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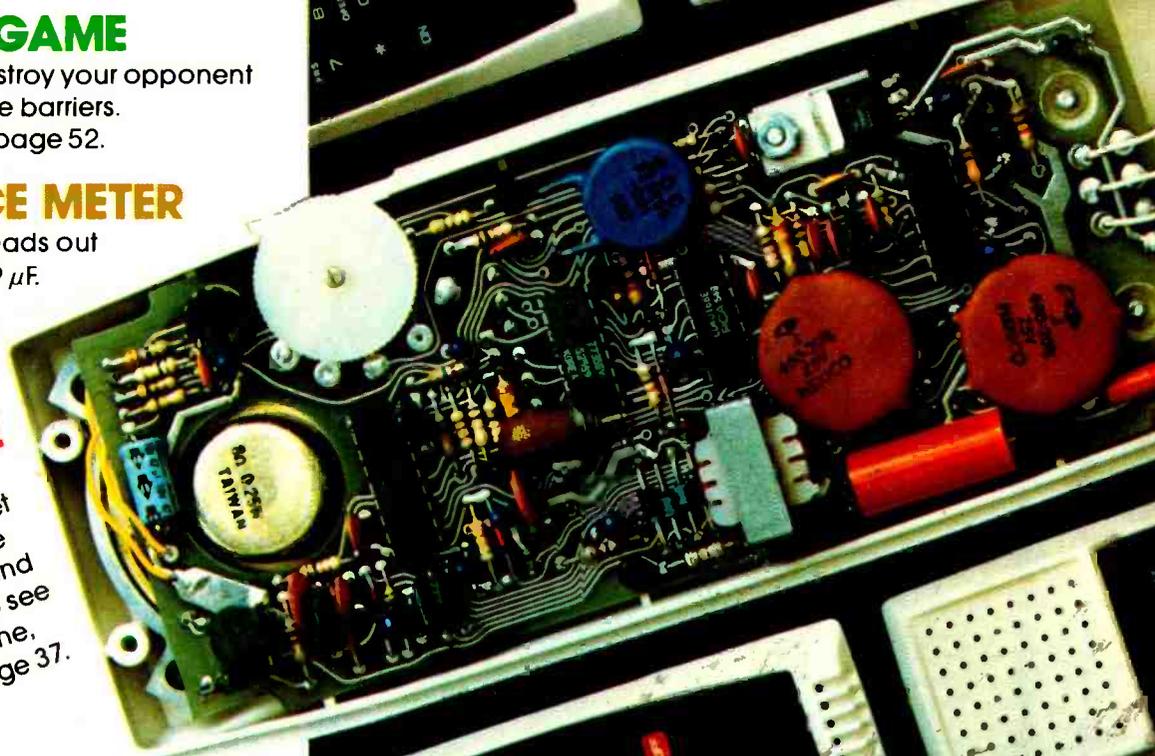
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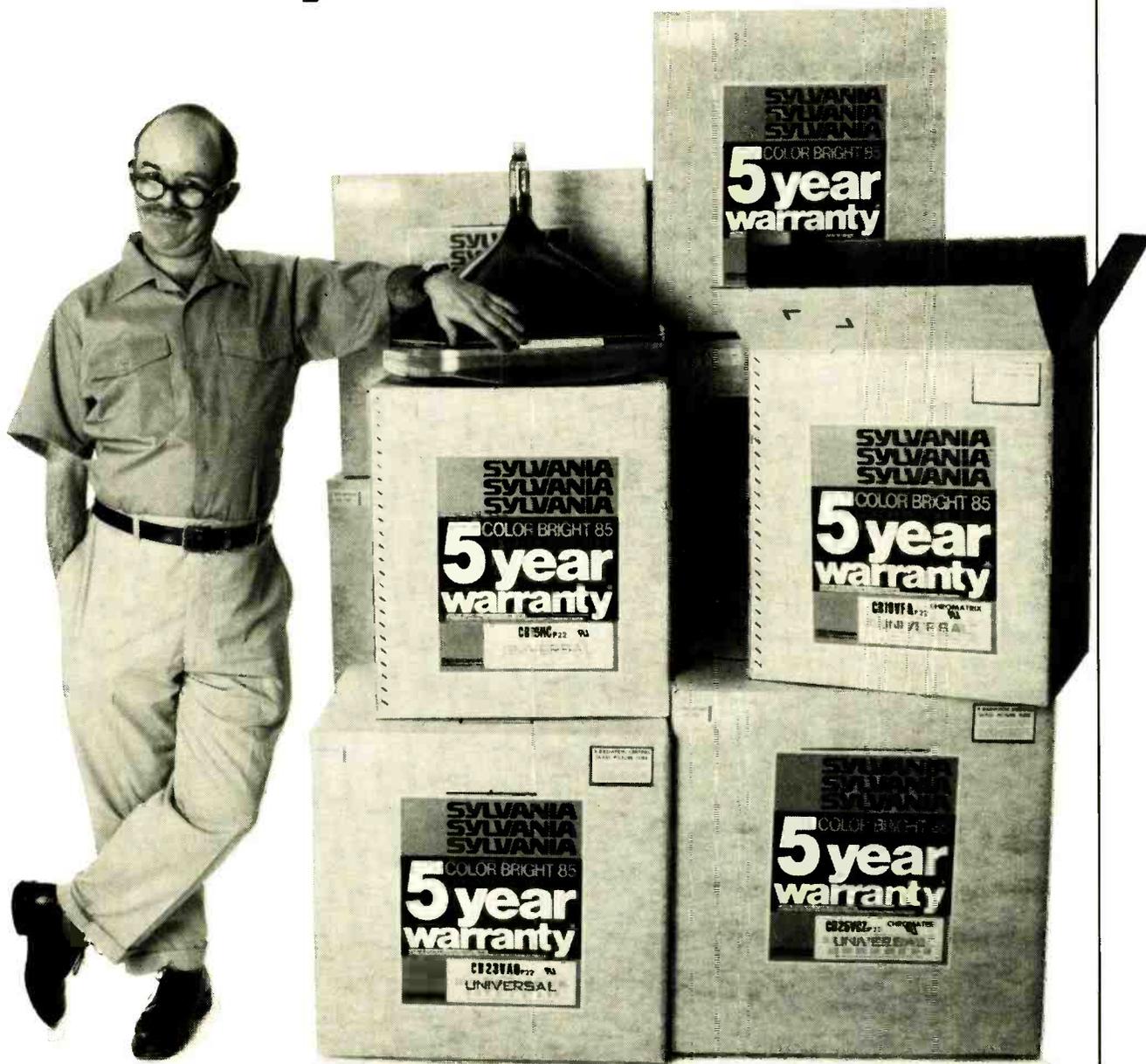
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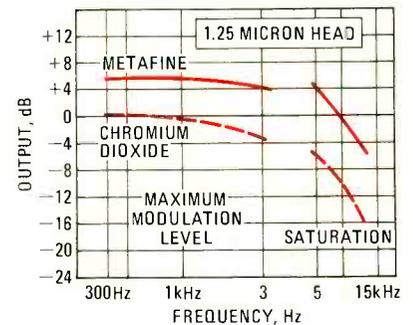
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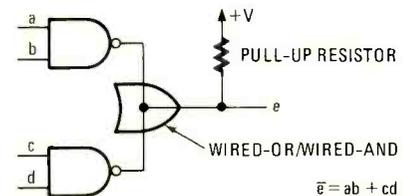
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NEW METAL-PARTICLE TAPE promises higher output levels with lower distortion. Story starts on page 49 and presents full details.



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Looking ahead

Projection TV: Three-tube projection TV is now in the lines of several major-brand TV manufacturers. Advent's new Model 760 has a 72-inch screen and a horizontal in-line-tube arrangement permitting a long, low projector which does added duty as a cocktail table. (Please don't spill your drinks on the electronics.) Panasonic and Quasar both have different versions of 60-inch one-piece sets—the optics are the same but electronics and furniture are different. Mitsubishi (MGA) has a two-piece 72-inch projection system and a one-piece 50-inch system. Sharp has a 72-inch two-piece system similar to Mitsubishi's. Sony has two one-piece units, with 50- and 70-inch screens, each with three tubes and two lenses. GE has the rear-view unit described in the July 1978 issue of **Radio-Electronics**. All the three-tube major-brand systems sell for more than \$3,000. The GE single-tube unit is \$2,800.

New feud? Remember hand wiring vs. printed circuits? We may be getting ready for a new RCA-vs.-Zenith dispute over set construction, but this one is much tougher to call. In introducing its 1979 color TV models, RCA quietly inaugurated a new chassis in two high-end 19-inch sets, and company spokesmen indicated that this indeed is RCA's chassis of the future. What's so special about it? Well, it's all one piece—not modular. RCA officials explain that the modular chassis has performed its function by introducing technicians to solid-state TV circuits. They said that 20% of modules returned to RCA for servicing have tested good, with no defects, and presumably the problem was in the connections. The new chassis reduces physical connections by 75% (to 30), wires from 150 to 40, hand-solder joints from 200 to 75. RCA concedes that it might cost a little more to repair the new set than its modular predecessors, but says repairs should be required less frequently.

So the very next week, what does Zenith do? Why, it introduces a brand spanking-new modular chassis, that's what. Well, the chassis has been quietly in use for some months, but now it's got a name (*Triple-Plus*). It has eight modules and low-cost Zenith-developed connectors that are claimed to compare favorably with military specs. Zenith's argument for modular: "The cost saving of the unitized chassis is not enough to give up the service advantages . . . This 100% modular chassis permits virtually 100% in-home repair."

More metal tapes: Although criticized by some competitors, 3M's introduction of its revolutionary metal-alloy audio tape (see **Radio-Electronics**, September 1978) may have established a standard of sorts. Fuji already has announced it will be next on the market with a metal tape, and company spokesmen indicated that it would be compatible with the 3M *Metafine* tape. Next to come in line has been BASF, which announced it had distributed samples to Japanese equipment manufacturers, with coercivity levels of both 950 and 1,100 oersteds. However, BASF suggested that any industry coercivity standard not exceed 1,000 oersteds. TDK also has a metal-particle tape and has provided samples to hardware manufacturers.

Videodisc boxscore: As the time draws nearer for the first U.S. consumer marketing of home videodiscs and players (at press time it was still scheduled for December or January in three or four introductory cities), more new systems are showing up. For the record, here's a summary of what has surfaced to date: **Ted**—developed by German Telefunken, British Decca and a joint subsidiary called Teldec, this mechanical system uses a flexible one-sided 8¾-inch discs which play for up to 10 minutes each. It has been marketed in Germany and Japan, is now principally used for education and training purposes. **Philips/MCA**—an optical system which will be marketed to consumers initially by Magnavox, later also by Universal-Pioneer of Japan. It uses 12-inch reflective double-sided discs. These play for up to 30 minutes-per-side and revolve at 1800 rpm while longer-playing discs (up to 60 minutes-per-side) revolve at a speed varying from 600 to 1800 rpm. The pickup never touches the disc. **RCA**—this is a capacitance needle-in-groove system that plays for up to one hour-per-side of each two-sided disc, revolving at 450 rpm. RCA hasn't yet made a commitment for marketing. **Thomson-CSF**—this French system, like Philips/MCA, is a laser-read optical system, but the discs are transparent rather than reflective. Two-sided discs are possible. Discs demonstrated have played for up to 30 minutes-per-side. The disc revolves at 1500 rpm for the PAL color system, 1800 rpm for NTSC.

A few units are being produced for demonstration and industrial-institutional uses. **MDR**—Magnetic disc recorder, originated in Germany and demonstrated in various forms, both records and plays back using an oxide-coated plastic disc. **Visc**—Mechanical system developed by Matsushita, playing 30 minutes or 60 minutes-per-side of a 12-inch disc, depending on version used, revolving at 450 rpm. Smaller seven-minute disc is the size of a 45-rpm audio disc and revolves at 720 rpm. No announced plans for commercialization. **Sony**—Reflective optical disc, laser-read, similar to the Philips/MCA development except that it revolves at 900 rpm. Provides up to one hour-per-side of two-sided 12-inch disc. No announced plans for commercialization. **JVC**—Capacitance system using ungrooved disc revolving at 900 rpm, claimed to have many advantages of optical systems but lower costs because of elimination of necessity to use laser pickup. No known plans for commercialization.

Color, China and USSR: The U.S. may be officially tilting toward China in its foreign policy, but in color TV technology it's dealing more closely with the Soviet Union. RCA, Owens-Illinois Glass and several Japanese firms have received contracts, estimated to total more than \$100 million, to provide the USSR with color tube manufacturing equipment and technology. Meanwhile, Hitachi and Toshiba are understood to have negotiated contracts with China to build a color tube plant and an IC development and manufacturing facility, respectively, with a total value of about \$245 million.

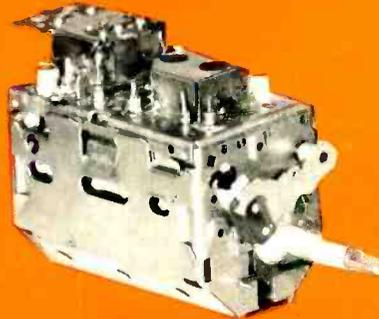
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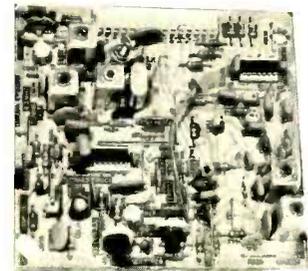


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Bell Labs designs communications system for the disabled

Bell Laboratories, together with the Telephone Pioneers of America (a voluntary industrial organization), has designed *Unix*, an experimental computer-based communications system for severely handicapped persons, such as cerebral palsy victims.



BELL LABS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, *Unix*, contains a large keyboard with recessed keys that can be used by severely handicapped persons. Here a cerebral-palsied child uses a cap pointer to type a message on the keyboard.

The *Unix* system uses a special oversized keyboard coupled to a computer that is connected to a TV set and a page printer. The keys are large recessed pushbuttons that can be pressed either by a finger or by a pointer attached to a cap worn by the user that is controlled by head motion. Pressing the buttons with the pointer causes the "typed" message to appear immediately on the screen; two other push-buttons can be pressed for a copy of the message.

For simplicity and to reduce the amount of typing to a minimum, abbreviations are used for words, word endings and phrases. For example, "GH" stands for "I want to go home," and "gb" means "goodbye." A standard list of abbreviations has been preprogrammed by Bell, and instructions for adding more abbreviations are being developed.

The *Unix* system is designed so that up to three persons can share it; it also lets the computer perform store, retrieve, process and control tasks simultaneously.

Best record of 1978 receive audio awards

The 1978 Audio Excellence Record Awards were recently presented by Audio-Technica U.S., Inc., for discs in three categories: classical music, rock/pop and special-interest recordings.

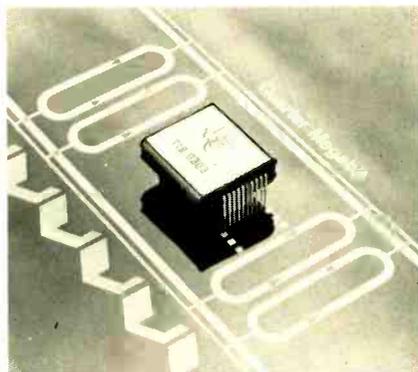
The winner in the classical music category is a British recording of Tchaikovsky's Six Symphonies and Manfred performed

by the London Philharmonic conducted by Mstislav Rostropovich (EMI ELS 5099) and produced by David Mottley. For rock/pop, the top record was Steely Dan's "Aja," produced by Gary Katz (ABC AA 1006). In the special-disc category, the award was given to a direct-to-disc recording by Harry James and His Big Band, produced by Doug Sax and Lincoln Mayorga (Sheffield Lab 6).

TI's quarter-million-bit magnetic bubble memory due in late '78

Some time in the last quarter of 1978, TI will release its new quarter-million-bit magnetic bubble memory IC, the TIB0303, with a family of interface and control circuits available in 1979.

The bubble IC is composed of a gadolinium-gallium garnet substrate on top of which is superimposed a layer of magnetic epitaxial film. Permalloy metal patterns placed on the film determine the way the 3-micron-diameter bubble domains move when they are exposed to a rotating magnetic field, provided by two orthogonal coils. When the magnetic field rotates, the bubble domains move under the permalloy patterns similar to shift registers.



TI'S MAGNETIC BUBBLE MEMORY is a quarter-million-bit device. The advantages of bubble memory technology include storage density and nonvolatile characteristics.

The TIB0303 has a 7.2-ms average access time (for the first bit of the 224-bit page), a 0.9-watt power consumption, a read-data rate of 100K bits-per-second, and an operating temperature of 0° to 50°C. It comes in a 20-pin dual-in-line package and measures 1.2 × 1.2 × 0.4 inches; the package includes the IC, the magnetic coils, a permanent magnet set and magnetic shielding, and costs \$500.

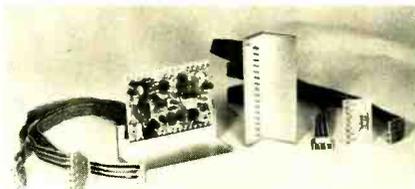
Connecticut to receive first off-track betting/entertainment center

By the fall of 1979, New Haven, CT, will be the site of Teletrack, the very first off-track betting and entertainment center in a

theatre environment. The center will use a closed-circuit TV system to provide betting customers with on-track events and pad-dock activities as they occur.

Teletrack was developed by General Instrument Corporation, manufacturer of electronic systems and components, and built by AmTote, a subsidiary of the company, as part of the state's off-track betting system. Microwave transmissions will bring the track events into the betting center, where they will be displayed on giant 24-foot by 32-foot screens, as well as on strategically placed monitor screens. Customers will place their bets through TIM 300 ticket-issuing machines, insuring the efficiency of the betting operations.

TV MODULE SERVICING AIDS



GTE-SYLVANIA CHEK-A-BOARD CABLE kits make it possible for technicians to service solid-state TV sets without removing the chassis. The *Chek-A-Board* kits, designed for use with RCA and Zenith modular sets, contain cables with female connectors on one end for modules, and mating chassis connectors on the other end. The two-foot cables, composed of stranded multilead ribbon wire, feature plated-alloy conductors on acrylic plastic PC boards. The side of each cable bears a different color for ease in orientation.

1978 mid-year VTR sales to dealers exceed 1977 figures

According to the Marketing Services Department of EIA, total U.S. market sales of home videotape recorders to dealers increased in June 1978, and showed an upward trend in the first six months of the year—in contrast to sales for a similar period in 1977. During the first 26 weeks of 1978 VTR sales to dealers amounted to 142,490 units and the June VTR sales came to 31,339.

Fotomat offers new film-to-videotape service

Fotomat Corporation is now offering a special service at all its 3400 stores in the U.S.: it will transfer your film and/or slide photography to a videotape cassette.

How it works is this: You take your film (either 8-mm or Super 8-mm) and/or 35-mm or 126-mm color slides to your Fotomat dealer who will transfer the material to either 1/2-inch Beta or VHS-format videotape. All you have to do is inform Fotomat what type of VTR you own so that the correct cassette format can be chosen.

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Now NRI makes it TV/Audio home

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to be a problem. Catalogs are radically different and some are not too clear as to what you actually get for your money. So NRI has done a lot of the work for you. And put the prices right up front so you can make your own judgment.

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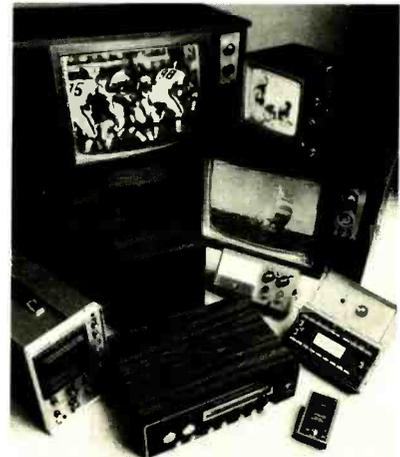
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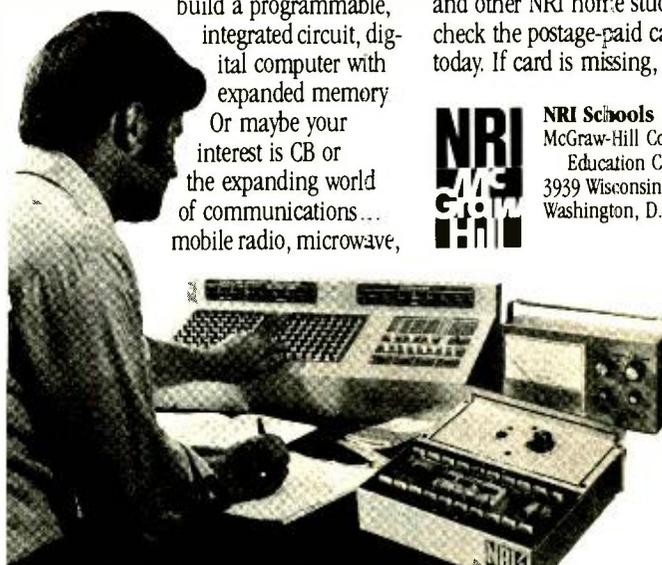
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The videotape cassette offered in Fotomat stores as an adjunct to the new service will cost the same as those presently being offered in the Fotomat drive-in stores. The cost of transferring a 400-foot roll of Super 8-mm film, plus the videotape cassette, is \$14.95 (for the 1-hour format).

NESDA/ISCET INSPECTS AND RATES RCA CHASSIS



In Las Vegas recently, a NESDA/ISCET inspection team looked over and rated three RCA TV chassis: the CT 92A, CTC 93D and CTC 88AC. The CT 92A was rated as "good," and the CTC 93D and CTC 88AC were each given an "excellent." The inspection forms used were developed by the serviceability committee from information supplied by manufacturers and from the service industry. Shown from left to right are CET members Don Winchel, Dean Mock, Jack Lang, R. E. Eddy, Hal Robbins, Frank Grabiec (ISCET vice-chairman) and Edward Burroughs.

NRBA approves proposed law to deregulate radio

The National Radio Broadcasters Association (NRBA) has approved proposed new legislation to deregulate the radio industry. The Communications Act (HR 13015) has as one of its primary objectives the release of radio from government restrictions. While not all the Act's proposals received the NRBA blessing, the association believes it will insure the continued growth and diversity of the radio industry in a competitive free marketplace, and that this will best serve the public interest. It is hoped that there will be enough input to the subcommittee from industry representatives and private individuals that the pro-

posed legislation will be passed, or at the very least that appropriate amendments will be made to the Communications Act of 1934.

Service-profits rise revealed by retail association survey

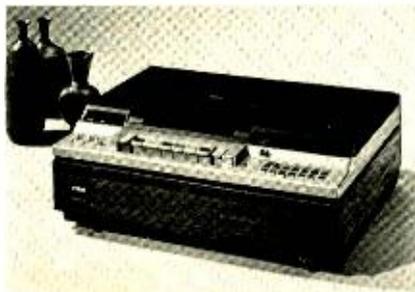
The National Association of Retail Dealers of America (NARDA) has published a cost-of-doing-business Survey that reveals that in 1977 service operations showed a 5.8% net profit (as against total sales) plus a 4.7% after-taxes profit.

Referring to a 9.5% increase in overall sales, John Gooley, manager of the NARDA service division, cautioned that "it should be kept in mind that the increase is among actual participants in the survey," and adds that the service industry volume may have declined due to a corresponding decline in the incidence of failure (in equipment). Labor income, however, was greater than parts income—the result of the gross margin on labor income being greater than that on parts. The Survey also indicates that inventories continued to rise during 1977, with 18.5% more inventory on hand at the end of the year than at the beginning.

The figures listed in the Survey are all percentages, making it possible to compare them with data from earlier years. The Survey costs \$25 (\$10 to NARDA members), and can be obtained from NARDA, 2 North Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606.

Programmable VCR provides up to 4-hour recording capability

RCA has designed a programmable video cassette recorder, the *SelectaVision 400* (model VCT400), that can be preprogrammed to record up to four TV shows simultaneously on different channels over a seven-day period. The unit is microprocessor-based, has a varactor tuner and two switch-selectable speeds: the long play setting provides a four-hour-per-cassette recording time; the standard play setting



PROGRAMMABLE VCR can be preprogrammed to record up to four TV programs on different channels over a seven day period. In addition, the RCA VCT-400 has a 14-channel varactor tuner and a program indexing feature that lets you find the starting point of a recorded program.

provides a two-hour-per-cassette recording time.

To preset the VCR to record up to a full week's programs in advance, all that's needed is to store into memory the day, time, length and channel of the program you want taped. Other features include an electronic indexing capability, tape counter with memory switch, remote pause control, a tracking control (to correct distortions) and 14 channel selector switches that receive all UHF/VHF channels in any desired sequence. The *SelectaVision 400* carries a suggested retail price of \$1275.

IHF installs hi-fi systems in the White House

The Institute of High Fidelity, Inc. (IHF) was instrumental in selecting and assembling two complete high-fidelity systems for the White House—one for the President's living quarters, the other for the White House solarium.

Leonard Feldman, IHF technical director, selected the components and accessories from a list of IHF member companies whose names, in turn, had been drawn by Chip Carter.

Mr. Feldman said that the IHF intent in selecting the individual components for both systems was that they be representative of typical hi-fi equipment enjoyed by American families. The 14 manufacturers chosen to supply the White House are U.S. Pioneer, JVC America, Shure, Kenwood, Koss Corporation, Altec, Sony, Jensen Sound Labs, TDK Electronics, Sansui, B.I.C./Avnet, Pickering & Company, TEAC Corporation of America, and Maxell. The Institute also has the responsibility of reviewing the systems and replacing the components with new, more technologically up-to-date units as the need warrants.

TI awarded Japanese patent for miniature calculator

In August 1978, over the objections of several Japanese calculator companies, the Japanese Patent Office issued a patent to Texas Instruments covering the manufacture of practically all minicalculators incorporating their circuitry in a single IC. The Japanese patent is based on U.S. patent 3,819,921 originally filed in 1967 and granted TI in 1974.

The calculator described in the 1967 patent was the first to provide the computational capability of larger machines. The heart of the TI minicalculator was an integrated circuit that performed four basic arithmetic functions. It measured 4¼ × 6½ × 1¼ inches, and featured a small 18-pushbutton keyboard and a thermal printer to display up to 12 digits.

Nineteen other countries to date have issued patents to TI for manufacturing minicalculators. R-E

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SCIENCE FOR JOURNALISTS

Journalism students often explain their choice of profession by saying that they want to write. One caustic observer noted that this statement is tantamount to a medical student wanting to study surgery so that he can operate.

The point is that the surgeon's goal is not to cut but to cure. Likewise, the aim of the journalist should not be to "write" but rather to communicate. And there is much evidence that journalists are not communicating well.

The reason, according to some experts, is that journalism graduates today simply are not well educated. Whether dealing with history, economics, government, or science, they often demonstrate a poor grasp of principles, confusion over issues, or an inability to weigh the significance of events.

Science, in particular, gets apathetic coverage by the press. Shortly after NASA placed a probe on the surface of Mars, a poll by the *Indianapolis News* indicated that its readers regarded the event as one of the top ten news stories of the year. Surprisingly, a poll of the editors of that newspaper failed to place the Mars landing on the list. Editors subordinated this outstanding achievement to such events as a Korean border conflict and the outbreak of Legionnaires disease.

Other cases demonstrate befuddlement of technical concepts, sometimes with an amusing twist. When the roof of the Hartford Civic Center collapsed last winter, *Newsweek* magazine reported that the structure had been "designed by a computer." A perceptive reader noted that a statement such as that could appear only in an article written by a typewriter.

Even some of the most respected periodicals downplay important technical aspects of a story. When Chrysler introduced its Omni and Horizon automobiles, the event was covered extensively in *The Wall Street Journal*. The report dwelt at length on the price of the cars and their competitive posture with respect to other compact automobiles. Only in the last sentence did it mention what is perhaps the most significant facet of the introduction—that the cars are the first U.S. built compacts with front-wheel drive.

All of this would amount to mere nit-picking if it were not for a worrisome aspect. The public, which relies heavily on the consumer press for information, is increasingly asked to support political decisions on technical matters ranging from the energy crisis to the neutron bomb. Journalists who are either confused by or indifferent to technology can hardly be counted on to provide meaningful information.

We don't have a ready solution to the problem. But it is encouraging to note that one liberal arts college has recently required its students to take courses in mathematics. The purpose, according to the college provost, "is to emphasize quantitative and logical ways of thinking."

Perhaps that avenue, or some other form of "science-appreciation" curriculum, should also be considered by journalism schools.

RON KHOL
Managing Editor
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CRYSTAL OSCILLATOR PROJECT

The Hobby Corner article in the July 1978 issue states it is often desirable to change the frequency coverage of a receiver with a converter, the main part of which is a crystal oscillator.

The next paragraph is disappointing in that it does not explain how to use the oscillator to change receiver frequency, or a typical converter circuit.

I found the remainder of the article very clear and interesting. Was a paragraph left out; does R-E plan a follow-up article; could you send instructions on using the oscillator to change receiver frequency?

H. WOODS
Brentwood, NY

No, a paragraph was not omitted. There was no intention to go into further detail on frequency converters at that time.

Often the topic of a Hobby Corner column is some basic circuit that has many uses. In such cases, it is quite impossible to delve into all the possible applications.

Only a limited number can be discussed in the space available. Other uses can only be mentioned in passing.

It is our hope that readers will be stimulated to look further into circuit applications. I am indeed glad that the converter idea aroused your interest. Perhaps in the future such applications can be discussed in Hobby Corner, but I am sure you will not want to wait that long.

So that you can follow up on your interest, here are a couple of references:

ARRL Radio Amateur's Handbook, and Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur, published by the American Radio Relay League, Newington, CT 06111. Each publication has sections on frequency converters plus a great deal more. You can probably obtain them from the publishers or from the public library.

EARL "DOC" SAVAGE

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Congratulations to your typesetter for being so accurate in exactly copying my

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FRED BLECHMAN

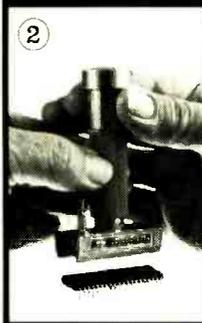
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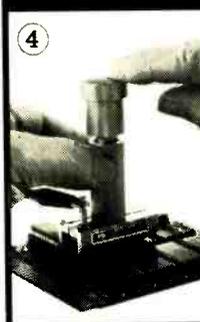
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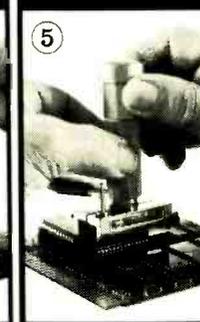


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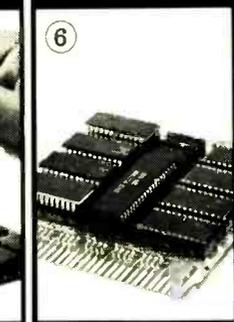
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DeFOREST NOT EDISON

I've been a reader since the early Thirties when I subscribed to *Radio-Craft*.

You pulled a boo-boo in your September issue. In the article on "Pioneers in Radio," you show a picture of Lee DeForest holding the audion tube which, because of the added *grid* to the diode, started radio broadcasting. And he is not even mentioned in the article—you named him Thomas Alva Edison!

JOE BERO
Newark, DE

Boo-boo is right! The picture on page 46 of the September issue indeed shows Lee DeForest and not Thomas Alva Edison. The editorial staff of Radio-Electronics extends their deepest apology for this most unfortunate and careless error—Editor.

HOME COMPUTERS

You've done it again! First, you want to know where all the designers have gone (June 1978 editorial); now you want to know where the home computers are coming from (August 1978 editorial).

It seems that pretty much for the 20 years I've been working with computers, the computer has been a solution looking for a problem.

But, suppose the computer has utility as a home appliance, where will that utility emerge? Let me suggest the three E's: Entertainment, Education and Economics. (A fourth E, Environment, can be identified separately or included under the Economics category.)

Using home computers in entertainment and education applications should be self-explanatory. By economics, I mean supporting the household as an economic unit. This leads to a peculiar wrinkle: the value of a computer as an education and economics instrument only makes sense to households that are already pretty self-reliant in those areas. It is foolish, I agree, to expect a family to use a computer for things that no one's already eager to do. Given existing motivation, the computer operates as an amplifying device. But you can't amplify what isn't there.

With that viewpoint, I can see a market for the home computer but certainly not one comparable to that for, say, color television. Even by sneaking a computer into the house for entertainment purposes, a way of opening up the other possibilities, I don't see how that market can be substantially increased. We need another 15-20 years.

I do not believe that the foreseeable home computer market is inconsequential. I do believe that present computer systems are inadequate, with no immediate solution to compatibility and software problems. The *convenience* of computing just isn't there yet. The purchaser also need strong protection from obsolescence. System upgrading instead of replacement seems indispensable.

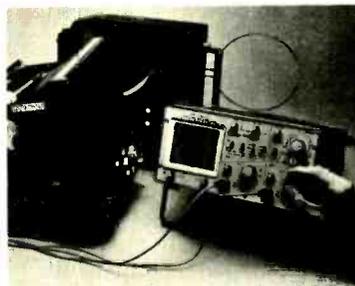
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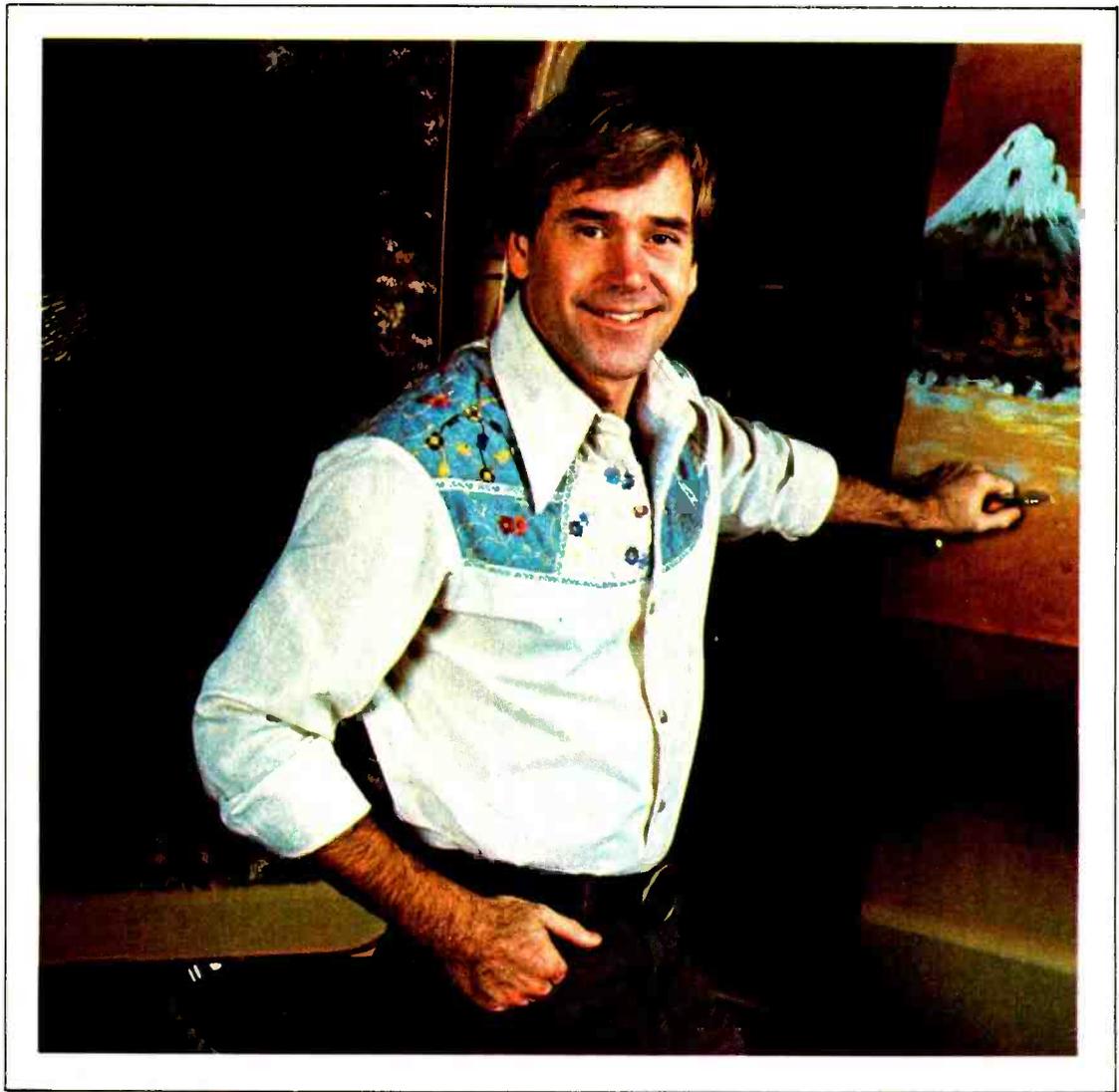
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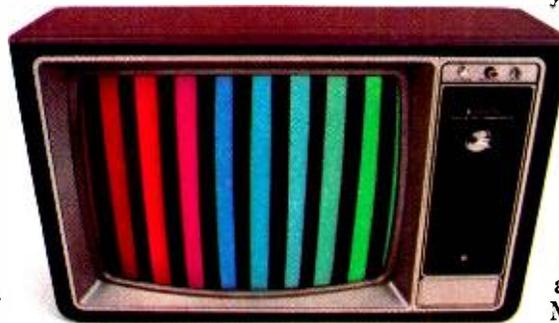


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That these problems can be solved is practically an article of faith among computer buffs. Whether these problems will be resolved, and when, remains to be seen. I hardly dare suggest that it will take more than five years, although it's hard to see how it might happen sooner.

