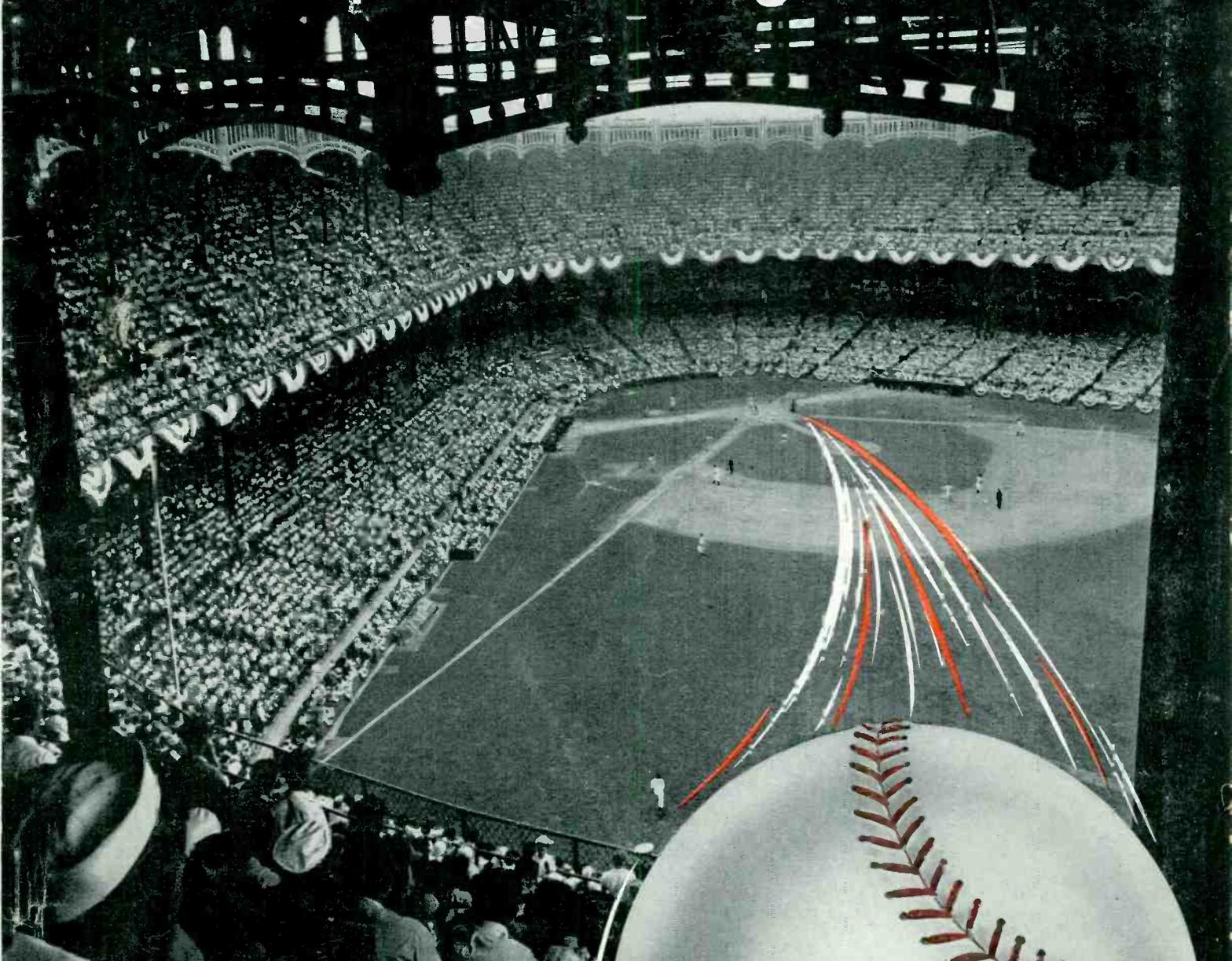


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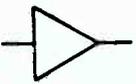
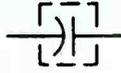
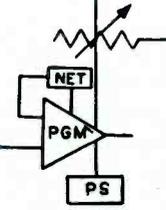
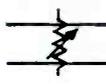
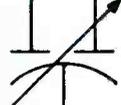
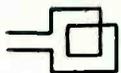
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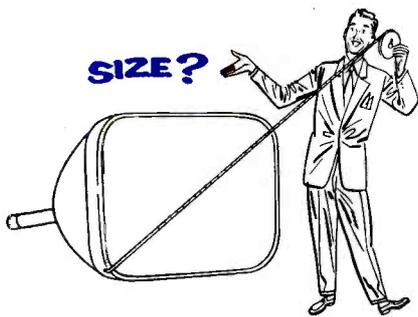
Graphical representation of electronic and related components provides an efficient shortcut in conveying technical information. To establish a universal meaning for each of these symbols, a set of standards have been developed jointly by the Institute of Radio Engineers (54IRE21S1) and the American Standards Association (Y32.2—1954). Presented here are more than 175 symbols selected from the 67 major categories included in the IRE-ASA standards. These symbols represent those most frequently used in the electronic industries, and may be considered the building blocks of the complete set of standards.

| AMPLIFIERS | | ARRESTORS, Gap | | CAPACITORS | |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|
|  General: Triangle points in direction of transmission | | For Lightning or Electric Surges | | Curved Electrode represents: Outside Electrode and/or Negative Electrode and/or Moving Element in Variables and/or Low-potential in Feed-thrus | |
| | |  General |  Carbon Block |  Shielded capacitor |  Variable capacitor |
| | |  Horn Gap |  Protective Gap | | |
|  Program Amplifier with Associated Variable Attenuator, Feed Back Path, and Power Supply | |  Sphere Gap |  Multigap | | |
| | | ATTENUATORS | |  Split stator Capacitor Both parts increase simultaneously | |
| | |  Balanced, General |  Unbalanced, General |  Variable differential capacitor | |
| ANTENNAS | | BATTERIES | | CELLS, Photosensitive | |
| Types or Functions may be indicated by words or abbreviations adjacent to the symbol | | Long line always positive; polarity may be indicated in addition | | λ indicates Element Varies with Light | |
|  General |  Dipole |  dc source, General |  Multicell |  Asymmetrical Photo Conductive Transducer |  Symmetrical Photo Conductive Transducer |
| | | | |  Photovoltaic Transducer | |
| | | CHASSIS | | | |
|  Loop |  Counterpoise |  Multicell with 3 taps |  Multicell with adjustable tap |  Chassis Frame not necessarily at ground potential | |



What are your
**Aluminized
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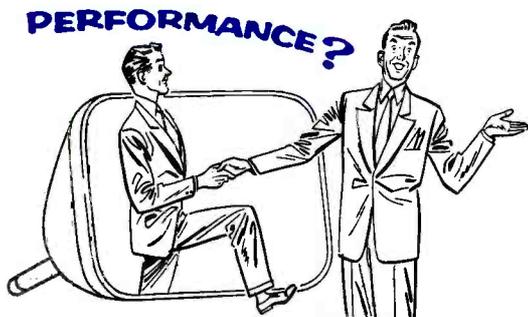
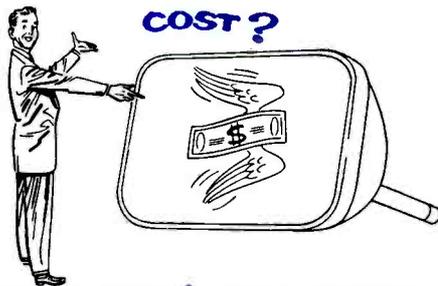
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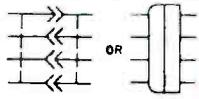
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CONNECTORS

Symbol not an arrowhead, but larger lines at 90°



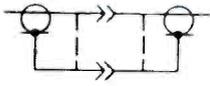
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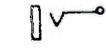
Engaged 4-conductor connectors. Plug has 1 male & 3 female contacts



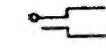
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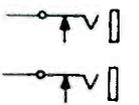
Engaged coaxial connectors. Outside conductor carried through



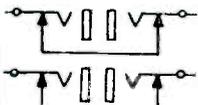
Two Conductor Jack



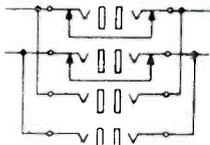
Two Conductor Plug



Jacks with circuit normalled through one way



Jacks with circuit normalled through both ways



Jacks in Multiple, one set with circuit normalled through both ways

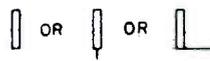


2, 3, 4 Conductor Polarized Plugs, female contacts

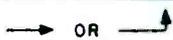
CONTACTS, Electric



Fixed Contact



Sleeve



Adjustable or sliding contact for resistor, inductor, etc.



Segment: bridging contact

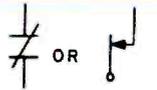


Vibrator Reed

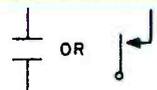


Rotating Contact and brush

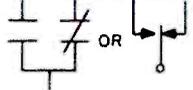
CONTACTS, Electric (Continued)



Closed Contact (break)



Open Contact (make)



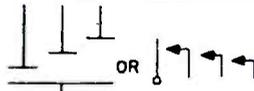
Transfer



Make-before-break



Open Contact w/time delay closing feature



Time Sequential Closing

CORE

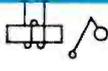


Magnetic Core of Inductor or Transformer

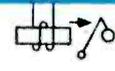


Magnetic Core of Magnet or Relay

COUNTER, Electromagnetic Operated



General



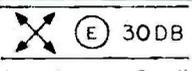
With Moke Contact

COUPLER, Directional

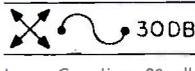
Arrow Indicates Direction of Power Flow. Number of Coupling Paths, Type of Coupling, and Transmission Loss May Be Indicated



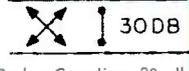
General



E-plane Aperture Coupling 30 db Transmission Loss



Loop Coupling 30 db Transmission Loss



Probe Coupling 30 db Transmission Loss

COUPLING

E, H or HE inside circle indicates type of coupling. E indicates plane at aperture is perpendicular to transverse component of major E lines. In H the plane is parallel. HE indicates coupling by all other kinds of apertures. Transmission loss may be indicated.



E-plane Coupling By Aperture to Space



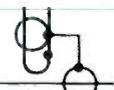
E-plane Coupling 3 ends of Transmission Path Available



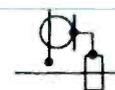
Coupling by Loop to Space



Coupling by Probe to Space

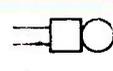


Coupling by Loop from Coaxial to Circular Waveguide with DC Grounds Connected



Coupling by Probe from Coaxial to Rectangular Waveguide with DC Grounds Connected

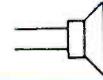
DEVICES, Audible Signal



Bell, general telephone ringer

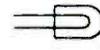


Buzzer



Horn, Howler, Loudspeaker, Siren

DEVICES, Visual Signal



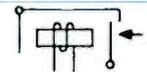
Switchboard Type Lamp



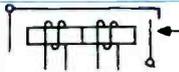
Annunciator, general



Annunciator, Drop or Signal, Shutter or Grid Type



Manually Restored Drop



Electrically Restored Drop

DISCONTINUITY



General



Capacitive Reactance



Inductive Reactance



L and C with Infinite Reactance at Resonance

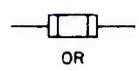


L and C with Zero Reactance at Resonance

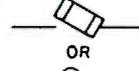


Equivalent Shunt Element General

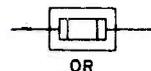
FUSES



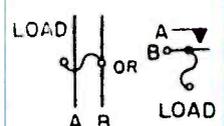
Fusible element



High Voltage Primary Fuse Contact, Dry



High Voltage Primary Fuse Contact, Oil



With Alarm Contact (When fuse blows alarm bus B is connected to power bus A. Letters for explanation only)

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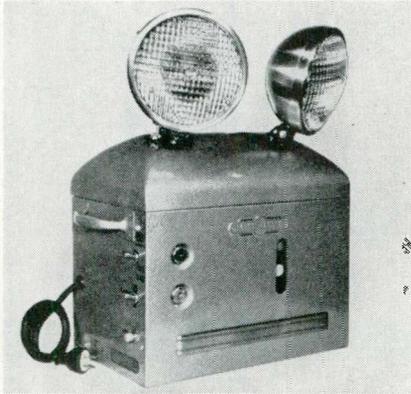


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New Test Instruments, Shop Equipment and Service Items

