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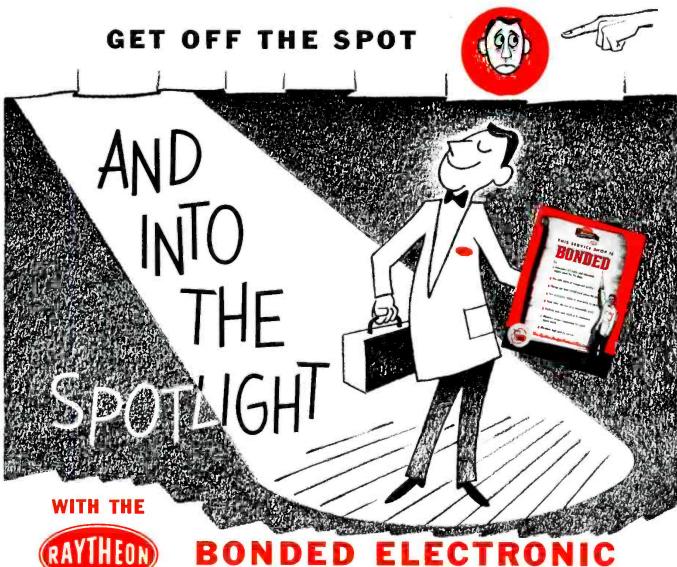
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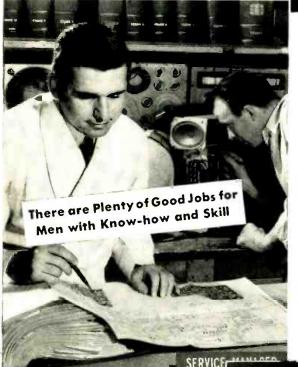
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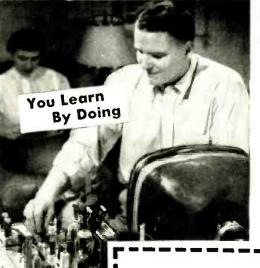
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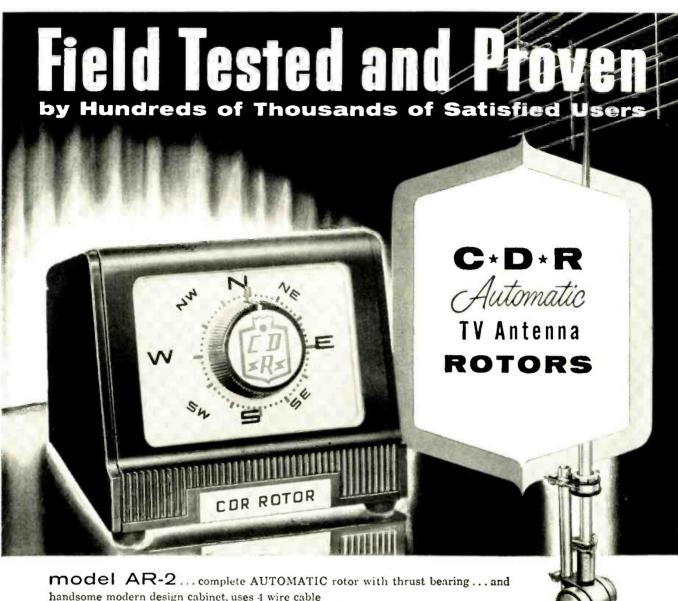


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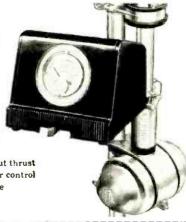
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THE almost perennial headache to the TV service profession again threatens the dealer and the technician—especially in large areas like New York City and its environs. Because of persistent complaints against prices charged for repairs and unethical practices by several service dealers, Mayor Wagner (NYC) acted to discuss the problem with Brooklyn's District Attorney who had been conducting a grand jury investigation of radio and television repair "rackets." The Mayor's aides were told to prepare new legislation designed to curb unethical practice in the TV service-repair profession.

The previous "licensing bill" introduced last January was killed by the city council committee. At that time it was charged that the servicing profession was a subject "of great abuse, with the result that the public has been and is being victimized by irresponsible sales methods, unethical and financially unstable service organizations, and inferior installation, maintenance and repairs."

The January bill proposed that all television service technicians be licensed and that they maintain standards set by an eight-man supervisory committee. This group was to be appointed by the Mayor. It was proposed that violators of the license bill be fined amounts of from \$100 to \$500 with license revocation, or six months in prison, or both.

The new legislation, we are told, is designed (in part) against the practice of removing a TV set from a home, taking it to a shop for repair, returning the set to the owner, and charging him for tubes and parts that are not replaced, etc.

Such legislation, in our opinion, would arouse the public to the point that *ALL* TV technicians would be branded as a bunch of bandits, crooks, and sharpies. It would become impossible for legitimate operators to economically handle major repair jobs at their service shops where essential (and bulky) test equipment is required for proper analysis and alignment.

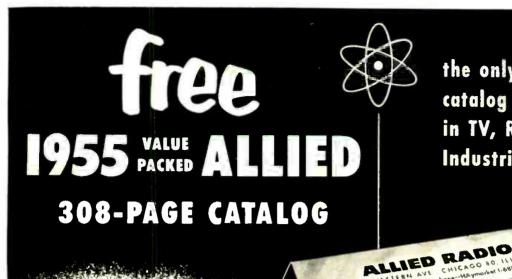
This bill, if passed, would have serious repercussions on the entire service profession and would spread its ugly seeds to every city in the country. Legitimate service dealers would be forced to purchase a full set of shop test equipment for *each technician*, to be hauled out in expensive trucks to the customer's home and to his living room for major TV repair work.

Can you visualize this "shop" set up in a consumer's home with the attendant mess that will result? Even worse, it would only serve to further encourage the unethical service technician (and the bill won't stop him) to put on an "extravaganza" performance for the customer to witness as he tears a complicated TV receiver apart on the living room rug while performing his sleight-of-hand. It would be just as simple to replace a bad tube with a second-hand duplicate right before the customer as it would in his shop if this was his practice. And what could possibly prevent him from replacing components (at will) in the set right before the eyes of the customer? Some characters would really take advantage of the alleged "protection" of their license.

We know, from several years of radio servicing experience, that the average housewife resents repair work on anything in her home that causes mess, noise, or commotion. Little Junior takes care of those details without any trouble.

This new bill—if passed—would result in severe inventory problems for the small service dealer. Field technicians would have to chase back and forth for transformers, picture tubes, et al like a plumber, or would require a truckload of replacement components. Either would result in higher charges to the consumer. Who wins?

As we see it—nobody gains but the cash register of the city fathers. Do these same people license the car dealer and make him send a mechanic to our homes to rebuild the transmissions in our cars? Do they force the jeweler to send a watchsmith to our homes to fix crystals on our *Ingersolls?* The answer, of course, is obvious. But these same industries have escaped legislation for policing—even though they have had their share of shady characters. So why electronics?



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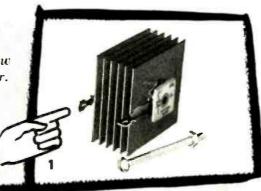


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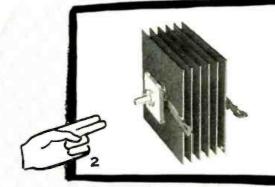
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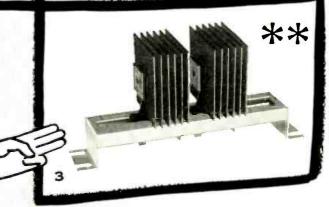
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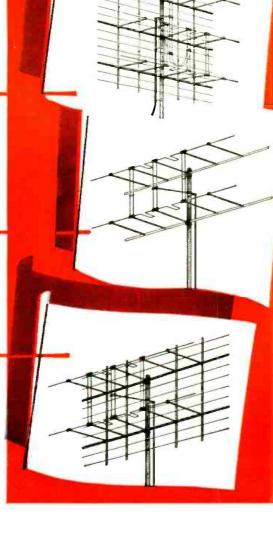
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The new headman, a 58-year old attorney, has had extensive experience as an administrator on a number of government Commissions, For six years he was with the Public Utilities Commission, serving as a member and then as chairman. For several years, he was also chairman of the War Transportation Commission of Ohio.

Notification of the appointment was made by Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams, who phoned McConnaughey from the summer White House in Denver, Colorado. The oath of office was taken in the executive offices of Adams in the White House; it was administered by Supreme Court Justice Harold H. Burton, a fellow Ohioan.

Technically, the new FCC chief succeeds Rosel H. Hyde, who had been named chairman by the President on April 18, '53, for a one-year term. Hyde remains on the Commission and will complete his term.

ALTHOUGH THE RESIGNATION of Sterling had been expected for months, because of ill health, it was hoped that he would remain on the Commission. However, upon recommendation of his physician and at the request of his family, he decided to retire.

Everyone in Washington and throughout industry will miss the keen intellect of this brilliant engineer and able administrator. His career in Washington was an outstanding one. Before his appointment to the Commission, he served as chief engineer of that body. and during World War II, he organized the Radio Intelligence Division, and guided its operation. In addition, he served as the official security officer of the Commission. It was his familiarity with the broadcast industry and its engineering capabilities that made it possible to set up the efficient radiosilence system, known as Conelrad, in collaboration with the Office of Civilian Defense.

The genuine admiration of his colleagues was expressed in a glowing resolution and accompanying scroll, tendered during a special ceremony. Said the scroll, in part:

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AN INGENIOUS ULTRASONIC photographing device, that may eventually accomplish what x-ray and fluoroscope cannot do, produce well-defined pictures of cancer and other diseases of the body's internal soft organs and tissues, has been invented by Dr. Douglass H. Howry, former Veterans Administration resident in radiology and now an instructor in radiology at the University of Colorado Medical School.

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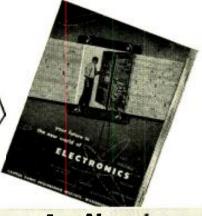
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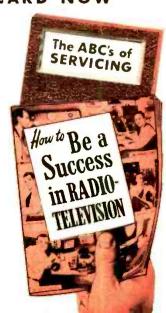
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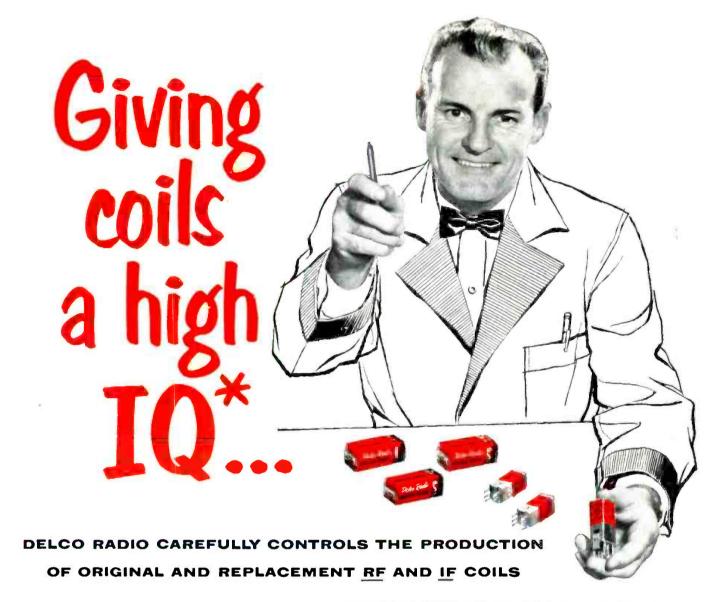
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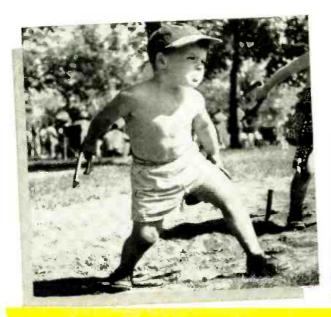
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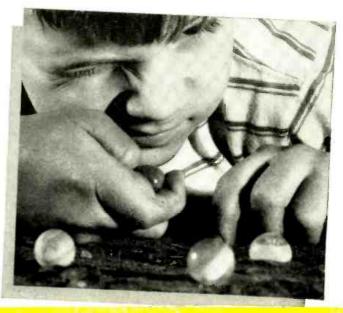
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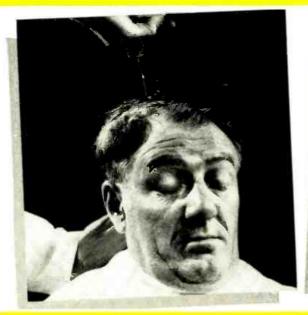
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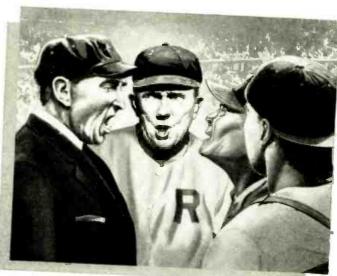
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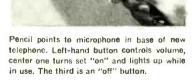
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helped to develop several of the company's unusual products, leading his scientific group through the investigative phases of work that eventually made possible the mass production of transistors.

He is a member of the IRE, Instrument Society of America, American Physical Society, American Chemical Society, AIEE, and other professional groups.

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... DR. V. K. ZWORYKIN, television pioneer and inventor, has retired as vice-president and technical consultant for RCA Luboratories and has been elected as the first honorary vicepresident in the Corporation's history in recognition of his epoch-making achievements in the fields of television and electronics. He was associated with Westinghouse before joining RCA in 1930 . . . CARROLL W. HOSHOUR has been named products manager for Magnecord, Inc. He will be in charge of sales engineering, quality control, product service, and technical sales promotion for all divisions of the company. He was formerly associated with Ruytheon . . . ARNOLD E. LINTON has been appointed manager of the RCA tube manufacturing plant in Woodbridge, N.J. He joined the company in 1934 . . . JACK MOORE has been named sales manager of Skyline Mfg. Co., Cleveland antenna manufacturer . . . RALPH L. PALMER is the new director of engineering for International Business Machines Corporation. He was formerly manager of the company's engineering laboratory at Poughkeepsie Krylon, Inc. has named DONALD K. BAXTER to the post of sales manager. He was formerly a manufacturer's representative for the firm in the middle Atlantic states . . . P. R. Mallory & Co. Inc. has appointed DOUGLAS M. CONSIDINE to the post of sales promotion and merchandising manager. He was formerly associated with Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company for fourteen years . . DOUGLAS H. CARPENTER, chief antenna engineer for JFD Manufacturing Company, has been named chairman of the RETMA Antenna Committee . . . WILLIAM A. GOTHARD has been named president and general manager of Gothard Manufacturing Company, succeeding his father, R. W. GOTHARD, as active manager. The founder of the firm will supervise the firm's West Coast activities . . . JULIAN K. SPRAGUE, president of Sprague Electric Co., has been named chairman of the Advisory Group on Electronic Parts of the Department of Defense . . . FRANK ADAMS has been named sales manager of the Mid-Atlantic division of ORRadio Industries with headquarters at 547 Hermitage treet in Philadelphia 🖣 . . HAROLD J. ADLER has been named chief engineer in charge of the color TV development program at Lion Manufacturing Corp. of Chicago. He was formerly associated with Edwin I. Guthman & Co., Inc. . . . JOHN J. TRAVIESAS has been upped to the post of general service manager of United Motors Service, succeeding C. E. REINHARDT who has retired.

ELMER O. WILSCHKE has resigned his post as operating manager of *Altee*

Service Corporation to become vice-president in charge of operations for Fine Sound, Inc.

Mr. Wilschke joined Electrical Research Products. Inc. in 1928 following an association



with Western Electric Company. During the early days of sound motion pictures he served in various capacities in this country and abroad. Upon formation of Altec in 1937 he became manager of the company's division office in Philadelphia.

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EUGENE E. BROKER has been named manager of the *Sylvania* radio tube

plant at Shawnee, Oklahoma, succeeding Charles W. Hosterman who recently was named to the newly - created post of assistant general manager of the company's electronies division.



Mr. Broker joined the company in 1929 and served in various supervisory capacities in the filament department at the company's division headquarters in Emporium, Pa. until 1942 when he became supervisor of a feeder plant at Galeton, Pa.

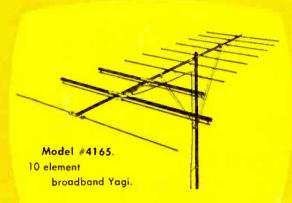
He is a member of the American Management Association and a 25-year club member of the company. He will make his headquarters in Shawnee.

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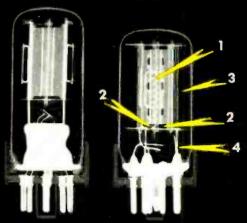
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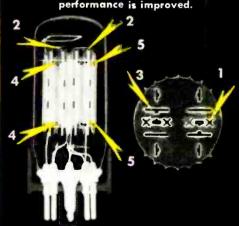
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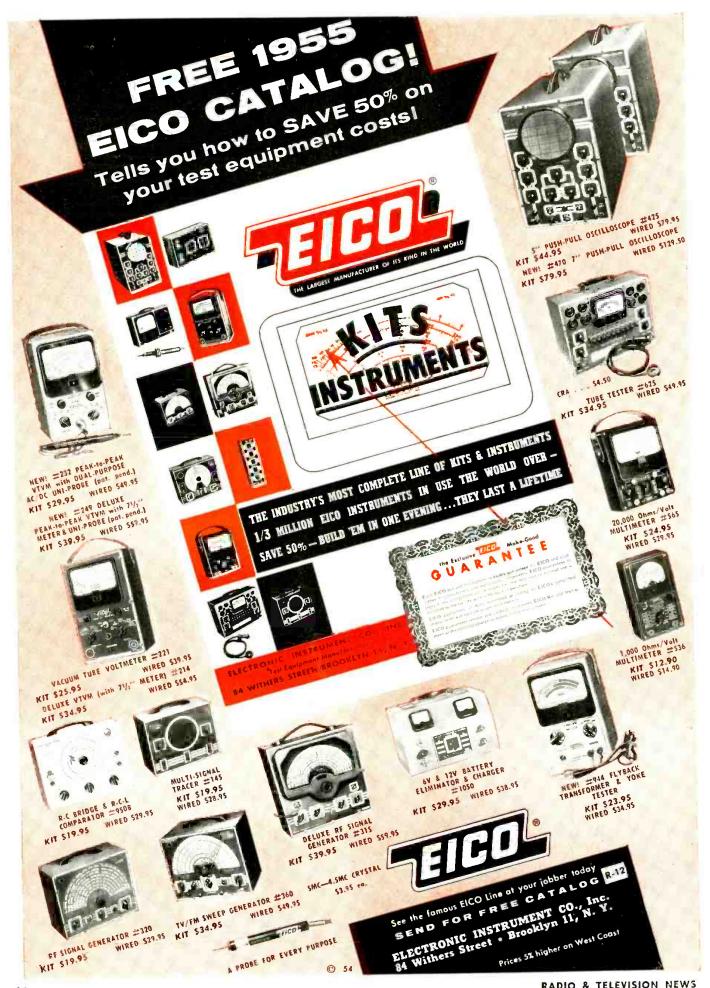
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BUILD YOUR OWN TV COLOR CONVERTER

By JAY STANLEY

WHEN black-and-white TV first became a reality, the whole thing was something of a deep, dark mystery to most radio service technicians of the era. But a few brave souls took the plunge, built their own sets, and had the thrill of getting out ahead of most of their competitors and in on the ground floor of a tremendous industry.

Color TV is off to a better start. Many manufacturers are offering courses and a lot of articles have been written about the subject so that the studious can, in a fairly short time, acquire some knowledge of color TV. But, as in all things, there is no substitute for experience with actual equipment on which you have no qualms about experimenting. The cost of present-day color TV sets is high enough to discourage a lot of service technicians (and most consumers) from owning such a receiver.

This article is a practical answer to that problem. Here is step-by-step data for building a color television system. Actually, the original chassis was designed and built by two Denver service engineers; Larry Costa and Paul Dontie.

The unit described in this article is a color converter which can simply be hooked onto a conventional (but carefully selected) black-and-white TV set. It can be used to drive a three-unit projection system, or with a bit more circuitry, a three-gun color picture tube.

A look at the block diagram in Fig. 2 and the circuit diagram of the color converter in Fig. 3 will reveal that it is surprisingly simple when compared to many color TV sets. The secret lies in the fact that the set uses a narrow-band system, with .6 megacycle bandpass limiting. This is possible because demodulation is on the R-Y and B-Y axes instead of the alternative I and Q axes. The I and Q system is a wide-band one.

Thanks to the narrow-band system, eircuitry is much simpler. Likewise,



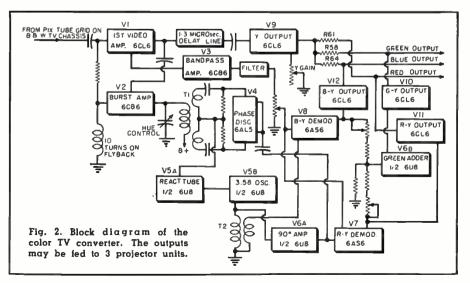
Part 1: This color TV converter can be used with three projection units or a three-color picture tube and a second-hand black-and-white chassis.

setup, adjustment, and servicing are also much easier. Don't let the "narrow band" worry you. Color quality is impaired so little that it can only be discerned when a narrow-band and a wide-band set are operated side-by-side—and even then it is difficult to see the difference.

Before covering actual construction of the color chassis, let's trace a signal through this circuit to get an overall idea of how it works. As a starting point, we'll begin with the signal which normally drives the grid of the picture tube in the TV set—a signal which is the composite video output, carrying both the black-and-white and

the color information. This signal can be supplied by any really good black-and-white set which has an i.f. bandpass of 4.1 megacycles or more—and maintains this bandpass right through the video amplifier stages. Many of the older TV chassis, built from 1947 to 1949 (split-sound sets), were capable of this bandpass when carefully aligned. The set used here was a *Philco* 1001 chassis, but an *RCA* 630 or an *Admiral* 30A1 (and some others) will work just as well. These are obtainable second hand from many TV dealers.

The composite signal goes to the grid of V_1 , the first video amplifier on



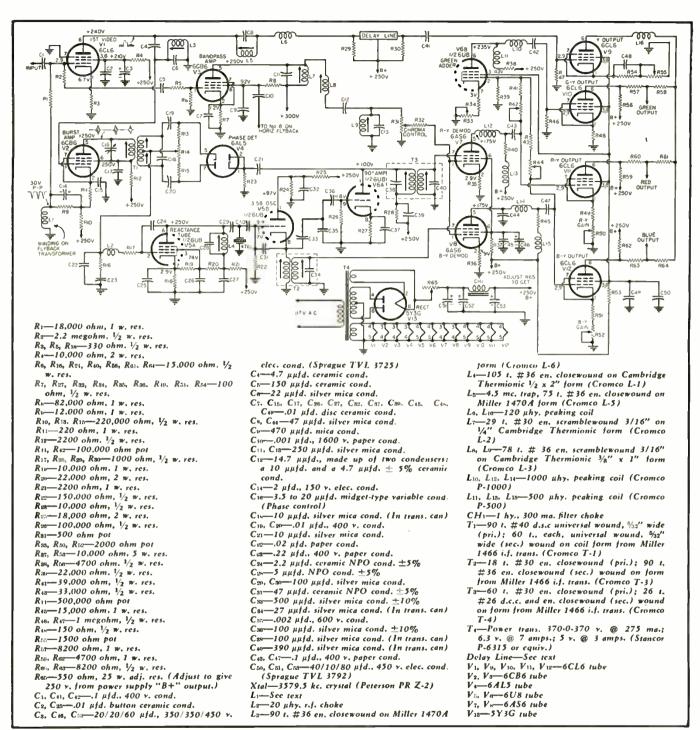


Fig. 3. Complete schematic diagram and parts list for the TV color converter designed to be used with a black-and-white set.

the color chassis. See Fig. 3. The luminance or Y signal is picked up at the plate of the first video amplifier in the color chassis, passes through a 3.58 megacycle trap $(L_{i}-C_{b})$, and is fed to a 1.3 microsecond delay line, which insures that the luminance information and the color signals arrive at the output at the same time. From the delay line, the signal goes to the grid of the Y output tube (V_{\bullet}) . From the plate of this tube, the signal goes through the matrix resistors, $R_{\rm 5s}$, $R_{\rm 6i}$, and R_{64} , where the Y signal and the color-minus-Y signals are mixed to provide green, red, and blue output,

The color-burst signal is also obtained from the plate of V_1 and is fed

to the grid of the burst amplifier, V_2 . This tube is keyed on only during retrace, the keying being accomplished by means of a 10-turn coil wound on the flyback transformer in the black-and-white TV set chassis. (See Fig. 4.) By this means, the color burst, which is on the back porch of the horizontal sync pulse, is amplified—but no other 3.58 megacycle signals get through.

The output of the burst amplifier goes to the phase discriminator transformer T_1 , the secondary of which is also supplied with a comparison signal from the plate of the 90-degree amplifier, $V_{6.4}$. The output of the phase detector is a d.c. correction voltage which is fed to the reactance tube, $V_{6.4}$; this

tube, in turn, controls the frequency and phase of the 3.58-megacycle oscillator, V_{5B} . In this way, the local 3.58 mc. oscillator is locked in exact phase and frequency with the transmitted color burst to supply the synchronous demodulators with the missing color subcarrier, the sidebands of which only are transmitted—the carrier being suppressed at the transmitter.

From the cathode of the 3.58 megacycle oscillator, the signal takes two paths. A signal directly from the cathode goes to the 90-degree amplifier which shifts its phase 90 degrees for proper demodulation in the R-Y demodulator. The secondary winding of transformer T_2 , however, feeds the

B-Y demodulator directly with no phase shift.

The B-Y demodulator and the R-Y demodulator receive their color signals from the bandpass amplifier (V_n) and filter, which has a bandpass of 1.2 megacycles (from 2.9 mc. to 4.1 mc.) and passes only the color subcarrier sidebands. This automatically drops out the low-frequency Y signal.

In the R-Y and B-Y demodulators, the missing carrier is restored and demodulated to produce the R-Y and B-Y signals. The B-Y signal, taken directly from the plate of V_n, goes to the grid of the B-Y output tube, V₁₂. The output of this tube, in combination with some of the Y signal, supplies blue.

The R-Y signal from the plate of the R-Y demodulator goes to the grid of V_{11} , which, in similar fashion to that of the B-Y output stage, supplies the red output signal.

The output of the R-Y and B-Y demodulators is fed to the grid of the green adder, V_{eR}, through a set of resistors. This tube is simply a phase inverter at which the negative signals from the demodulators combine in proper proportion and invert to form the positive green-Y signal. This is fed to the G-Y output for addition with the luminance signal as described previously for the other two colors.

The outputs terminate in jacks along the end of the chassis, making the three color signals and the Y signal readily available for different experimental hookups. Most of the controls are inserted on the rear of the chassis since many of them are setup controls which are left alone once adjusted. Two controls, chroma and phase, are used for minor adjustment during reception, and it is desirable to make them readily available. No "color killer" controls or circuits are needed-simply turning down the chroma control puts the set in shape to receive black-and-white.

In actual construction of the converter, the first step is to round up the needed parts. The careful builder can,

by following the data given in the parts list, "roll his own" coils. A real help in doing this is the setup shown in Fig. 5 which provides approximately the same loading as the converter circuits. This allows the coils to be wound with considerable accuracy without actually inserting them in the circuit. The signal generator should preferably be a 3.58-mc. crystal oscillator. A standard d.c. voltmeter will give a clear-cut indication of resonance. This circuit, however, will indicate when the signal generator is tuned to one-quarter or one-half of the resonant frequency, so if a variable frequency oscillator is used, always switch to the next higher band to make certain that you are actually on the fundamental. The physical layout for the windings of T_1 is shown in Fig. 6.

For those who want to buy coils already wound, the designers of the color converter, Costa and Dontje, will supply coils, and their part numbers are given in the parts list under *Cromco*. Write to *Cromco*, in care of P. Dontje at 7020 W. 38th Ave., Wheatridge, Colo.

The color chassis measures $10 \times 14 \times 3$ inches. The layout is purposely crowded in order to keep leads short and point-to-point. No trouble has been experienced from stray capacity, even though some of the signal carrying leads are longer than were desired.

The chassis illustrated in Figs. 7 and 8 has a cut-out for a *Norelco* video amplifier chassis, to allow use with a single-projection unit and a color wheel. The chassis will eventually be used in this fashion although, at present, three *Norelco* projection units are utilized. There are a couple of other extra holes on the chassis for parts which circuit development later proved unnecessary.

In building, all transformers and tube sockets were mounted first, also terminal strips, filter condensers, and controls. Following usual construction practice, heaters were wired in, and then "B+" voltage leads complet-

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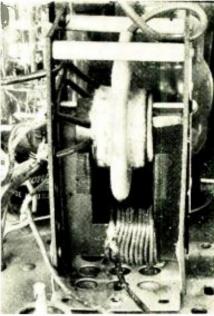


Fig. 4. A ten-turn winding on the flyback transformer keys the burst amplifier on for the proper operation of the 3.58 megacycle color synchronization circuits.

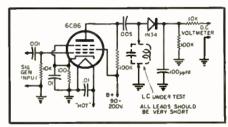


Fig. 5. A test setup which is useful in preparing the coils used in converter.

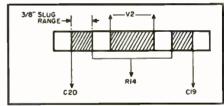


Fig. 6. The physical layout of the phase discriminator transformer windings.

Fig. 7. Top view of the color converter. Note where the crystal is mounted so as to minimize temperature variation effects.

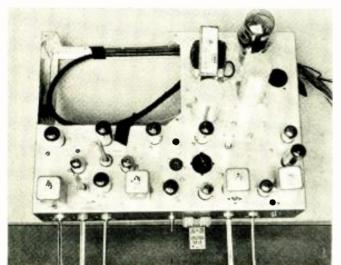
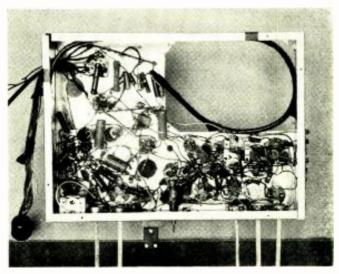
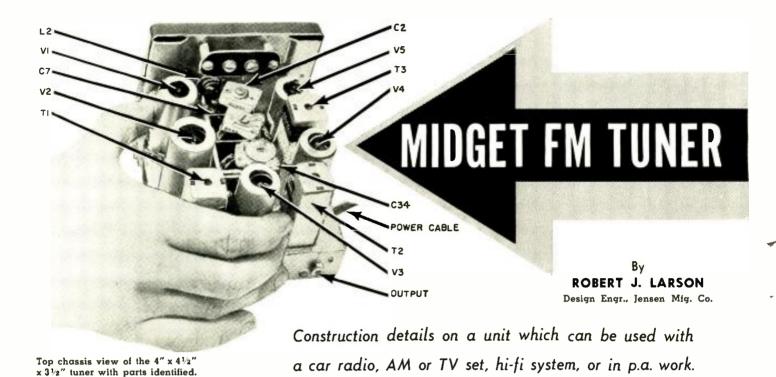


Fig. 8. Bottom view of the converter chassis. The black cable running around the cutout is the delay line in the Y circuit.



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RADIO listeners in most of the larger cities are missing a lot if they have no means of receiving some of the excellent programs to be found exclusively on our FM band. There is little need to mention here the noise-free, wide-range reception possible with this method; one has only to compare the relative fidelity of the AM and FM channels of some of the stereophonic musical programs being broadcast in many cities to hear the difference.

For those who would like to build a tuner for FM, here is a little unit which will be ideal for any of the following applications:

- 1. An FM tuner for use with presently owned high-fidelity amplifier and speaker systems.
 - 2. FM reception in an automobile.
- 3. Use with a tape recorder as a source of wide-range programs and good music.
- 4. Connection to an existing AM-only radio receiver to permit FM reception.
- 5. Connection to a TV set for FM reception.
- 6. Use with a music system in a store or restaurant to provide background music.

Perhaps even more applications will occur to readers after perusing this article.

The entire tuner, shown in the photographs, measures only 4 by 4½ by 3½ inches high, enabling it to be tucked away within the cabinet of existing equipment. Construction is simple and no special mechanical or electrical parts are required. The total cost for parts should be about thirty dollars. The power supply is not included on this chassis, since, in many cases, power may be taken from the associated amplifier or radio. Power requirements are fairly modest as the tuner draws about 30 milliamperes at 150 volts d.c. and 1.65 amperes at 6.3

volts for the heaters. When adding this tuner to an AM receiver it is usually possible to switch off all but the audio tubes and use the additional power supply current thus made available to energize the FM tuner. This has been done successfully with the author's automobile receiver. More about this later in the article. Many hi-fi amplifiers have the extra power available for use with preamplifiers.

For those applications in which the extra power cannot be robbed from accessory equipment a suggested power supply is shown in the inset diagram of the schematic. The components for this supply will easily fit on another chassis the same size as that used for the tuner. The aluminum chassis used for the tuner measures $4 \times 4 \% \times 1$ inch and is made by ICA. Since two sides of the chassis are open the builder may decide to bend his own if materials and tools are available. The tuner uses five high gain tubes: a 6CB6 is used as a pentode r.f. amplifier, feeding a 6X8, which contains a pentode mixer and triode oscillator. Two more 6CB6's are used as 10.7 mc. i.f. stages, followed by a 6AL5 ratio detector. The tuner employs automatic gain control, causing the plate current to vary between 15 and 30 milliamperes, depending upon the signal strength of the station tuned in.

The cathode bias resistor in the 6CB6 r.f. stage is purposely left unbypassed in order to quell a tendency of the stage to oscillate. The r.f. stage is used mainly to isolate the oscillator from the antenna to minimize radiation, and to reduce the presence of images. In the 6X8 mixer, note that the suppressor grid and screen and plate bypass connections are made to the cathode. This causes the oscillator voltage to appear effectively only on

the signal grid, resulting in a highly efficient mixer stage. The use of a single tube here saves valuable space on the small chassis.

Midget 10.7 mc. i.f. transformers made by *Miller* are used in the i.f. stages. These little coils give adequate bandwidth without the use of swamping resistors across the transformer windings, resulting in a high gain per stage. The ratio detector provides, in addition to about one volt of audio, a negative voltage which is used for automatic gain control on all preceding stages of the tuner. About five volts are developed on local stations. R_{12} and C_{31} form a 68-microsecond roll-off network to equalize the pre-emphasis broadcast by all FM stations. Ideally, this time constant should be 75 microseconds, but it was desired to incorporate a slightly rising high-frequency response in the tuner to compensate for the attenuation caused by the shielded cable used to connect the tuner to the amplifier.

The parts layout, as shown in the top chassis photo, provides for short leads and allows the shaft of the tuning capacitor to be centered on the front panel. No volume control is ineluded since in most installations this control is found on the associated equipment. The tuning dial used will depend on the space available. It is suggested that a dial with a large tuning ratio be used, as tuning is more critical than with AM tuners. When installing this little tuner in an AM receiver cabinet it may be possible to arrange the dial cable to turn both the AM and FM tuning capacitors simultaneously.

Shields should be used on all tubes to minimize interference of signals entering at the 10.7 mc, intermediate frequency. A grounding lug is used under one of the screws securing each tube

socket and should be soldered to the central grounding post on the tube socket; all grounds associated with each stage should then be made to this central connection. Mica-filled sockets were used on the first two stages of the tuner to increase gain and minimize drift.

Underneath the chassis a sheet copper partition is used between the r.f. and oscillator/mixer sections of the tuner. One end of the partition is soldered to the grounding lug near the tube socket and the other end is soldered to one of the tuning capacitor ground lugs which projects through the chassis. In addition to shielding, this partition provides a low inductance connection between the capacitor and the coil, which is soldered directly to the copper partition. The r.f. coil, L_{c_i} and the three trimmer capacitors are mounted on top of the variable tuning capacitor. The antenna coil. L_{t_i} is placed adjacent to the grounded end of L_{z} and is supported by a terminal strip fastened to the back of the tuning dial.

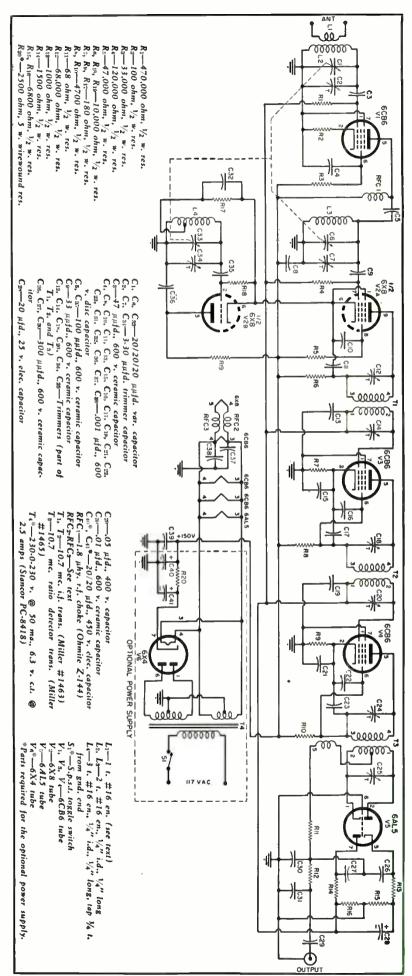
Like all equipment used at very high frequencies, this tuner requires some special wiring techniques. All leads should be as short as possible—point to point wiring is used. The new .001 μ fd. disc ceramic capacitors are excellent since the two leads are only about 3/16-inch apart and fit nicely onto the miniature tube sockets. None of these capacitors should have leads over ¼-inch long. Buy a few extra disc ceramics because it is sometimes necessary to bypass both ends of certain long runs of wire on the chassis. This procedure is taken up again later.

The converter filament choke, RFC₂ and RFC₃, is made by winding number 26 enameled wire over an *Ohmite* Z-144 choke. Notice the direction of winding on the choke and wind the number 26 wire over it in a single layer in the same direction. The extra winding is cemented in place with 912-B coil dope or *Duco* cement. Two Z-144 chokes may be used in the filament circuit; this bifilar winding saves space.

Probably the most interesting part of this project is the final alignment and adjustment. You will need a vacuum-tube voltmeter and a signal generator. The author used Heathkit instruments. For the initial tests, connect the tuner to a suitable power supply. A quick check should show about 2 volts at the cathode of each stage except the ratio detector. Then connect the v.t.v.m. to measure the a.g.c. voltage (across R_{18}). Inject a 10.7 mc. unmodulated signal to the grid of the mixer stage and peak the interstage i.f. transformers for a maximum v.t.v.m. reading. If a reading cannot be obtained, try connecting the signal generator to the grid of the first i.f. tube in order to peak up T_2 and T_3 . After these two transformers are aligned it will be possible to obtain a reading by reconnecting the signal generator to the mixer grid. The ratio detector is aligned by using the zero center feature of the v.t.v.m. and connecting to one end of The ground lead of the v.t.v.m. is connected to the tuner chassis. Adjust the top slug of T_3 so that the voltage across C_{30} (or C_{31}) is zero at 10.7 mc. and adjust the bottom slug so that an equal voltage swing is obtained on each side of 10.7 mc. as the signal generator dial is rocked back and forth across the intermediate frequency. These two adjustments interact with each other so this procedure will have to be repeated several times.

If the a.g.c. voltage remains at several volts when the signal generator is disconnected, one of the stages is oscillating. This occurrence is to be expected, and is nothing to become ex-

Schematic diagram of Midget FM Tuner, An optional power supply is shown within the dotted box.



cited about. Here is where those extra disc ceramic capacitors are useful. Experiment with placement of these bypasses. In the author's tuner, oscillation of the first i.f. amplifier was removed by placing a bypass at both ends of the lead running from the screen to terminal 3 on T_2 . Try bypassing both sides of the filament to ground. Try bypassing both ends of C_{28} to ground. It's safe to bypass anything except a grid or plate lead. If all else fails, try removing the capacitor between cathode and ground. This introduces degeneration and reduces the gain, however.

Alignment of the r.f. stages is easy if there is a station in your area at each end of the FM band. If not, the signal generator can be used. Since signal generator output in the 88 to 108 mc, range is usually a harmonic of some lower frequency signal, the dial calibration should be checked against some accurately calibrated receiver which tunes the 88 to 108 mc. FM band. Connect an amplifier system or earphones to the audio output jack and the antenna to L₁. Connect the v.t.v.m. to read the a.g.c, voltage developed across R_{16} . If the coils have been wound correctly you should be able to tune in some stations. Adjustment of C_{33} should bring the stations to their proper place on the dial. If the FM band is crowded into too few degrees of tuning dial rotation, spread the turns of the oscillator coil, L_1 , apart and realign with C_{ab} . Conversely, to decrease the bandspread squeeze the turns of L_1 together and decrease the capacitance of C_{31} .