In the meantime, digital processing will cover the Earth in microprocessor chips and a few of our neighbors will become BASIC freaks.

DENNIS E. HAMILTON
System Design Consultant
Penfield, NY

Your editorial certainly hit the mark. I, too, see little use for a home computer. Even as one of the people who helped start the spread of hobby computers, I don't expect to have one at home doing book-keeping, inventory or burglar alarming.

The home computer can be used to teach programming and have fun with, but my wife can keep track of the foods we need better than a computer. Who expects a housewife to "key-in" each item she uses just so she can have a computer-output shopping list? It's easier to keep this information in your head.

Simple controllers can be used to manage energy use, air conditioning, swimming pool heating, etc. Home computers just aren't needed.

This all reminds me of the tunnel diode, which was touted as the answer to many, many electronic problems. It's still the answer, it's just that no one has any questions.

JONATHAN A. TITUS
Tychon, Inc.
Blacksburg, VA

WHERE ARE THE ELECTRONIC DESIGNERS?

In your June 1978 editorial, you speak of design as if hooking up IC's is not design. Where do you draw the line? Any new device is designed (even if you modify your Heathkit). You may be an expert in capacitors but not know how to use them to couple IF stages. You may understand the quantum mechanics of PN junctions but not how to build a good FM tuner. We are all extremely specialized . . . some persons are good at designing corporate organizations, though ignorant of the skills and knowledge of those they organize.

The advent of IC's has lightened the burden for us all, and, yes, it has allowed some of us to design with devices we do not understand fully. How many engineers who use a calculator could design one (or even a slide rule)? The history of technical progress is marked with mechanisms that allow the designer to move to higher levels without worrying about details and trivia.

Yes, making a device smaller and less expensive is not the same as making a novel device. However, remember that the cost and performance of devices has traditionally been more important than their novelty. For instance, who would have bought a TV set in 1950 when the cost was so high? Mass production and production engineering are important fields. Design is where you find it and the injection of human energy with a foundation of education more often than not comprises the creation of things that are new, different, cheaper, etc.

One final word on the state of electronics: There are few colleges or universities which can keep faculty that is knowledgeable about the latest advances in such a fast-moving field as electronics. As you'd expect, the persons who have the latest information are out making a lot of money using that knowledge. Most of the latest data comes to us via the media (such as **Radio-Electronics**). It is an important service that you render and a contribution to technical progress.

DION L. JOHNSON
Santa Cruz, CA

SHOT-PUT EXPERIMENT

Were W. Cochran and **Radio-Electronics** promoting a religious revival in the June 1978 issue (see "Free Energy," Letters, p. 22)? None of the laws I ever alluded to can be found in my Bible.

Also, where did we come by this lossless spring and who needs it? If you place a shot-put on top of a helical car spring and push down on the shot-put until there is 600 lb of tension in the spring, the shot will receive much more kinetic, potential and heat energy when released than any heat loss in the spring. Caution: Do not attempt this experiment indoors unless you have a very high ceiling.

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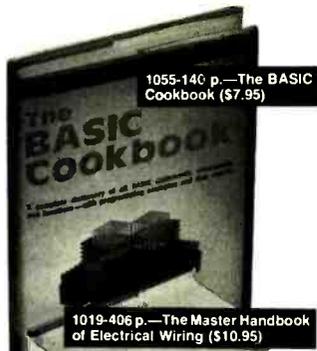
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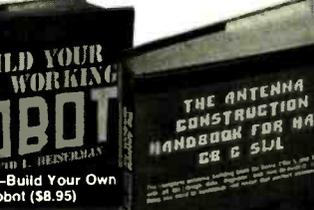
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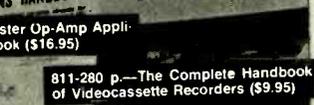
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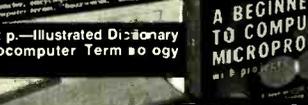
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		50 MHz - 250 MHz	15 mV rms, 50 MHz - 175 MHz 30 mV rms, 175 MHz - 250 MHz	
1912A	A	5 Hz - 125 MHz	500 ns - 0.2s (15 Hz - 2 MHz)	15 mV rms, 5 Hz - 100 MHz 25 mV rms, 100 MHz - 125 MHz
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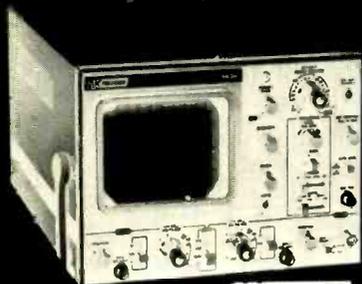
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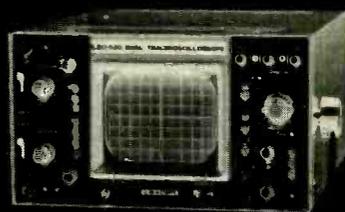
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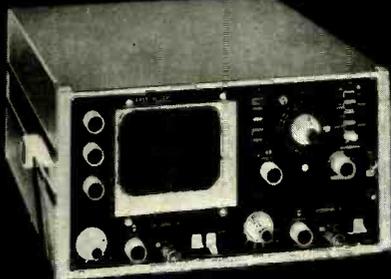
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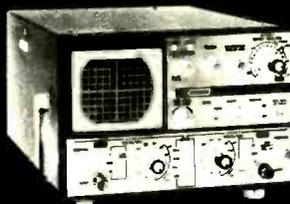
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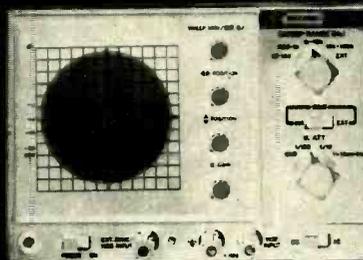
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The panel is plain and simple. The functions are chosen by 4 pushbuttons and ranges by 6 pushbuttons, all along the bottom of the panel. Input jacks are at the right side, out of the way. A separate jack is used for current readings only. I like this approach better; it eliminates the chance of accidentally connecting the meter across a voltage with the switch on mA!

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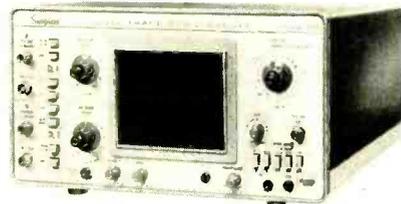
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Simpson Model 452 Dual-Trace Oscilloscope



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THE SIMPSON ELECTRIC COMPANY, 853 DUNDEE Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120, has been making high-quality test instruments for a long time. Their latest introduction, the *model 452* dual-trace triggered-sweep oscilloscope, is an all-solid-state unit with many applications: lab work, production-line testing, design, or any kind of consumer electronics work. It is especially useful for color TV applications of any kind.

The *model 452* has all the regular features. Its two channels are identical: DC to 15 MHz and AC from 2 Hz to 15 MHz. The high-impedance inputs are 1.0 megohm shunted by 25 Pf, and handle a maximum input of 500 volts DC plus AC peak.

Calibrated vertical step attenuators give a deflection sensitivity from 5 mV-per-centimeter (.005 volt) up to 10 volts-per-centimeter with a direct probe. The attenuator switch uses the 1-2-5 sequence. A continuously variable control allows fine adjustment if needed; simply turn the control fully clockwise for calibration. The inputs can be switched to AC or DC. A total of 11 positions are used for the volts-per-centimeter selector switch.

Channel selection and other functions are handled by well-spaced push-push controls that lock in on the first push and release on the second. All pushbuttons are very plainly marked so that you know where you are all the time. Channel A or Channel B can each be used by itself if you want a single trace. Just press the Channel A button, leaving Channel B off; or move the Channel B trace up off the screen using the vertical position control. For a dual trace, the sweep is automatically chopped, at a rate of 200 kHz, for sweeps from 1 ms-per-centimeter and slower. For all higher speeds, the two traces are scanned alternately. There is no perceptible flicker in either one.

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B waveform. This control performs all kinds of tricks. For instance, when you make the standard input-output tests on any amplifier stage, the output waveform is inverted. You can press the Channel B INVERT pushbutton, adjust the traces to the same amplitude, and then superimpose one trace on the other. This will display instantly any significant differences, phase shifts and distortion.

By pressing the Channel B INVERT and ADD pushbuttons, you can subtract Channel A from Channel B. This test is used for comparing differential voltages between two points in a circuit, etc.

The model 452 dual-trace scope is indispensable for testing digital circuitry. Since we're going to be dragged kicking and screaming into digital work (at least I am!) we might as well have the right tools for it. Timing relationships are vital; pulses must arrive at the right place at exactly the right time (and *exactly* means just that!).

The model 452 manual shows a good typical example using a set of waveforms produced by the Simpson model 7016 frequency counter to show the exact timing. In only one case, the reset pulse, using its negative edge, triggers a control flip-flop. By hooking the scope up to observe the reset pulse on one channel and the flip-flop output on the other, this can be checked with the greatest of ease! This applies to any other type of digital circuitry.

The model 452 manual gives a very complete description of how to take phase readings

on any kind of signal—sinewave, pulse, square-wave, etc. After a simple calibration, the phase angle is very easy to read. After setup, just push the X5 magnification switch and the display expands (the sweep speed goes up). If the original resolution was, say, 40°-per-division, pressing this switch brings it to only 8°-per-division, which can easily be read to a close tolerance. You can also make Lissajous figures, which are shown in the manual.

In hi-fi audio applications, you can use the scope to read the phasing of the inverse feedback. If the phase is off far enough, it can cause the feedback to become regenerative instead of degenerative, and force the amplifier into violent oscillation. In color TV, you can easily check to make sure that the gating pulse and color burst are in precisely the correct phase (timing) relation. If the pulse arrives too soon or too late, the burst finds the gate slammed in its face!

Five trigger selector switches are on the right-hand side of the panel below the trigger-level control. These switches let you select Channel A, Channel B or external trigger signals using either positive or negative going slopes; and also switch to normal or auto (to display a trace on the screen without triggering if you need it). The last switch changes the Channel B input so that it becomes the horizontal amplifier. This feature is used in sweep alignment, vectorscope display, Lissajous figures, etc. The Channel B gain controls adjust the trace horizontally.

Vertical interval test signals (VITS) are very handy for quick IF/RF response and alignment tests. However, since the patterns are broadcast on only two lines of the vertical blanking

interval, they are not very easy to pick out and lock on to. (I know, I've tried it!)

The model 452 TIME/CM selector switch has three extra positions: TVV, TVH and VITS. The instruction manual shows a simple method for picking the VITS signal out of the video, locking onto it, then displaying it. Again, just press the X5 magnification switch, and the display opens up so that the VITS signal is easy to observe. All you do is *look* at the multiburst part of the VITS signal, which consists of several short bursts of video at a gradually increasing frequency.

If the IR/RF stages are working properly, these burst frequencies will all be amplified equally, and the top of the multiburst will be flat. If it slopes in either direction (becomes wedge-shaped) this indicates there is either a loss of high-frequency or low-frequency response somewhere ahead of the video detector. If a good flat top is displayed, just dig into the video stages to locate the source of your trouble.

The test probes used with the model 452 are 10:1 divider types; they use the popular miniature spring-loaded hook design. Special tips can be pushed on for testing IC's and several other types of components.

The DC power supply is regulated to within an inch of its life. I counted *seven* separate voltage regulators, and I may have missed one or two. The patterns are therefore very stable and the calibration remains accurate during variations of the AC line voltage.

The model 452 is a lot of instrument, and its price (\$635) is well within the ballpark for an instrument of its capabilities and construction. *continued on next page*

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SPECIFICATIONS

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THE TANDY CORPORATION (1400 ONE TANDY Center, Fort Worth, TX 76102) appears to have become a serious competitor in the field of small computer systems. The Radio Shack model TRS-80 (based on the popular Z-80 microprocessor) is rapidly becoming a standard item in homes and offices. Educators are also finding it both affordable and practical for instructing students in basic computer programming.

The model TRS-80 is available either with Level 1 BASIC with 4K RAM (\$599.95), or with Level 2 BASIC and 16K RAM (\$789). Included are such accessories as a 12-inch video monitor, cassette recorder and an easy-to-follow user's manual. A game tape (*Blackjack* and *Backgammon*) is also included.

The operator's manual itself is impressive—the style is witty, comprehensive, informative, and an excellent introduction to the world of computer programming.

Although the complete three-piece model TRS-80 package is recommended as a system, the keyboard terminal alone is available for \$400. Its video output can be fed to any video monitor (even a simply converted TV set), and data can be transferred into a good-quality portable cassette recorder. The video display provides 16 lines of 64 characters each.

The modular construction of the model TRS-80 system allows for future expansion as peripheral equipment becomes available. The keyboard terminal circuit board is designed to accommodate 16K RAM and Level 2 BASIC to handle more involved computer requirements, such as advanced string manipulation and peripheral control.

In the home, the Level 1 BASIC system would be ideal for recipes, bookkeeping, filing and even games (many already available from other sources). For educators, the system's applications could include keeping records of grades, familiarizing students with how a computer operates and for visual instruction.

Small business applications for the model

TRS-80 include record- and inventory-keeping.

With Level 2 BASIC, data exchange with the cassette is faster, and the system provides for more flexible software for alphanumeric data handling and improved graphics. Level 2 BASIC is required for such peripheral equipment as a printer or floppy-disc recorder.

Using the TRS-80

As uncrated from the box, the model TRS-80 Level 1 system is ready-to-go in minutes. The three units (keyboard, video monitor and cassette player) are interconnected with cables (provided), and initial starting and testing instructions are simple to follow.

By following the instructions, it soon became apparent that the sample system was in excellent working order. The keyboard is especially responsive and comfortable.

The 16-line, 64-character-per-line video display is bright and sharply defined. The 12-inch video monitor makes the characters quite readable even at a considerable distance, an advantage for classroom instruction.

After an extended period of familiarization, we developed an involved program to test the computer: It performed flawlessly. Occasionally, in the interval between commanding the computer to transfer data to the cassette and commanding the cassette to return the data to memory, a small glitch developed—the information did not always return. This usually caused no particular problem, however, since a blinking video signal constantly alerts you as to the status of the data transfer. If the blinking stops, this means a bit error has occurred and the transfer must be repeated.

If the error occurs during a data transfer from the terminal to the tape, you will not realize it until you attempt to reload the cassette data back into memory; this process will also erase the program presently in the memory. Thus, it is advisable to record the data on two or three tapes first before reloading the computer memory to check the tape. This routine precautionary step will prevent much anguish later if for any reason (including power-line spikes, incorrect cassette volume-control playback settings, loose connections, or operator error) the data did not transfer.

All things considered, the Level 1 model TRS-80 appears to be an excellent computer system; and, as system needs grow, the model TRS-80 can grow with them. **R-E**

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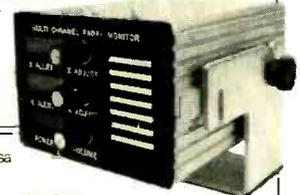
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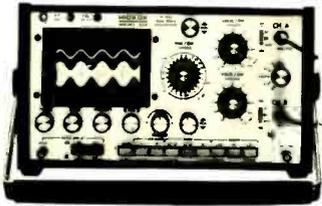
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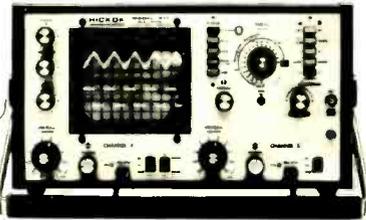
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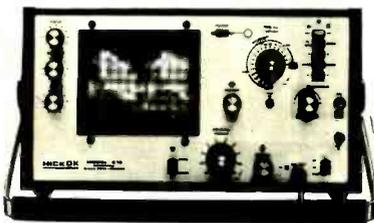
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At first glance, the BC-250 looks nearly identical to the popular *model BC-210*, but a closer look at the keyboard reveals the differences.

A custom-designed microprocessor IC greatly expands the flexibility of this scanner: It has 50-channel scanning capability; it counts the number of times any (or all) of the 50 channels have been heard in use while scanning; and it can search through any of its frequency ranges for unknown frequencies (up to 64) and store them for later display during recall.

The nonvolatile memory retains its frequency and instruction programming even if the unit is unplugged while it is operating, or if a power failure occurs; there is no battery to replace every few months.

The 50 channels are programmed into the scanner by a keyboard and stored in five banks of 10 channels each. The banks can be individually or collectively selected in or out of the scanning sequence. Thus, the frequency blocks of such agencies as fire and police departments, ambulances, etc., can be selected in and out of scanning at will.

The squelch control can be adjusted manually or rotated to an automatic position at which it is activated only when a received signal exceeds a preset level above the background noise. Plus any one of the 50 channels can be manually selected at random without having to step in sequence through the scanning order.

A delay feature places a two-second hold on any channels after a signal is received before scanning or searching is resumed. This feature allows you to hear a reply to an intercepted transmission from a simplex operation. The delay feature is not necessary for monitoring repeaters, since they have their own built-in delay for incoming signals.

Both scanning speed and search speed can be slowed down or speeded up at the touch of a button (a choice of 5 or 15 channels-per-second). The unit has a lockout feature which when activated, prevents unwanted signals from stopping the scan or search sequence.

A priority channel is also provided; no matter what function the monitor is presently executing, the priority channel overrides it and can be heard when it is active. In addition, an automatic 12-hour clock display appears when the receiver is switched off, and can also be read with the receiver on without disabling any receiving function.

The rear apron of the *model BC-250* provides an audio output for an external speaker or recorder, plus a control circuit to activate an external device such as a tape recorder. The quality of the audio sound is voice-tapered . . . crisp and clean.

Specifications

The manufacturer's specifications for the *model BC-250* show a noticeable improvement over those of earlier scanners. Naturally, published specifications are average, and will vary somewhat among individual receivers.

SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency range: 32-50, 146-174, 420-512 MHz
Sensitivity (12-dB SINAD): .6 μ V, low and high band; .9 μ V UHF
Adjacent-channel rejection: better than 50 dB
Audio output: 1.5 watts
Power requirements: 120 VAC or 13.5 VDC
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " W \times 3" H \times 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ " D
Weight: 5 lb

Lab tests

To avoid strong signal overload in metropolitan area monitoring, Electra recommends the use of the small telescoping antenna provided with the *model BC-250*. We couldn't resist using a rooftop monitoring antenna. Distant weak signals came in surprisingly well, and problems with intermodulation and images were less than expected. A major metropolitan area is a beehive of signal activity, and only the better receivers can endure the signal overload presented by an outside antenna! Still, with the internal antenna provided, distant signals were very readable due to the *model BC-250's* improved sensitivity.

The automatic search feature, with search-lockout for unwanted signals, is a pleasure to use. The ability to recall active channels discovered during search, and the automatic capability to count transmissions intercepted on scan are very handy. A modest spectrum study of active channels in an area can be quickly accomplished using the *BC-250*.

Expected delivery for the new scanner was tentatively set for mid-summer, 1978, at a suggested retail price of \$399.95. **R-E**

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IF YOU HAVE EVER USED A SPEAKERPHONE, OR IF YOU HAVE ever talked to somebody who was using a speakerphone, it is immediately apparent because it sounds as if the call is being made from inside a large wine barrel, a quite annoying phenomenon. Also, all except some of the most expensive speakerphones (\$300 and up) tend to drop off a word or a syllable here or there. And, if you happen to have a bad connection with much background noise, your speakerphone may not work at all. For all these reasons, speakerphones are almost exclusively used for group conversations. The much-advertised "hands-free" feature is really more of a nuisance than a valuable asset.

In attempting to design a speakerphone that eliminated, or at least greatly reduced, these shortcomings, the first and most serious problem encountered was the barrel sound that is caused by room acoustics. For example, if you place a tape recorder microphone in the middle of a room and speak into it from a few feet away, the sound bounces off the walls and you get a noticeable echo effect. In a face-to-face conversation, you do not notice this echo at all because your ears are stereophonic and the brain does a marvelous job of signal processing.

When you move a microphone to within about 18 inches from your mouth, the echo starts disappearing. At this distance, or even shorter distances, the direct sound becomes so much stronger than the reflected sound that the echo is no longer a factor.

There is at present no electronic solution to the echo problem. It is possible to process the signal so that the gain is reduced for a period of time after a sound peaks. This method works well for tone bursts, but it makes a conversation less intelligible. In addition, the time it takes for the echo to arrive at the microphone varies with room size. This means that the suppression time would have to be adjusted for each room.

The best solution to this problem is to design the speakerphone so small and light that the person using it would naturally

move it closer. This design choice was influenced by the electronic calculator: When you use a calculator you draw it close to you because it is small and handy.

A calculator-sized speakerphone also solves the problem of the noise interference on the line. If the connection is very bad, you simply pick the speakerphone up and hold it to your ear. The Tridar speakerphone contains a mercury switch that senses the angle at which the phone is being held. When it is tilted more than 45°, the gain is automatically reduced, and the speakerphone becomes a normal telephone.

This latter feature also has another advantage. Suppose you have been holding a hands-free conversation. Somebody walks into your office and you would rather continue the conversation privately. You simply pick up the phone.

Two other features are built into the Tridar speakerphone. One is a volume control to adjust the varying amplitude on the phone line and to make the speakerphone useful for a group conversation as well. The other control is a HOLD pushbutton to shut off the microphone so that the group can speak in private, or allow you to leave temporarily.

The most difficult problem to solve in the circuit design was the delay, which can chop off a part of the speech. Unlike a regular telephone, the microphone and the speaker in the speakerphone cannot be on simultaneously; otherwise the speaker feeds into the microphone, the signal is amplified and a portion of it returns to the speaker, creating the howling sound sometimes heard in public address systems.

The simplest solution here is to sense the microphone level. When the level exceeds a preset threshold, the speaker is turned off. However, since this threshold cannot be set very low (otherwise it would be triggered by room noise, e.g., a typewriter clicking), part of the first syllable is lost. To minimize the effect, typical low-cost speakerphones turn the speaker on with a delay of about 1 second so that the microphone channel is held on continuously for the entire sentence.

*Tridar Corporation.

But such relatively unsophisticated circuitry used in low-cost speakerphones has the disadvantage that comments interjected by the conversation partner can be missed. Especially if the other party in the conversation is long-winded, it becomes impossible to get a word in edgewise!

To avoid this delay a rather complex voice-level sensing scheme was designed. This is the main reason that high-performance speakerphones are rather bulky and heavy. Therefore, to provide this complexity in a small and light package, custom-designed integrated circuits were used. In fact, using custom IC's not only allowed the Tridar phone to be designed in a very small package, it reduced the cost to less than that of a design using components and standard IC's.

There is a great deal of misconception about custom IC's. Most designers feel that a custom IC is only economically feasible for very large quantities because of the enormous tooling cost and that you should design a product with standard, off-the-shelf components first. However, neither of these assumptions is quite true.

Semicustom IC's require little extra expense or added time for the development. And, especially for this speakerphone, a design using off-the-shelf components would have made no sense at all, since the end product would have been of the size of a normal telephone and weighed at least two pounds.

Basic design

Figure 1 shows the block diagram of the Tridar speakerphone. The most important feature that is responsible for the high performance of the speakerphone is the peak detector/comparator circuit. Its design represents a drastic departure from older speakerphone designs.

The most difficult task in designing a speakerphone is to devise a circuit that decides who is talking at any given moment. You cannot simply assume that if there is a signal in the microphone channel, it is the person at the speakerphone end that is talking. What makes this assumption wrong is the fact that the speakerphone's speaker also talks into the microphone.

At the other end—the telephone line—the distinction between the voices of the two parties is also unclear. On the telephone line itself the two signals are completely mixed and, supposedly, of equal amplitude so you cannot distinguish between the two. The connection to the phone line is usually made through a hybrid transformer, in which the two directions

can be separated somewhat. In the Tridar speakerphone, the hybrid circuit is an active circuit to reduce space and weight.

The separation of the two signals in even the best hybrid circuits is only about 10 dB, the reason being the telephone line impedance. If the impedance were 600 ohms, as specified, the hybrid circuit could be matched to the line and a separation of at least 30 dB would be possible. In reality, both impedance and phase vary wildly between 300 Hz and 3 kHz and depend on the length of the line.

How then can you tell which channel should be open? The information is there but just barely. The signal from the phone line coming from the hybrid circuit is slightly stronger even after the limited separation afforded by the hybrid circuit.

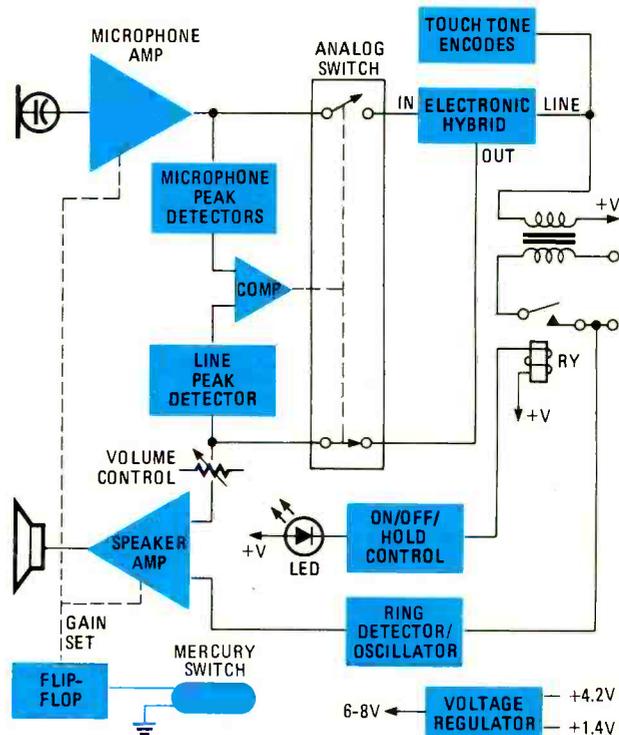


FIG. 1—PEAK DETECTORS AND COMPARATOR determine which party is talking. This represents a drastic departure from earlier designs.

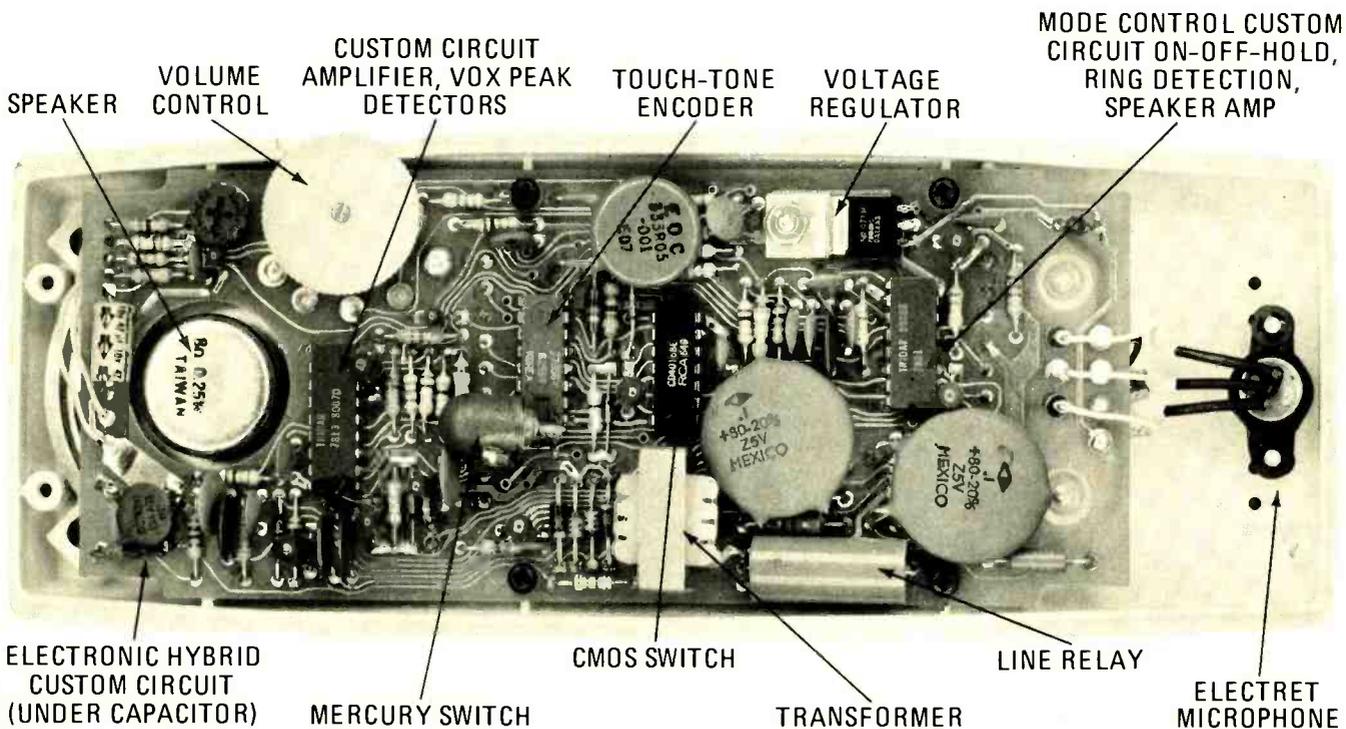


FIG. 2—CUSTOM IC's and careful layout result in a compact circuit.

Speaking directly into the microphone does result in a slightly larger amplitude than the indirect sound produced by the loudspeaker if the microphone is pointed away from the loudspeaker. In the Tridar design, the amplitudes of these two signals are converted into DC voltages in the peak detectors and then compared (see Fig. 1). If the microphone channel is louder, the upper section of the analog switch is closed and the lower one is opened; thus, the microphone sound will go to the line and the speaker channel is cut off.

During each pause in the microphone signal—even between words—the comparison is made again, i.e., the signal from the line is connected. To allow this, the time constant of the microphone peak detector is quite short.

Two factors help here. First, when you are talking, you cannot really hear anything. You shut off the other person's voice in your brain. You may be aware that he or she wants to say something, but you cannot understand it. Second, even segments of the other person's voice in this instance tell you what you need to know, namely that you are about to be interrupted and that you had better stop talking and start listening.

This is precisely what was built into this design. During each pause in the microphone signal, however short, the speaker channel is opened up. Thus, if the other person has been talking, a part of his speech is heard on the speakerphone.

If the user of the speakerphone continues to talk (despite the fact that sound is coming through) another effect takes place. The other person automatically raises his voice. This increases the level of the line peak detector, and the line signal begins to outweigh the microphone signal, thus opening the speaker and shutting off the microphone.

The entire speakerphone contains 465 components, of which 410 are contained in three custom IC's (not counting the touch-tone encoder, which is a standard, off-the-shelf IC). Figure 2 shows a view of the PC board. Here are some highlights of some of the important circuit blocks.

The hybrid circuit

The function of the hybrid circuit is to separate the two signals on the telephone line. In an ordinary telephone, this is accomplished with a rather bulky differential transformer. In the Tridar speakerphone, this function is duplicated in one of the custom IC's.

Figure 3 is the schematic diagram of the hybrid circuit. The

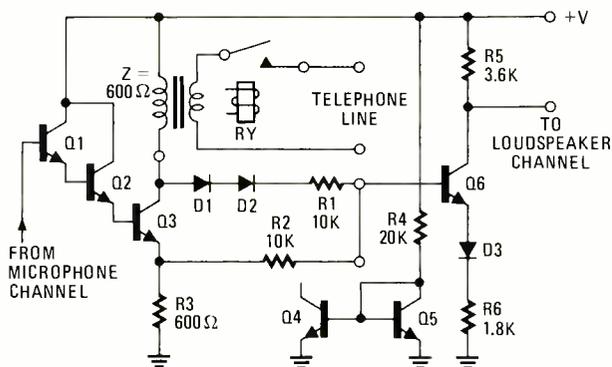


FIG. 3—ELECTRONIC HYBRID CIRCUIT duplicates function of bulky transformer used in ordinary telephone.

telephone line is connected to the phone through a small simple transformer to meet the FCC's 2000-volt isolation specification. The signal is then obtained at the secondary and arrives at the base of Q6 through D1, D2 and R1. Note that the signal cannot go through Q3 because transistor Q2 blocks the signal applied to Q3's base.

A signal coming from the microphone is buffered by Q1, Q2 and Q3. The impedance of the telephone line is nominally 600 ohms, and with a 1:1 ratio in the transformer, the collector load impedance of Q3 is the same as its emitter resistance. Thus, the signal going into the transformer has the same amplitude as the signal at the emitter of Q3, but the opposite phase. These two

signals are summed at the junction of R1 and R2. Since R1 and R2 are equal, the microphone signal cancels exactly at the base of Q6 so that only the line signal appears at this point. This, however, is true only if the line impedance is, in fact, 600 ohms. In reality, the line impedance can vary considerably and the cancellation at the base of Q6 is about 10 dB. This performance is identical to that of a hybrid transformer.

Diodes D1, D2 and D3 are used for DC level-shifting only; their influence on the gain and cancellation is minimal.

Mike amplifier and peak detectors

Figure 4 shows the diagram of the microphone amplifier. The

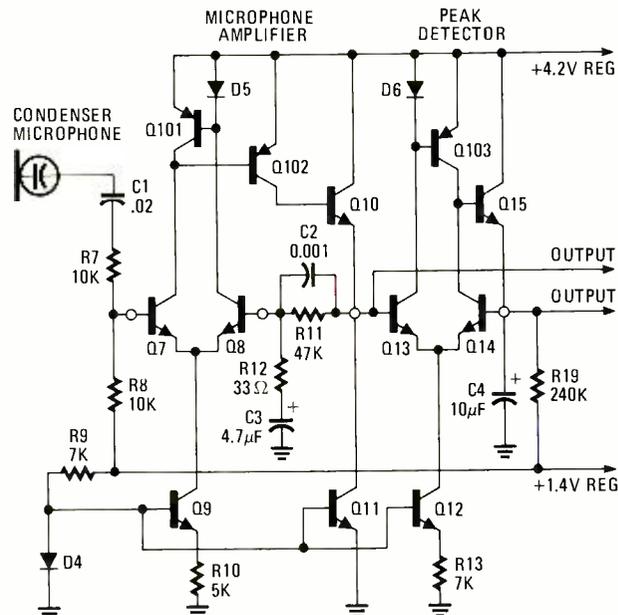


FIG. 4—MICROPHONE AMPLIFIER and peak detector features a differential input stage.

input is biased at 1.4 volts through R8. Transistors Q7 and Q8 form a differential pair with an active load D5/Q101. This active load is a diode-biased current source. The collector current of Q8 flows into D5. The internal base-emitter diode of Q101 is connected across D5. Therefore, as the current through D5 increases, the collector current of Q101 increases by the same amount. At the collectors of Q7 and Q101 there is a push-pull effect: When, with a signal at the input, one collector current increases, the other decreases by the same amount, resulting in a large amount of gain. Note, however, that this configuration can only be used in IC's since it requires a near perfect matching of the components.

The signal is then further amplified in Q102 and buffered by Q10. At this point there is an open-loop gain of several thousand that is then reduced to 140 with feedback resistors R11 and R12.

The operating current of the differential stage and the output is derived from D4. Diode D4 and the base-emitter diode of Q11 are identical in size; therefore, the collector current of Q11 will be similar to that of D4, or 100 μA. The current of Q9 and Q12 is reduced by emitter resistors.

The microphone-amplifier output is fed into both the analog switch (CMOS) and the peak detectors. The configuration of the peak detector is almost identical to the amplifier. However, there is no load current at the emitter of Q15. The positive peaks of the signal charge up capacitor C4 at the output. The only discharge path for C4 is R19. These two elements then set the time constant of the peak detectors.

Loudspeaker amplifier

Approximately 250 mW of audio power is required for a speakerphone, which can easily be integrated on a bipolar IC chip. The loudspeaker amplifier uses two of the four high-current (200-mA) NPN transistors contained in a linear IC.

Figure 5 is the schematic of the speaker amplifier. Coming from the volume control, the telephone line signal is first amplified in a differential pair with an active load. A diode string (D9-D11) and resistor R21 are biased through D8/Q107 at a

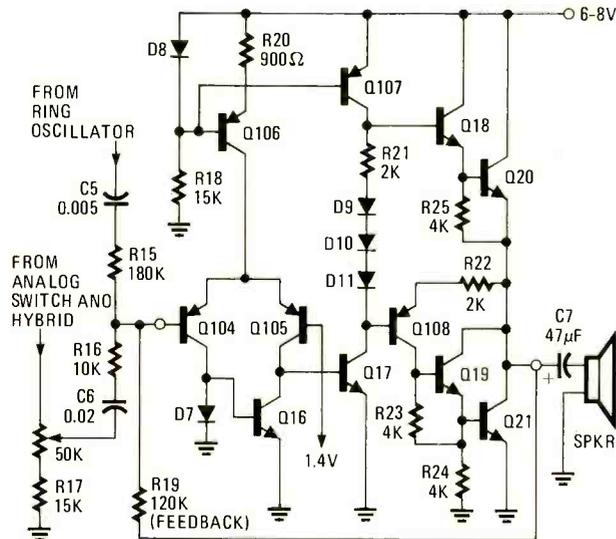


FIG. 5—SPEAKER AMPLIFIER circuit generates 250 mW of power.

current of 500 μ A. These four elements match the internal base-emitter diodes of Q18/Q20 and Q108/R22, so that the idling current of the output stage Q is also 500 μ A. The signal is fed into the diode string through Q17 and is amplified in the output stage. The closed-loop gain is set at approximately 5 by R19 and the input impedance.