Carpenter EMERGENCY LIGHT

Automatic stand-by light model 116 provides instant light when fuses blow or power fails. Unit conforms to requirements of the Na-



tional Fire Code and is UL-approved. The glass jar battery can deliver 91% of rated capacity after 30 minutes of actual use. Features include external switches for testing; switches to control the battery charger, and to disconnect lamp-heads for servicing; red pilot light to indicate when battery is on high charge; an amber light to indicate readiness for service; visible disc-float hydrometer. Carpenter Mfg. Co., Boston 45, Somerville, Mass.—TECHNICIAN

Hickok VTVM

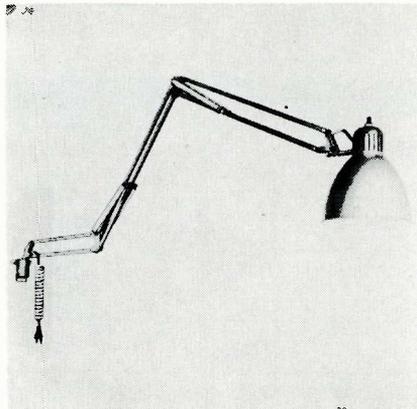
Hickok Model 225 offers many features to improve the speed of servicing. Long scales minimize reading errors. Built-in audio tone speeds up checks for continuity. Peak-to-peak scales are included for measurement of complex waveforms. Zero-center scale. Single-unit probe provides both a-c and d-c measurements through use of a slide switch. DC voltmeter section provides 7 ranges to 1200 v. Input resistance: 10 megohms with dual-probe. Ohmmeter has 7 ranges going from x1 to x1 meg. Readability: 0.2 ohms to 1,000 megohms. AC voltmeter section has 7 ranges and reads ac rms voltages to 1200 v, peak-to-peak voltages to 3200 v. Flat from 40 cps to 3.5 mc. Price, \$89.50. Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10523 Dupont Avenue, Cleveland 8, Ohio—TECHNICIAN

Dutch COLOR VINYL TAPE

These plastic tapes, intended for electrical use, are available in 8 colors, have excellent adhesive qualities. They have a high resistance to destructive elements such as oil, acids and corrosive chemicals. The colors are red, yellow, green, blue, gold, silver, black and white. Available in four widths, $\frac{3}{8}$ ", $\frac{1}{2}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 1". Dielectric strength, 1000 v per mil. Van Cleef Bros., Inc., 7800 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Luxo ADJUSTABLE LAMPS

Four models of adjustable extension-arm lamps, useful in service work, are available with a choice of six wall, floor, bench-clamp and



other mounting bases. Lamp illustrated is model L-3, with triple-extension arm, 5-ft. radius and wall-mounting bracket. Other dual-extension types range down in size to 30-in. radius. Luxo Lamp Corp., 102 Columbus Ave., Tuckahoe, N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

Planet ELECTROLYTICS

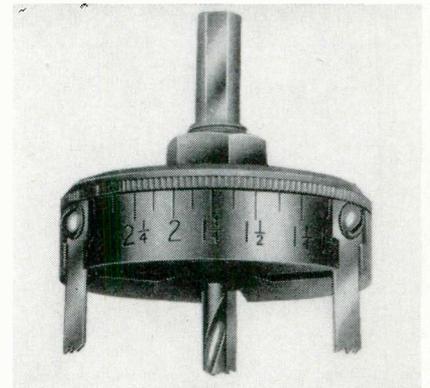
Type IL Lyticap capacitors are dry electrolytics, hermetically sealed in aluminum tubes, equipped with flexible insulated leads. Riveting leads directly to the condenser has eliminated the use of rigid terminal risers, allowing type IL capacitors to fit into a smaller space and reducing risk of lead breakage. Available in single and dual section units. Planet Mfg. Corp., 225 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield, New Jersey—TECHNICIAN

Sylvania OSCILLOSCOPE

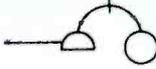
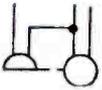
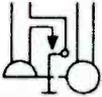
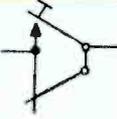
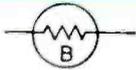
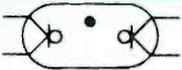
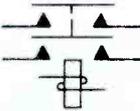
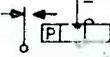
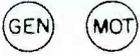
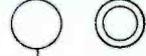
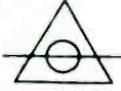
New 7-in. oscilloscope, model 404, is a high-gain, wide-band instrument. Vertical sensitivity is 10 millivolts per inch and vertical response is flat from 10 cycles to 2 mc, useful to 4 mc. The instrument is said to have excellent tilt, rise-time, and overshoot characteristics. Features: four - position frequency - compensated step attenuator; low impedance smooth attenuator; low internal hum level; input impedance of 5.0 megohms and 26 mmfd, for negligible circuit loading; phasing control; internal 60-cycle sine-wave sweep; vertical and horizontal polarity-reversing switches. The 404 is supplied with a 7VP1A (green trace) tube or it can use a standard 7-in. TV picture tube, type 7JP4 (white trace). Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., 1221 W. 3rd St., Williamsport, Penna.—TECHNICIAN

R & R ADJUSTABLE HOLE-SAW

The "Dial-Saw" may be used to drill any size hole from $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. to $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter in metal, wood, plastic and other materials. Three high-speed cutting blades are simultaneously adjusted by rotation of a calibrated dial. The device also makes circular discs, washers, gaskets, bosses and plugs, and may be used as a rotary planer or grooving tool. Intended for use with electric



or manual hand drills, drill presses, lathes and milling machines. Priced at \$12.95; replacement cutting blades, \$1.00 for set of 3 blades. Robertson and Ruth, Box 534, Elmhurst, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

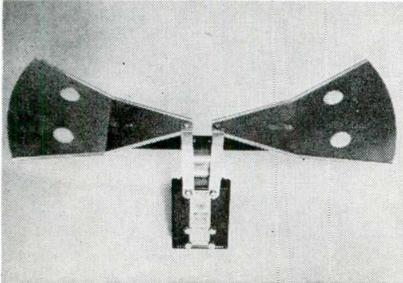
| HANDSET | METERS | MICROPHONE |
|--|---|--|
|  General |  With push-to-talk switch |  |
|  3 conductor handset |  4 conductor handset with push-to-talk switch | RELAYS |
| KEY, Telegraph | | |
|  Simple |  Simple with shorting switch |  Relay, basic |
|  Open circuit or pole changing | |  Relay coil |
| LAMP | | |
|  Ballast Lamp, Tube |  4 terminal fluorescent lamp |  2-pole, double make |
|  2 terminal fluorescent lamp |  Incandescent illuminating lamp |  Polarized Relay with Transfer Contact |
| MACHINE, Rotating | | |
|  General, Generator and Motor |  Rotating Armature with Commutator and Brushes or Slip Rings |  Relay Protective Function Balance, General |
|  Compensating, or Commutating, Series and Shunt Fields | |  Relay Protective Function under, General |
|  Generator or Motor dc, Permanent Magnetic Field |  DC compound Motor with Commutating or Compensating Field Winding |  Relay Protective Functional Differential, General |
|  1 Phase Hysteresis Motor |  Reluctance Motor | RESISTORS |
|  Synchronous Motor with Neutral brought out | |  General |
| MAGNET, Permanent | | |
|  | | RESONATORS |
| <p style="text-align: center;">(A)</p> <p>A letter or letter combination from the following list shall be placed within the circle to indicate the function of the meter or instrument unless some other identification is provided in the circle and explained on the diagram.</p> <p>A Ammeter AH Ampere-hour meter CMA Contact-making (or breaking) ammeter CMC Contact-making (or breaking) clock CMV Contact-making (or breaking) voltmeter CRO Oscilloscope or cathode-ray oscillograph D Demand meter DB DB (decibel) meter DBM DBM (decibels referred to 1 milliwatt) meter DTR Demand-totalizing relay F Frequency meter G Galvanometer GD Ground detector I Indicating M Integrating μA or UA Microammeter MA Milliammeter N Noise meter OHM Ohmmeter OP Oil pressure OSCG Oscillograph, string PH Phase meter PI Position indicator PF Power-factor meter RD Recording demand meter REC Recording RF Reactive-factor meter S Synchroscope TLM Telemeter T Temperature meter TT Total time VH Varhour meter V Voltmeter VA Volt-ammeter VAR Varmeter VI Volume indicator VU Standard volume indicator W Wattmeter WH Watthour meter</p> | SHIELDING | |
| | SHIFTER, Phase | |
| |  General | |

Products for Sales & Service

Antennas, Audio Equipment, Parts and Components

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Halldorson FLYBACKS

Flybacks FB414 and FB415 are described as being specific replacements for well over 100 Emerson models and chassis. Halldorson Transformer Co., 4500 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

ITI SOUND LEVEL METER

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Vidaire VOLTAGE BOOSTER

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Littlefuse FUSE MOUNTS

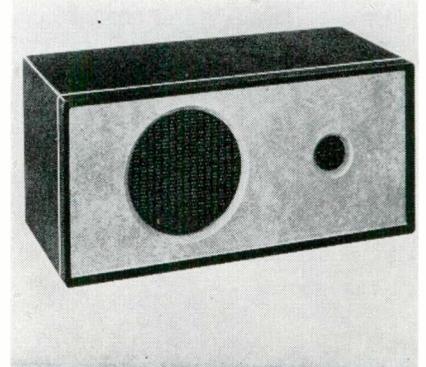
Design of this TV snap-on fuse mounting provides substantial cut-outs on each side of the holder, facilitating quick fuse replacement. One side can be readily snapped on to a blown pigtail-type fuse; the regular replacement fuse is inserted on the other. Use of the mounting eliminates need for cutting the pigtail fuse out of the circuit and sol-



dering in a replacement, with the threat of damage from a hot iron. Part no. 350130. Littlefuse, Inc., 1865 Miner St., Des Plaines, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Kingdom SPEAKER SYSTEM

The Audette uses a Lorenz LP-215 Woofer and LP-65 Tweeter, and is housed in a simulated leather



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SUPPRESSION, Mode



Commonly Used in Coax and Waveguide

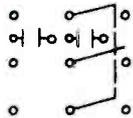
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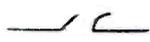
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2-pole double-throw switch showing terminals



3-pole double-throw knife switch with auxiliary contacts and terminals



Switch with horn gap



Pushbutton make switch spring return



Toggle

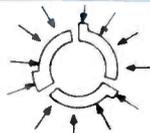


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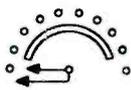
Transfer Switch Non-Locking



2-position Key Switch with Locking Transfer and Break Contacts



Wafer, 3-pole, 3-circuit with 2 non-shorting & 1 shorting moving contacts



10-point selector switch with fixed segment



Safety Interlock Circuit Opening

SYNCHROS



Synchro, general

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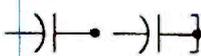
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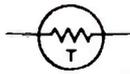


Terminating Resistor Common for Coax and Waveguide



Path Open Path Shorted Terminating Series Capacitor

THERMISTORS



THERMOCOUPLES



Temperature Measuring Thermocouple

TRANSDUCERS, Mode



General: commonly used in coax and waveguide



Transducer from rectangular to circular waveguide

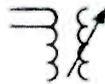
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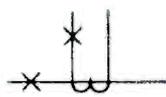
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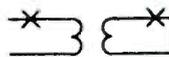
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3-phase Induction Regulator



Current Transformer, Polarity Marked



Potential Transformer Polarity Marked

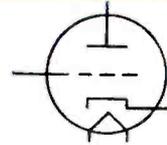


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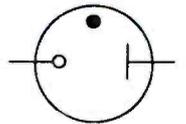


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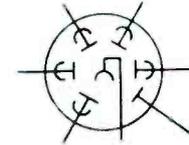
TUBES, Electron



Triode, Indirectly Heated Cathode. Add grids for tetrode, pentode, etc.



