensitivity of lead-sulphide cells upon the surroundings with the cell maintained at temperatures down to that of liquid air. Screening the sensitive material from room-temperature radiation has been shown to give a ten-fold or more increase in resistance and also in sensitivity at temperatures near those of liquid air.

An instrument based on what is believed to be an entirely new principle in connection with the detection of smoke uses a sensitive "nose" which actuates an alarm as soon as the concentration of smoke reaches a predetermined value.

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A recent British patent has disclosed that a variable permittivity dielectric can be made from a mixture of barium and strontium titanates in the ratio of 95 to 5, permittivity increasing as an applied alternating voltage is increased. This property can be utilized in various ways in electronic circuits by making capacitors which are voltage-sensitive and can thus be used to secure automatic selectivity or frequency control.

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Comparison of sizes of 10-µf, 150 wvdc hermetically sealed paper capacitors with conventional (left) and metallized construction

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When dielectric weaknesses and incipient faults develop in a metallized paper capacitor due to conducting particles or if a momentary surge of voltage should puncture the dielectric, the selfhealing action functions to clear the short, and the capacitor continues to operate normally in the circuit without interruption. This selfhealing cycle may occur thousands of times without affecting the life of the capacitor.

Design Engineering Data

The metallized paper capacitor is ideally suited for use where space is at a premium, as in equipment for military and industrial use. It is not recommended for certain applications demanding special high-impedance capacitors, such as those used in photoflash and timing circuits where the R-C curve is used to trigger electronic circuits. On the other hand, the metallized paper unit has a lower r-f impedance than an equal-value conventional paper unit since it has a lesser number of turns and shorter current path. This makes it ideally suited for r-f filters in noise suppression systems, particularly in aircraft applications and portable equipment for military use where minimum size and weight are essential prerequisites.

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- Sawtooth Sweep: 5-500,000 c.p.s.
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rections up to 500 cps, motor starting up to 500 cps, and noise suppression systems. They are not recommended for photoflash work, coupling circuits and timing circuits requiring constant R-C curves.

Insulation Resistance

In general, the insulation resistance of metallized paper capacitors is lower than that of the foil and paper types. To a large extent. this is due to the fact that the working stresses employed are considerably higher, since advantage is taken of the selfhealing feature. Therefore the insulation resistance cannot be considered as a criterion of quality in the same sense as applied to the foil paper capacitor. In voltage ratings up to and including 200 volts d-c, metallized capacitors have an insulation resistance value of 500 megohms per uf. On higher voltage ratings the insulation resistance is 1,000 megohms per μf .

The insulation resistance and the selfhealing voltage are to a large extent interrelated and the resultant insulation resistance is a product of these two properties. During the selfhealing cycle the surface resistance around the puncture reaches a definite value, so that with selfhealing there is a gradual reduction in the insulating resistance. The value of this resistance depends on the number of selfhealing cycles, as all of the punctured areas are in parallel.

Capacitance and Power Factor

As temperature is increased, there is a decrease of insulation re-This is a general phesistance. nomenon with impregnated paper, hence is not exclusive in metallized paper capacitors. Typical capacitance, power factor and insulation resistance characteristics are given in Fig. 1. Variations here are similar to those obtained with the conventional paper-impregnated capacitors. It will be noted that the mineral oil impregnated capacitors have a flatter curve than the mineral wax type and should be used in circuits demanding high capacitance stability. The mineral wax impregnated capacitor shows a definite decrease in capacitance with an increase in temperature. The decrease in capacitance with

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FIG. 2—Voltage derating curves for metallized capacitors operated above rated temperatures

temperature is caused by the physical change in the wax as it goes from the solid to the liquid phase; this results in a decrease of the impregnant dielectric constant.

The negative temperature coefficient of these units can be made use of in certain applications. This capacitance change is of no importance in the majority of applications. As a matter of fact, a mineral wax capacitor should be given preference because of its higher breakdown voltage except in those cases requiring a flat capacitance curve.

Operating Characteristics

Due to their selfhealing characteristics, metallized paper capacitors can be operated at higher temperatures than conventional paperimpregnated capacitors without danger of breakdown. The ultimate breakdown of the metallized paper capacitor is determined by the thickness of the lacquer coating and impregnated paper dielectric and is usually two to three times the rated working voltage.