Ring detectors and oscillators

The final circuit causes a ringing sound in the loudspeaker

Oscilloscopes gaining worldwide acceptance in computer field

As the mechanical design, layout and circuitry of oscilloscopes have improved so has their worldwide marketability. Hans Toorens, oscilloscope product manager for Philips Test & Measuring Instruments, Inc., believes that the broader range of applications and functions for an oscilloscope in computer servicing, as well as in other areas, has caused the market to expand both in the U.S. and abroad. He also believes oscilloscopes are destined to become the "workhorse" of the computer-service industry.

Purchasers of test equipment such as oscilloscopes have become increasingly sophisticated in their requirements—they use more precise parameters in judging an oscilloscope, looking for electronic measurement capability, cost reliability and its effectiveness both on the bench and in the field.

Connecticut judge dismisses radar-detector case

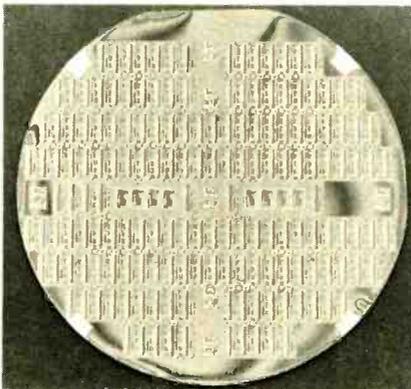
The city of Waterbury, CT, has probably experienced its last arrest for possession of a radar detector. This past June, Judge Norman Buzaid dismissed charges against Dr. Howard Rofsky who had been arrested for possession of a detector. Judge Buzaid termed the 1962 state ruling against radar detectors "ridiculous."

Most Connecticut courts have been reluctant to prosecute such cases, and Dr. Rofsky's case was only one of several lesser-known incidents. However, the Connec-

ticut decision came only days after the Supreme Court of the State of Virginia struck down a portion of that state's anti-radar law, declaring that a presumption of guilt in the statute was unconstitutional. The law will still be on the books, but police will now have a hard time proving the detector in the car was being used illegally. Virginia is the only state in the country to have a law against radar detectors.

The charge-coupled device, an idea come of age

In 1969 Bell Labs scientists Willard S. Boyle and George E. Smith devised the charge-coupled device (CCD), an invention that since then has inspired a great many technical papers but has now finally come of age.



CCD WAFER has a 3-inch diameter and contains 169 CCD devices.

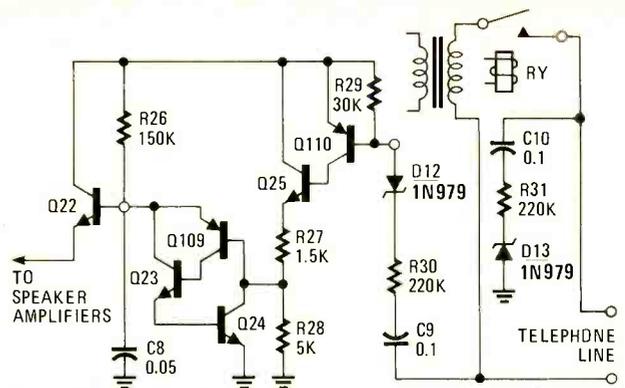


FIG. 6—RING DETECTOR AND OSCILLATOR generates a 1-kHz tone that varies between 60 and 150 volts P-P at a 20-Hz rate.

that eliminates the need for the bell. As shown in Fig. 6, the ring signal is picked up directly at the telephone line through a combination of Zener diodes, capacitors and resistors. In direct contrast to the voice signal, the ring signal has a very large amplitude that varies between 60 and 150 volts peak-to-peak at 20 Hz.

When the negative peak of the ring signal exceeds the Zener diode breakdown, Q110 and Q25 turn on. This powers up the relaxation oscillator made up of Q23/Q24 and Q109 through voltage divider R27/R28. The frequency of the relaxation oscillator is set by R26 and C8 at 1 kHz. The 1-kHz sound signal, which is modulated by 20 Hz, is fed into the speaker amplifier.

One large custom IC contains three of the four circuits discussed plus part of the control circuitry. As a result of using this type of IC, the Tridar speakerphone is smaller than the smallest telephone now offered and weighs less than the handset of a desk telephone. The custom integrated circuit is making its presence felt in consumer electronics. **R-E**

Scientists Boyle and Smith arrived at the idea for the CCD almost accidentally. They were looking for a semiconductor device that could control and handle data similar to magnetic bubble devices. (Bubbles store data in a very small space, making possible high-density data storage.) While at that time bubbles were fairly new devices, the semiconductor was well-known; the resulting invention was the CCD—a result of applying the principles of bubble devices to a semiconductor.

The CCD has three layers—one layer made of metallic electrodes, another of silicon crystal, and an insulating layer of silicon dioxide. Standard MOS processing techniques can be used to manufacture a CCD, which can then be used to perform many electronic functions now performed by larger, more complicated IC's.

Negatively charged electrons in the CCD can be moved about. The information (in the form of electrical charge packets) is stored in small areas or "wells" on the surface. Applying the desired voltage results in data transfer from one well to another. Since the amount of charge in a well can be varied continuously, this makes the CCD an analog device that can be used in analog communications transmissions. When the charge packets are digitized (i.e., the wells are either empty or full), the CCD can be used as a digital memory. If the charge packets are introduced *optically*, instead of electronically, with an image focused on the silicon surface, an imaging device results. It can then be used as an image sensor in an all solid-state television camera. **R-E**

How To Troubleshoot Digital Circuits

Isolating a fault in a digital circuit can be both difficult and time consuming if you don't know how to go about it. Here's an in-depth look at the faults, the right troubleshooting procedures and the test equipment to make it easier.

L. STEVEN CHEAIRS

MOST PROTOTYPE INSTRUMENTS HAVE A few design or fabrication bugs, and any system can malfunction due to a defective component. Unfortunately, these problems do not generally announce themselves in a way that makes them easy to identify. This is because a defect in the system can affect many other components and produce a number of secondary faults. This article will try to present a method that the average hobbyist can use to debug his own prototype or to repair malfunctioning logic circuits.

A list of digital troubleshooting equipment will be included. For each unit, we will try to outline when and where it should be used, noting its limitations. The reader will be led step-by-step through a few typical problems and we'll show various methods of obtaining the data required to pinpoint the fault. Since most of you only come into contact with TTL, CMOS and MOS devices, only these technologies will be covered.

Test equipment

Traditionally, when the individual components of a circuit were accessible, you could perform relatively simple tests to verify proper operation of each component by using a signal generator, voltmeter, ohmmeter, diode tester, transistor tester, tube tester, or an oscilloscope. All this equipment is defined as traditional troubleshooting equipment.

Now that a circuit element must be viewed as a little "black box," where the components are not accessible, a new troubleshooting philosophy must be adopted. Simply the IC must be tested for a complete circuit operation rather than just for a few characteristics such as capacitance, inductance, resistance and turn-on voltages. Note also that now we must observe complex digital signals, rather than simple circuit characteristics, to determine if the IC is functioning correctly. Complicating the situation further, you must consider a large number of inputs and outputs and compare the relationship of incoming signals to outgoing signals. This requires an intricate knowledge of many complex circuits. However,

I am not trying to scare you off but just trying to show why a new variety of test equipment was developed.

Multimeter and oscilloscope

The only two pieces of traditional test equipment that you will find some use for in digital troubleshooting are your *multimeter* and *oscilloscope*. With the multimeter you can check the power-supply voltage of a malfunctioning circuit. An oscilloscope can also find much use, especially if it is a dual-trace unit with triggered sweep. However, the older scopes will be next to useless because both time and frequency measurements cannot be made, and the amplitude, the Y-axis, is not generally calibrated, therefore preventing threshold measurements.

When viewing logic levels, absolute amplitudes are unimportant. A digital signal has three states. Only two of these states are used to convey information; they are logic 1 and logic 0 (the third state is designated as undefined). These states are defined by the threshold levels of the logic family; for TTL (*Transistor-Transistor Logic*) the low threshold is 0.4 volt and the high threshold is 2.4 volts. When the amplitude of the signal is less than 0.4 volt, it is considered to be at a logic 0 level; when it is above 2.4 volts it is at a logic 1 level; and when the amplitude is between 0.4 volt and 2.4 volts, the output is undefined. *Therefore, when you use an oscilloscope, all signals must be checked in order to determine if the data is at a valid logic level!* I have seen technicians spend days troubleshooting a circuit only to discover a problem that had been staring at them all along because they were only looking at waveforms and not logic levels.

Logic clip and probe

Two logic test instruments that almost anyone who works with logic has become familiar with are the *logic clip* and *logic probe*—both overcome the oscilloscope problem. When observing static or low-frequency data, the logic clip and logic probe function quite well; many units have a pulse stretcher and/or memory to

enable short pulses to be observed. The clip is simply piggybacked onto the IC; it will find its own power. If pin-to-pin contact is good, then the LED's will indicate the logic levels (where LED on = logic 1 and LED off = logic 0).

To use the logic probe, connect the two wires that exit from the end opposite the tip to the power supply (the red wire is positive and the black is negative). Some probes only have one indicator light; thus, a lit indicator is a logic 1 and an unlit indicator is a logic 0. Other probes may have two or more indicator lights; for instance, a light for the logic 1 state, another for the logic 0 state, and yet another light connected to a pulse stretch circuit or memory. To use the probe, simply touch a PC card run or the pin of one of the IC's and observe the indicators. The logic probe can detect pulses of short duration that have low repetition rates; these pulses would be difficult for an oscilloscope to detect. The probe should be used in one of two ways: First, you can let the circuit operate at its normal clock rate and monitor only key signal lines. Second, you can slow the system clock down using a low-frequency clock source so the logic changes are slow enough for the probe (or clip) to be useful.

Unfortunately, when you slow the clock down, the circuit will probably react differently—due to propagation delay. Many design problems that occur are due to the delaying of parallel signals; the glitches produced by propagation delays in two or more logic paths; or because of PC track inductance and capacitance (both of these are frequency sensitive).

The solution to these problems was provided by two instruments, the *logic comparator* and the *logic analyzer*. The logic comparator is a small hand-held unit having a cord protruding from one end, a 16-LED display and a cradle for a reference IC. The end of the cord contains an IC clip. The instrument has two modes of operation: First, connecting the IC clip to an IC and observing the LED provides you with a simple logic clip (when no reference IC is used and the mode switch is set to the clip position); second, insert-

ing the known good reference IC and setting the mode switch to the comparator position gives you a tester that will detect operational differences in the two IC's.

Since the reference IC is known to be good, it is assumed that any fault must be due to a bad IC; however, this is not always the case. Problems can occur when say a flip-flop or counter is being tested and the two IC's are not synchronized. The solution here is to use a logic pulser to reset the devices before testing. When testing memories or shift registers, attach the comparator for a long enough period for both IC's to acquire the same data.

The comparator does have some serious problems, however; it will not function properly with IC's that have a TTL input and a non-TTL output. Sometimes it will detect a problem that may not be caused by the test IC but by another IC, a bad clip connection, or a faulty circuit board. The worst problem the comparator has, and it shares this problem with all the other logic tools (with the exception of the current tracer), is that it cannot test any wired-OR/wired-AND connections. Thus, the whole set of open-collector IC's are unstable.

The logic analyzer is probably one of the most useful digital test instruments. Very simply, it monitors one or more signal lines until it observes a preprogrammed qualifier that is user-programmed. After detecting the qualifier, it loads its internal memory at a sample rate that is also user-determined; the rate may be synchronous or asynchronous to the data lines. It is also possible to wait a predetermined number of clock pulses (or amount of time) before or after the qualifier. The data is then displayed on a CRT screen as waveforms or truth tables. The logic analyzer also has difficulties testing wired-OR/wired-AND configurations.

The best solution to the wired-OR/wired-AND problem (as well as shorts and opens in the PC card) is to use a current tracer. This probe can be obtained in two forms. The first resembles a logic probe; one end has power leads and the other has a tip. The tip is not used to make electrical contact as with the logic probe; instead it contains a magnetic sensor used to monitor the field produced by current flow. Also, the probe can only detect low-impedance faults.

To detect a wired-OR/wired-AND fault, simply place the probe near the pull-up resistor and adjust the gain control until the indicator lamp lights up (see Fig. 1). Next, place the probe to each output pin of the open-collector gates—only the defective gate will cause the indicator to light up. Also, when a low-impedance fault exists between two gates, the current tracer and a logic pulser can be used as quick diagnostic tools (the logic pulser should be used on all faults responsible for abnormal current flow if the current

flow does not provide enough stimulation to use the current tracer). If a signal line between IC's is shorted to ground, place the logic pulser on the foil trace midway between the IC's. Next, use the current

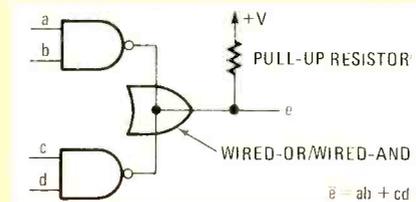


FIG. 1—WIRED-OR/WIRED-AND configuration is formed by connecting the outputs from open-collector gates and connecting a pull-up resistor.

tracer to follow the current to the defective component. A solder bridge may also be detected using the current tracer. Start with the gate that is sourcing the current and follow the current flow until you find the short. Another useful application is when a buffer is driving numerous inputs and one input is shorted to ground. Adjust the current tracer at the output of the buffer and then touch the probe to each input; the one that causes the indicator to light is the defective gate.

Logic pulser

A logic pulser is simply a pulse generator that provides either a single-pulse or a continuous-pulse stream. To use a logic pulser, place the tip of the pulser to the input of the suspected logic element. Next, press the trigger button and the logic element will be forced into its opposite logic state. With most conventional signal generators, either circuit compo-

nents have to be unsoldered and/or the foil trace has to be cut. Most pulsers will provide around 700 mA of current, which is more than sufficient to force the IC to change states. The pulser must generate a very narrow pulse to prevent any IC damage that might be caused by applying too much current. The pulser, as should all other test equipment, should have a high-impedance input to prevent adversely affecting normal circuit operation while using it.

Beyond this collection of equipment all you need is a set of IC test clips and jumper wires. It should also be emphasized that all the equipment described above will be required in any single application. The scope is a general-purpose instrument that can be used in almost any application, whereas the voltmeter may find use only in specific cases—such as checking the power supply. The logic clip should only be used for checking static or low-frequency signals. The logic probe also works best at low-frequency levels, but can be used on higher-frequency circuits if it is used just to monitor key control lines. The IC comparator is useful only for testing a restricted number of the available IC types (because of the need for a reference IC). Both the pulser and current tracer are very valuable troubleshooting tools. The logic analyzer is unquestionably a valuable tool—especially when used with systems that have parallel information, such as synchronous counter strings, address buses, data buses, etc.

IC technologies

To troubleshoot effectively, a knowledge of the individual IC's and the logic

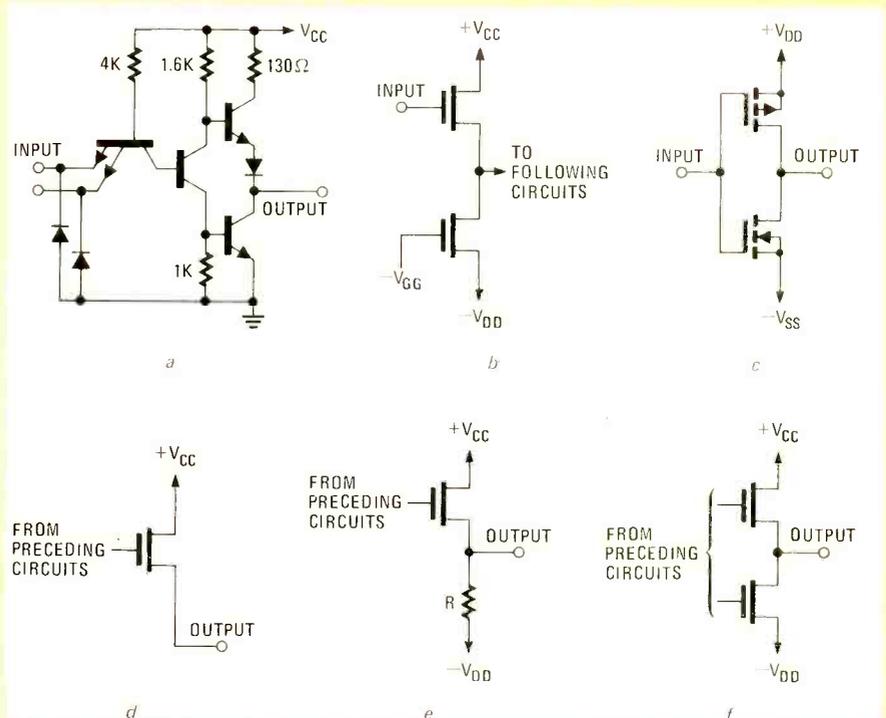


FIG. 2—INPUT AND OUTPUT CIRCUITRY FOR TTL, PMOS, CMOS and MOS logic families. Input circuitry for a 2-input TTL NAND gate is shown in a. Input of PMOS gate is shown in b. Circuit of a CMOS inverter is shown in c. Open-drain MOS output circuit is shown in d. Resistor pull-down MOS output circuit is shown in e. Push-pull MOS output circuit is shown in f.

family associated with them is required. Thus, the troubleshooter must have a library containing the pinouts and functional truth tables for all the common IC's, plus some not so common ones. Also, a firm understanding of the IC's input and output characteristics for the logic family is required. Figure 2 shows the input and output circuitry associated with TTL, CMOS and MOS logic families.

This article will not discuss such design characteristics as propagation delays, set-up times, power supplies, filtering, bypassing, fan-in/fan-out, etc. When discussing specific logic families, only threshold levels and failure modes will be examined. Furthermore, emphasis will be placed upon poor PC layout, with less emphasis on defective components. This is because more than 90% of the problems are a result of design and fabrication failures and less than 10% a result of faulty components. Of course, the exception to this rule is the digital circuit that experiences a logic failure after proving itself in operation for an extended period. In this case, the odds are in favor of a defective component.

I will assume that you have access to IC pinout information and description of all the IC functions. If not, such information is available from many sources. The most common IC's used by hobbyists are of the MOS, CMOS, or TTL technologies. For the MOS types—NMOS and PMOS—you should consult the individual components data sheet for switching-threshold levels. For most MOS/CMOS IC's that are TTL-compatible, the maximum low-level output, V_{OL} , with no noise at the input and assuming only capacitive loading, is given as $V_{OL} = V_{SS} + 0.01$ volts. The minimum high-level output, V_{OH} , for the same conditions, is given as $V_{OH} = V_{DD} - 0.01$ volts. For optimum performance, the high-level input should equal V_{DD} and the low-level should equal V_{SS} . Due to the high DC noise immunity of MOS/CMOS devices, an acceptable logic 1 is $V_{DD} - 0.3(V_{DD})$ and a logic 0 is $V_{SS} + 0.3(V_{DD})$. Therefore, as a worst case, V_H may equal 3.5 volts, and V_L may equal 1.5 volts, using a 5-volt power supply. Also, variations in the power-supply potential, V_{DD} , will directly affect the threshold point.

Transistor-Transistor Logic (TTL or T²L) can be subdivided into five families—regular, low-power, low-power Schottky, Schottky and high-speed. Table 1 shows threshold-level comparisons of each type. In this table, both the absolute and typical levels are shown; when testing use only the absolute levels. Thus, for standard TTL the low-level threshold is 0.4 volt and the high-level threshold is 2.4 volts (the area between 0.4 volt and 2.4 volts is undefined).

The failure modes for these logic families are similar, although some logic families may be more prone to one particular

type of failure. Basically, there are only five kinds of failure: (1) failure of the internal logic; (2) the input/output is shorted to ground; (3) the input/output is shorted to V_{CC} ; (4) the input/output is open; and (5) there is a short between two or more of the IC pins.

The first failure, that of internal logic, results in erratic circuit operation. Therefore, the output of the IC will not be predictable. This failure will block normal signal flow and most assuredly has a catastrophic effect upon circuit operation.

The second and third failure modes, the input/output being shorted to ground or to V_{CC} , do not qualify as catastrophic

will perform normally, but when they are driven into alternate states, the output will go low. Note that since the outputs must dissipate more power under these conditions, at some point a catastrophic failure may occur due to excessive heat buildup.

A troubleshooting example

Whenever you troubleshoot, it is mandatory to narrow the problem down as much as possible by observing the symptoms. By using the controls and displays provided on the front panel of the malfunctioning equipment, isolate the problem to as few circuits as possible. Obtain all the written information available, such

TABLE 1—THRESHOLD LEVELS for TTL logic families. Values are given in volts.

	Logic Level	7400	74L00	74LS00	74S00	74H00
V_L	Typical	0.2	0.2	0.35	0.35	0.2
	Maximum	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
V_H	Typical	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.4
	Minimum	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.4

failures since in many cases normal circuit operation continues with only occasional circuit malfunctions. In most cases, however, some expected system operations will not exist and thus can manifest themselves as catastrophic failures. The actual effect of this type of fault is that an input/output will be held high or low, depending upon the failure, and thus prevent normal circuit operation.

The fourth failure, open input/output, generally will be due to a bad internal wire bond between the IC pin and the silicon wafer. When the problem is due to an open input bond, then no signal will be delivered to the silicon wafer. Thus, the input will float at some undefined level. Note also that there will be no effect upon the signal source driving this input. An open bond on an output will cause the IC inputs being driven by that output to float (high in the case of TTL). For both TTL and DTL, a floating input drifts to about 1.4 volts to 1.5 volts. Therefore, an open bond on an output (for TTL or DTL) forces all corresponding inputs to a logic 1 level (even though this is below the valid logic 1 level).

The final failure, a short between two pins, is one of the harder cases to analyze. When two pins are shorted, two outputs that drive those lines are placed in opposition; i.e., they both will attempt to pull the other high or low. These outputs may be on the bad IC (when two outputs are shorted) or external to the IC (when two inputs are shorted), or there may be only one output on the IC (when an output and input are shorted together). In the case where one output attempts to go high and the other tries to go low, excessive current will be drawn through both outputs. The end result is that the short will pull both outputs to a low state. Therefore, when both outputs are driven low or high simultaneously, the circuit

as service manuals, operator's manuals and schematics. *Look and think before touching!* Remember you have enough problems now, do not create any more by hasty actions. A well-written service manual can provide information about key signals that may aid in isolating the failure to a single circuit.

When troubleshooting a complex system, such as a computer that contains hundreds of IC's, the first step is to isolate the malfunction to as few IC's as possible. Most of your time will be spent searching for the problem, not fixing it. Next, by using key signals and the proper test equipment, zero in on the faulty IC.

Let's look at a typical circuit containing a few problems. To enhance your skills for both general-purpose repair work and prototype testing, two separate troubleshooting paths will be followed: The first is to assume that the circuit has only one failure at a time and it will be due to a faulty component (this is basically what we see when a proven circuit fails); second, in order to simulate design, layout and fabrication problems, several concurrent problems are shown to exist.

The circuit is shown in Fig. 3 This circuit is one-half of the logic used in building a limited graphic terminal that uses subjective color. Subjective color, unlike standard color, can be displayed on a black-and-white monitor screen—if you stay within its limitations. The circuit board contains the video-output amplifier, sync generation circuits, composite blanking circuit, character generator, subjective color circuits, and the computer I/O circuits.

The schematic (see Fig. 3) shows six circuit failures. The first is an open circuit at the output of the video multiplexer. The symptom observed on the monitor is: No picture, with a white raster being displayed. This immediately

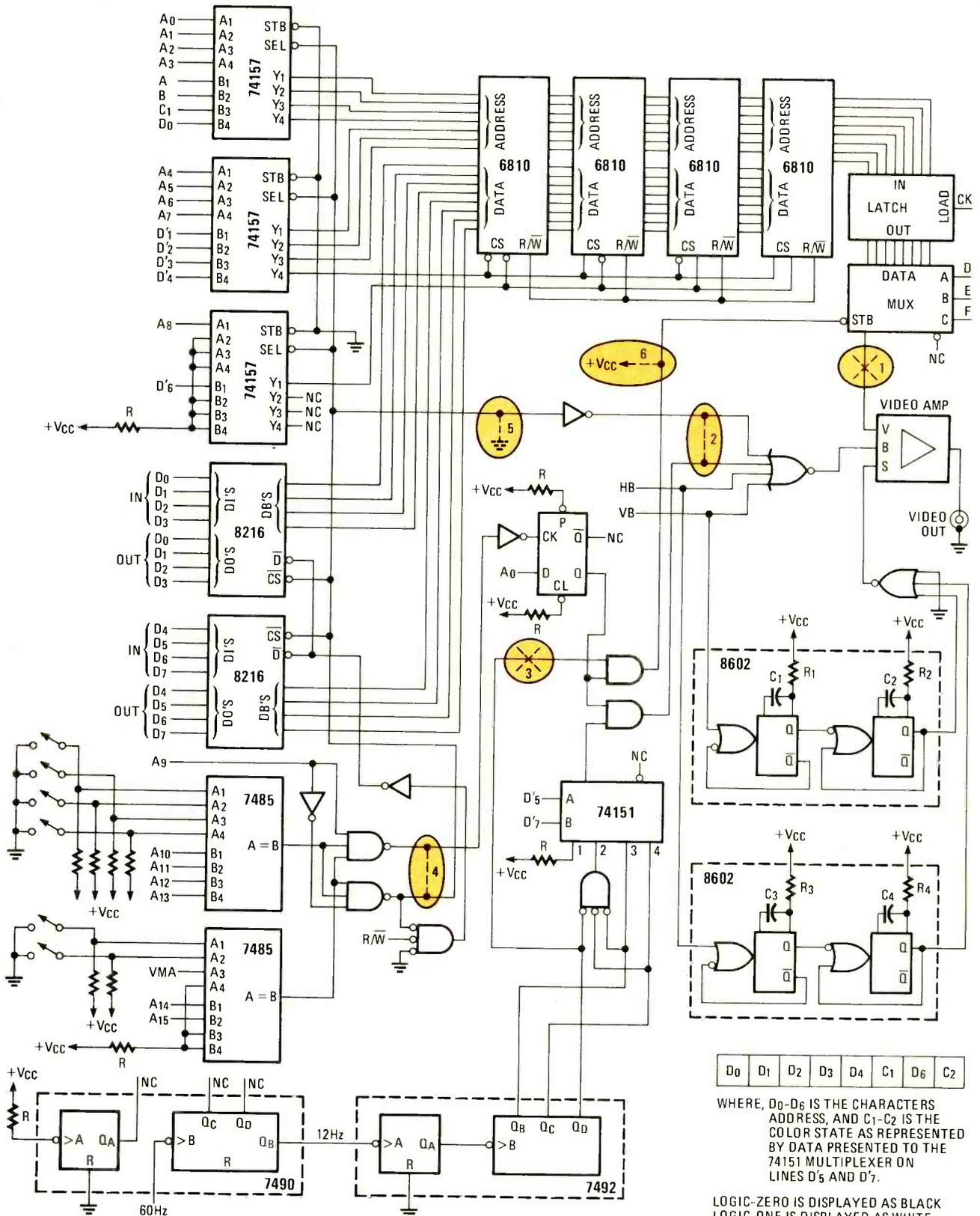


FIG. 3—LOGIC CIRCUIT showing six possible malfunctions.

suggests you should check the signal path between the video amplifier and the multiplexer, because both blanking and sync seem to be working. Since this is a high-frequency signal with only one line, use the oscilloscope. If there is no signal on that line, check the strobe input using a logic probe (this input should be a logic 0 or be checked at a low frequency). Since

this input checks OK, next use the logic analyzer or oscilloscope to verify that the 8-bit data lines and 3-bit control lines are active—they should be. After verifying these inputs, the only possible problem could be an open bond inside the multiplexer on the output.

The second fault is between two input pins of the composite summing circuit;

this fault causes the color-blanking and computer-access blanking outputs to be tied together. The symptoms of this failure are (1) the color cannot be observed, and (2) erratic images are displayed during computer access. During normal non-color operation when the computer is not loading a new character pattern into the

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BOOLEAN ALGEBRA RULES

▲ symbol indicates a logic variable. This can be either a logic 0 or a logic 1 level.

1	$0 + \Delta = \Delta$
2	$1 + \Delta = 1$
3	$\Delta + \Delta = \Delta$
4	$0 + \bar{\Delta} = \bar{\Delta}$
5	$0 \cdot \Delta = 0$
6	$1 \cdot \Delta = \Delta$
7	$\Delta \cdot \Delta = \Delta$
8	$\Delta \cdot \bar{\Delta} = 0$
9	$\overline{(\bar{\Delta})} = \Delta$
10	$\Delta + Y = Y + \Delta$
11	$\Delta \cdot Y = Y \cdot \Delta$
12	$\Delta + (Y + Z) = (\Delta + Y) + Z$
13	$\Delta (YZ) = (\Delta Y) Z$
14	$\Delta (Y + Z) = \Delta Y + \Delta Z$
15	$\Delta + \Delta Z = \Delta$
16	$\Delta (\Delta + Y) = \Delta$
17	$(\Delta + Y) (\Delta + Z) = \Delta + YZ$
18	$\Delta + \bar{\Delta} Y = \Delta + Y$

BOOLEAN SIMPLIFICATION

Simplify $P + X + \bar{X}$. Using Rule 4 from above table, $P + X + \bar{X}$ reduced to $P + 1$. Using Rule 2 reduced $P + 1$ to 1. Therefore, $P + \bar{X} + X$ is always equal to a logic 1.

Simplify $PQ\bar{Q}L$. By Rule 8 of above table, $Q \cdot \bar{Q} = 0$. Therefore, $PQ\bar{Q}L = P \cdot 0 \cdot L$. By Rule 5, $P \cdot 0 \cdot L = 0$. Therefore, $PQ\bar{Q}L = 0$.

Simplify: $\bar{M} + C\bar{S} + F$. Use Rule 8: $C\bar{S}$; $\bar{C}\bar{C} = 0$. Use Rule 5: $0 \cdot S = 0$. Expression becomes $\bar{M} + 0 + F$, which reduces to $\bar{M} + F$. Note we should not apply Rule 4 of boolean table $\bar{M} + F$ because variables are not identical. The answer is $\bar{M} + F$ or an OR gate with inputs \bar{M} and F .

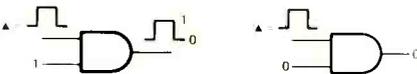
LAW OF PRODUCTS

The law of *Products* is also called the law of *Intersection*. This law explains the behavior of an AND gate. It follows Rules 5 and 6 from the above table.

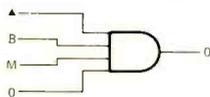


According to Rule 6 ($1 \cdot \Delta = \Delta$), if we apply a logic 1 and the variable Δ to the input of an AND gate, the output will be equal to the variable Δ . According to Rule 5 ($0 \cdot \Delta = 0$), if we set the variable Δ equal to a binary 1, the output of an AND gate is still 0.

For a pulsed input:

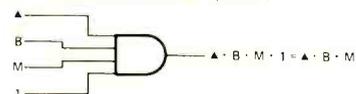


Consequently for a four input AND gate, applying Rule 5 of the boolean algebra table:



$\Delta \cdot B \cdot M \cdot 0 = 0$. It is obvious that in the preceding AND gate expression if any of the variables is a logic 1 level, but either of the inputs is zero, the output will be 0.

If the input 0 becomes 1, then:

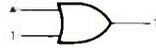


THE LAW OF UNIONS

This law pertains to the OR gate and is related to Rule 1 and 2 of the boolean table.



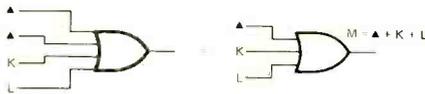
According to Rule 1 ($0 + \Delta = \Delta$), if one of the inputs of an OR gate is 0 and we apply the variable Δ to the other input, the output will be the variable Δ . According to Rule 2 ($1 + \Delta = 1$),



if we apply a 1 and the variable Δ to the inputs of an OR gate, the output will be 1.

LAW OF TAUTOLOGY

The known *Law of Tautology* applies to Rules 3 and 7 of the boolean table. Rules 3 and 7 apply to AND gates and OR gates. Using this law, simplification of long algebraic expressions becomes simple. The rules merely state that equal variables in an equation should be omitted. Example: Simplify the equation ($M = \Delta + \Delta + K + L$). It is obvious that the variable Δ repeats twice. By Rule 3, the equation simplifies to $M = \Delta + K + L$.



THE LAW OF COMPLEMENTS

If a logic signal and the complement of this logic signal is applied to a logic gate the resulting output is 1 or 0 depending on the logic gate being used. The law of the complement is stated in Rules 4 and 8 of the boolean table. Let's apply this rule to an OR gate.



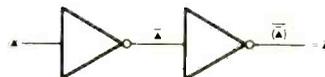
According to Rule 4 ($\Delta + \bar{\Delta} = 1$), if one of the inputs of the OR gate is logic 1 ($\Delta = \bar{\Delta}$) and the other input is 0 ($0 = \bar{\Delta}$) the output will be 1. Example: Pulsed



According to Rule 8 ($\Delta + \Delta = \Delta$), if one input to an AND gate is variable Δ and the other input is 0, the output of the gate will be 0.

THE LAW OF DOUBLE NEGATION

The Law of Double Negation is expressed by Rule 9 of the boolean algebra table. This law states that feeding the negation of a variable through an inverter produces the original variable.



Complementing a signal an even number of times produces the original signal.

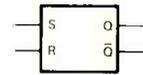
FLIP-FLOPS

A digital logic circuit able to memorize by storing logic levels. A flip-flop has two stable

states: It will remain in either set or reset state until its state is changed by external signals. The data stored in a flip-flop can be quickly checked by using an oscilloscope or meter to detect the state of its output. There are three basic types of flip-flops.

- 1 The RS
- 2 The D type
- 3 The JK

The logic symbol for an RS flip-flop is

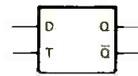


The inputs are S and R. The outputs are Q and \bar{Q} . Application of a logic 1 level on the S input will make the Q output go to a logic 1 level and the \bar{Q} output go to a logic 0 level. If the logic 1 level is applied to the R input, the output levels are reversed. The unused input must be held at a logic 0 level.

INPUTS		OUTPUTS	
R	S	Q	\bar{Q}
High	Low	Low	High
Low	High	High	Low
Low	Low	Unchanged	
High	High	Not Permitted	

When the S input is 1 and the R is 0 the flip-flop is reset. When the S is 0 and R is 1, it is set. All the other input combinations produce ambiguous or race states.

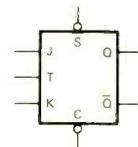
The D-type flip-flop logic symbol.



The D-type flip-flop generally behaves like the RS flip-flop but the main difference is that a low-to-high transition must be applied to the T input for the D flip-flop to toggle and store information.

INPUT		OUTPUT	
D	T	Q	\bar{Q}
Low	Low	Previous state	
Low	High	Low	High
High	Low	Previous state	
High	High	High	Low

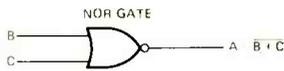
The JK flip-flop symbol



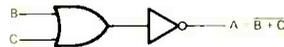
The S and C inputs presets the JK flip-flop to a desired state before another operation is begun. The S and C inputs are referred to as asynchronous inputs because they don't require a transition on the T input. The J and K inputs only affect the Q and \bar{Q} outputs when a transition occurs on the T or clock input. If the J input is 1 and the K input is 1, the flip-flop will reset from the previous state in the presence of a low-to-high transition on the T input. To set the JK flip-flop, apply a 1 to the J input and a 0 to the K input, then apply a low-to-high transition (clock pulse) to the T input. This operation is referred as synchronous with the clock operation.

THE NOR GATE

A logic circuit with two or more input capable of resolving the equation $A = \overline{B + C}$. The NOR gate is a combination of an OR logic gate followed by an inverter.



The NOR gate could be constructed using an OR gate followed by an inverter.

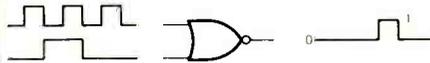


The operation of a NOR gate is represented in the following truth table.

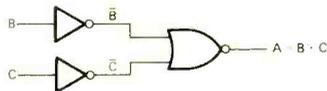
Input		Output
B	C	$A = \overline{B + C}$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

Notice that the NOR table is the exact opposite or complement of the OR truth table. Summary: The 2 input NOR gate produces an output when both of the inputs are logic 0 level. If either of the inputs is 1, the output is always a logic 0 level.