When a satisfactory spread of stations is obtained, the mixer and r.f. stages may be adjusted. The author has found the following method of tracking adjustment to be useful in many v.h.f. receivers. Tune in a signal at the high frequency end of the dial and adjust the mixer trimmer, C_{7} , for maximum a.g.c. voltage. Then tune in a signal at the low end of the dial and readjust the trimmer for maximum signal. If it was necessary to increase the capacitance at the low end of the

band, squeeze the turns of the mixer coil, L_{3} , together and try the high and low frequency signals again. A decrease in capacitance indicates that the coil turns should be spread apart. The process is repeated several times until maximum output is obtained at both ends of the dial with one setting of the trimmer. The same procedure is used in adjusting C_{2} and L_{2} in the r.f. stage.

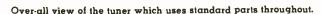
After alignment, the tuner may be connected to the amplifier or radio in its permanent connection. When connecting to an AM radio, connect the output of the tuner across the volume control of the radio in order to be able to control the volume of the tuner as well. An automobile installation is complicated by the extra noise reducing procedures which are usually required. The antenna is somewhat of a problem also, as a horizontal FM dipole exhibits directional characteristics which sometimes cause the station to fade as the automobile turns a corner. After some experimentation the author found the best antenna to be the regular whip used by the car radio in spite of the fact that the transmitting and receiving antennas are cross polarized. Best reception occurred with the whip extended about two feet. Ignition noise, which was troublesome on some of the weaker FM stations, was considerably reduced by the use of resistor type spark plugs. If the tuner is to be used exclusively in an automobile, it is helpful to reduce the capacitance of $C_{\mathbb{P}}$ to 10 microfarads. This decreases the recovery time of the a.g.c. on the rapidly varying signals encountered when the automobile is in motion. The high fidelity FM transmissions may be heard to greater advantage by the use of a better speaker on the car radio, Although the usual oval automobile speaker is adequate for AM listening, better bass and treble response can be quite simply obtained by using one of the new compact loudspeaker cabinets which are now available. The author uses a Jensen "Portable Duette" in the rear seat of his car. The speaker is provided with about forty feet of cable so that it may be used at a distance from the car at the beach or on picnics. This arrangement also provides entertainment while washing the car since it is not necessary to keep the windows open to hear the radio.

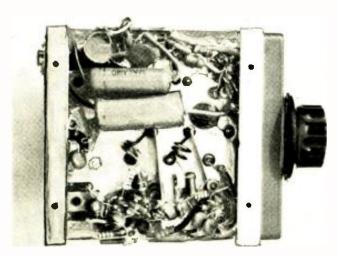
An interesting use of this tuner is made when it is used to receive the FM portion of stereophonic radio broadcasts. Several of our leading radio stations are now broadcasting musical programs in this manner. On WMAQ, in Chicago, two microphones are used in the studio, one being connected to their AM transmitter and the other to their FM. In the listener's home, two tuners, two amplifiers, and two speakers are used to recreate the original acoustical atmosphere. For those interested in receiving these broadcasts, it may be advantageous to include an AM tuner circuit on the same chassis with the midget tuner described here.

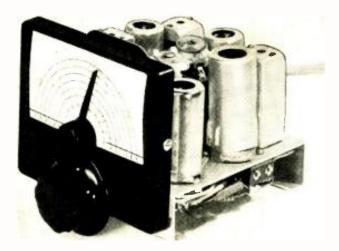
In spite of its low cost and small size, this little tuner will give many hours of enjoyment. The author's tuner has been in service for over a year, and stations over 50 miles away have been received with the use of a simple indoor folded dipole antenna. Local reception is fully as good as that normally provided by many commercial tuners.

Those builders who live more than 50 miles from an FM station may have better reception if an outdoor antenna is used. Usually, if a television signal is receivable in your area, successful FM reception is also possible. For real DX, one of the commercial yagi type FM antennas should be used. These antennas are installed and oriented in the same manner as TV antennas. If a special FM yagi is not readily available, a channel 6 TV antenna may be modified by cutting down all of the elements to 85 per-cent of their original length. Remove an equal amount of tubing from both ends of each element, of course, and flatten the ends with a hammer. This cut-down TV antenna will resonate at the middle of the FM band, but will be broad enough in its response to be useful over the entire band. -30-

Under chassis view. Disc ceramics are used to conserve space.







RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS



NEW professional tape recorder, designed to meet the specialized requirements of broadcast and recording studio engineers as well as the advanced audiophile, has recently made its appearance.

Since the keynote of the design was dependability and freedom from maintenance problems, all clutches, belts, pulleys, idlers, and similar components have been eliminated in the construction of this recorder.

To achieve the requisite simplicity, the two reels had to be mounted directly on the capacitor start-and-run induction torque motors which were designed to perform the spooling operations with maximum efficiency. In addition, the tape drive capstan had to be constructed as an integral part of the synchronous drive, with no decoupling to introduce errors of timing or motion.

The main panel, upon which all mechanical components are assembled, was designed for pressure die casting in aeronautical aluminum alloy to combine rigidity, stability, dimensional accuracy, smooth finish, and high impact strength.

The recorder's "Unisync" drive is an innovation in the field of tape metering accuracy. This combination of drive capstan, two-speed (600 and 1200 rpm) hysteresis synchronous motor, flywheel, and cooling blower is engineered as a single integrated unit. The capstan is the exposed end of a precision-ground shaft supported in linebored, self-lubricated bearings mounted in a flanged aluminum mounting sleeve.

On the outside of this bearing mount is fixed the field structure (stator) of the motor. The nickel cobalt hysteresis rotor ring is shrunk-fit into a diecast housing designed for maximum flywheel effect and ribbed to act as a blower. Because the diameter of the rotor is outside the field, efficiency is high and an extremely cool running

Technical details on a recently-introduced professional unit that eliminates clutches, pulleys, idlers, belts, etc.

mechanism results. The entire rotor construction is dynamically balanced as a unit and mounted solidly to the main panel by four bolts.

Each reel-moving assembly is mounted directly on the motor and contains a 3-inch diameter steel brake drum. A brake arm, pressure die-cast of Zamak III alloy, brings a thick white long-staple felt pad against the drum. Both brakes are actuated by a common tension spring, with differential to keep the tape taut in braking established by the self-energizing action of the brakes. Wear of the pads increases clearance and does not require readjustment.

The tape is stripped from the reels over ball-bearing metal rollers with the tension arms concentrically pivoted to bear against the back of the tape. A *Microswitch*, mounted behind the panel, serves as a power cut off switch in the event of tape run-out or failure. The tension arms swing to a lock position for straight-line loading of the tape through the head assembly, then unlock to provide filter action.

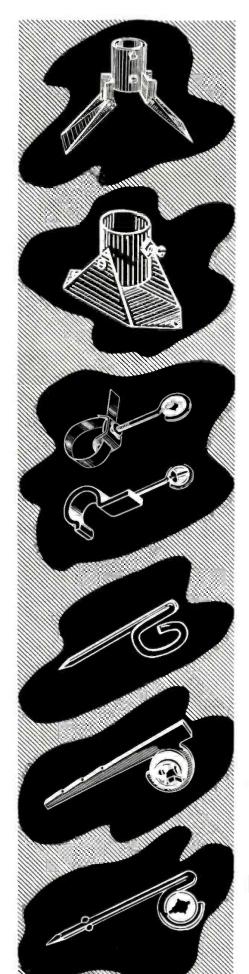
The transducers, or heads, are mounted on a precision pressure diecast ribbed mount which has provision for positioning and adjusting five heads with accurate guides for locating the tape's course through the assembly. The mount is fastened to the main panel by three clamp screws. Electrical connection to the heads is by means of individual slip connectors. The added flexibility offered by the provision for two additional heads can be indicated by a few examples. An extra playback before the usual combination of crase, record, and playback heads permits the simultaneous playing of a delayed broadcast while erasing the tape and recording an incoming

signal—thus permitting one recorder to do the work of two. Or, a combination of single- and dual-track erase and record heads gives a choice of dual-track recording for library requirements or single-track master recording with instant switch selection. Other possible combinations provide a choice of single track or stereo-binaural recording and use of multiple playback heads for echo and reverberation effects.

Tape contact with the heads is accomplished by a pressure die-cast Zamak shield mount that wraps the tape into an arc contact with the pole faces of the heads. A hum shield is mounted in close contact on the head shield of the playback heads. The shields are held in place by tapered spiral coil springs and snap lock retainer clips. No pressure pads are used in normal audio work. In fastforward and rewind position the tape clears the heads, close enough for audible location of selections, but without contact to cause excessive wear. Movement of this mount is automatically controlled by the operation of the control levers.

All controls for the drive mechanism are included in one coaxial lever system located in the center of the panel. The tape drive lever moves to the right for "Run." This closes the head pressure mechanism, wrapping the tape into contact with the heads. Moving the lever to the left from "Stop" to "Cue" also wraps the tape around the heads but does not close the pressure roller against the capstan. Since the brakes are released and the spooling motors powered, the reels may be freely rotated to locate any desired point for cueing or editing. Swinging

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HOW GOOD ARE YOUR

A PROFESSIONAL well-planned antenna installation is important not only for the sake of satisfying your customers and providing the best possible reception—it is also the criterion by which prospective customers and fellow service technicians (possibly future employers) judge your competence.

You should be familiar with the points of good installation practice described in this article if you are furnishing good installations. If not, this review should prove helpful.

1. Anchor the mast properly. Don't use haphazard mounting straps or clamps which rust or stretch. Use pipe clamps or bracket mounts if the antenna mast is to be installed on a wood, stone, or brick wall, or mounted on one side of the house. Use special chimney straps if the chimney is to be used for support.

2. Use guy wires. These are important from the standpoint of safety and rigidity. Storms is New York and other TV areas have shown the importance of proper guying. Use guywires in all cases where the mast extends more than 5 to 8 feet above the chimney or other support. Three guywires are recommended for masts 10 to 15 high; six for masts 15 to 25 feet high, and nine or more guys for greater heights.

Where high winds are encountered, it is best to use a self-supporting or guyed tower instead of the usual hollow mast. The cost is greater but the investment will guarantee your customer far greater protection against collapse and possible damage during storms or high winds.

For the guy wires, use No. 6 or No. 8 stranded steel wires (or solid galvanized clothesline). Break the wires at odd lengths and insert strain insulators to prevent reflections or interaction with the antenna. (If serious ghosts result from some odd combination of guy lengths, try the small plastic-covered clothesline for guying.

This particular type is waterproof, will give in high winds without undue stretching, and is sufficiently strong for most 10- to 15-foot masts.)

3. Use solid anchor points for the guy wires. Ordinary screw-type anchors with a hook or eye in one end are satisfactory if the wood beams, rafters, etc. are solid. For anchoring to brick or concrete walls, use wing-type bolts or special expansion plugs. Space the anchors evenly around the mast if possible (about 120 degrees apart) so the mast will have equal support from all directions. Make sure the anchors are bolted or screwed securely to the supporting surfaces.

The Down Lead

4. Use ring lugs. These lugs clamp on to the lead-in for connecting to the antenna terminals. They insure good electrical contact and take some of the strain off the leads. Wrapping the bared wires around the antenna terminal screws may cause a weak signal later when the terminals become loose or the wires corrode and cause poor contact.

5. Secure the lead-in. Whether the transmission line is twin-lead or coaxial, use a stand-off insulator every 4 feet or so to keep the lead-in taut and to prevent its swaying in the wind. Crimp the outer ring of the insulator just enough to provide firm, positive contact. Excessive pressure does not improve the grip and may result in damage to the wire or insulation. Allow enough slack between the antenna and the first stand-off insulator to allow for wind movement or for the full rotation of the electric rotator if one is used.

Rotator control wires should be run at least 2 or 3 feet away from unshielded twin-lead, all the way to the receiver. Ghosts or a smeared picture will result if these wires are too close together. The same applies if more than one lead-in line is used.

Note: It is not necessary to mount the rotator control wires on insulators. Insulated staples are satisfactory as long as the wires are not damaged nor the insulation punctured.

6. Keep twin-lead away from metal. Drain pipes, down-spouts, roof flashing, gutters, sheeting, vent pipes, metal conduit, electrical or telephone wiring, etc. will greatly attenuate the signal and may introduce serious reflections. Protect the line at roof edges with stand-off insulators, leaving just enough slack to keep the line from rubbing against the roof or other objects. Do not tape unshielded lead-in to the mast or other metal object, and avoid running it near or inside conduit. A wet lead-in touching or taped to a grounded water pipe will amount

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TV INSTALLATIONS?

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Are your TV antenna installations getting sloppy? Check the methods you are now using against this brief review of good TV installation procedures.

almost to a short-circuit of the signal, especially at the higher frequencies.

7. Protect twin-lead from the weather. Don't run twin-lead for long lengths horizontally if you can help it. This can spoil reception in rainy or winter weather by allowing rain, snow, or ice to collect on a large part of the lead-in. Run the wire under the caves or straight down as much as possible so that a minimum area will be exposed to the elements.

Note: Where the antenna mast is mounted on an unused chimney, run the lead-in down through the inside. This will provide the shortest possible run and give best weather protection. Use stand-off insulators on the chimney to relieve strain on the line. Run the lead-in into the basement and bring it up through the floor to the receive; or bring the lead-in out through the fireplace if this is more convenient.

If the chimney is active, run the lead-in down the outside as usual and install a metal baffle plate on the chimney to keep soot from collecting on the antenna terminals and insulator. A heavy collection of soot will short-circuit the antenna insulator in damp or rainy weather. See a tinsmith, furnace dealer, or hardware store for the baffle.

8. Use a good ground. For adequate protection against lightning and electrical storms, run a ground wire from the antenna mast to a cold-water pipe or a 3-foot rod driven into the ground. No. 14 copper wire is adequate in most cases, but No. 6 is recommended for tall masts or where exceptionally long lengths of ground lead are used. Be sure the connections at all points are clean and tight. The ground wire can be stapled to one corner of the house and painted.

9. Use a lightning arrestor with twin-lead. Electrical codes in most cities require an approved-type lightning arrestor with twin-lead (none is required with coaxial lead-in if the shield is properly grounded). Connect the arrestor at the point where the lead-in enters the house, and be sure its ground strap or terminal is connected firmly to the regular ground wire. If the lead-in is run inside the chimney, install the arrestor at the closest convenient point to the receiver and run a No. 14 wire to the nearest cold-water pipe, gas pipe, electrical conduit (if properly grounded), or to

an outside ground. If more than one lead-in is used, install a separate arrestor for each line. Always clamp or bolt the ground rod connections, never solder. Avoid using fire escapes, vent pipes, or similar metal objects for grounds. These usually are painted or rusty and make very poor grounds.

10. Check reception before securing lead-in permanently. With the lead-in temporarily connected to the receiver and antenna, check for ghosts, interference, and picture quality. Ghosts may be caused by reflections from a metal roof, large metal pipes, hidden electrical wiring, etc. Passing automobiles, trolley buses, or electrical equipment in the neighborhood may introduce serious interference. If the picture is good, install the lead-in permanently.

11. Check the antenna's safety features. Be sure it is rigidly mounted and that all precautions have been taken to prevent its damaging the roof or falling across electric power lines. If electric lines pass overhead, it is better to reroute the lead-in to avoid possible contact in case one of the power lines should break and fall.

Note: When installing or adjusting the antenna, do not use a metal ladder if power lines of any sort are near. Accidental contact with a metal ladder usually is fatal! Use a dry, wooden ladder to be safe.

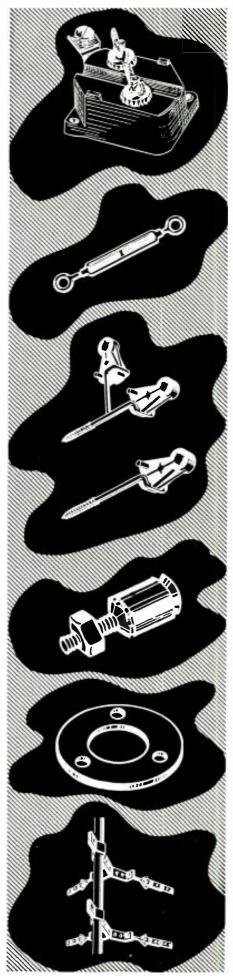
Special Considerations

12. Installing on flat roofs, sun porches, etc. If you do not use a regular commercial base mount be sure the mounting base is strong enough to keep the bottom end of the mast from twisting during high winds or rainstorms. Use a block of wood under the mast to prevent damage to the roof. If mounting holes have to be made in the roof, cover these with pitch or caulking compound to keep out rain and snow. Do the same to all mounting-screw heads and around the mounting base edges.

13. Mounting on slate roofs. A chimney mount is the most practical in this case, If you must walk on the slate to reach the chimney, use a wooden ladder as a catwalk to prevent damaging the roof.

Although all the preceding points are essential to every antenna installation, it is surprising how many are neglected—or forgotten. Can your installations pass the test?

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The cabinet to house the speaker or speakers of your choice must be selected carefully if maximum pleasure is to be derived from your high-fidelity equipment.

AST month the author discussed the criteria involved in the selection of speakers for high-fidelity audio systems ("Choosing Your Hi-Fi Loudspeaker"). We will now consider the important factors governing the choice of suitable speaker enclosures.

It is probable that there is just as much uncertainty in the minds of laymen regarding the selection of an enclosure as there is in choosing a loud-speaker. The choice of a speaker often dictates the type of enclosure, and, conversely, the type of enclosure needed will often limit the type of speaker which can be accommodated.

Having examined the various types of speakers in last month's article, we can now consider what types of cabinets can be used with specific speakers. There are two general types of cabinets. Like speakers, they are the direct-radiator type and the horn type. These types are depicted functionally in Fig. 1. The direct-radiator category includes bass-reflex cabinets and all the variations of this basic design. It is, essentially, a resonant device and usually has to be tuned to the particular speaker with which it is to be used. The horn type of cabinet is anti-resonant and, while it does not need to be tuned, it does have to provide the proper loading on the speaker diaphragm by proportioning the expansion of the horn and its throat area and rear chamber to the particular speaker to be used.

A good horn-type cabinet is more difficult to design and build than a

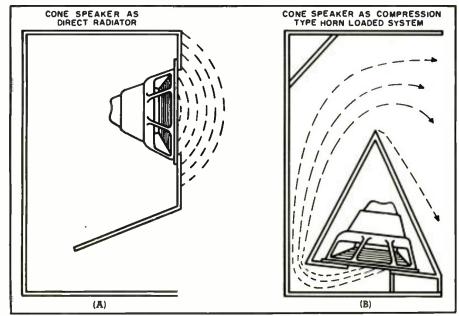
direct-radiator type. This is just one reason for the ready acceptance of the bass-reflex type-its simplicity and economy. The principal reason for its popularity, however, is the compatibility of this type of cabinet with any type of speaker or combination of speakers. As the name "direct radiator" implies, the speaker, mounted in the cabinet, looks directly out at its audience. This is important if one is planning an integrated twoor three-way speaker unit. When such a speaker is mounted in the cabinet. there is no obstruction between the tweeter and the ear, as pointed out last month. Life is almost as simple when using a bass-reflex cabinet for a twoor three-way system composed of separate units. The woofer can be mounted in the cut-out provided for it and the tweeter may be mounted wherever convenient by providing the proper opening for it on top of the cabinet.

A true horn-type cabinet, suitable for the living room, does not lend itself to a coaxial type speaker. In the construction of the horn it is usually necessary to fold it up at least once in order to squeeze it into a reasonable physical volume. The throat of the horn usually gets tucked away within the cabinetry and out of direct line with the ear, as can be seen from Fig. 1B. If the coaxial type of speaker is mounted at the throat of the horn, the tweeter would be forced to radiate into the base of the horn and all of its crispness and clarity is sacrificed. For this reason the tweeter must radiate in an unobstructed path to the ear.

If one wishes to use the horn-type of enclosure, it would be necessary to select separate, independent, and matched loudspeaker units, as shown in Fig. 2. If you want a single integrated unit, then you must stick with the direct-radiator type of cabinet.

Forgetting the matter of being able to select the specific components of a three-way system as against accepting the integrated package deal, is there any other advantage of one system

Fig. 1. Two methods of mounting a speaker within a "box" to give the effect of a direct radiator or a compression-type horn-loaded system. See text for advantages of each.



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over the other? The answer is "yes." There is a psycho-acoustical advantage to a three-way system made up of separate units-it is possible to achieve greater spatial effects which tend to give added realism to the music. If a triaxial speaker is used in a directradiator cabinet, as in Fig. 1A, the sound source of all three speakers would then radiate from a single point. In the case of the threeway horn system, the sources of sound are separated by the differences in the lengths of the horns involved so that there is a feeling of physical separation. Moreover, the speakers are separated by the width of the cabinet. adding further to the illusion of acoustic depth.

There are horn variations on the direct-radiator baffle theme and, likewise, there are direct-radiator variations on the horn theme-and there is a large area of overlap between the two. One excellent version of a bassreflex cabinet (Fig. 1A) has its port horn loaded which means that radiation from the port is given an additional boost by coupling to the horn. This enables it to radiate more efficiently.

In addition, there are totally "rearof-speaker" horn-loaded cabinets in which the back of the speaker looks into a folded horn but the front of the speaker looks directly into the listening area. Such a cabinet is compatible with any combination of loudspeaker components.

With the horn family of cabinets there are several subdivisions which must be understood in order to facilitate the intelligent selection of components. The prevalent horn design is one that uses the corner of the room as a part of the horn, as an extension of the horn, if you will. Some of these models use the actual walls of the room to complete the horn while other corner models have their own integral side walls and do not depend upon the room walls. In some instances the corner in which you wish to place the cabinet may have heavy, absorbent drapes or other acoustical treatment which will deteriorate the action of the horn. In this case, the corner enclosure is made independent of the roomcorner acoustics by building into it its own "corner wall." Such a complete horn, independent of the room walls, is shown in Fig. 2, along with the

matched components designed to be used with it.

Another version of the corner-type cabinet has been dubbed the "cornerless corner horn" because it is shaped in such a way that it will fit into a corner or can be placed against a flat wall. These cabinets are made in both the horn-loaded and direct-radiator types.

The size of the enclosure selected will, of course, be governed by the speaker or speakers to be used in it. It will be found that the speaker cabinets now on the market are adaptable to a wide range of component sizes. There are midget enclosures for 8" speakers, medium sized cabinets to house 12" speakers, and extended sizes for larger installations—all of which are available in either direct-radiator or horn varieties. Selection of the cabinet will be rather straightforward if we keep in mind that, generally speaking, the larger the components, the better the low-frequency response and the more speaker components, the cleaner the system. Choose your acceptable cabinet size and choose your system for it-unitized into parts or integrated into one—and your choice will automatically be narrowed to one or two cabinets.

Now that the speakers are in the cabinet of your choice, there is one last detail in the auditory chain that should be covered—the listening room itself. The best spot for a loudspeaker enclosure is the corner of the room. The corner tends to reinforce the action of the cabinet just as an orchestral shell reinforces the sound from an orchestra. Even a rectangular cabi-

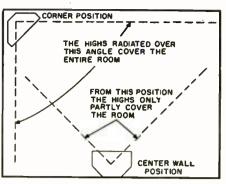


Fig. 3. Corner placement of an enclosure gives better low-frequency reproduction because the corner acts as a horn coupled to the speaker. A corner also provides better high-frequency coverage since the tweeter in this position "sees" all parts of room.

net may have its performance improved when placed in a corner. Not only will the low frequencies be greatly enhanced but the high frequencies will cover more floor area of the room when projected from a corner than when emanating from a cabinet placed against a flat wall. Fig. 3.

The room insulation will greatly affect the quality of the reproduced sound. A room without any absorptive surfaces will make the reproduction too reverberant and destroy the crispness and separation of the various notes. The lower notes will continue to roll around the room long after they have issued from the speaker and will tend to mask the following notes. In a completely untreated room, standing waves may be set up at certain frequencies, giving "hot spots" of energy (Continued on page 120)

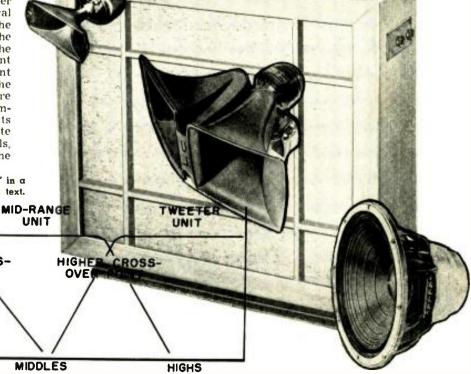


Fig. 2. Matched speakers are a "must" in a horn-type of enclosure, as explained in text.

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FOR 12" SYSTEMS Part 2. Performance of some popular high-fidelity loudspeakers in the "Fold-a-flex" enclosure and a By OLIVER READ Editor and Asst. Publisher RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS

• HE enclosure for loudspeakers has a definite effect upon the reproduction that can be obtained from various systems. The damping effect on a moving cone of a loudspeaker has a direct control over the impedance characteristics of the voice coil. The amount of damping required will depend upon the behavior of a given loudspeaker mounted in its enclosure. The loading effect produced by a particular enclosure design can and does act as an acoustical brake to the piston-like excursion of a cone in the low frequency range. Horn type enclosures provide this loading advantage.

These are but two of the factors influencing the behavior of a loud-speaker. The leading manufacturers

of hi-fi speakers have recognized the importance of the enclosure and have designed cabinets to meet the requirements of their own loudspeakers. Such compatibility has resulted in some very fine systems and has greatly simplified the problem of choice for the consumer.

The audio enthusiast, technician, and the serious student, to a great extent, like to build their own enclosures and to study the behavior of several loud-speakers before deciding which is best for their listening pleasure. The all-purpose enclosure, described last month, was a direct result of this search for a "guinea pig" cabinet that could meet the demands for checking the performance of any loudspeaker contained in but one assembly—but

having the essential characteristics of the most popular enclosures: folded horn, infinite baffle, and bass reflex. The "Fold-a-flex" loudspeaker enclosure was the result. A single cabinet instead of three provided the necessary housing for the experiments.

Frequency response measurements were made under "free field" conditions in an outdoor area free from reflective surfaces. The setup included two calibrated microphones; a dynamic (E-V 655) and a crystal (Shure 98-99). The low impedance 655 was coupled through a high-quality broadcast transformer to match the 1 megohm input of the a.c. vacuum-tube voltmeter. Because the 98-99 crystal is designed to feed a load of at least 20 megohms it is necessary to use either a correction factor or to modify the circuitry. We chose the latter so that direct readings would result in plotting the curves. The 98-99 microphone has an internal capacitance of 1000 µµfd. and the cable adds another 200 µµfd. The total then becomes 1200 µµfd. The microphone acts as a Thevenin generator with a constant voltage proportional to the sound pressure and a capacitance of 1200 ##fd. connected in series.

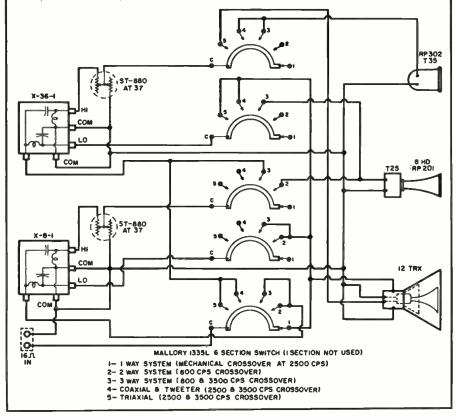
Our trusty Shure "Reactance Slide Rule" shows that a 1 megohm load is equal to the capacitive reactance of 1200 $\mu\mu$ fd. at 130 cycles. The response of the v.t.v.m. will then be down 3 db at 130 cycles and will continue dropping at the rate of 6 db per octave below 130 cycles. Measurements were wanted down to 30 cycles. It was necessary then to connect a capacitor of 3000 $\mu\mu$ fd. across the microphone. This causes a 10 db drop in the output of the microphone but it has the advantage of eliminating a correction factor. The result is an essentially flat output down to 30 cycles.

Spacing between the microphone and the front of the enclosure was maintained at 36 inches. A *Heath* audio generator (calibrated against a *Hewlett Packard* 200 C) was used as the signal source feeding a *Fisher* 70A amplifier to drive the test speakers.

The response curves, Figs. 2 to 4,

Fig. 1. Five distinct speaker combinations are switch-selected for demonstration purposes or for the study of loudspeaker behavior under various conditions.

description of a new, unique comparator technique.



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show the effect of enclosure characteristics. The advantages of a tunable bass reflex port are clearly shown in the curves. The hump (at 150 cycles) results from cabinet resonance produced by an infinite baffle. Tuning the port results in a reduction of the hump and produces two equal humps of lower amplitude which is exactly the effect wanted. The difference can be easily distinguished when heard in the living room. Measurements made in a typical living room all show considerable improvement in bass response. When the enclosure is used as a folded horn, either on a flat wall or in a corner, even greater extension of the bass range is enjoyed.

Another innovation was made to permit demonstration of the "Fold-aflex" at the New York Audio Fair in October. Many of our readers will remember the remote control system devised to show the wide difference in the performance of single and multiple loudspeakers under different conditions of baffling.

The circuit, Fig. 1, is designed for manual switch selection and is self-contained. Relays were substituted in our demo unit so that each function could be selected from across the room. The following components make up the system: A 12" triaxial loudspeaker with electrically independent tweeter, a mid-range horn, a small tweeter, a crossover network (800 cycles) and another at 3500 cycles. The two networks should have a common built-in connection between input and output. The switch is a 6-section (1 not used), 5-position rotary type.

Our demo unit contained an *Electro-Voice* 12TRX triaxial, a T25 driver, and 8HD horn and the *Jensen* RP302. The crossover networks are *E-V* X-8-1 and X-36-1. Level controls permit setting the mid-range horn and the tweeter to best balanced listening. The following are the functions available as selected by the switch:

Position (1): 1-way wide-range system. Here, the audio feeds directly to the voice coil of the 12" duo-cone. Its built-in mechanical crossover at 2500 cycles affords extended single cone coverage.

Position (2): A 2-way system. This shows the effect of adding a high-frequency horn to existing 1-way systems. Audio feeds to the 800-cycle network and utilizes the 12" cone as the woofer (800 cycles and below) and the horn for 800 cycles to the h.f. limits of the horn.

Position (3): A 3-way system comprising low frequency woofer, midrange horn (800-3500 cycles) and u.h.f. tweeter (3500-15,000 cycles).

Position (4): Coaxial (2500-cycle mechanical crossover) and tweeter (3500 cycles). This demonstrates the effect of adding a tweeter to existing coaxial speaker systems.

Position (5): Triaxial. Showing the advantages of single point-source (Continued on page 157)

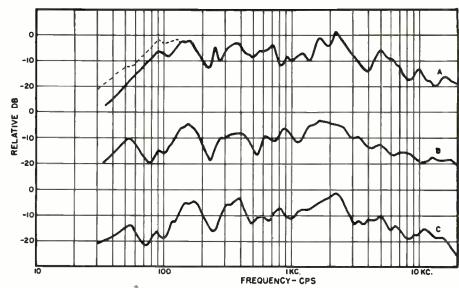


Fig. 2. Response curves of the Stephens 103LX, 216, and 814H two-way system in the original "Fold-a-flex" for 15" speakers described in 1953. (A) Folded horn. Dotted trace is for corner mounted enclosure. (B) Infinite baffle. (C) Bass reflex. Humps at 150 and 300-400 cycles have equal response as a result of tuning reflex port.

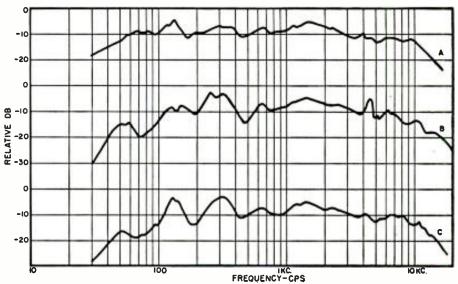
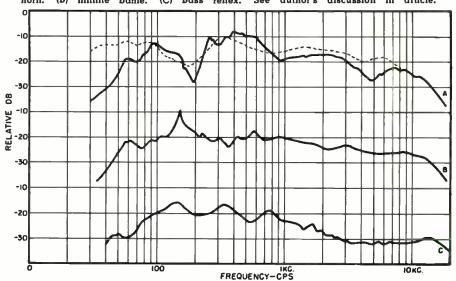
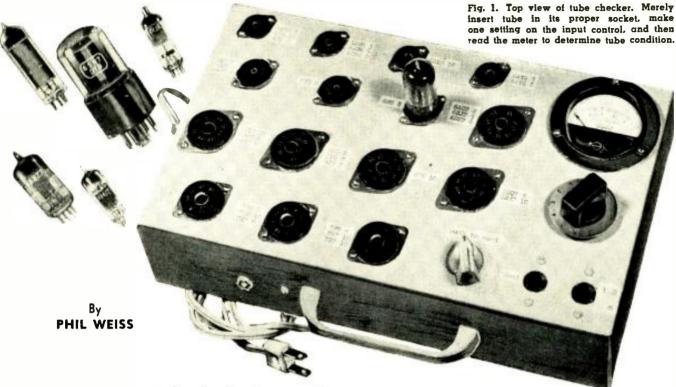


Fig. 3. Improved damping and horn shape of the Model 12 enclosure is reflected in these curves of the Electro-Voice 111 two-way system for 12" low-frequency driver and high-frequency horn. (A) Folded horn. (B) Infinite baffle. (C) Bass reflex.

Fig. 4. Response of the Jensen "Tri-Plex" system in the original enclosure. Dotted trace shows effect of corner mounting in a well-draped living room. (A) Folded horn. (B) Infinite baffle. (C) Bass reflex. See author's discussion in article.



A SEMI-AUTOMATIC TUBE CHECKER



Here's an extra tube checker for your home service calls that is easy to build and easier to operate.

T IS a good idea for a TV service technician to check all the amplifier tubes in every set with a tube checker. From the customer's viewpoint, the set will give better performance if all the weak tubes are replaced, and it is usually cheaper to replace a weak tube than to wait until it goes out and have to pay an additional service charge. From the service technician's viewpoint there are many advantages:

1. It is faster and surer to spot some

- kinds of tube defects with a tube checker, than by substitutionespecially when more than one tube is bad.
- The number of callbacks is greatly reduced when all weak tubes are replaced.
- 3. Many more tubes are sold, espe cially in older sets.
- The tube checker has great prestige value in the eyes of the customer.

Fig. 2, Schematic

diagram of the

tube checker, Labeled points re-

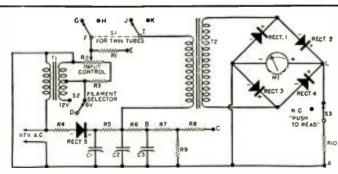
fer to Table 1.

Some important disadvantages to using a tube checker in the home are that many tube defects cannot be found with a tube checker, such as high voltage breakdown; it takes a long time to look up each tube in a chart, and to manipulate all the switches; it is expensive to provide each service technician with a tube checker; and commercial tube checkers are easily damaged when constantly carried about. Also the switches give trouble when used constantly.

The tube checker described in this article and shown in Fig. 1, was built to minimize these disadvantages. It does not attempt to check all tube types, but only about 100 of the most common tubes found in TV sets. This list can be enlarged or reduced, according to the individual preference of the constructor. The list does not include any of the power tubes, such as 6BG6 or 6W4, since the condition of these tubes is usually apparent from observing the performance of the TV set.

Each tube type goes into a socket according to its pin connections. For example: all 7-pin pentodes like the 6AG5 go into one socket, all 9-pin triodes like the 12AU7 into one socket, and so on. There are 15 sockets in all. They are wired in parallel by wires, so that when any tube is plugged into its proper socket it operates under the correct conditions for that type. An a.c. signal, adjustable from 0 to 10 units, is fed into the grid of the tube under test, and the a.c. output of the plate is read on a meter. The instru-

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r-25X or equiv.

[.- Interstage trans., 1:3 ratio (Triad A-31X or equiv.)

Rect. 1, Rect. 2, Rect. 3, Rect. 1-Full-wave bridge instrument rectifier (Conant Type M of equiv.)

Rect. s-100 ma. selenium rect. (Federal 1004)

SI-D.p.d.t. slide switch S:-D.p.s.t. slide switch

S.-S.p.d.t. spring-return, normally closed, 10-tary switch (Centralab 1463)

 R_{10} —5 ohm, 1 w. rcs. C₁. C₂. C₅—20/20/20 µfd., 150 v. clec. ca-T1-Fil. trans., 12.6 v. c.t. @ 1.5 amps. (Triad

Ri--> megolim, 1/2 w. re:

Rs, Rs-50 ohm, 1 w. res. R₄-22 ohm, 1 w. res. R₅-200 ohm, 2 w. res.

R=-150 ohm, 2 w. res.

R6-2000 ohm, 5 w. res. R7-4000 ohm, 10 w. wirewound res.

Ri-8 ohm pot

M1-0.1 ma. d.c. milliammeter

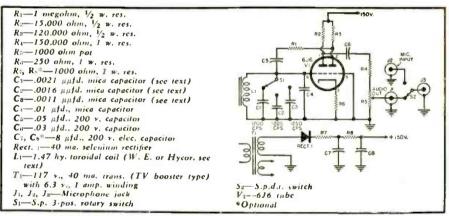


SINGLE-SIDEBAND transmission needs a series of new gadgets to test SSB exciters. The following is an oscillator to use in place of the microphone. This makes a convenient way to tune up—just throw the switch and you have a tone with which you can monitor the transmitter on the oscilloscope. This oscillator is especially useful when used with the 10A or 20A SSB exciter and does not tie up any of your regular test equipment. It can also be used with any SSB exciter having a commercial 90 degree phase shift network.

Fig. 2 is the response of the average commercial 90 degree phase shift network used in an SSB exciter for a band of frequencies 200 cycles to 3000 cycles. It is possible to have one point in that range exactly 90 degrees. This point falls about 1225 cycles and can be used for alignment purposes. Some networks may be up or down a bit.

Fig. 1 is a Franklin oscillator with three fixed frequencies of 1200, 1225, and 1250 cycles which would cover any network which might be off slightly. It is necessary that the oscillator have low output, not over .075 volt r.m.s, to properly balance the SSB exciter and avoid distortion. Another reason for this small auxiliary oscillator is that the regular oscillators with a dial are hard to set exactly on 1225 cps because they are not calibrated this close. It is also hard to find the same dial setting each time you want to tune up.

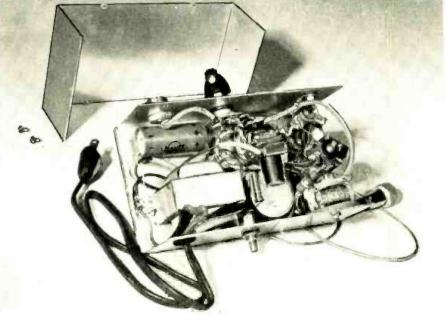
The values given in the schematic were measured on a GR bridge and if followed will give the previously-mentioned frequencies exactly as measured on a Berkeley counter. Paralleling small silver mica capacitors to obtain this value will be close enough to (Continued on page 116)



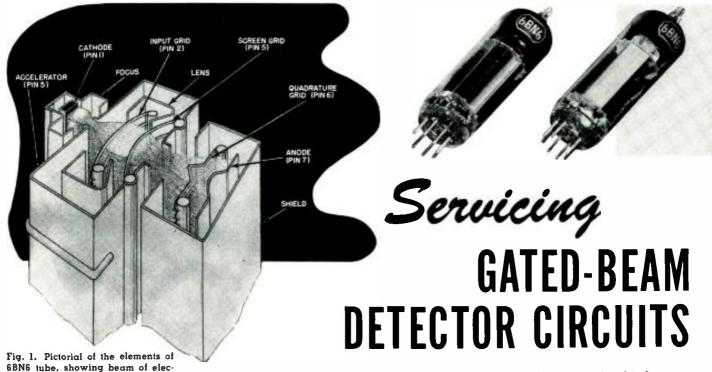
degree phase-shift networks.

Fig. 1. Complete schematic and parts list covering the SSB audio test oscillator.

Under chassis view. The toroid is visible at far right, mounted on chassis lip.



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trons going from cathode to anode through the various grids of tube.

By MATTHEW MANDL

Details on the operation of the 6BN6 limiter-detector which is now being used in many present-day TV receivers.

*HE 6BN6 gated-beam FM detector is being used with increasing regularity in modern television receivers as well as FM sets. This unique tube is a combined limiter and frequency modulation detector and at the same time requires much less signal input than the conventional discriminator or ratio detector type of FM demodulator. Thus, only one i.f. stage is required preceding the detector instead of the usual two or three, and the stage of audio voltage amplification can be dispensed with since the output from the gatedbeam detector is sufficient in amplitude to drive the audio output amplifier tube.

The 6BN6 gated-beam tube has an internal construction which concentrates the electron beam into a narrow stream. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the major elements which are brought to the tube base consist of the anode, pin number 7; the quadrature electrode, pin number 6; the accelerator grid, pin number 5; the input grid, pin number 2; plus the cathode, pin number 1, as well as the usual heater terminals.