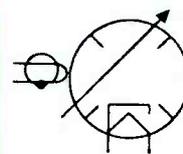
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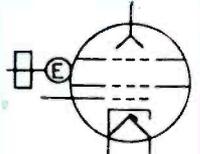
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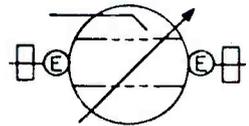
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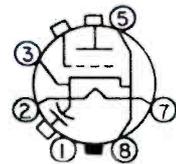
Magnetron Tunable, Loop Coupled



Reflex Klystron Integral Cavity, Aperture Coupled



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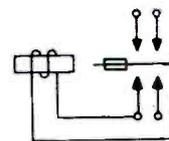
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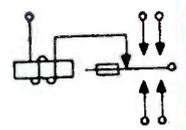


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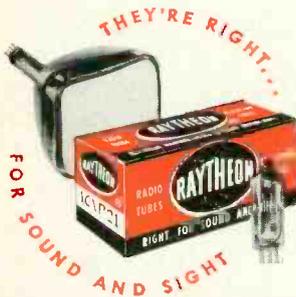
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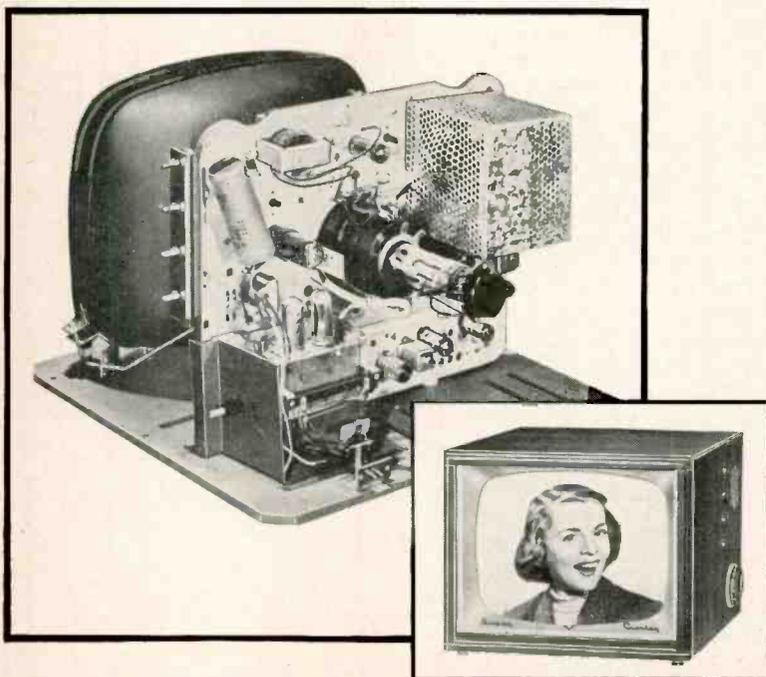
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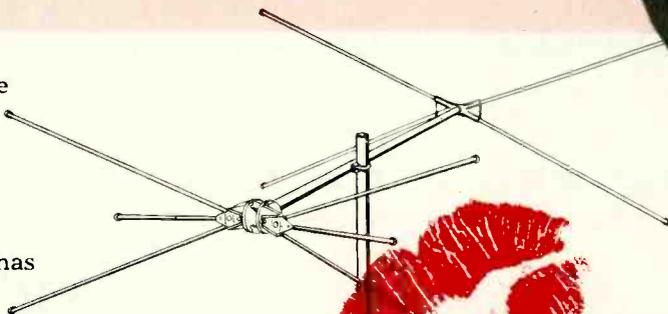
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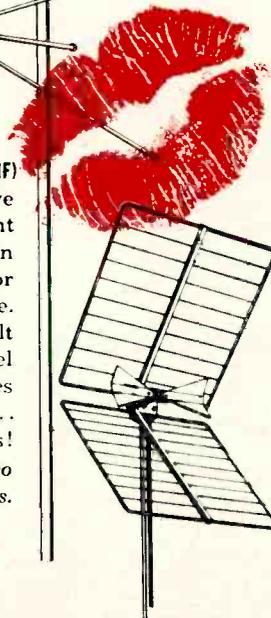
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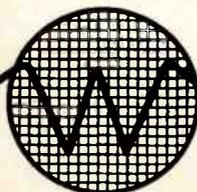
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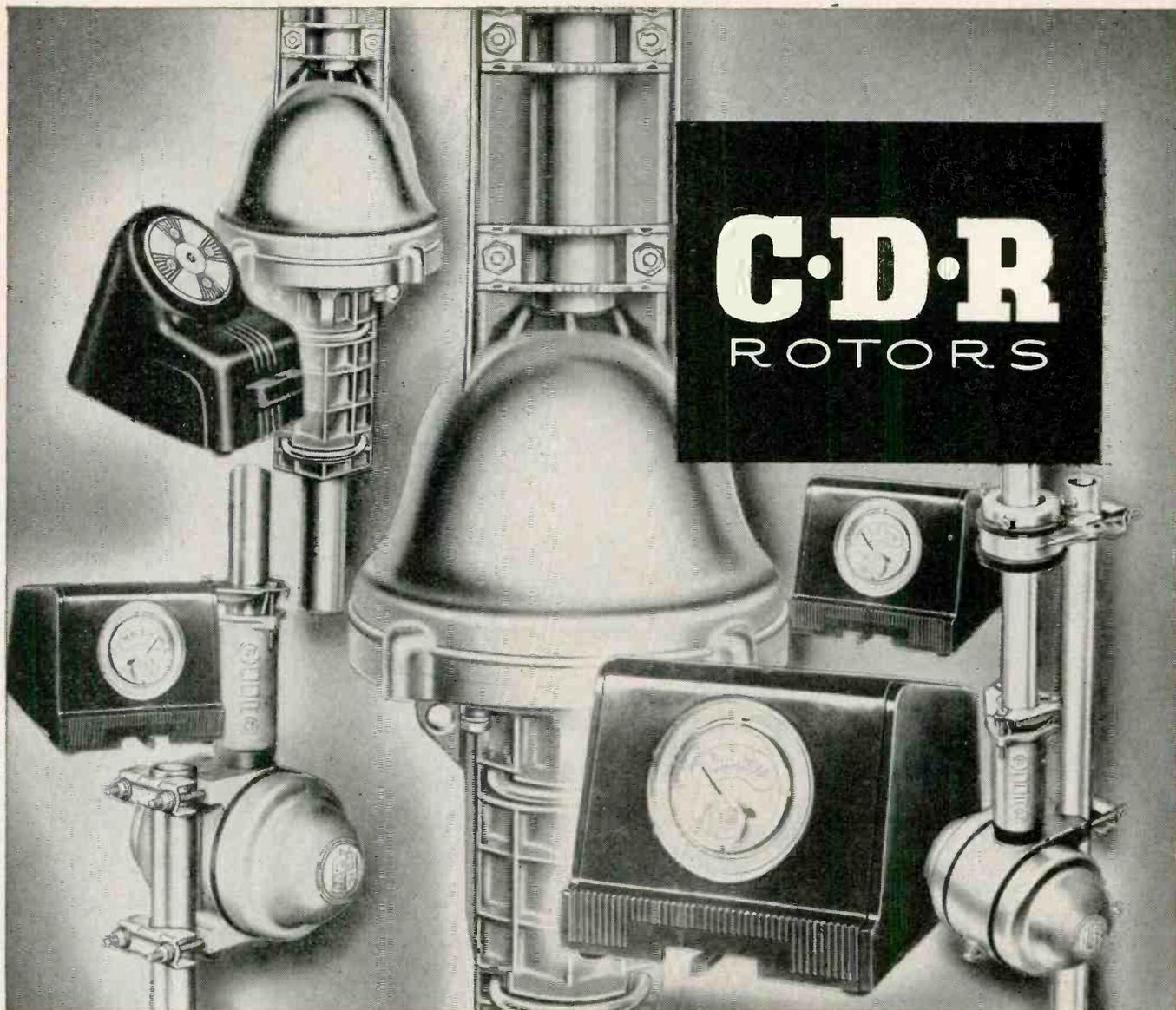


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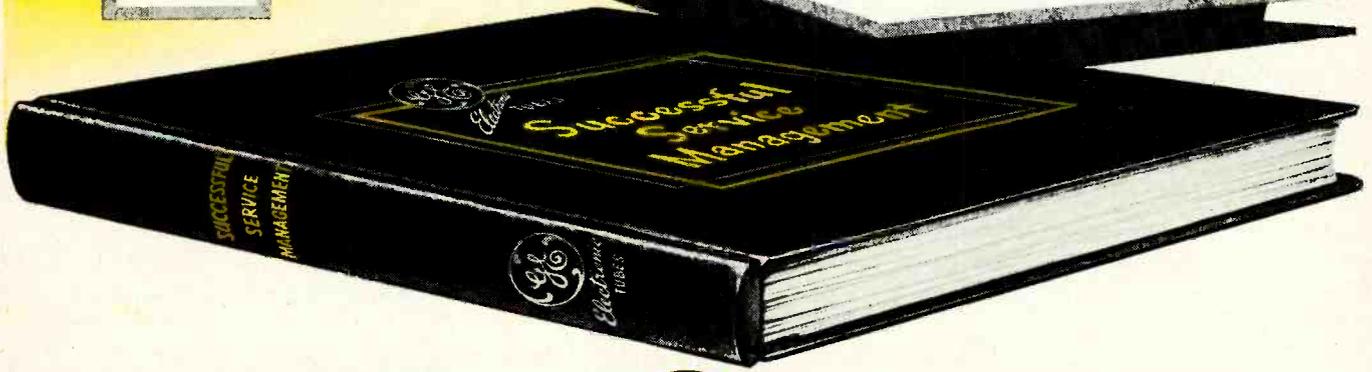
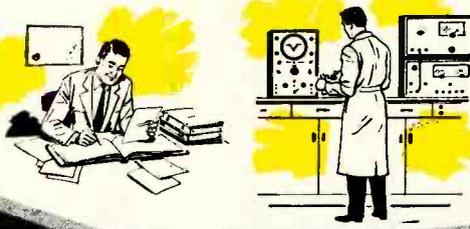
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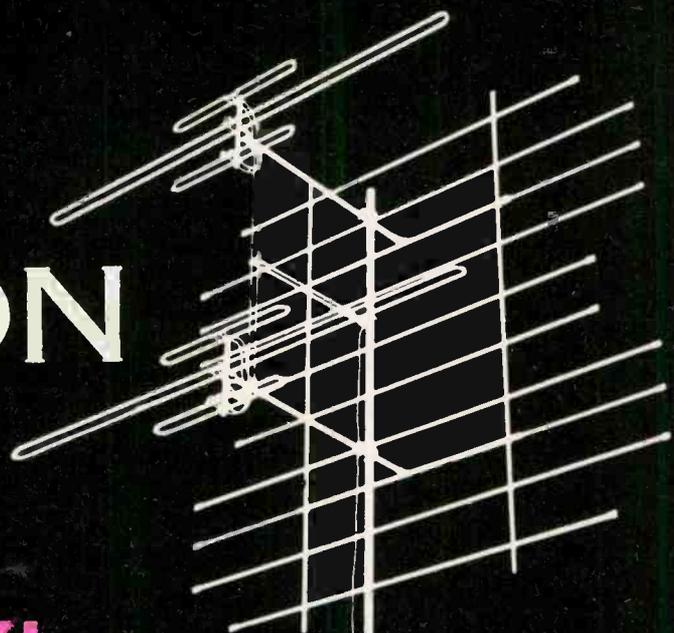


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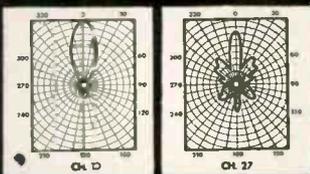
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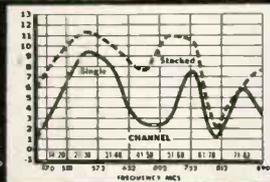
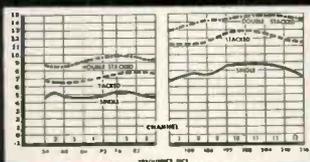
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Spend a LITTLE Time to Make a LOT of Money!

In most localities, The Good Old Summer Time brings a slump in service revenue. When the mercury goes *up*, the people go *out*—to beaches, parks and to vacation spots. And the shop volume goes *down* as a result. It's an old, familiar pattern.

Unfortunately, though, the shop's overhead, like Tennyson's Brook, "goes on forever," and many an owner is hard put to make both ends meet—let alone making a buck or two to stash in the bank.

However, numbers of smart owners and technicians keep the dough rolling in by spending an extra five minutes or so in the home.

And how do they make money spending this time? It's simple—they keep their eyes open to the opportunity to sell something the household needs . . . perhaps a new large-screen TV set to replace the small one. Or they suggest a new portable, a table model, or a modern phono. Many sell room air conditioners, too—a comparatively easy job when the thermometer is climbing hell-bent for a hundred.

Opportunity Waits in the Home

Such "servicer-salesmen" take a leaf out of the book of the electrical contractors, and the plumbers, to name just a couple of tradespeople. The contractors just mentioned sell a great many electric light fixtures, and bathroom and kitchen equipment, respectively, by "talking up" business.