As temperatures are increased, it becomes necessary for safe operation to reduce the voltage impressed across the capacitor. The amount of derating necessary for safe continuous operation on or above rated working temperatures is given in Fig. 2. In intermittent service the amount of derating is decreased proportionally.

Life Tests

Metallized paper capacitors should be life-tested at their permissible operating voltage and maximum operating temperature, as given in Fig. 2. A suitable resistor, preferably 1,000 ohms, should be connected in series with each test specimen in order to limit



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FIG. 3—Variation of capacitance and power factor with hours of operation for all d-c voltage ratings of metallized units up to and including 600 volts

the energy discharged by paralleled test specimens through a capacitor going through a selfhealing cycle. If this precaution is not taken there will be an abnormal decrease in the insulation resistance due to carbonization of the dielectric.

Metallized paper capacitors can be operated on a-c as well as d-c, can be operated at high temperatures without any serious changes in capacitance or power factor, and are practically immune to breakdown. This does not mean that their life is infinite, but rather that when metallized paper capacitors are used in a circuit there will be no early failures and the life span of the equipment will be increased. Examples of life test curves are given in Fig. 3.

Accelerated life tests can be run at 1.25 times the permissible operating voltage and maximum operating temperature, but under this test there will be a greater decrease in the insulation resistance than normally would be expected.

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By J. H. JUPE Enfield, Middlesex England

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British cineradiograph apparatus. X-ray tube is in housing at patient's right. Fluorescent screen and 35-mm camera are on patient's left

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Although this apparatus was used for much useful work, its design had some serious limitations. The patient could only be photographed in the upright position, the equipment was cumbersome and had to be operated in complete darkness. This was due to the long focal length of the lens used, a Zeiss Biotar, specially designed for the work and with an aperture of F/0.85.

With the x-ray tubes then available this aperture was the minimum which could practicably be used and because of its small acceptance angle, a long focal length (58 mm to cover 16-mm film) was unavoidable. This necessitated the camera and fluorescent screen being on separate stands to secure the correct reduction ratio and so led to operating in darkness. Other disadvantages were, poor definition and grainy films arising from the need to use a highly sensitive emulsion.

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FIG. 1—Basic circuit and vector diagrams showing basis for two-tube audio-frequency phase measuring device

calibrations, the sine or cosine of half of the phase angle is measured directly. The principal value of the inverse function is found in a table of trigonometric functions. Multiplying this value by 2 will produce the phase angle in degrees.

Principle of Operation

Several other types of phasemeters employ cascaded amplifierlimiter stages which supply square waves to the indicating circuits^{1, 2}. Circuit simplicity is achieved by making a comparison between two sinusoidal waves directly.

The phasemeter consists of two low-impedance generators connected by an impedance of 2Z. The voltage at the centertap of the connecting circuit is measured by an a-c voltmeter as shown in Fig. 1A. The two voltages have the polarity shown where E_1 is the voltage at generator 1, and E_1 (cos θ + j sin θ) is the voltage at generator 2. The two voltages have the same magnitude but differ by an angle θ which is the phase angle. Assuming the voltage E_{\circ} is measured by a high-impedance voltmeter drawing negligible current, the following equation can be written

$$E_1 - E_1 \left(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta \right) = i \left(2Z \right) \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{i} = \frac{E_1 - E_1 \left(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta\right)}{2 Z}$$

$$E_0 = E_1 - i Z \tag{2}$$

Substituting Eq. 1 for i in Eq. 2

$$E_0 = E_1 - Z \left(\frac{E_1 - E_1 \left(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta \right)}{2 Z} \right)$$
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 $\cosh \theta/2 = \left(\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $|E_0|] = \frac{E_1}{2} (2) \cos \theta/2$
 $|E_0| = E_1 \cos \theta/2$

If the generator voltages are calibrated equal and unity in value, then the voltmeter will read the cosine of $\theta/2$. The vector diagram in Fig. 1B shows the relationship of the voltages for an arbitrary phase angle θ .

If generator 2 is reversed 180 degrees in phase the voltage E_0 will equal

 $|E_0| = E_1 \sin \theta/2$

This can be proved by following a mathematical procedure identical to the one outlined above. The corresponding vector diagram is shown in Fig. 1C.

By calibrating the generator voltages at one volt, the voltmeter will read the cosine of $\theta/2$ or the sine of $\theta/2$ directly. A table of trigonometric functions will convert these readings to half of the phase angle. Multiplying this angle by two will produce the phase angle.