The tube is so constructed that if either the input or quadrature grid has a fixed potential, plate current will not increase beyond a certain value, no matter how positive the other grid is made. If either grid is negative enough, plate current will be cut off, regardless of the potential on the other grid. Plate current cannot flow unless both grids are above cut-off, and a variation in plate current with grid potential is limited in both directions, particularly in the case of the input grid.

The quadrature grid (pin 6) incorporates a resonant circuit tuned to the i.f. frequency. This quadrature grid is coupled to the input grid via the space charge within the tube. When electrons approach the quadrature grid, they repel electrons in the grid wires. Thus, by electrostatic induction, energy is coupled to the resonant quadrature circuit. Such induced energy, however, must reach a maximum value before the interchange of energy can occur between the condenser and inductor of the resonant circuit (flywheel effect). Hence, a 90-degree phase difference exists between the signal voltage at the input grid with respect to the quadrature grid voltage. The potentials which exist at the input grid and the quadrature grid are shown in Fig. 3A.

The 90-degree phase difference between the two signals permits the tube to conduct only during the time when both signals are above the zero reference line as shown. Thus, the average tube conduction is a fixed value when the signal which is applied to the gatedbeam tube is an unmodulated carrier (the i.f. frequency of 4.5 megacycles in intercarrier receivers). With normal operating bias, an input signal of approximately one volt or more causes plate current to reach saturation immediately and the tube conduction interval shown in Fig. 3A occurs. Thus, a square wave of beam current is generated and the input grid of the tube acts as a limiter, since an increase in signal amplitude, as represented by static, does not cause an increase in plate current flow.

When the incoming signal is frequency modulated, the change of input frequency causes a phase displacement between the voltage at the quadrature grid with respect to that at the limiter grid. This comes about because the quadrature resonant circuit is still tuned to the center frequency and for a shift of the applied frequency the inductive reactance of the coil no longer equals the capacitive reactance of the condenser. The voltage at the quadrature grid will, therefore, assume a different phase relationship with respect to the signal at the input grid. This is shown in Figs. 3B and 3C. Thus, if the i.f. carrier shifts to a lower frequency, the inductive reactance of the resonant circuit becomes less than the capacitive reactance. When the inductive reactance is lower than the capacitive reactance, the circuit is predominately inductive since this component has a greater shunting effect on the signal. Voltage leads in an inductive circuit and, thus, the quadrature grid voltage becomes less than 90 degrees out-of-phase with respect to the input grid voltage. This is shown in Fig. 3B, and the result is that tube conduction is increased in duration.

When the carrier frequency shifts higher, the resonant circuit becomes predominately capacitive (lower capacitive reactance). Since voltage lags in a capacitive circuit, the quadrature grid potential is caused to lag more than the 90 degrees, as shown in Fig. 3C. Thus the duration of plate current flow decreases.

Since the i.f. carrier signal deviates in frequency each side of the 4.5 megacycle center frequency during frequency modulation, the audio signal appears in the anode circuit as a variation of average plate current. The plate load resistor (the volume control) of Fig. 2, plus the shunting .001 µfd. con-

denser, form an integrating network which averages out the amplitudes of the square waves of current and thus produces the audio signal voltage variations. The condenser, in effect, holds its charge between successive valleys of the square waves.

The 470-ohm resistor in the anode circuit is for feedback purposes. The voltage drop developed across this is coupled *via* interelectrode capacities to the quadrature circuit to improve the linearity of the detection system.

The variable cathode resistor regulates the amount of bias applied to the limiter grid (about 3 volts). Since this potentiometer is also adjusted to minimize intercarrier buzz as well as set the extent of limiting, it is usually designated as the "buzz control" in television receiver schematics. The "buzz control" is regulated so that the bias permits operation on the best portion of the characteristic curve of the tube. The signal to the limiter grid may reach amplitudes up to 5 or 10 volts which normally would mean a considerable grid current flow. This is held to a minimum, however, by tube design so that the input circuit would not be damped objectionably.

Typical Circuits

Fig. 2 is the type circuit used in some *Crosley* TV receivers. The coupling transformer between the anode of the 6U8 i.f. amplifier and the limiter grid is tuned to the i.f. frequency (4.5 megacycles in intercarrier TV receivers, and 10.7 megacycles for FM receivers). The quadrature coil is tuned to the same frequency as the sound i.f. stage.

Sometimes a separate resonant input circuit is employed, as shown in Fig. 4, which illustrates the system used in many late Westinghouse receivers. The gated-beam circuit is similar to the one previously discussed except for slight changes in component parts. Here, the output of the first sound i.f. amplifier has a separate resonant circuit which is slug-tuned, and the signal is applied to the limiter grid which has an additional inductance to ground. The service notes for this receiver designate a cathode voltage range from zero to 4 volts, in contrast to the 2.6 volts designated for the Crosley receiver in Fig. 2. There is also a difference with respect to the accelerator grid voltage as well as the anode potential. The Westinghouse service notes indicate 100 volts as normal on pin 5 of the tube in this circuit while *Crosley* suggests 110 volts.

The latter receiver indicates 77 volts at the anode pin 7, while *Westinghouse* shows a range from 35 volts to 200 volts.

Except for such slight variations as cited, most other manufacturers employing the gated-beam tube utilize circuits which, basically, are identical. This is indicated in Fig. 5 which illustrates the 6BN6 stage in some Zenith television receivers. Here a single 6AU6 tube precedes the sound detector and this 6AU6 acts as a sound limiter and thus performs some clipping function as well as amplifying the signal derived from the sound take-off coil. The clipping action assures a greater attenuation of amplitude modulation variations.

Alignment Procedures

Since the gated-beam circuit is rather simple as compared to the discriminator types of detectors which may employ two i.f. stages besides a limiter, alignment procedures are much less complex.

Alignment of the gated-beam circuit can be accomplished by using a transmitted television signal. The signal at the antenna terminals of the receiver should be reduced sufficiently so that limiting action in the gated-beam tube is prevented. At such a level, a pronounced hissing accompanies the sound output. A low ohm resistor can be placed across the antenna terminals to reduce the signal input. Several should be tried until one is found which brings the signal level down sufficiently.

When the limiting action of the gated-beam tube no longer prevails and the hiss is heard, adjustments are made to the sound take-off coil, the transformer between the sound i.f. amplifier and the gated-beam detector, as well as the quadrature coil. The buzz control is also adjusted in conjunction with the slug adjustments of the aforementioned coils, until the cleanest sound is produced with a minimum of buzz. Adjustments should be made until the sound output has good quality with minimum buzz, even though the output level may not be at its maximum for minimum buzz. If the hiss disappears during adjustments of the controls, it may be necessary to reduce the input signal by an additional amount so that the hiss may be heard during adjustments.

In the absence of a station with accompanying sound modulation, a sweep generator may be employed. This generator should be capable of producing

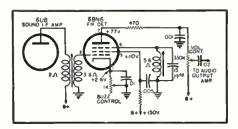


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of the FM detector circuit used in the Crosley chassis 426. The 6BN6 also serves as limiter.

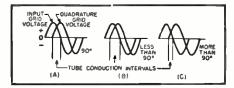


Fig. 3. Current flows through the 6BN6 only when there is a positive bias on both the input and quadrature grids. The length of time that current flows depends on the phase difference between the voltages on the quadrature and input grids.

the necessary 4.5 megacycle signal in frequency modulated form. This can be applied to the input of the video amplifier in lieu of the station signal.

Servicing Factors

If the alignment procedures fail to reduce the intercarrier buzz to a satisfactory level, the 6BN6 tube should be tested or a new one tried. If a new tube does not help, the a.g.c. system of the receiver may require adjustment. If the a.g.c. circuit is functioning properly, the fault may be due to improper tuner tracking or video i.f. alignment. If this has been checked without reducing buzz, the component parts associated with the gated-beam circuit should be checked and compared with the values given in the service notes. Voltages should also be tested and compared with those given.

When parts are replaced, care should be exercised with respect to lead-dress. The leads of new resistors and condensers should be trimmed to the same length as the original components and the units should be placed in approximately the same position as the old parts.

A defective bypass condenser in the cathode circuit of the gated-beam tube will upset the bias on the grid and may increase the intercarrier buzz level. An improper setting will also increase the distortion factor. Distortions will also prevail if the other bypass condensers become defective.

Fig. 4. Sound detector circuit used in Westinghouse TV sets.

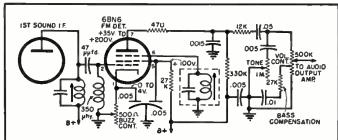
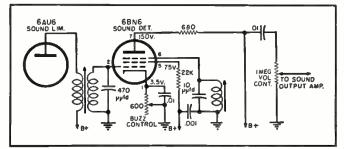


Fig. 5. Sound detector circuit used in Zenith TV receivers.



Front panel view of "Globe Scout 65," a bandswitching ham transmitter which is designed for novice ticket holders.





THE "GLOBE SCOUT"

Details on a new transmitter which covers all bands from 10 to 160 meters. Power is 65 watts c.w., 50 watts phone.

HE "Globe Scout 65" transmitter is a general-purpose, 65-watt c.w., 50-watt phone, bandswitching transmitter covering 160 meters through 10 meters and designed for the beginning or experienced amateur or as the "second" transmitter for the higher powered group of hams.

While designed primarily as a fixed transmitter, it has also been used as a mobile unit by amateurs and CAP groups, since it is merely necessary to pull the jumper plug on the back of the chassis and plug in a d.c. power supply. We suggest the use of a 400 volt, 200 ma. d.c. supply.

This transmitter has a 6146 final tube with a 6F6 oscillator using the hot cathode circuit. Complete coverage of 160 through 10 meters is obtained by use of 160-, 80-, and 40-meter crystals. The oscillator stage is easily driven by a small v.f.o. (such as the Lysco model 382). The speech amplifier consists of a 6SJ7 and a 6C5, with a 6L6 as modulator in a combination of Heising and screen-grid modulation which provides ample audio power to fully modulate the final.

A high-impedance microphone input is provided. Metering is done in the final grid and final plate. A pi-network antenna tuner with "L" section is utilized in the output to match most types of antennas. The power supply is self-contained.

All parts are standard with the exception of the coils and bandswitch which may be purchased from the manufacturer.

The oscillator and final coils may also be wound by the builder as follows: Oscillator coil, L_z —72 turns of #28 enameled wire closewound on 1" form with taps at 45 turns and 61 turns. The final coil, L_s , has 82 turns of #22 enameled wire on 1" form with

the first 60 turns closewound, tapped at 30th and 60th turn. Then wind 14 turns on $\frac{3}{4}$ " space with tap at 14th turn, then 4 turns on $\frac{3}{8}$ " space with tap at 4th turn, then another 4 turns on $\frac{3}{8}$ " space.

Circuit Functions

Oscillator: The oscillator circuit was primarily designed for crystal operation, although any v.f.o. with an output of 2 to 5 watts will work equally as well. The stage employs controlled regeneration allowing the

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use of standard 160 to 40 meter crystals and provides more than enough harmonic output to drive the final to full output. Bandswitching is incorporated in this stage and the cathode keying is crisp and clear on all bands. On straight-through operation, the excitation to the final stage may be in excess of requirements; in this instance, the oscillator tuning control must be detuned slightly to reduce the amount of drive to the proper level. The oscillator stage is capacity coupled to the final amplifier.

Rear view of transmitter. This particular unit is commercially available in kit form.



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R.F. Power Amplifier. This stage employs a 6146 tube operated as a class C amplifier. Two types of bias are applied to this stage; one is cathode, or self bias, and the other is excitation bias. The cathode of this stage is keyed as is that of the oscillator. The final operates straight-through on all hands except 10 meters where doubling in this stage does not affect the output to any appreciable extent. Design of the plate circuit in the final stage utilizes bandswitching plus a pi-network. The pi-network allows matching into various antenna impedances.

Speech and Modulator. The speech amplifier circuit is of conventional design, utilizing a 6SJ7 tube. The amplified speech signal is fed into a conventional 6C5 driver stage through the volume control. Latest components such as printed circuit "Couplates" are utilized; these refinements increase efficiency and ease of wiring. Capacity coupling is utilized between the driver stage and a modified Heising-type modulator circuit, Modification of the original Heising circuit consists of heavily modulating the screen of the 6146, as well as the plate. Metering of either the final grid or final plate circuits is provided with a dual scale meter for constant monitoring of circuit operation.

Power Supply. The power supply utilizes a 5U4G tube as the rectifier. The voltage and current supplied are 500 v.d.c. @ 200 ma., which is adequate to power the complete transmitter. An auxiliary socket mounted on the rear of the transmitter provides for external power such as would be required in a mobile installation. Power requirements for mobile operation are 6 v.d.c. @ 4 amps. and 300 to 500 v.d.c. @ 200 ma.

General Information

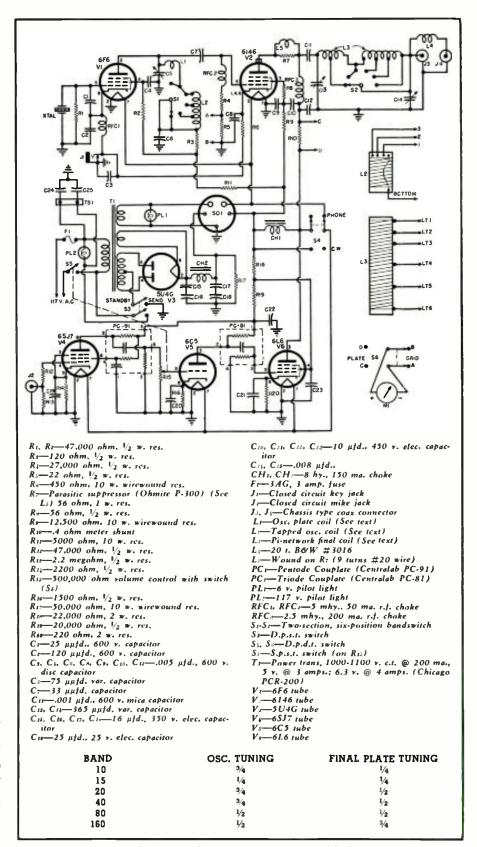
A two screw terminal strip (labeled "Antenna Relay") on the rear of the chassis, provides a 115 v.a.c. source when the transmit switch is in the "on" position. This provides the necessary voltage for an antenna change-over and receiver disabling relay.

Operation and Loading

A good electrical ground connection to the chassis of the transmitter is essential to efficient operation and proper loading of the final stage. An antenna length of between 60 and 80 feet, at least 15 feet elear of the ground, has been found to be almost ideal for all band operation. A folded dipole type antenna for any band, will match into the pi-section very well, needing no extra matching section.

The extra coax connector labeled "Doublet" is used with doublets on the 80- and 160-meter bands, or with antennas on the higher bands (40-10 meters).

Tune up procedure for the pi-section is simple, but care must be exercised so that you do not inadvertently tune to a harmonic of the fundamental signal. The proper tuning point on the final tank is indicated by a sharp,



Complete schematic diagram and parts list covering the "Globe Scout 65". This transmitter is available in kit form or may be built from available components.

clean and low dip in plate current with the plate tuning capacitor approximately half meshed. When attempting to load with the antenna load control, do not operate with the loading capacitor at minimum capacity as this produces excessive reactance and will lead to excessive harmonic radiation. The loading capacitor should load gradually but firmly from maximum capacity, and should show full load at half of its full capacity. Antenna trimming or lengthening is the obvious remedy for any faulty loading conditions.

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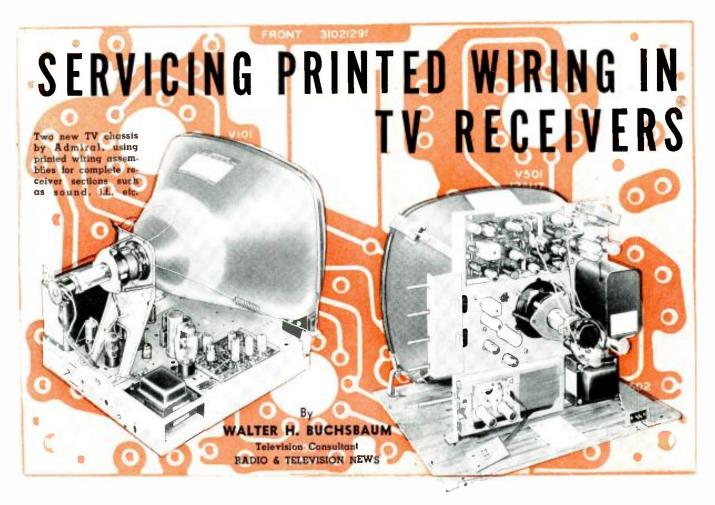
1954 TV RECEIVER SPECIFICATIONS

Conclusion of the list of mechanical and electrical specifications on 1954 Television receivers for service technicians.

MFR.	CHASSIS	TUBES							VIDEO 1.F. FREQ. (MC.)	H.V.4 (KV.)	U.H.F. PRO- VISION	POWER (WATTS)	SPECIAL FEA- TURES
		TUNER	I.F.	V1DEO2	AUDIO	SWEEP3	P.S.	CRT	TREO. (MO.)		VISION	(WATTS)	TURES
TRAV-LER (Cont'd)	48A3	6AF4	6CB6	1N64	6AL5	6BQ6, 6C4	1 B 3	17HP4	45.75	14	11	185	10
		6BZ7	6CB6	6AH6	6AU6	6C4, 6S4	5U4	21YP4					
	ļ	6U8	6CB6		6AV6	6SN7, 6SN7							
					6V6	6W 4							
	48C3	6AF4	6CB6	1N64	6ALS	6BL7, 6C4	1 B 3	24CP4A	45.75	16	11	185	10
		6BZ7	6CB6	6AH6	6AU6	6C4, 6CD6	5U4	24TP4					
		6U8	6CB6		6AV6	6SN7, 6SN7							
					6V6	6W4							
WESTINGHOUSE	V2243	6BZ7	6CB6	1N60	6AU6	6ALS, 6AU6	1B3GT	21YP4	45.75	16.5	Strips	225	10, 12,
	V2247	6 X 8	6CB6	or	6BK5	6AX4GT,6BQ6GT	5U4G	21FP4A	45.75	16.5	or	225	Audio
	V2263		6CB6	1N64	6BN6	6SN7GT, 12AT7	5U4G	21YP4	45.75	16.5	11	225	Noise
	V2273			6AU6		12AU7, 12BH7		21YP4	45.75	16.5	11	225	Contr
				12BY7	 								
	V2250	6BQ7A	6CB6	1N60	6AU6	6ALS, 6AS4GT	1 B 3	24CP4A	45.75	18.5	Strips	300	10, 12,
		or	6CB6	or	6BK5	6AU6, 6AX4GT	5U4G	24TP4A			or		Audio
		6BZ7	6CB6	1N64	6BN6	6BL7GT, 6C4	5U4G				11		Noise
Ţ		6 X 8		6AU6		6CD6G, 12AT7							Conti
/ES				12BY7		12AU7, 12AU7							
5	V2260	6BQ7A	6CB6	1N64	6BK5	6ALS, 6AU6	1B3GT	17LP4	45.75	15	Strips	290	
		or	6CB6	6 BK 5	6BN6	6AX4GT, 6BQ6G	5U4G	17VP4			or		
		6BZ7	6CB6			12AU7, 12AU7					11		
		8 X 8		-		12BH7							
	V2270								45.75	15	11	290	
ZENITH	19M20	6BK7A	6CB6	1N64	6AQ5	6AH4GT,6AQ7GT	1B3GT	17LP4	45.75	14	Strips	185	5, 10,
	19M21	8 U 8	6CB6	12AX7*	6AU6	6AX4GT,6BQ6GT	5U4	21YP4			or		12
	19M22		6CB6	12BY7	6BN6	6CS6, 6SN7GT		21YP4			11		
						12AX7*							
	20M20	6ВК7Л	6CB6	1N64	6AU6	6AH4GT,6AQ7GT	1B3GT	21EP4A	45.75	18	Strips	250	5, 10,
		6U8	6CB6	12AX7*	6BK5	6AX4GT, 6CD6	5U4G	21EP4B			or		12, Vide
			6CB6	12BY7	6BN6	6CS6, 6SN7GT	5U4G				11		Amplifi
						12AX7*							Respon
													Contro
	20M21	6BK7A	6CB6	1N64	6AU6	6AQ7GT,6AU5GT		24CP4	45.75	18	Strips	275	5,10,
		6U8	6CB6	12AX7*	6BK5	6AVSGT	5U4G	24CP4A			or		12, Vid
			6CB6	12BY7	6BN6	6CD6, 6CS6	5U4G	27EP4			11		Amplif
						6SN7GT, 6V3A							Respon
				1		12AX7*							1

^{1.} Video i.f. tubes only. 2. Includes detector and a.g.c. 3. Includes sync section and a.f.c. 4. CRT 2nd anode voltage. 5. Removable safety glass. 6. Local-fringe a.g.c. adjustment. 7. High-fidelity sound. 8. Aluminized picture tube. 9. TV-radio-phono combination. 10. Built-in antenna. 11. 82-channel tuner. 12. Adjustable dial light. *Part of tube is used in another section.

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DMIRAL, MOTOROLA, and several other major TV manufacturers have recently begun to use printed wiring in certain subassemblies. Now a complete television receiver made up of printed wiring assemblies has been demonstrated by Walsco. As production techniques are further improved and circuitry becomes more standardized, the use of the printed wiring system in TV receivers will become even more widespread. This will require a different approach from the point of view of the man who has to troubleshoot and repair TV sets. Repairs in printed wiring assemblies are somewhat different than for conventional chassis; this article shows how parts replacement and other chores ean be handled without damaging the assembly.

Before going into technical details, the terminology of this new method should be understood. Printed circuits, as used in hearing aids, vertical integrating networks, etc., involve the printing of eapaeitors, resistors, and eoils on a ceramic base. Printed eircuit assemblies usually cannot be repaired, but must be replaced entirely. Printed wiring, the type of assembly described in this article, uses standard eomponents, but in place of interconnecting wires there is a thin pattern of copper foil, bonded to an insulating material. Either eyelets or holes in the insulating material filled with solder hold the components individually by their pigtails. Larger parts are mounted with straps, sockets, etc.

You will be seeing more and more printed wiring in TV sets; learn how to troubleshoot and repair them.

A typical basic printed wiring plate is shown in Fig. 1. Here the paths of the conducting copper foil are clearly shown,

Manufacture

The most widely used method of making printed wiring sections starts out with a copper-clad laminate consisting of a sheet of Bakelite or similar material bonded onto a thin copper foil. The desired pattern is transferred from a drawing onto a printing matrix by means of photo-engraving methods. This master matrix then prints the pattern, with a special ink, on the copper surface. The ink used is an acid resisting material which covers the copper at those points where a conductor is desired.

Next, the entire assembly is dipped into an acid bath which removes all the copper not covered with the special ink. After a neutralizing and cleaning bath the section is ready for assembly. In some instances the copper foil is plated before assembly which requires reverse printing and an acid which is more active on copper than on the plating material.

Some printed wiring sections have conductors on both sides with holes as connections between the two sides. In many such instances the inside of the hole is plated through or else an eyelet is inserted. The practice of using eyelets at all holes results in a stronger joint and ultimately simplifies parts replacement.

The original copper foil after printing, etching, and cleaning is often only about 0.001 inch thick and naturally very fragile. To connect resistors or capacitors to this very thin foil requires that at the junction point some mechanical anchorage be provided since the copper foil itself is insufficient support. The usual practice is therefore to trim and bend the leads from the components to standard lengths and then insert them into the proper holes, bending them over the copper foil on the other side. The body of the component is then supported by the insulating board and does not rest on the two pigtails.

After all components are in place, the entire assembly is dip soldered. This process requires a special flux and a closely controlled temperature and timing cycle. In many places the dip soldering operation is done completely by machine and this usually makes for a cheaper, more uniform product. During the soldering all holes should fill up with solder and all connections are made at one time. A cleaning bath to remove or neutralize the flux finishes the process. In some instances the residue of the flux is a

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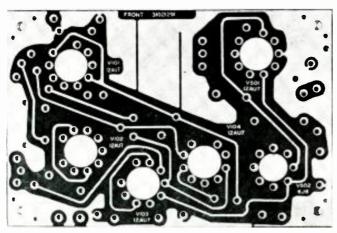


Fig. 1. Phenolic plate showing the copper clad portions which serve as wiring in white. The large holes take tube sockets.

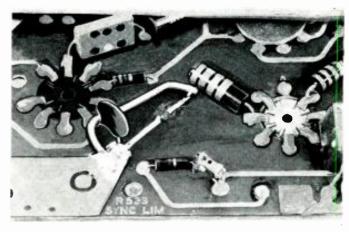


Fig. 2. The method of repairing a break in printed wiring is shown here. A piece of hook-up wire is shunted across the break.

wax coating which is left on to protect the printed wiring against moisture. Other manufacturers finish the assemblies by spraying them with a varnish or similar moisture resisting material.

In order to fully utilize the printed wiring method, many special components were developed. Potentiometers, tube sockets, switches, and electrolytic capacitors are now available with terminals that mount on printed wiring and can be dip soldered. When such components become defective the exact replacement part must be used in most instances. This means that, as printed-wiring type receivers become more popular, the TV service shop must carry additional stocks of special parts.

Troubleshooting

At the time of writing only the Walsco TV chassis employs printed wiring throughout. Most other manufacturers use the printed wiring portion only for certain subassemblies such as the audio section, or the i.f. section. The Walsco model PC-9 chassis has a total of 25 tubes and is made up of 10 separate subassemblies, nine of which are of the printed wiring type. A rear view of the chassis is shown in Fig. 5, illustrating how conventional i.f. shield cans, capacitors, and other components are mounted on the printed wiring subassemblies.

The service technician can use conventional TV troubleshooting methods to trace the defect in a receiver to a particular section and then proceed to find the defective component. If, for example, the entire i.f. section is mounted on one printed wiring assembly, the service technician can remove the individual subassembly from the main chassis for further test. In locating the trouble spot or making various measurements, connections can usually be made to the different resistors and capacitors from the same side on which the components are mounted, simply by clipping directly to their leads.

Although in some printed wiring systems the conductors and components are located on both surfaces, most TV receiver applications use only one side for the actual wiring. Where conductors are found on both sides it is important to remember that the eyelets or solder-filled holes in the insulating material serve as connections from one side to the other and usually hook circuit elements together.

Another important aspect of printed wiring troubleshooting is the relative fragility of the assemblies. Never rest a chassis on a component or any portion of the printed wiring assembly. Even if no break occurs, the flexing of the insulating material may be enough to injure a connection or a lead. Generally, it is good practice to service printed assemblies in the chassis or else lay them on a soft, non-abrasive surface. The use of pin type probes on the printed wiring should be avoided since even a slight slip of the test probe can break a conductor, loosen an eyelet, or otherwise damage the unit. Alligator or crocodile type clips should likewise not be hooked onto joints which could possibly peel off. Another thing to watch for in troubleshooting is to keep the printed wiring assembly away from soldering irons, infrared lamps, or other sources of heat. The solder used in the dipsoldering operation usually has a low melting point and excessive heat can do considerable damage.

In troubleshooting for an intermittent defect in an ordinary TV receiver it is common practice to tap tubes and various parts, pull leads, and probe and scratch connections to find the intermittent. This method must be modified for the printed wiring assembly. Visual inspection is most helpful in this instance. Where a broken wire could not be seen through the insulation or sleeving, the printed wiring assembly clearly shows all conductors, and breaks in them are easily spotted. Intermittent components are not as easily located, but there are certain typical troubles inherent in the assembly method of printed wir-

As mentioned previously, the pigtails of the resistors and capacitors are trimmed and bent to their proper lengths either by machine or else in some kind of jig. Occasionally, some components have a weak spot in the leads or else are dislocated in the crimping jig, with the result that the lead tends to break intermittently at the bending or crimping point. Look at the junction of the individual leads and the body of the component when this type of intermittent is encountered.

Another possible source of intermittents is at the holes through the base board. As can be seen from Fig. 1, the conducting ring around each hole may not be concentric due to slippage, shrinkage, or misregistration of the pattern and this may result in a faulty connecting joint. If the copper does not circle the hole, subsequent plating or dip soldering may also be weaker and with some added strain an intermittent joint may result.

Intermittent tube pins are no more frequent in printed wiring than in an ordinary tube socket, but if one is found it is usually harder to repair.

Repairs

If troubleshooting requires no new technique, the repair of defects found in printed wiring assemblies is certainly different and often more time consuming than for standard wired models. For one thing, the unsoldering of the defective component is considerably more difficult since extreme care must be taken not to damage the assembly. The simplest way to remove a defective small component such as a resistor or pigtail-type capacitor is to cut its leads off near the body. Then, by carefully heating the joint with a small soldering iron, the loose pigtail wire is gently pushed through the hole and extracted at the other side. Never try to apply heat at the joint and pull the crimped end of the pigtail through.

Large components are usually mounted by a strap in addition to the soldered terminals. A good example of this are electrolytic capacitors which have a mounting strap eyeleted directly to the printed assembly. After having elipped the leads of such a capacitor and temporarily substituted a replacement, the mounting eyelet must be drilled out carefully before a new capacitor can be installed. In drilling out eyelets and rivets, the major difficulty is the tendency of the cyelet to spin with the drill. One simple way

to avoid this is to rest the head of the eyelet or rivet on a piece of sand-paper and drill against that. The friction of the head against the sandpaper usually prevents spinning and the drill then makes short work of the eyelet. Another quick method for removing rivets is to use a small grinding wheel attached to an electric hand drill. Grinding off the head and pushing the body of the rivet through with a center punch is often simpler than drilling a rivet out, but care must be taken that the grinding wheel does not slip and damage other parts.

In addition to the use of rivets and eyelets, some large components are staked to the Bakelite board. This is usually done with metal tabs which fit into rectangular slots in the board and are staked or bent after assembly. The best method of removing this type of fastening is to carefully grind off all projecting metal until each tab can be withdrawn smoothly. Bending or attempting to break these tabs off can result in breakage of the insulating board or, at least, damage to the mounting slots which will prevent replacement with the identical part. In replacing a staked lug or tab, the staking operation can be performed with a small chisel or sharpened screwdriver and a light tap hammer. Be sure to work against good support since otherwise the insulating board can be damaged.

In replacing small components such as resistors and paper or ceramic capacitors, be sure to trim and bend the leads properly before actually mounting the part. Fig. 4A shows the correct method of mounting a component by its leads. Note that the body rests flush against the Bakelite board while the leads are bent over at the other side, resting against the copper foil. By leaving one or both of the pigtails loose, as in Fig. 4B, the weight of the component is made to rest effectively on the solder connection. In time, it is possible to peel off the copper foil and, with the aid of vibration, a broken copper conductor may result. In printed wiring assemblies which use an eyelet or a throughplated hole for each connection, the likelihood that the foil will peel off is decreased and the solder joints can support more weight.

Another possible mistake in installing a replacement part is to tighten the bent-over pigtail too much. This creates a stress causing either the Bakelite to bend, the copper foil to tear, or else the pigtail to pull out of the component in time. A word should be said here about bending pigtail leads on resistors and capacitors. Never bend a lead closer than 1/8th inch from the body of a 1/2-watt carbon resistor. Make the minimum bending radius larger as the wire thickness increases. For a 2-watt carbon resistor, the pigtail should be bent at least 1/4 inch from the body.

If the copper foil forming a conductor is broken, the best way to repair this is by shunting a piece of

hook-up wire between the solder joints which the broken lead has connected. Fig. 2 shows how such a break is repaired. In this instance the large metal area at the lower left is a ground strip and the broken conductor was connected from the 2-watt resistor to ground. A short length of hook-up wire has been connected in place of the broken piece.

In many instances the eyelet or terminal hole is not readily accessible for repairs and then it is best to connect directly to the proper leads. Soldering on printed wiring is not the same as for ordinary wiring. Remember, the solder used in printed assemblies is not of the common rosin-core type; its melting temperature usually is much lower than the solder used for general service work. On some printed wiring assemblies, a protective coat of lacquer is sprayed on after dip soldering. Before heat is applied to such an assembly, scrape off the layer of lacquer carefully at the joint with a dull knife or file. Some assemblies have a wax coating which is part of the flux used in the dip soldering operation. This coating can remain, but will smoke and smell slightly when heat is applied.

Fig. 3 shows a preferred method of soldering a new component into place. A small iron tip, rounded and without sharp points, is used. The solderingiron tip is applied to the pigtail wire and never directly to the copper foil. Melt the solder, let it flow, and immediately withdraw the iron. Too much heat from a powerful iron can melt the low temperature solder in nearby holes and loosen some connections. In general, the small soldering irons of the 25- to 50-watt sizes are best for printed wiring repairs. Always use some type of flux to help dissipate the heat from the soldering iron. The rosin flux from the new solder should be cleaned off, either with alcohol or else by wiping with a cloth while the joint is still warm.

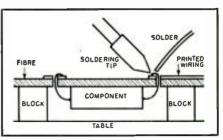


Fig. 3. When making repairs to a printed wiring board, support it as shown.

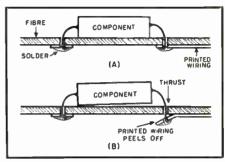


Fig. 4. The correct and incorrect way of mounting components on printed wiring boards. The result of using excessively long component pigtails for a repair is shown in (B).

In the illustration of Fig. 3, the assembly rests on two blocks rather than on the component. Holding the printed assembly properly while working on it is of great importance since otherwise it is very easy to damage parts and connections. One satisfactory and simple way is to put extra long tube shields on some of the tubes and rest the assembly on these shields. Another method utilizes a stiff cardboard box, with the rim of the open box supporting the Bakelite board. More elaborate supports can be made by using long screws and nuts through the regular mounting holes and resting the board on these screws.

The great advantages of using printed wiring in manufacturing make it (Continued on page 155)



Fig. 5. A verticalchassis receiver constructed entirely of printed wiring subassemblies. This set has a separate turret tuner, remotely controlled, shown at the lower left side.





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By BERT WHYTE

THE Christmas season is here again, a fact which occasions much rejoicing among highfidelity enthusiasts. They can look forward to someone (or perhaps themselves) gifting them with a new amplifier or speaker, or perhaps a nice big batch of new recordings. They might even be the happy recipient of a shiny new tape recorder. Which brings up a point. Ever since I began to review prerecorded tapes, I have had a succession of very sad, and sometimes very irate letters from tape machine owners. Someone had done them dirty, they moaned. Their plight? That old debbil equalization! Seems they had dug deep into their jeans for a copy of one of the new pre-recorded tapes, and instead of sweet music, they heard a discordant dub! Yes, they found out the hard way that there is a great deal of variance in the playback equalization of tape machines. In fact, the problem of differing equalization among the many makes of tape machines, is far more serious than was the recently resolved case of phonograph records. You see, the engineering staffs of the various companies who make tape recorders, have their own particular ideas on how a record and playback head should be constructed and what kind of electrical circuitry is involved. There

is no standardization of equalization in the tape machine business. All that exists is a very tenuous and unenforceable clause in the NARTB "suggested standards" guide, which proposes certain standards of equalization. A few of the large professional manufacturers adhere fairly close to these standards, although they arrive at the results by different methods. The manufacturers who make the small non-professional tape machines ignore these proposals and the result is chaos. However, it must be said that the engineers of these companies are not just being "pig-headed." They have plenty of valid reasons for their non-conformity to a single standard. Cost is a very big factor. Another thing is the desire for increased frequency response at the slower tape speeds. This is done to increase the sales appeal of a unit, and it carries with it the penalty of non-standard equalization. You may be very proud of your unit which gives you "12,000 cycles at 71/2 in. per sec.", but remember this treble equalization with anywhere from 11 to 23 decibels of boost is necessary in some machines to achieve such high frequencies. When you play back a pre-recorded tape which was recorded on a professional machine utilizing far less boost, naturally all that you get is a screechy caricature of the music. There are other variations on this theme with the results always the same tapes recorded on one machine do not necessarily sound good when played back on a different machine. What can you do to correct this situation? Not much, I'm afraid. The prospects for agreement among engineers for a standard equalization are pretty remote at this writing. If you own a professional-type unit which normally doesn't include an integral amplifier, you should have no trouble. They can thus be connected to the preamp of a hi-fi amplifier and judicious use of the bass and treble tone controls will give you a balanced sound. Most of the less expensive "home type" machines have an output jack for connection to an external speaker, While it is less easy of accomplishment, there is no good reason why an output jack could not be provided on these machines which would bypass the integral amplifier and allow connection to a tone control preamp. As with the professional units, this would allow you to balance the music to your particular requirements. It is possible that this modification has been incorporated in some of the newer models which will be shown at the Audio Fairs, I will investigate and report to you what I find. If no help is forthcoming, maybe you can rise up in your collective might and petition the manufacturers to get on the ball!

Christmas is, of course, the season for giving as well as receiving. In addition to the usual reviews, I will list some recordings old and new, which you can use as a "gift guide" in buying for your friends, or for ... yourself. To all my friends everywhere ... a most joyous and Merry Christmas!! Equipment used this month: Electrosonic

cartridge, Fairchild atm; Components Corporation turntable; Fisher 50-C preamp; Mc-Intosh 30-watt amplifier, Jim Lansing D34001 two-way horn speaker; Ampex 600 tape equipment.

equipment.

STRAUSS, RICHARD SALOME

Christel Goltz, Salome; Julius Patzak, Herod; Margareta Kenny, Herodias; Hans Braun, Jokanaan; Anton Dermota, Narraboth. The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Clemens Krauss, London LL1038/39. RIAA eurye. Price \$11.90.

The things that happen in this age of LP! The echoes of Columbia's good but not outstanding "Salome" of a few months ago, have hardly died away, and here we are with a new edition from London. This recording is a bird of a different feather, however. It will take a formidable combination of soloists and orchestra and conductor to supplant this version. In fact, I doubt that few record companies will be foolhardy enough to undertake such a venture. This is not to say that this recording is faultless. Looking at the over-all picture, there is room here and there for improvement. But, hy and large, this is the most exciting "Salome" on records. This is a dramatic work and one that is terribly demanding of the participants. The singers must be superb vocalists; they must also be first rate in their acting. The orchestra must be completely at ease with the complex Strauss orchestration, yet their technical mastery should not make feeling and expression subsidiary. The conductor must maintain a rigid discipline over all his forces, in a score which can destroy itself by its own unchecked momentum. Yet he must not be so inflexible, so unsympathetic that the work loses its poetry and drama. That these impossible conditions are fulfilled, almost to perfection, is as great a tribute to the recording as I can summon. Fate had Christel Goltz as the "Salome" of the first complete (Continued on page 102)

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Gaite Parisienne Les Patineurs

The Boston "Pops" conducted by Arthur Fiedler, RCA Victor LM1817

Super-fi versions of these old favorites. Fiedler is a master with this sort of thing. Some terrific wood block, snare, and bass drum sounds in the "Gaite"!

Liszt Piano Recital

Orazio Frugoni, pianist. Vox PL8800

If you are looking for some wild and wooly piano in the grand old manner, this is for you. In the "Dante Sonata," and others, Frugoni whips up quite a pianistic storm. Good piano sound.

Violin Concert

Joseph Szigeti in works of Bach, Tartini, and Handel with Columbia Symphony Orchestra conducted by George Szell and Carlo Bussotti, pianist. Columbia ML4891

Szigeti shows off his fabulous skill and versatility in a pair of violin concertos with Szell and in a pair of sonatas with Bussotti. Music making of very high order and recording of more than uncommon merit.

Paganini Recital

Ruggiero Ricci, violinist with Louis Persinger, pianist. London LL-1005

Ruggiero Ricci, violinist with Louis Persinger, pianist. London LL-962

For those of you who like virtuoso violin playing, this is a rare treat. Ricci is one of the brightest young talents today and his technique and tone are amazing, especially when reproduced with the fabulous clarity of this recording.

Christmas Organ Music

Fritz Heitmann, organist. Telefunken LGX66009

One of the most astute masters of the organ plays Christmas hymns of Bach, Buxtehude, and others. Telefunken has always had a great reputation for the quality of their organ recordings and this is no exception. Very clean-lined, Iuminous sound with properly sonorous pedals in the right places.

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THE "BASS ULTRAFLEX" ENCLOSURE

Fig. 1, "Ultraflex" enclosure with back removed to show the three-way system. It can also be used with a single-cone unit or two-way loud speaker systems. See text.

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Both 15- and 12-inch versions of this design are included in this article covering Jensen's new speaker housing.

HE major part of design work and experimentation with speaker enclosures has been, and still is being devoted to efforts to get more bass output in a given space—or to retain a certain degree of output in a smaller space. Economic considerations and space limitations dictate that most speaker enclosures must be smaller than the ideal size. Reproduction of low frequencies down to, say, 40 cycles, at approximately constant efficiency over the entire range still requires a very large enclosure, and a rather expensive one if furniture finish is specified.

The battle to achieve more bass in moderately-sized speaker systems still goes on. At *Jensen*, a major program of examination, analysis, and evaluation of all the known principles of enclosure operation has been completed, and several new products have evolved.