The TV technician has an even better opportunity to sell in the home. He is looked upon as an "unbiased" expert. His opinion is often sought when customers want advice on various brands. *And furthermore, more TV-radio men visit homes every day in the year than do all other tradesmen combined.*

Actually, the technician doesn't have to be a trained salesman to sell. All he has to do is capitalize upon several things *already in his favor*:

1. He's in the home as a respected, skilled person.
2. He can sell effectively without a "sales spiel" because people realize that he knows what he's talking about.
3. He has eyes he can use in looking around to see what equipment needs replacing, or what products should be owned.

Simple Salesmanship Pays Off

Look at it this way: Today, and every day in the year, thousands of people are buying, without *any* solicitation whatsoever, from technicians in homes throughout the country. *Such folk are asking the servicers to take orders!*

Think what a huge volume these technicians could ring up if *they would take the initiative in asking their customers to buy*; using a little simple salesmanship!

An extra five minutes in the home can spell the difference between profit and loss during the Summer months ahead.

Try it and see. The results may be little short of amazing.

Tuning In the

SELENIUM FUMES: Concern over the health hazard to service technicians and set owners offered by selenium rectifiers appears to be unwarranted. The American Medical Association's investigations in this matter included overload and burn-out tests of these rectifiers, carried out in sealed rooms of small size. The resultant atmospheric concentration of selenium gases was found to be well below the danger point.

VERTICAL CHASSIS DESIGN is getting quite a play from set makers. Hallicrafters has already joined Crosley and Kaye-Halbert in using this type of layout. Raytheon is going vertical with a 21-in. set, as well as with a 17. Other manufacturers are said to be considering the changeover.

AROUSE CURIOSITY and you have an audience. An enterprising service outlet (Starlit Television Service Center, of Detroit) distributed the reverse-message card illustrated below in its territory. When puzzled recipients of the card followed the top-line instruction (printed in normal type) to hold the card to a mirror, they read: "The print is backward but we're going forward!" For the best in TV repairs, they were urged to call Starlit. Phone number and address were conveniently printed in normal fashion at the bottom of the card.

HI-FI CONFUSION may be cleared up somewhat if a newly-formed organization can deliver on its aims. The High Fidelity Institute, headquartered in Chicago, numbers several leading Hi-Fi manufacturers among its members. Major purpose is to set up uniform standards of measurements, which may be used by manufacturers to specify performance claims. After certification of the claims by an independent testing laboratory, the non-profit Institute plans to issue seals of approval to products. Only field of sound reproduction is to be covered.

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TECHNICIAN WE KNOW IS STILL MUTTERING over this "Tough Dog," which he ran into a couple of months ago. Customer complained that no matter how the set was tuned, the same program came over on all available channels but one. What weird whim of tuner treachery tied the same signal to six of seven New York channels? No, it wasn't the tuner, it was the program—the all-star, all-network, hour-and-a-half musical tribute to Rodgers and Hammerstein.

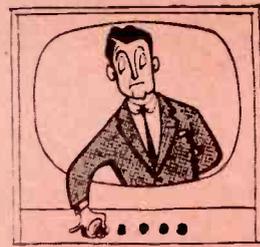


"Well, if it's Winston Churchill it's fine. If it's Groucho Marx it still needs adjusting."

SOME OF THE LARGER SERVICE OUTLETS doing a land-office business servicing PA and other electronic equipment at amusement parks, the majority of which opened on Decoration Day. In smaller towns and cities numbers of "independents" are handling sales and service work in vacation spots, stadiums, ball parks and so forth. Juke-box "routes" are profitable business for many shops, even some of the small ones, in certain localities. . . . Some big-city TV service contractors are taking on air-conditioning installation and maintenance work.

"TELL YOUR READERS TO look over all telephone-answering services with an eagle eye," a Midwestern shop owner advises. Seems he engaged a certain outfit to take calls evenings and holidays, and lost some customers through the deal because the answerers were curt, discourteous and poorly informed as to the nature of his business. New phone-answering concern he hooked up with insisted that they get a run-down on his shop operation and policies before signing him up, and it's working out fine. This owner believes that 24-hour telephone service of the right kind is extremely valuable to his business.

Picture



UNUSUAL, BUT TRUE: A new repair shop opened up in Philadelphia a couple of months ago, and its owner specializes in servicing radios only! Claims he gets lots of work, especially on small sets, turned down by his busy competitors.

THE "YOUNG" TV FIELD must be getting on in years when "old timers" can sit around and reminisce about early phenomena that have passed out of the picture. Some items from the past: Ads about "giant, life-size 10-in. pictures" . . . "portable" TV receivers with 5-in. tubes and carrying handles. They could be used at the beach—provided you could turn off the sunlight, find an ac outlet in the sand and put an antenna on the life-guard's tower . . . "electronic magnifiers" that would produce a large picture on a small screen when you operated a switch. The center area of the transmitted picture was blown up to fill the screen, close-up style, but the rest of the picture was deflected off the crt face. Remember?

WAYS TO AVOID TROUBLE: If you make an estimate, stick with it. . . . If you say you guarantee your work, put it in writing and live up to the terms. . . . Exercise great care in handling those C.O.D. repair jobs. The customer owns the set at all times. . . . Don't gossip about your customers to others. . . . Don't "forget" tools, meters and other equipment. The "I've-got-to-go-back-to-the-shop" statement is irritating to all set owners. . . . Listen carefully to, and don't laugh at, the customer's description of his set's symptoms. . . .

BIG BATTLE ON SUBSCRIPTION TV is in the offing, with sponsors of at least 3 different systems for scrambling and uncoding signals expected to bid for FCC approval. Several conflicting systems are being mentioned. Payment method may be in advance (via purchase of decoding card), pay-as-you-go (coin box) or after-billing. That word *compatibility* is coming up again, this time in connection with efforts to reach a compromise on a single system or, at least, to make certain that the consumer can use competing systems with a single set-up.

TV TRENDS: More models are incorporating removable legs. Receiver may be used as console or table model . . . Tendency among manufacturers is to reduce number of models in current lines, in some cases to fewer than half of last year's number.

MORE HI-FI NOTES: In recognition of the separate-unit systems favored by many audio hobbyists, more manufacturers are marketing "flexible" tables or enclosures that can be adapted to accommodate different set-ups and allow a wide choice of chassis and changer sizes and shapes. More radio and TV manufacturers are swinging over to making Hi-Fi equipment, both in complete-system and separate-unit form. Some will add tape recorders to their lines.



"Al, do we have a replacement .05 MFD around anywhere?"

DEPARTMENT STORES IN SOME CITIES are making good headway in selling TV service, but few of the set-ups—some quite elaborate—are a paying proposition so far as the store is concerned. A great many department stores farm out all their installation and maintenance work.

"BENEFITS" OF SOME LICENSING LAWS have been demonstrated in St. Paul, Minn., where a licensing statute is on the books. Fee: \$25 per year. Only requirement: A place of business—NO examination is involved. Fork over your dough and you're qualified. This protects the public? Fee is strictly a fund-raising gimmick. Flat charge is same for every shop, whether one or a dozen men are employed. The shop, not the individual technician, is licensed.

SERVICE REVENUE HYPOED in many big cities as sets went haywire during the McCarthy-Army ruckus and the heightening interest in the baseball season. The service was all of the rush-rush variety, with technicians running themselves ragged to keep up with the avalanche of calls.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- June 15-17: Radio-Electronic-Television Manufacturers Association Convention, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill.
- July 12-15: National Association of Music Merchants Trade Show, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill.
- Aug. 25-27: Western Electronic Show & Convention, Pan-Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles (show) Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles (convention hq.)
- Sept. 24-26: Fifth Annual TV-Radio Service Industry Convention and Exhibitions, Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 2: High Fidelity Show, International Sight and Sound Exposition, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill.
- Oct. 4-6: Tenth Annual National Electronics Conference, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill.
- Oct. 8-20: Radio-Electronics-Television Mfrs. Assoc. Radio Fall Meeting, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y.
- Oct. 13-16: The Audio Fair, Sponsored by Audio Engineering Society, Hotel New Yorker, New York.

Servicing Convergence Trouble

Identifying and Remediating Misconvergence . . .

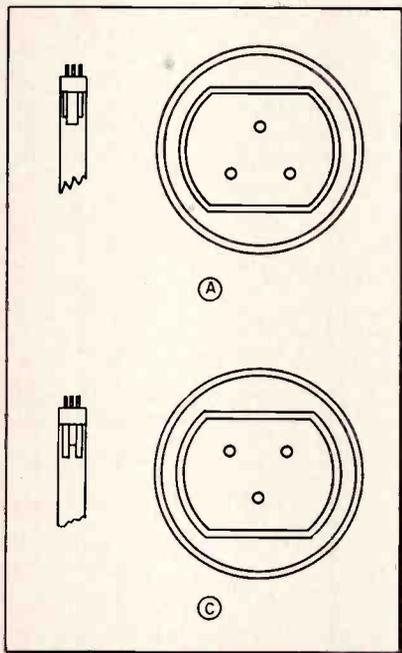
By PETER ORNE
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• In our last article, we discussed defects relating to incorrect coloring of a black-and-white picture. In a receiver using a three-gun tube, such as the RCA tricolor kinescope, there is another type of defect involving coloring of black-and-white pictures that we have not yet considered; this is a defect of convergence.

As briefly indicated in previous articles, convergence is the name given to the process of getting the three beams from the three crt guns to go through the same hole in the shadow mask. The appearance of a misconverged black-and-white picture is similar to a poor reproduction of a color page in a cheap comic book, in that individual colors can be seen at the edges of all objects in the picture.

It will be helpful to consider how convergence is achieved, before we discuss troubles that may affect the

Fig. 1—Front view of crt, showing decorative mask built into tube. Tube is installed correctly when straight lines of mask are horizontal and one gun is on top (A). If two guns are on top (C), tube is upside down.



process. Two problems are actually involved. One is the problem of getting three beams to converge at the center of the screen; this is called *dc convergence*. The other is the problem of obtaining convergence over the whole screen; this is known as *dynamic convergence*. Convergence at the center of the screen is obtained by suitably adjusting gun voltages.

When dealing with one gun alone, the only problem is to get the beam to focus at the screen. If the undeflected beam does not hit the exact center of the tube screen, a number of different ways of adjusting centering so that the beam does hit the center, are available. The dc current through the yoke may be varied (by means of a potentiometer); or the focus coil may be tilted; or permanent-magnet centering devices may be utilized.

In the case of the 3-gun color tube, the problems of centering and focusing present in single-gun b & w crt's remain. Electrostatic focusing is employed, and the dc current through the yoke is varied by potentiometers to attain centering. Present crt manufacturing techniques cannot maintain sufficiently small tolerances to assure that the three undeflected beams in the color tube will all strike the same point on the screen. An additional electrode, common to all three guns, is therefore used in the 15-in. tube to provide this action. The unit is called the *convergence electrode*.

Convergence Changes

Varying the voltage present between this electrode and ground (usually 10-14 kv) changes the relative positions of the three beams at the screen. The beam from the blue gun will, for example, move *vertically* when the convergence voltage is adjusted, while the red beam moves *diagonally*, from the *lower left* (looking at the tube face) towards the *upper right-hand corner*; the green beam moves along the other diagonal, from *lower right* to *upper left* (see Fig. 2).

To clearly understand the process, it must be known that there is only one correct way to install the picture

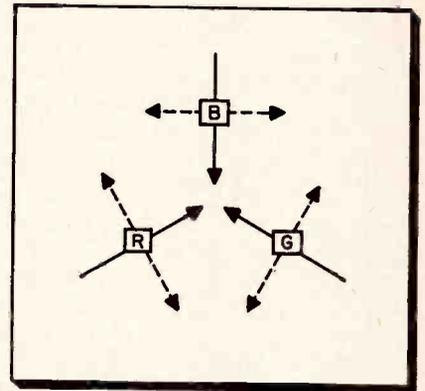


Fig. 2—Direction of motion of the individual color dots due to the action of the dc convergence control is shown by the solid lines. Counterclockwise rotation of control, decreasing voltage of convergence electrode, will cause dots to move in directions to which arrows point. Dotted lines indicate the individual motion of each dot when the magnet nearest its gun is moved in or out.

tube, and that is with the blue gun positioned on top. Fig. 1 shows how one can check for such correct gun positioning.

The best way to make convergence adjustments is by the use of a dot generator. A number of such instruments are on the market. The reason for using dots is that the errors in convergence at any part of the screen can be readily noted. If no dot generator is available, any stationary picture, such as a test pattern, can be used instead. Since the test pattern is stationary and provides video information all over the screen, it is possible to check convergence at all points by noting whether edge coloring is present anywhere.