Pulse Behavior



A NOR gate using inverters in the input will act as an AND gate.



Truth Table for inverted input NOR gate shown above.

B	C	\overline{B}	\overline{C}	A
1	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	1

DUALITY OF LOGIC GATES

Gates can provide different functions depending on the assumed reference logic level applied to the input. There are two widely used types of combinational logic levels used in present logic circuits. These are known as *positive logic* and *negative logic*.

POSITIVE LOGIC LEVELS

Input	Output
Logic 1 = +5 volts	+5 volts
Logic 0 = 0 volts to +0.2 volts	0 volts to +0.2 volts

The logic 0 is relatively close to the 0 or ground reference level but in practical gate design the 0 reference is usually a few tenths of a volt above ground level.

NEGATIVE LOGIC LEVELS

Input	Output
Logic 1 = 0 volts to +0.2 volts	0 volts to +0.2 volts
Logic 0 = +5 volts	+5 volts

Truth Table for Positive Logic 2-input AND gate

Voltage Table

Input		Output
B	C	A
0V	0V	0V
0V	+5V	0V
+5V	0V	0V
+5V	+5V	+5V

Truth Table

Input		Output
B	C	A
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Compare above Truth Table with Truth Table below for a negative logic 2-input AND gate.

Negative Logic AND gate.

Voltage Table

Input		Output
B	C	A
0V	0V	0V
+5V	0V	0V
0V	+5V	0V
+5V	+5V	+5V

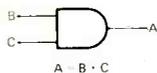
Truth Table

Input		Output
B	C	A
1	1	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
0	0	0

Notice that the Truth Table for the negative logic AND gate is exactly opposite to the Truth Table for the positive logic AND gate. The negative logic AND gate acts as a positive logic OR gate.

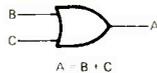
Consequently an AND gate can provide the OR function and an OR gate can provide the AND function by selecting positive or negative logic level assignments.

Positive logic AND gate



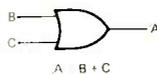
$$A = B \cdot C$$

Negative logic equivalent of AND gate.



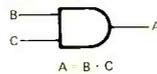
$$A = B + C$$

Positive logic OR gate



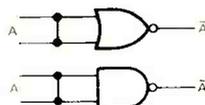
$$A = B + C$$

Negative logic equivalent of OR gate.

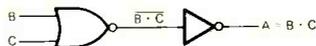


$$A = B \cdot C$$

Flexibility in implementation of the basic gate functions. NOR gates and NAND gates can be used to implement any of three basic logic functions. Example: By connecting all the inputs of a NOR or NAND gate together we can implement an inverter.



By connecting an inverter in the output of a NOR gate, we can implement an OR gate. (Same applies for a NAND gate.)



BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

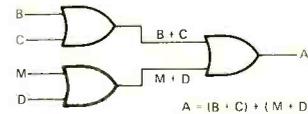
Is the mathematical method of analyzing logic circuits. Boolean equations describe the operation and provides the mathematical tool for the manipulation of logic circuits. For example, draw the logic circuit that solves the boolean equation $A = (B+C) + (M+D)$: The expression indicates that there are two OR gates being OR'ed by another single OR gate: Analysis: Draw the symbol for the first member of the equation. $(B+C)$:



Then draw the symbol for the second member of the equation $(M+D)$.



Use a single OR gate to combine the two OR gate outputs as required by the indicated + symbol.

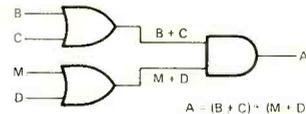


Draw symbol for the second term of the equation $(M+D)$.

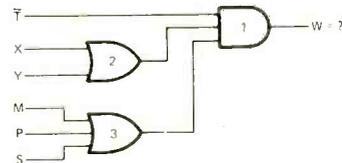
Draw the logic circuit to solve the boolean equation $A = (B+C) \cdot (M+D)$.

The first term $(B+C)$ of the equation indicates an OR gate with inputs B and C.

Combine the two OR gate outputs using a single AND gate as required by the multiplication.

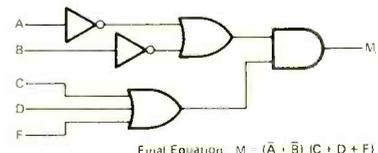


Write the boolean algebraic expression from the given logic circuit.



First write the expression describing the output of gate 2. This is an OR gate, therefore, the expression is $X+Y$. Secondly write the output equation for gate 3. This is another OR gate, so the expression is $M + P + S$. Notice that the algebraic expressions are being AND'ed by gate 1. Consequently the output expression so far is $(X+Y) \cdot (M+P+S)$. Input T could have been included anywhere in the equation because it is being AND'ed by gate 1 with the other two equations. The complete output equation is: $W = (X + Y) (M + P + S) \overline{T}$.

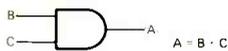
Write the boolean equation for the logic diagram.



Final Equation $M = (\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}) (C + D + F)$

AND GATE

Logic circuits with two or more inputs and a single output capable of resolving an output with combinations of input variables. The two-input AND gate resolves the equation $A = BC$. The output (A) is expressed in terms of the two variables (B) and (C). The expression $A = BC$ does not imply multiplication but rather (A) is the result of quantity (B) AND quantity (C) presented at the input. AND gate symbol



The operation of the AND gate is better represented by the use of a Truth Table that indicates the output for the various input combinations.

Truth Table for 2-input AND gate:

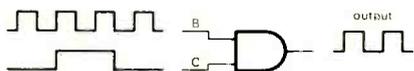
IN		OUT
B	C	A
0	0	0
1	0	0
0	1	0
1	1	1

The AND gate performs binary multiplication.

MULTIPLICATION TABLE	
0	0 = 0
1	0 = 0
0	1 = 0
1	1 = 1

The total number of possible input combinations for a gate with an even number of inputs is given as (inputs)² = outputs. For a two input AND gate; 2² = 4. The truth table then contains 4 possible input combinations. Summary: A two-input AND gate gives an output only when both inputs are logic 1.

For a pulse input:



Notice that the AND gate produces 2 output pulses out of 4 input pulses arriving at the B input because the duration of pulse C is exactly twice the total duration of input pulses B.

Algebraic equations. Example: For $A = W \cdot TX \cdot MPS$. Using AND gate



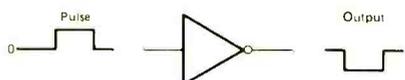
THE INVERTER

A digital gate that inverts the input signal. It is also known as a complementary gate because the output is inverted in relation to the input. The inverted output is written with a bar over the inverted variable.



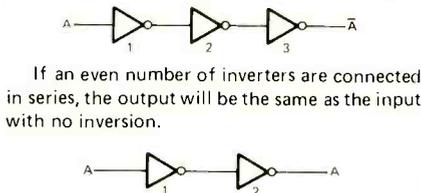
The inverter has only one input connection and one output connection.

For a pulse input:



CASCADED INVERTERS

If an odd number of inverters are connected in series, the output will always be the negation of complement or the input variable.



THE OR GATE

Logic circuit with two or more inputs that provides an output when any input is a logic (1). The two input OR gate resolves the equation $A = B + C$. The output is expressed in terms of either variable B or C acting on the input. The expression $A = B + C$ does not imply addition but rather A is the result of either B or C acting on the input.



The operation of the OR gate is better represented by the use of a Truth Table that indicates the output when the inputs are modified by (1) or (0):

2 INPUT OR GATE

INPUT		OUTPUT
B	C	A
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Below is a 3-input OR gate Truth Table.

INPUT			OUTPUT
A	B	C	D
0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1

The number of inputs determines the number of combinations in the same manner as for the AND gate: input = combinations - 1. Example: 3² - 1 = 8.

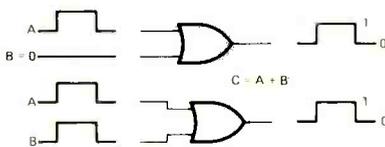
Note: The equation; inputs² = combinations - 1; is for an ODD number of inputs. Use inputs² = combinations for an EVEN number of inputs. Example: An OR gate with 2 inputs has 2² = 4 possible input combinations. An OR gate with 5 inputs has 5² = 25 - 1 = 24 possible input combinations.

The OR gate equation satisfies the rule of binary addition.

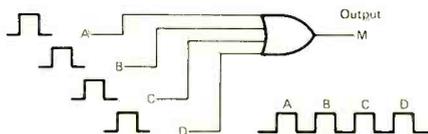
LOGICAL ADDITION TABLE

0 + 0 = 0
1 + 0 = 1
0 + 1 = 1
1 + 1 = 1

Note: Binary addition and logical addition are not EQUAL. Summary: The OR gate gives an output when any input is a logic one. Output is zero when all inputs are zero.



The OR GATE preserves the individual characteristics of pulses arriving at the input.



Note: Each output pulse has the same time interval at the output as it had in the input. If there is time coincidence at the input, the output pulse will be equivalent to the longest pulse at the input. Example:

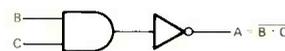


THE NAND GATE

The NAND (NOT-AND) gate is the combination of an AND gate and inverter. The operation of a NAND gate is represented by the equation $A = \overline{B \cdot C}$ and is read A is the result of B and C operating at the input of the NAND gate but inverted at the output. The solid bar over $B \cdot C$ means inversion.



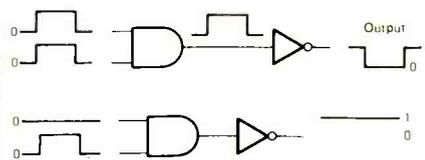
The NAND gate could be constructed by using an AND gate followed by an inverter.



The operation of a 2-input NAND gate is easily represented by a truth table form.

INPUT		OUTPUT
C	B	A = B · C
0	0	1
1	0	1
0	1	1
1	1	0

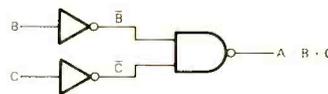
Note: The NAND gate truth table is the complement of the AND gate truth table. Both inputs must be at a logic 1 level to produce a logic 0 output. Pulse behavior:



Non-coincident input pulses have no effect on the output of a NAND gate. The output always stays at logic 1 level. Coincidence at input of logic 1 level pulses produces a negative going pulse at the output.



A NAND gate with inverters connected to the inputs will act as an OR gate.



New Breakthrough In Audio Tape

New metal particle tape for recording provides increased output level, reduced distortion, added high-frequency response and improved S/N ratio.

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THE HISTORY OF CASSETTE TAPE RECORDING has been marked by many minor and a few major technological breakthroughs. When the cassette format was originally introduced in 1964 by the Philips Company of the Netherlands, it was not much more than a tape recording medium suitable for low-fi voice recording. Over the years, there have been improvements both in tape hardware (i.e., better electronics, more efficient tape heads, smaller tape-head gaps and such noise-reduction techniques as Dolby and dbx) and, equally significantly, in tape software.

Initially all tapes used ferric-oxide particles suspended in a binder and coated onto a plastic base material. Later on, chromium dioxide (CrO₂) and other particles (such as cobalt-doped ferric oxide)

appeared. These formulations primarily improved high-frequency performance, but also the signal-to-noise capability of the cassette recording medium, since they could produce higher maximum-output levels at high frequencies before reaching magnetic saturation.

To understand how these improved tapes worked, it is necessary to examine a typical hysteresis loop associated with magnetic recording. Figure 1 shows such a hysteresis loop. Coercivity, plotted along the horizontal axis, demonstrates how difficult it is to magnetize (or demagnetize) a given tape formulation. Remanent magnetization (also known as remanence) indicates how strong such a magnetization can be. The area shown in the upper-left quadrant of Fig. 1 helps us in judging any particular tape formulation.

If the area in the upper-left quadrant is redrawn with what magnetic tape engineers call "frequency load lines," two things become apparent (see Figs. 2 and 3). In Fig. 2 typical load lines were drawn for 20 kHz and 200 Hz. The lower partial hysteresis curve might be considered typical of ferric-oxide-particle tape; the upper curve could typify the characteristics of chrome tape or one of the treated ferric compounds. Note that increasing the remanent magnetization has a profound effect upon high-frequency performance but little effect upon performance at lower frequencies.

Conversely, Fig. 3 shows that if the coercivity of a given formulation is improved compared with a reference tape, the tape's low-frequency performance is improved significantly while its high-frequency performance remains virtually the same. Clearly, then, an ideal tape is

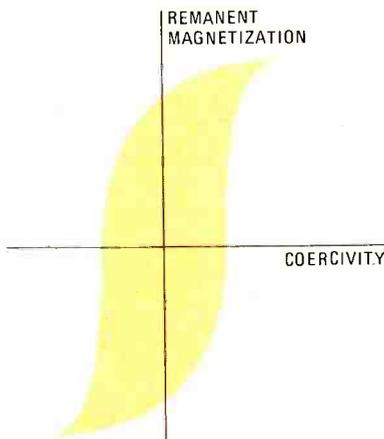


FIG. 1—HYSTERESIS LOOP is obtained by plotting remanence versus coercivity.

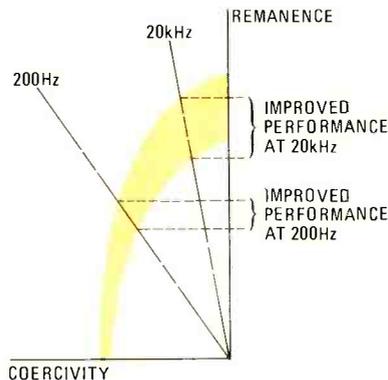


FIG. 2—INCREASING REMANENCE improves high-frequency performance.

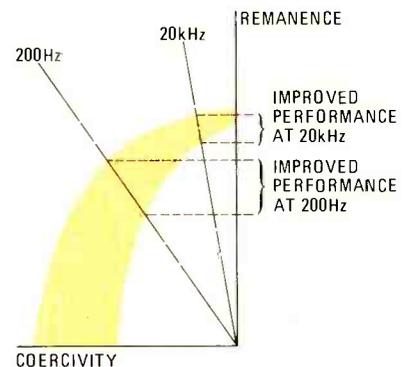


FIG. 3—INCREASING COERCIVITY improves low-frequency performance.

one in which both the remanence and the coercivity are greater than in any of the standard tapes.

Thirteen years of research

In 1965, barely more than a year after the cassette tape format was introduced commercially, the 3M Company, a leading magnetic tape manufacturer, began a long-term research project in search of a better magnetic tape medium. The project centered around using fine metal particles as the magnetizing medium rather than metal-oxide particles. Seven years later, in 1972, samples of a tape then known as XRM-4 were distributed to several tape equipment manufacturers. Between 1972 and 1976, the performance capabilities of the new tape were verified by many manufacturers, but problems related to its economical mass production prevented it's being marketed. There were also other problems. Available state-of-the-art tape recorders could not take full advantage of the new tape's capabilities. Existing record and erase tape heads were incapable of recording program material onto the new tape.

By 1976, 3M Company licked some of the production problems, and became convinced that the metal-particle tape had economic possibilities. At that point, the name of the tape was changed to *Metafine*, a name that is 3M's own registered trademark for the new tape. In 1977, adequate recording and erase heads were developed for use with Metafine tape, and recording heads became commercially available by the end of the year. By late 1977 and early 1978, equipment manufacturers were able to build prototype tape decks to fully demonstrate the capabilities of Metafine tape.

By the end of 1978, at least one tape-deck manufacturer (Tandberg of America, Inc.), and quite possibly several others, will be marketing stereo cassette decks that can handle both conventional oxide-particle tapes as well as the new metal-particle tapes.

There are indications that many other tape manufacturers have the capability for making pure metal-particle tapes. Fuji, for example, recently announced that they had come up with a metal-particle tape and would be able to produce it if they perceive a demand and greater availability of machines that can use the tape. Though TDK has not officially announced marketing dates for any metal-particle tape, they are quick to admit that they, too, know how to make the tape and could bring it to dealers' shelves just as soon as they saw a demand for it. Maxell, on the other hand, has indicated that they have no plans to market a metal-particle tape at this time. They maintain that the looming digital tape recording techniques would more than offset any advantages in the use of metal-particle tape. BASF is also in no rush to introduce metal-particle tape (though a spokesman for the compa-

ny says that the technology for producing such tape is well within the skills and experience of this German-based company), citing lack of standardization as one of the reasons for their reticence.

Indeed, lack of standardization may well be one of the things which impedes the proliferation of metal-particle tape. While 3M has proposed that 70-microsecond playback equalization be used for the new tape, others feel that a 50-microsecond standard would take best advantage of the new tape's capabilities. Nor is there complete agreement regarding the



FIG. 4—METAFINE TAPE will be packed in C-60 and C-90 cassettes.

other parameters, such as coercivity and retentivity. Unless manufacturers of tape, worldwide, can agree upon standards for the new tape (and thereby enable tape deck manufacturers to proceed in an orderly development of equipment suitable for use with the new tape), metal-particle tape may run into the same sort of resistance that consumers showed with respect to the multiplicity of 4-channel

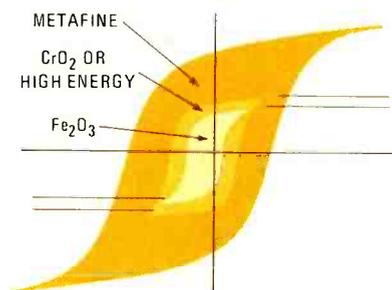


FIG. 5—HYSTERESIS CURVES for Metafine, chromium-dioxide, and ferric-oxide tapes are superimposed.

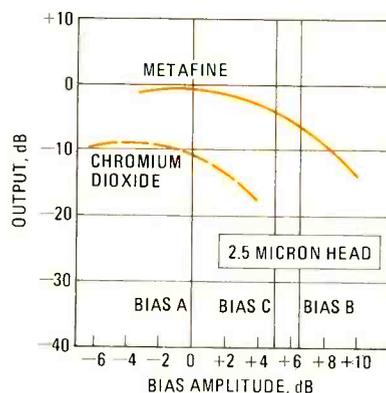


FIG. 6—OUTPUT LEVEL of Metafine versus chromium-dioxide tape.

recording systems that were popular just a few years ago. The 3M Company must nevertheless be credited with being first to announce the availability of metal-particle tape for use in cassette tape recording. The tape packaging will be similar to that used in 3M's other popular cassette tape formulations (see Fig. 4), and tape lengths will be in the popular C-60 and C-90 packages.

Comparing Figs. 2 and 3 with Fig. 5 gives you some idea of Metafine tape's tremendous improvement in performance and output levels. Figure 5 shows three hysteresis curves; the curve for Metafine tape is superimposed on that for chromium-dioxide or "high-energy" oxide tapes, as well as on a smaller curve representing the practical limits of earlier ferric-oxide tapes. The dramatic increase in the upper-left quadrant area of Fig. 5 indicates the performance capabilities of Metafine tape. Note that both coercivity and a remanent magnetization have been widely increased, indicating that both low-frequency and high-frequency output can be much higher than that obtained from any previous tape formulation.

According to 3M, in typical applications the Metafine cassettes delivered maximum outputs of 5 dB to 10 dB greater than typical chromium-dioxide tapes and 3 dB to 7 dB greater than 3M's own premium *Scotch Master II* cassettes. This means that the maximum output was double that of the other tapes or

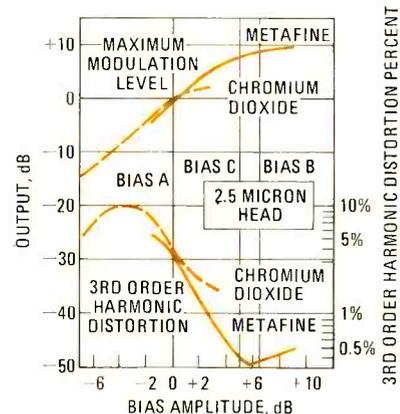


FIG. 7—MAXIMUM MODULATION level and harmonic distortion of Metafine versus chromium dioxide.

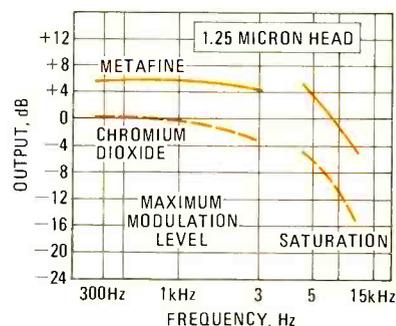


FIG. 8—OUTPUT versus frequency of Metafine and chromium-dioxide tape. For mid-frequencies, the maximum modulation level takes into account distortion. For high frequencies, saturation limits output.

more, depending upon the frequency.

Exact increases in performance characteristics will depend, in part, upon the benefits that home recording equipment manufacturers build into future tape recorders. Lower distortion, added high-frequency response, improved signal-to-noise ratio, increased maximum recorded output, etc., are all benefits that the new generation of recorders can provide (in various degrees) with the new metal-particle tapes.

Figure 6 shows the comparative output levels for Metafine and chromium-dioxide tape. Maximum output level (saturation) at 12.5 kHz is approximately 7-dB higher for the Metafine tape when each tape is biased optimally. (Bias A is the optimum bias level for chromium dioxide, Bias B is set for minimum distortion for Metafine, while Bias C is set for the flattest frequency response.) Note, however, that optimum bias for the Metafine tape is between 5 dB and 6.5 dB greater than for chromium-dioxide tapes whose bias is already several dB greater than that required for ferric-oxide tapes. This is one of the problems of compatibility.

Figure 7 shows the maximum modulation and harmonic-distortion level as a function of bias for Scotch Metafine tape and for chromium-dioxide tape. Maximum modulation level (the recording level that produces 3% third-order harmonic distortion at a 333-Hz test frequency) is up to 9-dB higher for the metal-particle tape. Distortion for the Metafine tape is more than 20-dB lower (when optimally biased) compared with optimally biased chromium-dioxide tape.

Both Figs. 6 and 7 show results for a record head having a 2.5-micron gap. Such a wide gap is typical of that used in three-head cassette tape decks, since the record head and play head can be optimized separately and the record-head gap will be more efficient at this width. Less expensive cassette decks generally use record-play combination heads, however, in which the gap must be made narrower for high-frequency reproduction.

Figure 8 shows the maximum output (at optimal bias) plotted against frequency for *Scotch Master II* chromium-dioxide tape, and the new Scotch Metafine tape, using a two-head tape deck in which the combination record-play head has a 1.25-micron gap. Under these conditions, the Metafine tape had a consistently higher output.

Compatibility/incompatibility

Present audio cassette decks having 70- μ s equalization (now required for playing back chromium-dioxide and treated ferric tapes such as *Scotch Master II*, TDK-SA, Maxell UD-XL-II and others) can play prerecorded cassette tapes without requiring any modifications in the playback electronics or the tape heads. However, most stereo cassette deck owners are more interested in being able to record

TABLE 1—PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

Recording Head Gap		1.25 Micron (2-head type)		2.5 Micron (3-head type)		
Tape	Chrome	Master II	Metafine	Master II	Metafine	
Bias reference point	0	0	+6	+1.3	+6½ ¹	+5 ²
Sensitivity, dB						
S _L -333 Hz	0	+3	+2½	+3	+3	+3
S _H -12.5 kHz	0	+2½	+2½	+2	+½	+3
Maximum Modulation Level (MML) at 333 Hz, in dB						
	0	+2½	+5½	+5½	+10	+9
Maximum Output Level (MO_H) at 12.5 kHz, in dB						
	0	+4	+11	+3	+5	+7
Distortion Level (HDL₃), in dB						
	0	-6½	-10	-11½	-23½	-21

1. Biased for minimum distortion ("B" on graph).
2. Biased for flat-frequency response ("C").

TABLE 2—TAPE SPECIFICATION COMPARISONS

	Typical Chrome	Scotch Master II	Metafine
Retentivity (gauss)	1400	1500	3400
Remanence (lines-per-¼ inch)	0.43	0.60	0.8
Coercivity (Oersteds)	550	550	1000

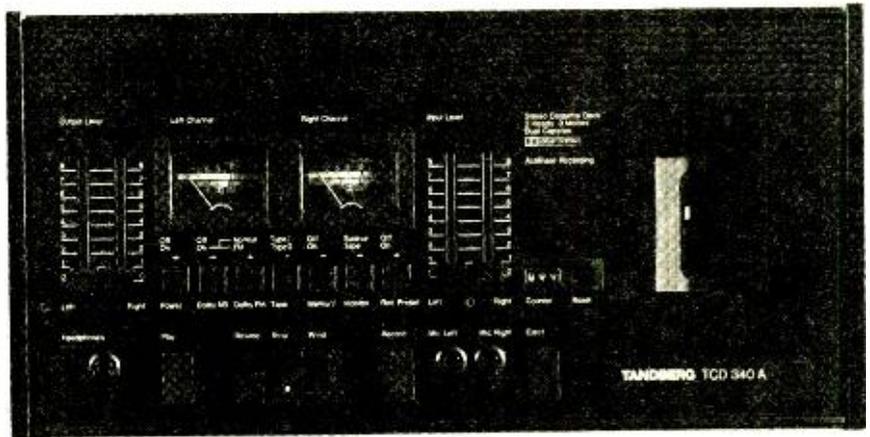


FIG. 9—TANDBERG MODEL TCD-340-AM cassette recorder can handle the new Metafine tape.

their own programs from records, tapes, FM radio or live program sources. In this respect, present-day recorders are incapable of handling the new metal-particle tapes. Bias-current requirements are much higher for Metafine tape than for previously available cassettes. Erase current applied to the erase head must also be considerably higher. Many present-day record and erase heads cannot handle such high erase and bias currents. On the other hand, such tape head types as *Sendust* or *Sen-Alloy* are able to handle the necessary increased current providing that suitable electronic changes are made in cassette decks using these heads.

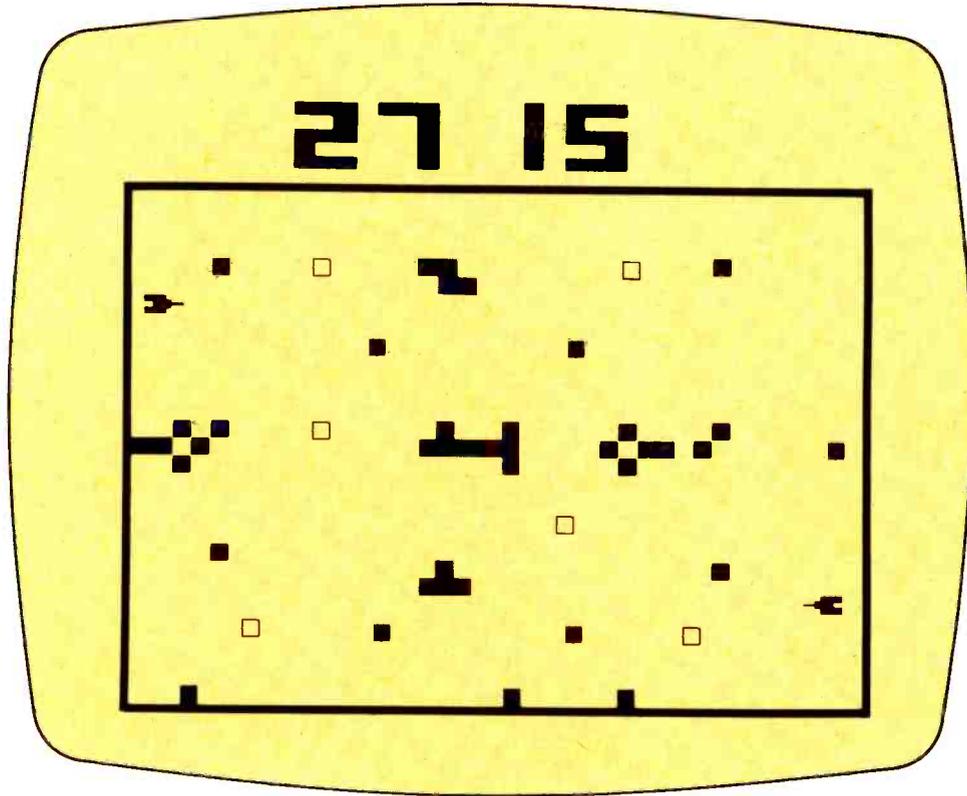
Almost coincident with 3M's announcement of the availability of Metafine tape, Tandberg of America, Inc., announced its *model TCD-340-AM* cassette recorder, which is claimed to be the

first production cassette deck offered for use with the new metal-particle tapes. The new deck is shown in Fig. 9. Undoubtedly, a tape-technology improvement such as metal-particle tape won't be allowed to flounder while the industry becomes involved in a "chicken-or-egg" debate.

Summary

Table 1 summarizes the values obtained from 3M Company's tests of Metafine tape and compares them with those of chromium dioxide and *Scotch Master II* tape. In the case of chromium-dioxide tape, 0-dB reference values were used for the parameters. These comparisons show that the Metafine tape clearly wins out in every single instance. Comparisons of typical tape specifications are given in Table 2.

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TANK

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Part 1. The object is to use your cannon to destroy your opponent first, but watch out for the land mines and anti-tank barriers. The circuit provides a composite video signal to your TV set and produces realistic sound effects.

L. STEVEN CHEAIRS

A FEW YEARS AGO I WAS AFFILIATED WITH a small repair company that specialized in video games. After the arcade pong-type games were retired from the market, they were replaced by road race and tank games. At that time, a pong game filled a 10-inch by 14-inch printed circuit board, with about 80 to 100 TTL, SSI and MSI IC's. The road race, baseball and tank games used two or three cards of that size and composition.

In the last few years, the arcade units have been improved by using newer LSI IC's; and the older pong games are now produced on a single LSI IC for home use, with a television set used as a display. It is interesting to note that many of the first arcade games used a converted black-and-white TV set as a monitor. In fact, the prototype of the game described in this article was tested on a TV set that was removed from a retired arcade pong game. Although the monolithic game IC's have permitted these games to be played at home, the quality has always been inferior to the arcade games. Now with the newer LSI IC's, the quality of the games has improved dramatically.

explosions—the illusion of battle is complete.

Playing the game

The game was designed to work into a standard domestic 525-line black-and-white receiver.

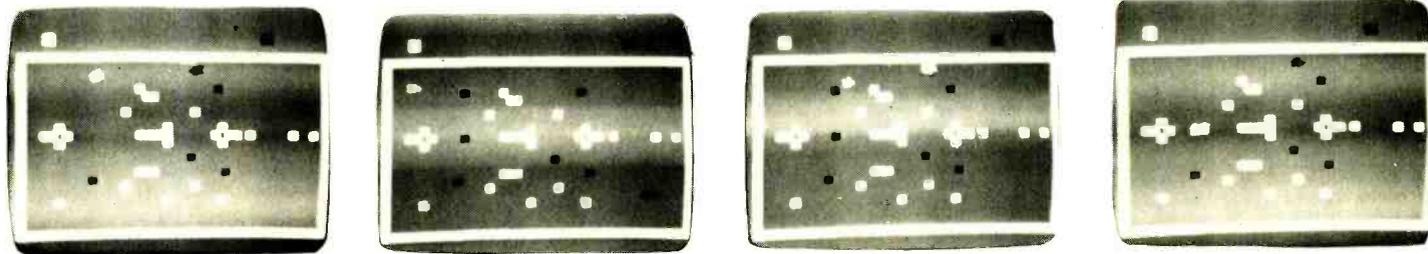
When the game is reset, the scores are cleared (to 0), all the mines reappear and the tanks are placed in their corners. The tanks remain in a stationary state until the control sticks are manipulated. These control sticks are single-pole double-throw (SPDT) center-off, momentary-contact-type switches. When the player pulls the control sticks toward himself the tank advances at a slow speed. If the control sticks are held back for another $\frac{1}{2}$ second, then the speed increases to medium. If the sticks are again held for another $\frac{1}{2}$ second, the tank switches to high speed. When the sticks are released, the tank remains at the selected speed.

If the control sticks are now momentarily pushed in the opposite direction, the tank will stop. When the sticks are pushed forward, the tank backs up. Again, the speed increases for each $\frac{1}{2}$

every four seconds is possible. The shell explodes when it hits an object or reaches the end of its range. If a shot is fired during a tank rotation, the shell follows a curved trajectory—in the direction of the tank rotation.

Twenty-two fixed-terrain antitank barriers are provided. These barriers can retard or help your progress in the game. They stop shells and tanks if the BARRIER INTERACTION switch is closed—for the AY-3-8710-1 IC only. This switch is not included in the prototype model designed around the AY-3-8700-1. Also, six mines are distributed over the battlefield area. When a tank hits one of these mines—the tank explodes and fragments momentarily, as it does when hit by a shell. When the tank image returns, it is stationary and the gun is inactive for about 2 to 4 seconds. The mine that was hit vanishes for the rest of the game. If you hit a mine a point is scored for the enemy's tank.

Scoring is automatic. When a tank is hit by gunfire or it hits a mine, this increments the opponent's score. The game ends when a player's score indicates a total of 16 points; the score then flashes at



The leader in home monolithic game IC's is General Instruments Corporation's Microelectronics Group. This company is now producing an arcade-level single IC tank game. This single IC, the AY-3-8710-1, replaces the set of PC boards traditionally used in the arcade-type game that contained a couple of hundred TTL logic circuits and read-only memories (ROM's). This undoubtedly represents the start of a new generation of dedicated home video games.

To start the two-player tank game, you simply press the reset pushbutton. Two tanks, one white and one black, suddenly materialize in a battlefield of antitank barriers and mines. Realistic engine sounds, provided for each tank, help create the illusion of combat; four distinct sounds are produced, one for each of the motor speeds and one for the stationary condition. Next comes the sound of gunfire, coupled with shell bursts and tank

second the switches are closed, for a total of three speeds.

The tanks can be rotated by pushing one control stick forward and the other back. Rotation in the opposite direction occurs when the control sticks are reversed. Rotation may occur during all seven motion states—stationary, three speeds forward and three speeds backward. Rotation stops when the controls are returned to the normal standby position. A total of 32 rotation angles are provided.

The main gun is fired by pressing the SPST normally open pushbutton switch. A shell exits from the gun barrel and traverses the screen, unless it hits the enemy's tank or a barrier. The gun's range, if it is fired along the horizontal axis is about two-thirds of the TV screen; the range for the other directions varies with the angle. The switch must be depressed for each firing; only one shot

a 1-Hz rate and no further points are recorded. Of course, the object of the game is to maximize your score while minimizing your opponent's score.

The audio output is provided on five lines—one for each tank motor (plus bearing and track squeak), a gunfire envelope, an explosion envelope and a noise source. Figure 1 shows a typical waveform observed on the prototype tank game. In a typical system the tank motor sounds are summed. The noise and gunfire envelopes are gated with the noise output. These signals are summed with the motor noise. The composite audio signal then drives an audio-output amplifier that drives the speakers.

The circuit

The circuit described in this article is a modification of one shown in *Application Note Bulletin 104* developed by M. S. Sellars III, senior design engineer, Gen-

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 R11—220 ohms
 R12—5000-ohm, PC-type potentiometer
 R13—2.2 megohms
 R14—2200 ohms
 R15, R21, R26—20 megohms
 R17, R22—3.9 megohms
 R18—22,000 ohms
 R24, R25—10 megohms

R27—30,000 ohms
 R29—15 ohms
 C1, C2—100 μ F, 50-volt electrolytic
 C3—2.7- μ F tantalum
 C4—C6, C13, C14—0.1- μ F disc
 C7, C8—30-pF disc
 C9, C10—0.01- μ F disc
 C11, C12—0.22 μ F
 C15, C16, C20—5 μ F
 C17—0.47 μ F
 C18—200 pF disc
 C19—100-pF disc
 C21—220- μ F, 15-volt electrolytic
 D1-D10—1N4148 or similar
 D11-D14—1N4005 or similar
 Q1—Q3—2N3904 or similar
 IC1—AY-3-8700-1 or AY-3-8710-1 LSI game
 game
 IC2, IC3—4001, CMOS quad NOR gates
 IC4—78M05, 5-volt regulator

J1—miniature open-circuit jack
 S1—S4—SPDT center-off, momentary-contact toggle switches
 S5—S7—SPST normally open pushbutton switch
 S8—SPST switch
 S9—SPST toggle switch
 T1—12VAC, 1A secondary transformer
 XTAL—4.090900-MHz crystal
 SPKR—8 ohms
 MISC.—12 X 7 X 3-inch aluminum chassis, line cord, hook-up wire, four 1/2 inch stand-off busings.

The following parts are available from Questar Engineering Company, McDonald Street, Mesa, AZ 85202:
 PC board, \$12.95; AY-3-8700-1 or AY-3-8710-1 (please specify), \$29.00; crystal, \$5.50; set of all switches, \$12.25. Kit of all parts, \$63.95.

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Figure 2 shows a block diagram of the tank game system and Fig. 3 is the sche-

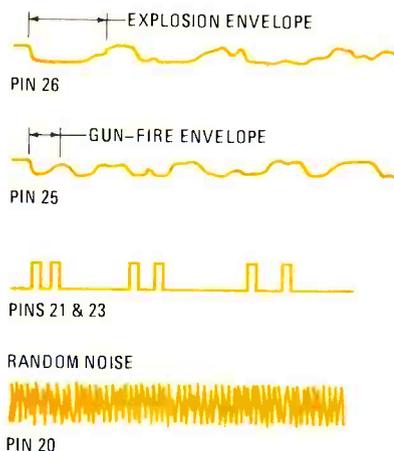


FIG. 1—TYPICAL AUDIO SIGNALS as they appear at the pins of the pins of the game IC.