The end results of this activity have been most gratifying in the achievement of the greatest total bass output possible at this stage of the art for cabinets of medium size. A new approach retains the desirable features of back-loading corner operation in a simple enclosure structure.

During this development program it was realized that small, compact horns are not capable of reproducing extreme low frequencies at high efficieney with smoothness. Inadequate mouth area produces reflections which create dips in the output, when the horn and driver are properly matched. As it must be assumed that this proper matching is part of the design, it follows that a horn with a too small mouth area does not create peaks which might help offset the dips in total bass output heard, so the net effect is less bass. A small size horn enclosure gives attendant difficulties in development of the path length, as well. So compromises are necessary

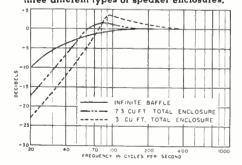
which to some degree nullify the theoretical gains of horn-loading. Because of these factors, investigation was restricted to three types—total enclosures, bass reflex, and a new *Jensen* development called "Bass Ultraflex,"

It was determined that medium size total enclosures had these disadvantages:

1. Resonant frequency of the speaker is raised because of the added stiffness behind it. In the case of very large (infinite baffle) total enclosures, this would not happen, but even so, hangover in the speaker is still a problem. The response shape is determined largely by the damping factor of the entire system, including the speaker. Low-frequency performance is definitely limited when amplifiers of high damping factor drive speakers of high efficiency and high magnetic energy. Furthermore, the light low frequency loading may give excessive distortion at moderate or high power inputs.

2. In general, the speaker resonant point is shifted upward even more when the speaker has a cone suspension of high compliance, as with low resonant frequency speakers. This means that these speakers suffer the most, as they will be affected more by

Fig. 2. Comparison of the performance of three different types of speaker enclosures.



the enclosure-added stiffness than will a speaker with higher resonant frequency. Thus we are limited in how low the resonant point can be placed.

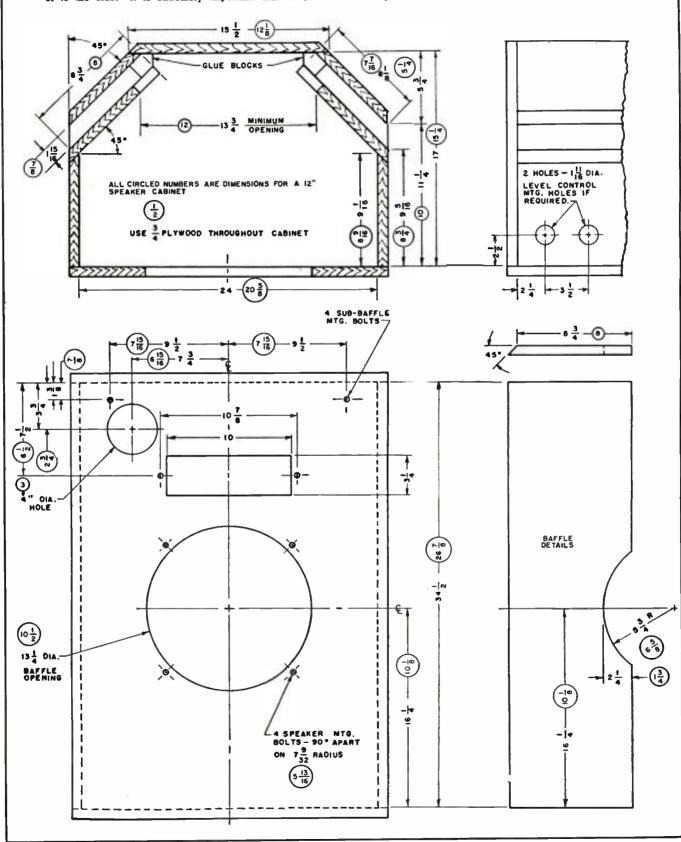
3. Roll-off of the woofer below its resonant frequency is inherently and uncontrollably set at 12 db-per-octave, which severely limits output of the speaker below its resonant frequency. The infinite baffle is far from "pure" and basic as a standard of comparison. In many cases it is out-performed by moderate sized enclosures of other design.

Fig. 2 shows the effect of various sizes of total enclosure. The infinite baffle gives the lowest cut-off. Smaller enclosures produce a rise above cut-off which will increase the "thump" at that frequency. This "thump" effect is sometimes used commercially to give the impression of more bass.

Bass Reflex

The bass reflex principle employs a total enclosure with a vent in the box. The vent uses the back wave by inversion to combine with the front radiation at the enclosure resonant frequency and somewhat above. With proper phasing and damping correlation of the speaker and its bass reflex enclosure, a gain may also be achieved below the speaker resonance frequency, as compared to an infinite baffle. The vent may be considered to add a mass and a parallel resistance shunting the compliance of the enclosure, the compliance being the cushioning effect of the surrounded air. At the anti-resonant frequency of this combination, the impedance is high and can add appreciably to the loudspeaker damping if its system relationships are properly chosen. All these factors are to the good. Furthermore, when large damping in the electrical and speaker systems is used, bass reflex offers definite advantages in over-

Fig. 3. Mechanical details of the 15-inch "Ultraflex" loudspeaker enclosure. For a 12-inch version, use all those dimensions shown circled. The cut-out shown in baffle detail section (bottom right) is incorporated solely to permit the loudspeaker to be inserted or removed easily. Note particularly that the design, as presented, includes all mechanical details for a three-way speaker system. For this condition, the crossover controls are mounted on the side of the cabinet (cut-out detail for these controls is shown in the upper right-hand section). Should other variations be desired, that is, the use of only a single-cone speaker or possibly a two-way system, the front panel cut-outs that would not be required, could be omitted. If the ultra-high-frequency horn is not used, the crossover controls could be moved to the front panel instead of to the side. It is extremely important that all joints be well glued and screwed to obtain an air-tight enclosure.



coming the choking effect exerted by the amplifier upon the speaker cone movement at low frequencies. The increased loading makes possible reduced distortion with increased sound pressure output as compared to the total enclosure or infinite baffle.

Some comments have been made from time to time to the effect that bass reflex cabinets are "boom boxes." This may be true where the enclosure and the speaker are not properly matched. Matching does not necessarily mean that resonant frequencies are to be identical, and matching is not as simple a matter as once generally thought. It is possible to get boomy response from bass reflex, especially when the system is not properly tuned and there is insufficient electrical and mechanical damping combined in the over-all system. In this case, an upper resonant mode (above speaker resonant frequency) is likely to appear, and to give a thumpy sound when exc'ted by a fundamental signal at its frequency, or when shock-excited by a different frequency. This condition seems to be the cause of the troubles encountered by experimenters who have not taken into consideration all the factors of operations of this type system.

"Bass Ultraflex" is this company's improved version of the bass reflex. The principle is incorporated in the BL220 and BL250 enclosures shown in Fig. 4. Essentially, it consists of a compliant chamber behind the speaker, this chamber feeding into two rectangular tubes. These tubes add additional mass across the compliance of the chamber in such a manner as to make possible a lower Helmholtz resonance for the system for a given radiating area. This gives the designer an additional tool for controlling performance of the system. This all amounts to furnishing more bass at less distortion than bass reflex can give. The mouths of these tubes are placed, when the cabinet is in a corner, practically flush with the two walls. This placement gives the greatest possible coupling and takes maximum advantage of the "image effect" which increases the usefully applied radiation resistance, and thereby increases the efficiency. The advantages of the back loading feature of folded horns have been obtained with less critical matching and placement factors. When the cabinet is placed against a wall, somewhat less output is produced than with corner operation.

The end result is that matching becomes less critical in regard to variations to be found in different types of speakers, especially when the speakers are fairly efficient. Thus with speakers of moderate (27 ounce) magnet weights or larger, these advantages occur, compared even to bass reflex:

- 1. With speakers of Ligher than recommended resonant frequency, dropoff of the output is smaller below resonant frequency of the speaker,
- 2. Transient response is improved at low frequencies.

Fig. 4. The Jensen BL250 15-



3. Distortion is reduced to negligible levels at moderate powers.

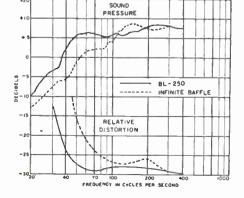
4. Smooth peak and dip-free response occurs down to 40 cycles with recommended 15" speakers. With 12" speakers response is similar, but with somewhat lower efficiency because of the smaller cone area and magnets in the usual 12" speakers.

Fig. 5 shows the comparative sound pressure and distortion characteristics of a 15" woofer driven by a constant voltage source, as measured in an infinite baffle and in the BL250 enclosure.

Fig. 3 shows the dimensioning and construction of the BL250. This cabinet can easily be constructed in the home workshop. Proper performance is assured by following several construction rules:

1. Joints must be well secured and tight.

Fig. 5. Sound pressure and relative distortion of the BL250 loudspeaker enclosure as compared to an infinite baffle. The BL250 is the 15" version described in the article. version described in the article.



2. The sides of the tubes must be interbraced in at least two spots.

3. Inside dimensions should be held as closely as possible to those specified.

4. There must be no air leaks through any cut-outs or control holes.

5. The back must be tightly sealed, preferably with rubber gaskets,

In the drawing of Fig. 3, a flexible arrangement of holes and blocking covers allows use of various combinations of woofer, mid-channel, and/or tweeter units with only the three front panel holes shown. Unused holes, which can include either or both of the top two front panel cut-outs, can be covered by a sub-panel.

For a coaxial or "Triaxial" speaker, these would be omitted.

The commercial version of this cabinet is supplied with a sub-baffle, or panel, to permit the mounting of various types of mid-range and high-frequency horns. Details of this subbaffle have been omitted since this flexibility would not be required by the home builder. The commercial unit was designed to be used with the company's RP102 2000-cycle unit, or RP302 super-tweeter, and a midchannel unit such as the 600-cycle RP201.

Fig. 1 illustrates the inside of the BL250 with a 3-channel system.

When efficient speakers in these enclosures are driven by amplifiers of even moderately high damping factor, interior padding does not seem to be worthwhile. Under other conditions, padding on sides and top may be called for. When in doubt, apply sufficient 1" glass fiber insulation to cover the bottom and one cabinet side.

A TRANSISTOR VIBRATION AMPLIFIER

Transistorized and simplified version of a circuit first described in Jan. 1953 issue.

THE extremely small power requirements of transistors make it quite advantageous to "transistorize" portable equipment wherever practicable. This is true not only of hearing aids and portable radios, but also of most types of portable test and measuring equipment.

In an earlier article, the author described a small vibration-pickup amplifier built around a used hearing aid ("A Vibration-Pickup Amplifier," January, 1953, Radio & Television News). A "transistorized" version of a vibration pickup and amplifier is shown in Fig. 1, together with the headphones used as an accessory.

No attempt was made, in designing this transistorized version, to exactly duplicate the performance of the earlier unit. Rather, the instrument shown in Fig. 1 was designed for a somewhat different application. Where the earlier unit was used primarily to check for mechanical movements and vibrations in locks, this instrument is designed for checking sounds in heavier mechanical equipment, specifically, to aid an automobile mechanic in diagnosing troubles. Because of this, only one transistor is used (two tubes were used in the earlier version), and less gain is provided.

Circuit Description

The circuit used in the transistor vibration amplifier is quite simple and straightforward, as can be easily seen by reference to the schematic diagram given in Fig. 2. A conventional single-stage grounded-emitter amplifier circuit is employed.

In operation, mechanical vibrations picked up by the probe are converted into electrical signals by a piezoelectric crystal (an ordinary phono crystal cartridge). These signals are, in turn, applied to the primary winding of $T_{\rm c}$.

A piezoelectric crystal has a high output impedance. The transistor amplifier stage has a low input impedance. Hence, in order to match these two impedances to insure maximum signal transfer, a transformer (T₁) having a stepdown turns ratio is employed.

The signal appearing across the secondary winding of T_1 is applied to the base-emitter circuit of the transistor



Fig. 1. Over-all view of transistorized vibration pickup and its amplifier.

through coupling condenser C_1 . A fairly large capacity condenser is used here to prevent loss of signal level at medium and lower frequencies, which might otherwise occur due to introducing a comparatively high impedance in series with the low input impedance of the transistor.

R₁ serves as the "base return" resistor, and, by providing a d.c. path between the power source and the base, establishes the base "bias" current. The value of this resistor determines the "bias" current flow and hence the operating characteristics of the stage.

The collector current also varies with the size of R_0 , as collector current is directly proportional to base current.

The audio signal is amplified by the transistor stage and the amplified signal appearing in the collector circuit is applied to the headphones. Since magnetic headphones are used, they also serve to complete the d.c. path for collector current flow.

A hearing-aid type battery, B_1 , serves as the power supply, and a s.p.s.t. slide switch, S_1 , as the power switch.

No provision has been made for a gain control, as it is not needed with a single stage of amplification.

Construction Hints

Both the pickup probe and the amplifier itself are assembled in a small *Bud* "Minibox." These small aluminum boxes may be obtained with either a gray hammerloid or an etched aluminum finish.

The general parts arrangement used by the author is apparent from the interior photograph given in Fig. 4. Layout is not critical, however, and a somewhat different arrangement may be used by the builder, if desired.

In the author's model, the small transformer and the battery are held

in place by two "Z" brackets, fastened in place by a single machine screw and nut. Connections to the battery are made by soldering leads directly to the terminals. Scotch electrical tape is used over the battery terminals to prevent accidental shorts.

Another builder might prefer to devise a small socket arrangement so that the battery may be installed and removed without soldering.

The transistor has been wired directly into the circuit in the model shown. Where this is done, special care must be taken to avoid overheating the transistor leads. Like most semiconductor devices, the transistor is particularly sensitive to heat, and may be easily damaged by excessively high temperatures.

As an alternative, a socket might well be used for the transistor. An ordinary 5-pin subminiature tube socket is employed (only three of the pin positions are required).

Once the unit is completed, labels may be made up by using standard decals, obtainable through most wholesale parts distributors. In the author's model, black decals were used. After the decals were attached, three coats of clear plastic were applied to protect both the decals and the finish of the case.

Some builders may prefer to omit the labels, however, since they add nothing to the performance of the unit.

Assembling the Probe: A detailed cross-sectional view of the probe assembly is given in Fig. 3 and this sketch is, to some extent, self-explanatory. A few comments are appropriate, however.

The probe itself is made up from an ice pick. The metal point is removed from the handle and the blunt end heated in a gas flame until it changes

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color. This process removes the temper and permits a standard die to be used for threading the end.

Choose a die size that is appropriate for the diameter of the ice pick point used. This will vary somewhat with different ice picks. A 10-32 die was used by the author.

The sharp end of the ice pick should be rounded slightly by using a grinding wheel. This is done to prevent the point from digging into or scratching the surfaces against which it is held. Do not remove the temper from the point by heating, however.

Only that portion of the probe which is to be treated should be re-tempered. For best results, the rest of the probe should be kept in its original state.

When assembling the phono cartridge and probe point as shown in Fig. 3, note that the probe point and its mounting nut bear against the case of the crystal cartridge, not against the needle chuck!

In operation, the case tends to vibrate around and against the crystal with the inertia of the crystal resisting this movement. This provides the necessary bending and twisting motion to operate the crystal so that an electrical signal is produced.

Parts Substitutions: Since so few parts are required for this unit, and these are all standard, the prospective builder should not find it necessary to make substitutions. A number of substitutions are permissible, however.

First, a case different from the one employed by the author might well be used. In choosing another case, keep in mind that it should be fairly rigid—for this reason, a plastic case is not generally recommended.

Another transformer might well be substituted for T_1 . Use any transformer capable of matching a high impedance to the low input impedance of the transistor. A certain amount of mismatch will not cause difficulty. In choosing another transformer, make sure that its physical size is such that it will fit easily into the case chosen.

If preferred, a somewhat smaller condenser may be used in place of C_1 . The author used a 10 μ fd. condenser because of its ready availability. An 8, 4, or even a 2 μ fd. condenser should give equally satisfactory results.

A toggle or rotary switch might be substituted for the slide switch used in the author's model.

Either an open or a closed circuit jack may be used as J_1 , although an open circuit jack will prevent accidental current drain when the headphones are removed (should the switch be in the "on" position). As an alternative, the headphones could be wired permanently in place and no jack provided.

Circuit Modification

Only a moderate amount of gain is provided by the single amplifier stage used in the author's model. This is sufficient, however, where the unit is used on equipment having vibrations of large amplitude.

For some types of work, the builder may prefer an amplifier providing more gain.

One simple technique for increasing the gain of the unit is to substitute a Raytheon type CK721 transistor ("p-n-p" type) for the CK722 shown in the schematic diagram (Fig. 2). The connections are the same, and it should not be necessary to change any parts values.

Where even greater gain is desired, a two-, or even three-, stage amplifier may be used. In such cases, it will be necessary to provide a gain control to prevent overload on strong input signals.

For general information on multistage transistor amplifiers, as well as suggested gain control circuits, refer to Charles W. Martel's article "Transistorize Your Audio Amplifiers" (March, 1953, Radio & Television News).

The builder may find that a tone control will be desirable for some applications. Such a control may be added by connecting a .05 μ fd. condenser in series with a 25,000 ohm rheostat, and connecting the entire assembly between the collector and emitter leads of the transistor. This forms a simple, but effective, "losser" type tone control circuit.

Using the Unit

To use the transistor vibration amplifier, plug a pair of magnetic headphones into the output jack (J_1) and turn the unit "on."

The case is held in the hand and the pointed probe held firmly, but lightly, against the machinery or equipment being checked. Experiment with both the angle at which the probe touches the machinery as well as the exact point at which contact is made.

This technique often enables the user to distinguish between different types of vibration sounds, and to pick out those signals of particular interest.

If the builder has assembled a unit using two or more amplifier stages, and has provided a gain control, this control should be set for minimum gain when the probe is first placed in position. The gain is then gradually

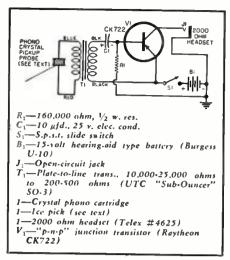


Fig. 2. Diagram of vibration pickup unit.

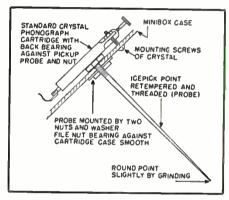


Fig. 3. Mechanical details for assembling the probe. See text for full instructions.

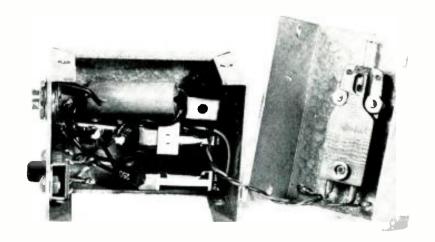
increased, without moving the probe, until the desired signal level is finally reached.

This last technique is used for two reasons. (1) to prevent "blasting" due to high signal levels, and (2) to prevent accidental signal overload, with resulting distortion and changes in signal quality. A distorted signal is difficult to properly interpret.

Applications

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Fig. 4. Interior view of unit. Layout may be altered to suit needs of the builder.



A COMPACT 100-WATT BANDSWITCHING

Front panel view of the home-built 100-watt bandswitching transmitter. Controls are identified and correspond to the schematic. The transmitter covers 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters.

HAM TRANSMITTER



Complete construction details on a TVI-proof transmitter which uses standard components and covers five ham bands.

CONSIDERABLE number of amateurs are interested in a transmitter in the 100-watt class, provided that such a transmitter is compact as well as versatile and includes modern design features. This interest is particularly evident in the terrific sales popularity of the currently available manufactured units and transmitter kits in this power range. This article will discuss a somewhat similar transmitter which meets these specifications, yet is suitable for home construction without the need for complicated sheet metal work or for special components.

This transmitter was designed for maximum flexibility in keeping with its compactness. Four modern tubes are used in the r.f. section, four tubes are devoted to the high-level plate modulator, while three rectifiers and a voltage regulator complete the tube line-up. The transmitter covers five bands in the range from 3.5 to 30 mc., yet is completely bandswitching without plug-in coils. Only three tuning controls require attention when shifting frequency. A continuous tuning pi network is used for the final. All controls as well as the oscillator crystal are accessible from the front panel, eliminating the need for "digging" into the rig when operating. The oscillator also functions as a buffer amplifier for external v.f.o. operation. All power supplies are integral parts of the unit, with a bias pack to supply fixed bias to permit excitation keying. Naturally, AM as well as c.w. output is available, and all stages are completely metered. The cntire transmitter mounts on a 13" x $17" \times 3"$ chassis with an 8%" rack panel.

Modern transmitter design is being influenced by a number of factors,

which, in the light of present day circumstances, arc making construction practices of a few years ago somewhat obsolete and undesirable. Perhaps the most important factor to be considered can be attributed to the rapid expansion of commercial television broadcasting, which has compelled amateurs to consider the reduction of TVI caused by their transmitters. The generally accepted methods of combating TVI involve complete shielding and filtering of the rig. Sometimes these measures are a bit difficult to adapt to existing equipment, but, by considering the problems involved at the onset of design, can be incorporated in a new transmitter without undue trouble.

This attention to TVI reduction and its associated problems led to several of the design features of this rig. Because of its marked superiority in reducing undesired harmonic output, a pi-network was selected for the final output coupling. The E. F. Johnson Company has made available to amateur circles, a line of components for pi-network construction. Their 229-201 rotary inductor allows the network to be tuned from 3.5 through 30 mc. without coil changing, and thus is perfectly suited to a bandswitching transmitter.

It was reasoned that if the r.f. components mounted above the chassis in this transmitter could be assembled in their own small shield box, the problems of complete transmitter shielding would be greatly simplified. To avoid the necessity of fabricating such a shield box at home, some shopping around was done to locate a unit of commercial manufacture which could be used. Fortunately, the *Bud* "Minibox" series met the requirements and

a 10" \times 6" \times 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unit, CU-3010, was selected as the correct size to house the pi-network components and the final amplifier tubes.

The proper choice of output tubes for the transmitter was given careful consideration. Beam power and screen grid type tubes are gaining in popularity over triodes for use in ham gear. Undeniably, the higher power sensitivity of such tubes permits the use of low driving power, and the fact that they can operate without neutralization helps to simplify circuitry. On the other hand, many hams recall without relish, the parasitic tendencies and unstable operation sometimes experienced with tubes such as the 807. However, recent tube developments have resulted in a new button-stem construction with short internal leads and multiple base connections for cathode and suppressor to permit better r.f. grounding, as well as internal base shielding. This construction is used in the efficient 2E26, and in the 6146 beam power amplifier tube. This compact 6146 has an ICAS rating of 90 watts input per tube up to 60 mc., so a pair connected in parallel, as used in this transmitter, is easily capable of 100 watts r.f. output.

Separation of the grid and plate circuits of the final amplifier was readily accomplished since the 6146 is provided with a top plate cap. Assembling the plate components in the previously-mentioned "Minibox" shield allows the grid circuitry to be completely isolated simply by mounting these parts under the chassis. This has resulted in an amplifier which is completely stable in operation.

Only two additional stages are used to complete the r.f. section of this

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transmitter. This makes for compact construction, and has the advantage of minimizing the number of stages requiring attention when changing frequency. After some thought, it was decided to avoid the use of broadband circuits; instead, tuned plate loads were selected for their increased efficiency. Several trial constructions were made to investigate various tube combinations and circuits. Finally, the nine-pin miniature 5763 tube was chosen for both the oscillator and multiplier stages, and has proven to be suitable for both applications.

The first stage is connected as a Colpitts harmonic oscillator, which is modified so as to allow operation as a buffer-multiplier as well, with excitation then coming from an external v.f.o. A double-pole, double-throw wafer switch, S_1 , in the grid-cathode circuit of this stage permits this changeover. The screen of this tube is supplied with a well regulated 150 volts, controlled by an 0A2 VR tube.

The second 5763, V_2 , operates as a buffer-multiplier to drive the final to full output on all bands. Approximately 45 volts of negative bias from the bias pack keeps this stage below cutoff without excitation, with additional operating bias developed across the grid leak by the driving signal. A variable screen voltage control functions as an excitation control to adjust the drive supplied to the final grids. The 5763 cathode and suppressor are tied directly to the chassis at the socket, to produce effective r.f. grounding.

The two 5763 stages are made bandswitching, covering five ham bands without plug-in coils, namely 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. On 80 meters, a 3.5 mc. crystal is used, with the rig operating straight through in all stages. Either 3.5 or 7 mc. crystals may be used for 40 meter operation since the oscillator plate is then tuned to 7 mc., with the buffer and final again running straight through. On the 20 meter band, the oscillator tank is tuned to 7 mc.; however, the buffer stage now acts as a doubler to supply 14 mc, signal to the final grids. To reach 15 meters, the 7 mc. output of the oscillator is tripled to drive the final on 21 mc. Finally, to reach the 10 meter band, the 7 mc, crystal frequency is doubled in the oscillator tank, and again doubled in the multiplier to reach 28 mc. for the final The final stage, it will be noted, functions as a straight amplifier on all bands.

A three-stage audio amplifier is included in the rig, for high level plate modulation of the final amplifier. A 6BA6 is used as the first speech amplifier, intended for use with a crystal microphone of average output. Contact bias is used to develop the slight bias voltage required by this stage, so that the cathode can be returned directly to ground in the interests of minimizing hum pickup at this input stage. An r.f. filter is provided in the grid and heavy decoupling is used in the plate feed. An audio gain control

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appears at the grid of the following 6AG5 amplifier, which is used as a driver for the modulator tubes. Inverse-feedback is added to the first two stages, and while the gain control is included in the loop, this feedback is desirable in improving the regulation of the driver. A transformer with a 1.5:1 turns ratio is used to couple the driver to the grids of the modulator tubes, which are conventional 807's in push-pull, operating with 30 volts fixed bias and 300 volts on the screens.

While economical in the number of stages, this audio section has been found more than adequate, and fully modulates the final with the gain control less than half open, when used with an Astatic T-3 mike. It is unusually hum free, and the components have been selected to give a restricted frequency response to produce clean crisp quality so necessary for ham work.

To facilitate an accurate check on the operation of the transmitter, a complete metering system is used. A rather tricky metering method, as used in the Johnson "Viking," has been adapted to this rig. For an effective r.f. ground, the 6146 cathodes are grounded directly, and yet with this metering technique, it is possible to measure the final cathode current. This is accomplished by inserting a milliammeter in the high voltage supply negative return lead, a 500 ma. movement being adequate in this case. Notice that the modulator cathodes are returned to the transformer center tap, rather than ground, to prevent their current from flowing through the meter.

An additional 0-50 ma, meter is used to measure the grid and plate currents of the exciter by switching the meter across small resistors provided for this purpose in the desired leads. In addition, this meter is switched

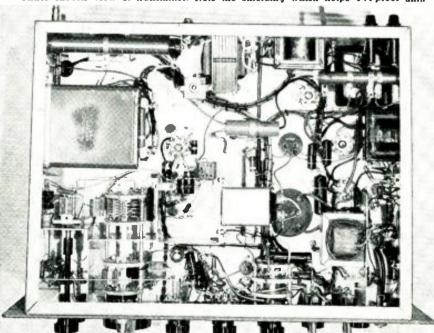
into the 807 cathodes, with a suitable shunt to increase the range to 250 ma., for checking the modulator cathode current. Both meters and leads involved are carefully r.f. bypassed.

A three-deck ceramic wafer switch with 90 degree indexing is used to change the rig from c.w. to phone operation. One deck is used in the oscillator cathode, to switch the cathode return from the key jack to the high voltage panel switch for phone standby. The other decks control the final screen and modulation transformer changeover.

A high voltage power supply furnishes slightly over 600 volts under full load to the final and modulator stages, using a choke input filter to smooth out ripple. A high wattage bleeder is tapped at 300 volts to supply the modulator screens during phone operation, and through a dropping resistor, feeds well regulated voltage to the final amplifier when operating c.w. Under phone conditions, both screen and plate circuits of the class C stage are modulated to secure 100% modulation. An additional resistor with a shorting switch is added to the r.f. screen circuit to reduce power output for tuning.

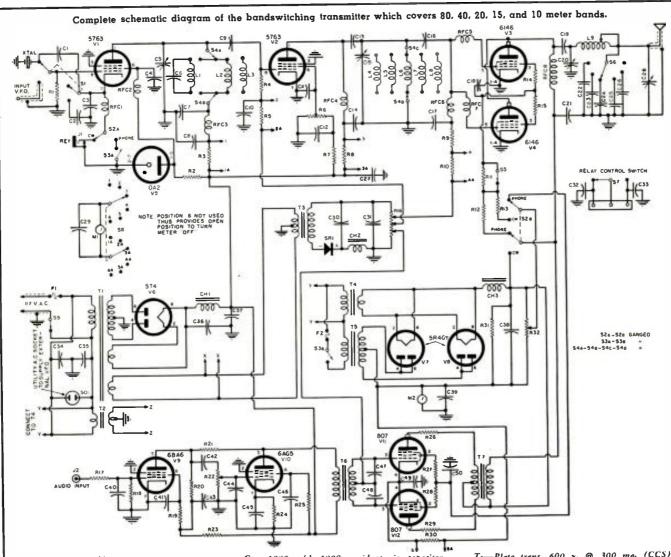
A low voltage power supply provides slightly in excess of 300 volts for the low level r.f. and audio stages, by using a metal 5T4 rectifier and pisection filter. The input filter capacitor is intentionally kept small to prevent soaring voltages from this supply under conditions of no load. The excitation control also serves as a minimum bleeder across this supply.

The bias pack uses a back-connected filament transformer, into a selenium rectifier and pi filter to produce up to 100 volts bias. The final requires 75 volts, the buffer 45 volts, and modulator 30 volts, available from a low resistance bleeder with three sliders



Under chassis view of transmitter. Note the shielding which helps TVI-proof unit.

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 R_1 —100,000 ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ w. res. R_2 —25,000 ohm, 10 w. wirewound res. R₂—25,000 ohm, 10 w. reteath 18.8, R₀, R₀, R₁₀, R₁₁, R₂₂—100 ohm, ½ w. res.
R₄—68,000 ohm, ½ w. res.
R₆—25,000 ohm, 5 w. wirewound pot
R₇—2700 ohm, 2 w. res.
R₆—2200 ohm, ½ w. res. R11-20,000 ohm. 10 w. wirewound res. R₁₂-20,000 ohm, 25 w. wirewound res. R₁₈-2500 ohm, 10 w. wirewound res. R14, R15-47 ohm, 2 w. res. -3000 ohm, 50 w. wirewound res. with 3 sliders R17-47,000 ohm. 1/2 w. res. R_{18} —2.2 mcgohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ w. res. R_{19} —1 mcgohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ w. res. R_{20} —250,000 ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ w. res. R21-1.8 mcgohm, 1 w. res. R==500.000 ohm pot. Rus-27.000 ohm, 2 w. res. R24-270 ohm, 1 w. res. R25-2700 ohm, 1 w. res. R_{30} , R_{29} —120 ohm, V_2 w. res. R_{30} —8 ohm meter multiplier shunt (to increase 50 ma, meter to 250 ma.)

 R_{31} —2.2 megohm, 2 w. res. R_{32} —15.000 ohm, 100 w, wirewound res. with 1 slider

C1-15 μμfd. ceramic capacitor C2, C4, C8, C10, C11, C12, C14, C17, C27, C29, C82, C33, C30, C40, C47, C45, C40-1000 μμfd. ceramic capacitor C8. C9, C13. C16—100 μμ/d. ceramic capacitor

Co. C15-100 uufd. midget var. capacitor C₀—40 μμfd, silver mica capacitor C₇—,02 μfd, mica capacitor

C18-003 µfd., 1500 v. mica capacitor

 C_{21} —.005 μfd .. 2500 ν , mica capacitor C_{22} —1250 $\mu \mu fd$., 1000 ν , midget mica capacitor

-1000 μμfd., 1000 v. midget mica capacitor C₂₆—750 μμfd., 1500 v. midget mica capacitor C₂₅—500 μμfd., 1500 v. midget mica capacitor

 C_{23} —500 $\mu\mu\mu f_{\rm d}$, 1500 v. miaget mica capacitor C_{26} —259 $\mu\mu f_{\rm d}$, 3000 v. midget mica capacitor (1wo 500 $\mu\mu f_{\rm d}$, 1500 v. in series) C_{26} , C_{31} —30/30 $\mu f_{\rm d}$, 150 v. elec, capacitor C_{34} , C_{25} , C_{41} , C_{46} —05 $\mu f_{\rm d}$ by pass capacitor C_{37} —1 $\mu f_{\rm d}$, 1000 v. oil-filled capacitor C_{37} , C_{43} —40/40 $\mu f_{\rm d}$, 450 v. elec, capacitor C₃₅—10 μfd., 1000 v. oil-filled capacitor

C₄₂—,005 μfd. coupling capacitor C₄₄—250 μμfd. ceramic capacitor Ca:—10 µfd., 50 v. elec. capacitor Ca:—11 µfd. bypass capacitor RFC1, RFC2, RFC8, RFC4, RFC6—2.5 mhy., 150

ma, r.f. choke

RFC5, RFC7-,8 µhy., 1000 ma. r.f. choke (Ohmite Z.235)

RFCs-2.5 mhy., 500 ma. r.f. choke (Millen) CH1-6 hy., 150 ma. filter choke

CH₂-30 hy., 60 ma, filter choke CH₃-10 hy., 300 ma, filter choke (Thordarson

T-20C56) L1, L4-80 m.-48 t. B & W "Miniductor" #3012

L2, L5-40 m.-20 t. B & W "Miniductor"

#3012 La, La-20 m.-13 1. B & W "Miniductor"

#3011 L-15 m.-6 t. B & W "Miniductor" #3006 Lb-10 m.-4 1. #14 bus, 3/8" dia., 7/8" long Le-Rotary pi-network inductor (Johnson

#229.201) T₁—Power trans, 350-0-350 v. @ 150 ma.; 5 v. @ 3 amps.; 6,3 v. @ 6.5 amps. (Merit P.3173 or equiv. Author used a now-obsolete

T2. T3-Fil. trans. 6. 3 v. @ 3 amps. Ti-Fil. trans. 5 v.c.t. @ 6 amps. (Stancor P-3062)

-Plate trans, 600 v. @ 300 ma. (CCS) (Stancor P-8042)

(Stancor P-8042)
To-Driver trans, 1.5 to 1 single plate to push-pull grids (Stancor A-4752)
T-Mod. trans, 1.6 to 1, 807's class AB to paralleled 807's r.f. suitable, 75 w. or more audio capacity

M1-0-50 ma. milliammeter (Simpson type 127)

M2-0.500 ma. milliammeter (Simpson type 127)

S1-D.p.d.t. ceramic wafer switch

S2A, S2B-3-pole, 2-pos. switch made from Centralab 90 degree index assembly and 3 ceramic wafers ("C.W.-Phone Switch")

SaA, SaB—D.p.s.t. bat-handle toggle switch
StA, SaB, SaC, Sab—4-pole, 11-pos. exciter band-

A. JAB. JAC. JAD—4-pole, 11-pos. exciter bandswitch made from Centralab 30 degree index assembly and 4 ceramic "Y" sections. (Only 5 pos. required, see text on modifications)

—S.p.s.t. bat-handle toggle switch ("Tune-Up Voltage Control")

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Se_S.p. 6-pos, switch (5-pos, required)
S;_S.p.d.t. bat-handle toggle switch ("Relay Control")

S .- D.p. 6-pos. non-shorting meter switch S.—S.p.s.i. bat-handle toggle switch ("A.C. Line Switch") J.—Closed circuit key jack

J2-Shielded shorting-type audio input connector

SR1-75 ma. sclenium rectifier Xtal.—See text F1, F2—5 amp. fuse

SO3-117 volt utility socket V₁, V₂—5763 tube V₈, V₄—6146 tube V₅—0A2 tube V₆—5T4 tube

V7, V .- 5R4GY tube

Vo-6BA6 tube V11, V12-807 tube Vin-6AG5 tube

which is connected across this pack.

Because of the compactness of this transmitter, the layout is determined, to a great extent, by the sizes and shapes of major components. For this reason, it is suggested that those persons who may be interested in duplicating the rig obtain all parts before commencing work on the chassis. Needless to say, electrical equivalents will be satisfactory providing they are of comparable size.

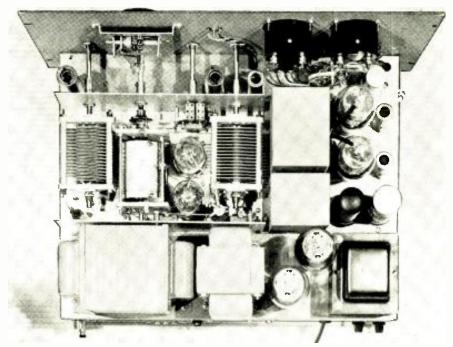
Construction was inaugurated by fitting the plate components into the "Minibox," and reference to the photographs will aid in this layout. All mounting holes should be drilled in the "Minibox," and then transferred to the main chassis which should be drilled before any assembly is started. Tube sockets for the 6146's are mounted in the main chassis, with larger clearance holes cut in this "Minibox," but all other components are mounted through both chassis and "Minibox."

both chassis and "Minibox."

The "Minibox" should be placed on the main 13" x 17" x 3" aluminum chassis while the high and low voltage power supply and audio amplifier components are arranged as shown in the photographs. It should be noted that the high voltage transformer and filter choke mount near the rear left corner of the chassis with the "Minibox" closely against them, to provide space on the front top of the chassis for the exciter and VR tubes. The counter-dial, Johnson 116-208-4, requires some space behind the panel, which should be considered in spacing out the tubes. Shaft bearings in both "Minibox" and front panel permit brass shaft extensions to protrude to the front panel. The pi-network layout which was best able to utilize the available space, and still result in a neat front panel layout, is evident in the photos. The plate tuning capacitor is to the right of the tubes, with the fixed loading capacitors and switch directly in front of the tubes. The variable coil is immediately to the left, with the variable loading capacitors in the remaining space, with a coaxial cable output lead to the rear.

The two 5R4GY high-voltage rectifiers and the low-voltage power transformer occupy the rest of the back chassis top surface, with the 5T4, filter components, and the audio tubes with modulation transformer taking the space immediately to the right of the "Minibox." The space directly behind the front panel is required for the meters and meter switch, as well as audio and excitation pots.

Viewing the panel from the front the seven controls from left to right stretched across the center section of the panel, are as follows: the audio gain control $(R_{\rm se})$, six position meter switch $(S_{\rm s})$, excitation control $(R_{\rm o})$, plate tuning capacitor $(C_{\rm pe})$, fixed loading switch $(S_{\rm o})$, variable inductor tuning dial $(L_{\rm e})$, and variable loading capacitor $(C_{\rm pe})$. The meters are mounted to the front panel side by side, with the crystal socket located between them and the tuning dial. The



Top chassis view of transmitter with shield cover removed to show parts location.

remaining controls are under the chassis, accessible from the front panel. The key jack and mike input connector (shorting type) are to the extreme left. The four toggle switches are grouped together, and control a.c. input (S_n) , high voltage (S_n) , reduced voltage tune-up (S_n) , and an additional switch for relay control purposes (S_n) , intended for antenna changeover, v.f.o. standby, etc. Next comes the c.w.-phone switch (S_n) , followed by the crystal-v.f.o. switch (S_n) , the oscillator tuning capacitor (C_n) , exciter bandswitch (S_n) , and tuning capacitor (C_n) .

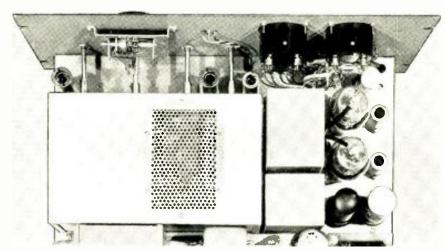
Two fuses, shielded line cord, v.f.o. input jack, v.f.o. a.c. utility outlet, relay switch terminal strip, ground binding post, and the coaxial antenna connector are on the rear chassis edge.

The photograph of the under side of the chassis shows the layout of remaining parts, including bleeders, filament transformers, bias supply, and filter capacitors. A few comments on various phases of construction may be of assistance to builders of the transmitter.

The bandswitch is assembled from four 11-position ceramic switch wafers. Centralab "Y" sections, and a 30 degree indexing unit. The switch is as-sembled on a "Z" shaped aluminum bracket, approximately 3 inches on a side with a 3%" mounting lip along the lower edge. The coils are attached to the switch before mounting to the chassis. Only five of the switch contacts are used per deck, in addition to the wiper, so the r.f. insulation was improved by carefully drilling out the rivet and removing every other contact, with increased spacing and resultant 60 degree coil indexing. The coils are assembled to the wafers so that the 10 meter coil is nearest the wiper, to obtain short r.f. leads on this band.

A small aluminum bracket fastens between the bandswitch shield and the chassis lip to support the multiplier (Continued on page 155)

Partial view of the top of the chassis with "Minibox" subchassis cover in place.