It is preferable to use an instrument that provides white dots on a black background, since the convergence errors will show up in their correct colors in such a case. For example, a blue edge on top of the white dot indicates that the blue gun is aiming its beam too high. If black dots are used on a white background, the improper tints will show up as complimentary colors—that is, a bluish-looking edge on top (pointing to the absence of red) would mean that the red gun is aiming its beam too low. (Adjustments re-

in the Color TV Receiver

Generator Tests . . . Magnet and Control Adjustments

quired in each case will be discussed soon.)

Let us assume that the c-r tube has been properly installed and that a dot pattern is present. (Most dot generators put out video signals for application to the video amp; some have an r-f output, and connect to the antenna terminals.) We are for the moment concerned only with the centermost dot. This dot is, actually, *three* superimposed dots; these dots move with respect to each other when the dc convergence control is varied. When the attempt is made to converge the three beams on the center dot, difficulties may be encountered. For example, the serviceman may find that when the red and green dot are superimposed on each other, the blue dot is too far over to one side. Adjusting the convergence pot will not help matters in such a case, since this control moves the blue dot up or down only. Similar problems may affect the other two guns. To remedy such problems, individual permanent magnets are placed near each gun, permitting the guns to be separately adjusted, and allowing dot movement at right angles to the movement produced by the dc convergence pot. These magnets are known as *convergence magnets*.

The directions in which the dots may be moved by the convergence control and the three magnets are indicated in Fig. 2. The magnets are in the form of screws mounted on the shield of the purity coil; these screws can be pulled out and reversed, when it is desired to reverse the direction of motion.

The reader will realize that the set-up described permits a great variety of adjustments. The problem is slightly complicated by the fact that each magnet will have some effect on all three guns, with the most pronounced effect on the gun it is nearest to.

One adjustment procedure (for obtaining proper convergence) is as follows:

Start by adjusting the dc convergence control for best convergence of the center dot, with the magnets as far away from the guns as possible. The center dot is then in-

spected and the magnet of the gun whose beam is "sticking out"—i.e., whose beam is most out of convergence—is adjusted, to improve convergence. If the beam in question moves the wrong way, the magnet being adjusted is unscrewed and reversed. Adjustment of a convergence magnet will require a slight resetting of the dc convergence pot. Proper convergence of the center dot only is gradually achieved by successive adjustments of the magnets and the dc convergence control, as outlined. It should be kept in mind that the convergence magnets are intended to correct for slight errors in production, and that the best adjustment will require minimum movement of the magnets.

Convergence at Edges

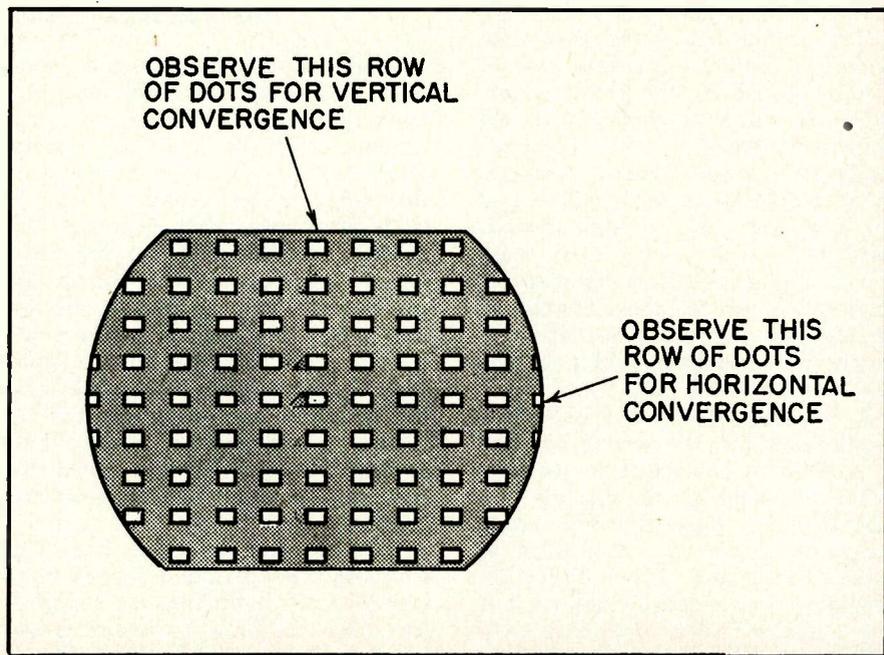
Now what about convergence adjustment at areas other than the center? Since the distance any beam travels from its gun to the center of the screen is shorter than the distance to the screen edges, additional correction is needed, to provide proper convergence at the edges. The required convergence voltage

correction is referred to as *dynamic convergence*. Both vertical and horizontal dynamic convergence must be considered. Addition of a voltage with a parabolic wave shape to the dc convergence and focus voltages insures proper convergence and focus near the screen edges. To boost the correction voltages to the necessary amplitudes, a *convergence amplifier* is used.

Let's consider the vertical correction process first. The process must provide 1—A correction symmetrical from top to bottom. (This is known as proper *vertical convergence shape*.) 2—An adequate amount of correction (vertical convergence amplitude).

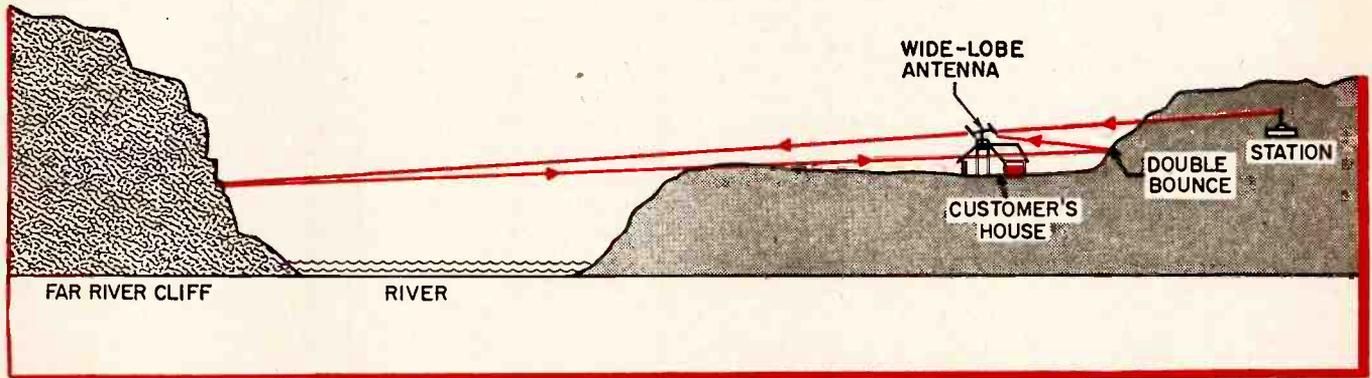
To make the adjustment referred to, turn up the vertical convergence amplitude control and inspect the center vertical row of dots. The vertical convergence shape control is then adjusted to introduce equal amounts of *misconvergence* near the top and bottom of the picture. This obtained, the amplitude control is turned down, to provide equal *misconvergence* over the *entire center row* of vertical dots; finally, the dc (Continued on page 59)

Fig. 3—Typical dot pattern. The arrows indicate the lines of dots to be inspected.



Orienting Your Customer On

Antenna Reflection Problems



Sketch used to show customer that his antenna was picking up too many reflections. Narrower-lobed antenna would have reduced this pickup.

Human Element. Pointers on Reflected and Direct Signals

By M. G. GOLDBERG

• Starting right from the time he grabs his service kit to answer his first service call of the day, the TV technician comes up against the human element. At times this human element may be the most important part of the servicing business, especially when it becomes necessary to pacify a customer who expects the impossible from his or her receiver and assumes that by "adjusting" the set, the technician can simply and cheaply cure any trouble that arises, whatever its cause.

The author has found that clear technical explanations that can be comprehended by the customer are of great value in coping with the "human element." This is especially true when antenna problems exist. Not only is the good will of the customer kept—additional business also results very often, since the customer who is really made to understand the technical limitations of his old antenna installation is much more ready to order a new one, when needed.

A number of antenna reflection problems which the writer has had to explain to customers in as non-technical language as possible are described in the following paragraphs, and may be of interest to other technicians. Other reflection problems that had to be solved, but not explained, are also discussed.

The technician may have occasion

to point out to his customer how a reflected signal is distinguished from a direct one. This differentiation is not always a simple one, and when the customer is inclined to blame the "ghostly" reception on his set, the technician has a job of explaining cut out for him. Our effort here will be to first clarify some of the technical situations that may confront the serviceman; he can adapt the explanations to his customer's needs, or work out others along similar lines.

Using Reflected Signal

Now the important consideration is, of course, to obtain the best picture, regardless of the fact that the antenna may be pointing "galley west" as far as the transmitter direction is concerned. There is nothing wrong with beaming the antenna to pick up a reflection which produces a more clean-cut pix than the one created by the direct wave. We are trying to point up the fact that the direct signal from the station may not always be the strongest one. Even when it is, it may be confused with a reflection, particularly when two so-called direct waves and one reflected one are present.

To illustrate: consider Fig. 1A, which shows a diamond-shaped pattern. We are assuming, for simplicity's sake, that such an image is being picked up by a roof antenna in a

fairly good signal area. One direct signal and a single reflection is being received in this case. In Fig. 1B we have the same patterns with the conditions reversed—that is, the darker pattern is now on the right. Next, look at 1C, in which two reflections seem to be present. In each case, which are the direct signals, and which the reflections?

The diamond on the left in 1A is the direct signal, since it arrives first (closest to the left side of the screen); the reflection is to the right since it arrives a short time later. Remember that negative transmission is used in this country; as a result, the strongest signal is the blackest, regardless of whether it is the direct or the reflected one. This tells us then that in Fig. 1B the reflected signal is the stronger one—just the reverse of the situation in Fig. 1A.

In 1C we have a slightly different condition. The receiver is located in a strong signal area, and uses a roof antenna, four stories up, with 160 feet of low-impedance co-ax to reduce noise pickup. The direct signal picked up by the roof antenna produces the strong center diamond pattern, and the weaker reflection is shown to its right. The light pattern on the extreme left is caused by an even more direct pickup than the one from the antenna on the roof. In this case, because of the receiver's location in a strong signal area, sufficient energy

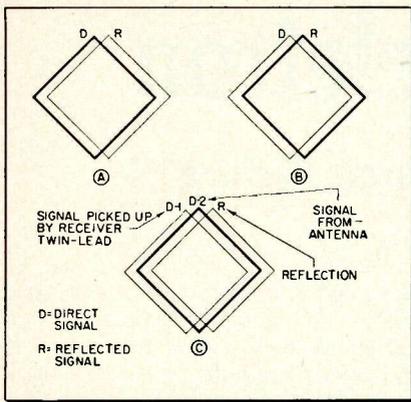


Fig. 1A—Strong direct signal, weaker reflected one. B—Strong reflected signal, weaker direct one. C—One weak and one strong direct signal, one weak reflected one. If lead-in within set is short, D-1 may blend with D-2, causing lines of image to thicken.

is picked up by the 12 to 15 inches of 300-ohm lead within the receiver to show up as a visible pattern—the one on the extreme left. This is followed by the direct signal from the roof antenna, which is delayed slightly due to the length of co-ax line used (the TV signal travels more slowly in a conductor than in free space), after which the reflected signal arrives (extreme right).

If it wasn't necessary to use co-ax line with its increased loss, the signal from the roof antenna would come in stronger; this would cause the agc voltage to increase, which in turn would bring about somewhat reduced set sensitivity, thus weakening ghost D-1. The change described would not, however, affect reflection R; that is, R's strength would vary in step with the direct signal D-2 since both signals are received on the same antenna system.

As an instance of how the author used information along the lines indicated to solve a customer-techni-

cian problem, take the following case:

A customer who lived in Highland Park, St. Paul, and enjoyed satisfactory ghost-free TV reception, moved about a mile down the street to a site near Edgumbe Blvd. The latter is a road that runs along the edge of the pre-historic river bank of the Mississippi (see Fig. 2). Cliffs are present at both sides of this river.

The customer used a rabbit-ear antenna in both locations; in her new home, however, the ghosts present (particularly on Channel 11) were severe, and the position of the antenna had to be carefully adjusted each time the station setting was changed, to minimize them.

This was quite a nuisance to the customer, who attributed the trouble to her set—something must have been jarred in moving it, she thought.

Proving Diagnosis

The writer patiently explained the circumstances, saying that whereas reflections present in the old location were weak because of built-up sections at the rear of her home, they were much stronger in her new home, due to the absence of such absorbers.