Equipment

The two low-impedance generators of Fig. 1A for measuring the the cosine of $\theta/2$ consist of cathode followers as shown in Fig. 2. Outputs of the cathode followers are connected in series by an impedance composed of two blocking capacitors and two resistors. The resist-



FIG. 2—Phasemeter circuit diagram shows function of sine-cosine switch

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The rate of change of the sine function with respect to the angle is greater for small angles. Therefore, to obtain maximum reading accuracy, the sine of $\theta/2$ is used for phase angles from 0 to 90 degrees. The cosine of $\theta/2$ position is used for angles between 90 and 180 degrees where the rate of change of the cosine function is greatest,

The phasemeter is used in conjunction with an audio oscillator as shown in Fig. 3. A 3-way calibration switch is used with the a-c voltmeter to allow the calibration of the tube outputs. The cathode resistor of V_2 is a potentiometer for adjusting the voltage to one volt. The cathode and plate output voltages of V_1 are calibrated by means of the audio oscillator attenuator control. This procedure eliminates



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FIG. 3-In practice, the phasemeter is connected as shown here

the necessity of using potentiometers in place of the cathode and plate resistors.

Performance

The phasemeter was first tested for inherent phase shift over the frequency range. The two inputs were connected together to an audio oscillator, and readings of sine $\theta/2$ versus frequency were taken. Under ideal conditions, the voltmeter reading will be zero, indicating zero phase shift, but a residual voltage caused by power supply ripple will normally be measured. This voltage amounted to 0.008 volts over the band, and, if considered a phase shift, equals approximately 1 degree. This is the smallest angle that can be measured.

The phasemeter was tested for accuracy by comparing measured phase shifts against calculated phase shifts of a R-C circuit. Values of capacitance and resistance obtained from an impedance bridge were used in the computations. The voltage across the resistance with reference to that across the series combination was first taken across the band. The voltage across the capacitor was then measured using the same reference. The error in the measured angles averaged 0.5 degrees.

Great differences in input voltages should be avoided. For greatest accuracy, both inputs should be approximately 1.7 volts corresponding to an output of one volt. The accuracy will then be within 1 degree from 1 to 180 degrees. If the input to V_2 is between 5 and 10 volts, then the 1-degree accuracy is maintained only from approximately 10 to 180 degrees. Excessive distortion creates harmonic voltages which predominate for small angles, and leads to an increasingly large error as the phase angle approaches 1 degree. Computation of the error due to the power supply ripple revealed it to



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sary gain for magnetic pickups. It is self-powered, operates with any high-quality, high-input impedance amplifier and installs by plugging in. The unit features low intermodulation and harmonic distortion.

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British Specifications. The Radio Industry Council, 59 Russell Square, London, W.C. 1, England, recently issued a series of private specifications for the use of the British radio industry. Specification No. RIC/111 covers fixed, wirewound, noninsulated resistors; RIC/112-fixed composition resistors, grade I; RIC/113-fixed composition resistors, grade II; RIC/131-tubular fixed capacitors (paper dielectric); and RIC/132stacked foil mica fixed capacitors.

Reference Book. Harrison Radio Corp., 10 West Broadway, New York 7, N. Y. The Radio's Master is a 1,300-page hard-cover-bound reference book and buyer's guide for the electronics industry. It describes and illustrates the products of better than 90 percent of all manufacturers of electronic parts and equipment. Prices and specifications as well as an index are included. Copies will be sent free to any purchasing agent or chief engineer who writes on company letterhead.

Radiation-Detection Densitometer. Photovolt Corp., 95 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Bulletin 490 covers model 400-R radiationdetection densitometer which is self-contained and operates with barrier-layer photocell without amplification. The unit described is designed for the accurate measurement of density of dental-size x-ray films as employed in film badge systems for personnel monitoring in radioactivity laboratories and x-ray installations.

Receiving Tubes. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J. Form 1275-E is a 24-page booklet covering more than 450 receiving tubes and picture tubes including more than 50 new types. It provides quick and easy reference to the



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characteristics and socket connections for each tube type, as well as a classification chart which groups the tubes according to their family class, their functions, and their filament or heater voltages, and thus facilitates determination of the type designation of a tube for a desired purpose. Price is 10 cents.