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N a special DX session, your short-wave editor, Ken Boord, will play a 2710, San Jose, Costa Rica, Central America, at 0000-0030 EST on Friday, December 24th, and repeated at 0000-0030 EST on Saturday, December 25th (0500-0530 GMT on Friday, Dec. 24, with repeat at 0500-0530 GMT on Saturday, Dec. 25). Listed frequencies to be used are 9.645 (actually 9.647), 6.037, and 995 kc. (latter channel on second night only). Reception reports will be appreciated from anyone anywhere in the world. Philip B. Smith, director of TIFC, says all correct reports will be verified with a QSL card and that an IRC will not be necessary.

This Month's Schedules

Albania-Radio Tirana, 7.852, noted 1700 with news; has French session now 1600-1630 (formerly was 1630-1700). (Cox, Dela.) DX-Radio, Sweden, reports Radio Shkodra on 8.215, heard in Sweden 1400.

Algeria-Radio Algerie, 6.160, noted 1710 with Arabic session, strong level. (Catch, England.) Noted closing 1744A with "La Marseillaise." (Pearce, England)

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan — Latest schedule from Radio Omdurman is Arabic daily (except Fri.) 2315-2345, 1130-1430; Fri. 0215-0430, 0900-1000; Sun. 0300-0400; English daily (except Sun.) 0215-0230, 1000-1015, and Sun. 0215-0245 on 6.410, 7.100. (Hardwick,

Angola-CR6RI, 9.340, Radio Diamang, can be heard sometimes in Japan around 1500; all-Portuguese. (JSWC) CR6RA, 4.869, Luanda, noted 1620 in Portguese; closed 1630 with "A Portuguesa," fair strength and readability in England. (Catch) Fairs, England, reports Luanda heard on 6.355 around 1400, (URDXC)

Argentina—Radio Splendid. 9.310A, noted 2040 in Spanish, good level in Mo. (Kirby) LRS, 11.880, Buenos Aires, heard 1720 with tango music in Spanish transmission. (Catch, Eng-

Australia-VLR9, 9.680, noted 0145-0330. (Adam. Brt. Columbia) The Sunday DX session from Radio Australia in the African beam at 0030 is now over 15.200; at 0247 over 9.580, 7.280, 15.320 (and possibly 11.710) to Europe, South and Southeast Asia and South Pacific Islands, and on 9.615 to Eastern North America 0830; is radiated to Western North America Saturday 2300 over 15.200. (Radio Australia) VLX9, 9.660, can be heard in parallel with VLW11, 11.830, at 0300-0330 fadeout. (Kapp, Calif.) VLM4, 4.920, Brisbane, noted 0715-0730 with music. (Peterson, Texas) VLA15, 15.200, is strong level 2155-2315, news 2245, in Western North American beam. (Himber, Calif.)

Austria - Blue Danube Network, 9.617, Salzburg, noted in Sweden 0500-0600 with QSB. (Astrom, Jonsson) Heard on 5.080 at 1245 with music.

(Catch, England)

Azores-CSA93, 4.865. Ponta Delgada, noted at weak level 1540 in Portuguese. (Cox, Dela.) CSA92, 11.925, should now be on winter schedule of 1500-1600. (Ferguson, N. C.)

Bechuanaland - ZNB, 8.252, measured, is weak but in the clear around 1310, says Fairs, England. (URDXC)

Belgium - ORU, 15,335, Brussels, noted 1200-1245 closedown, good level. (Ferguson, N. C.)

Belgian Congo - OTC, 9.655, Leopoldville, is good level in English to North America 2000-2200. (Peterson, Texas, others) Radio Congo Belge, 9.380, Leopoldville, noted 1105 with music, fair level in Calif. (Morgan) Heard on 6.295 with news in French 0000, fair level in N. Z. (Hardwick)

Bolivia—CP5, Radio Illimani, 5.970, is heard well in Denmark from 2100 to 2300 closedown. (ISWC, London) Is weak level in Alberta then. (Duering) CP38, 9.442, La Paz, heard closing 2128 at good level in N. C. (Ferguson)

Brazil-Radio Cultura, 6.165A, still noted in English around 2300. (Niblack, Ind.) PRB23, 15.135, Sao Paulo, is heard in Sweden 1530-1630. (GDXaren, Sweden) ZYB9, 15.155, Sao Paulo, noted 1814-1825, very strong; QSL received. (Machajewski, N. Y.) PSL, 7,936, and PSH, 10.2235, Rio de Janeiro, noted with news in Portuguese 1730. (Catch, England) ZYK3, 9.565, Recife, noted weekdays with "Brazil Calling" (English) 2005-2030. (Peterson, Texas) ZYC8, 9.610, Rio de Janeiro, noted 1830-2015 at strong level. (Duering, Alta.)

British, Guiana - ZFY, measured 3.255, noted closing 2121. (Ferguson, N. C.) Heard on 5.981 at 0500. (Hard-

British Honduras-ZIK2, 3.300, Belize, measured 3.300, noted closing 2231. (Ferguson, N. C.)

Bulgaria-Radio Sofia, 7.256A, good (Continued on page 122)

(Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all time is expressed in American EST; aild 5 hours for GCT. "News" refers to newscasts in the Enrish language. In order to avoid confusion, the 24 hour clock, has been used in designating the times of broadcasts. The hours from midnight intil noon are shown as 10000 to 1200 while from 1 p.m. to indinability as shown as 1300 to 2400 f. The symbol "V" following a 1sted frequency indicates "varying." The station may operate either above or below the frequency given. "A" incans frequency is approximate.

This attractive listening post, owned and operated by Floyd Backus of Richmond. Va., features a National NC-98 receiver. Note Floyd's fine collection of QSL cards.



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NEW FM-ONLY TUNER

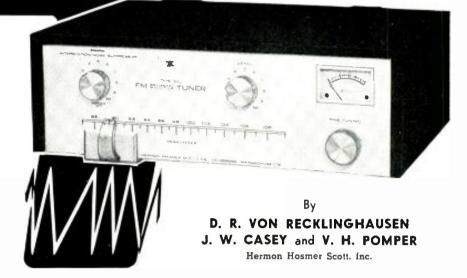
Fig. 1. Over-all view of the Model 310-A FM tuner. The tuning indicator is so designed that the entire band can be swept with the flick of a finger. This Lucite tuning indicator also serves as a pilot light and a means of illuminating the etched dial face.

REQUENCY MODULATION broadcasting offers major fundamental advantages over amplitude modulation in the reception of wide-range undistorted sound with minimum interference from atmospheric noise. electrical equipment, etc. To realize the tremendous advantages of FM reception, a good receiver is needed and sensitivity alone is not enough. Good FM reception is determined largely by what is not picked up. In urban areas, strong local stations can cause a multitude of spurious responses resulting from cross-modulation and image interference. Impulse noise from vehicle ignition systems, diathermy machines, and interference from TV and other devices is high. Reflections of the signal from buildings cause multi-path transmissions and consequent fading which often reduces the level of the desired signal. In rural areas, high sensitivity and high selectivity are required to provide noise-free reception and to overcome the fading caused by multi-path transmission,

The performance of a good FM receiver is determined largely by absence of interference and noise. Other desirable factors are reasonable cost, attractive styling, operating convenience, interstation noise suppressor and tuning and signal strength meter.

In the design of the H. H. Scott 310-A FM "Broadcast Monitor Tuner" shown in Fig. 1 every effort was made to avoid undesirable effects in reception while including all desirable performance features. In many cases, appreciable departures from tradition and conventional design were required, including an entirely new tuning drive and a completely enclosed case.

In order to make the most of the desirable features uniquely inherent in FM transmission, wide-band circuitry was used rather than the more common narrow-band circuits. The advantages of wide-band design are significant reduction in adjacent channel, co-channel, and impulse noise interference; improved capture ratio; and significant reduction in distortion caused by overmodulation, by signal detuning or by the inherently greater non-linearity of typical narrow-band circuits. Also, the wide-band design makes possible non-critical tuning and virtually eliminates the effects of minor drift as a result of temperature or power line voltage changes or component aging, thereby making complex and troublesome a.f.c. circuits unnecessary. The wide-band design tunes in a fashion similar to one with a strong a.f.c. circuit but avoids the drift caused by unavoidable aging of a.f.c. circuit characteristics or by



Engineering design details on a new audio component which features an interstation noise suppression circuit, a.g.c., capacitor tuning of the oscillator, and 3 limiting stages.

slight misalignment of critical a.f.c. adjustments. It also avoids the tendency with a.f.c. for strong stations to "pull" the tuning so that adjacent weak stations cannot be received.

The further advantages of wide-band design in reduction of interference and noise were recognized and pointed out in Armstrong's early work. To pass without significant interference a desired signal when an interfering signal has an amplitude almost that of the desired signal, a bandwidth of at least 2 megacycles is required in both limiters and detector. In the design of the 310-A, a 2 megacycle bandwidth in limiters and detector was found practical, thereby providing a capture ratio of less than 2.5 db. Capture ratio is the ratio between desired signal and the maximum interfering signal which still permits good interference rejec-Contrast this with the 300 kc. average detector bandwidth of a good narrow-band receiver, which may have a capture ratio as high as 20 db.

In order that the limiters perform adequately, very high-speed perfect limiting is essential if phase and frequency distortion of the signal are to be avoided. In choosing limiter circuits, the simple diode limiter was rejected as ineffective.

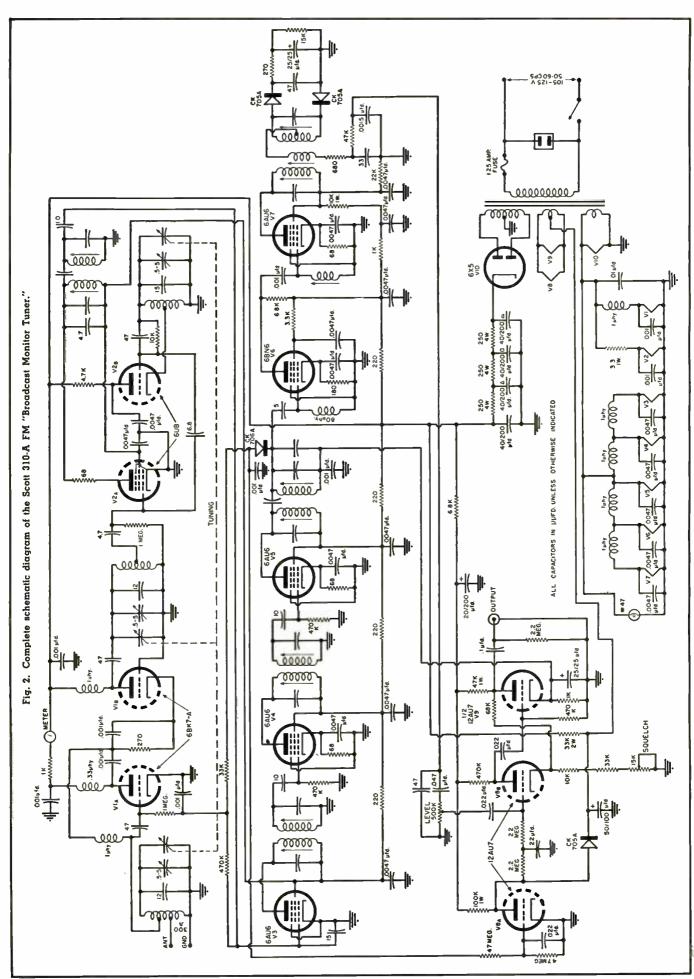
For true FM performance full limiting action must take place on even the weakest input signals. Therefore, three effective stages of limiting are used. The first is an electronic limiter, using a 6BN6 gated-beam tube. The second, a plate limiter using a 6AU6 tube, has high output which is applied directly to the wide-band detector, an

unbalanced ratio detector which also acts as a third stage of limiting.

The unbalanced ratio detector offers several significant advantages over typical discriminator circuits which are not capable of as good co-channel interference rejection. Distortion caused by non-linearity in the discriminator response is responsible for a significant amount of the annoying distortion audible in narrow-band receivers. This cause of distortion is virtually eliminated by use of a wideband ratio detector.

Factors important in the design of the i.f. or intermediate frequency amplifier stages are flatness of the passband characteristics, passband width and selectivity, high overload margin, high gain and low noise. The i.f. passband characteristic must have as flat a frequency response as possible to prevent slight variations in i.f. response from reversing relative strengths of almost equal desired and undesired signals, thereby increasing co-channel interference and degrading capture ratio.

The i.f. passband width was designed to be flat over the full modulation band of 150 kc. With tuners having significantly narrower i.f. passbands, detuning or high modulation causes serious phase distortion in the i.f. signal which cannot be eliminated and may cause as much as 10% audio harmonic distortion. The 150 kc. wide flat passband designed into the i.f.'s virtually eliminates such distortion. High attenuation outside of the flat passband is desirable to minimize interference caused by adjacent-channel stations.



Three i.f. stages with eight tuned circuits were used to obtain maximum attenuation outside of the i.f. passband. This permits listening to weak stations located at only slight frequency separation from strong local stations.

The i.f. stages were designed to have relatively large overload margins so that strong pulses riding in with the incoming signal will not cause stage overloading, with consequent degraded capture ratio. The i.f. stages were also designed with loose coupling to prevent undue detuning on strong signal strengths.

Capacitor tuning of the oscillator was used rather than slug tuning since its basic rotary motion is mechanically easier, smoother, and more reproducible, allowing greater control accuracy and exact tuning over the entire range.

Also, with capacitor tuning it is practical to have the oscillator frequency above the carrier, which is a real advantage in minimizing image interference. With slug tuning it is difficult to get adequate tracking with an oscillator frequency higher than the carrier unless specially shaped slugs are used.

It was considered important that the oscillator frequency be higher than the signal frequency because if the oscillator is tuned above the signal any possible image interference can only be from the aircraft control bands where transmitter powers are only several hundred watts. If the oscillator is tuned below the signal, image interference comes from the TV band where transmitter powers may be 100 kilowatts. A reduction in possible image interference of nearly 30 db is achieved by choice of oscillator frequency.

Another type of interference common in FM receivers is the result of cross-modulation between strong local signals, the oscillator signal, and other signals. This causes spurious responses which show up as reception of the same stations at many different points on the dial. By careful design of selectivity and linearity of the r.f. stage it was possible to obtain a spurious response rejection of 85 db, an outstanding design accomplishment, since sensitivity, which is usually sacrificed, was unaffected.

A neutralized cascode circuit was chosen for the r.f. stage, providing high sensitivity, selectivity, and stability together with lowest noise.

The high selectivity prevents overloading the r.f. stage when the incoming signal is off tune. The input impedance to the r.f. stage and its circuits was designed to be 300 ohms so that a standard 300-ohm folded-dipole antenna may be used with exact matching. The design was carefully chosen to be non-critical so that 75-ohm antennas may be accommodated with entirely negligible mismatch.

Few FM tuners include automatic gain control or a.g.c. The typical FM tuner depends on the limiting action to present uniformly equal voltages on all input signals to the detector. Unfortunately, if no gain adjustment is provided, high signal strengths may cause overloading of individual stages with consequent distortion of i.f. passband shape. This increases distortion, co-channel interference, cross-modulation, and impulse noise interference. Automatic gain control was chosen in order to eliminate need for a manual control to decrease sensitivity on high inputs. The a.g.c. voltage is developed by a diode on the output of the i.f. and is used to reduce the gain of the r.f. and first i.f. stages whenever high signal strengths are encountered. Delayed action a.g.c. is used so that tube noise alone does not institute control action. With undelayed a.g.c, even extremely weak signals will reduce the r.f. gain and increase the equivalent noise, thereby causing weak signals to be received with a substantially degraded signal-to-noise ratio.

The output of the unbalanced ratio detector is applied to a two-stage feedback amplifier which permits very low distortion, less than 0.1% even with 100% signal modulation. This circuit also makes possible a very low output impedance equivalent to that of a cathode follower, so that a long output cable may be used between tuner and power amplifier.

One of the most annoying features of most FM reception is the loud rushing noise heard between stations. A dynamic action interstation noise suppression circuit was provided to eliminate this annoyance. A continuously variable control was provided on the front panel for convenient adjustment from maximum noise suppression to maximum sensitivity.

While tuning is non-critical, a combined signal strength and tuning meter is provided for maximum convenience in tuning very weak signals and in orienting the antenna. The tuning technique is therefore similar to the simple and familiar AM tuning.

Also, with high interstage noise suppression action, weak stations might be passed over completely. However, the combined tuning and signal strength meter provides a visual indication of the existence of a signal with noise suppression on, so suppression may be reduced for receiving weak signals.

To avoid laborious "cranking" of a tuning knob, a basic departure from conventional tuning drives was developed as indicated in the photographs of Figs. 1, 3 and 4. The tuning indicator serves as a sturdy finger grip for sweeping through the entire FM band

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Fig. 3. Top view with cover off, showing unique tuning drive.

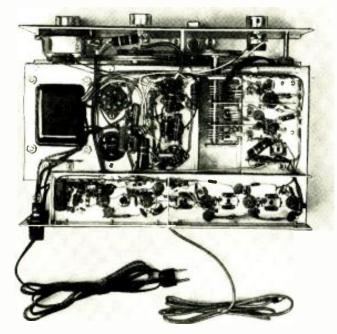
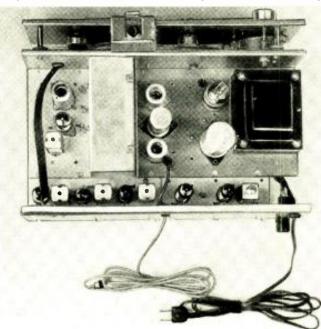


Fig. 4. Under chassis view of unit. Note generous use of shielding.



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A simple amplifier circuit which can be added to standard 0-1 ma. meters to increase sensitivity by a 10:1 ratio.

EW meters are as popular as the standard 0-1 milliampere instrument. In fact, it is hardly likely that there is an experimenter's laboratory, a ham's workshop, or a school or commercial laboratory where at least one of these meters cannot be found.

But the same thing is not necessarily true of the more sensitive instruments—meters requiring 500 microamperes or less current for full scale deflection. Too often, however, the more sensitive instrument will be required, either for conducting a series of experiments, for circuit development work, or for proving in and testing a new piece of electronic equipment.

Unfortunately, the comparatively high cost and greater susceptibility to mechanical damage of the more sensitive meters may make it impractical for many laboratories to keep a quantity of these meters on hand. Certainly the purchase of a 0-50, 0-100, or 0-200 microampere meter represents a

strain on the budget of the average electronics experimenter and ham.

There is one solution, i.e., the use of the common and easily available 0-1 ma, meter together with a low impedance current amplifier to increase its sensitivity. The Raytheon CK722 transistor is ideally suited for this application. A current amplification of 10:1 is comparatively easy to achieve with this component, while at the same time maintaining the low impedance input so necessary in meter circuits.

It thus becomes possible to increase the sensitivity of the average meter by a factor of ten to one. A 0-1 ma. meter can be given a full-scale sensitivity of 100 microamperes. Where a more sensitive basic movement is used, even greater sensitivity is possible. A 0-500 microampere meter can be given a sensitivity of 50 microamperes.

On the other hand, where a less sensitive meter is employed, not as much sensitivity is possible. Thus, if a 0-2 ma. meter is employed, a full-scale

sensitivity of only 200 microamperes is obtained.

Because of the small size of the transistor and the simplicity of the circuit used, the entire amplifier can generally be assembled in the meter cabinet. The meter shown in Fig. 5 calibrated 0-1 ma., has an actual sensitivity of 0-100 microamperes, yet the entire amplifier circuit used to obtain this sensitivity, including batteries, does not even partially fill the cabinet, as can be seen in the rear view of the instrument, given in Fig. 4.

The average technician should have no difficulty in assembling, testing, and calibrating a similar instrument in less than an hour's time, using the schematic diagram given in Fig. 2.

Circuit Description

Referring to Fig. 2A, the CK722 transistor has been connected as a grounded emitter, direct-coupled current amplifier, with the basic meter movement, M_1 acting as the amplifier load. Variable resistor R_1 is used to set the full-scale meter reading, while operating power is supplied by battery B_1 (An alternative connection for the calibrating resistor, R_1 , is given in Fig. 2B, and may give better results in some circumstances.)

In operation, as long as there is no base current flow, the emitter-collector current flow is negligible and may be considered to approach "0" for practical purposes. This condition exists when base (—) and emitter (+) leads are open (as shown in Fig. 2A) or shorted together.

Now, when the base and emitter leads are connected in series in a circuit in

Table 1. The author's calibration table obtained when checking meter shown in photos.

VOLTAGE (B)	RESISTOR	CALCULATED CURRENT	METER READING
1.4 volts	14,000 ohms	100 μα.	1.0 ma.
1.4 volts	18.660 ohms	75 µa.	.749 ma.
1.4 volts	28,000 ohms	50 μα.	.50 ma.
1.4 volts	56,000 ohms	25 μα.	.25 ma.
1.4 volts	100,000 ohms	14 μ a.	.142 ma.
• 0	0	0	0
* Meter leads sho	rted together.		

which direct current is flowing, this current becomes the "base current" for the transistor, permitting a collector current flow that is proportional to its value. As the base current increases, the collector current increases in direct proportion, although of much larger amplitude (approximately ten times greater). Thus, the meter reading indicates a value that is proportional to the base current flow,

Since the maximum battery current drain is equal to the full-scale deflection of the meter (in the model shown, 1 ma.), battery life is quite long, and it is entirely feasible to use small cells.

Construction Hints

Assembly and wiring of the meter amplifier is perfectly straight-forward and no special precautions are necessary. Since d.c. is used throughout, both lead length and layout are non-critical, and the builder may follow his own inclinations as to the arrangement of components. It is suggested, however, that standard good construction practice be followed.

The author used small penlight cells (Burgess #7) for the voltage source (B), Fig. 2), wiring two in series. However, any other suitable batteries may be employed, even regular flashlight batteries. If the larger size batteries are used, the builder may have to experiment somewhat with the arrangement of components within the meter cabinet, taking care that no leads are shorted.

Crowding of parts is permissible, since there are no heat dissipation problems.

If available locally, the builder should consider one of the *Mallory* mercury cells (such as types RM1000, RM1200, etc.), as these have a much longer operating life than standard batteries.

Although practically any meter may be used in the basic circuit, the builder may find it necessary or desirable to change the supply voltage (B_1) , and the size of the calibrating resistor R_1 to obtain the best results with his particular instrument. Both the series (Fig. 2A) and the shunt (Fig. 2B) calibration connections should be tried, with the final connections made using the circuit that gives the best results.

In general, the meter should give a full scale reading for the desired base current flow, and the supply voltage and calibrating resistor should be adjusted accordingly. For example, if an 0-1 ma. meter is to be given a sensitivity of 100 microamperes, full scale, then a reading of 1 ma. should be obtained when there is a base current flow of 100 microamperes.

If the meter reading is less than 1 ma., either the supply voltage should be increased or the calibration resistance decreased (using the series connection). In extreme cases, both steps may be necessary.

On the other hand, should the meter reading be off-scale (above 1 ma.), with a base current of 100 microamperes, then the series resistance should

be increased, or the battery voltage reduced, or both.

Thus, in this way, it is possible to compensate for different types of meters and for minor variations in transistor characteristics

Calibration and Adjustment

Once the wiring is completed and the meter checked for "full-scale" reading, detailed calibration tests may be carried out. The general set-up shown in Fig. 3 may be used. A similar set-up, but without the "Calibration Meter," is shown in Fig. 1,

Battery B is a voltage source capable of supplying the necessary current; an ordinary 1^{1}_{2} volt dry cell is satisfactory for use here. A resistor decade box or resistor substitution box is included in the circuit to limit current flow to the values needed for calibration.

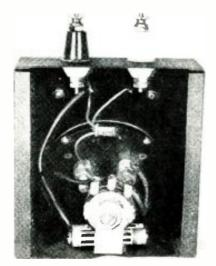
The "Calibration Meter" is a sensitive meter and should have a range approximating the full-scale range of the modified meter. However, this instrument is optional and may be omitted from the circuit if an accurately known voltage source and precision resistors are used. While the resulting calibration will not be as accurate as that obtained with a meter, it is generally satisfactory for practical work.

Next, the current through the circuit is varied from "0" to the full-scale reading of the "Modified Meter" by changing the series resistance of the decade box. Each current value, together with the actual meter reading, is recorded in a table. Table 1 was made up in the course of checking the meter shown in Figs. 1, 4, & 5.

In the model, it was found that the calibration checks followed the scale reading so closely that it was only necessary to take the position of the decimal point into account when reading the meter. In many cases, this will be found to be true, for the operation of the transistor is linear over almost the full range from zero to maximum collector current.

In determining the calculated current

Fig. 4. Rear view of meter case showing how amplifier circuit has been built in.



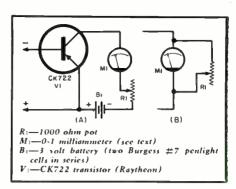


Fig. 2. (A) Schematic diagram of transistor meter amplifier connected as a grounded emitter, direct-coupled current amplifier, with basic meter movement acting as the amplifier load. (B) An alternative connection for the calibrating resistor, R₁, of (A).

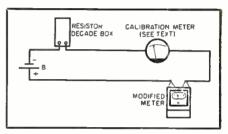


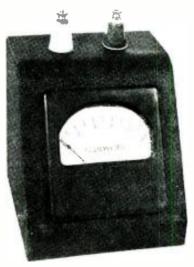
Fig. 3. Calibration set-up using a "Calibration Meter" and resistor decade box.

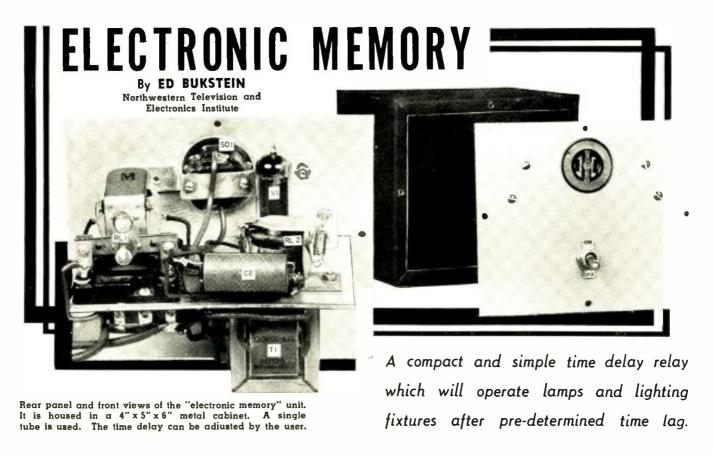
values given in Table 1, no effort was made to take the internal base-emitter resistance of the transistor into account. This is generally permissible because the impedance of the transistor will usually be low compared to the series resistance used during the calibration procedure.

Where the meter calibration is such as to prevent using the printed meter scale directly, one of several alternative steps may be taken. A "calibration chart" or graph may be prepared for the meter, giving actual current values in terms of meter readings. A multiplying factor other than ten might be employed. Or a new scale can be drawn for the meter.

Once the modified meter has been (Continued on page 118)

Fig. 5. Front view of 0-1 ma. meter whose sensitivity has been increased to 0-100 $\mu\alpha$.





THIS "electronic memory" fits into a 4 by 5 by 6 inch metal cabinet with room to spare, and "remembers" to turn off the lights after you have left. The unit should eliminate the cause of many bruised shins and stubbed toes, and should be appreciated by anyone who has ever (1) been a foreman, guard, or other last-man-out who turns off the lights and feels his way out of the building, (2) parked the family car in the garage and then groped through a dark jungle of clothes lines, forgotten toys, lawn mowers, rakes, etc., (3) turned off the house lights and stumbled through a dark porch or corridor to the walk, (4) switched off the bedroom lights and groped towards the bed.

The front panel of the memory unit contains a toggle switch and outlet.

The lamp or other lighting fixture to be controlled is plugged into this outlet. When the toggle switch is in the "on" position, the line voltage is available at the outlet and the light is on. When the toggle is switched to the "off" position, a sixty-second time delay begins. During this interval, the line voltage is still available at the outlet and the light remains on. At the completion of the time delay interval, the unit turns off the light and also disconnects itself from the power lines so that no standby power will be consumed.

As shown in the diagram, the toggle switch is a double-pole, double-throw type. The two opposite sections of the switch are used so that when one is open the other is closed $(S_{14}$ and S_{18} in the diagram). When the toggle is in

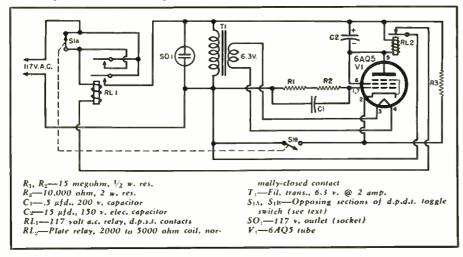
the "on" position, S_{13} is closed and relay RL_1 is energized. The contacts of this relay apply the line voltage to the outlet and also to the time delay eireuit. During the half cycle of line voltage when the grid of the 6AQ5 becomes positive, grid current charges capacitor C_1 .

When the toggle is thrown to the "off" position, S_{1H} closes. Capacitor C_1 is now connected between the grid and cathode of the 6AQ5. The polarity and magnitude of the charge on C_1 are such that the tube is biased beyond cut-off. After an interval of time, however, the charge on C_1 will have leaked off through the resistors connected across it. The 6AQ5 will now draw plate current and energize relay RL2. The normally-closed contacts of this relay now open and interrupt the current flow through RL_1 . When RL_1 de-energizes, the outlet and the time delay eircuit are both disconnected from the power lines.

The length of the time delay is determined by the time constant C_1 - R_1 - R_2 . For the intended application, a sixty-second time delay is a reasonable interval. For special applications however, it may be desirable to either increase or decrease the interval. This can be easily accomplished by changing the value of C_1 or of the resistance in parallel with it. Increasing either the capacitance or resistance will increase the time delay, and *vice versa*.

Almost every home has a few dark areas in the attic, basement, hallway, side entrance, etc. The "electronic memory" can add a new feature of safety and convenience to the home. It is easy to build and relatively inexpensive.

Complete schematic of relay. Variations in timing intervals are possible. See text.





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CALLING ALL INVENTORS

A FREEZING RAIN during the night had turned the out-of-doors into a crystal fairyland. Every tree was an immobile fountain of ice; the eaves of every building wore gleaming, sparkling fringes of icicles.

However Amanda Perkins, secretary, office manager, customer buffer, and Chief Worrier of Mac's Radio Service Shop, was oblivious to all this congealed beauty outside. Seated at her desk with her back to the windows, she was playing a staccato tune on the typewriter as she engaged in her daily little game of trying to get through all the correspondence by lunch time.

That was why she did not see the door open stealthily behind her to admit the curly red head of Barney, the shop's service technician, j.g. The boy stepped inside and closed the door behind him with a quietness that was amazing coming from one who was usually about as quiet and gentle as a bulldozer. Holding a small icicle delicately between thumb and forefinger, he tiptoed across the room and gently dropped it down the back of Miss Perkins' dress.

Instantly she gave a loud shriek, exploded out of her chair, and began frantic movements of her body as she tried to dislodge the melting bit of ice.

Mac, who had watched the whole procedure through the open door of the service department came rushing into the office brandishing a length of pipe mast and demanding, "Where's the mouse, Amanda? Just show him to me, and I'll clobber him for you!"

Barney, wearing a look of shocked surprise on his face during all this pandemonium, finally said, "Why, Amanda, I didn't know you could rhumba; or is that a new hula you are showing us?"

At this Miss Perkins suddenly became ominously quiet as she glared at her tormenters. Then she walked deliberately over to her desk and picked up a heavy paper weight. That was all the hint Mac and Barney needed. With one accord they leaped through the door of the service department and slammed it behind them.

Mac grinned at Barney leaning weakly against the door and asked in his best imitation of the "Life With Elizabeth" announcer, "Aren't you ashamed?" Barney was still laughing too hard to do more than shake his head vigorously.

"Well, then I'd better find an outlet for some of this surplus energy of yours," Mac said as he picked up a small pamphlet from the service bench. "As a person who is always eager to think about anything except work, you should find this right up your alley. Ever hear of the National Inventors Council?"

"Don't think so."

"It was created in 1940 by the Secretary of Commerce with the concurrence of the President to establish a means by which the natural inventive talent of the American people could be used to aid the war effort. The chief function of the Council is to receive and evaluate ideas and inventions that may be of use to the military forces. In this capacity it welcomes suggestions from inventors on practically everything from 'toothpicks to tanks.' Since the Council has been in business during the past fourteen years, the public has submitted more than 300 .-000 proposals, some of which have resulted in tremendous savings in men, materiel, time, and money.

"In order to channel inventive thinking somewhat, the Council periodically issues lists of military problems that are current. I have such a list here. Hoping to concentrate your inventive genius still further, I have gone through the list and checked off those items that would seem to lie in the domain of electricity and electronics."

"Fine, fine!" Barney said smugly. "Toss a couple over the plate."

"Often I hear fellows who are studying for a commercial radio license gripe about the questions devoted to batteries on the grounds that batteries are pretty much out of date. Apparently the army does not know about this, for a lot of their inventive needs are connected with batteries. For example they say they need a battery with a very long shelf life and one that will give a constant power output over a widely varying range of temperature; and to the army that means a range of from —100° F to 160° F above zero.

"They are particularly interested in a battery that will perform well at extremely low temperatures. For example, they would like a new electrolyte that could be substituted for the one ordinarily found in an automotive (lead-acid) battery that would have a low viscosity at -65° C and that would work well at this temperature without any damage to the battery. At the same time they would like to have a new miniature battery that would provide more service life per unit of volume and weight."

"How about the RM cells and the low-temperature batteries I've read about?"

"These are mentioned. It is stated the initial production of RM cells was spotty and that while some batteries gave good performance, others did not provide any useful life at all because of defects. My dad, who wears a hearing aid using these batteries, strongly seconds this opinion. He says that when you put in a fresh battery you can never be sure whether it is going to last two hours or two weeks. Low temperature batteries provide some life at -40° F, but not sufficient life to be of practical value. Incidentally, the army is willing to approach this problem from another direction. If you can think up a good way to heat drycells so that the full output can be obtained in extremely cold regions, the army would like to hear about it. They have already tried using heat tablets, activated charcoal blocks, sterno-type and chemical heaters without much success.

"How about the new solar and atomic batteries?"

"They show promise but are not suitable to field applications at their present stage of development. The army would very much like to have a new, efficient, compact, light, and quiet source of power to replace heavy batteries and noisy internal-combustion, engine-driven generators for front line use."

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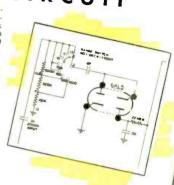
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One of the many tremendous improvements in the new 1955 Heath-kits is the use of an etched metal process printed circuit board. Printed circuits will be used in Heathkits whenever they will affect construction simplification, performance stabilization, and lend themselves to instrument design. Now for the first time a kit instrument company offers the advantages of modern printed circuit instrument construction technique. For the first time consideration has been given toward reducing kit assembly time. Also this is the first time that printed circuit heards have been hand soldered on a volume lossis. Offered only by Heathkit, the pioneer and leader in kit instrument design.



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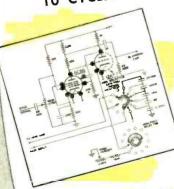
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Another useful oscilloscope accessory particularly in circuit development work and in TV and radio service work. The Voltage Calibrator provides a convenient method for making peak-to-peak voltage measurements with an oscilloscope, by establishing a relationship on a comparison basis between the amplitude of an unknown wave shape and a known output of the voltage calibrator. Peak-to-peak voltage values are read directly from a calibrated panel scale without recourse to involved calculations.

FEATURES:

To off-set line voltage supply irregularities, the instrument features a voltage regulator tube. A convenient "signal" position on the panel switch by-passes the calibrator completely and the signal is applied through the oscilloscope vertical input, thereby eliminating the necessity for constantly transferring test leads.

RANGES:

With the Heathkit Voltage Calibrator it is possible to measure all types of complex waveforms within a voltage range of .01 to 100 volts peak-topeak. Build this instrument in a few hours and enjoy the added benefits offered only through combination use of test equipment.

Heathkit LOW CAPACITY PROBE KIT



No. 342 \$ 350

Shpg. Wt. 1 lb.

An oscilloscope accessory, the 342 Low Capacity Probe permits observation of complex TV waveforms without distortion. An adjustable trimmer provides proper matching to any conventional scope input circuit. Excellent for high frequency, high impedance, or broad bandwidth circuits. The attenuation ratio can be varied to meet individual requirements.

Heathkit
SCOPE DEMODULATOR
PROBE KIT
No. 337-C

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\$ **3** 5.0

Shpg. Wt. 1 lb.

Extend the usefulness of your oscilloscope by observing modulation envelopes of RF or FF carriers found in TV and radio receivers. The Heathkit Demodulator Probe will be helpful in alignment work, as a gain analyzer and a signal tracer. Easy construction with the new modern printed circuit board. Voltage limits are 30 volts RMS and 500 volts D.C.

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BENTON HARBOR 15, MICHIGAN "What else do they need?"

"Well, as an old treasure-locater builder, you may be interested to know the army still wants a device or technique that will positively detect the presence of explosives, as such, buried beneath the earth's surface. I don't think they would be much interested in that gadget you built that goes out after 'pieces-of-eight' and comes up with a roll of rusty fence wire. Along the same line they would like to have a rapid method by which they can determine the density of surface layers of soil to a depth of three feet in six-inch increments without taking actual samples. All attempts to do this electronically so far have failed. On a little different tangent, they would like to have a blasting cap that cannot be initiated by electromagnetic or radar waves."

"Anything else?"

"A lot else. There is need for a recorder that will work over a frequency range of from 5 to 1000 megacycles. A non-heterodyning type of frequency divider is wanted. So is a high voltage power supply that will put out 40,000 volts at up to 50 microamperes of current and yet will be so small and light that it will not add seriously to the burden of the man who must carry the electronic equip-ment this power supply operates. A microwave oscillator capable of 1 kw. of c.w. output is needed. The army would like to have a 12" cathode-ray tube in which the glass envelope is much lighter in weight, shorter, and more rugged. A coaxial r.f. switch of broadband characteristics to handle one to ten kw. of power is on the list. So is a frequency insensitive rotating joint for coaxial and waveguide circuitry.

"I'd like one of those myself for my ten-meter beam," Barney interrupted.

"Yes, and on Field Day you and the army both would like an ultra lightweight field antenna mast or radiator. say one that collapses to only 10 feet in length but that can be extended to any height up to 100 feet and that requires a minimum of guying, preferably none at all at lower extensions. The army would also like to have a coil impregnant that is cheap, easily applied, and unaffected by heat or humidity; and one that will not, on the other hand, affect the "Q" or the physical or electrical performance of the coil on which it is used. The military thinks it would be nice if someone would come up with a semi-conductor material for use in transistors whose color would reveal its conductivity type: n-type being one color and p-type being a different color. Do you get the idea?

"An indicator for carbon-monoxide gas is needed. So is a humidity indicator. So is a rugged, portable, lightweight ammeter that will be 20 to 100 times more sensitive than the conventional D'Arsonval type; yet no external power supply or electron tube amplifiers can be used to accomplish this."

NEW Heathkit 5" PUSH-PULL

OSCILLOSCOPE KIT

FOR COLOR TV

BRAND NEW DESIGN: The new Heathkit Model O-10 Oscilloscope would be something special at any price, but is almost unbelievable at \$69.50. Completely re-designed scope has broadfand amplifiers for color TV work and offers brilliant overall performance. Vertical frequency response within 5 db from 5 cps to 5 me. Even more astounding, the response is down less than 112 db at 3.58 mc, the color TV sync hurst frequency. It is essential that scopes for color work have these broadband characteristics.

PRINTED CIRCUITS: Two printed circuit boards used in this fine instrument to insure

stable, consistent performance. Problems solved by pre-engineering of boards, and their use guarantees completed unit that will have same characteristics as lab development model. Printed circuits simplify construction and save labor.

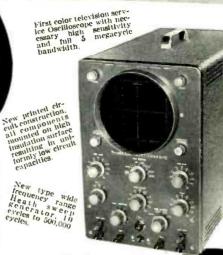
Simplified, standardized construc-tion technique of vertical and hori-zontal amplifier construction made possible through the use of a single printed circuit

NEW SWEEP CIRCUIT: Sweep circuit operates with exceptionally good linearity from 20 eps to over 500,000 eys, 5 times the usual range for scopes in this price range. An entirely new circuit intro-

duced for the first time in any Heathkit. FEATURES: Other outstanding characteristics of this professional oscilloscope are: Built-in 1V peak-to-peak reference for calibration of plastic CRT face-plate; 5" 5UP1 CRT; push-pull hor, and vert, deflec-

tion amplifiers; hor, trace width expandable to 3 times diameter of CR tube to allow inspection of any small portion of the signal; deflection sensitivity, .025 volts per inch; wiring harness pre-formed and cabled to save construction time and insure professional appearance and operation. Incorporates efficient retrace blanking. Frequency compensated step attenuator at the vertical input. Entire tube face useable. No foldover on vertical over-load. Performance obtainable only in much more expensive laboratory models

Uses 5UPI, 6AB4, 6BO7, 12BH7, 6CB6, 12AT7, 2-12AU7, 6X1, 1V2, and 6C4, Quality components used throughout so that outstanding performance characteristics may be maintained for years to come. Plastic molded condensers are used in all coupling and by-pass applications. The "new-look" in Heathkit styling produces professional appearance in keeping with the professional performance of this instrument.