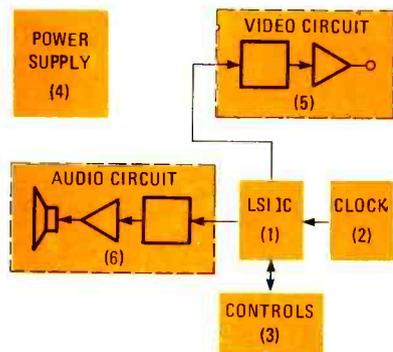
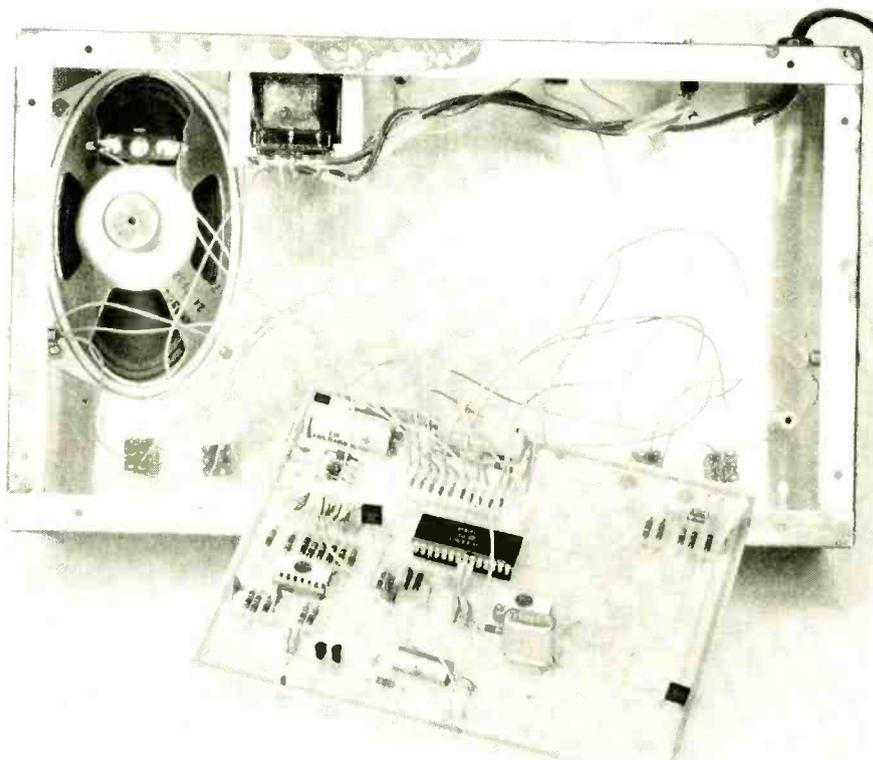


FIG. 2—BLOCK DIAGRAM of the tank battle game. Sections 5 and 6 are included on the LSI game integrated circuit.

matic diagram. Block one is the game IC, which, it is claimed, is more complex than most microprocessors. There are also two IC's, the AY-3-8700-1 and AY-8710-1. The two circuits are identical with the exception of one input pin: The AY-3-8710-1 has a barrier interaction select input, pin 22. If the pin is left floating,

the two IC's function identically. On the other hand, if the input pin is brought to the system ground potential, then the tanks cannot drive over the barricades.

Block two in Fig. 2 is a crystal-controlled clock. One inverter is used along with two resistors, two capacitors and a crystal to form a 4.0909-MHz oscil-



UNDER-SIDE VIEW of the tank game's chassis/enclosure. All components except the speaker, power transformer and switches are mounted on the printed-circuit board.

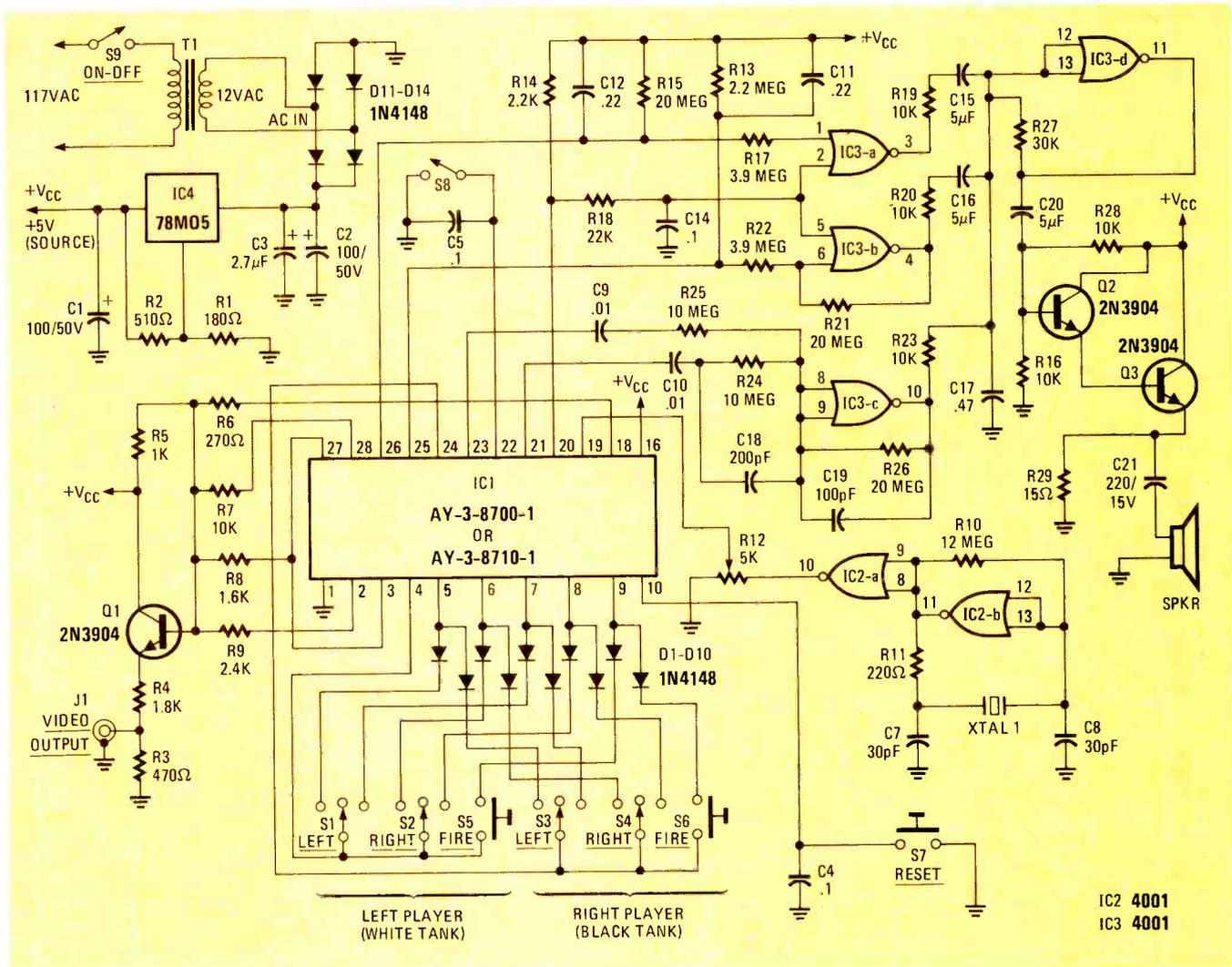


FIG 3—SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM of the tank battle video game. When using the AY-3-8700-1 IC, do not connect anything to pin 22.

lator. The output is isolated by passing the signal through another CMOS inverter. This inverter drives a 5,000-ohm potentiometer. This pot is adjusted so that the signal amplitude provided by this pot is between a 3.0-volt to 3.2-volt peak level.

The third block represents the controls. Eight switches, ten diodes and two capacitors are required. The four SPDT center-off momentary-contact switches are used to control the tank motions; the two SPST normally open pushbutton switches are used to fire the tank's main gun. The diodes provide isolation between these switches, thus allowing multiple closures. Reset is provided by an SPST normally open pushbutton and an 0.1- μ F capacitor; the capacitor provides for a small amount of debouncing. The last

switch, an SPST-type, and its capacitor select the barrier interaction.

Block four, the power supply, takes a 12-volt AC input and generates a 7-volt regulated DC output. Four 1-amp rectifiers convert the AC voltage into a pulsating full-wave DC voltage. Next, a filter capacitor smooths the ripple. The regulator is a 5-volt three-terminal unit. Two volts are dropped across the ground resistor. Another filter capacitor is used on the output.

Block five represents the video-summing and video-amplifier circuits. The passive summing circuit sets the luminance level (by the ratios of the resistors). Five outputs are provided: Sync; right tank/score/shells/shell burst/mines; left tank/score/shells/shell burst/mines; background; and blanking.

One tank is white, the other is black and the background is gray. The black video outputs and blanking are tied to a single resistor since the modulation levels are approximately equal. The video amplifier is formed using one NPN 2N3904 transistor and an emitter voltage divider. In Mr. Sellars' *Application Note*, this amplifier drove an Astec UM1082 RF modulator. If a different modulator is used, then the summing resistors and the emitter resistor may have to be adjusted. In the prototype version, the video signal was fed directly into the TV set's video amplifier; thus, no modulator was used.

Block 6 is the audio-output network. The speaker is driven by the emitter of a Darlington transistor amplifier via a DC blocking capacitor.

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Digital Windshield Wiper Delay



Most windshield-wiper pause controls require tedious trial-and-error adjustments each time they are turned on. Here's one that doesn't. Installation is easy with only six connections.

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MOST VARIABLE-DELAY WINDSHIELD WIPER CONTROL CIRCUITS use a unijunction transistor or a 555 timer to periodically turn on the windshield wiper motor for one sweep of the blades. Invariably, a potentiometer is provided so that the driver of the vehicle can control the time delay between cycles.

This system has several disadvantages. Usually, when the wipers are first turned on, the delay control must be turned down all the way for a few cycles until windshield streaking has subsided. Then, you have to search for the right control setting to match the intensity of the rain. Even installing a delay control can be a headache as you search for a suitable spot on the dashboard to mount it.

This article describes a wiper-control system that eliminates these problems. First, installation is easier because no additional controls are required other than the existing windshield wiper switch. And you don't have to adjust the desired time between cycles by trial and error. When the wipers are first switched on, they run continuously in normal fashion. If the rain is only a light drizzle, the driver can select intermittent operation by switching the wipers off, then back on again when the windshield needs it. The control circuit "remembers" how long the wipers were switched off and repeats this delay between each successive cycle. The wipers continue to run intermittently at this rate until switched off.

If the rain changes intensity, you can easily readjust the delay by switching the wipers off and back on after the desired pause between the strokes. If continuous operation is needed, switching the wipers off and immediately back on (an almost instinctive reaction) in effect sets a zero delay between cycles. Whenever the wipers are left switched off for longer than 40 seconds (the maximum delay) the circuit resets itself.

Circuit description

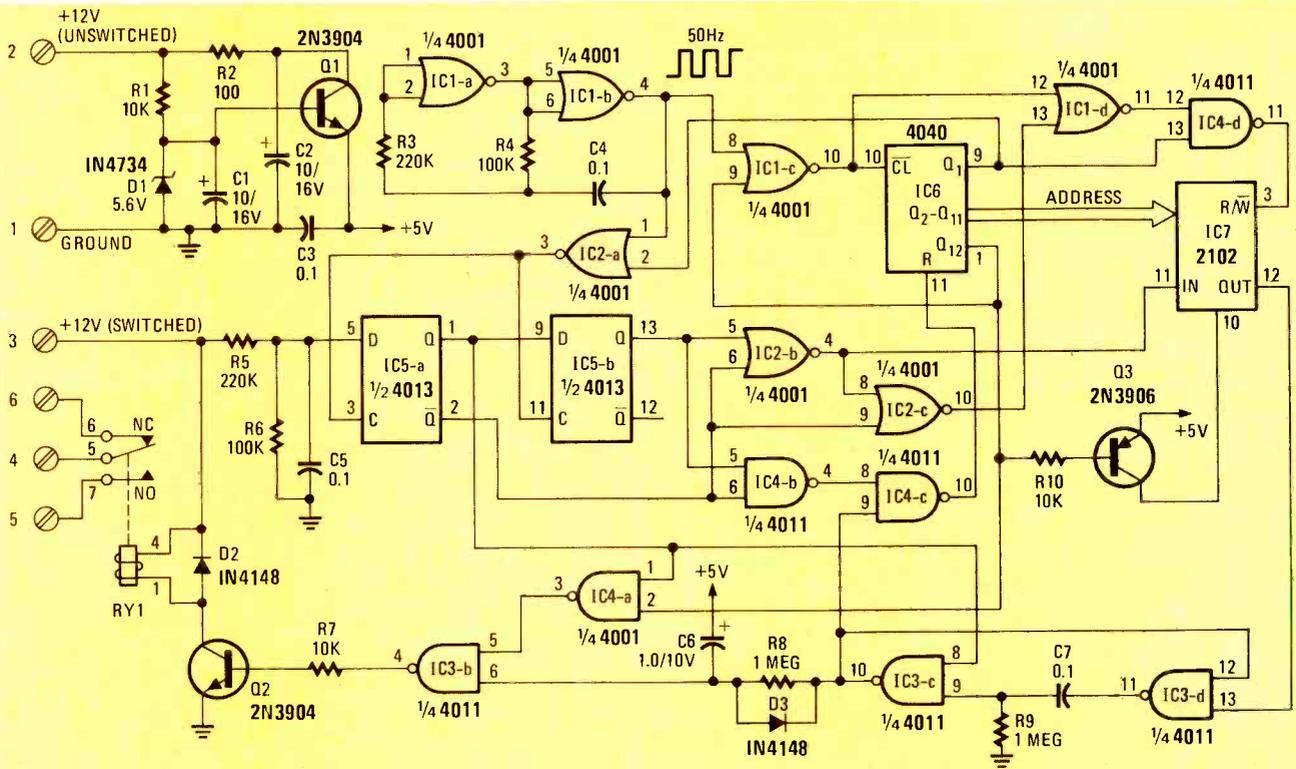
Figure 1 shows the timing control assembly, in which gates IC1-a and IC1-b comprise a 50-Hz clock oscillator that drives address counter IC6 via IC1-c. Counter IC6 is a 12-stage binary

counter with the second through eleventh-stage outputs connected to the 10 address input pins of RAM IC7. The most significant bit, Q_{12} , is used to inhibit the counter via IC1-c when the address input to IC7 rolls over from 1023 to 0. The least significant bit, Q_1 , enables gate IC4-d and inhibits gate IC2-a so that proper timing is maintained between addressing, data input and the read/write control of the RAM.

When the wipers are switched on, the Q output of IC5-a goes high on the next clock pulse, and the Q output of IC5-b goes high on the clock pulse following. With the Q_{12} output of IC6 also high, IC4-a is enabled, keeping transistor Q2 turned on so that relay RY1 is energized. The contacts of RY1 are wired into the wiper motor circuit so that the motor runs continuously.

When the wipers are switched off, the Q outputs of IC5-a and IC5-b are clocked low in sequence, causing IC4-b to be enabled for one clock cycle to deliver a reset pulse to IC6 via IC4-c. The counter now starts measuring the prospective delay interval. With pin 2 of IC5-a high, the outputs of IC2-b and IC2-c are low, causing a 0 to be loaded into the RAM since the WRITE input to IC7 goes low momentarily following each change of address, as shown in Fig. 2. Note that the lowest-order address bit, Q_2 , changes on every odd clock cycle, and WRITE pulses occur on every even cycle. This causes a READ-WRITE-READ sequence at IC7 pin 3 for each new address input.

When the wipers are switched back on, outputs Q of IC5-a and IC5-b are clocked high sequentially, as before. This causes the IC2-b output to go high for one clock cycle so that a single 1 is written into the RAM. Since the output pin of the RAM continuously shows the data at the selected address, it goes high immediately. As the RAM is incremented to the next address (where a 0 is stored) its output goes low, triggering a 50-ms one-shot created by IC3-c and IC3-d. The output of this one-shot resets IC6 via IC4-c, and passes through a pulse stretcher consisting of C6, R8 and D3. The pulse stretcher energizes RY1 for about 3/4 second, long enough for the wiper motor to latch on and complete one cycle.



DEVICE	TYPE	+6.2V	COMMON
IC1, IC2	4001	PIN 14	PIN 7
IC3, IC4	4011	PIN 14	PIN 7
IC5	4013	PIN 14	PIN 4, 6, 7, 8, 10
IC6	4040	PIN 16	PIN 8
IC7	2102	—	PIN 9, 13

ADDRESS	IC6	IC7	ADDRESS	IC6	IC7
Q2	7	8	Q7	4	2
Q3	6	4	Q8	13	1
Q4	5	5	Q9	12	16
Q5	3	6	Q10	14	15
Q6	2	7	Q11	15	14

FIG. 1—SCHEMATIC of the windshield-wiper pause control. Circuit is simpler than it looks and is mounted on a perforated circuit board with point-to-point wiring.

PARTS LIST

All resistors 1/4 watt, 5%.

R1, R7, R10—10,000 ohms

R2—100 ohms

R3, R5—220,000 ohms

R4, R6—100,000 ohms

R8, R9—1 megohm

C1, C2—10 μ F, 16-volt electrolytic

C3—C5, C7—0.1 μ F, 50-volt ceramic disc

C6—1 μ F, 10-volt electrolytic

D1—Zener diode, 5.6 volts, 1N4734

D2, D3—1N914/4148

D4—1N4001, used in Fig. 13

RY1, RY2—relay, 12-volt coil, 3-amp contacts (Radio Shack 275-206 or equal)

Q1, Q2—2N3904

Q3—2N3906

IC1, IC2—CD4001

IC3, IC4—CD4011

IC5—CD4013

IC6—CD4040

IC7—2102 static RAM

Misc.—2 \times 4.8-inch glass-epoxy perforated board, 2 1/4 \times 2 1/4 \times 5-inch Minibox (Bud CU-3004-A or equal).

The system is now in its delay timer mode. The output of IC2-c is high, causing IC1-d to inhibit IC4-d so that no WRITE pulses can be applied to the RAM. Each time the address counter steps over the location where the 1 is stored in the RAM, the one-shot resets the counter and momentarily energizes the relay via the pulse stretcher. If the wipers are switched off to set a longer delay, the 1 previously stored in the RAM appears briefly at the RAM output before rewritten as a 0. However, this will not trigger the one-shot and reset IC6 because pin 8 of IC3-c is held low by output Q of IC5-a while the wipers are switched off. Any time the wipers are switched off and on quickly, RY1 remains energized to run the motor continuously, since the pulse stretcher blends the closely spaced output pulses from the RAM into one steady output.

The timer's performance is more than adequate for this application. The resolution of the delay interval is 1 address count, which is 2 clock cycles, or about 40 ms using the component values shown in Fig. 1. The maximum time interval is approxi-

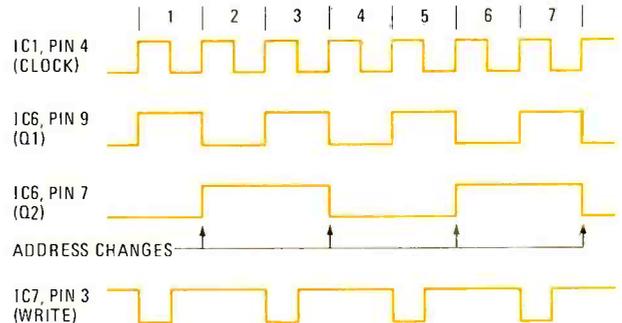


FIG. 2—TIMING DIAGRAM of the windshield-wiper pause control. A read-write-read sequence appears at pin 3 of IC7, a 2102 static RAM.

mately 40 seconds. This range can be modified easily by changing the value of C4 or R4 to speed up or slow down the system clock.

To minimize power consumption and prevent battery discharge during periods when the car is not being driven, the system uses CMOS IC's throughout except for the RAM, which needs about 30 mA at 5 volts. Since the RAM is needed only during actual operation, transistor Q3 shuts off its power when output Q₁₂ of IC6 goes high (standby condition) and the total current drain is then reduced to less than 1 mA. The power supply and logic connections are well filtered to protect the circuit from transient surges and noises within the vehicle's electrical system.

Construction

The circuit fits neatly on a 2.0- by 4.8-inch piece of glass-epoxy perforated board, as shown in Fig. 3. Use sockets for the IC's so they will not be damaged by static electricity during construction. Figure 4 shows a drilling layout of the holes in the

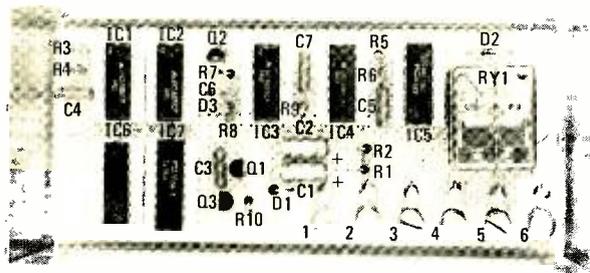


FIG. 3—INTERIOR VIEW shows positions of the various components on the perforated circuit board. Note that IC's are in sockets.

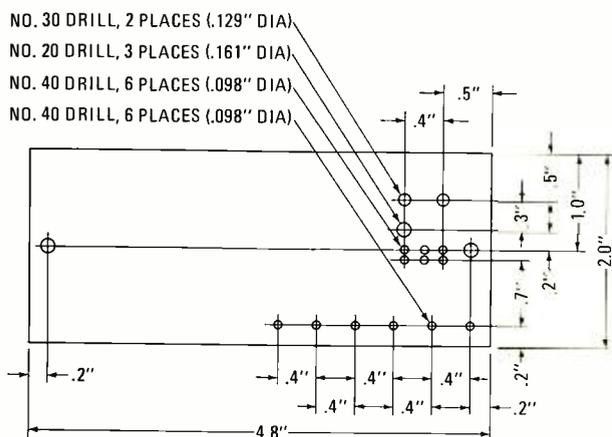


FIG. 4—DRILLING GUIDE shows locations and sizes of the 17 holes that must be drilled in the perforated circuit board.

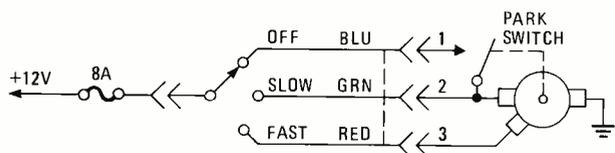


FIG. 5—THE BASIC two-speed windshield wiper.

perforated board that must be enlarged. Use several flat washers beneath the relay socket to prevent it from breaking or distorting the board when the mounting screw is tightened.

The termination points for external wiring are made by first securing flat solder terminal lugs to the top of the board with No. 6 by 1/4-inch-long, self-tapping sheet-metal screws, then anchor them in place with the component leads bent back up through the board from below and soldered. The self-tapping screws hold remarkably well in glass-epoxy material, and can be loosened and retightened to attach spade lugs or bare wires many times without any problem.

Mount the board assembly on threaded standoffs in a 2 1/4 × 2 1/4 × 5-inch metal utility box, as shown in the photograph. After checking the circuit operation, mount the box in a conven-

ient location beneath the dashboard and hook up the appropriate wires.

Installation

Since windshield wiper motor circuits are rarely standardized, for the details of your particular model you should refer to a shop manual or experiment. In some systems the positive supply to the motor circuit is switched, and in others it is on the ground side. Most automotive systems use permanent-magnet-field motors; but a few, including General Motors, use motors with series and shunt-field windings to obtain dual-speed operation. Let's look at a few of these circuits to determine how they can be modified to work with the wiper control circuit.

Figure 5 shows a simple dual-speed wiper circuit, such as is used on a '77 Jeep CJ model. The motor has a permanent-magnet field and uses different brush orientations to obtain slow and fast speed. If the wipers are switched off in the middle of a stroke, the motor continues to run slowly until the park switch opens when the blades are about five degrees from the bottom of their stroke. Figure 6 shows how the timing control is hooked up so that it is effective only in the SLOW position. Each time the control relay pulls in momentarily, it energizes the motor long enough for the park switch to close. When the relay opens,

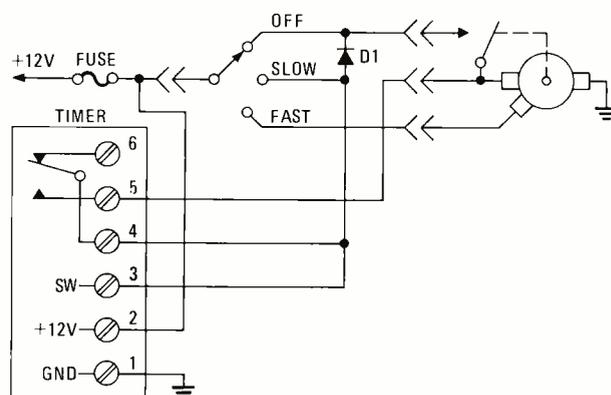


FIG. 6—HOW CONTROL IS ADDED to the two-speed windshield-wiper motor circuit.

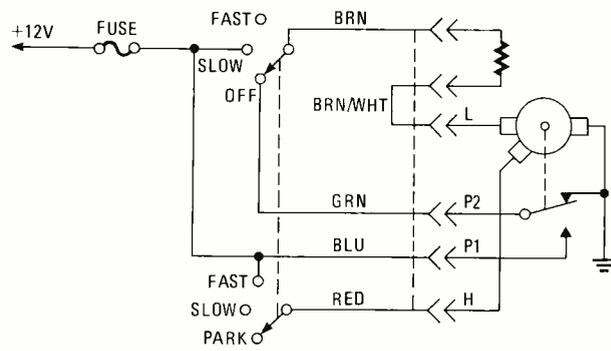


FIG. 7—WINDSHIELD-WIPER MOTOR with dynamic braking provided through the park switch.

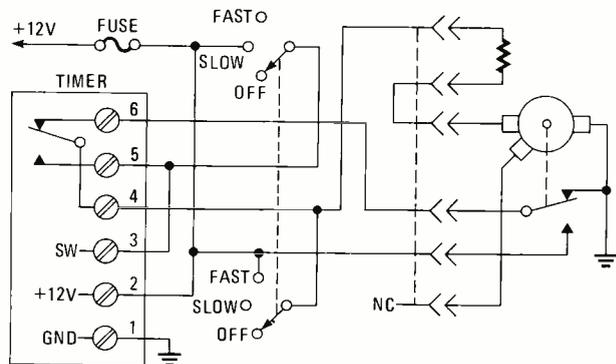


FIG. 8—CONNECTING THE CONTROLLER to the wiper motor. Fast position bypasses the timer and runs wiper continuously at slow speed.

current continues to flow through D1 until the motor completes one cycle. In this arrangement the FAST speed circuit is unaffected. This provides a backup in an emergency or a circuit failure.

Figure 7 shows the circuit for 2-speed nonconcealed wipers used on 1969–1973 Chrysler Motors vehicles. The same basic circuit, with minor switch modifications and elimination of the resistor, is used on the Volkswagen Dasher model. This circuit is similar to that in Fig. 6 except that the park switch shorts the armature when it removes power from the motor, stopping it abruptly by dynamic braking. This makes the park position more precise because it is less susceptible to variations in friction between the wiper blades and wet or dry glass. Figure 8

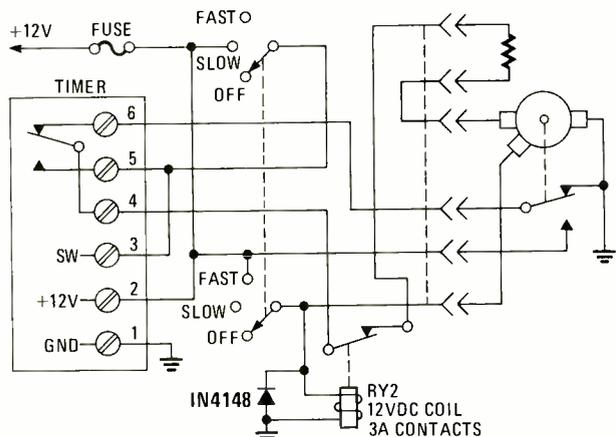


FIG. 9—INSTALLATION, with fast-speed operation made possible through addition of the relay.

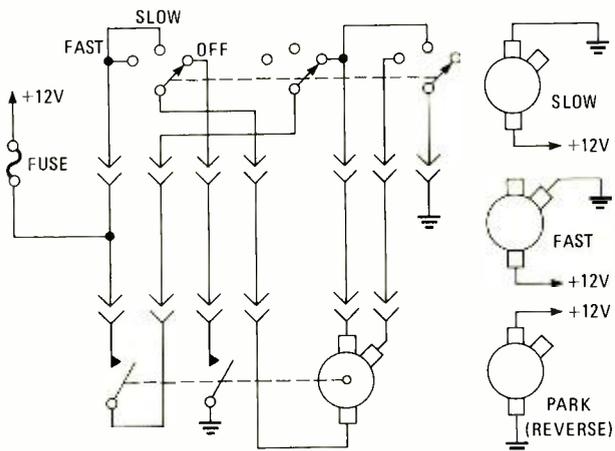


FIG. 10—REVERSIBLE MOTOR CONCEALS wiper blades in the park position when wiper is switched off.

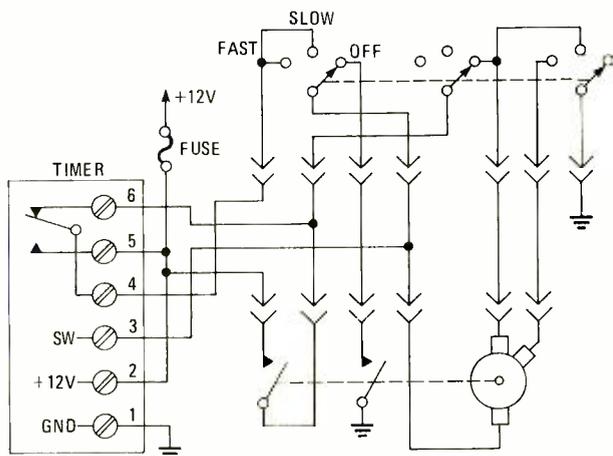


FIG. 11—TIMER IS EFFECTIVE at slow and fast speeds in this installation.

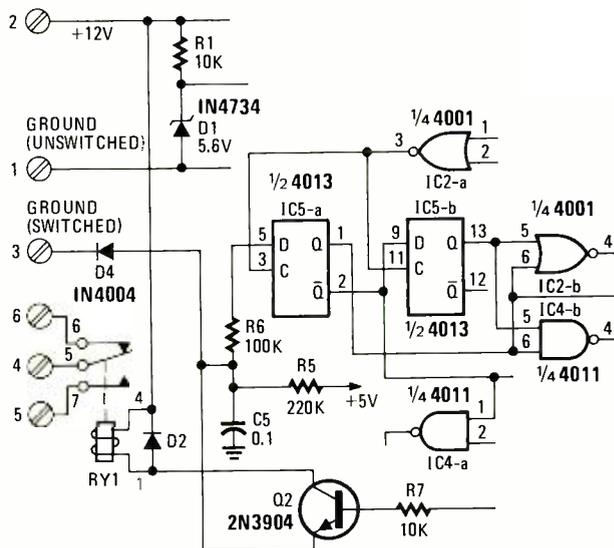


FIG. 12—BASIC CONTROL CIRCUIT modifications for use with windshield wiper motors that are controlled by switching in the grounded power lead.

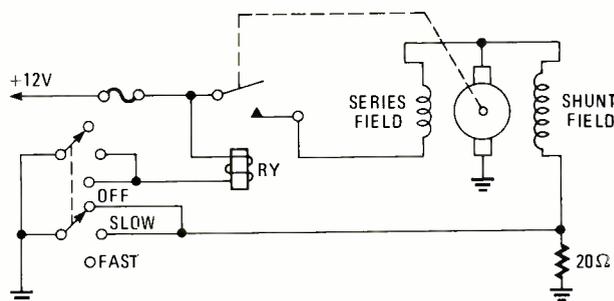


FIG. 13—TWO-SPEED circuit with switched ground is used in some GM automobiles.

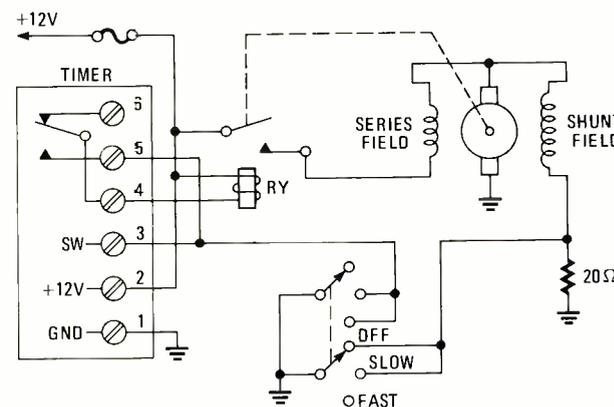


FIG. 14—TIMER CONTROL operates in either fast or slow-speed modes.

shows a method of attaching the control to this system. In this circuit the FAST position bypasses the timer and runs the motor continuously, but at slow speed. Figure 9 shows how to retain the fast speed by using an additional relay to disable the slow-speed circuit.

The wiper circuit of a '73 Ford with concealed blades in the park position is shown in Fig. 10. In this system the motor runs forward at either slow or fast speed for normal operation. When the wipers are switched off, the polarity of the motor is reversed to the slow-speed brushes. As the motor rotates backwards, it activates a mechanism that increases the stroke of the wiper arm and moves the blades down out of sight in the park position. Figure 11 shows how the wiper control can be interfaced to this type of circuit, with the timer effective in both slow and fast speed.

Figure 12 shows some slight modifications that allow the

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THIS FUNCTION GENERATOR IS DESIGNED around the 8038 waveform generator IC. Specifications, schematic, details of circuit operation and Len Feldman's Test Report on this versatile precision test instrument appeared last month.

Construction

Construction begins with the PC boards. Figure 2 is the foil pattern for the combined power supply and main circuit boards. Figure 3 shows the placement of components of the main board and Fig. 4 shows how parts are placed on the power supply section.

In an effort to minimize PC board-to-front panel wiring, all pots and switches (except S4 and S5) mount directly to the main PC board. The resulting assembly is then bolted to the chassis front panel and held in place by the threaded shafts of the pots and rotary switches. It is therefore important that the holes for the PC-mounted pots and switches accurately line up with the corresponding holes in the front panel. To do this the procedure outlined below should be followed.

After the circuit board has been etched and drilled, cut it along the indicated line. The smaller piece is the power supply board and the larger is the main board. Do not, however, begin mounting components in either board until after the drilling described below is done.

Using the LMB type 000-946 chassis, place the main PC board against the chassis' face; the foil side facing outward toward you, the component side resting against the chassis front. The drilling location for pots R5 and switch S1 will be on the chassis left-hand side while pots R23 and R33 and switch S3 are on the right-hand side. With this orientation, center the PC board so the hole location for switch S2 is exactly centered on the chassis' front-panel face (left-to-right, top-to-bottom). Using small scraps of PC board to protect the PC board's foil, tightly clamp the board in place using C-clamps. Repeat: tightly. Drill six $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch pilot holes in the PC board-chassis sandwich at the locations shown for pots R5, R23, R33 and switches S1, S2 and S3. Then drill out these holes to the diameter required by your switches and pots ($\frac{3}{8}$ -inch diameter is standard). Be careful that the PC board not slip due to the drilling torque, as you want perfect alignment between board and chassis holes.

Remove the clamps and set the PC board aside for now. Drill out the rest of the chassis front as shown in Fig. 5.

A standard $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch aluminum angle bar is used to heat sink the voltage regulators and to attach the power supply board to the chassis. Cut five 1-inch strips of the bar and drill out each as shown in Fig.

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3-a. Take two of the pieces and position them on the power supply board as shown in Fig. 3-b, lining up each bar with the board's edges. Hold each in place with a C-clamp and then drill two $\frac{3}{64}$ -inch holes at the locations shown. Hold each in place with a 6-32 \times $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bolt and nut.