Variable Transformers. The Superior Electric Co., Bristol, Conn., has released bulletin P550 featuring the complete line of standard Powerstat variable transformers. Maximum display is given to product photographs, performance curves, graphs, wiring diagrams and similar descriptive illustrations. A complete rating chart occupying the back cover provides engineers and purchasing agents with a quick selector index.

Acoustical Apparatus. Audak Co., 500 Fifth Ave., New York 18, N. Y., announces its new 1950 catalog, a four-page brochure embracing its Polyphase model reproducers, also tuned ribbon and heavy duty pickups and cutting heads. All models are illustrated and list prices are given.

Contact Switches. Guardian Electric Mfg. Co., 1621 W. Walnut St., Chicago 12, Ill., recently issued a bulletin dealing with a line of contact switches. Numerous line drawings and charts are employed to give information relative to sizes, designs and materials available in standard contact blades, lug adapters and insulating separators.

Radio and TV Catalog. General Cement Mfg. Co., 919 Taylor Ave., Rockford, Ill. Catalog No. 154 features over 5,000 radio and television products and service aids. The 64 pages are well illustrated and prices of all items are included.

Electronic Calculation. International Business Machines Corp., 590 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y., now has available two recent publications: Electrons at Work, and Fundamentals of Electronic Calculation. The former describes briefly the operation of "We have found Metex Electronic Gaskets excellent for HF currents inexpensive to assemble." Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

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Photoelectric Colorimeter. Photovolt Corp., 95 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Bulletin 409 describes and illustrates the model 401 Lumetron photoelectric colorimeter, an instrument designed for accuracy, ease and speed of operation in colorimetric and turbidimetric analysis. The bulletin gives a list of applications, a price list and a list of available accessories and replacement parts.

Transformers and Related Components. Standard Transformer Corp., Elston, Kedzie and Addison, Chicago 18, Ill. The June 1950 edition of the company's catalog of transformers and related components for radio, sound and industrial applications is available. This 20-page illustrated booklet lists complete electrical and physical specifications of more than 400 part numbers. Also included is a complete price list and handy charts. The company's tv components are listed in a separate tv catalog and replacement guide, also available in a seventh edition.

Circuit Breakers. Heinemann Electrict Co., Trenton 4, N. J. Equipment bulletin No. 3410 describes in 12 pages a line of fully magnetic nonthermal, nonenclosed, general purpose circuit breakers. Illustrations charts, diagrams, graphs and cutaway drawings portray these one-, two-, and threepole breakers for general industrial use. Time overload curves and coil resistance curves are also included for convenience in selecting the breakers for specific needs. In addition to terminal construction, the following types of coils connections are described: series overload, calibrating tap, shunt trip and relay trip.

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F-M Equipment. Collins Audio Products Co., Inc., P. O. Box 368, Westfield, N. J. Information on the T-20-A mobile receiver, the S-17-A Storecaster receiver and R-12-A industrial f-m tuner is found in a recent four-page folder. It tells how to increase the earning power of one's f-m station through use of bus radio, storecasting and industrial music. A price list is also available.

Tube-Base Reference. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J. The Triple Pindex, 2F366R, is a handy quick-reference guide to tube-base diagrams. Over 600 tube types are listed in both alphabetical and numerical sequence. Designed for workbench use, it measures 4 in. x 8 in. Price is 75 cents.

Measurements Notes. Measurements Corp., Boonton, N. J., announce the publication of the second issue of Measurements Notes. The purpose of the fourpage brochure is to assist the industry in making measurements of receiver susceptibility to ignition interference.

Recorders and Amplifiers. Sanborn Co., 39 Osborn St., Cambridge 39, Mass. A recent catalog folder contains a loose-leaf-perforated series of bulletins covering a line of direct-writing recorders and instrument amplifiers. Each unit is technically described and illustrated and a price list is included. As other, or newer, models become available, descriptive pages will be sent for inclusion in the folder.

Power Frequency Amplifier. Keithley Instruments, 1507 Warrensville Center Road, Cleveland 21, Ohio. An illustration, chief uses, features and specifications of the model 105 Meter Matcher



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Portable D-C Recorder. Wallace & Tiernan, Belleville, N. J. Publication TP-18-A illustrates and describes a new portable d-c recorder, a direct writing recorder that is adjustable over a wide range. The unit described has a minimum full-scale range of 100 μ a and a maximum full-scale range of 5,000 ma. It is particularly suited for laboratory use.