New electronic position-ing controls for instan-taneous, definite posi-tioning without bounce or overshoot.

MODEL O-10 Shpg. Wt. 27 lbs

New SUPI CR tube



Clean, open. under chassis construction and wiring. Possible only through use of pre-eabled wiring har-ness, and simplified printed circuit boards.

-61/2"

New compact utility Scope-light-weight-portable for service work.

Deflection plate terminals—ideal for ham transmitter modulation monitoring.

NEW Heathkit 3" PRINTED CIRCUIT

OSCILLOSCOPE KIT

MODEL OL-1

Shpg. Wt. 15 lbs.

New easy-to-hulld printed circuit board with high insulation factor.

New Heathkit instrument styling-eharcoal gray panel with high reada-bility white lettering.

New Heath twin triode sweep generator 15-100,000 cycle sweep.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE: The brand new Model OL-1 Utility Oscilloscope is designed especially for portable applications so that outside servicemen or persons performing field tests can have the advantages of a scope available. Then too, it is ideal for home workshop, the ham-shack, or as an "extra" scope for the service slop. It is compact, light in weight,

91/2"

3GP1 CR TUBE

and surprisingly versatile in operation. An outstanding instrument for the price.

Front panel controls are "bench-tested" for case of operation and convenience. Printed circuit board used for constant circuit performance. Assembly time cut in half!

SPECIFICATIONS: Vertical amplifiers feature frequency response within 1 db from 10 eps to 100 ke, and within 5 Jb from 5 cps to 500 ke. Vertical sensitivity .2 volts per inch at

1 ke, with input impedance of 12 mmfd shunting 10 megohms.

Horizontal response within 1 db from 10 cps to 200 ke, and within 5 db from 5 cps to 500 kc. Hor, sensitivity, 25 volts per inch at 1 ke, input impedance of 15 mind shunting 10 megohins. Sweep generator covers 10 eps to 100.000 eps with stable positive lock-in circuit. Cathode follower input in both vert, and hor, amplifiers; push-pull vertical and borizontal deflection amplifiers; 3° CRT; electronic positioning controls for wide range of vertical and horizontal spot deflection; provision for internal and external syne; 60 cycle line sweep. New modern color styling and unusual performance make this instrument an outstanding value.

NEW Heathkit

5" PRINTED CIRCUIT

OSCILLOSCOPE KIT

MODEL OM-1

2050 Shpg. Wt.

VERSATILE INSTRUMENT: The Model OM-1 general purpose Oscilloscope represents an outstanding dollar value in reliable test equipment. Full 5 inch CRT. Printed circuit boards for ease of assembly, constant circuit characteristics, and

24 lbs.

rugged component mounting, includes all the design features necessary for servicemen, students, experimenters, radio amateurs, etc. Frequency response of amplifiers flat within 1 db from 10 eps to 100 ke, and down only db from 10 cps to 500 kc. Sweep generator range from 20 cps to 100,000 cps. Also features new Heathkit color styling with chargoal gray panel and high definition white lettering for readability even under subdued lighting

DESIGN FEATURES: A full-size, versatile oscilloscope at a price you can afford. Other features are: adjustable spot shape control; RF connections to deflection plates; direct coupled centering controls; external and internal sweep and syne; 60 cycle line syne; built in I volt peak-to-peak panel terminal reference voltage; professional appearance of cabinet, panel, and

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The new Heathkit Multimeter is a "must" to complete the instrument lineup of any well equipped service shop. Here is an instrument packed with every desirable service feature, many of which are not found in other Multimeters. All of the measurement ranges you need or want. High sensitivity 20,000 ohms per volt AC.

* ADVANTAGES

Complete portability through freedom from AC line power operation—provides service ranges of direct current measurements from 150 microamps up to 15 amperes—can be safely operated in RF fields without impairing accuracy of measurement.

* RANGES

Full scale AC and DC voltage ranges are 0-1.5, 5, 50, 150, 500, 1500 and 5,000 volts. Direct current ranges are 150 microamps. 15, 150 and 500 milliamperes and 15 amperes. Resistances are measured from 2 ohms to 20 megobms in 3 ranges and db range from —10 to +65 db.

★ CONSTRUCTION

The Heathkit MM-1 features a unique resistor ring switch mounting assembly procedure. With this method of assembly the precision resistors are wired to the rings and range switch before actual mounting of the switch to the instrument panel. This procedure affords the advantage of simpler construction yet complete accessibility of precision resistors in event replacement are ever required. Ohm-meter batteries were selected for convenience of replacement and only standard commercially available types are used. Batteries consist of 1 type C flashlight cell and 4 Penlite cells. All batteries and necessary test leads are furnished with the kit.

Total of 35 meter

ranges on color scale.

Heathkit HANDITESTER KIT



MODEL M-1

Shpg. Wt. 3 lbs.

The Heathkit Model M-1 Handitester readily fulfills major requirements for compact, portable volt-ohm milliameter. The small size of the smooth gleameter which the leaf to one permits the

ing molded bakelite case permits the in-strument to be tucked into your coat pocket, toolbox or glove compartment of your car. Always the "Handitester" for those simple repair jobs.

RANGES:

Despite its compact size, the Handitester is packed with every desirable feature required in an instrument of this type. AC or DC voltage ranges, full scale, 10, 30, 300, 1,000 and 5,000 volts, 2 convenient ohumeter ranges 0-3,000 ohms and 0-300,000 ohms. 2 DC milliammeter ranges 0-10 milliamperes and 0-100 milliamperes.

CONSTRUCTION

CONSTRUCTION

The instrument uses a 400 microampere meter movement which is shunted with resistors to provide a uniform 1 milliampere load in both AC and DC ranges. This design allows the use of but 1 set of 1% precision divider resistors on both AC and DC and provides a simplicity of switching. A small hearing aid type ohms adjust control provides the necessary zero adjust function on the ohmmeter range. The AC rectifier circuit uses a high quality Bradley rectifier and a dual half wave hookup. Necessary test leads and battery are included in the price of this popular kit.

Heathkit RESISTANCE SUBSTITUTION BOX KIT

36 standard RTMA I watt. resistor values between 15 ohms and 10 megohms with an accuracy of 10% are at your fingertips in the Model RS-1 Resistance Substitu-tion Box kit. This sturdy and attractive accessory will easily prove its worth many times over as a time saving device. Order several today.



MODEL MM-1

Shpq. Wt. 6 lbs

Shpg. Wt. 2 lbs.

Heathkit CONDENSER SUBSTITUTION BOX KIT

18 standard RTMA values are available from .0001 mfd to .22 nifd. An 18 position switch set in the panel of an attractive bakelite case allows quick changes without touching the test leads. Invest a few minutes of your time now and save hours of work later on.



Shpg. Wt. 2 lbs.

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"Looks like a spot to use transistors," Barney commented.

"Possibly. There is also a growing need for something to replace our diminishing supply of natural piezoelectric quartz. One possibility is the development of a high quality synthetic quartz. Another is the application of magnetostriction units to the control of frequency. Whichever is used, it must have an accuracy equal to that of natural quartz oscillators: approximately .02% within the temperature range of -65° to +160° F. We also need a new high resistance material with a resistance of at least 100 .-000.000,000 ohms per centimeter with a low temperature coefficient, good resistance to vibration and shock, capable of being formed into units with a resistance accuracy of 20%. These resistors are needed for use in radiation detection instruments."

"All that stuff is rather small caliber for an inventor of my type," Barney objected. "Don't they need some really big inventions?"

"Oh sure. They would like to have a complete new type of communication that does not depend on electrical impulses, electromagnetic waves, sound waves, or any other method known at present. That should hold you for a while. Then you can work on a new system for converting either light or heat into electrical energy. Of course the Bell Laboratories are kicking this around, too, but I am sure you like a little competition. On your day off you can play around with either a destructive ray that will produce death at 500 yards without excessive power input or with a device that will convert speech directly into writing. I think perhaps IBM has done some work on this, but the army wants a device that is simple to operate and is not bulky-which makes it quite a large order."

"I think I'll help the army out on a few of these things." Barney announced importantly. "Where do I submit my ideas or write for more information?

"Just address the National Inventors Council U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C.." Mac answered; "but before you start inventing, you had better figure out how you can get back into Amanda's good graces.'

"Don't worry about that; it's already taken care of." Barney said airily. "Tomorrow morning I intend to present her with the personally-autographed picture of Liberace I managed to have him sign when he played in Center City a couple of weeks back. Knowing how much she likes to hear him play, I got it especially for her; but I've been waiting to give it to her until the right moment arrived. Now I think it's here! If that doesn't melt

her down, nothing will."
"That's my boy!", grinned Mac. "Old Don Juan had nothing on you when it comes to being a smooth operator. I don't know how you do it-but six or sixty-the gals love it!" -30-

NEW Heathkit VACUUM TUBE .TMETER KIT

PRINTED CIRCUIT DESIGN

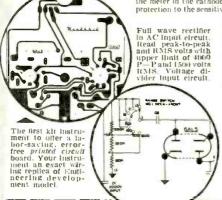
New charcoal gray baked charmed panel with high readability. white testering New soft feather gray cabl-net, subdued cable light indicator, pilot

new printed circust board for faster,
easter construction of
exact duplication of
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model.

Another outstanding example of continuing Heath Company pioneering and leadership in the kit instrument field. A new printed circuit VTVM. New peak-to-peak circuit—new styling and new panel design. A prewired, prefabricated printed circuit board eliminates chassis wiring, cuts assembly time in half, assures duplication of Engineering pilot model specifications, and virtually eliminates possibility of com-

CIRCUIT:

A 6AL5 tube operated as a full wave AC input rectifier permits seven peak-to-peak voltage ranges with upper limits of 4000 volts P—P. Just the ticket for you TV servicemen. Voltage divider in the 6AL5 input circuit limits applied AC input to a safe level. This circuitry and the isolation of the meter in the cathode of the 12AU7 bridge circuit affords a high degree of protection to the sensitive 200 microampere meter.



RANGES:

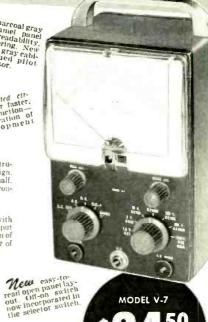
Seven voltage ranges, 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500 and 1.500 volts DC and AC RMS, Peak-to-peak ranges 4, 14, 40, 140, 400, 1400, 4000, Ohmmeter ranges X, 1X, 10, X100, X1000, X10K, X100K, X1 meg, Additional features are a 4h scale, a center scale zero position, and a polarity reversal switch.

IMPORTANT FEATURES:

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High impedance 11 megohin input—transformer operated—1°-o precision resistors, 6AL5 and 12AU7 tube—selenium power rectifier—individual AC and DC calibrations—smoother improved zero adjust control action—new panel styling and color—new placement of pilot light—new positive contact battery mounting—new knobs—test leads included.

The new V-7 also sets the pace as a kit instrument style leader. Smart, good-looking charcoal gray panel and soft feather gray cabinet. High readability panel with sharply contrasting white calibrations. The pleasing, eye catching, modern styling is in harmonious balance with the outstanding circuit design improvements. Easily the best buy in kit instruments.



MODEL V-7 Shpg. Wt. 7 lbs.

Heathkit AC VACUUM TUBE

VOLTMETER

MODEL AV-2

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Extreme sensitivity has been emphasized in the design of the Heathkit AC VTVM. Ten full scale RMS ranges are .01..03.1, 3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100, and 300 volts. Frequency response is substantially flat from 10 cycles per second to 50 KC with input impedance of 1 megohm at 1 KC. Will accurately measure as low as 1 millivolt at high impedance. Total dh range is -52

db to +52 db. An excellent kit for measuring the output of phono cartridges and the gain of amplifier stages. Use it also to check power supply ripple, as a sensitive null detector, and for compiling frequency response data. Features one knob operation, 200 microampere Simpson meter and precision resistors.

Heathkit 30,000 VOLTS DC

PROBE KIT

Measure up to 30,000 volts DC with the Heathkit VTVM and the 336 high voltage Probe. Precision resistor provides multiplication factor of 100. Can be used with any 11 megohm input VTVM. Housed in a Polystyrene two color sleek plastic probe body for safety of operation.

No. 336 \$450 Shog. Wt.

Heathkit PEAK-TO-PEAK PROBE KIT



\$550

Shpg. Wt. 2 lbs.

Peak-to-peak values not exceeding 80 volts at a DC level of not more than 600 volts. can now be read directly by using 338-C Probe with previous model Heathkit VTVM's or any VTVM with 11 megohm input resistance. Probe construction features a modern printed circuit board for easy assembly. Frequency range 5 KC to 5 MC.

Heathkit RF PROBE KIT

The Heathkit RF Probe will permit the measurement of RF voltages up to 250 MC with an accuracy of ±10%. The limits are 30 volts AC and a DC level of 500 volts. Designed for any 11 megohm input VTVM. Modern styling, Polystyrene aluminum housing, Polystyrene insulation, and printed circuit hoard for easy assembly.



No. 309-C \$350 Shpg. Wt.

Heathkit AUDIO WATTMETER KIT

Read audio power output directly without using external load resistors with the new Heathkit Audio Wattmeter. Built-in non-inductive load resistors provide impedances of 4, 8, 16, and 600 ohms. Flat response from 10 CPS to 250 KC. Full scale power ranges are 0-5 MW, 0-50 MW, 0-500 MW, 0-5 W and 0-50 W. Model AW-1 will operate continuously at 25 watts and has a duty cycle of 3 minutes at 50 watts. Total db range in five positions is -50 db to +48 db, using the standard 1 milliwatt 600 ohms.



MODEL AW-1

Shpg. Wt. 6 lbs.

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"VADE-MECUM, TELEVISION & SPE-CIAL TUBES", Dr. J. A. Gijsen. ed., P. H. Brans, Ltd.. Antwerp. 244 pages. Price \$5.00. Paper bound. 11th Edition. Available in the U.S. from Editors and Engineers, Ltd., Summerland, California.

With this volume, the trilogy comprising radio tube characteristics (9th Edition), and equivalents (10th Edition) is complete. This book covers tubes for television and special purposes and includes data on cathode-ray tubes, crystal devices, controlled rectifiers, special u.h.f. tubes, gas discharge tubes, phototubes, radiation counters, thermocouples, ballast tubes, and various miscellaneous tubes.

For those not familiar with this work, it would be well to explain that the "Vade-Mecum" covers data on tube types manufactured by companies throughout the world, presented in tabular form, with explanatory material translated into German, French, English, Italian, Spanish, and Dutch.

Companies engaged in the manufacture of export model radio and TV receivers, service technicians who have occasion to service foreign-built equipment, amateurs converting surplus radio gear, etc. will all find this book an invaluable aid in providing equivalent tubes for all types of electronic circuitry.

"ANALYZING AND TRACING TV CIRCUITS" by Milton S. Kiver. Published by Howard W. Sams & Co., Indianapolis. 130 pages plus 14 TV receiver schematics. Price \$3.00. Paper bound.

Technicians who have found the author's previous volumes of help in speeding troubleshooting and servicing will welcome the appearance of this basic and hard-hitting handbook.

The book is especially suitable for the beginning technician since it covers basics before venturing into specific applications. The first chapter covers things that every technician should know about every circuit. In this category is information on resistors, inductances, capacitors, and tubes-what they do in the circuit, why they operate as they do, plus all sorts of valuable and important data on these components.

From this point of departure, the author buckles down to specifics and covers such vital topics as the differences between schematics and the actual sets, how to follow the d.c. power lines in a set, where the boost voltage fits in, the a.g.e. system, deflection systems, troubleshooting procedures in logical order, the unfamiliar circuit, etc.

A valuable appendix which gives the complete schematics on 14 commercial television receivers, completes the book. Readers of this magazine are

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isolating such de-vicesfrom theline.

Many other uses, especially with AC-DC type cir-

cuits. Do not con-fuse the Heathkit Isolation Trans-former with the hazardous auto transformer type line voltage boosters.

MODEL IT-1

\$1650

Shpg. Wt.

urements circuits.

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NEW Heathkit **V ALIGNMENT GENERATOR**

Here is the most radically improved Sweep Generator in the history of the TV service industry. The basic design follows latest high frequency techniques which result in a combination of performance features not found in any other sweep generator.

Sweep action is obtained electronically through the use of a newly developed controllable inductor, thereby eliminating all moving parts with their resultant hum, vibration, fatigue, etc. Frequency coverage entirely on fundamentals, is continuous from 4 MC to 220 MC at an output level well over a measurable 1 volt.

Triple marker system, 4.5 MC crystal controlled marker—continuously variable marker—provisions for external marker.



MARKER:

The same instrument incorporates a triple marker The same instrument incorporates a triple marker system with a crystal controlled reference. A variable marker provides accurate coverage from 19 to 60 MC on fundamentals, and 57 to 180 MC on calibrated harmonics. A separate fixed crystal controlled 4.5 MC marker can be used for checking IF, bandpass, calibration, reference, etc. Provisions are also made for external marker use. A 4.5 MC crystal is emplied with the kit. supplied with the kit.

POWER SUPPLY:

The transformer operated Power Supply features voltage regulation for stable oscillator operation. Three sets of shielded cables are furnished with the kit. Sweep range is completely and smoothly controllable from zero up to a maximum of 50 MC, depending upon base frequency.

Here is a TV Sweep Generator that truly no serviceman can afford to be without for rapid, accurate, TV alignment work.

Frequency coverage: 4 MC— 220 MC continuous including FM superrum. HF output well over 1 volt.

Controllable inductor sweep oscillator with out-put entirely on funda-

mentals.

NEW Heathkit SIGNAL GENERATOR KIT



MODEL SG-8

Shoa Wt 8 lbs.

The new Heathkit service type Signal Generator. Model SG-8 incorporates many design features not usually found in this instrument price range. Frequency coverage is from 160 KC to 110 MC in five ranges, all on fundamentals, with useful calibrated harmonics up to 220 MC. The RF output level is well in excess of 100,000 microvolts throughout the frequency range. The oscillator circuit consists of a twin triode tube, one-half used as a Colpitts oscillator, and the other half as a cathode follower output which acts as a buffer between the oscillator and external load, thereby eliminating oscillator frequency shift usually caused by external loading.

All coils are factory wound and adjusted, thereby completely eliminating the need for individual calibration and the use of additional calibrating equipment. The stable, low impedance output, features step and variable attenuation for complete control of RF leyel. A separate 6C4 triode acts as a 400 cycle sine wave oscillator, and a panel mounted switching system permits choice of either external or internal modulation.

NEW Heathkit BAR GENERATOR KIT



MODEL BG-1

Shpq. Wt. 4 lbs.

The Heathkit BG-1 produces a series of horizontal or vertical bars on a TV screen. Since these bars are canally spaced, they will quickly indicate picture linearity of the receiver under test without waiting for transmitted test patterns. Panel switch provides "standby—horizontal and vertical position." The oscillator and video carrier frequencies. A neon relaxation oscillator provides low frequency for vertical linearity tests. The instrument will also provide an indication of horizontal and vertical sync circuit stability as well as overall picture size. Operation is simple and merely requires connection to the TV receiver antenna terminal. Transformer operated for safety.

Heathkit LABORATORY GENERATOR KIT

The new Heathkit Laboratory type Signal Generator definitely establishes a new performance standard for a kit instrument. An outstanding feature involves the use of a panel mounted 200 microampere meter calibrated both in microvolts and percent modulation, thereby providing a definite reference level for using the Signal Generator in design work, gain measurements, selectivity, frequency response checks. he new Heathkit Laboratory type



MODEL TS-3

Shoo, Wt. 18 lbs

50

Triple marker system 4-5 MC crystal controlled—3 sets of low capacity shielded cables included.

MODEL LG-1

7050

Shpg. V/t. 16 lbs.

DESIGN:

Additional design features are copper plated shield enclosure for oscillator and buffer stages resulting in effective double shielding. Fibre panel control shaft extensions in RF carrying circuits, thorough AC line filtering, careful shielding of the attenuator network, voltage regulated B plus supply, selenium rectifier, etc.

RANGES

Frequency coverage from 150 KC to 30 MC all on fundamentals in five separate ranges. Output voltage 1 volt with provisions for metered external or internal modulation. Output impedance termination 50 ohms. Transformer operated

Investigate the many dollar stretching features offered by he LG-1 before investing in any generator for Laboratory

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December, 1954



The new Heathkit Visual-Aural Signal Tracer features a special high gain RF input channel used in conjunca special high gain RY input channel used in conjunc-tion with a newly designed wide frequency range de-modulator probe. High RF sensitivity permits signal tracing from the receiver antenna input. Separate low gain channel and probe available for audio circuit exploration. Both input channels are constantly monitored by an electron ray beam indicator so that visual as well as arral indications may be obtained.

NOISE LOCATOR:

Signal tracing. A decidedly unusual feature is a noise locator circuit used in conjunction with the audio probe. With this system, a DC potential is applied to a suspected cir-cuit component and the action of the voltage in the component can be seen as well as heard. Invaluable for ferreting out noisy or intermittent condensers, noisy resistors, controls, IF and power transformers, etc.

WATTMETER:

Built-in calibrated wattmeter circuit will prove useful for quick preliminary check of total wattage consumption of equipment under test. Separate panel terminals provide external use of the speaker or output transformer for substitution purposes. Saves valuable service time by climinating the necessity for speaker removal on every service job. The same panel terminals also provide case access to a well filtered B plus supply for external use. Don't overlook the many interesting service possibilities provided through the use of this instrument, and let the Signal Tracer work for you by saving time and money.

Heathkit CONDENSER CHECKER KIT



MODEL C-3

\$1950 Shpg. Wt.

Here is a handy test instrument for any Service Shop. Unknown values of capacity and resistance are quickly determined on the direct reading condenser checker dial. Capacity is measured in four ranges from .001 mfd to 1000 mfd. Resistance in the range

Substitution test

MODEL T-3

speaker amplifier.

RF and andio probes supplied along with necessary test leads.

from 100 ohms to 5 megohms.

DC polarizing voltages of 25, 150, 250, 350, and 450 volts are available for leakage tests on all types of condensers. For electro-lytics, a power factor control is provided to balance out inherent leakage and to indicate directly the power factor of a condenser under test. Proper balancing of the AC bridge is reflected in the degree of closure of an electron beam indicator tube.

Model C-3 uses a transformer operated power supply, spring return leakage test switch, and a convenient combination of panel seales for all readings. Test leads are furnished in addition to precision components for calibrating purposes. Quick and easy to operate, the Heathkit Condenser Checker will save valuable time and increase your Shop efficiency.

Heathkit "Q" METER



MODEL QM-1

Shpg. Wt. 14 lbs.

The Heathkit QM-1 represents the first practical popular priced Q meter available within the price range of schools, laboratories. TV service men, and experimenters. This instrument will enable the operator to simulate conditions encountered in practical circuits and to measure the performance of coils or condensers at the operating frequencies actually encountered. All indications of value are read directly on the 412" 50 microampere Simpson calibrated meter scale. Measures Q of condensers. RF resistance, and the distributed capacity of coils. Oscillator section

supplies RF frequencies 150 KC to 18 MC in four ranges. Calibrate capacity with range of 40 MMF to 450 MMF with vernier of ±3 MMF. Investigate the many services this instrument can perform for you.

Heathkit AUDIO OSCILLATOR

MODEL AO-1 \$2450

Shpg. Wt.



The Heathkit Audio Oscillator will produce both sine and square waves within the frequency range from 20 CPS to 20 KC in three ranges. Thermistor controlled linearity results in a variation of no more than ±1 db in a 10 volt (no load) variable output level. There will be less than .6% distortion from 100 CPS throughout the audible range. Low impedance 600 ohm output. Precision 1% resistors, used in the range multiplier circuits to provide accurate calibration.

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DESIGN:

Uses three twin triode tubes in a shock mounted chassis, 2-12AX7 and 1-12AU7. Features tube shielding, plastic sealed color coded capacitors, smooth acting controls, good filtering, excellent decoupling, low hum and noise level, and all aluminum cabinet. Special balancing control for absolute minimum hum level. Cathode follower, low impedance output circuit for complete installation flexibility.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Single knob band switching bre-wound colls.

Provides five switch selected inputs, 3 high level, and two low level, each with individual level controls—4 position LP, RIAA, AES, and early 78 equalization switch—4 position roll-off switch, 8, 12, 16 with one flat position. Separate tone controls, bass 18 db boost and 12 db cut at 50 CPS, treble 15 db boost, and 20 db cut at 15,000 CPS. Power re-

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COMBINATIONS AVAILABLE

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MODEL A-9B

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SPECIFICATIONS:

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Heathkit FM TUNER KIT

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wave receiver with all of the desired features and none of the disadvantages commonly encountered in so-called "ceonomy sets."

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Uses 12BE6 mixer-oscillator, 12BA6 1F amplifier, 12AV6 detector-first audio, 12A6 beam power output, 12BA6 BFO oscillator, and 5Y3 rectifier. A lettered control plate is provided for the cabinet of your choice or you can order the optional Heathkit cabinet featuring the full size aluminum panel.

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The Model BR-2 Broadcast Band Receiver is designed The Model BR-2 Broadcast Band Receiver is designed especially for the beginner without any sacrifice of quality. This receiver features a transformer operated power supply, high gain miniature tubes, sharply tuned IF transformers, new rod type built-in antenna, and a trouble-free planetary tuning system. Exceptional performance with unusually high sensitivity, good selectivity, and excellent tone quality from the 5½° PM chassis mounted speaker. Can be used either as a receiver, tuner, or phone amplifier, Uses 121E6 mixeroscillator, 12BA6 IF amplifier, 12AV6 detector, 12A6 beam power output, and 5Y3 rectifier.



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TV Color Converter

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ed. Finally, the r.f. wiring was put in place.

Important: All resistors earrying fairly heavy loads were grouped on terminal strips below the power supply section, as far from tuned circuits as possible, to avoid the possibility of heat causing detuning of circuits. This is a vital matter in a color set because detuning and accompanying shift will cause color contamination.

The crystal is mounted alongside the chassis where it is out in the open and "runs cool"—again to avoid frequency shift

The heavy black lead which loops around under the chassis is the delay line. Fig. 9 shows how this component is constructed from a 23-inch piece of RG-59 U coaxial cable. As shown, the center wire lead, and its polyethylene sheath, is pulled from the cable, leaving only the metal braid and its plastic cover. These two pieces serve as the foundation of the delay line. First, they are slipped temporarily over a metal rod to provide sufficient stiffness for winding. This winding, which should be put on accurately with a lathe, is made of No. 36 enameled wire. It is wound for a length of 22 inches, 128 turns-per-inch. As shown in the drawing, the leads connect to opposite ends of this coil winding. The winding itself is covered with a layer of very thin dielectric paper (pulled from old condensers) and this, in turn, is covered with a layer of aluminum foil. The latter is grounded to the inside braid as shown in the drawing, being eareful not to short the winding to the grounding foil. Tape completely.

Wiring a set as complicated as this is a job in which even an expert can



Fig. 9. Details on the construction of the time delay line used in the Y channel. The line is made from a piece of coaxial cable from which the center conductor has been removed and an external winding added.

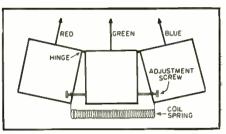


Fig. 10. Three TV projection units can be set up as shown here and used with the converter to give colored TV pictures.

go astray. One bit of insurance is to tape a piece of vellum (a kind of semitransparent drawing paper available at any art store or engineering supply house) over the diagram, and then draw in each lead with a colored pencil as it is done. This process is a little tedious—but not as tedious as trouble-shooting for built-in errors. Once the set is wired, the chassis can be given a rough check by comparing pin voltages with those shown in the diagram of Fig. 3.

When the color chassis is completed, the next step is to tie it to the *Norelco* projection units. These are the standard type, readily available from electronic parts jobbers. The hook-up requires three.

As shown in Figs. 10 and 11, the units are mounted side by side, as elose together as possible, with hinges between them. Then the chassis are

Fig. 11. Front view of the three projection units set up for use with the color converter described in this article. Color filters made of Plexiglas are mounted directly in front of each projector. Touch-ups are provided for registration.



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spring-loaded, as shown in Fig. 10, and adjustment screws provided so that the outer two projection units can be pointed in slightly—so that the images from all three units fall on top of each other on the screen. The fact that the units are some distance from the screen, and that the middle unit (green) carries 59% of the illumination, makes the very slight "keystoning" of the two outer units a theoretical rather than a practical worry.

Each of the units has a colored filter in front of it. (Colored Plexiglas was found to work the best—even better than photo filters.) The vertical and horizontal adjustments on the projection units, plus the mechanical position of the projection housings themselves, are all utilized to get the best possible registration of the projected images.

Both vertical and horizontal sweep voltages for the three projection units are picked up from the black-andwhite chassis. The vertical sweep is used to drive the vertical yokes on the Norelco units-and the yokes are connected in series. The horizontal yokes are driven in parallel. Doing this will probably require substituting a different output transformer for that originally in the set. In the receiver described here, an RCA 231T1 transformer is used with the proper tap to provide the correct impedance match. The grids of the Norelco units are driven by the color output signals from the color converter chassis.

If everything checks out OK, we're ready for the final step—tuning up the chassis. Complete step-by-step instructions will be given in next month's concluding article.

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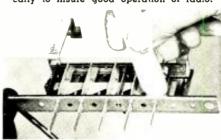
THE switching arrangement of a pushbutton tuned radio (with switches on bottom side) is shown removed from receiver.

On this type of switching, with springs and locking devices, one switch rod will stay in when pushed but any other rod will be released.

Some push rods rotate the radio gang condenser directly to pre-set stations, while others, as shown, operate pre-set trimmer condensers across the antenna tuning circuit with the gang condenser cut out for push-button operation.

Switch contacts on the bottom of the mechanism illustrated should be cleaned at intervals, switch rods should be checked for binding in slots and springs must be kept in good condition. 11. L.

Check and clean switch contacts periodically to insure good operation of radio.



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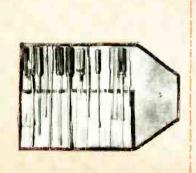
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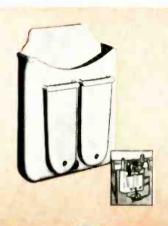


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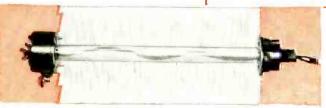
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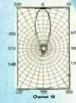
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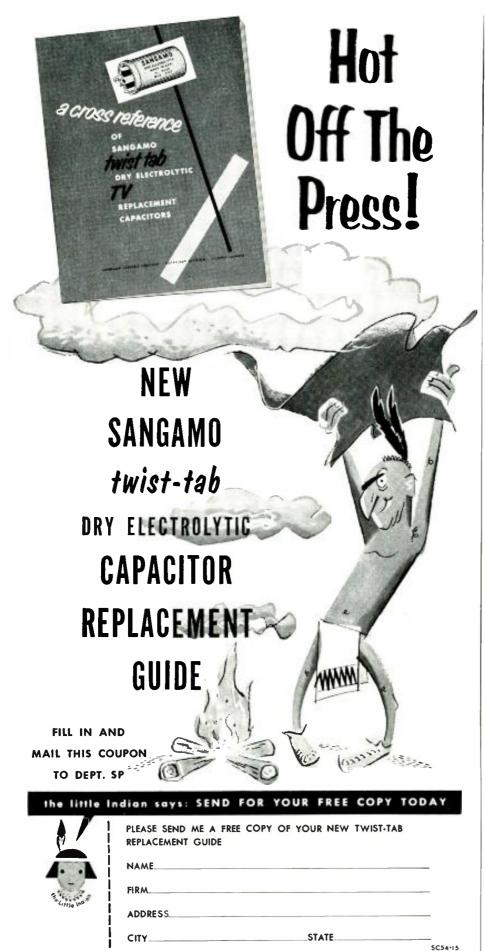


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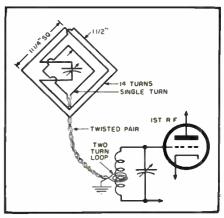
Jry this loop antenna to pull those elusive broadcast signals out of the ether.

FOR several years the writer has wrestled with the problem of picking up an AM hi-fi San Francisco Bay area station which was badly blanketed by a local 50 kw. broadcast station—one of the type that, to all intents, "slobbers" over considerably more of the band than is desired. Wave traps, bandpass couplings, and the like were all tried repeatedly without much effect. None could give the desired 20 kc. separation which was necessary in this instance. Both regenerative r.f. amplifiers and crystal filters were duly considered, but were promptly dropped when a link-coupled loop antenna was given a chance trial.

This loop consisted of 14 turns of No. 20 wire, spaced with an eighth inch clearance between turns, on an X-frame, with each diagonal 16 inches long. A small tuning capacitor from an old 1924 broadcast receiver was used to tune the loop. A single-turn, link-coupling loop was wound inside the 14 turns with 1½ inches of space between each coil. This single turn was fed by a twisted pair to a two-turn coil wound loosely about the first r.f. coil on the broadcast receiver. One leg of the twisted pair was grounded securely where it entered the chassis in order to reduce capacity pickup.

In practice, tuning consists of adjusting the set and loop tuning capacitor for maximum desired signal. Then the set is detuned sufficiently to pick up the undesired signal. The loop is then rotated to a null point for the undesired to a null point for the undesired signal.

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sired signal. This setting in bearing can be quite sharp and, in this instance, was less than one degree. Once the loop's position was established the desired hi-fi station was tuned in without crosstalk or scratching.

A vernier dial will be found of value in tuning the loop's tuning capacitor. (This capacitor is mounted directly on the loop's X-frame. The 112" coupling between the loop and link permits the loop to tune quite sharply. Placing the link coupling nearer to the tuning loop reduces selectivity, but increases signal input to the set. This also reduces background noise, but aggravates crosstalk or rasping from the local broadcast station.

The effectiveness of this loop system can be appreciated when it is realized that a San Francisco Bay station of 10 kw. power beamed on a north-south axis can be picked up quite satisfactorily 110 miles in an easterly direction under the blast of a 50 kw. station about 4 miles distant from the writer's residence.

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A Bell Labs engineer uses a "dry box" to assemble the new u.h.f. transistor. He is shown placing a metal casing over the unit to assure long life. This assembly technique is used to avoid any contamination.



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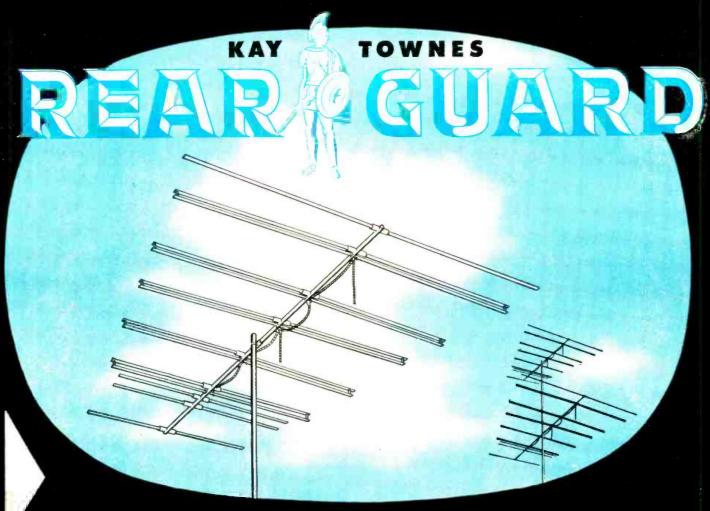
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General Radio Company, 275 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass. is



currently offering a pocket-size transistor oscillator for audio-frequency testing, the Type 1307-A.

Completely self-contained, including batteries and output meter, the oscillator is small enough to be held in one hand. Two frequencies, 400 and 1000 cycles, are available with a maximum output of at least 2 volts across a 600-ohm load. The output voltage is adjustable and is read on the meter.

The unit uses a *p-n-p* junction transistor in a Hartley oscillator circuit. The output voltage is set by an adjustable resistance in series with the battery supply, thus conserving battery life when only low output is needed. Under average conditions, battery life is over 100 hours.

PEAK-TO-PEAK V.T.V.M.

Electronic Instrument Co., Inc., 84 Withers Street, Brooklyn 11. N. Y. has added a new peak-to-peak vacuumtube voltmeter to its Eico line of test equipment in wired and kit form.

Designed expressly for TV servicing, the new Model 249 comes with the company's dual purpose a.c./d.c. "Uni-Probe" which performs all functions—a half turn of the probe tip selects d.c. or a.c. ohms.

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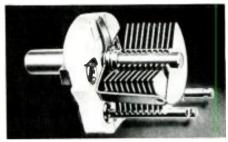
triode bridge circuitry, with accuracy unaffected by line voltage variation. It reads peak-to-peak voltage of complex and sine waveforms, r.m.s. voltage of sine waves, d.c. voltage and resistance. It provides for center-scale zero adjustments for TV-FM alignment and for calibration from outside the cabinet. The 7½" meter is electronically protected against burn-out.

Additional information on the Model 249 or Model 249K (kit) is available from the company.

VARIABLE CAPACITORS

The APC and MAPC types of variable capacitors are now available with extended shafts, according to *The Hammarlund Manufacturing Company*, Inc., 460 W. 34th St., New York 1, N. Y.

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where a compact air dielectric trimmer is required. The MAPC type is similar to the APC except that it is a miniaturized version.

ATR'S "SHAV-PAK"

American Television and Radio Co., 300 E. Fourth St., St. Paul 1, Minn. is now offering a new inverter which has been tradenamed the "Shav-Pak."

The unit is especially designed for operating standard a.c. electric shavers in autos, buses, trucks, boats, and planes. The unit plugs into the cigarette lighter receptacle on the dash and is small enough to be kept in the glove compartment.

A circular on the "Shav-Pak" is available on request.

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A single-sideband generator especially designed for operation with the company's Model 5100 transmitter has been announced by Burker & Williamson. Inc., 237 Fairfield Ave., Upper Darby. Pa.

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recording of some years ago, on the Oceanic label. Here she is "Salome" again, but a more matured, more experienced, and vastly more effective "Salome." Hers is a passionate, intense, and dedicated performance. She immerses her identity in the role and makes of "Salome" a terrifying and helievable creature. Her voice is a beautifully trained and responsive instrument. While she hasn't the great power of Ljuba Welitsch, the voice is strong enough for the requirements of the role and she displays an infinitely greater range of color and expression. Every nuance of the role is clearly delineated and in the Final Scene, the purity of her voice blazes forth, unsullied by bombast or strain. The rest of the cast sings superbly in this recording. I could have wished for a little less pontificating from the "Jokanaan" of Hans Braun, a minor fault. Patzak and Dermota were particularly effective in their portrayals and London has even gone to the expense of having such a stalwart as Ludwig Weber in the comparatively minor role of "1st Nazarene." The Vienna Philharmonic has rarely sounded better, and their playing was a miracle of precision coupled with sumptuous tone. Perhaps this is a sort of testament to the incomparable Strauss of the late Clemens Krauss. Few will deny his particular gift for interpreting the works of Richard Strauss. Where others obscured . . . he revealed. Where others conducted with their heads, he used his heart. This kindly and genial man is gone, but his Strauss will not soon be forgotten. The sound on this recording is considerably better than the recent Columbia, yet surprisingly, is not up to the very highest standards of London opera recording. String tone is generally quite good, smooth and free of annoying wiriness. But the dynamics are less than you would expect and there are inexplicable moments when the range seems somewhat restricted. Good percussion in "Salome's Dance." solid bass drum and very clean cymbals. All in all, a most memorable and moving experience. A comfortable recording and one which can stand repeated listenings as well as the test of time.

STRAUSS, RICHARD ALSO SPRACH ZARATHUSTRA DANCE OF THE SEVEN VEILS (SALOME)

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Fritz Reiner. RCA Victor LM1806. RIAA curve. Price \$5.95.