The power supply board will be mounted on an angle bar bolted to the back edge of the chassis (Fig. 3-d). To line up and drill the two chassis mounting holes, place the board-angle bar network on the outside of the chassis rear panel, centering it left-to-right as close as possi-

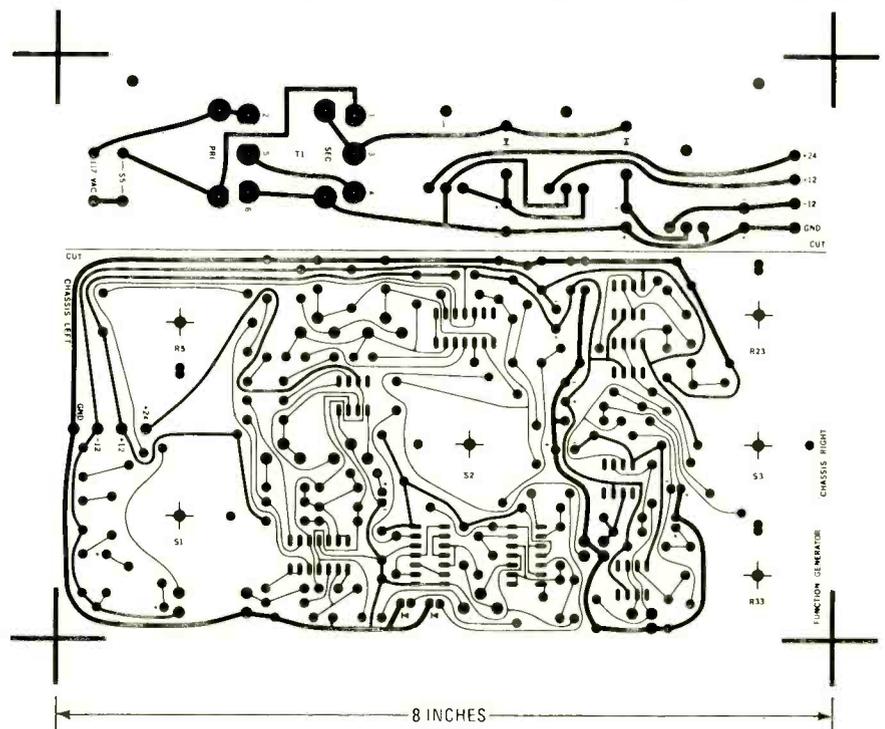
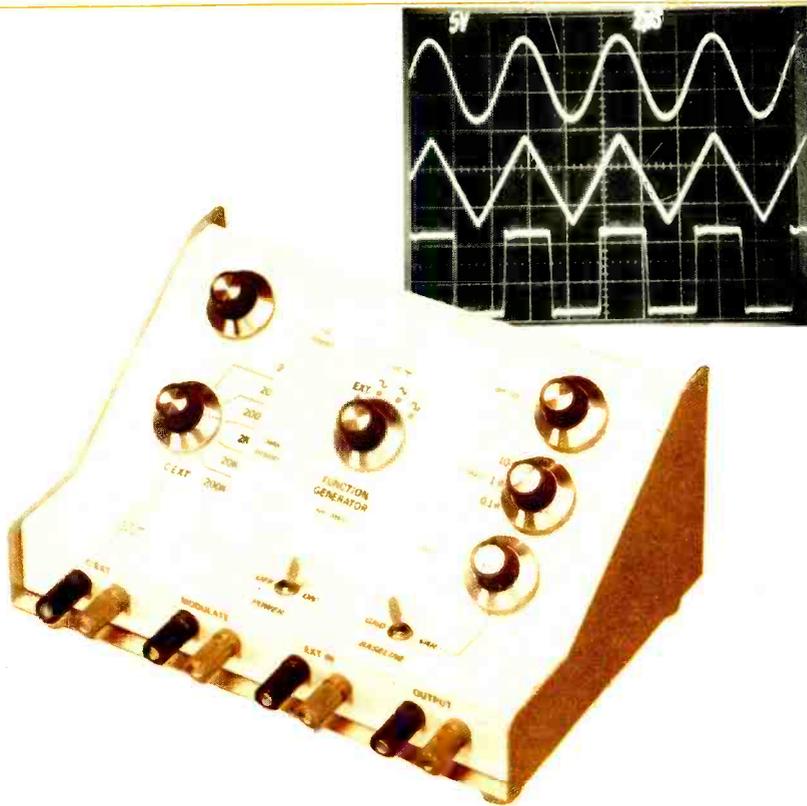


FIG. 2—FOIL PATTERNS for the main board and power supply. Cut boards apart along indicated line after etching and drilling.



ble. With the bottom of the angle bar up $\frac{3}{8}$ inch from the bottom of the chassis, pencil in the location of the two holes on the chassis, and drill out each with a $\frac{1}{32}$ -inch drill. Remove all burrs. Lastly, drill out another hole in the chassis back for the power cord strain-relief. Center it

left-to-right, 2 inches up from the chassis bottom.

The chassis is now ready for painting and lettering. I found it difficult to get the dry transfer lettering to stick to the unit's baked enamel finish, so I applied three coats of flat white lacquer, followed

by two coats of flat clear lacquer. This surface, when thoroughly dry, is much more amenable to the lettering. When you've finished the lettering, apply three more coats of clear lacquer as a sealer.

You're now ready to begin component mounting and assembly. First, mount each of the heat-sink angle bars between the regulators and PC board as shown in Fig. 6-c. Use a small amount of silicone glue under each heat sink to prevent it from twisting loose.

Mount and solder the remaining components on the power supply board. The board can accept two different types of power transformers; either a 4-pin Radio Shack variety or a 6-pin Triad unit. Use whichever one is more convenient to locate.

Now assemble the main PC board, being careful to note the IC pin 1 locations. Trim all leads as close to the foil as possible, since the foil side will be held very close to the conducting chassis. If the leads are too long, shorts will occur. Mount trimmer pots R47 and R48 and remove R20 only if you have a distortion meter. Otherwise, omit the two trimmers and use only resistor R20. (In this case, pin 12 of IC8 goes to -12 volts through R20, pin 1 connects only to C8.) When all components are soldered in place, attach pots R5, R23 and R33 and switches S1, S2 and S3 to the board. These items mount to the component side of the board and are held in place on the foil side with a lockwasher and nut. Use short jumper wires to connect the terminals of the pots and switches to the board.

Take two 30-inch lengths of wire and twist them together with an electric drill. Cut four 4-inch wire pairs and solder them into the PC board pair locations labeled as D-E, F-G, O-P and Y-Z. Cut a 9-inch length of the twisted pair and solder it to the power supply PC board locations LL and MM. At the other end of this cable, solder switch S5. Now make a 4-inch 3-wire twisted cable and solder the wires to the locations called EE-FF-GG. To the other ends of these wires solder switch S4, making sure that PC board location GG connects to S4's center post.

Twist four 12-inch wires together, then connect the wires between the two boards' power connections. Be sure that +24 connects to +24, +12 to +12, etc. Use an ohmmeter for verification.

You're now ready for a preliminary debug. Place all trimmer potentiometers in their center positions. Set the now-interconnected PC boards on a non-conducting surface, plug in the power cord and turn switch S5 on. Be very careful at this point with the exposed 117-VAC wiring! With a voltmeter, verify

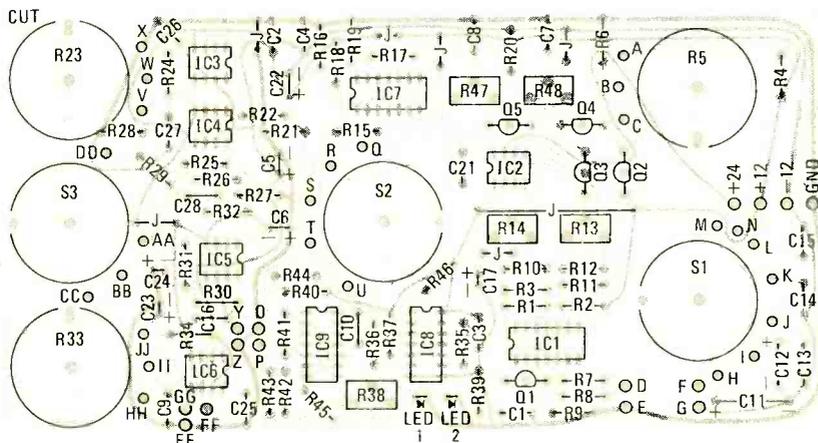


FIG. 3—PLACEMENT OF PARTS on the main PC board. Control shafts fasten this board to the front of the enclosure.

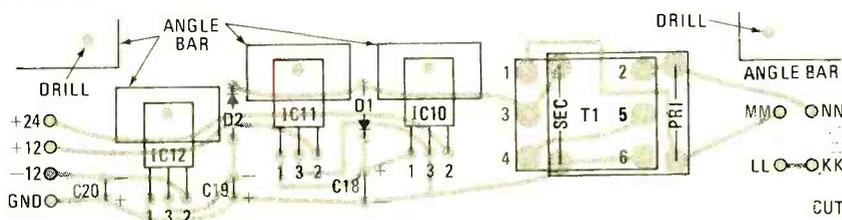


FIG. 4—MOUNTING BRACKETS and heat sinks for three regulator IC's are made from pieces of aluminum angle. These and other power supply components are placed on board as shown.

PARTS LIST

Resistors 1/4 watt, 5% unless otherwise noted

R1, R4—3300 ohms
 R2, R7, R8, R41, R42, R46—10,000 ohms
 R3—220 ohms
 R5—10,000 ohms, potentiometer, linear taper (Centralab HMP-10K)
 R6—470 ohms
 R9, R16, R30, R31, R44, R45—2000 ohms
 R10, R15, R22, R24, R29—1000 ohms
 R11, R17—2200 ohms
 R12, R25—1800 ohms
 R13—1000 ohms, printed circuit trimmer
 R14, R38—10,000 ohms, printed circuit trimmer
 R18—5600 ohms
 R19—1500 ohms
 R20, R40, R43—82,000 ohms
 R21, R28, R36, R37, R39—100,000 ohms
 R23—1000 ohms, potentiometer, linear taper (Centralab HMP-1000)
 R26—180 ohms
 R27—22 ohms
 R32, R34—56,000 ohms
 R33—100,000 ohms, potentiometer, linear taper (Centralab HMP-100K)
 R35—1 megohm
 R47, R48—100,000 ohms, printed circuit trimmer (optional, see text).

Capacitors

C1—C4, C7—C10, C21, C25—0.1 μ F, 50V, Mylar
 C5, C6, C20, C22—47 μ F, 35V, radial electrolytic
 C11—4.7 μ F, 25V, 10% tantalum
 C12—0.47 μ F, 25V, 10% tantalum
 C13—.047 μ F, 25V, 10% Mylar
 C14—.0047 μ F, 25V, 10% Mylar
 C15—470 pF, 25V, 10% ceramic
 C16, C26, C28—10 pF, 25V, ceramic
 C17, C23, C24—10 μ F, 25V, radial electrolytic
 C18—220 μ F, 50V, radial electrolytic
 C19—100 μ F, 50 V, radial electrolytic

D1, D2—1N4004, 100V, 1A diode
 IC1, IC9—LM324 quad op-amp
 IC2, IC6—LM341CN op-amp
 IC3—IC5—LM318CN high-speed op-amp
 IC7—8038 waveform generator (Intersil, Lithic Systems)
 IC8—4001 CMOS quad NOR gate
 IC10—LM340T-24, +24V regulator
 IC11—LM340T-12, +12V regulator
 IC12—LM320T-12, -12V regulator
 LED1, LED2—XC209 (or equal) LED lamp
 Q1—MPSA13, NPN Darlington

Q2—Q5—MPSA63, PNP Darlington
 S1—1-pole 6-position miniature rotary switch (CTS T-206)
 S2—1-pole 4-position miniature rotary switch (CTS T-206)
 S3—1-pole 3-position miniature rotary switch (CTS T-206)
 S4—SPDT miniature toggle switch
 S5—SPST miniature toggle switch
 T1—power transformer, 25.2-VAC 300-mA secondary, PC mount (Triad type F-148XP or Radio Shack 273-1386)
Miscellaneous—LMB 007-946 case, 1/2-inch aluminum angle bar, 6-32 \times 1/2" bolts with hex nuts 3/8" \times 32 nuts, 3/8" lockwashers. Binding posts (J1-J8), power cord, strain relief, hookup wire.

A complete kit of parts including all components, and undrilled and unlabeled cabinet is available for \$79.95. Etched, drilled and silk-screened PC boards \$11.00. Full-size photo-negative of PC pattern \$3.50. Available postpaid from Noveltronics, PO Box 4044, Mountain View, CA 94040. California residents add state and local taxes as applicable. Foreign readers add 5% for extra postage and handling.

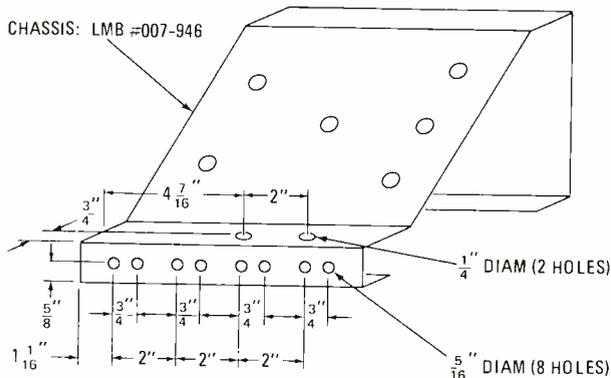


FIG. 5—FRONT PANEL has holes drilled in its three lower surfaces. The five holes for the switches and pots must be precise. See text.

that the three power supply voltages are arriving into the main board. Set pot R5 in its counterclockwise position, pots R23 and R33 in their clockwise positions. Place switch S1 in the "2—20"-Hz position, S2 in the TRIANGLE position, S3 in the "10" position and S4 in the VAR position. You should now be getting a 10-volt triangle waveform at the generator output. The low-frequency output can be observed with the voltmeter by probing at board locations Y-Z. The calibrator LED's should also be alternately blinking. Place function selector switch S2 in the square and sine positions and confirm their voltage excursions with the voltmeter. If anything is wrong at this point, remove power and locate the problem.

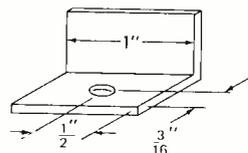
Calibration

Plug the power cord into an outlet and turn on power. Again keep your hands clear of the exposed line voltage at the power supply board's foil side. With a voltmeter, measure the +12-volt supply. Adjust trimmer R38 in the calibrator circuit until the voltage at pin 8 of IC9 is exactly half of the supply voltage.

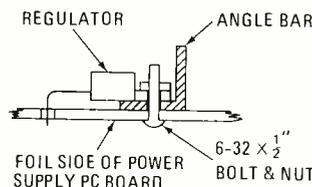
Place FREQUENCY switch S1 in the "20—200"-Hz position with FINE FREQUENCY pot R5 in its fully clockwise position. Adjust trimmer R13 until both LED's are off. This is a very touchy adjustment, and you shouldn't expect the lights to remain off for any great length of time—thermal drift makes stability impossible. Now place S1 in the "200—2K"-Hz position and rotate R5 fully counterclockwise and adjust trimmer R14 until both LED's are off or just slightly glowing. Repeat this procedure one more time. The generator output will

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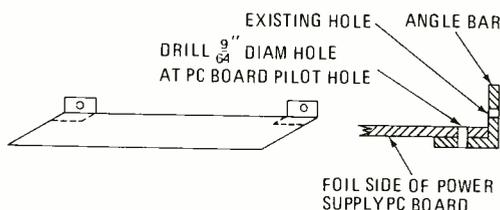
1. 1/2" ALUMINUM ANGLE BAR
2. FABRICATE 5 PIECES
3. DRILL HOLE TO 9/64" DIAM



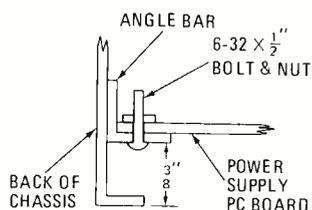
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FIG. 6—ALUMINUM ANGLE STOCK is used to construct board mounting brackets and heat sinks for regulator IC's. See construction details for explanation.

now have a 50% duty cycle for any frequency setting.

If you're lucky (or rich) enough to have a distortion meter you can make one more distortion trimming. Set the generator for a 1-kHz sine wave and then adjust trimmers R47 and R48 for minimum distortion at the output. If you don't have such a meter then you shouldn't bother trying to make this adjustment; in fact, you should have omitted soldering the two trimmers to the board.

Operation

Using the function generator is fairly straightforward. Sine, triangle and square waveforms can be supplemented by any signal you may want to add at the external input. If you would like the output to be centered around a frequency different from that of the front panel, you can add an external timing capacitor at the C_{EXT} terminals. The swept frequency range (in Hertz) will be given by

$$10/C_{ext}(\mu F) \leq \text{frequency} \leq 100/C_{ext}(\mu F)$$

with about a 20% overlap on each side of the ranges.

There is a minimum capacitance that can be added at the C_{EXT} input of about 200 pF. Any value less than this causes gross signal distortion. The only limit on the maximum capacitance value is determined by the capacitor's leakage current.

By using the BASELINE OFFSET control, the waveform generator can be used as a digital pulse generator with a fixed 50% duty cycle. The output buffer will typically sink and source 25 mA, making it more than adequate for driving TTL and CMOS circuitry.

The function generator's frequency can be swept via the MODULATE INPUT. This input overrides the signal applied by FINE FREQUENCY pot R5. Its input impedance is 10,000 ohms. The net effect of the input is to force a frequency determined by this instantaneous voltage and the selected timing capacitor. Of course, if the input voltage is time-varying, then so is the output frequency. The exact relationship between input voltage, timing capacitor, and frequency is

$$\text{Frequency} = \frac{14 \times V_{in}}{C_{timing}(\mu F)}$$

Modulation voltage V_{in} should be kept between 0.4 and 9.1 volts for reliable operation. The upper sinusoidal AC limit for the modulated input is about 20 kHz, limited by op-amp frequency response.

Another potential use for the function generator is to measure capacitance. By switching S1 to the C_{EXT} mode, different output frequencies will be produced by different-valued capacitors. If you have an oscilloscope or a frequency meter, there will be an inverse relationship between frequency and capacitance. You thus have a new way to measure capacitance.

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BUILD THIS

Digital Capacitance Meter

Part 2—A valuable addition to your workbench that lets you check the value of unmarked and suspected capacitors.

BILL WILSON AND BILL OWEN*

CAPACITOR VALUES FROM 1 pF TO 9,999 μF are easily measured using this digital capacitance meter. A quartz timebase, precision resistors and a premium IC timer yield 1% \pm count accuracy. Story begins in the September issue.

Construction

The *model CM-1000* is constructed using two double-sided plated-through glass-epoxy PC boards. The display board contains a complete four-digit counter and requires only power, ground, clock input, latch enable, and three decimal point connections. This arrangement greatly simplifies the building, testing and interfacing of the display and main counter boards. The remaining circuitry with the exception of the fuse and line cord is installed on the main counter board. The POWER/RANGE switch module solders directly to the main counter board eliminating almost all of the point-to-point wiring. The electronics assembly bolts in place in the custom black anodized heavy-gauge aluminum enclosure. The front panel is cut out for the push-button switch module and has a window with a high contrast lens for the LED digits. The front panel controls are labeled with a two-color silk screen. The instrument top is extended forward to protect the LED digits from direct overhead light and the instrument bottom has a tilt stand for angled viewing. Four machine screws recessed in each side allow easy removal of instrument covers.

*Product Engineers, Optoelectronics, Inc.



An exploded view of the meter assembly is in Fig. 3.

Begin construction with the two PC boards. Figures 4 and 5 are foil patterns for the bottom and top sides of the master board while Fig. 6 shows the component layout. Similarly, Figs. 7 and 8 are foil patterns for the display board while Fig. 9 shows parts placement. All components, with the exception of the POWER/RANGE switch and trimmer capacitor C2, mount on the component screened side of the PC board. Refer to Figs. 5 and 6 for component placement. Use a 20- to 25-watt small-tipped soldering pencil and small diameter solder. Be careful not to force solder through the plated-through holes as shorts can result from solder pools on the component side of the PC board. Do not install the IC's at this time.

The POWER/RANGE switch assembly is installed using No. 4 1/16-inch-thick fiber washers next to the PC board. See Fig. 3 for assembly details. Assemble the front and rear panels and side rails using hardware provided. Set the assembled PC boards in place on the chassis. The main counter board bolts to the side rails at four locations. When the two PC boards are aligned there are eight mating pairs of foil fingers that will be soldered to connect the two boards. Place a 1-inch piece of excess component lead in the hold in the third finger from each end of the display board. With the component lead wires centered in the display board as shown, solder to the foil finger and bend each side of both wires down to align with

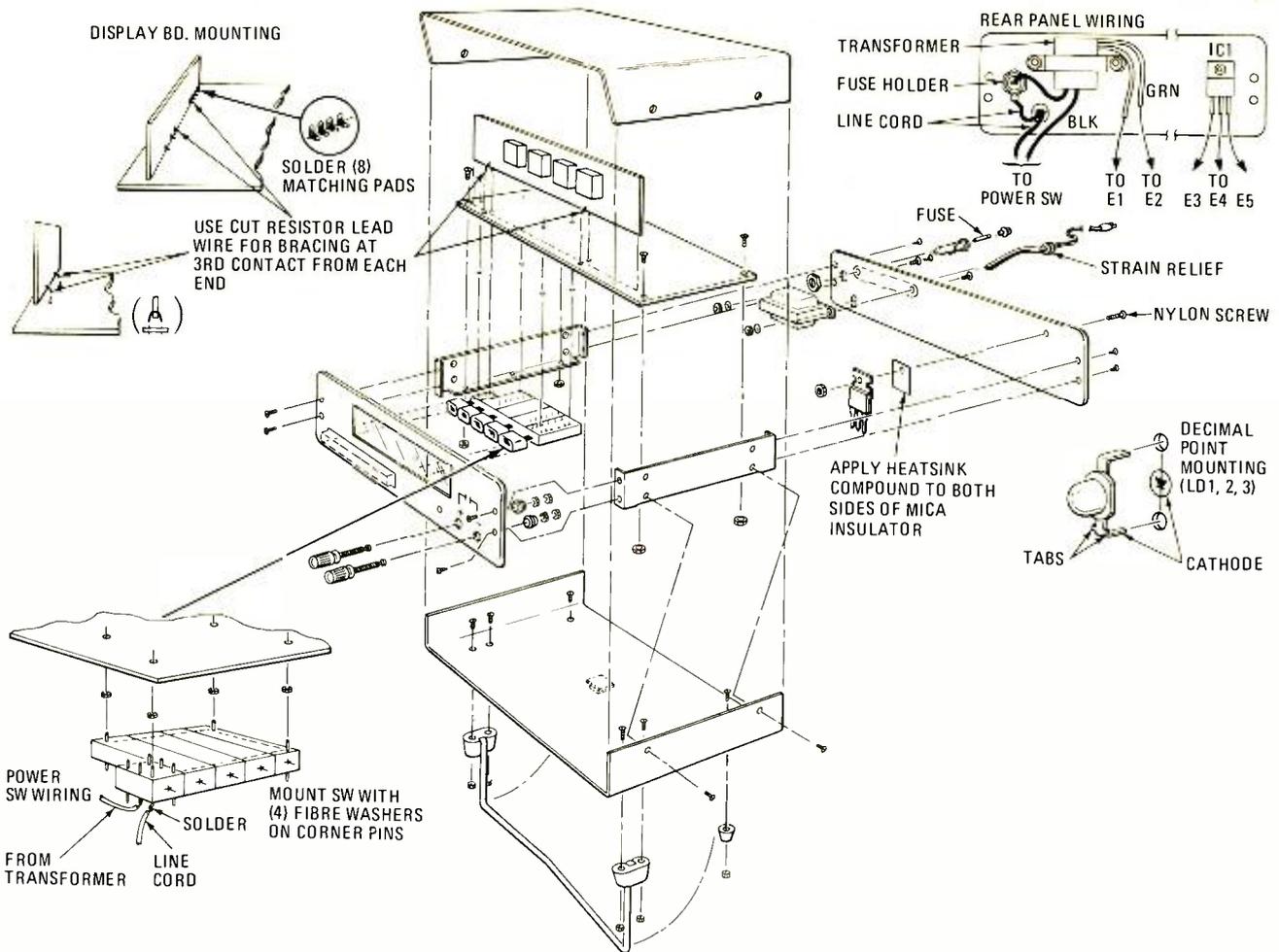


FIG. 3—EXPLODED VIEW of the model CM-1000 digital capacitance meter. Parts are as supplied in the kit. Use this as a guide if you build your meter from scratch.

PARTS LIST

Resistors are 10%, 1/4 watt unless otherwise noted

- R1—243,000 ohms, metal film, 0.25%, 1/8 watt
- R2—11,300 ohms, metal film, 0.25%, 1/8 watt
- R3—2430 ohms, metal film, 1%, 1/8 watt
- R4—220 ohms, 5%
- R5, R8, R21—100 ohms, carbon potentiometer, 1 watt
- R6—243 ohms, metal film, 1%, 1/8 watt
- R7—33 ohms, 5%
- R9, R11—10,000 ohms
- R10—3300 ohms
- R12, R14—330 ohms
- R13—6.8 megohms
- R15—8.2 megohms
- R16—180 ohms
- R17-R19—2200 ohms
- R20—1000 ohms
- R22—11 megohms
- R23-R26—100 ohms
- R27, R28—4700 ohms
- C1—47 pF NPO disc
- C2—15-60 pF, ceramic trimmer

- C3, C13, C19, C23—0.47 μ F, 50 volts
- C4, C5—3.3 μ F tantalum
- C6—.001 μ F
- C7, C8, C9, C11, C12, C14, C17, C20, C27, C28—0.1 μ F
- C10—.01 μ F
- C18—.02 μ F
- C21—3300 μ F, 16 volts, electrolytic
- C22—220 μ F, 25 volts, electrolytic
- C24—33 pF NPO disc
- C25—8.2 pF NPO disc
- C26—470 pF disc
- D1-D4—1N4002 silicon rectifier diode
- IC1—556 dual timer
- IC2-IC4, IC12, IC14, IC16, IC18—74LS90 decade counter/divider
- IC5—74LS73 flip-flop
- IC6—4001 quad NOR gate
- IC7—74LS04 hex inverter
- IC8, IC9—74LS00 quad 2-input NAND gate
- IC10—SE555 precision timer
- IC11—voltage regulator, 7805
- IC13, IC15, IC17, IC19—4511 BCD to 7-segment decoder/driver

- DIS1-DIS4—MAN-6680 7-segment LED display
- XTAL1—quartz crystal, 3.579 MHz
- S1-S5—5-gang SPST pushbutton switch
- T1—power transformer, 117 VAC primary, 10 VAC secondary
- J1, J2—insulated banana jack
- F1—120-volt, 125-mA fuse
- Miscellaneous: PC boards, 1 8-pin IC socket, 4 16-pin IC sockets, 14 14-pin IC sockets, line cord, hardware

The following parts are available from Optoelectronics, Inc., 5821 N.E. 14 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334.

CM-1000K Complete Kit	\$129.95
CM-1000WT Factory Wired & Tested	179.95
CM-1000 PC Boards Only	24.95
P-1000K Cap. Counter Probe Kit	3.95
P-1000 Assembled Probe	6.95

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holes in the main counter board. Insert the wire ends in their respective locations on the main counter board and push the display board down until the foil finger pairs touch. Check alignment to see that the display board is at right angles to the counter board and that the foil fingers are

perfectly aligned. Solder the wires to the main counter board and after rechecking alignment solder the matching foil fingers together.

Feed 6 feet of the AC line cord through the back panel and secure using plastic strain relief. Mount the transform-

er, fuse holder, using hardware provided on the back panel where indicated. Wire one side of the AC line through the power switch to the transformer primary as shown. The other side of the AC line runs to the other side of the transformer primary through the fuse holder.

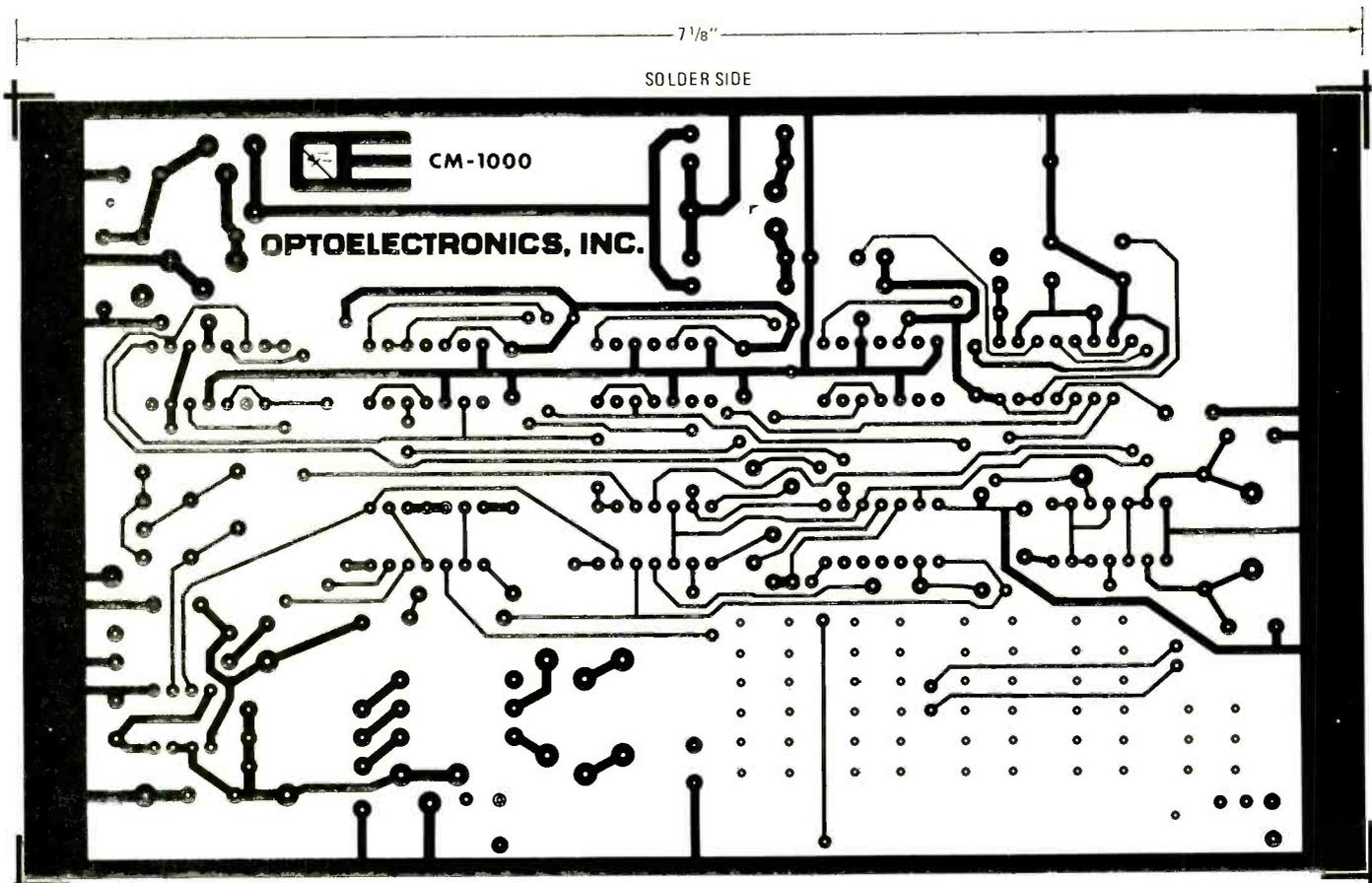


FIG. 4—FOIL PATTERN for the bottom (solder) side of the main board.

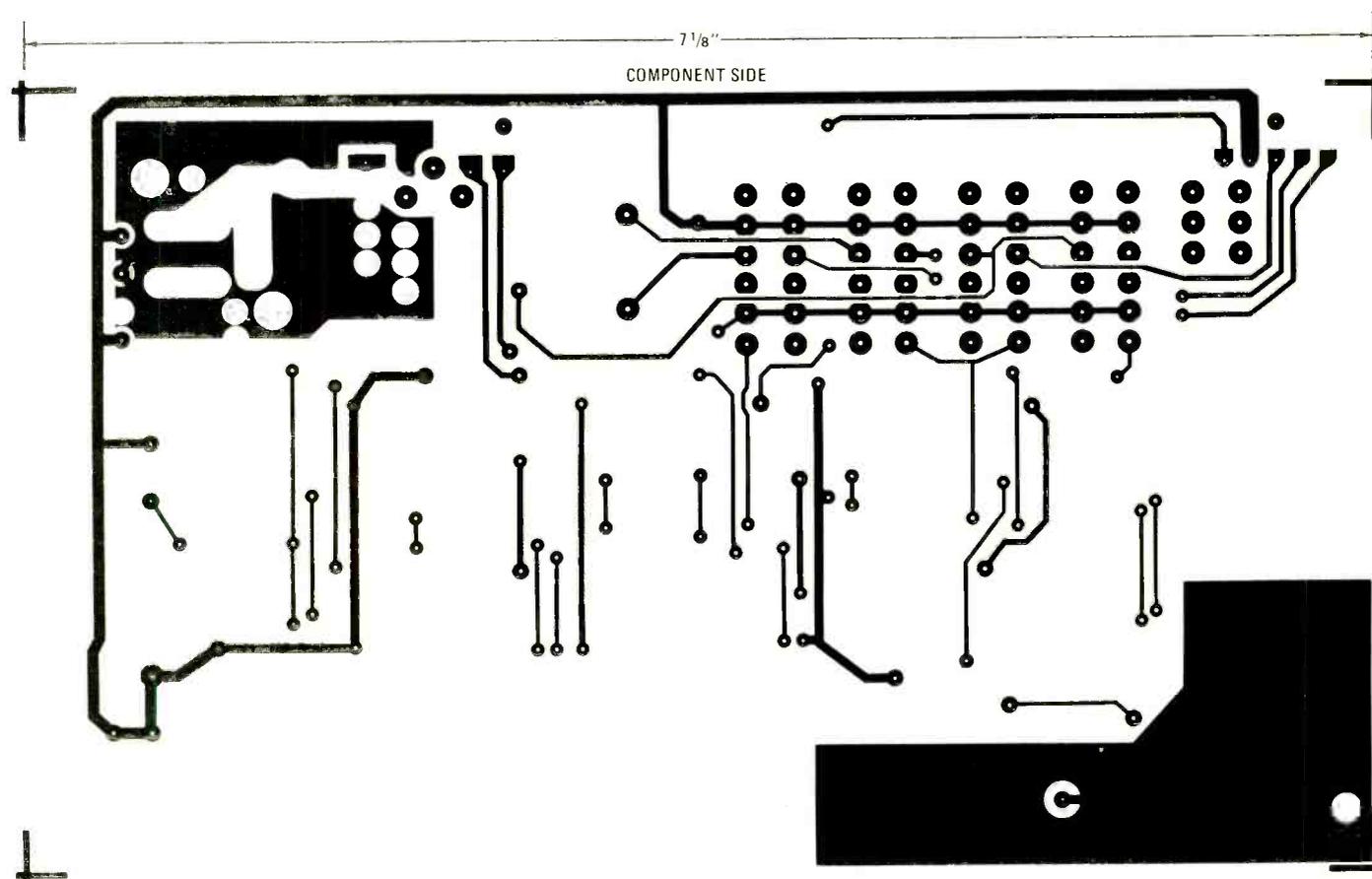
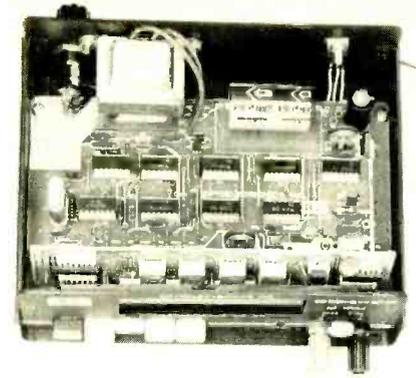


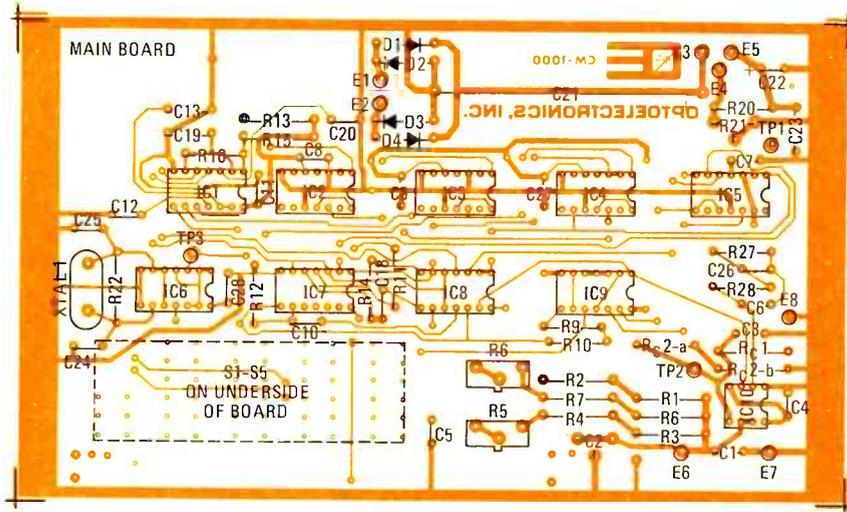
FIG. 5—COMPONENT-SIDE foil pattern. Board supplied in kit has plated-through holes. Compensate for lack of hole plating if you make your own boards.

Before installing IC's into sockets, perform a simple test by plugging in the AC power cord and depressing one of the range switches. Connect a voltmeter between the negative input terminal on the front panel and test point 1 (TP1). It

should be possible to measure 5 volts DC by adjusting R21. If the voltage checks, then install all IC's in their sockets making sure that the notch on the IC is aligned with the outline on the printed-circuit board.



INTERIOR VIEW of the Optoelectronics model CM-1000 digital capacitance meter.