Antenna Catalog. Jerrold Electronics Corp., 121 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. A 12-page two-color catalog gives full information and shows diagrammatically how a Mul-TV system, including antenna, master controlamplifier unit and distribution outlets, is installed in a typical apartment house or store to provide perfect television reception on any number of television sets connected to the system.

Tube Selection Survey. Industrial Electronics, Inc., 8060 Wheeler St., Detroit 10, Mich., has available a survey form which will be sent to all companies that are interested in obtaining tubes that have superior life characteristics. The superior qualities are obtained by a preaging and selection process.

Resistors. Instrument Resistors Co., 1036 Commerce Ave., Union, N. J. A recent 28-page loose-leaf perforated folder covers a line of application-designed wire-wound resistors. Included are illustrations and specifications on each type.

Artificial Reverberation Generator. Tech Laboratories, Inc., Palisades Park, N. J., has available a single-sheet bulletin treating the type AF101 artificial reverberation generator. Technical specifications given include the unit's input impedance, input and output level, output impedance, controls, reverberation time and power requirements.

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:00 A.M.—Television Session (R. Δ.

9:00 A.M.—Television Session (R. A. Hackbusch, presiding) A Study of Permanent Magnet Focus-ing Devices for Television Picture Tubes, by K. James and R. T. Cappodanno of Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp. The Application of a New Low-Noise Double Triode as an RF and IF Amplifier in Television Receivers, by R. M. Cohen of BCA

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9:00 A.M.—Audio Session (O. L. Angevine, Jr., presiding) The Mechanics of the Phonograph Pickup, by T. E. Lynch of Brush Development Co. Lightweight Pickup and Tone Arm, by C. R. Johnson and L. J. Anderson of RCA. Sound Pickup in High Ambient Noise, by W. Beaverson of Electro-Voice Inc.

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Supplement No. 6 to the FCC Study Guide has been issued for those preparing for the new examination. A new study guide, last revised in July 1948, will be available by January 1951. This booklet will bring all the examination elements up to date and include a new Element 8 covering ship radar techniques.

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BUSINESS NEWS

JOHN MECK INDUSTRIES, INC., tv receiver manufacturer, is now operating a new building providing 20,-000 sq ft of additional production space at its main Plymouth, Ind., factory.

GOULD-NATIONAL BATTERIES, INC., recently became the new name of the National Battery Co., manufacturer of industrial storage batteries, when the stockholders of the latter firm approved the change proposed by the board of directors.

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Syracuse, N. Y., has bought the Illinois Cabinet Co. at Rockford, Ill., which will continue to produce its present line of wood products for tv home receivers.

PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT Co., 37 W. Main St., Oyster Bay, N. Y., is now functioning as two separate organizations. Production Tool & Fixture Co. will continue with the subcontract portion of the business producing aircraft and similar parts. Coil Winding Equipment



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ELECTRONCRAFT CORP. has been formed at Lakewood, Ohio, to manufacture electronic equipment under contract. Theodore C. Asad, 1578 Ridgewood Ave., is president of the firm.

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WALTER F. KRAM, formerly engaged in CAA omnidirectional range development work at Lavoie Laboratories, has joined the staff of Ballantine Laboratories, Inc., Boonton, N. J., as a senior engineer.

GEORGE D. HULST, at one time engaged in development work on the proximity fuse, and until recently in the General Patent Department of the Research Division of Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc., has been promoted to manager of the Special Projects Laboratory of the Electronic Parts Division.

WILLIAM J. MORLOCK has been promoted to assistant manager of the Commercial Equipment Division of the General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y.



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ROGER M. DAUGHERTY, previously associated with Colonial Radio Division of the Sylvania Electric Products Corp. as manager of government sales and engineering and chief engineer, has been elected executive vice-president of J. H. Bunnell & Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., manufacturers of railroad and radio communication equipment.

RALPH R. BATCHER, New York electronic consultant, recently succeeded L. C. F. Horle as chief engineer of the engineering department of the RTMA and manager of the

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ROBERT G. SCOTT, senior engineer for Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc., has been named head of the company's Commercial Engineering Department.

DUNDAS P. TUCKER, former director of electronics design and development for the Navy's Bureau of Ships, is the new director of the Naval Electronics Laboratory at Point Loma, San Diego, Calif.