To prove more conclusively that this diagnosis was correct, I moved the antenna around, showing her how the ghost faded in and out, and was even supplanted by other ghosts, while the direct image stayed put, although varying considerably in strength and quality. I also pointed out that moving her indoor antenna 180 degrees produced no change, showing that it did not reject signals from the rear, and explained why an outdoor antenna, with reflector elements, would can-

cel out undesired rear pickup.

Her final reaction was acceptance of the trouble as being externally-caused, and due to the lack of an outdoor antenna; and a decision to have an outdoor antenna installed.

Sharper Pattern Needed

A mile down the street, just below Edgumbe Blvd., lives another customer whose antenna is a fan type with fairly broad pickup lobes, and not too good a front-to-back ratio. When Channel 11 was on lower power, he could pick it up, but poorly. Since the station increased its power to 316 kw March 1st, reception on Channel 11 is hopeless at this site; at least 5 or 6 ghosts are visible, and the direct signal is lost in the mess. Channels 4 and 5 are less affected.

It happens that the ground slopes downward after passing a hill between the receiving antenna and the station, and the strong signal bounces back and forth several times between the river banks and the hill in front (see drawing under title of article). I drew a sketch for the customer, and explained to him that the lobes of his antenna were broad, and that he needed a more sharply-patterned antenna array, since the three stations were within a 10-degree angle with respect to the set. The several ghosts on the screen were pointed out, and their points of origin and travel paths indicated. Because of the location of the house, I explained, and the side pickup of the antenna, he was getting some double reflections as well. The man greatly appreciated the explanation and the time spent in making the sketches, gladly paid for the service call, and stated he would call soon to have another and sharper antenna
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Fig. 2—Map showing two reception sites not far from each other, in which marked differences in picture reception were noted.

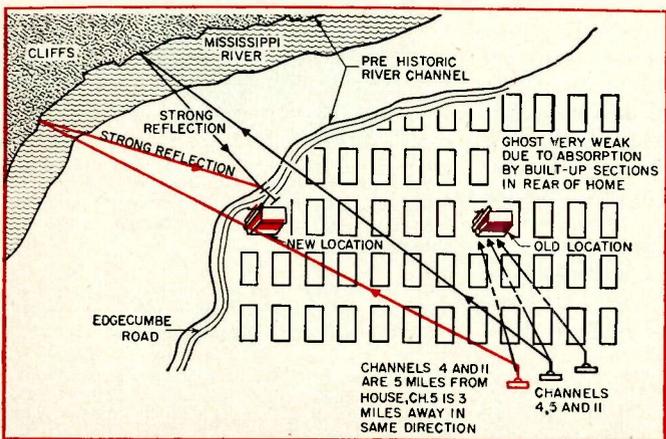
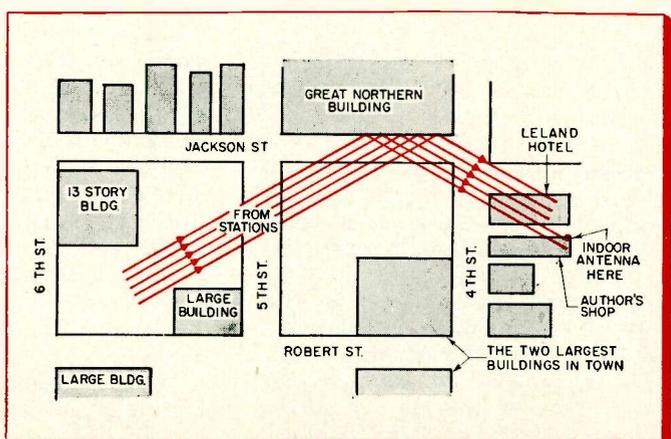


Fig. 3—Sketch indicating why shop antenna worked well only at the site indicated. Lines with arrows represent incoming signals.



The 3-Gun Color Teletron

Simplified Du Mont CRT Provides a Large Picture

• Accepting the 3-gun color tube and its associated circuitry, engineers of Allen B. Dumont Laboratories, Inc., have been working toward producing a color crt that may be mass-produced at relatively low cost, but will provide a large viewing area without adding to the complications of color receiver design. This approach has resulted in the recently announced Chroma-Sync Teletron, a round tube with a 19-in. diameter, capable of producing a picture with an area of 185 sq. in.

The diameter of the reproduced image is close to the nominal diameter of the tube. Maximum diameter is $19\frac{5}{16}$ in. Usable diameter is $16\frac{5}{16}$ in., as compared to $15\frac{5}{16}$ in. on earlier 19-in. types—a gain of an inch and a quarter (see Fig. 1). At the same time, however, overall length of the tube has been reduced so that it is shorter than both its 19-in. and 15-in. predecessors.

The shorter length is made possible by the use of a 60-degree deflection yoke, and the depositing of the phosphor dots directly on the faceplate. In earlier types, the phosphor was deposited on a transparent screen, which was recessed behind the glass faceplate.

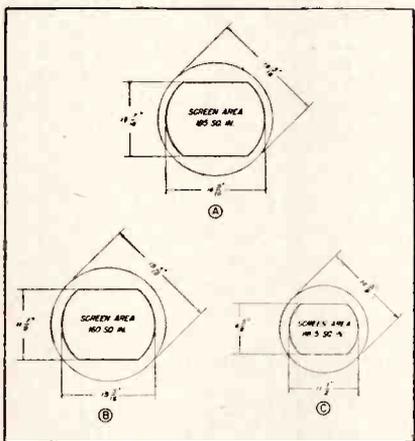


Fig. 1A—Diameter and screen area of Du Mont color crt. B,C—Comparable dimensions for earlier 19-in. and 15-in. three-gun types.

A photographic process is employed for laying down the phosphor dots. Diameter of each dot is approximately 0.012 in. At this size, the number of dots on the screen has been approximately doubled,

compared to the number on the 15-in. shadow-mask type. The increase in the number of dots produces a corresponding increase in definition.

Heart of the tube is a new 3-beam electron gun assembly that allows 70 percent closer beam-to-beam spacing. Since this arrangement brings the 3 beams closer to the single-beam condition, it is said to reduce substantially the problem of obtaining acceptable convergence over the entire screen area. Compensating circuits are kept to a minimum, being no more elaborate than the circuits already in use for 15-in. tubes.

Mask Details

The nature of the electron mask has also been changed in this design. Instead of a flat shadow mask, an aperture plate is used whose curvature follows the shape of the curved faceplate. Furthermore, the individual apertures in this mask all have the same size. In the design of other large-screen 3-gun color tubes, the diameter of the apertures on the flat mask that are farthest from the center is decreased. This measure, which reduces a tendency toward misconvergence at the screen's edges, also reduces brightness in the areas away from the center. The mask is constructed of only one material, further simplifying it, as well as minimizing mask misalignment due to expansion and contraction with temperature changes.

Teletron Adaptability

The new mask weighs only a little over 7 oz. This, together with the elimination of other elements within the tube, has resulted in a considerable reduction of overall weight. The exploded view of Fig. 2 gives some idea of the simplification in construction. Except for the curved mask, as can be seen, there is greater similarity to conventional monochrome types than has been the case with other 3-gun color tubes.

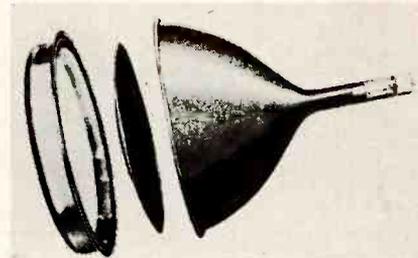
Ready adaptability of the Chroma-Sync Teletron for use in current circuits is an important fea-

ture, not only to the manufacturer, but to the service technician and dealer as well. Even the value of 2nd-anode voltage is no problem, since the 20 kv applied to the 15-in. color picture tube is satisfactory for operating this larger type. All that is needed, aside from the new tube itself, to make operation possible with a chassis built for the 15-in. tube, is a change in the deflection yoke. The old yoke is replaced with the 60-degree assembly now being made for the 19-in. RCA tubes. Physical adaptation of the tube for the cabinet cutout, etc., should be no more complicated than is the case when converting a small-screen monochrome receiver to accommodate a larger crt.

In summary, then, this color tube is a step forward in a number of respects: 1—Manufacture in sizes comparable to present black-and-white tubes, including rectangular types, is believed to be possible. 2—Design has been simplified. This simplification not only results in a shorter, lighter assembly, but is expected to reduce manufacturing costs. 3—Further complications in receiver circuit design have been avoided.

Samples of the experimental type B1103, as the tube is tentatively designated, are expected to be available to receiver manufacturers before the end of the summer. Production in limited quantities is expected later this year.

Fig. 2—Exploded view of Chroma-Sync CRT.



The business that considers itself immune to the necessity for advertising sooner or later finds itself immune to business.—Derby Brown

The servicer who leaves dirty fingerprints on the TV set cabinet is a prime candidate for the customer's rogues' gallery.

The good outside servicemen pats the family dog, talks to the kids and is polite to the adults. He has, in short, a fine "set-side" manner.

Tracking Down Intermittents

Heating and Cooling Techniques. Vibration Troubles, Relay Faults

• Locating the cause of intermittents in electronic equipment is an ever-recurring problem. Unnecessary delays result in the dissatisfaction of the user through lost service, and present difficulties in collecting fees for the actual time spent on the repair. The suggestions made here may, in a general way, be applied to all electronic equipment.

Heat and Cold. Since extremes of temperature are a common cause of trouble, both extremes should be investigated. Servicemen have used heat to produce failures for some years, but it remained for a taxi owner in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, a Mr. Francis W. Roy, to suggest placing equipment in a refrigerator for a period, to induce a persistent but fleeting intermittent to stay "in" until located. He put a receiver into a beer cooler, and the trouble was located *immediately*. Many service attempts with the temperature normal had failed. The trouble was a rosin joint.

Heat Lamps. Equipment may be quickly subjected to abnormal heat on the bench by use of an infra-red, paint-drying or heat lamp. It is suggested that every well-equipped service bench might well be equipped with a gooseneck lamp, normally

Refrigerating a TV set to cause an intermittent to "surface" is not as silly as it sounds. But it's probably mean letting the beer get warm. A taxi driver thought this one up.



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furnished with a 100-watt bulb for inspection of hard-to-see places. This item will itself aid in locating intermittents; if the heat lamp is substituted, the whole or parts of a chassis may be quickly brought to a very high temperature.

If the lamp is close, say 3 to 5 inches, it is seldom that more than 3 to 5 minutes are required to bring the equipment well above any reasonable operating temperature, so be careful. This is a shot-gun approach; if the trouble occurs you still don't know what part is at fault. When the receiver has been brought above normal operating temperature, place a sheet of aluminum containing a one-inch hole over the chassis and reheat. Movement of the hole over the various items in the chassis should then help locate the individual component at fault.

Old style wax-filled or dipped components can't stand much heat, and are especially subject to failures due to temperature and humidity extremes, to say nothing of vibration. The heat test just described will often cause failure (of bad units, sometimes of good ones too). Paper condensers are particularly vulnerable. A good detection method is to hold the "hot" prod of a vtvm on the grid side of a suspect coupling condenser. The voltage will usually be zero or slightly negative. Then, as the condenser is heated by letting the infra-red light shine through the hole in the metal plate, the voltage may often be observed to go less negative, than quite positive. This may be the part causing the trouble, but don't be too sure.

While not commonly known, modern ceramic condensers occasionally act in a similar manner. Since they are ceramic, they are not permanently damaged by heat. A quick test may be made by placing the tip of a soldering iron against the ceramic body of the unit. If faulty, trouble may be induced in a matter of 15 to 30 seconds, and will often disappear as quickly, when the

iron is removed. Do not touch the bare leads with the iron, since the resultant capacity to the power line may cause some circuit change not due to heating the condenser.

Warning: The location of faulty parts by these methods does not necessarily mean that the true cause of the intermittent has been found. Failure to locate the real cause is often due to the smoke-screen of finding other troubles, definite though they may be. Always review the original complaint. Ask yourself, could this have been the real trouble? If the answer is "Yes," don't be too sure. Most failures to find the real trouble are due to a rationalization and perversion of the symptoms to conform with what you did find, not the real trouble that you did not find. Be honest with yourself.

The Double Feature. The most confusing feature of troubleshooting is the double-feature—the double-troubles with similar symptoms but separate causes. Don't overlook the unfortunate fact that equipment often contains two, or even three, simultaneous troubles having similar symptoms. Many failures to find intermittents can be laid at the door of the double-feature.