Calibration

With IC's installed, reapply power and adjust TP1 for +5 volts referenced to ground. Depress the R1/PF switch and use a small bladed screwdriver to turn the ZERO ADJUST control (trimmer capacitor C2) until a reading of 0001 is observed. Continue to turn the control until the "1" turns to "0." **Do not adjust any further.**

The next step requires the use of an accurately known capacitor. The parts kit

FIG. 6—COMPONENT LAYOUT for the main board. Trimmer capacitor C2 is mounted on underside of board. See text on R₁ and R₂.

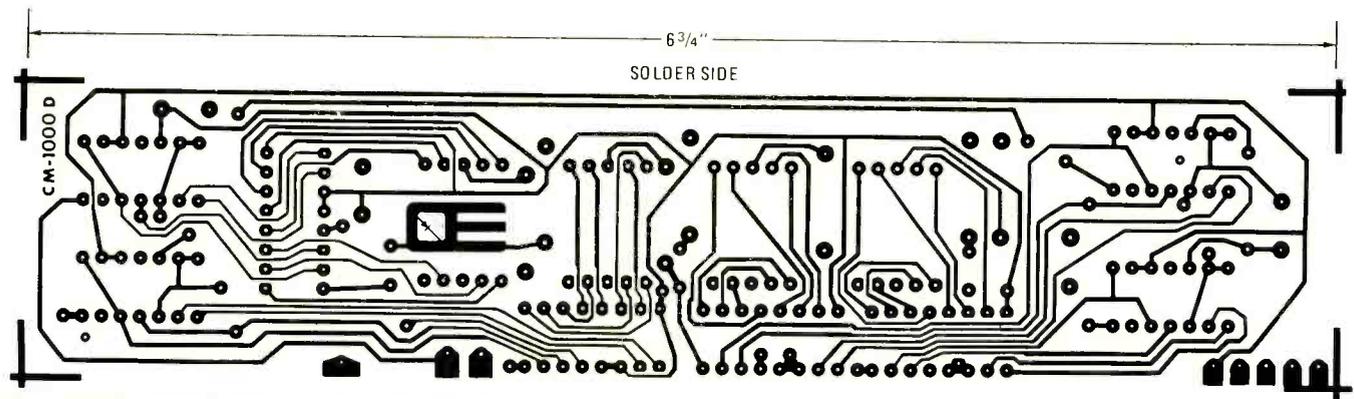


FIG. 7—BACK SIDE OF DISPLAY PANEL is etched with this foil pattern.

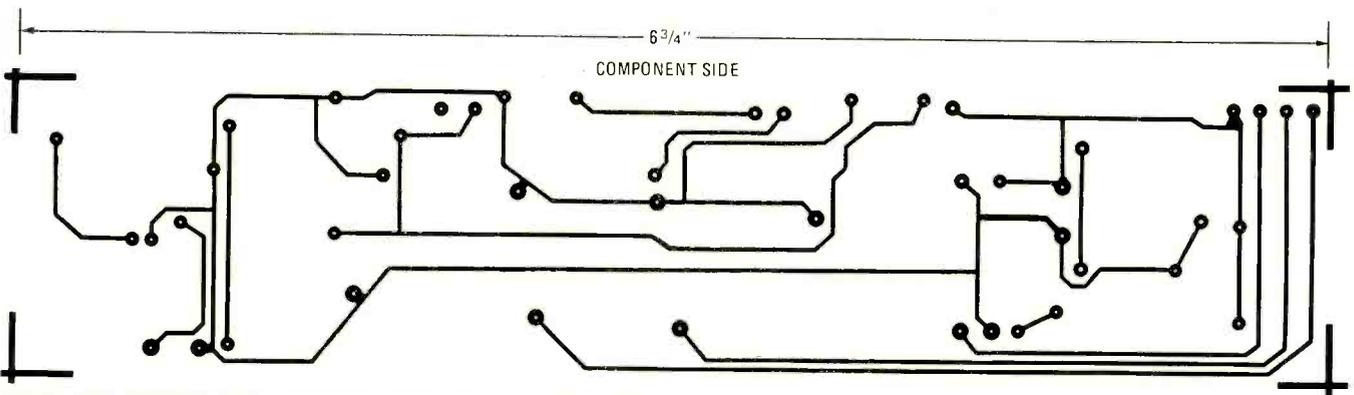


FIG. 8—FOIL PATTERN for the component (front) side of the display PC board.

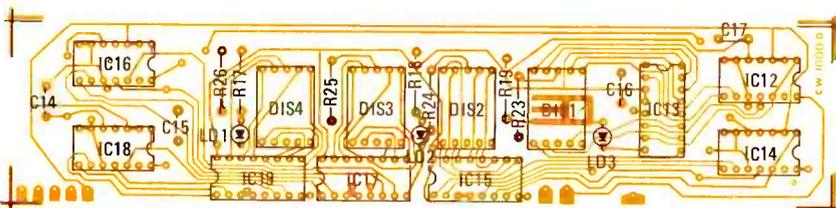


FIG. 9—DISPLAY BOARD components are laid out as shown. Decade counters and driver IC's are on board along with the LED displays and a few capacitors and resistors.

includes a calibrated capacitor with its value marked on the package. Connect this capacitor across the input terminals and depress the R3/μF switch. Adjust trimmer R5 to produce a reading equal to the value given.

Use a low-leakage capacitor between 10 and 22 μF to calibrate range R4/μF with trimmer R8 by comparing its reading to that observed on the previously calibrated R3/μF range. **R-E**

BUILD THIS

Frequency Counter In A Probe



Part 2—Completely self-contained in a handy probe, this frequency counter was constructed using a unique assembly method that makes possible an instrument that is rugged, compact and convenient to use.

WALTER T. CARDWELL, JR.

Beginning last month, this article describes an instrument that is constructed using an unusual technique (see "IC Bricklaying" in the December 1977 issue). Counter measures to 2.5 MHz with 10-Hz resolution.

Now build one

Figure 4 shows component placement using the "bricklaying" technique and keying of sockets S01 and S02. Glue a 12-pin socket on each end of the block of IC's, and a 1/16-inch acrylic plastic spacer between the socket pins. Then clip the socket flush with the spacer to allow 1/16-inch of space for soldering leads to the socket. Cut the sockets from an 80-pin PC-board edge connector.

The case is made from black opaque acrylic plastic. Glue a 1/8-inch-thick piece, as wide as the IC block, to the sides of the sockets at each end. On the front, glue a 1/16-inch black opaque piece of plastic to a 1/16-inch piece of transparent amber plastic; this strip is then glued to the front side with the transparent part placed over the readouts. Use cyanoacrylate glue, but don't get glue on the plastic surface.

Once the two sides are in place, file the top and bottom of the block flat using a metal file. You can curve the top to make it more comfortable to hold and easier to identify. When you file the block, bring the sides down as close to the IC's as possible to keep the overall size of the meter small. Be careful of the wires when you file. If the wiring is covered with tape, you are safe until the tape is marked by the file. You may have to add shims to the top of the sockets if the sockets are not as thick as the IC block. Once the top and bottom have been filed, glue two more pieces of 1/16-inch black plastic to the top and bottom. If you use cyanoacry-

late glue, you can open the case easily by inserting a razor blade along the seam.

The square block that plugs into the back is the battery pack and is made from 1/16-inch glass-epoxy double-sided PC board. The battery case is also made of black acrylic plastic. The meter is powered by 20 mA NiCad button cells. Also included in the power supply is a 2-volt reference, using an MC1403 IC and a 1000-ohm, 10-turn trimmer (see Fig. 5). This voltage reference will be used by certain meter accessories (still on the drawing board) that will plug into the front of the unit. You can use larger batteries if you don't find their weight and size objectionable.

The probe tip on the front contains the blocking capacitor, the X10 prescaler and hold switch. A CD4013 dual-D flip-flop generates the hold and X10 signals. The two dots on the top of the probe tip are two small copper nails inserted through a 1/4-inch black plastic strip and filed flush. These nails serve as a touch-control switch (S2) to select the X10 range. One side is connected to the +5-volt supply through a 100,000-ohm isolation resistor, as shown in Fig. 6-a. Placing your finger across the pins charges capacitor C2 through resistor R3 and the skin resistance. Diode D1 and capacitor C2 must be used to eliminate the 60-Hz charge that the body receives from the

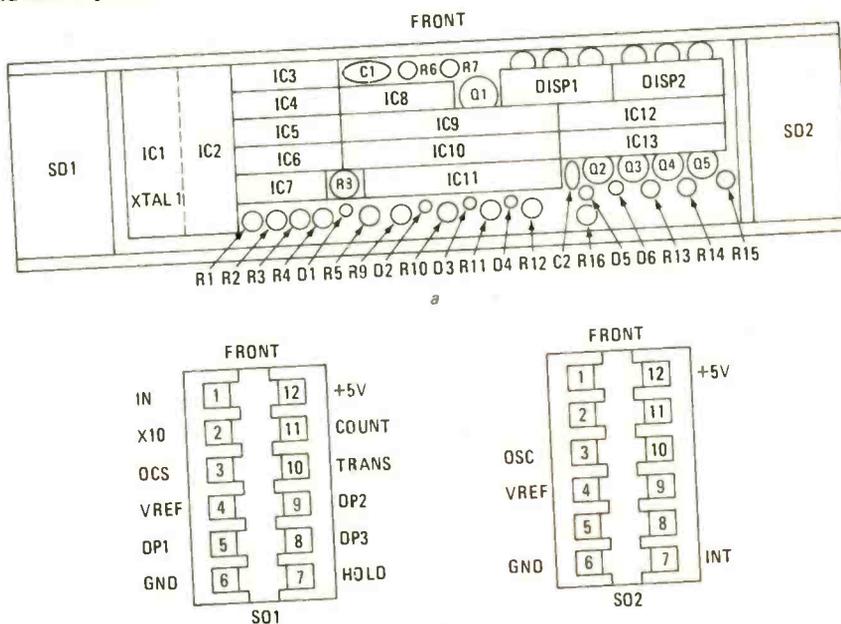


FIG. 4—INTERNAL LAYOUT of probe showing component placement. Location of signals on socket pins is shown in b.

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power lines. Resistor R2 discharges capacitor C2. Charging C2 sets the dual-D flip-flop; the X10 input is high and the DP1-display is low. As soon as connector S goes low, output from the 3.57-MHz oscillator resets the flip-flop.

The clear plastic front holds momentary contact switch S1. Cut the front piece from 1/2-inch clear acrylic plastic, which you then glue to the front of the

completed black plastic back section of the unit. Sand both pieces with 100-grit sandpaper in a disc sander until you obtain the final shape (see Fig. 6-b). The drawings do not show dimensions since the size depends on the components used. Sand the probe tip with finer-grit paper, stopping at 400 grit.

Once the shape is roughed out, remove the clear plastic section with a razor

blade. Drill a 1/16-inch hole through the center to hold the wire probe tip, which is made from 1/8-inch piano wire ground to a point. Wrap AGC No. 10 copper wire once around the back end and silver-solder it using a propane torch. Then, file the copper until the tip resembles a long flathead nail.

The 1/8-inch hole in the clear acrylic plastic is drilled out from the back deep enough so that the SPST miniature push-button switch fits completely in the clear plastic section. Remove the pushbutton and metal section. Then, remove a white spacer on the red pushbutton to the end of the copper head on the probe tip. Room is hollowed out in the clear plastic to contain the switch lugs, which are bent at right angles to the switch body.

Solder two wires to the copper part of the probe tip. These wires must be flexible; we recommend phonograph pickup wires. Before assembling the switch, glue the clear plastic back on the probe front. Then, to restore the gloss on the plastic, polish the entire unit, using jewelers' rouge on a cloth buffing wheel. Be careful not to let the edges catch in the buffing wheel.

Calibration is the next step

After the probe tip is polished, you can assemble it. Unglue the clear plastic section again and file off the old glue from both sections. Push the probe tip through the 1/8-inch hole that was drilled in the clear plastic section. Insert first the spring and then the flat contact disc into the switch body. Place the switch assembly in the back of the clear plastic section and glue it in place. There should be sufficient room at the front of the switch body to allow the wires on the probe tip to move. Check the switch to make sure that it closes when the probe tip is pushed in. When the switch is finished, connect the wires to the switch, and the probe tip wires to the input capacitor. The clear plastic section is now glued to the front permanently. Any glue that appears on the surface can be removed with the buffing wheel. Be especially careful of the sharp point waiting to get you if it catches in the wheel!

When the tip is pushed in, the meter will convert until it is removed. The count will be held as long as the tip is not pushed in. When the prescalers are added you insert them between the probe tip and the meter body.

The usefulness of the basic frequency probe can be greatly expanded by accessories that plug into the main body. You can add a 5-volt calculator battery eliminator so that the meter can function off the AC power line. You can also construct a new front section so that you can use the probe as a normal bench meter. You can also add a 20-MHz to 125-MHz prescaler. Due to the construction of the main body, the number of accessories you can add is almost unlimited.

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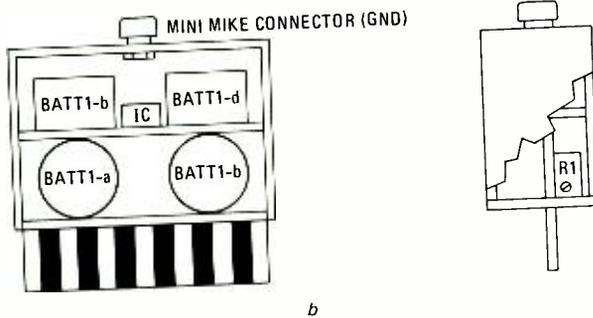
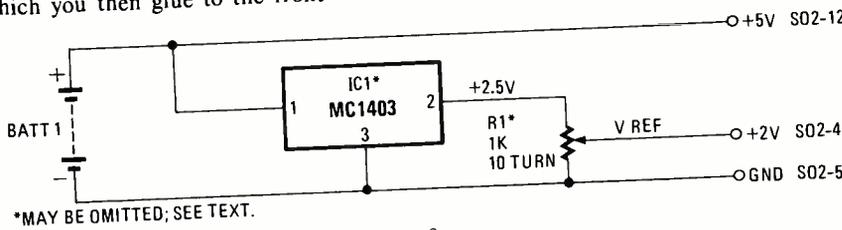


FIG. 5—POWER SUPPLY SCHEMATIC AND PARTS LAYOUT. The MC1403 voltage-regulator IC and the 1K pot are for a 2-volt source used as a reference for accessories not yet completed.

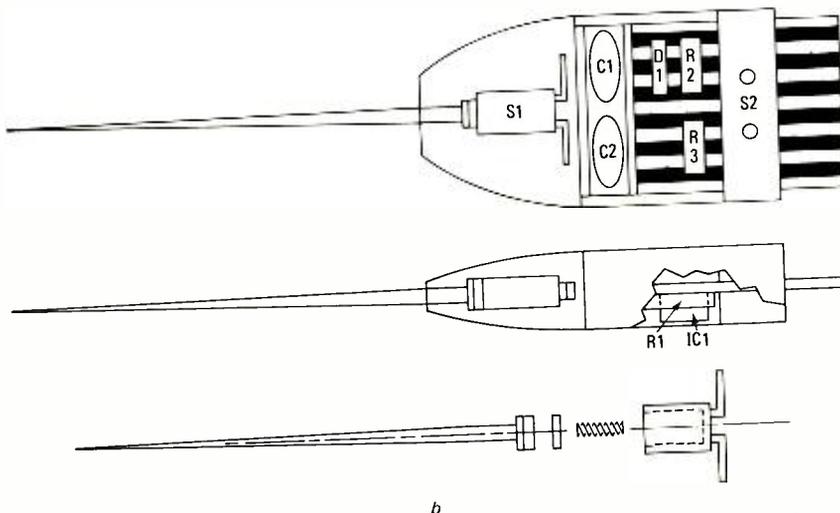
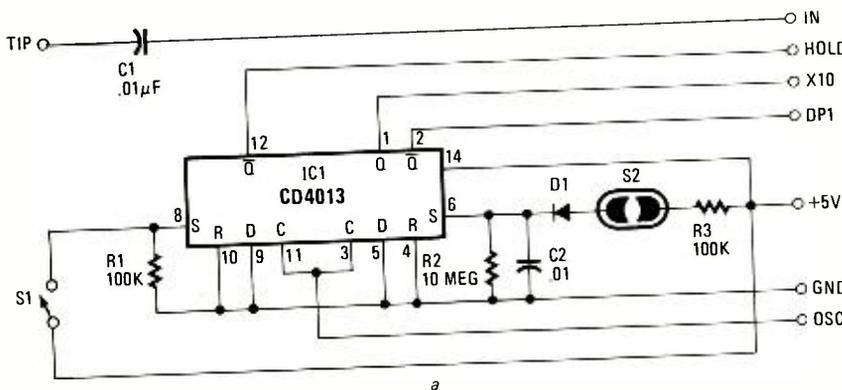


FIG. 6—CONSTRUCTION AND SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM of the probe front-end. The prescaler uses a CD4013 and is turned on by touch switch S2 consisting of two tiny nails.



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CHAPTER 4

TRY YOUR HAND AT THESE SAMPLE TEST questions on transistors and semiconductors. The answers to this month's and a new set of questions will appear in a future issue of **Radio-Electronics**. When you feel ready to take the CET Exam write to ISCET: 310½ Main St., Ames, IA 50010. Ask for the name and number of the nearest Certification Administrator, and take the CET exam.

Chapter 4 Questions, transistors and semiconductors

1. A good method of determining if the transistors are operating in a Class-A circuit, such as an audio amplifier, IF or RF amplifier, would be to check the:
 - () a. collector-base voltage
 - () b. bias voltage
 - () c. emitter-collector voltage
 - () d. base voltage
2. In a Class-A transistor amplifier cir-

cuit using a NPN silicon transistor, which of the following conditions would appear to be normal?

- () a. collector -5V; emitter 0V
 - () b. base -5V; collector -5.6V
 - () c. emitter -5V; base -5.6V
 - () d. collector -5V; emitter -10V
3. Which of the following statements regarding Zener diodes is true?
 - () a. a Zener diode will operate the same as any low-current solid-state diode if forward-biased
 - () b. a Zener diode will operate the same as any low-current solid-state diode if reverse-biased
 - () c. variations in the reverse-current flow in a Zener diode will cause similar variations in the Zener diode voltage level
 - () d. most Zener diodes are germanium

4. Which of the following statements is true regarding FET's (Field Effect Transistors)?
 - () a. the gate voltage necessary to cause the FET to cut off is called the "pinch-off" voltage
 - () b. the channel of a FET must be of 'N'-type material
 - () c. MOSFET's are immune to static charges
 - () d. the difference between a junction FET (JFET) and a MOSFET is that the JFET has an insulated gate to reduce reverse-bias gate current

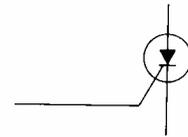


FIG. 1

Correct answers to Chapter 3 Questions on DC circuits

Here are the answers to the questions on DC circuits that appeared in the September 1978 issue.

1. **Correct answer is "d."** A scope calibrated for vertical deflection of 100 volts-per-inch will show about 3.3 inches of peak-to-peak deflection. An AC RMS meter would show 117 volts AC because the meter first rectifies the AC voltage and then reads the effective voltage, not the peak-to-peak voltage as the scope displays. Peak-to-peak voltage is 2.82 times RMS.
2. **Correct answer is "b."** High frequencies are bypassed to ground through the capacitors. Low frequencies (such as vertical-sync pulses (60 Hz) in TV sets) find the capacitive reactance high, while high frequencies

(such as the 15,750-Hz horizontal-sync pulses) find the capacitive reactance low, and are passed to ground—or filtered out—by the circuit. Low frequencies will appear at the output.

3. **Correct answer is "d."** The formula for impedance in a series LRC circuit is:

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$$

In this example X_C and X_L are equal and therefore would cancel. This leaves only the resistance as a factor, or a total of 10 ohms. The formula with X_C and X_L canceling would be: $Z = \sqrt{R^2}$. The square root of R_2 is

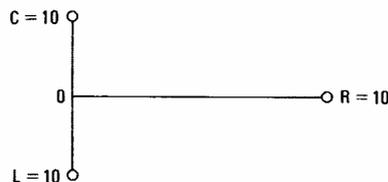


FIG. 3

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R, or 10 ohms. Figure 3 shows that L and C reactances are opposite each other, and ninety degrees from R. Being equal they cancel each other, which leaves only 10-ohms resistance as the effective impedance.

4. **Correct answer is "b."** Figure 4 can

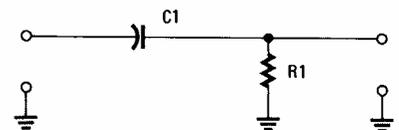
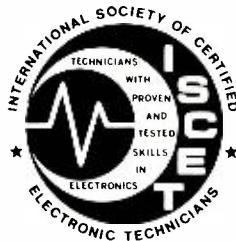


FIG. 4

be a differentiating circuit. Where it is used as such, the high-frequency response is good (the capacitor will charge quickly to a maximum value); the low-frequency response is poor (a squarewave will be reformed into a "peaky wave." See Fig. 5.)

5. **Correct answer is "d."** If X_L and X_C are equal, the frequency must be resonant. Higher frequencies will be

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5. The symbol shown in Fig. 1 is a:
- () a. MOSFET
 - () b. thyatron
 - () c. tunnel diode
 - () d. SCR
6. A tunnel diode is most likely found in which location?
- () a. a power supply
 - () b. the horizontal or vertical oscillator circuits of a TV set
 - () c. a UHF tuner
 - () d. an audio detector
7. The gain-bandwidth product of a transistor can tell you:
- () a. the frequency at which the gain has decreased to 0.707 times the gain at 1000 Hz
 - () b. the frequency at which the gain has decreased 3 dB from the gain at 1000 Hz
 - () c. the frequency at which the gain has decreased to 1

- () d. none of the above
8. A frequency correction circuit using a transistor rather than a varactor uses which two elements as the variable capacitor?
- () a. collector-base
 - () b. emitter-collector
 - () c. all three elements must be connected
 - () d. emitter-base
9. What type of transistor is shown in Fig. 2?
- () a. a triac

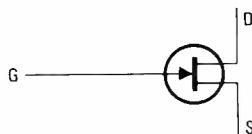


FIG. 2

- () b. an N-channel JFET
 - () c. a P-channel JFET
 - () d. a unijunction transistor
10. In most high power-output transistors used in radio, amplifiers and TV receivers:
- () a. the case is connected to the emitter
 - () b. the case is connected to the base
 - () c. the case is connected to the collector
 - () d. the case should be grounded for better shielding

Be sure to keep this month's issue of **Radio-Electronics** so you can check your answers in the next CET test. The new questions appearing in the next CET test will be on electronic components and circuits. **R-E**

PRIOR QUIZ

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FIG. 5

shunted through C, and the lower-than-resonance frequencies find L an easier path to ground. Only the resonant frequency finds X_L and X_C equal. The circuit responds to the resonant frequency, all others—higher or lower—to a lesser degree.

6. **Correct answer is "a."** Refer to discussion in answer 5 above.
7. **Correct answer is "d."** The time constant or R-C time for the cathode circuit is as follows:

$$t = R \times C$$

in which t is the time it takes for the capacitor to charge to 63% of full charge.

$$t = 4700 \times 1 \mu F$$

$$t = 4700 \times .000,001$$

$$t = .0047 \text{ seconds, or } 4.7 \text{ ms}$$

8. **Correct answer is "c."** A resistor in series with either leg of a parallel L-C circuit changes the resonant frequency. It therefore could be used to tune such a circuit. (Many practical technicians would instinctively select answer "b" as the correct one. However answer "c" is technically correct. The exact formula for the *natural resonant frequency* f_n is:

$$f_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{L-C} - \frac{R^2}{L/L^2}}$$

When the value of R is small compared with $2\sqrt{L/C}$, natural resonant frequency f_n approaches resonant frequency f_o (when $R=0$) and is approximately equal to

$$\frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{L-C}}$$

The resistance in an L-C circuit affects its Q, and, therefore, also its bandwidth. The circuit Q value must be less than 4 for f_n to differ from f_o by 1%. In the average practical circuit, the Q is at least 50. In this case, f_n and f_o differ by 1 part in 20,000. For further reading, see Terman's *Radio Engineering*, 3rd Edition, 1947, and *Radiotron Designers Handbook*, 3rd and 4th Editions.—RFS)

9. **Correct answer is "b."**
- $$X_L = 2\pi f_L$$
- $$X_L = 6.28 \times 15,750 \times 5$$
- $$X_L = 494,550 \text{ ohms}$$
10. **Correct answer is "b."** To reduce 27-MHz interference you would use a high-pass filter to shunt the 27-MHz signal, yet pass the desired 54-MHz to 216-MHz signals. **R-E**

HOBBY CORNER

Where to get parts, substituting parts and wiring prototype projects.

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VERY OFTEN READERS OF HOBBY CORNER come up with some good questions of general interest. Then, also, some questions appear again and again, showing rather widespread problems. Here are a few that might include some answers you need.

1. Where do you get the components to build your projects? To be perfectly honest, most of the components come out of my "junkbox" (that's what hams call whatever holds their component inventory—a shoebox, cabinet, cigar box, shelf, etc.). So a better question might be: "Where do I get the stuff to put in the junkbox?" I do manage to keep a fairly good stock of many kinds of components, and I work at keeping the stock up as it is used. Here's how I do it.

Perhaps the best way to build up a stock of components is to buy mixed assortments of resistors, capacitors, LED's, coils, transistors, IC's, and so forth. Mixed assortments can usually be bought for a low unit cost, so you can save 50% to 90% over the cost of individual components. Then, if you use only half of them in the course of time, you are still ahead. Of course, you won't have a choice of size or value buying components this way, but remember, if you don't have any on hand as you build a project, you'll have to buy each one you need at full price.

My assortment purchases come from several sources but mainly from surplus mail-order suppliers. I read the ads carefully in the back of *Radio-Electronics* each month and keep the postman busy delivering the flyers, catalogs and parts I have ordered.

Another source of components is from sources offering small bulk purchases. When I discover a commonly used part (for example, a 2N2222 or 7400 or 1N4004) and the price is especially favorable, I order 10 or 25 or more, even though I have no immediate need for them—sooner or later they will be used. These bargains are found in catalogs but most often in ads as monthly specials.

Another source that bears watching is the local retail outlet if you have one nearby. Every few months they take inventory and order in an especially big shipment. Someone usually decides that

certain items should no longer be carried; then those parts go on a "bargain table." I have found that prices vary from store to store, but you can save from 25% to 50% when you find useful goodies on the bargain table.

As time goes by, you can build up a good stock from these and other sources. Another source you should not overlook, especially if you are just beginning to accumulate components, is old equipment. Anytime someone offers you a TV, radio, recorder, amplifier, or anything electronic, accept it! Very rarely does something like that come along that won't yield at least a few parts. I guess most of us started our junkboxes with *real* junk. You can find all sorts of components in those discarded sets—speakers, tubes, transistors, resistors, capacitors, transformers, dial lamps, sockets—they can be a real gold mine. (However, watch out for picture tubes—they can implode and cause severe damage!)

No matter how you go about it, however, you can't stock everything even if you try. Remember *Doc's law*: No project can be completed with just the components on hand! You'll always need something else to make it work.

At the start of a project when I discover something is missing, I try to find it locally to save time. I check the local retail stores, and then, if necessary, one or two of the wholesale distributors. As a final resort, I order the component and impatiently await its delivery.

In any case, I have found that time and money are saved by accumulating a stock of parts. I believe you will also find this useful.

2. I am a beginner in electronics and I want to build the projects you write about. Do I have to use exactly the same parts that you list? The answer to this is: Yes and no! There are times when you must use the exact value specified in a schematic. Fortunately, such instances are not frequent but you will experience them. You should always read very carefully both the text and any special schematic notes before starting any project.

In the Hobby Corner projects, I always try to indicate any parts that are critical in type or value; most other construction

project articles also do this. Of course, there are times when you just *know* it makes a difference. For example, in a coil-capacitor tuned circuit or a resistor-capacitor timing circuit, you know that a change of value changes the frequency.

Most of the time, however, component values simply are not critical. Usually, the next standard value up or down is sufficient. An even greater difference will often do the trick, too. In fact, marked values are normally 10% or even 20% tolerance.

We sometimes fall in the trap of thinking of values as absolute just because they are numbers. If a capacitor is marked .01, we think of it as *exactly* .01 even though the chances of that being true are pretty slim unless we pay a premium price for a precision (low-tolerance) capacitor. So, when a schematic calls for a 5000-ohm resistor, for example, and you put one in marked 5K, it could range from 4500 ohms to 5500 ohms, or more!

Now you can see why the next standard value almost always works—it may be closer to the specified value than one so marked. Note that the 5K 10% resistor could be 5500 while a 5.6K resistor could be 5040 ohms!

Let's take a look at a typical case. Figure 1 shows part of a transistor amplifier stage in which R1 and R2 form a

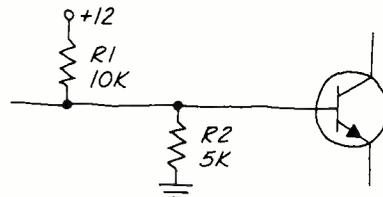


FIG. 1

voltage divider that is expected to provide +4 volts on the base of the transistor.

$$(12 \times R2) \div (R1 + R2) = 4.$$

But suppose R1 is 11K (10K + 10%) and R2 is 4.5K (5K - 10%). The base voltage would be 3.48, or if the resistors went the other way, the base voltage could be as much as 4.55.

The situation would be even more variable with 20% resistors (use some values in the formula to see just how much it would vary). The point is that unless 1% or 5% components are specified, the values range all over the countryside.

The next value up or even two greater

works just as well in most circuits. In substituting resistors and capacitors you should stay within the power and voltage ratings, however. If a 2-watt resistor is specified, you must use one that is 2 watts or larger. If a 16-volt capacitor is specified, make sure to use one that is rated 16 volts or more.

However, what do you do when you can't even come close to the specified value with the components you have on hand? Purchase what is needed or make them yourself if there is space in the project for one or two extra components. Note that I keep mentioning resistors, but the same principles apply to capacitors, inductors (coils) and other components.

You should always keep in mind the simple formulas for resistors and capacitors in series and in parallel. For example, suppose you need a 15K resistor. Do you have two 33K resistors to hook in parallel?

$$\frac{R1 \times R2}{R1 + R2} = \frac{33K \times 33K}{33K + 33K} = 16.5K.$$

Or how about two 6.8K resistors in series?

$$6.8K + 6.8K = 13.6K.$$

Or a 5.6K, an 8.2K and so on. Of course, capacitors work identically except that the series and parallel formulas are reversed.

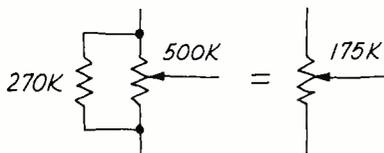


FIG. 2

This method of making your own components can also be quite handy with pots. A reader asked recently where he could obtain a 150K pot, stating he could only find values of 100K and 500K. I advised him to make the pot (see Fig. 2). The 500K pot in parallel with the 270K fixed resistor works similar to a 175K pot; this is close enough for most purposes. Actually, it's also possible to measure a handful of 20% resistors to find one at 200K, and that would yield the equivalent of a 153K pot!

With rectifier diodes, use substitutes that have an equal or higher Peak Reverse Voltage (PRV or PIV). A 50 or 100 PRV diode replaces a 25 PRV diode in almost any circuit—or two 25 PRV's can replace a 50 PRV (with equalizing resistors).

Most LED's have almost identical electrical values. They come in different sizes and colors and have different lenses, but one will serve as well as another in all but the most critical circuits.

The same holds true for most digital readouts, although if the ones you substitute differ greatly in size, you should check the current requirements. Of

course, you cannot interchange common-cathode and common-anode units without also making other circuit changes.

Transistors are hard to keep up with because there are so very many types. Most circuits work with *dozens* of different numbers. Usually it is a good idea to stay in the same transistor "families"—NPN, PNP, FET, audio, RF, silicon, germanium (even *this* list could go on forever!). Certainly you should have a transistor substitution book near your workbench.

There you have the parts story, or most of it at least. You seldom have to use the part exactly as specified. Use what you have that is in the right ball park and see how it works. I do it all the time as do all experienced builders. By the way, that's why I always run up a circuit on a solderless breadboard before building it permanently—I want to see if the circuit works properly with the components I have on hand.

3. What's the best way to wire a project? You came to the right place with that one! The truth is, I spend a lot of time trying to figure out the quickest and easiest way to build a project. I guess that's why I like the pencil wiring.

Over the years I must have tried every possible means of wiring. Of them all, I have settled on pencil wiring for most of my projects. It is effective and neat but, best of all, it is easy and *fast*.

You must understand that pencil wiring will not replace all the other wiring methods. I haven't given up wire-wrapping, PC boarding or even the old cut/strip/hook techniques—they still have their uses. However, most of my IC and transistor circuits are ideally suited to pencil wiring.

All you have to do is use a pencil-like device that also holds a roll of wire. As you move the point from place to place, just make a couple of loops around the components to be connected. Then go back and solder each joint—there's no need to scrape off the insulation because it vaporizes when it is touched with the hot iron.

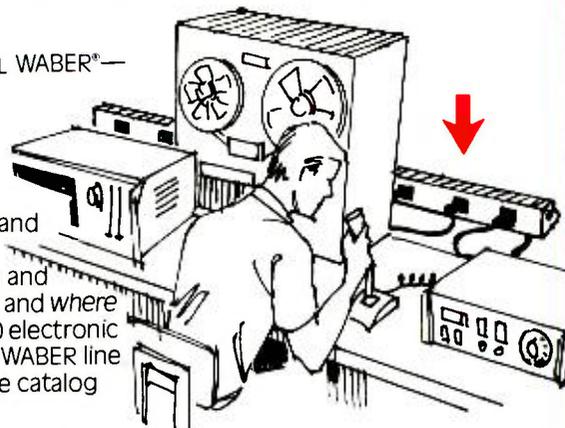
I just finished wiring a project using Vector's new *model P178-1* wiring pencil (Vector Electronic Company, Inc., 12460 Gladstone Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342). Vector's old model wiring pencil performed quite well, but this new slim one fits my hand better and gives me improved control. With its long metal snout, the wire can be laid exactly where you want it as you move quickly from one connection to the next. *What?* You've never done any pencil wiring? According to a once-popular expression, try it, you'll like it!

I hope these reader questions and answers have been interesting and helpful. If so, from time to time, we'll take a look at some more of them. **R-E**

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COMPUTER CORNER

8085 How to use the 8085 with an A/D converter to monitor eight analog channels.

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THIS MONTH'S COLUMN WILL SHOW HOW to interface an 8085 microcomputer with an A/D converter so that eight analog channels can be monitored with the time period between measurements programmed by the user. It is assumed that all eight channels are monitored quickly with a long period between these quick samplings. The system's computer, the 8085, must have the following input/output (I/O) devices:

1. A fast 10-bit analog-to-digital (A/D) converter with an eight-channel multiplexer.
2. A set of thumbwheel switches to select the time period (1 second to 99 seconds).
3. A set of eight control on-off outputs that can be used to control the process being monitored.

The block diagram of Fig. 1 shows how we assigned I/O ports and bits to various I/O devices. One 8155 read/write memory and one 8355 read-only memory (ROM) device are used. Note that the six I/O lines of Port C on the 8155 have not been used. These I/O lines can be used for later expansion.

The 8355's I/O ports were chosen to control the A/D converter system because a combination of inputs and outputs was needed. The 8355's I/O ports can be assigned input or output functions on a bit-by-bit basis. The 8155 was used for the switch inputs and the control outputs since these were already prearranged in groups of eight lines each.