J. GRAYSON JONES, former chief engineer of Conrac, Inc., Glendora, Calif., tv receiver manufacturers, has been elected vice-president of the company.

J. A. HUTCHESON, director of research at Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa., has been named chairman of the Committee on Ordnance, Research and Development Board.

ARTHUR GREEN, formerly vicepresident and chief engineer of Thomas Electronics Inc., Passaic, N. J., is now vice-president and chief engineer of the new Fidelity Tube Corp., East Newark, N. J., tv picture tube manufacturers.

DAVID B. SMITH, vice-president of Philco Corp., has been named vicedirector of the RTMA engineering department.

B. V. K. FRENCH has joined Allen B. DuMont Labs., Inc., East Paterson, N. J., as application engineer in the Electronic Parts Division.

E. H. ULM, previously with Western Electric Co. as field engineer, and until recently sales engineer for the Electronics Division, Sylvania Electric Products Inc., has been appointed Sylvania's merchandising manager.

HARALD SCHUTZ, formerly electronics research specialist and consultant on microwave problems, now heads radio-frequency engineering in the electronics department of The Glenn L. Martin Co.



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RCA Application Engineering Service— Twelve field engineering specialists devote their time exclusively to the design problems of equipment manufacturers. They re ready to pitch in and help you at any time.



2. RCA Application Engineering Laboratories — RCA maintains application laboratories at Harrison, Lancaster, and Chicago. The services of these laboratories are at the disposal of all RCA tube and component customers



3. RCA Circuit Investigations – RCA carries on independent research in circuit design for the exclusive benefit of its tube and component customers. Engineering reports are provided as a free service.



4. RCA Tube and Component Development— RCA works years ahead in tube and component design—anticipates future requirements. That's why you get the types of tubes and components you want *when* you want them.



S. RCA Engineering Literature – RCA technical bulletins and data, covering the specifications and operating conditions of RCA tubes and components, are the most authoritative and comprehensive in the field



RCA District Offices— RCA maintains three conveniently located district offices in Harrison, Chicago, and Los Angeles to serve equipment manufacturers. You can get prompt service from the office nearest you.



6. RCA Manufacturing Facilities – RCA tubes and components are manufactured in modern plants equipped largely with RCA-designed, precision machinery-yourassurance of uniform, dependable quality tubes and components.



RCA Distribution-RCA maintains bulk tube and component stocks in three warehouses strategically located in Jersey City, Chicago, and Los Angeles for quick service.



72 RCA Quality Control— Quality controls begin with the raw material and are followed through in every successive step of manufacture and assembly That's why RCA tubes and components are consistently reliable.



RCA Pricing – Mass-production techniques and the RCA "Preferred Type Plan" have consistently operated to reduce manufacturing costs – which mean lower prices to you.



8. RCA Sales and Customers' Service – A staff of seasoned sales representatives are within convenient reach. They're available *when* you want them. In addition, a staff at the Home Office devotes its time *exclusively* to expediting your orders.



RCA Engineering Leadership—The vast resources of experience and ability that account for RCA's engineering leadership in tubes and components, are of direct benefit to RCA customers... a final reason why it pays to deal with RCA.

- Sales and Product Directory -----

1. General sales information or requests for application engineering assistance on receiving and television picture tubes, communications and industrial tubes, power tube fittings, electronic components, and test and measuring equipment:



Equipment Sales Field Representatives at the RCA Sales Office nearest you:

Harrison, N. J. Chicago 11, III. Los Angeles 13, Calif.	415 S, 5th St. 589 E. Illinois St. 420 S, San Pedro St.	Harrison 6-8000 Whitehall 4-290 Madison 9-3671
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2. Inquiries relative to technical bulletins: Commercial Engineering, RCA, 415 South 5th Street, Harrison, N. J.

3. Orders and inquiries on orders: Tubes: RCA warehouse serving you:

	Chicago Warshours PCA
Jersey City Warehouse, RCA	Chicago Harenouse, NCH
34 Exchange Place	589 E. Illinois St.
Jersey City 2, N. J.	Chicago 11, III.
Phone : Bergen 4-2100	Phone: Whitehall 4-2900
Los Angeles Warehause,	RCA, 420 S. Sun Pedro St.
Las Annalas 12 Calif.	Phone: Madison 9-3671