While we are on the subject of Strauss and "Salome," let's take a listen to this disc, the first in a new collaboration between Victor and the Chicago Symphony Orch. This is an extraordinary record in more ways than meets the eye at first glance. For one thing this represents a new departure in policy for RCA. They are now naming the equipment and the recording techniques employed in the making of the record. What makes this really incredible is the fact that the information about the recording as printed on the jacket, is virtually an endorsement of the Mercury "Olympian" technique! As related on the jacket, RCA utilized a condenser mike (presumably a Telefunken) at the approximate distance over the conductor's podium as has been Mercury's wont. The heated cutter, variable pitch, and other matters of technique are also discussed. The result? The best doggone sound that Victor ever turned out! This is no discredit to Victor or their There is certainly no patent or engineers. monopoly in the idea of using an overhead

Telefunken mike. Nor is this the whole story on the search for better sounding recordings. Rather this new sound shows that Victor made a study of various new techniques and was not above admitting and adopting to a technique previously foreign to them. There is certainly nothing wrong in this . best thing that could ever happen to the industry is free competition. The sound that Victor obtained bears witness to this. Really exceptional quality. The "Zarathustra" is full of rip-snortin' hi-fi effects. Huge brass sonorities, very solid percussion, very live "breathy" woodwinds, and a superb string tone. Dynamic range and frequency range tone. Dynamic range and frequency range are far beyond previous Victor recordings. Reiner is, of course, an old hand with Strauss. In "Zarathustra" he plays the game fairly close to the vest. No errant tempi for him, nor overblown dynamics. If the Clemens Krauss-London version did not exist, this would certainly be the recording of choice. But a little ton much fusciness characteristics. of choice. But a little too much fussiness obscures the broader meanings and shadings in the score, and on the whole. Reiner's is a much more impersonal version. The London recording was more than hi-fi for its day, but in this department it is outgunned by this present recording. Except for the low C in the basses which begins a fugal development (and which come through with greater intensity in the London), this has greater dynamics, greater clarity and resolution. Transients of tympani and bass drum and cymbal are much cleaner and have more impact in this recording. The "Salome's Dance" is given a supercharged reading by Reiner and it is not likely to be outsounded by any competing version. The Chicago Orchestra plays magnificently for Reiner, although it would be unkind not to mention that part of this precision is certainly a legacy from Rafael Kubelik. Altogether a most auspicious start for Victor with a new recording technique. The record conformed perfectly to the RIAA curve and surfaces were

BARTOK

CONCERTO FOR ORCHESTRA

Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati. Mercury MG 50033. RIAA curve. Price \$5.95.

Here is an absolutely stunning performance of what many believe to be Bartok's greatest work. It would be a picayune and biased critic who could find fault with this recording. The performance is a triumph of the first order for Dorati. He is white-hot in the intensity of his interpretation. Yet he never allows his obvious zeal and devotion to the score to obfuscate, nor to amend or reshape the philosophy of Bartok. It is a respectful performance, nowhere at variance with the composer's wishes or intent. This reverent approach is undoubtedly a reflection of the friendship that existed between Dorati and Bartok. As a work by Bartok, the "Concerto for Orchestra" is somewhat of a paradox. By this I mean that although this is perhaps the most intricate and complex of all Bartok scores, with more than its share of dissonance and atonality, it is also the Bartok that is most readily assimilated by the public. Believe me when I tell you that if you've never been able to "take" Bartok, this is the score that can change your mind. In its infinitely varied color and contrasts, Bartok has utilized the widest resources of the modern orchestra. In the strings alone, you will hear more unusual techniques than in almost any other composition you can name. Pizzicato, spiccato, double bridging ... the whole bag of tricky violin gym-nastics can be heard. The other choirs in the orchestra are similarly treated. The complexity of the score calls for a virtuoso orchestra and the Minneapolis responds magWE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

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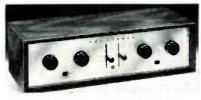
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of a season, few orchestras will program this work, because of the difficulties involved. The Minneapolis under Dorati plays the work quite frequently and this experience accounts for the cohesive and fluent ease of their performance. Soundwise, this is an incredible recording. It will tax your pickup and speaker system to the utmost. The exceptionally clean string tone, the brilliant blare of weighty brass, the super-articulate woodwinds and the impact and accuracy of the very large percussion section is accented by the violently contrasting dynamics. One of the most distortion-free recordings I have ever heard. Everything considered, this recording is a tremendously exciting and stimulating experience and is unreservedly recommended. The RIAA curve was adequate for the recording with a slight bass boost adding an extra fillip of balance. Quiet sur-

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Nathan Milstein, violinist with Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra conducted by William Steinberg, Capitol P-8271. RIAA enrve, Price \$5.70.

The newest and best of the thirteen recorded versions of this concerto in the LP catalogue. This is a pretty strong statement. considering such formidable enmpetition as the Stern-Beecham effort on Columbia and the Menuhin-Furtwangler on Victor. Nevertheless, the warm, fluent reading of Milstein and the sympathetic collaboration of Steinberg and the Pittsburgh Symphony, justifies the praise. No "tempo tampering" here, nn razzle-dazzle. Just superb straightforward musicianship and integrity of purpose. Capitol has furnished the recording with a warm, glowing sound, quite different from their usual technique. A splendid balance is maintained between orchestra and soloist and the acoustic perspective gave just the right "pres-ence." The RIAA curve did not need adjustment. Quiet surfaces.

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William Princrose, violist with Columbia Chamber Orchestra conducted by John Pritchard. Columbia ML4905. NARTB curve. Price \$5.95.

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The NARTB curve did not require adjustment. Moderately quiet surfaces.

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SYMPHONIES #25, #29, #33 Vienna State Philharmonia conducted by Jonel Perlea. Vox PL8750. NARTB

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BERLIOZ PROGRAM

Orchestre des Concerts Lamoureux conducted by Willem Van Otterloo, Epic LC3054, NARTB curve, Price \$5.95.

This is another good bargain record, with no less than seven familiar Berlioz pieces for your money. Included are such favorites as the "Trojan March." "Dance of the Sylphs," the "Roman Carnival Overture" and the "Rakoczy March." Otterloo seems to know his way with these scores and gives a competent, if not overly inspiring, reading of them. The orchestra plays quite well and the sound is the best from Epic to date. Good balance is maintained and the string tone has little of the edginess that was objectionable in some of the previous Epic releases. Some nice sharp percussion, in those works calling for it. Another good buy for the beginning audiophile, who is trying to augment his usually meagre library. The NARTB curve was better with a little bass and treble cut. Moderately quiet surfaces.

SCHUBERT SYMPHONY #9

NBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini. RCA Victor LM1835. RIAA curve. Price \$5.95.

The retirement of Arturo Toscanini and the disbanding of the late, lamented NBC Symphony was a severe blow to the musical world. How great this loss is, is heightened and brought close to home when you realize there will be no further recordings like this great Schubert "oth." The only crumb of satisfaction is that we do have a brilliant new recording of this work, to supplant the older Toscanini version which was notably deficient in sonic virtues. As I have said before, I have not been among those who blindly worshipped everything the Maestro conducted. But in certain areas, he was incomparable. I have always felt that his reading of the Schubert "oth," was the ultimate in our time, the model to be held up to the light for lesser men to see and profit therefrom. Nor has time dimmed the luster of his performance in this present recording.



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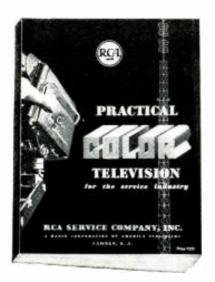
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Pre-recorded Tapes

RODGERS, RICHARD VICTORY AT SEA

NBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by R. Bennett. RCA Victor pre-recorded tape, ½ track, 7½ ips. Price \$14.95.

Still more of the tape in the first Victor pre-recorded tape release. For me this has the least musical substance of what has been offered, but at the same time, is the most striking example of the superiority of tape over disc. The music is consciously programmatic, to be used as a background score for the superb documentary film of the same name. As with much of this type of music, it can't help but fall into the trap of too much bombast and cliche. There are some moments where the melodic gift of Dick Rodgers shines through, but for the most part it's obscured by "mood" music. However, this very fact makes it a good demonstration tape. All sorts of colorful orchestration is used throughout the work, and audiophiles will delight in the clean, edgeless string tone, the soaring French horns, the bright punchy brass and the crisp and precise percussion. As with the other tapes, the great dynamic range is the most notable There was no evidence of overload or distortion and the tape hiss level was barely noticeable. More next month, possibly some of the pop material like Sauter--30-Finegan.

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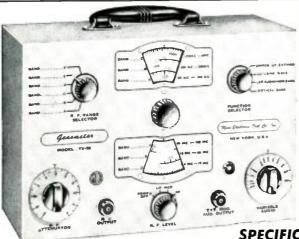
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Model 670-A

Superior's new SUPER MET

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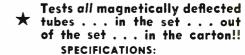
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MANUFACTURERS' LITERATURE

The various listings presented in this section are for your convenience. The bulletins, unless otherwise indicated, are available to all our readers. For prompt attention write directly to the manufacturer for this literature.

MOBILE ANTENNA HARDWARE

K-W Engineering Works, 3145-A North 48th Street, Milwaukee 16. Wisconsin, has issued a data sheet covering its "Universal" mobile antenna hardware line.

The catalogue sheet covers mobile antenna base sections, antenna extensions, and accessories designed to provide the amateur radio mobile operator with a complete range of base sections and extensions from 6 to 36 inches in 6 inch steps, plus collets, female and male couplings, etc.

SEALED PANEL METERS

A new 2-color, 2-page data sheet describing its 1½-inch sealed square panel meter has been released by DeJur-Amsco Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y.

The publication describes features and gives detailed specifications, actual size illustrations, schematic diagrams, ranges, resistance, and ordering information on the line. The instruments are designed for front or rear mounting and are available with various scale markings.

The Electronic Sales Division of the company will provide a copy of this data sheet, Model 152, on request.

COLLINS TRANSMITTER

An 8-page booklet describing the company's new 17L-4 v.h.f. transmitter has been released by Collins Radio Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The booklet describes in detail the 25-watt. 360 channel, v.h.f. transmitter for aircraft communication. The publication includes a block diagram, outline drawing, complete specifications, and performance data on the transmitter as well as details and specifications on associated equipment to be used with the unit.

GLASS PRODUCTS DATA

Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y., has announced the publication of a new catalogue of glass products for the electronic industry.

The catalogue includes descriptive and application information for fixed glass dielectric and trimmer capacitors; accurate grade, high temperature, power, and high-frequency resistors, and other components made of glass.

Also included in the new publication is descriptive material covering new compositions and production methods in glass such as glass-to-metal seals, soldering metal-to-glass, photosensitive glass, and fused silica.

Copies of the new catalogue (NP-54)

are available from the New Products Technical Information Department of the company.

MOBILE POWER PLANTS

D. W. Onan & Sons, Inc., Minneapolis 14, Minn., is offering a special issue of its company publication, "Power Points Digest." which discusses the use of electric generating plants in mobile service.

Many interesting mobile installations are described in this pocket-size, two-color, 20-page booklet. When writing for a copy of this publication, please specify Vol. 10, No. 4, of "Power Points Digest."

BACKGROUND MUSIC

Magnecord, Inc., 1101 S. Kilbourn Avenue, Chicago 24, Ill., has prepared a colorful 12-page brochure describing its new background music service.

The purpose of the promotion piece is to present dramatically the major advantages of the company's background music. Emphasis is placed on the scientifically blended musical programs from the *RCA Victor* library of recorded music, and performance features of the new *Magnecord* continuous music reproducer. The instrument automatically plays eight hours of music, continuously or intermittently, without musical repetition, using magnetic tape reels.

RADIO SHACK'S CATALOGUE

Radio Shack Corporation, 167 Washington St., Boston 8. Mass., is now offering copies of its 1955 electronic parts mail-order catalogue.

The new edition lists and illustrates 30,000 radio, TV, and electronic products in 224 pages and has a 32-page roto section devoted exclusively to hi-fi custom music systems. It includes a manufacturers' index on the front cover, an 18-category thumb index, and an extensive product listing. The front cover index has over 250 manufacturers and the product index lists over 1500 items.

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PRINTED CIRCUIT REPAIR

Admiral Corporation's national service department, 201 E. North Water Street. Chicago 11, Ill., has just published a six-page illustrated manual covering the service and repair of printed circuits used in all of the company's radios and in many of its TV receivers.

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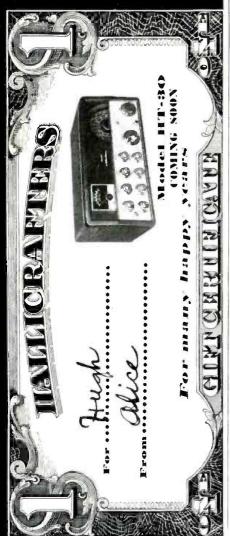
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The 24-page publication includes schematic dimensional diagrams which will be of interest to the engineer as well as the purchasing agent.

When writing for a copy of this publication, please specify Catalogue No.

WIRE AND CABLE DATA

Chester Cable Corp. of Chester, N. Y., has issued a six-page folder describing and illustrating its line of wires and cables for the radio, electronic, and television industries.

Included in the listings are TV leadin; coaxial cables; microphone cables; intercom, control, and audio cable; twisted pairs; phono pickup arm cable; h.f. lead wire; antenna loop wire; telephone cable, etc.

VARIABLE INDUCTANCES

An informative four-page bulletin describing shop and laboratory application of a kit of eight permeabilitytuned inductances covering a range of from 1 to 1000 µhy, is now available from United Technical Laboratories of Morristown, N. J.

The bulletin is a reprint of John T. Frye's article "Using Calibrated Variable Inductances" which appeared in the August issue of Radio & Television NEWS

NEW "RADIO'S MASTER"

The new 1954-1955 (19th) edition of "Radio's Master" has been released by United Catalog Publishers, Inc., 110 Lafayette St., New York 13, New York.

This 1440-page catalogue, bound in hard covers, contains more than 85.000 items, over 9000 illustrations—all with full descriptions and specifications.

The catalogue may be purchased from parts distributors throughout the country. For a list of distributors handling this catalogue, write the publishers direct.

"CONTROLA-TONE" FLYER

Controla-Tone Company, 111 No. Tacoma Ave., Tacoma 2, Wash., is now offering a small flyer which explains and describes its new, improved L-pad model remote volume control.

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SOLA BOOKLET

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There are several precautions to be observed when tuning up the transmitter so that proper operation is insured. When tuning the oscillator on the 20-, 15-, or 10-meter bands, two resonance points will be found. One point of resonance is double the 40meter crystal frequency and the other is triple the 40-meter crystal frequency. The doubling resonance point is at approximately 34 full capacity, or when the indicator arrow is toward the left side of its scale. The tripling resonance point is at approximately 14 of full capacity, or when the arrow is toward the right side of its scale.

When operating on the 20- or 10-meter band, tune the oscillator to the doubling resonance point. When operating on the 15-meter band tune the oscillator to the tripling resonance point.

When tuning the final plate control on the 160-meter band two resonance points will be observed. One will be toward maximum capacity or when the arrow is toward the left side of its scale. This is the 160-meter resonance point. The other resonance point is close to minimum capacity of the tuning capacitor, the arrow towards the right side of the scale. On the 15meter band there are also two resonance points. One resonance point is at 20 meters and will be found at approximately 1/2 of full capacity. The other and correct resonance point is at approximately 14 of full capacity or with the arrow facing towards the right side of its scale.

Summing up, the tuning capacitor settings for each band are given in Table 1 with the fractions indicating the approximate quantity of full capacity.

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Tube Checker

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The tube types to be plugged into each socket are printed on the instrument, together with the correct input for each tube. The most common tubes are listed on top, the others in back. For example: "6AU6-3" would appear next to one of the 7-pin sockets, indicating the 6AU6 goes there and the input control is set at 3.

Two other controls used are a selector switch for 6 or 12 volt heaters, and a selector switch to read either half of a twin tube. This last switch is inoperative for single tubes.

The meter has a 1 milliampere, 50-ohm movement. It is protected from accidental overload by a spring-return "push-to-read" switch. This normally shunts the meter with a 5-ohm resistor, and reduces the reading by a factor of 10. If the shunted reading is higher than 1 on a 0-10 scale, the operator knows something is wrong, without banging the needle of his in-

strument. In a later model, now under construction, a tuning eye is used as the indicator instead of the "pushto-read" switch.

The instrument has another excellent feature. The 6AG5 socket has a 5-megohm resistor in series with its grid. This has practically no effect on a good tube, but a gassy tube will show very little output. This is due to the excessive loss in the grid circuit of a gassy tube. A great many troubles in sync circuits and a.g.c. circuits can be traced to this cause. The tubes tested in the 6AG5 socket are very often used in TV receiver sync and a.g.c. circuits.

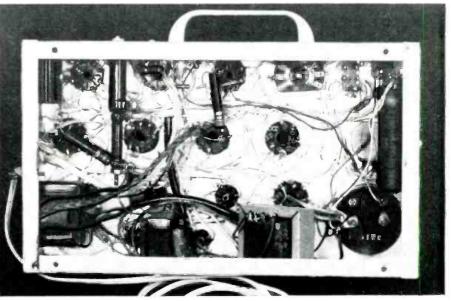
A circuit diagram of the tube checker is shown in Fig. 2. The pin connections of the 15 test sockets are listed in Table 1. The letters in the table refer to points in the circuit diagram.

The 6AC7 socket will also take the 6SJ7, 6SK7, 6AG7, 6SG7, 6SH7, and 6SS7. The 6BL7 socket also takes the 6SL7, 6SN7, and 6BX7. The 6K6 socket takes the 6V6, 6J5, 6F6, 6W6, and 6SA7. The 6BQ7 socket will also test the 12AT7, 12AU7, 6BK7, 6BX7, 12AV7, 12AX7, and 12BH7. The 6AU6, 6CB6, 6AH6, 6AK5, 6AK6, 6BA6, 6BC5,

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	SOCKET	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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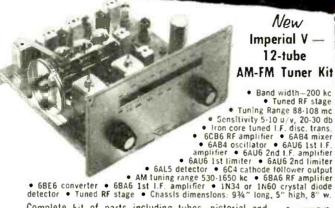
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SSB Audio Test Unit

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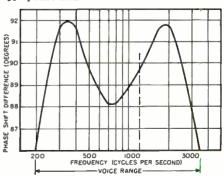
the proper value as the capacity is so large; a few micromicrofarads only change the frequency a few cycles. A toroid coil was used because it could be fastened close to the chassis without changing inductance, and it is a very stable inductor. Toroids are available commercially at 1.5 henrys. The core material is available so you can wind your own less expensively with a shuttle-and lots of patience. Besides saving a little of your hard earned cash, the project is interesting and instructive.

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If a sensitive meter having a fullrange reading between that obtained in the modified instrument (meter and amplifier) and that obtained with the basic meter movement is desired, one of two methods may be used to reduce the sensitivity of the modified instrument. The easiest method is to simply connect a shunt across the "meter" terminals of the completed instrument to change its range to the one desired.

An alternative method is to connect a shunt resistor across the basic meter movement $(M_1 \text{ in Fig. 2A})$. The resistance value to use in either case can best be determined experimentally, taking the desired range and the existing full-seale range into aecount.

Irrespective of the method used, eare must be taken that the maximum current ratings of the transistor and the basic meter movement are not ex-

An instance of where it might be desirable to change the basic range of the modified meter can be given, using the model shown in the photographs as an example.

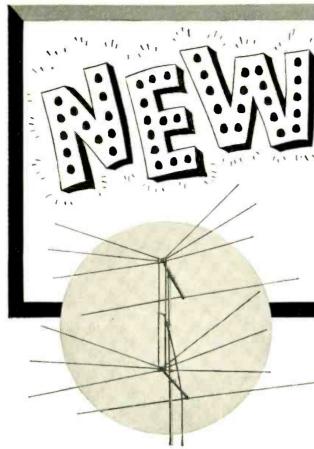
Suppose that a meter having a fullscale deflection of 200 microamperes is required for a particular series of tests. This range is between the range of the modified meter (0-100 microamperes) and that of the basic meter movement (0-1 ma.). To obtain this range, the modified meter would be used, together with a shunt resistor across the external terminals.

The modified meter may also be employed in a voltmeter circuit by using a series multiplier resistance. makes it possible to obtain a voltmeter having a rating of 10.000 ohms/volt using a 0-1 ma. basic movement (which normally will give no more than 1000 ohms/volt sensitivity).

To determine the resistance required for a particular voltmeter range, simply divide the voltage range desired by the full-seale meter current in amperes. As an example, the multiplier resistor required to give a 5-volt range to a 0-100 microampere meter is determined as follows:

$$R = \frac{5}{.0001} = 50,000 \text{ ohms.}$$

Another method is to consider the modified meter in terms of its "ohmsper-volt" rating and to simply multiply by the voltmeter range desired. A 0-1 ma. meter has a 1000 ohms/ volt rating, a 0-500 μa. meter has a



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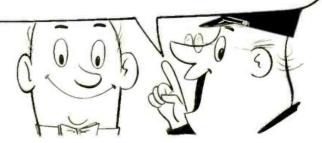
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It should not prove too difficult to build a complete multimeter, including current, voltage, and ohmmeter ranges, using the basic transistor amplifier circuit described, but adding appropriate sclector switches, multiplier resistors, etc. Such an instrument might be called a "transistor meter" to distinguish it from its blood-brother, the 'vacuum-tube voltmeter.'

The basic transistor meter amplifier described is capable of considerable modification to suit it to particular needs. It may even be feasible to "cascade" two or more direct-coupled transistor amplifiers to obtain truly fantastic sensitivities, although the author has carried out no experiments along these lines at this writing.

In any case, the transistor meter amplifier extends the usefulness of basic meters in another direction. In the past it has always been feasible to reduce the sensitivity of a basic meter, but not to increase it. This difficulty has now been overcome.

Choosing Your Enclosure

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throughout the room which will completely unbalance the music from one side of the room to the other. Splattering and fluttering of high frequencies may result due to many successive back and forth reflections.

At the other extreme, a completely "dead" room would be just as undesirable. In the bathroom with its hard, tiled walls, your voice will ring out. In a well-crowded clothes closet, your voice is muffled. The same thing is true of your music room. Too many drapes, curtains, or too much carpeting may so completely deaden the room that all the life and brilliance of the music will be lost. Good music halls require a small, controlled amount of reverberation. So does your music room. Keep the draperies and other hangings down to a reasonable minimum. It is good practice to prevent parallel wall surfaces from being perfectly reflective. Hard plaster surfaces should be partly covered by acoustical material so that reflections between parallel walls are eliminated. In general, if about 30 per-cent of the wall area is draped so that there are no opposing reflective surfaces, good sound reproduction will result. The floor should, of course, be carpeted for, after all, it is your living room and after going to the trouble of assembling a good sound system you want to be able to relax in surroundings as comforting to the eye as to the ear.

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Before our eagle-eyed readertechnicians swamp us with letters pointing out the missing interconnections, may we say that Mrs. Audiophile has just been surprised with this exciting Christmas present from hubby and he refuses to hook it up until he gets outside of his turkey dinner.

We were particularly impressed with the excellent color photography represented by this cover. We also felt that many of our readers would be interested in the idea developed here and that they might wish to follow suit and mount their audio gear on a teacart in a similar manner.

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International Short-Wave

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level 1659 with interval signal; English noted 1715-1730 parallel 7.671 which was weaker signal. (Cox, Dela.) Heard opening in English to North America 1745 on 9.700. (Pearce, England) Announces English for North America as 1745-1800, 1930-1945, 2000-2030, 2300-2330. (Ferguson, N. C.)

Burma—Rangoon, 4.777A. noted 0900 in Burmese; 0915 started "Voice of Burma" session in English; fair level. (Morgan, Calif.) Relays BBC news 1000 and closes 1015 with "God Save the Queen"; fair level but with CWQRM in N. Z. (Harwick)

Canada—Montreal noted in English 1345-1400 over CHOL, 11.720, and CKCS, 15.320. (Wilcox, Mo.)

Cape Verde Islands—CR4AA, Praia, noted 1645 to 1700 closedown in Portuguese, when played "A Portuguesa." (Mathieu, Mass.) Noted opening in same manner 1500. (Pearce, England)

Ceylon—Radio Ceylon, 9.520. noted 1050 with music. (Pearce, England) Opening Hindi Service there 2030, with QRM to and from Copenhagen on same channel. (Morgan, Calif.) Heard on 7.110 with VOA relay 0900. (Morgan) Heard on 11.770A at 2030-2045. (Sutton, Ohio)

China—Radio Peking's 2200 news is noted only on 15.385 now; 15.060 then carries Home Service in Chinese in parallel (at 2350) with 11.830; the 0400-0430 English session is generally audible on 6.105, 6.201, 7.500; 6.700 (this channel varies, but transmitter is same one reported as on 6.800, 6.780, 6.750, 6.746) has Home Service then. Noted on 15.08 at fair level 1700 in Chinese to as late as 2230. Home Service heard 0300 on 9.040, 9.080, 7.500, 6.230, 6.200. (Balbi, Morgan, Calif.)

Colombia—HJKH, 5.070A. Sutatenza, has fine signal 1800-0200 sign-off (some days closes 0100). (Saylor, Va.) HJBB, "Voz de Cucuta," 4.815, noted 2030 at fair level; HJFC. "La Voz Armenia," 6.010, noted 2115 in Spanish. (Nyquist, Sweden)

Cook Islands—ZLIZA. 6.180, 500 watts, is scheduled Tues. and Thurs. 2000-2100, Wed. 2330-2400. (N. Z. DX Times)

Costa Rica—TIFC, 9.647, good in English from around 2200; requests reception reports. (McGraw, Ohio; Himber, Calif., others)

Cuba—COCO, measured 9.532, Havana, noted 0710 in Spanish. (Ferguson, N. C.)

Czechoslovakia—Radio Prague, 9.550, noted with English to North America 1930-2000. (Kelley, North Shore SWL Club, Jacksonville, Fla.) And parallel over 11.760; has repeat at 2305 over 9.550, 9.655A. (Foster, Ill.) English for Europe noted 1400-1430 on 9.504. (Pearce, England)

Denmark — Copenhagen broadcasts to the Faroe Islands on Sun. 0900-1000 over 9.520. (Radio Sweden)

Dominican Republic-HI2L, 5.055A,

Ciudad Trujillo, is good level around 2230, announces for "Voz del Tropico." HIIZ, 6.112, is fair level in Spanish around 2130. (Foster, Ill.) Has disc session 1730-1800 daily in both Spanish, English. (Powers, Ohio)

Ecuador—HCJB, 9.743, noted 0600 at fair level in Quebec. (Fleischman)

Egypt—Radio Cairo, 9.475. noted with news 1330. (Crago, Md.; Young, N. Y., others) Has news 0800 on 17.725 for Southeast Asia. (Pearce, England) Heard on 9.790A at 1715 in Arabic. (Morgan, Calif.)

El Salvador—YSAXA, 11.945, San Salvador, noted Tues, with Spanish-English lesson 1915-1930 (may be other days too). (Powers, Ohio)

Ethiopia—Niblack, Ind., has logged Radio Addis Ababa on new 15.342AV at 1357 when identified in English; usually is buried by VOA relay at Tangiers on 15.345.

Finland—Helsinki's 6.120 outlet is heard in Sweden QSA3 around 0900-1000. (DX-Radio, Sweden) OIX4, 15.190, noted 0600 with news. (Sutton, Ohio)

France—Paris, 11.700, is good level in *English* for British Isles 1500-1600. (Lilley, Md.) And parallel over 6.045 (best) and 9.625. (Sutton, Ohio) Paris, 11.920, noted at strong level ending Arabic session 1400. (Niblack, Ind.)

French Equatorial Africa—Radio Brazzaville noted back on 9.440 parallel 11.970 around 1700-2040 closedown and again after 2400. (Balbi, Calif.; Ferguson, N. C., others) Has musical request sessions Sun. 0545-0630 (should be on 15.595, 6.025) and 1815-1900, should be on 9.440, 11.970). (Catch, England, others) Requests should be sent to P.O. Box 108, Brazzaville, Fr. Equatorial Africa.

French West Africa—Radio Dakar, 4.950, is heard in Japan 1500 or 1530 to 1600 when closes with "La Marseillaise." (JSWC) Noted again on 9.562A with news in French 0230.

Germany—RIAS, 6.006, Berlin, is solid signal at 1757; news in German 1800. Stuttgart, 6.030, is fair level with news in German by man 1800. (Cox. Dela.) Sudwestfunk, 7.265, Baden-Baden, noted 1740 with dance music; at 0300 with news in German; NWDR, Hamburg, 6.075, noted 1645 with news in German, with light music when 0115. (Pearce, England) tuned Cologne, 5.980, noted 0130 with news in German; on 11.795 at 1745 with news in German and music. (Sanderson, Australia)

Greece—Radio Athens is again using 9.607 (instead of 11.718) for news 1245-1300 closedown. (Astrom, Jonsson, Sweden; Pearce, England) Forces Station, 7.420, Athens, heard closing 1704 with Greek National Anthem. (Pearce)

Greenland — Astrom and Jonsson, Sweden, say a Greenland station is heard on 3.200 and 1500 kc. at 0430-0645.

Guatemala — TGNB, 9.668, noted 2240 in English. (Brooks, Kans.) Is again using TGNC, 11.850, in parallel. (Continued on page 126)



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(Ferguson, N. C., others) "La Voz de las Americas," 6.950A, noted from around 1900 to 0200 sign-off; fair to weak signal, CWQRM is heavy and has QRM. (Saylor, Va.) TGWA, 9.760, is good level around 1900. (Foster, Ill.)

Haiti-4VEH has "Listeners Post" at 0930-1000 Sat. on 9.654 (actually measured 9.656), and Mon. 2030-2100 on 9.666. (Kapp, Calif.; Gates, Conn.; Foster, Ill.; Hicks, Ga., others) 4VRW, Radio Haiti, is noted on 6.165A (some list this one as on 6.216A) on Thur, 2155-2230 with "Musical Caravan" session in English. (Peterson, Texas) Radio Commerce, 6.088A, noted closing in French 2230. (Leon Levy, N. Y.)

Holland-Radio Nederland, 6.025. Hilversum, heard ending English for North America 2210, fair level in N. Y. (Leon Levy)

Hong-Kong - ZBW3, 9.525, noted

0445 with music and news. (Sanderson, Australia)

Honduras-HRQ, "Voz de Suyapa," San Pedro Sula, 6.125, noted closing 2325 with English as well as Spanish announcements; good level but with bad heterodyne. (Niblack, Ind.)

Hungary-Radio Budapest, 11.910, noted with news 1705 tune-in. (Parsons. Pa.)

Iceland-TFJ, 12.175, noted Sun. only 1115-1130 in Icelandic. (Nyquist, Sweden) Burns, Ill., says he heard this one on a Sun. at 1505 with music.

India-Madras, 9.590, heard from 1115 opening to past 1230 in native; peaks around 1140; Delhi is heard on 11.620 now to Asia 0830-0945, news 0835A. (Morgan, Calif.) Delhi noted on 11.850 with news 1930. (Sanderson, Australia)

Indo-China-"La Voix du Vietnam,"

Saigon, has Vietnamese 1745-1900 (to 0000 Sun.), 2300-0000, 0530-0830; French 1900-1930, 0000-0030, 0800-0900; Chinese 2230-2300, 0430-0530; English 0830-0900, on 838 kc., 1090 kc., 6.165, 7.290, 9.620 (has French 0800-0900 on 838 kc., 7.290 only), Radio Dalat, 1440 kc., 7.265, has Vietnamese 1200-1330, 2331-2345, 2115-2230; French 2231-2330; Moi 1331-1430 (Sun. only). Radio Hue, 7.205, has Vietnamese 1000-1045, 2100-0000, 1500-1530; French 0001-0100. (Scheiner, N. J.) Radio France-Asie, 15.430. Saigon, noted in English 0430-0515. (Sutton, Ohio)

Iran-Radio Teheran, EPB, 15.100 noted with news and music 1518-1532 sign-off at fair level. (Parsons, Pa.) EQO, 3.785, has been heard well in Britain in parallel. (ISWL, England)

Iraq-Radio Baghdad, 3.295A, noted with English 1415-1500 closedown; the 11.705A channel is parallel, announced for "Overseas Listeners," while 3.295 is intended "for local listeners," (Pearce, England) Heard on 11.705A at 0000 with Arabic news and music. (Sanderson, Australia)

Israel—Tel Aviv, 9.008, still noted with news 1515. (Cox, Dela.; Ferguson, N. C.) "Voice of Zion" session in English noted 1615-1700 (or later some days). (Crago, Md.; George, Ont., others)

Italy-Rome, 9.575A, is good signal 2130-2150 closedown in English. (Mc-Graw, Ohio, others) Rome has news in French 0455-0510 closedown on 21.560. (NNRC) Heard with news in Italian on 9.630 at 1810-1815. (Backus, Va.) Milan, 6.240, noted 1745 with dance music, very high level in England. (Catch)

Japan-JOA3, 9.695, Tokyo, noted with news 0430, followed by native music. JKD21, 6.005, Tokyo, noted at fair level 0530 in Japanese. (Saylor, Va.) JOZ, 3.925, Tokyo, commercial outlet, heard 0430 with Western music and news in Japanese. (Sanderson, Australia) The Home Service outlets noted 0455 with (English) news over JKH, 7.2575, JKJ, 7.285. (Morgan. Calif.) Also over 4.910. (Cushen, N. Z.)

Kushmir-Broadcasting stations at Srinagar and Jammu have been handed over to India for administration. (Radio Times of India)

Kenya Colony-Nairobi, 4.885, noted 1300 with newscast. (Catch, England) Heard on 3.315 at 1330-1500; verified for this channel via airmail in three weeks. (Collett, N. Z.)

Kuwait-Al Kuwait, 5.000, is heard in Sweden 1500-1600 closedown. (Etersvep, Sweden)

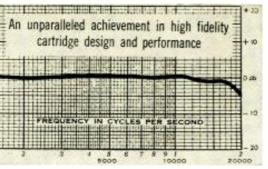
Liberia-ELBC, 6.022A, Monrovia, is fair in N. Z. 1500-1530 in Arabic. (N. Z. DX Times)

Madagascar - Radio Tananarive, 9.515, noted breaking through some days from 2230 opening. (Cox. Dela.)

Malaya-Radio Malaya, 6.025, Kuala Lumpur, has news 0630. (Balbi, Himber, Calif.) Heard parallel on 7.200, (Sanderson, Australia) Singapore, BFEBS, 9,690, Singapore, heard with news 0530. (Saylor, Va.) Noted closing on this channel 0745; good level on

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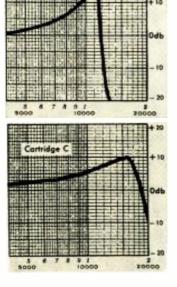
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11.820 parallel 11.955 with BBC news relay 0800. (Boord, W. Va.) Heard on 7.120 at 1100-1115 with BBC news relay; CWQRM. (Sutton. Ohio)

Mexico-XESC, 15.205, noted 1700 at good level; XEQQ, 9.680, heard closing on a Sun. 2130 (Hathaway, Ill.) XEOI. Radio Mil. 6.010, noted 2300-2400 at fair level, all-Spanish. (Duering. Alta.)

Monaco Radio Monte Carlo, 7.349, noted at good level 1345, some QRM.

New Caledonia-Radio Noumea is scheduled 1400-1500, 1900-2100, 0200-0530 (news in French 1430, 1500, 2000, 0300); lists 3.355, 6.035, 1 kw. each; heard in Maryland 0300. (Zahner)

Nicaragua-YNWW, Radio Sport, Granada, has moved from 7.850 to 5.943A, heard opening 0700A and going past 2030. (Stark, Texas; Niblack, Ind.)

Nigeria-Lagos, 4.800, noted 1430 with drum interval signal; another day at 1325 ending news, then with native music 1330. (Catch, England)

Norway—Radio Norway is good some days on 9.610 and 7.210 in transmission to North America (East Coast) 2000-2100. (Saylor, Va.) And to West Coast on 7.210 at 2300-2400; wants reception reports. (Gay, Calif.)

Pakistan - Radio Pakistan, 15.335, noted with news 0300; with news on 9.484 at 0945-1000. (Pearce, England) Heard on 11.726 at 2110 with music; English announcement at 2129 followed by news 2130. (Sutton, Ohio) Now uses 9.545 parallel 7.010 for English to Turkey 1415-1500 and to United Kingdom 1500-1545. (Radio Australia)

Panama - Niblack, Ind., notes HORT. 6.060, Radio Balboa, at good level 1930.

Paraguay - Radio Encarnacion, 11.950, is heard in Sweden around 1500, (DX-Club Tellus, Sweden)

Peru-Lima, 6.082, good level with English 2330-2345A. (Parker, N. H.) Note English is now Mon.-Fri. at 2330 (instead of 2300 as formerly). (Gay, Calif.: Rowell, Minn.; Sutton, Ohio, others)

Philippines DZH7, 9.730, Manila, noted at fair level 0500. (Saylor, Va.) Tested directional antennas for first time over this one recently. (Radio Australia)

Poland-Warsaw schedule for English to North America this winter reads 0600-0630. 9.570: 0715-0745, 0745-0815, 11.740; 1715-1745, 1945-2015, 2315-2345, 0030-0100, 6.025. Pearce, England, notes Warsaw with English 0130-0200 on 9.615, 6.195, and at 1430-1500 over 5.995. Rowell, Minn., hears Warsaw in Polish on 9.525 at 1400-1500, weak

Portuguese Guinea-CQM4, Bissau, is using 7.937A now, noted closing 1800 with "A Portuguesa." (Fairs, England, via URDXC)

Roumania-Bucharest still noted in English for North America on 9.570 at 2200-2230, 2330-2400. (Sutton, Ohio) And parallel over 6.142A. (Crago. Md.) Good level on latter channel 1745 in English. (Cox. Dela.) Noted in Norway around 1700-1800. (Kristiansand S. DX Club, Norway) Has English for





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Europe 1730-1800 on both 6.142A and 9.570. (Pearce, England)

Sarawak—Radio Sarawak, 4.870, noted with news 0800; closes now 0830 with "God Save the Queen."

South Africa—SABC, 4.895, Johannesburg, is noted in Japan 1400-1600 in Afrikaans. (JSWC)

South Korea — HLKA, 2.510, Scoul, noted 0830-0900 in Korean language; "Radio Vagabond," 6.890; heard 0854 with talk in English, call at 0855, then music; bad QRM. (Morgan, Calif.)

Spain—Radio Cuerto de Santa Maria has mored from 7.210 to 7.085A. noted 1600-1700 when left air suddenly: fair level, some CWQRM. (Saylor, Va.) Leon noted on 6.834 in Spanish 1630-1745. (Sutton, Ohio) Madrid's listed 9.363 channel has been "wandering" a great deal lately—reported as low as 9.330A, as high as 9.370A. Radio Sweden says Madrid is heard in Ireland on 5.990 at 0730-1200.

Sweden—Stockholm, 9.620, noted with English 1930-2000. (Parsons, Pa.) Winter schedule for English to Western North America is 1600-1615, 0000-0015, 9.535; to Eastern North America 0700-0715, 11.705; 1930-2000, 2100-2145, 9.620. (Hicks, Ga., others)

Switzerland—Winter schedule of Berne to North America (East Coast) is 2030-2215, HER3, 6.165, HER2, 6.055, HER4, 9.535, while uses same channels to Western North America at a new time of 2315-2400. (Morgan, Calif., others) Leon Levy, N. Y., notes a good signal on 15.305 in Berne's beam to India-Pakistan 0945-1130 in English.

Syria—Damascus, 9.555, is good level 1700 in English. (Lilley, Md.) Noted with French to 1630, English news 1645 and commentary 1715; closes 1730. (Leon Levy, N. Y.)

Tuhiti—FZP8, 6.135 Papeete, noted 2331 with man in Tahitian language, popular music, good level but much QRM; heard on 7.120 at 0018 with man in French, music good level. (Morgan, Calif.) (Continued on page 130)



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Taipeh, noted at good level 0600 with news in Chinese; faded out around 0700. (Saylor, Va.) "Voice of Free China," Taipeh, has English for Western North America 2200-2230 and 2330-2400 and to Europe at 0230-0330 over BED3, 11.920, BED6, 11.736. (Pearce, England, others) BED7, 7.130, eloses usually around 0815 to 0830, but sometimes is heard as late as 0915; opens again with VOA relay at 1000 running to 1030 when closes with no anthem nor any native announcement. The 11.736 channel should parallel. (Morgan, Calif.) BED32, 9.778A, noted 0500 with Western music, English-Chinese lesson, (Sanderson, Australia) Tanganyika-Radio Dar-es-Salaam,

Taiwan (Formosa) - BED36, 7.300,

Tanganyika—Radio Dar-cs-Salaam, 5.050, is heard in Sweden around 1000. Has CWQRM. (Etersyep, Sweden)

Tangier—WTAN, "The Voice of Tangier," now uses 6.025 at 0800-0830 (Sun. 0800-0900) instead of 7.305; has German each Tue, at 1530-1600 on 7.305, and other days uses this channel for other languages around that time; has tested recently on 7.175; wants reception reports. (WRH; Pearce, England)

Thailand—HSK9, 11.670A, is noted in New Zealand at good level in special transmission to Thai Forces in Korea (parallel 6.001) at 0430-0520; is fair in Australia with English on the 11.670A channel from 0525. (Radio Australia)

Trinidad—Radio Trinidad, 6.085A, noted at good level 0500; started to fade around 0520. (Neal, Md.) Heard 1900 on 3.275, weak level in Dela. (Cox)

Turkey—TAT, 9,515, Radio Ankara, noted with news, music 1815-1830 in North American beam. (Backus, Va.) Radio Ankara has resumed Mailbag session Sun. 1615-1700 over TAP, 9.465, TAS 7.285. (ISWC. London) The weekday English session at 1600 for Western Europe should now be on these channels.