The bits of the I/O ports must first be assigned input or output functions. The eight bits at Port A are all input bits, while those at Port B are a combination of input and output bits. Thus, the following control words must be sent to the 8355's two port-control registers:

Port A Control = 00000000₂
 0 = Input Bit
 Port B Control = 11111000₂
 1 = Output Bit

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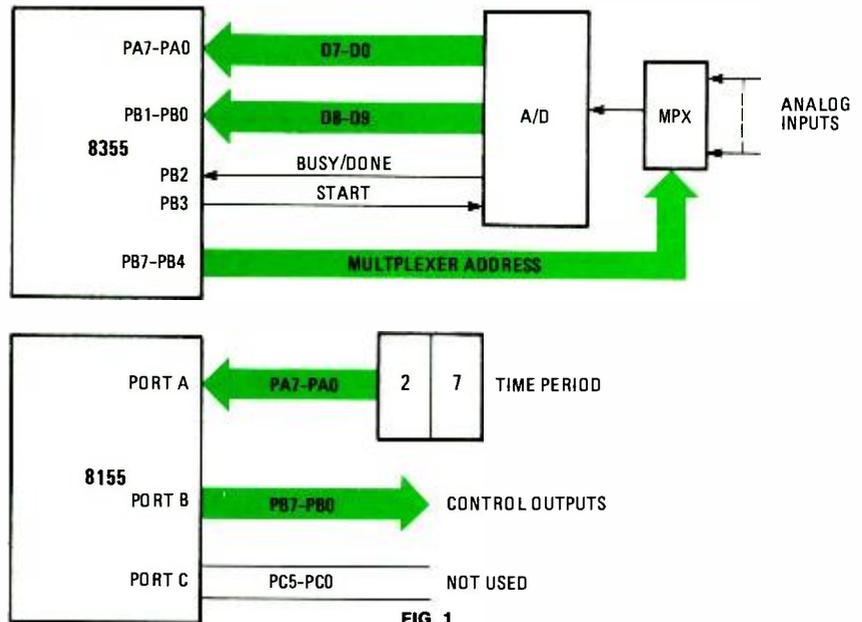


FIG. 1

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START    MVI A, 000    /LOAD REG A WITH PORT A CONTROL WORD
          OUT 002    /OUTPUT IT TO THE 8355 CHIP
          MVI A, 370 /LOAD REG A WITH PORT B CONTROL WORD
          OUT 003    /OUTPUT IT TO THE 8355 CHIP
          NOP        /PROGRAM CONTINUES HERE
    
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FIG. 2

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/CONVERSION START PORTION OF THE PROGRAM
LDA STATUS    /GET THE STATUS WORD, BIT PB3 = START
OR 0          /SET THE START BIT TO A ONE
OUT 010       /OUTPUT IT
ANI 001       /CLEAR THE START BIT
OUT 367       /OUTPUT IT
NOP 001       /CONTINUE HERE

/MULTIPLEXER UPDATE, SWITCH TO THE NEXT CHANNEL
LDA STATUS    /GET THE STATUS WORD, BITS PB7 - PB4
AND 0        /ARE THE MULTIPLEXER CHANNEL ADDRESS
ADI 020       /ADD ONE TO MULTIPLEXER ADDRESS
OUT 001       /OUTPUT IT TO THE MULTIPLEXER
STA STATUS    /STORE THE NEW STATUS WORD BACK IN
              /ITS MEMORY LOCATION
NOP 0        /CONTINUE HERE
    
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FIG. 3

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/TIMER CONTROL PROGRAM FOR THE 8155 CHIP
MVIA      /PRESET THE 8 LSBS OF TIMER'S COUNT
020
OUT       /OUTPUT TO TIMER
204
MVIA      /OUTPUT THE 6 MSBS OF TIMER'S COUNT &
347      /THE 2 MODE CONTROL BITS, D6 & D7
OUT       /OUTPUT THEM TO THE TIMER
205
MVIA      /SET UP PORTS A & C FOR INPUT,
302      /PORT B FOR OUTPUT, AND START THE
OUT       /COUNTER
200
NOP       /CONTINUE HERE

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FIG. 4

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/RESTART 7.5 INTERRUPT SERVICE ENABLING STEPS
MVIA      /CLEAR ANY PREVIOUS RST7.5 INTERRUPTS
020
SIM       /SET INTERRUPT MASK
MVIA      /ENABLE RST7.5 INTERRUPTS
013
SIM       /SET INTERRUPT MASK

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FIG. 5

The output of these control words is shown in Fig. 2.

When these control words are output to the control registers, the ports will be configured as required. It is wise to exercise some caution when you use Port B, since you want to control bit PB3 and bits PB7-PB4 independently. Therefore, when bit PB3 changes, bits PB7-PB4 must not be altered. Some careful thought must be applied to this problem so that the program does not start a conversion when all you want to do is

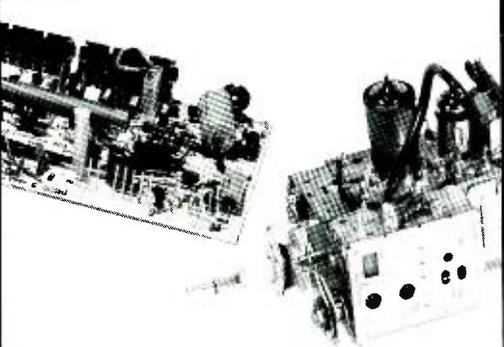
change the multiplexer's 4-bit address. A status word, stored in read/write memory, is used to tell the program the current status of the output lines. Individual bits can then be manipulated without affecting the other bits. Figure 3 shows two sections of the program, one indicating how the multiplexer is updated without affecting the converter, and the other showing how the converter is started without affecting the multiplexer. In fact, each routine can be treated as a subroutine.

The I/O ports on the 8155 are also easy to control. The bits at Port A are used as inputs and the bits at Port B are used as outputs; Port C is not used. Rather than using a software delay loop, we used the timer function in the 8155 to help time the 1-second period. Assume that the 8085 has a 1- μ s clock period. With a 14-bit counter this provides periods of up to 16.36 ms. In our example, we used a 10.00-ms time period, using a 14-bit binary count of 100111 00010000, which must be loaded into the counter. Since the timer will be used repeatedly, we used it in mode 3—automatic reload with a pulse at the end of each programmed period. Now it is necessary to initialize the 8155 to control Ports A and B plus the timer. The following sequence (see Fig. 4) initializes the system and starts the 10-ms clock period.

The timer's pulse output generates an interrupt (RST 7.5) whenever a 10-ms period "times out." To activate the RST 7.5 interrupt (on the 8085) the RST 7.5 interrupt mask must be enabled using the instruction steps shown in Fig. 5.

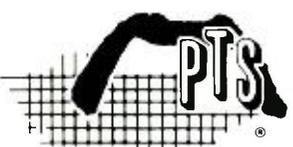
To initialize the I/O ports fully, only combine the steps from Figs. 2, 4 and 5. Remember also that you will have to establish a stack pointer before the interrupts can be used. In a future article, we will discuss the overall software integration necessary for this application. R-E

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Locating replacement parts for orphan sets can be a real chore. For help, use your ingenuity and the part numbers.

JACK DARR, SERVICE EDITOR

IN THE ELECTRONICS SERVICE INDUSTRY we often find so-called "orphans" dumped on our doorstep. These are TV sets and radios sold by parent companies that have left town and cannot be located! In most cases, but specifically with the less costly imports, there's only one logical solution: Don't accept them! These sets lack service data and replacements, and are a lost cause.

With a few "brand-name" sets built by U.S. companies, there's some hope. One in particular is the Bradford line. This line appears to have been manufactured by a record number of companies, 16 in all! (This information was provided by the *Coil Replacement Guide No. 175*, published by the J. W. Miller Company of Compton, CA. This guide lists sets by brand and manufacturer.)

So far, in practically all cases, Bradford seems to use the original factory *part numbers*. Therefore, we have been able to trace them back and cross-reference them to the numbers used by the manufacturers in their own sets. Component numbers are often individual and identifiable. The Miller Company Guide lists only radio-stereo components. However, by checking the part number, you can identify the manufacturer, then use the TV transformer guides (such as those published by Thordarson, Triad, etc.) to find a replacement. We have done this in quite a few cases with good results.

Bradford is shown in the Miller Company Guide as having been manufactured by Admiral, Arvin, GE, RCA, Wells-Gardner and Westinghouse, as well as Sanyo, Aiwa, Matsushita, Mitsubishi and Toshiba. The American companies have distinctive part numbers. For example, an Admiral set will have flyback circuits numbered "79C187-1," and deflection yokes numbered "94C87-1." (Incidentally, the letter "C" in the number doesn't seem to be critical; it can also be a "D," etc.) Find the listing for Admiral and look for the same number; the chances are you will find the information you want.

Arvin uses five-digit numbers or seven-digit numbers with a suffix. For example, the numbers "68504-123" or "2002783-

2" are used for flyback circuits. Some components have letter-digit numbers, such as "TLF-413," which can also help. General Electric uses two letters, two digits, an "X" and more digits; "ET77X88" designates flyback circuits, "ET76X32" indicates yokes.

RCA uses six-digit numbers, usually without suffixes—"133640" (flybacks), "136642" (yokes), etc.

Wells-Gardner also uses an "X." However, there is a difference: "53X362C" is used for flyback circuits and "9A2403" for yokes. Flyback circuits, vertical-output transformers, audio transformers, etc., all seem to use numbers in the 50's. The designation for yokes and smaller coils starts with "9A."

A Westinghouse component is perhaps the easiest to identify at a glance since a typical number for a flyback circuit will be, say, "690V39H32." The "690" or "490" and the "V" are the key clues. All coils and transformers have that "V" in their number.

Of the imported sets, the larger ones may be in such quantities that the replacement-transformer companies manufacture parts. In any case, just cross-reference the component to a factory number for assistance. Sony, Panasonic (Matsushita), Mitsubishi and Toshiba all have parts centers around the country, and it is often easy to find the one you need. Some of these components are listed now in the transformer guides.

Service data on many Bradford sets is found in *Sams Photofacts*, in which the part numbers are listed. Many of the part numbers for other sets are also covered in this publication. Another company that has service data and parts for the Bradford line is the firm known as the Marcel Companies (57 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082).

You can often discover some helpful information by accident. I once received a letter asking for data on a "XAM" D12BW74. I found that this used a Philco 3DL20 chassis (listed in *Sams No. 1277*). Another reader asked for data on a XAM 14CP74. I told him to research the Philco folders. He replied, "I looked all through the area you suggested (around

1200-1300 in *Sams Photofact*) and came up empty! A week later, a Philco C3052BWA came in. I took the back off and a light bulb lit up! It looks familiar! It turns out this one is a Philco 3CN20, *Sams No. 1414*." Thanks to Paul Fedison of Paul's TV in Jackson, NJ, for this help.

This cross-checking method works with other things as well. If you can find the part number, either from available data or the part itself, cross-check it to find a match. Once you can decode these numbers they can be *very* helpful. Good luck!

R-E

service questions

B+ VOLTAGES DOWN

This Sylvania model E-21 came in with no picture, raster, or sound. It showed about 15 kV on the high voltage and all the B+ voltages were low. I opened the B+ circuit between the rectifier and filter, and read only 240 mA. This should read 700 mA. I don't get it.—R. P., Bristol, VA.

In all solid-state TV sets, the value of the B+ voltage is critical. There are three things that can cause these symptoms you describe: excessive current, a weak supply, and a bad DC voltage regulator. You don't have a current overload, as you noted. Check the B+ voltage right out of the rectifier; this should read +145 volts. If so, check the output of the voltage regulator, which should read +112 volts. If it is quite low, check out the voltage-regulator circuit. Something in this circuit seems to be dropping the output voltage.

SHADED RASTER

The trouble with this Sony model SCC-64A is it has a shaded raster—dark on the left side, becoming gradually brighter to a whiteout on the right side. This shading tracks evenly with adjustment of the brightness control.—D. L., Battle Creek, MI.

This was the original letter. I suggested he check parts that are "common," such as the picture tube, grids, etc. This is his answer:

When I scoped the grids of the picture

tube with the gain cranked up as high as I could get it, I detected a 'very tiny sawtooth' waveform! Working my way back through the "Las Vegas Strip" (all those neon lamps!), I found that C707 was open. This is the filter capacitor for the +199-volt supply, and it comes from a winding on the flyback. Replacing the open capacitor with a new one cleared up the shading.

(Thanks to Darwin Lapham, Dar's TV, Battle Creek, MI.)

ERRATIC VOLTAGE SHUTDOWN

This Quasar model TT934HW would shut down after playing for some time. After tracing everything on the JA power-supply panel, I finally ordered a new power supply. The note included with it said if there was erratic voltage shutdown with the new panel, to install a beam current limiter kit. When I turned the set on, I had a very bright raster. I could not turn it down far enough and it shut down again. I then ordered the beam current limiter and installed it. This didn't help. I'm going in circles.—K.F., Darby, MT.



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So was I for a while! This is a *model 934*, but the chassis is No. 938. The Quasar service note states that this shutdown problem could be due either to a poor contact at pin 7 of plug P2, or to a poor contact where the +200-volt lead clips to the CA panel. Also, you could run a complete check of *all* the DC voltages and adjust any that are off. These voltages are all critical and can cause shutdown on low voltages as well as high.

TRANSISTOR IGNITION CUTOFF

The transistor ignition system on my car used to cut out on the highway. I've replaced the original TO-36 transistor with a 2N2527. Now it runs up to 50 mph at

highway speeds, but cuts out if I slow up for traffic. Any helpful ideas?—E. D., Tappan, NY.

I hope so. From the symptoms, the transistor is going into secondary breakdown and is not firing. This transistor is a germanium; germaniums can do this, then heal up when they cool off! The transistor is probably not getting sufficient cooling. (Try spraying coolant on it the next time it stops and see if this helps.)

If so, then add more heat-sink area. Make an auxiliary heat sink out of a big sheet of aluminum painted flat black. Also, place the unit in the car so that air does not get to it from the radiator but, rather directly from outside the car. In

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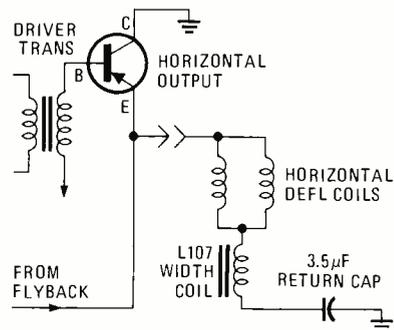
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some cars, you can run a hose through the side of the radiator shell and place it so that it blows right on the transistor.

THIN VERTICAL LINE

I have problems now with a transistor TV I built while taking a course. Do you know where I can get a Sams schematic on the set? It's an HSK-T1. The problem is that all that appears on the screen is a thin white vertical line. I've replaced the horizontal driver, output and the driver transformers, with no result. This symptom indicates an open vertical deflection coil, but the continuity checks out! Help!—B. H., Orlando, FL.

Here are a couple of answers: First, you can't get a Sams schematic for anything but commercial TV sets. Second, let's recheck the cause of the problem.



A thin vertical line on the screen shows a loss of horizontal deflection, not vertical. In this set, as in many solid-state TV sets, the horizontal-deflection coil and the flyback are connected in parallel to the output of the horizontal-output transistor, which in this circuit is the emitter (see the diagram). If the horizontal-deflection circuit is open, there will be no sweep but there will be high voltage.

Check the horizontal yoke windings for continuity. Then follow the yoke-return circuit, which must be good. This circuit contains a width coil (L107) and a 3.5-µF capacitor to ground.

VERTICAL PROBLEM

This Motorola model TS-921 has a vertical problem. If a man is shown on the screen, his head is at his stomach level and his tie is over his head! There's not enough height, either. The voltages around the vertical stage are not too bad. Any ideas?—A.L., Dierks, AR.

You seem to have a simply massive foldover, plus other problems. Coupling capacitors can cause this problem, but you've tried these.

One thing that is easy to miss in this vertical circuit is the little 20-µF capacitor. This capacitor is actually in the vertical-output cathode circuit. It's located over on the pincushion circuit board, so it's easy to miss. Check this plus the 1500-ohm resistor across it. It can cause some odd problems.

(Feedback: "Bingo! The 20-µF shorted; the resistor was bad.")

R-E

TROUBLESHOOTING DIGITAL CIRCUITS

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RAM, no problems are detectable. If color operation is chosen or the computer accesses the RAM, the screen is not blanked properly. In the case of color operation, the color is simply not displayed—since subjective coloring is an optical illusion and requires specific conditions to be observed.

Start the test by using the logic probe to check the counters and decoding circuits. Since they seem to work as designed, proceed to the AND gates; the video signal will blink the probe indicator at a low frequency. The blanking signal will be held low or in the undefined region. Since the output of that gate should have been pulsing at a low frequency, the problem exists on that line.

Using the current tracer (and pulser if required), follow the current into the NOR gate. Since the current flows from the AND gate into the NOR gate but is not pulsing, then either the input is shorted to ground, or another output is shorted to this line. Recalling that the blanking also malfunctions during computer access, this implies that the second case is true. Now, use the current probe to follow the flow into the inverter. Since these two lines only join at the NOR gate, the conclusion is simply that the two inputs are shorted together.

The third failure for the most part acts like and produces the same symptoms as the second failure, except that during computer access the blanking functions normally. The troubleshooting should begin and proceed in similar fashion. However, you will discover there is no output from the AND gate. Now, you should suspect a broken input wire bond in the AND gate. Use the logic probe on the output and place the pulser on the suspected input—there will be no signal. Next, place the pulser on the other input—you will receive a pulse. Since you have verified that the output, the other input and the power line connecting to that pin are all functioning, the only conclusion is an open input bond.

The fourth failure is due to two outputs being shorted together. During normal operation (computer is not accessing the circuit) both NAND gates are at a logic 1 state and normal operation continues. If the computer loads a new color command, then the character generator will be affected. Similarly, if a computer access to the RAM occurs, then the color circuits may be affected (depending upon the state of signal A_0). Use the same troubleshooting procedure used in the second failure case to locate the malfunction.

The fifth failure is due to an internal short, to ground, of the computer-access blanking signal. The obvious symptom is that the screen will always be blanked.

Start by checking the NOR gate—the computer-access blanking line is always high. Next, starting at the NAND gate (the gate that drives the chip selects pins of the data IC's) follow the logic pulser's signal using a logic probe. Since this line is shorted to ground, even the pulser cannot change its state. Again using the pulser to inject a signal, but this time using the current probe, follow the current flow into the inverter—the input of the inverter therefore must be shorted to ground.

The final circuit problem shows the effect of an input being shorted to V_{CC} . The symptoms are that color is not displayed (remember that a small percentage of people cannot observe subjective color, so be sure that you can). Again, starting with the color-counting circuit, proceed to the AND gates. The blanking signal will be OK, but the video line is held high. Again the pulser cannot change the state of the line. Furthermore, if the color circuits are not selected (the Q output of the D-type flip-flop is at a logic 0 level) then the current flows into the AND gate. This indicates that the input of the video multiplex is shorted to a logic high. R-E

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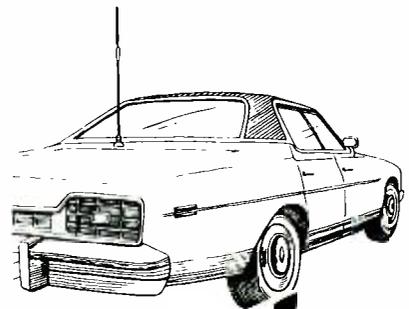
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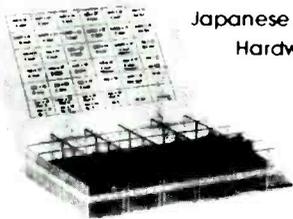


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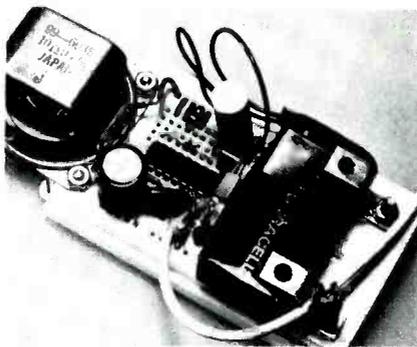
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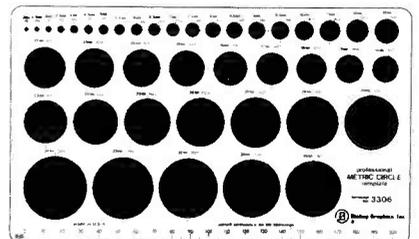
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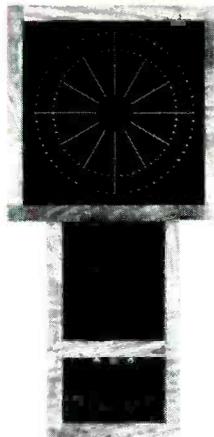


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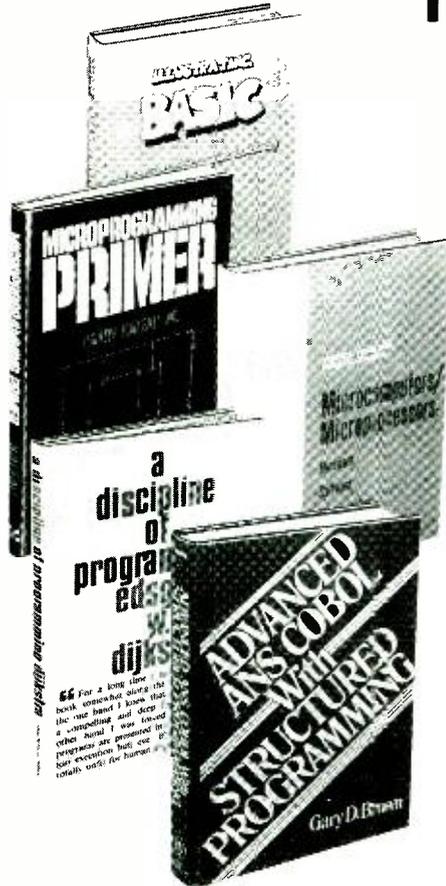
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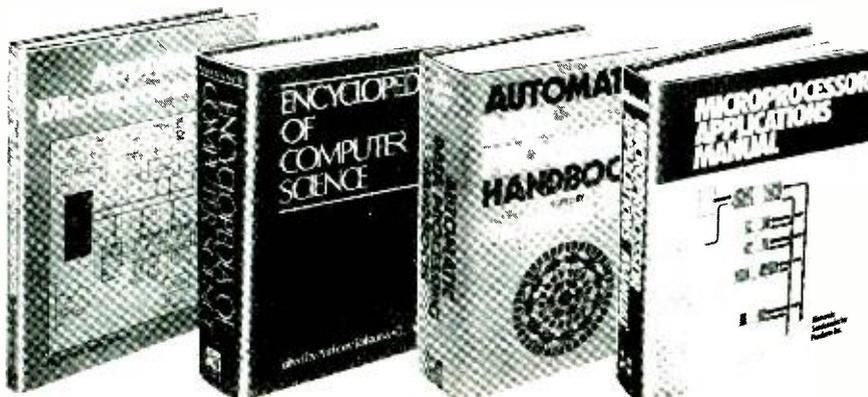
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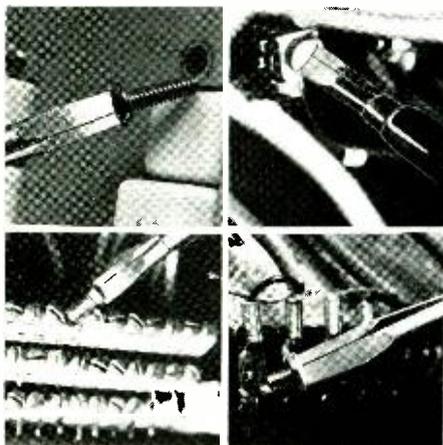
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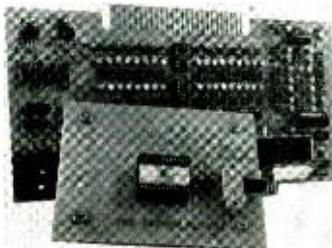
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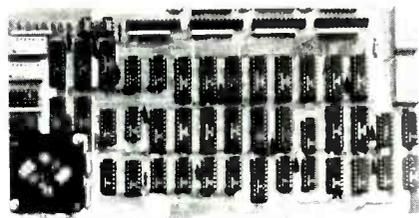
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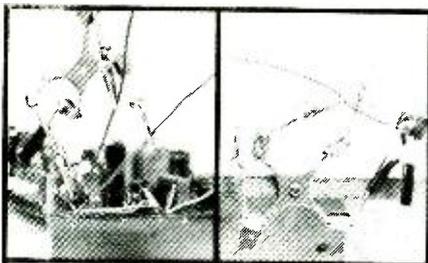
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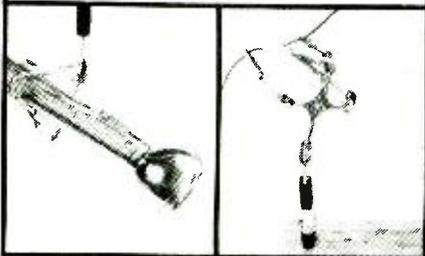
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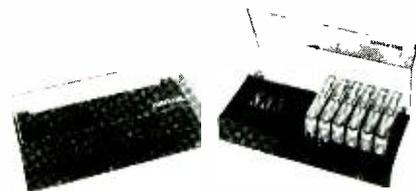


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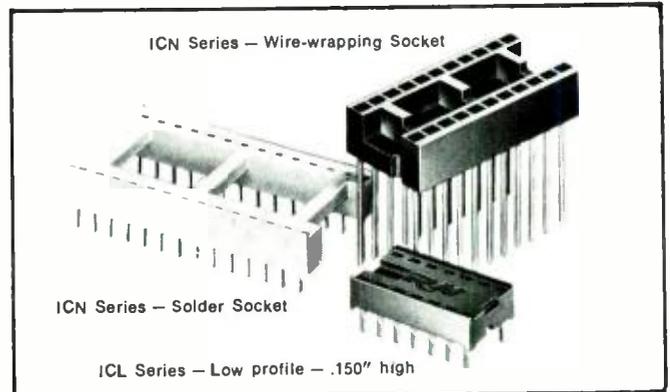
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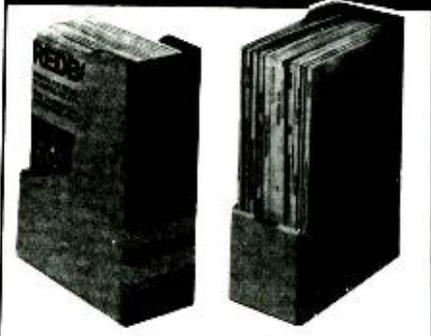
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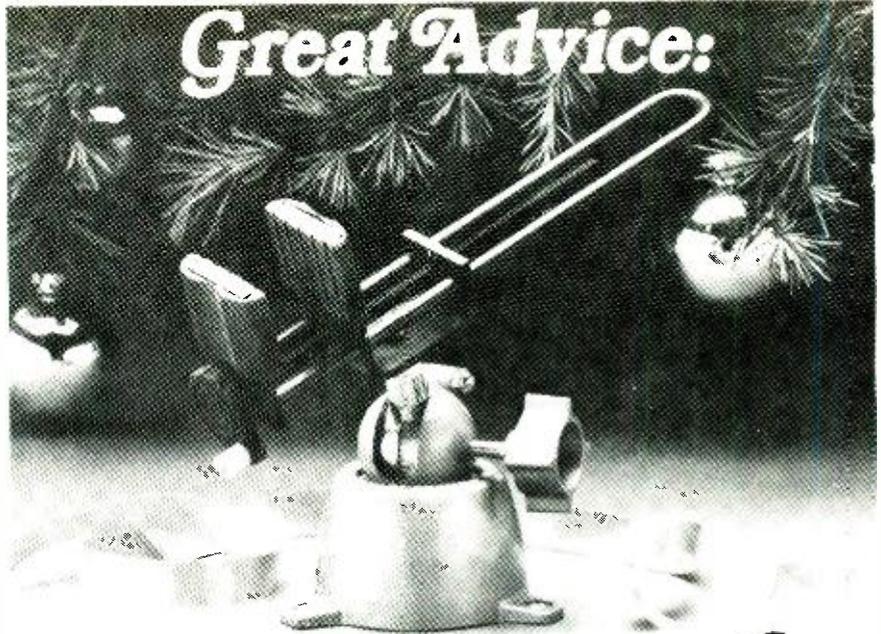
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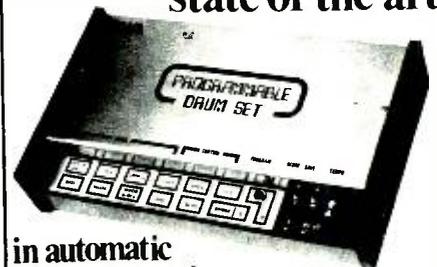


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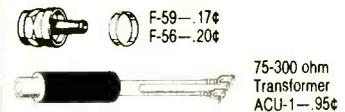


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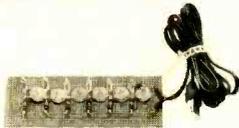
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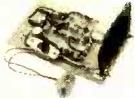
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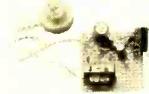
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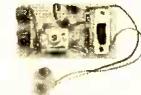
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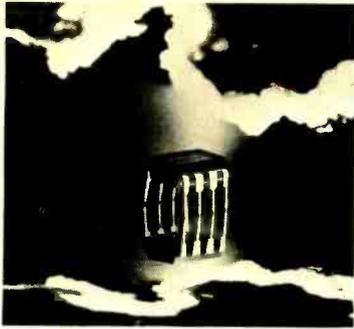
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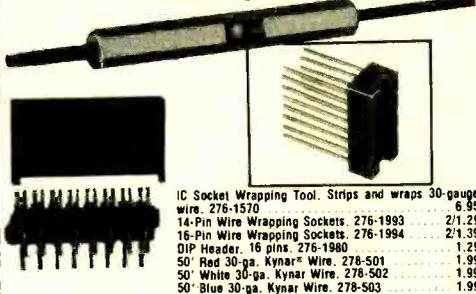
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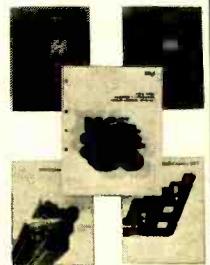
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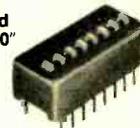


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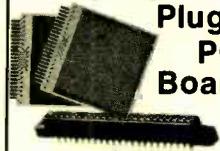
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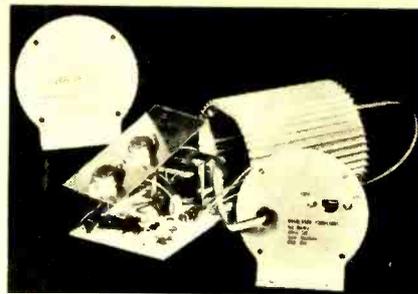
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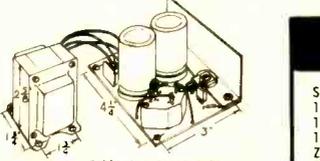
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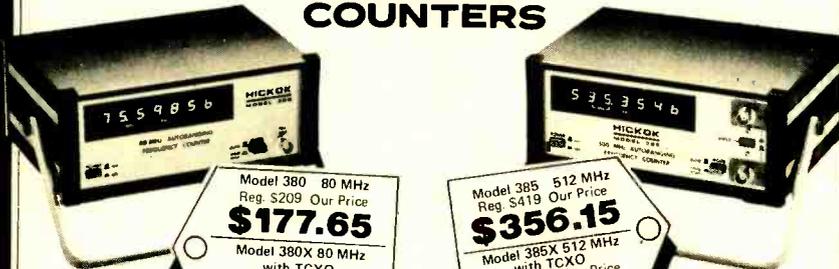
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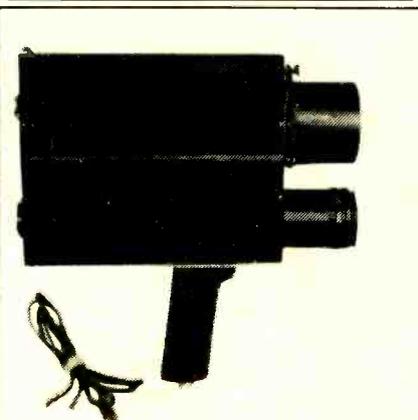
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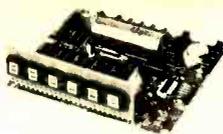
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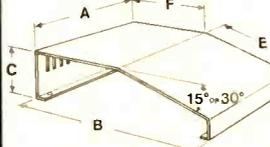
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6.5 5.5 2.0 1.1 3.3 2.2 2-B	2-G	2-L	6.10	2-W	2-S	2-K
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Panel	A	B	C	D	E	F
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6.5 7.2 4.0 1.1 5.7 2.2 11-B	11-G	11-L	6.70	11-W	11-S	11-K
10.0 5.5 3.0 1.1 3.7 2.2 12-B	12-G	12-L	7.30	12-W	12-S	12-K
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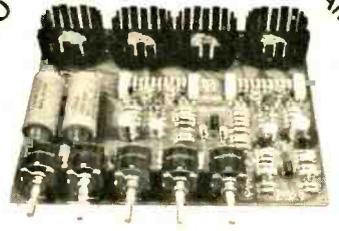
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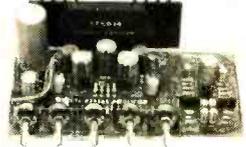
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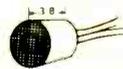
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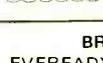
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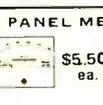
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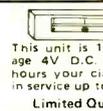
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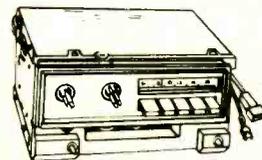
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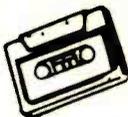
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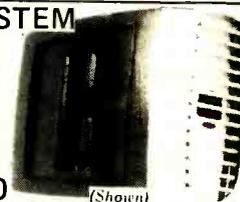
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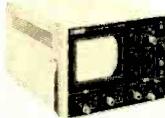
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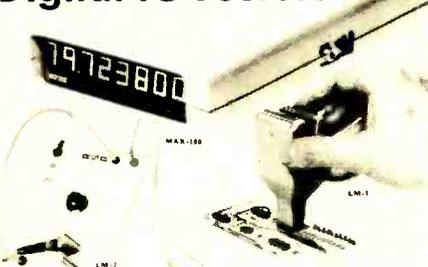
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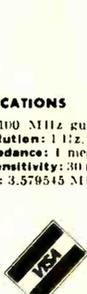
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	1000	±1%	0.001 mV	10 MΩ	1 V
VOLTS AC	10	±1%	0.1 mV	10 MΩ	10 mV
	100	±1%	0.01 mV	10 MΩ	100 mV
	1000	±1%	0.001 mV	10 MΩ	1 V
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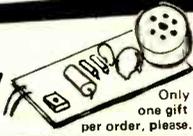
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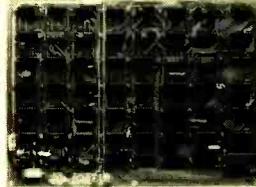
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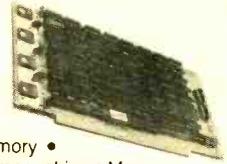
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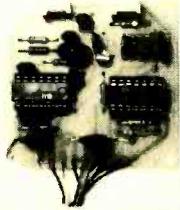
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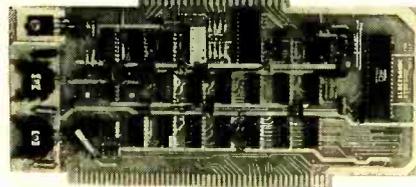
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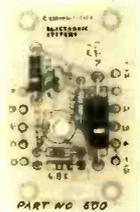
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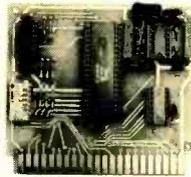
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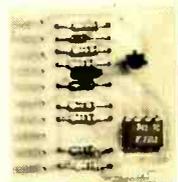
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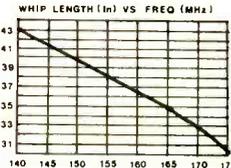
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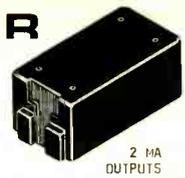
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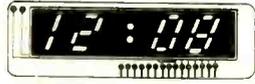
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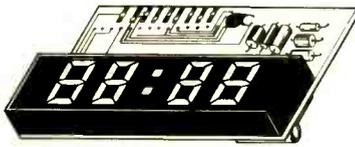
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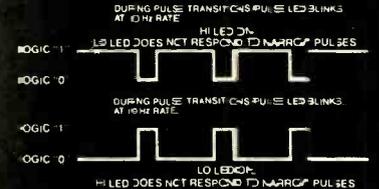
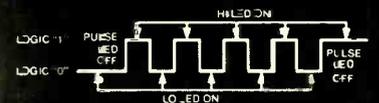
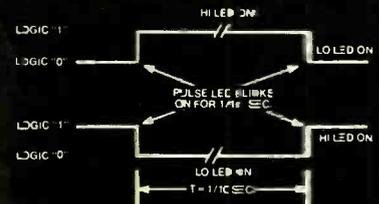
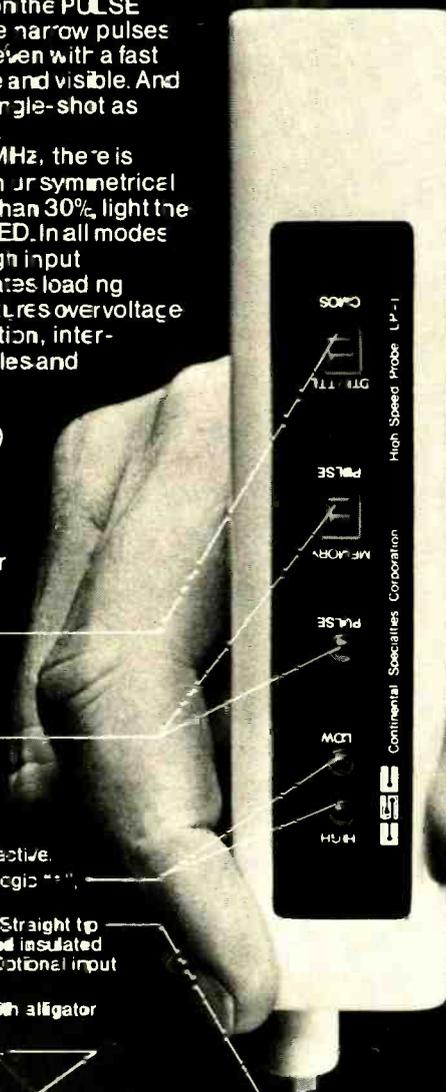
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