Vibration and Shock. Loose connections induced by vibration and shock are an important cause of intermittents. Poor grounds are most common. Coil shields and equipment frames, especially, should be checked. Try prying each can in various directions with a screwdriver. Riveted or swaged contacts are often at fault. Solder them over, if possible, or make bolted connections, using lock washers or pigtail connections when necessary. Use good, solid conductors for common connections between sub-chassis.

Changes in the value of capacitors, inductors and resistors may be caused by vibration, as well as by temperature, voltage or humidity factors.

Voltage and Current. Improper voltage and current may often cause intermittent conditions. Low voltage tends to prevent oscillations, or

makes oscillator circuits unstable. Some means of gradually changing the voltage of primary supplies should be available on any well-equipped test bench. Vibrator and relay operating limits may be checked in this manner. In order to thoroughly check tube and circuit conditions, the voltage should be changed very slowly, to allow tube temperatures to follow voltage changes. (If a voltage is critical, it can only be discovered by changing voltages slowly.)

Circuit failures may sometimes occur only at higher than average voltages. To test for this kind of defect, some means of raising voltages should be available. Always increase a voltage *slowly*. Tubes are vulnerable to excessive voltage, and both tubes and vibrators have reduced life if voltages are as much as 10% above normal. Tube shorts may occur only at excessive temperatures; such temperatures may be approximated by increasing circuit voltages.

Fuses. Fuse contacts (among others) are affected by heat. A vicious circle is present here; a slightly loose contact produces a slight voltage drop and consequent heat; heat causes expansion, possibly resulting in a poorer connection, with more heat, more oxidation or even burning resulting in further destructive action. Spring fuse clips, if loose, often initiate this pattern.

Fuses should never run hot, just slightly warm when operated near their rating; the voltage drop across them should be very small—usually unmeasurable on an ordinary voltmeter. Poor fuse contacts often cause fuses to blow. The heat of the poor contact outside of the fuse melts the fuse link inside, although current through the fuse itself is not excessive. Such troubles are occasionally intermittent.

Relays. Relay faults constitute some of the most difficult intermittents to locate. Metal filings, dust and oxidation are common causes of trouble. Metal filings, resulting from careless repairs, or abrasion and vibration, manage to get between the pole piece and the armature and cause partial or complete lack of operation. Peculiarly, these filings only interfere occasionally, yet remain in a position to cause intermittent trouble for long periods. Careful inspection with strong lighting, plus careful cleaning of pole piece and armature, are recommended. Use of sticky black tape to pick up the filings in tight places is

helpful. Compressed air also is useful.

Some chassis are plated with a material that flakes off gradually, causing perennial trouble. Such cases require drastic action, or the equipment may as well be discarded. Complete removal of the finish plus refinishing or replacing is required (probably uneconomical).

Dust is a mortal enemy of small relays. All relays operating on small currents, or involved in switching small currents or voltages, should be provided with dust covers. The light contacts present are easily held apart by small dust particles. Small relays must be kept spotlessly clean. Contamination of the contacts by oxidation, dust, and grease films of atomic thicknesses will prevent the flow of small currents, such as those involved in audio circuits. Contacts must be cleaned with *very mild* abrasives. Point files are much too coarse. Standard relay cleaning tools, such as those manufactured by the Western Electric Company, are the tools to use.

Where pressures are light, they may also be uncertain and contribute to an intermittent condition. Small and variable currents may only break through contaminated contacts intermittently. Vibration of components such as transformers, as well as the relay itself, when it is large, may contribute to intermittency. The relay frame must be *tight*; operation *firm* and certain. Contacts must travel far enough to wipe their opposite members and be capable of overtravel. If cleaning with solvents such as carbon tetrachloride is attempted, the equipment must be allowed to dry thoroughly, then the contacts must be recleaned by the mechanical method; otherwise a film of grease may be left on the contacts, making conditions worse than before. Always wash twice, wipe once (after second washing, let contact dry by evaporation).

Failure of relays to pull up or to make positive contact every time may commonly occur when voltages are low. Relays should be tested regularly, to determine their low voltage drop-out point and their reliability at the low end of their normal operating range. What the relay may actually need is adjustment—not higher voltage—but this is another subject in itself.

Humidity and Dust. Dust and dirt accumulations anywhere in electronic equipment can lead to trouble, especially when combined with moisture and high voltage. The

trouble may well be intermittent, due to variations in temperature and humidity. One swipe of a dust cloth in the right spot will often remove such trouble.

Miscellaneous Considerations. The fact that a trouble may occur at a particular time of day, or a particular day of the week, etc., should not be overlooked. Possibly this fact may be a clue. A particular voltage condition may then be present, a particular person may be using the equipment, or other special conditions may exist. Determine what these may be.

Sometimes there appears to be a loose connection in one corner of a set, as evidenced by poking in that area, yet it cannot be found. Eventually, it is found at the opposite end of the set, yet the trouble was easily induced from afar.

A most exasperating fault is a broken tube socket lug. Measurement shows voltages are present at the socket, yet the set is inoperative with known good tubes in it. Investigation reveals a concealed break within the socket structure, such that the voltage does not actually reach the tube pin.

Technician-Induced Troubles. Equipment may fail when used by one particular technician, but never when used by anyone else. This could quickly lead to a discussion of personalities, rather than a repair. In one public-address job, technicians found no trouble for several days, but eventually the microphone cord was found to be defective when held in the particular manner characteristic of the complaining operator.



"Hated to call you out on a Sunday, but I've an annoying little hum in my set that's been worrying me for months."

Making the Most of

Your Test Equipment

Part 2. Using Oscillograph and Signal Generator to Pre-Set Traps

• Proper use of the scope around the shop can save much time otherwise spent on "hit or miss" methods. Many minutes can be saved, for instance, in adjusting to approximate frequency tuned circuits which are going to be added to a TV or radio set to trap out unwanted signals. Some examples of what can be done along these lines are illustrated in Fig. 1A through 1F.

Fig. 1A shows the set-up needed for this purpose, using only an AM signal generator and a scope. The response of the scope is relatively unimportant, since it is only the indication of minimum response that is required. Few technicians are probably aware that ordinary 455 kc i-f transformers will cover most of the standard broadcast band, and can therefore be used as single or double-tuned traps either to attenuate or eliminate an excessively strong broadcast station signal that is interfering with reception in a TV set, or in a broadcast radio receiver (say, one operating in the shadow of an AM transmitter that is blanketing adjacent channels with its excessively strong signal).

Whether the trap to be used is a home-made or commercial one, connect it as shown in Fig. 1A, using a 25 mmfd capacitor in series with it in order to 1) approximate the circuit capacitance that will be present when the trap is connected into the set, and 2) isolate the low impedance of the signal generator output from the resonant trap circuit. The scope gain is set near maximum, and sufficient generator output is used to provide near full screen deflection amplitude.

Set the generator to the frequency to which the trap is to be tuned, and adjust the latter for *minimum* deflection on the scope screen. After this is done, check the trap action by swinging the dial above or below the generator frequency setting. The output should rise rapidly at each side of this point. Only a slight touching up will be required when the trap is connected to the receiver on which it is to be used.

Fig. 1B shows a standard i-f transformer schematic with normal color coding. The unit used by the

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author in the tests just referred to was a Meissner 455 kc i-f transformer no. 16-6660 (shielded); any other good i-f unit, however, will do for this purpose.

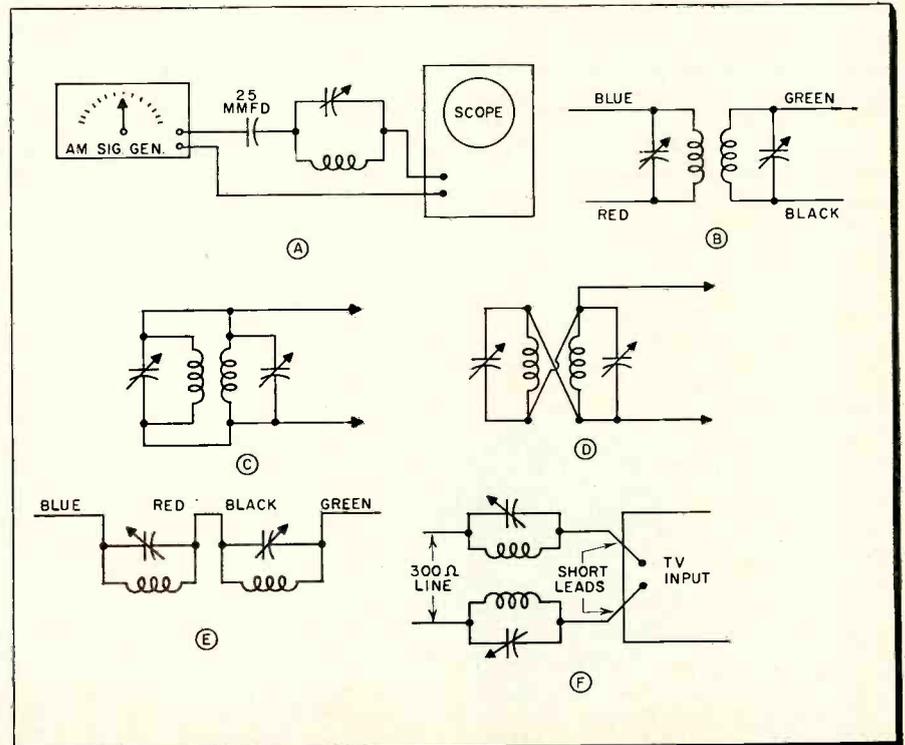
If one winding is shorted by twisting the leads together, and the other is connected as in Fig. 1A, the tuning range will be from approx. 375 to 1250 kc. If two traps are connected in series, as shown in Fig. 1E, the frequency range will be from about 375 to 1100 kc for *each* trap. Since there is less than critical coupling between the two coils, each trap can be tuned independently to a different frequency without appreciably detuning the other. (The polarity of the windings is of little consequence when the units are used in this manner.) One trap, for instance, can be tuned to the intermediate frequency, and connected in series with the antenna input, to eliminate interference from a sta-

tion whose beat with another carrier may fall in this band (Fig. 1F); the other trap can be tuned to an interfering ship station in coastal locations.

Both traps can be connected in series and tuned to the same frequency (Fig. 1E) to provide greater attenuation, if desired; or they may be inserted in each leg of the input antenna of a TV receiver (Fig. 1F) and tuned to the same frequency, to eliminate a local BC carrier. If the coils are in a shield can, the latter should be grounded to the chassis with a short piece of braid. If the station to be attenuated falls between 1200 and 1600 kc, turns can be removed from one coil until the proper trap range is reached. Thus, through the presence of the two overlapping ranges, the full BC band can be covered, with one trap providing coverage between 550 to 1600 kc, and the other from about 375 to 1200 kc.

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Fig. 1A—Equipment setup for pre-setting trap. B—Color-coded 2nd i-f transformer. C, D—Parallel connection of i-f windings. E—Primary and secondary connected in series. F—Inserting double-tuned traps at input to TV set. Xformer leads can generally be used to connect to TV set.



Clock Radio Service Data

Troubleshooting Information on G.E. Models 555 and 556

Two clocks are used: Model 555 early production receivers use Clock Assembly RZC-027 (Telechron Mfg. No. C87G5); Model 555 late production and all Model 556 receivers use Clock Assembly RZC-028 (Telechron Mfg. No. C88G5). Either clock

assembly may be used interchangeably in these receivers.

The first clock assembly, RZC-027, may be identified by the spring contacts of the selector switch being held by a screw between phenolic blocks. Also, this type clock has two

shafts extending from the back for alarm and time set. Exploded view and parts information for this clock are presented on these pages.

Later clocks, RZC-028, employ a switch mechanism set within a phenolic enclosure. The single shaft extending in the back serves a dual purpose: Push in to set time, pull out to set the alarm. The clock front plate and base plate of this assembly are factory-assembled by a staking process of the baseplate studs, instead of the former use of screws. Therefore, mechanism disassembly by any but well-equipped service organizations is not recommended. Special tools and skill are needed. Should such disassembly be required for servicing purposes, remove the clock from the radio and have your nearest Telechron Service Station make the necessary repair. Appearance items (knobs, hands, etc.) or field core and rotor are, however, readily accessible for service. The appearance items, with the exception of Dial and Alarm Set Indicator, are identical to those of early clocks, RZC-027.