Uganda - Kumpala, 5.026, is heard in

Sweden 1045-1215 closedown; CWQRM. (Etersyep, Sweden)

USI (Indonesia)—YDF6, 9.710, Djakarta, noted with English 0930-1030. (Beggs, Ariz.) Has improved signals in Eastern USA 0615 when has news. (Boord, W. Va.) Djakarta noted opening 1115 over YDF2, 11.785, with Indian-type program, fair level. (Balbi, Calif.) YDB4, 3.377, Djakarta, heard opening in Indonesian language 0430, fair level in N. Z. (Hardwick) Rudio Sweden lists new Djakarta outlets as YDF4, 17.810, YDF8, 9.865, 100 kw.

Vatican—HVJ, 11.865, noted 1330 ending English and leaving air. (Ferguson, N. C.) And on 9.646. (Sutton, Ohio)

Venezuelu—Maraeaibo, 4.805A, good level 1845 and yet at 2230 elosedown. (McGraw, Ohio)

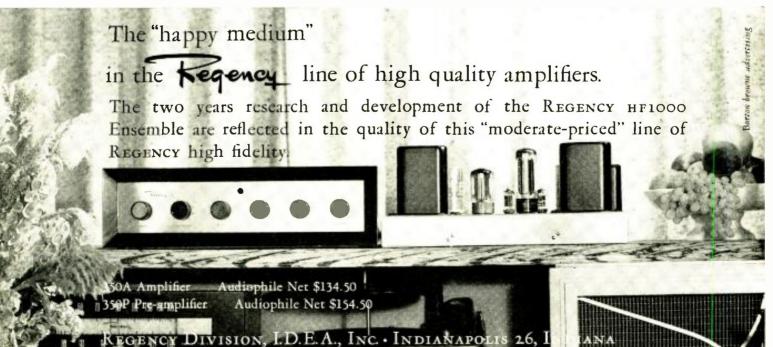
Yugoslavia—Radio Belgrade, 6.100, noted with news 1715. (McGraw, Ohio) Heard opening with English for Europe at 1330 on 6.100 parallel 7.200. Pearce, England)

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Jim Moore, Calif., advises that Charles Gustave Gallagher, veteran SWL, passed away recently. During World War II, "Gus," as he was affectionately known, and Fred Wolfe, now also deceased, copied messages from prisoners-of-war and relayed them to loved ones. Literally thousands of these messages were relayed, and in the possessions "Gus" left behind are eards and letters from thousands of grateful families, Jim writes.

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Clandestine Yugoslav Emigrant Station, 6.885A, noted at fair level from 1600 tune-in to 1730 sign-off; no Eng-



lish noted. (Saylor, Va.) AFN. 3.188, Frankfurt, Germany, heard 1515 with weather report. (Pearce, England) Radio Abidjan, Ivory Coast, lists present schedule on 4.945 with 5 kw. as 0145-0230, 0715-0830, 1330-1630; sent letter verification via airmail. (Pearce) Heard in N. Z. at 1530 in French, closing 1600. (Hardwick) DX-Radio, Sweden, reports Kathmanduran, Nepal, testing on 9.856 at 0900; not confirmed

A station announcing as "Voice of Vietnam," probably in Indo-China, has been heard in Australia at 0500-0600 on measured 11.904 and 15.018. (Radio Australia) Was first reported by Balbi, Calif., heard on 11.910A. At press time, Balbi, Calif., noted Radio France-Asie, Saigon, Indo-China, using 11.790 with news for Europe 1100, while the 9.755 outlet had news in French (formerly, this was reversed).

Present schedule of the Far East Network, AFRS, Tokyo, over a 10 kw. transmitter, is 0530-1000 and 1600-1800 on 6.160 and 1815-0515 on 11.750. (Cushen, N. Z.) JOZ2, 6.055, and JOZ, 3.925, Tokyo, commercial stations, have an "economic" report in English daily (except Sat., Sun. and market holidays) 0310-0320 which includes financial and market reports. (Balbi, Calif.) Noted with news in Japanese 0900 and closing around 0910. (Morgan, Calif.) A Dutch speaker heard by Cushen, N. Z., on 3.390 around 0500 is believed to be Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, on a new channel.

Budapest, Hungary, has English for North America 1930-2000, 2300-2330 on 11.910, 9.833, 7.220; English for Europe 1500-1530, 1700-1730 on 11.910, 7220; has special English session for Britain on Sun. only 0600-0630, repeated 1100-1130 on 9.833. (Pearce, England) Winterschedule of Radio Norway to North America is to East Coast 2000-2100, to West Coast 2300-2400 over 6.130, 7.210, 9.610; on Sun. extends program by 20 minutes for "Norway This Week" (English). (WRH)

Radio Pakistan, 11.723A, noted 2100 with BBC news relay. YDJ2, Indonesia, is closer 7.096 now than listed 7.100; heard 1017 with man in Indonesian language. DZH8, 15.300, Manila, noted 2250 at fair level with Asian program and music. New NHK, Tokyo, point-to-point relay noted on 6.190 with QRM to TGWB (Guatemala) at 2345; in clear after TGWB closes around 2400; excellent when returned 0120. BCOF, 6.105, Kure, Japan, noted fading in 0215 at poor level with talk in English. (Morgan, Calif.) The 6.190 NHK outlet closes down 0300. (Balbi, Calif.)

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Broadcast Recorder

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the lever farther to the left opens the head-closing mechanism wide to give full access to the heads and tape for marking or cutting and simultaneously brakes the motors to hold the reels. Actuation of the head-closing and pressure-roller mechanism is controlled by a die and cams solidly positioned on the control lever shaft by a D-shaped hole. The cams actuate the mechanism by means of grooved cam-follower rollers. The mechanism is simple, positive, and not subject to abnormal wear.

The tape spooling control lever of the coaxial system is interlocked to the tape drive control lever by a positive pivot action so that neither lever can be operated unless the other is in the "Stop" position. Moving the lever releases the brakes and varies the balance of torque in the spooling motors by means of a rheostat to give control of the rewind speed in either direction. This permits the user to rapidly shuttle the tape to locate any desired point on the reel preparatory to utilizing the "Cue" position of the tape drive control level.

The "Record" function is controlled by a rectangular push-button located in the lower head cover. This button is positively interlocked to prevent accidental erasure of the tape. It will not function in the "Run" position. The tape drive control lever must be in the "Stop" position and the "Record" button held down while the lever is moved to "Run." Returning the lever to the "Stop" position automatically releases the "Record" button and, since this must be done in order to place the recorder in "Cuc" or "Rewind" condition. this operation is virtually foolproof.

The design of the magnetic transducers used in this broadcast recorder was a direct outgrowth of the specialized requirements of the motion picturc industry's rigorous requirements for "CinemaScope" sound, a four-channel stereophonic system using magnetic sound tracks on both sides of the sprocket holes.

All of the electronic components of the broadcast recorder are mounted on a 514-inch by 19-inch relay rack panel, connected to the drive mechanism by multiple contact connectors. This amplifier panel contains the power supply. erase and bias supply amplifiers, the record amplifier, playback preamplifiers, and output amplifier. All lowlevel circuit filaments are filtered d.c.

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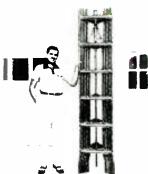
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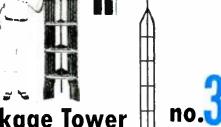
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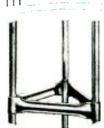
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The metering circuit is of the v.t.v.m. type, with a selective switch to measure bias current, record current, and output level. The bias reading has an adjustment by which the meter reading is set to 100 after the proper bias has been determined for any given type of tape. This makes it possible to check the bias supply easily without reference to an arbitrary value.

The output amplifier is fed through a fader control, taking its signal from either the input or tape playback preamplifier. This permits making A-B checks during a recording with no click to indicate switching surges. The output stage is a cathode follower. with a plug-in transformer provision for zero-level, 600-ohm balanced line operation.

From the foregoing details, it becomes obvious that this new broadcast recorder offers many advantages to the recording engineer and the serious audiophile. -30-

SHIELDED ADAPTER

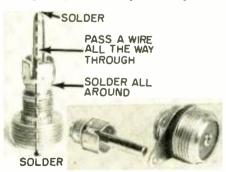
By ARTHUR TRAUFFER

WE occasionally run across amplifiers, preamplifiers, and other pieces of audio or test equipment, which use phono pin-jacks for the mike input connection. Since the conventional female mike connectors do not fit phono pin-jacks, some sort of adapter is needed to make a quick connection. The writer made a simple shielded adapter as follows:

As shown in photo at bottom, all you need is an Amphenol 75-PCIM (or equivalent) chassis unit, and a common phono pin-phig. Total cost about 25c. The assembly is shown in the photo

at the left. Remove the nut, washers, and lug, from the chassis unit. Insert the pin-plug in the hole in the chassis unit, as shown, and solder all around at the joint to make a scenre assembly. The two parts can be held in a vise or C-clamp while doing this soldering. Now pass a short length of bare copper wire (about 22 gauge) through the unit and solder at both ends, as usual. You now have a shielded adapter that will fit any female mike connector to any phono pinjack.

(Left) Method for assembling the shielded adapter. (Bottom) Components required.





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THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER of technical problems, affecting the national defense, to be solved, according to the Department of Commerce's National Inventor's Council.

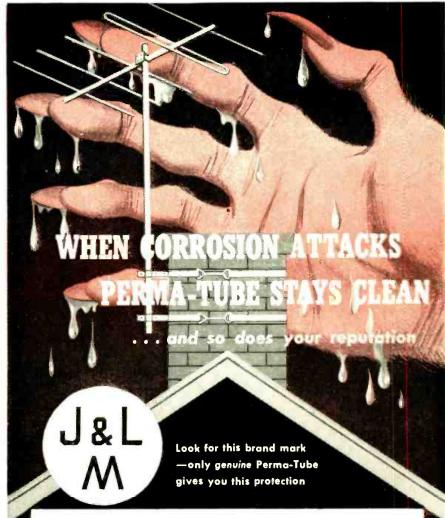
Specifically, it has been revealed, there are about 200 problems, and many of them obtain in the field of electronics. The government reports that some divisions of the military need a coaxial r.f. switch, miniature hermetically - sealed transistor cartridges, and a precision method for the growth of large single silicon crystals.

Because of the diminishing supply of natural quartz, the military has asked that synthetic quartz and all piezoelectric materials which offer a possibility as substitutes should be investigated. Materials now under study by the Signal Corps and a number of university and college labs include aluminum phosphate crystals, nepheline, tournaline, and various types of

water-soluble crystals.

Improved electronic telegraph printers are also urgently needed. Washington says. Existing approaches have been on the basis of producing an electronic printer having high speed, or up to 300 words-per-minute. However, it has been found that at these high keying speeds, the pulse lengths of the standard teletype code are so short that they have an inherent deleterious effect on high-frequency long-range radio operation. Some work has been done on schemes which seek to overcome this problem by using other types of transmission code. One type investigated employs multi-tone transmission of five audio frequencies. As with the standard teletype code, these five frequencies would afford thirtytwo possible "on" and "off," or "mark" and "space" combinations. However, they would be transmitted simultaneously, as a single tone, thereby permitting transmission at five times the speed of standard teletype signaling. using the same code pulse length. It is felt, though, that there would be a great disadvantage in going to another type of code, because inter-operation with existing equipment would not be possible. It would be more desirable to provide an electronic printer that would operate from standard tele-Definite consideration code. should be given, the council declares. to the provision of an electronic printer to replace the existing mechanical printer that will operate at a speed of 100 words-per-minute. It is believed that the design and development of such a device would result in a lightweight and simple printer.

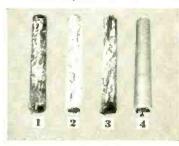
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Pointing out that the FCC needs no further evidence of the economic plight of u.h.f. stations, the code-picture operator said that none of the recommendations made for assisting ailing u.h.f. stations has the inherent potentialities for the u.h.f. broadcasters that subscription television service can af-

"We believe," the brief continued. "that a u.h.f. station will be able to derive sufficient additional revenue from 35 hours of subscription television service per week to enable it to build an audience, and thereby compete effectively with the established v.h.f. stations."

The three-year head-start in subscription TV proposed, it was said, would furnish to each u.h.f. operator an opportunity to improve substantially his economic situation. Instead of trying unsuccessfully to compete with the v.h.f.'s for the advertising dollar, Washington was told, the u.h.f. stations with subscription television will then be able to transmit selected programs of a type and quality not now available. And the sale of u.h.f. converters and adapters, now the bottleneck, the petition added, will thus receive a direct stimulus by the Commission's adoption of the modification proposed; for a large segment of the public will then be willing to add converters to their receivers, so as to obtain a supplementary service that does not now exist.

THE ARMY SIGNAL CORPS will procure approximately two-million tubes during the fiscal year of '55 for its own use, and about two and a quarter-million tubes for the Air Force. About 200 different types will be purchased for the Signal Corps and 130 types for the Air Force.

Some of the more popular types that the Signal Corps will use include 1AD4, 1N70, 1S5, 6AQ5, 1LH4, 1N21B, 2D21W, 6V6GTY, 6X4W, and 1R5. The latter is particularly important to the military; for the Signal Corps will need 297,000 and the Air Force over 400.000. Also high on the Air Force list is the 3Q4; they'll be using over 267,000 of this type. Another key tube on the Air Force spec list is the 6SL7WGT; over 75,000 will be bought.

THERE WERE 409 TV stations in operation, as this column was being prepared, according to official Commission records. Three stations, two in Louisiana and one in Sioux City, Iowa, all v.h.f. units, have gone on the air

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Dept. 101, 4312 Main Street Philadelphia 27, Pa. and boosted the number of commercial TV broadcasters.

ANOTHER MOVE to spark u.h.f. was made by the Commission, when they issued a ruling stating that telecasters could now own five v.h.f. and two u.h.f. stations. The proposal to increase ownership was made a year ago and the network owners agreed that the plan would serve to stimulate interest in the high channels.

Madame Commissioner Frieda Hennock dissented, asserting that additional ownership by multiple owners would not serve to solve the u.h.f. problem. In her opinion the revised rule sanctioned monopoly. She also felt that the numerical limitation did not take into account locations and markets of singly-owned operations.

Pending a firm decision on the high channels by the Senate investigating committee, a ruling on satellite or slave-station operation, and other complex hearing-room actions, few authorizations were being issued to new telecasters. At this writing, only the grants shown on this page were approved.

THE COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEER has played a stirring role in American industry and he will continue to blaze new trails that will benefit everyone. So viewed Merle E. Floegel of the Commission, during an address in Houston, Texas, before the IRE professional group on vehicular communications.

Describing the progress made in traffic control through mobile radio, the FCC spokesman said that one of the more recent developments has been in the regulation of auto traffic along the turnpikes; the high speed toll roads now springing up all over the land. He felt that the successful operation of these new wide-lane roads would not be possible without adequate communication.

Doctors and veterinarians, whose practices are in remote areas, the IRE audience was told, have also found

NEW TV GRANTS SINCE FREEZE LIFT

Continuing the listing of construction permits granted by FCC since lifting of freeze. Additional stations will be carried next month.

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*ERP=(effective radiated power, kw.) . . =Call letters to be announced

NEW TV STATIONS ON THE AIR

(As of November 25, 1954)

The following new stations bring the lists published in previous issues up to date.

STATE, CITY	STATION	CHANNEL	FREQUENCY RANGE (IN MC.)	WAV	VIDEO ELENGTH N FT.)	VIDEO POWER (IN KW.)
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Ft. Wayne	WINT	15	476	-482	2.06	20.5
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Wichita	KAKE-TV	10	192	2-198	5.08	316
North Carolina						
Chapel Hill	WUNC-TV	4	66	3-72	14.61	100
Tennessee						
Jackson	WDXI-TV	7	174	-180	5.61	56.2
Wisconsin						
Milwaukee	WTVW	12	204	-210	4.79	251
Wausau	WSAU-TV	7	174	-180	5.61	89.8
Canada						
Calgary,						
Alberta	CHCT-TV	2	54	-60	17.8	100
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Sask.	CFOC-TV	8	180	-186	5.43	100
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The frequency of the video carrier =1.25+ channel lower freq. limit. Total number of TV stations now on the air in U.S.: 410 (122 of which are u. h. f.) †Educational.

that radio-communication systems are extremely beneficial not only in serving humans, but livestock on the farms throughout the country.

Motion picture companies have also found radio communication almost indispensable to their operations, the FCC expert continued. When shooting out-of-door scenes, radio contact has been found to play an important part in coordinating action of widely separated groups, serving to time appearance before the eamera with split-second precision.

The FCC report also disclosed that radio equipment is now installed on vehicles used in conjunction with the maintenance of buildings and grounds of large universities, in orchards and cemeteries, on ranches, golf eourses, and hunting clubs; and it will also be found installed on lift trucks used for material handling in warehouses, factories, and refineries. Even some of the drive-in restaurants have begun to use two-way for relaying orders from the ear hops to the kitchen.

One of the most novel applications has been in the advertising field for skywriting, it was revealed. It's no longer necessary for a skywriter in a single plane to trace his message slowly in the sky. Instead, seven planes, flying at uniform speed, in straight-line formation, one alongside the other, can release puffs of dense white smoke at proper intervals and form a stream of block letters, or a single letter. This is done by controlling the valves in the smoke chambers by coded signals, which are transmitted by radio from a command plane, usually the center one of the seven. A separate signal automatically controls the valve in each plane.

In his opinion, the FCC expert said the most important role of the communications engineer is that of designing a system that will assist in coordinating the activities of an organization and thereby reducing non-productive time to a minimum. Certainly it is evident, he stressed, the book shows that American engineers have met his challenge and rung up an enviable record of achievement in radio-communications industrial history. . . . L.W.



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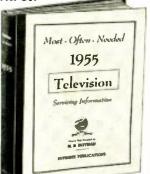


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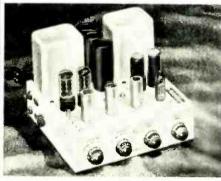
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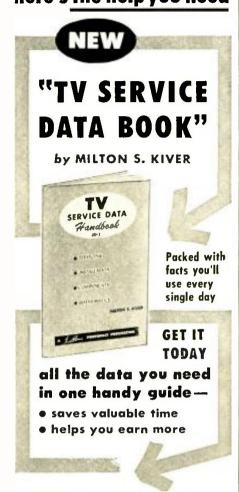
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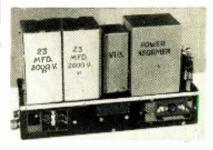
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AS THE year draws to a close it is both interesting and educational to look back and review what happened in the electronics industry during 1954 and appraise the immediate and possible future effects of the year's developments on the fortunes of independent electronic service as a business.

Color Television

The Federal Communications Commission's Christmas gift to the public last year was the acceptance of industry-developed standards for a system of compatible color television. The industry-wide National Television System Committee (NTSC) accomplished a truly remarkable achievement in developing and proving out the basic standards for this color television system in the comparatively short period of time it required to accomplish its objectives,

At the outset, there were many optimistic reports about the number of color television receivers that could be produced during the first year of the life of compatible color TV. Some early estimates freely predicted the production of more than a quarter of a million color television sets by the end of 1954.

A number of manufacturers produced fifteen-inch sets to test consumer reaction to quality of color and to price. While there was a tremendous interest in the new medium and an enthusiastic response to the quality of color reproduction, the small screen sets failed to attract many purchasers. About mid-year, the nineteen-inch color television receiver became a practical reality with a twenty-one inch set in the offing. Now, at year's end, it looks as if 1955 will see the industry's aggressively competitive manufacturers well on their way to making the general public color TV conscious and hungry for sets.

During the developmental stages of an entirely new product it is difficult to forecast the pattern that will eventually be created to handle the work of its installation, maintenance, and service. However, just as monochrome television created entirely new servicing facilities and techniques over that required for radio, so will color television change the service picture to adequately take care of its more complex needs.

The first requirement for color television servicing is the need for a vast army of trained technicians. Electronic and production engineers have proven time and time again that once the basic technology for a commercial product has been determined from practical experience all production barriers are quickly surmounted. Because of this factor, it would be quite possible for the production of color television receivers to outstrip the available, trained technical manpower to handle the installation and servicing.

This situation points up the tremendous educational job that faces the entire television industry and one that is of particular importance to the independent service industry.

Fortunately, the industry as a whole and individual manufacturers and technical book publishers have been making a wealth of technical training material available to the independent service industry.

Every operator of an independent service business should assume some personal responsibility in the programs to train color television technicians in his own area or locality. Service businessmen should take an active part in the formation of all-industry committees in their communities to work with educational authorities to make the RETMA-sponsored technician upgrading programs available in their local trade schools.

For some time to come set manufacturers will have to stay in close touch with their receivers in the hands of purchasers. The best qualified estimates about the amount of service that will be required on the average color set is ten calls per year. It is also estimated that the average time required on each service call will be two hours. The warranty contracts now in force seem to be priced on the basis of these estimates.

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Good service association could speed the time when color TV service will be shifted to the independents by working closely with distributors and their color television servicing organizations.

Association Developments

Perhaps the most outstanding development in independent service during the year was the rapidly-widening interest in association activities and the formation of new service associations in practically every section of the country. This interest in cooperation clearly reflects the growing concern among established service businesses over the future of independent service in the fast-growing industry and the desire to stabilize the business of servicing on a higher plane of business ethics and technical proficiency.

Studies of the memberships of new service associations indicate that a stable service industry has been created in the cauldron of competition. The members of this industry have come to realize that the basic problems of service business stability can only be accomplished through the close cooperation of ethical competitors. There is also a recognition that technical competence alone is not sufficient for the successful operation of a service business. The growing interest in management factors reflected everywhere in the development of service selling programs of various types and in the elements of service business management presages a new and potent force at work in the activity of electronic servicing.

Another event of interest during the year was the formation of another regional association to bring together practically all of the individual associations of various types in its area to formulate programs that embrace all of the elements of electronic servicing. The Eastern Television Service Conference, Inc., comprising 37 service associations located in states along the Atlantic seaboard, completed its organizational pattern and held its first full-fledged series of meetings in Philadelphia early in the year.

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By means of their dynamic house organ, the "TSA News," the Television Service Association of Michigan has succeeded in crystalizing the thinking of legitimate service businessmen in all parts of the state about the dire need for and effectiveness of cooperation through association. The Detroit TSA, nationally known for its successful efforts in combatting unethical service practices with full cooperation of their Better Business Bureau and local law enforcement agencies, continued to set the pace for tangible results from cooperative effort. The Greater Detroit Electronics Parts Show, a cooperative venture sponsored by twelve independent parts jobbers in Detroit and Pontiac, represented the first project of its kind in the area held exclusively for dealers and service technicians.

The annual clinic and fair sponsored by the Texas Electronic Associations brought hundreds of service businessmen to Dallas from all parts of Texas and from adjoining States. The attendance far exceeded that recorded at the first state-wide affair held in Forth Worth in 1953.

Delegates from member associations made tentative plans to expand the activities of the state association to interest service business operators in communities where local associations are impractical.

The annual NATESA convention, held in Chicago late in September, brought delegates from member associations in all parts of the country and interested observers from many nonaffiliated associations. Included among the observers was a service operator from Caracas, Venezuela, whose efforts may result in the broadening of NATESA to become an international

The primary purpose of the annual NATESA convention is to permit committees to complete the final details of their assignments before presentation to the membership for approval and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

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Service Association Objectives

A study of the published objectives of service associations released during the year reveals an interesting concordance in what is badly needed to stabilize servicing and to make it a worthwhile venture as a business enterprise. The following list represents a cross-section of the needs of the industry that were specified in all association programs during the year.

Public Relations-The set owning public is still inclined to look upon television receivers as comparatively simple devices that are easy to repair. Also, there is a marked tendency to put up with degraded pictures rather than to spend money on maintenance.

Service operators are universally of the opinion that a strong public relations program in the interests of competent electronic service is a responsibility of the over-all industry. They feel that the set manufacturers have over-simplified television in their advertising and thus are primarily responsible for the general set-owner attitude about service and the qualifications for handling it efficiently. They are of the opinion, too, that component manufacturers and parts distributors have a sufficient stake in the profitable sale of service that they should assume some of the responsibility for the badly needed public relations programs.

It is widely felt that television broadcast stations should, for the protection of their own investments, carry out regular educational programs to setowners about picture quality. Television set-owners are the broadcast station's customers. The quality of the pictures cannot be any better than the reproduction that appears on the viewer's screen. Surveys have shown that almost half of the owners of television sets are now watching degraded pictures on their screens because they do not realize the sets need adjustment or service.

Since there is no indication that television will replace radio as the major medium for information, the degree of its long-range success will depend upon its ability to attract and hold audiences as the major vehicle for entertainment. For this reason service people feel that continuing programs about picture fidelity should be a must with every television broadcasting station.

Elimination of Bait Advertising-Service associations are inclined to essume the responsibility for fighting the use of bait advertising and its associated evils in their communities. Wherever effective associations have been formed and they have gone on record with a code of ethics to which members must adhere, the local Better Business Bureau has been highly cooperative in helping to weed out unethical service companies.

Technician Identification—For many

years associations have been striving to find some plan which would provide for recognition of the competent electronic technician and make it tough for the pseudo-serviceman to mess up the industry through his fumbling activities. This need for some system of technician identification has led many service people to advocate the licensing of electronic technicians on either a local or state-wide basis.

While most service business operators have realized the need for a practical and effective system of identification, the majority have feared that the evils of political control through any form of licensing would far outweigh any advantages that it might gain. The result is that plans are now underway both on local and national levels for the service industry itself to establish an identification plan that through widespread publicity would provide all of the advantages of licensing without the dangers inherent in political control.

Consumer Sales—There probably is not one service association in the country that did not go on record this year against the indiscriminate sale of replacement products to consumers. It is claimed by many service operators that consumer knowledge of dealer costs of replacement tubes and parts poses one of their biggest problems in maintaining good customer relations and one that is tough to handle.

Many parts distributors have recognized the growing need for concentrated selling of replacement products to bonafide service technicians and service businesses only. These distributors have instituted systems of customer identification to eliminate overthe-counter sales to consumers. Where such systems have been installed the distributors report an enthusiastic response from their technician-service customers.

Technician Training—Service association members fear that unless some cooperative plan is developed for training technicians in the practical phases of color television circuitry as it is employed in production-line receiver models. a bad state of confusion will develop. They point out that during the early days of monochrome TV, lack of coordination in the scheduling of technical lectures by the various manufacturers brought about a situation where as many as three different meetings were scheduled in the same town on the same night.

Many associations now plan to offer set and equipment manufacturers a lecture coordination service in their areas to minimize the possibility of confusion and lack of attendance due to multiple meetings.

As the year draws to a close it appears as if the service industry will go into the new year in common agreement on all major objectives. There are strong indications that national unity will be achieved in the very near future which will permit the independent service industry to present a solid front in fulfilling its programs.



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In addition, the new unit checks filaments of picture tubes, fuses, appliances, motors, electric circuits by means of the test leads provided. It operates on 110 volts a.c. or d.c. Builtin resistors prevent danger of shock or burning out of the items under test.

The instrument comes complete with test leads and an instruction sheet.

ROTARY RELAY

Automatic Electric Sales Corporation. 1033 W. Van Buren St., Chicago 7, Ill. has developed a single can-type rotary relay which is said to be capable of replacing whole banks of relays. or combinations of relays and stepping switches.

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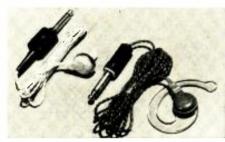
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REPLACEMENT FLYBACKS

Five new correct replacement flyback transformers have been added to the TV replacement line offered by *Triad Transformer Corporation*, 4055 Redwood Ave., Venice, California.

All of the new units are ruggedized versions of original equipment and are electrically and mechanically interchangeable with the manufacturer's original equipment. Three of the new units are designed for use in *Admiral* receivers while the other two are for *Emerson* receivers.

A copy of the company's TV replacement guide, TV-54, contains model numbers and chassis for which the new transformers are suitable and is available on request.

RENEWAL PICTURE TUBES

The Tube Division of Radio Corporation of America. Harrison, N. J. is now marketing two 70-degree TV picture tubes, 14" and 21" types, for replacement service applications.

The RCA-14HP is a 14" reetangular glass tube with a screen size of 11%" by 8½". It has low-voltage electrostatic focus and magnetic deflection. It has a diagonal deflection angle of 70 degrees, a maximum high-voltage rating of 14.000 volts, design-center value. It features a spherical "Filterglass" facculate.

The RCA-21YP4-A is an aluminized 21" rectangular version with a screen size $19\frac{1}{8}$ " by $14\frac{3}{16}$ " and a spherical "Filterglass" faceplate. Its other specifications are the same as the 14" ver-



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certain that such wiring will become popular in TV receivers. From the service technician's viewpoint, printed wiring techniques are not a particular time saver, nor are repairs greatly facilitated. It is necessary to stock special new parts such as tube sockets, potentiometers, capacitors, etc., made expressly for printed wiring. Locating defects in printed assemblies is not much different from conventional methods except that a more uniform layout is usually used. The major drawback in servicing printed wiring lies in the repair or replacement work for any parts which are mounted on the printed wiring strip. Great care and usually a more time consuming procedure is required to make such repairs without incurring new damage. Although some of the manufacturers feature complete printed assemblies as replacement for defective sections, conventional parts replacement and substitution for suspected components are possible and often economical. -30-

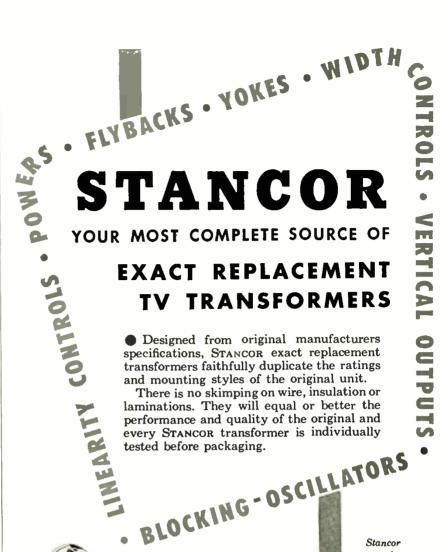
Bandswitching Transmitter

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tuning capacitor. Another shield surrounds the 6146 wiring to isolate it from the oscillator. This shield also supports the low voltage input filter capacitor. Another shield runs between the speech amplifier and the 807's, and also supports the driver transformer.

The bias supply components are attached to the rear chassis lip, as is the filament transformer for the 5R4GY's.

Some information is in order concerning the filament wiring. The low voltage power transformer, T_{ij} , has a filament winding (X-X) which is used to supply the final and modulator tubes V_{3} , V_{4} , V_{11} , and V_{12} as well as furnish 6.3 volts to the back-connected filament transformer used in the bias pack. An additional filament transformer, T_2 , is used to feed the exciter and speech amplifier tubes. Although not indicated on the schematic in the interests of clarity, each side of the filament wiring is bypassed to ground through .005 µfd. ceramic capacitors, connected at each tube socket. The relay control leads are similarly by-passed by $C_{\pi 2}$ and $C_{\pi 3}$ where they leave the chassis. Shielded cable is used for the key and a.c. leads. A bottom plate, preferably made of perforated



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The transmitter was housed in a cabinet originally belonging to an SX-42 receiver, which, with its perforated metal access cover, makes a very neat appearance, and an absolute minimum of TVI. Since the photographs were made, decals have been added to conveniently identify the controls, and add somewhat to the professional appearance of the transmitter.

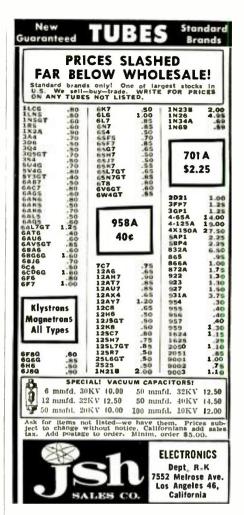
Coaxial cable should be used to feed to the antenna, and a good ground should be made to the chassis of the rig.

Operation

A few initial checks should be made before operating the rig, to make sure that everything is functioning properly. The low voltage power supply should be checked for approximately 300 volts output, and the bias voltages set to the previously specified values. The operating bias on the 6146's will be about 85 volts when the proper six ma. of grid current flows, with 75 volts of this bias being obtained from the bias supply. Without turning on the high voltage, the exciter should be tuned up using crystal and c.w. operating settings. Only 2 or 3 ma. are obtained at the multiplier grid. The oscillator plate current should never be allowed to exceed 50 ma., but in this unit the current normally only rises to about 40 ma, when the excitation is removed. The multiplier, of course, is cut off, and the final will standby at approximately 50 ma. Should the plate currents at any time be found to be excessive, the tube should be checked for traces of gas. A few ohms added in the oscillator cathode will serve to hold the tube down, should it be necessarv.

The multiplier plate runs from 10 to 30 ma. under normal operating conditions, depending upon the screen excitation control setting. Once the final grid is set up to draw 6 ma., the screen voltage can be set at the reduced voltage condition by means of the tune-up switch, plate voltage applied to the final and its operation checked, under load. The plate voltage will be about 650 volts, and the screen voltage when at full power will run around 150 volts. Incidentally, a 100 watt bulb makes a good dummy load for testing, and its brilliance will be an indication of the r.f. output. The rig should be checked on all bands, and given a test run to check for any indications of overheating, and may then be put into operation. A final cathode current of about 230 ma. has been found to be a satisfactory operating value.

Operation and adjustment is primarily a matter of becoming familiar with the various controls and their functions. The setup of the pi-network is conventional. A data sheet #710, available from the E. F. Johnson Company, covers the proper settings and gives other design information. It should





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be pointed out that, in this particular construction, it was found advisable to omit the .6 microhenry coil sometimes added in series with the variable inductor, in order to obtain somewhat better C/L ratios, particularly at 28

The rig should be tuned in the c.w. position, and then switched over to AM making sure that the high voltage is off while switching to avoid arcing. In the phone position, the exciter cathode is open until the high voltage switch is closed, which allows a single switch to control the transmitter for send-receive conditions.

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Operation is a pleasure, and considerable comment has been made as to the fine quality of the signal on the air. Anyone interested in duplicating the transmitter will be well pleased with the finished unit, besides enjoying the satisfaction of a commercial appearing rig which has been "home made.'

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sound. The self-contained tweeter in the 12TRX is now employed.

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NATESA ELECTS

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ALBERT A. PULLEY, manager, general recording, RCA Victor Records Divi-

sion, Radio Corporation of America, has been elected president of the Audio Engineering Society, succeeding Jerry B. Minter, president of Components Corp. of Denville, N. J.



The new president has been with RCA and its predecessor company since 1920 when he joined the test department of General Electric Company. He was transferred to the radio department, working first on radio transmitters and then on the G-E disc recording system. When RCA assumed these interests in 1930, Mr. Pulley shifted to Camden, N. J.

Col. Richard H. Ranger, president of Rangertone. Inc., was elected executive vice-president of the society. William J. Mahoney, Jr. of Arthur-Sumpson Enterprises, Inc. of Cincinnati was named central vice-president and Richard F. Hastings of Ealy & Hustings, North Hollywood, Cal. was chosen western vice-president.

C. J. LeBel, founder and first president of the society was re-clected secretary for his fourth consecutive term. Ralph A. Schlegel was also renamed treasurer.

OLSON RADIO WAREHOUSE, INC. with headquarters in Akron, Ohio, has opened a new store at 5918 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Leonard D. Berringer has been named manager of the new facility . . . DELCO RADIO DIVISION of Kokomo, Indiana has established a Semi-Conductor Division in conjunction with its Radio Engineering Department. Dr. E. George Roka is in charge of the new department . . . The formation of a Vernistat Division has been announced by THE PERKIN-ELMER CORPORATION of Norwalk, Conn. The new division will manufacture a new type of precision variableratio transformer . . . VIDAIRE ELEC-TRONICS MFG. CO. has been incorporated and will henceforth be known as the VIDAIRE ELECTRONICS MFG. CORP. There are no changes in personnel nor management . . . GENERAL CERAMICS CORPORATION of Keasbey, N.J. has acquired ADVANCED VACUUM PRODUCTS. INCORPORATED of Stamford, Conn. which will be operated as a whollyowned subsidiary . . . Technical writing service for manufacturers of electronic equipment is being offered by a newly formed firm known as SANDS ASSOCIATES with headquarters at 533 E. Micheltorena St., Santa Barbara, California. The new firm is headed by Leo G. Sands who has been associated with such firms as RCA, Philco, Bogue, Bendix and Langevin . . . FEDERAL PACIFIC ELECTRIC COMPANY of Newark, N.J. has acquired the transformer firm of GARDNER ELECTRIC MANUFAC-TURING COMPANY of San Francisco.

JACK E. WILLSON has been appointed audio products manager for National Company, Inc. of

Malden, Mass. A recipient of a Navy Technical Development Award for his development of bomb release equipment, Mr. Willson comes to his new post from the



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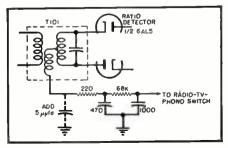
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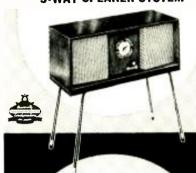
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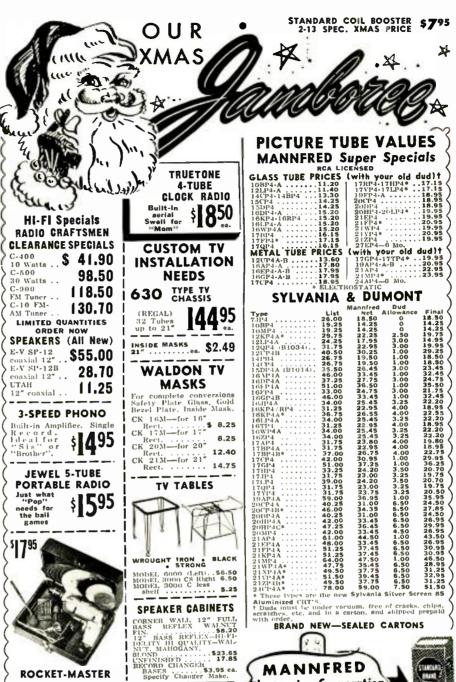
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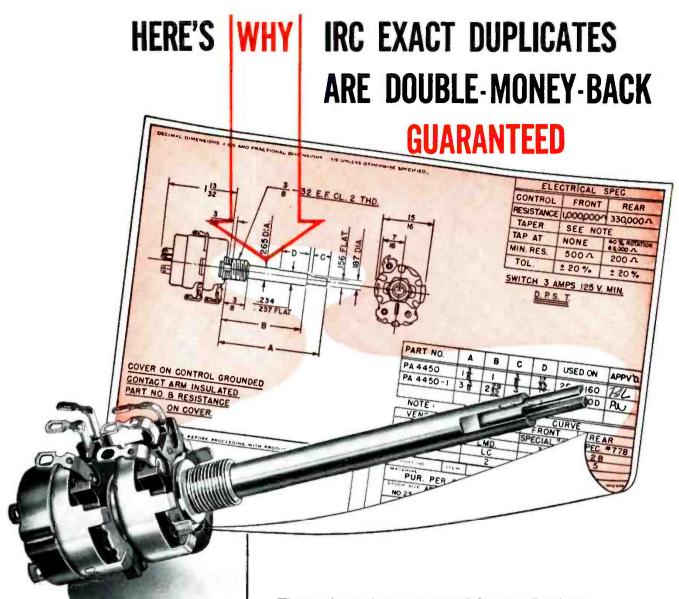
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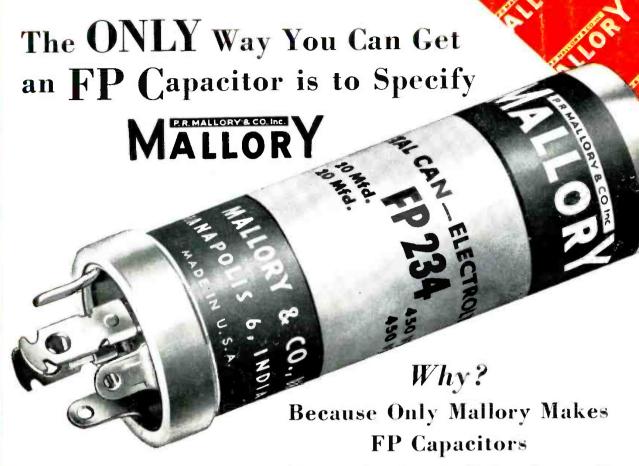
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