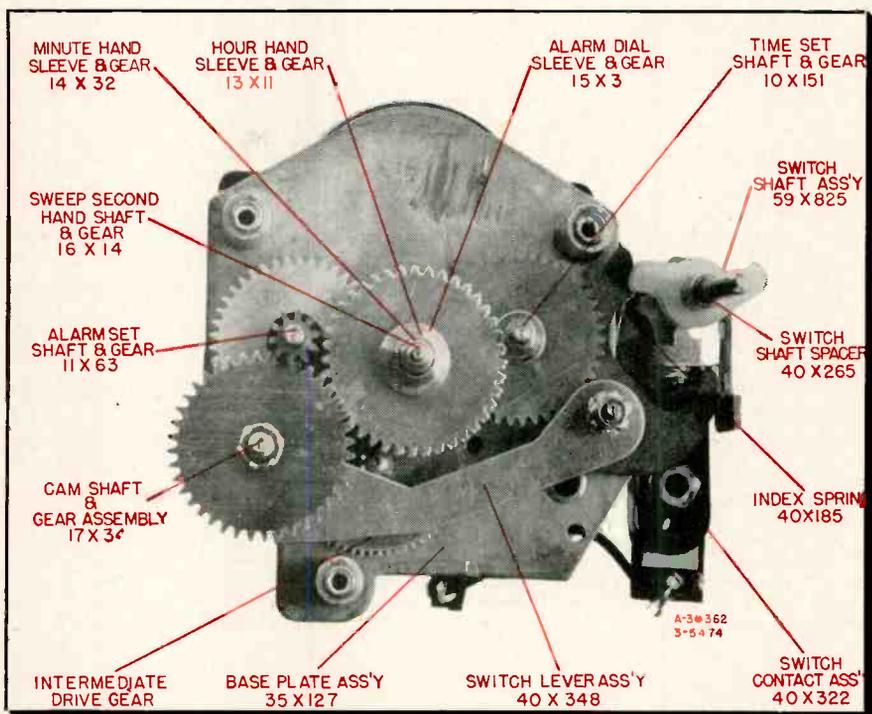


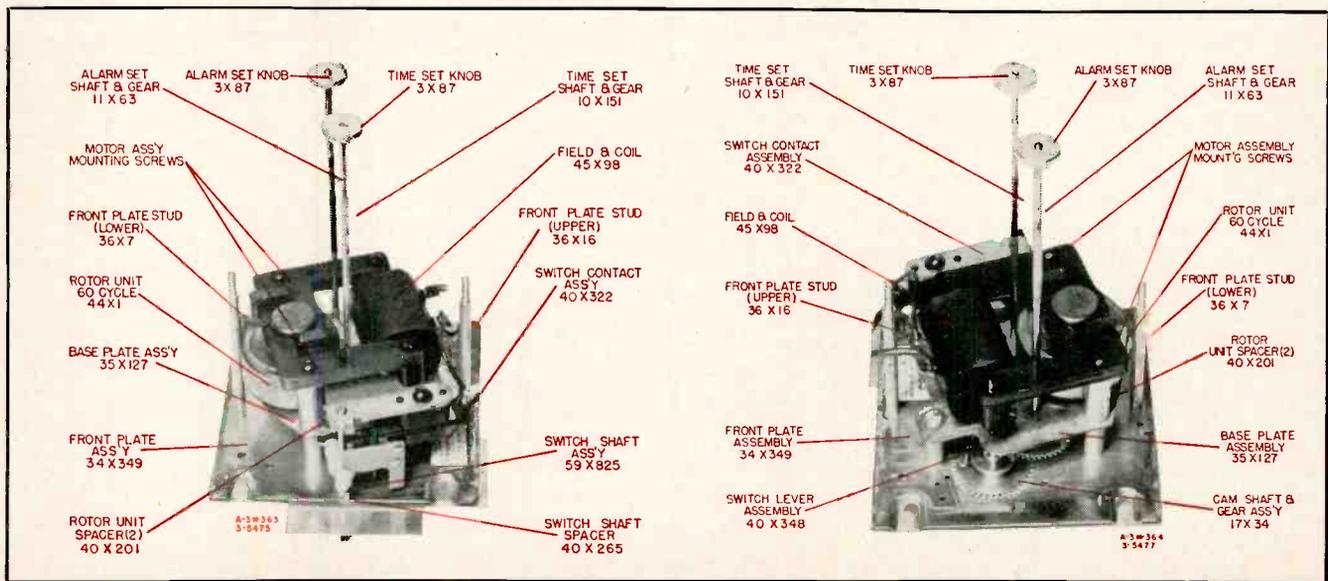
Photo of Clock Assembly RZC-027 (Telechron Mfg. No. C87G5). The front plate has been removed.

CLOCK SERVICE— C87G5—RZC-027

Disassembly of Clock Movement

After removing the clock from the radio cabinet, pull off sweep second,

(Left) Photo of Clock Assembly RZC-027, providing a switch-shaft view of the unit. (Right) Cam-shaft view of the same assembly.



minute and hour hands, and alarm set dial; take off alarm set and time set shaft knobs. Remove dial face, and after taking out the three screws, carefully lift off front plate assembly. Remove switch shaft spacer and switch shaft assembly. Then, to completely disassemble all shafts, gears, sleeves, etc. from the baseplate, remove the following items in the order listed:

1. Alarm Dial Sleeve and Gear
2. Hour Hand Sleeve and Gear
3. Cam Shaft and Gear Assembly
4. Alarm Set Shaft and Gear
5. Time Set Shaft and Gear, and Spacer
6. Minute Hand Sleeve and Gear
7. Sweep Second Hand Shaft and Gear, and Washer
8. Switch Lever Assembly and Spacer

When reassembling, replace each part in the reverse order of the paragraphs above. Refer to photographs and exploded view for the correct position of all parts.

Alarm and Switch Adjustments

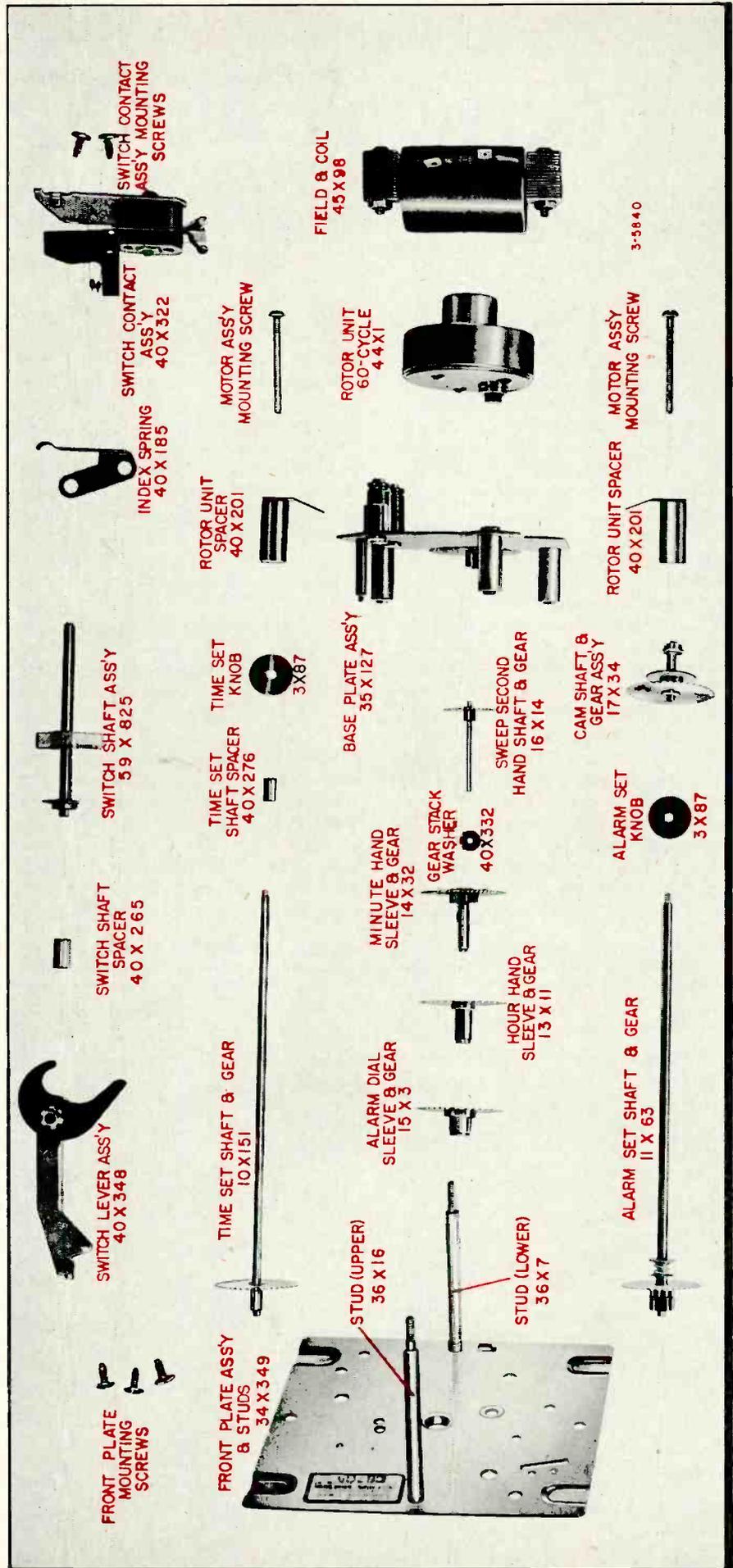
After reassembling the clock, use the following procedure to adjust the mechanism for proper alarm and switch action:

Turn the Switch Shaft to "AUTO" position, then slowly rotate Time Set Shaft in a clockwise direction until the contacts of the Switch Assembly just close. Set all hands to indicate 12 o'clock and set the Alarm Dial with its figure 12 indexed to the smaller pointer of the Hour Hand. Make certain all hands and alarm dial are tight on their respective shafts. Check alarm action as follows:

Turn the Alarm Set Knob to set the Alarm Dial for some other time of alarm. Turn Time Set Knob slowly in a clockwise direction—the switch contacts should close at the hour of alarm. Then turn Switch Shaft momentarily to "OFF" and return it to "AUTO"—this opens the switch contacts, preparing the mechanism for a new alarm cycle.

Clock Troubles

1. Clock will not operate—Defective field coil, defective rotor, binding of parts.
2. Clock loses time—Binding parts, too little friction on minute hand sleeve assembly, defective rotor. Clock time set shaft bends and rubs against hole in clock bracket.
3. Noisy clock—Rotor defective, alarm armature improperly adjusted, loose parts, or binding of moving parts.



Clock RZC-027—C87G5—Exploded View →

Servicing AC-DC Radios

Obscure Troubles in Midget Sets. Defects in I-F Transformers

BY MICHAEL CRAIG

• Many complaints of receivers being inoperative or noisy during hot, humid weather can be traced to defective intermediate-frequency transformers. Crackling, sputtering and frying noises emanate from the speaker and are sometimes difficult to locate. Most of these noises are due to disintegration of the fine wire with which the i-f transformers are wound; in at least 75% of the cases of transformer trouble, the 1st primary winding is at fault.

A quick, time-saving check can be made by substituting a dummy tube (one with all but the heater pins cut off) for the mixer (V-1 in Fig. 1). If the 1st transformer is the culprit, the noise will usually stop when this is done. Next, connect a 10,000-ohm, 1-watt resistor from the transformer plate lead to ground, as indicated in Fig. 1B. If the noise now reappears, the trouble is definitely in the primary winding, and a new transformer is needed.

The resistor replaces the plate circuit of the tube, permitting a nearly normal current to flow through the primary winding of the transformer. Often, if a 2,000-ohm, 2-watt resistor is momentarily connected from the "hot" side of the primary winding to ground, the additional current will cause the defective winding to open completely, something which will not occur if the winding is perfectly normal.

Many customers bring a small radio into the shop and say: "Just fix it so it runs. It's only for the maid, or the garage, and I don't want to spend much money on the repair." If one of the windings of the 1st i-f transformer is found bad under such circumstances, a simple repair that will produce almost the same output, but with slightly broader response, can be made in the following manner (see Figs. 2A, B, C):

Fig. 2A shows the normal mixer-1st i-f skeleton circuit, with a trimmer across each winding. Fig. 2B

shows how a bad secondary winding is cut out and replaced by a 25 mmfd coupling capacitor and a 470k, ½-watt resistor. If the coil is left in the can, be sure to short it out; otherwise, cut through the winding with a sharp pair of side cutters and remove the secondary coil. Readjust the primary trimmer for maximum gain. If the primary is bad (refer to Fig. 2C) use the good secondary winding in place of the primary, and again insert the 25 mmfd capacitor and 470k resistor in the circuit.

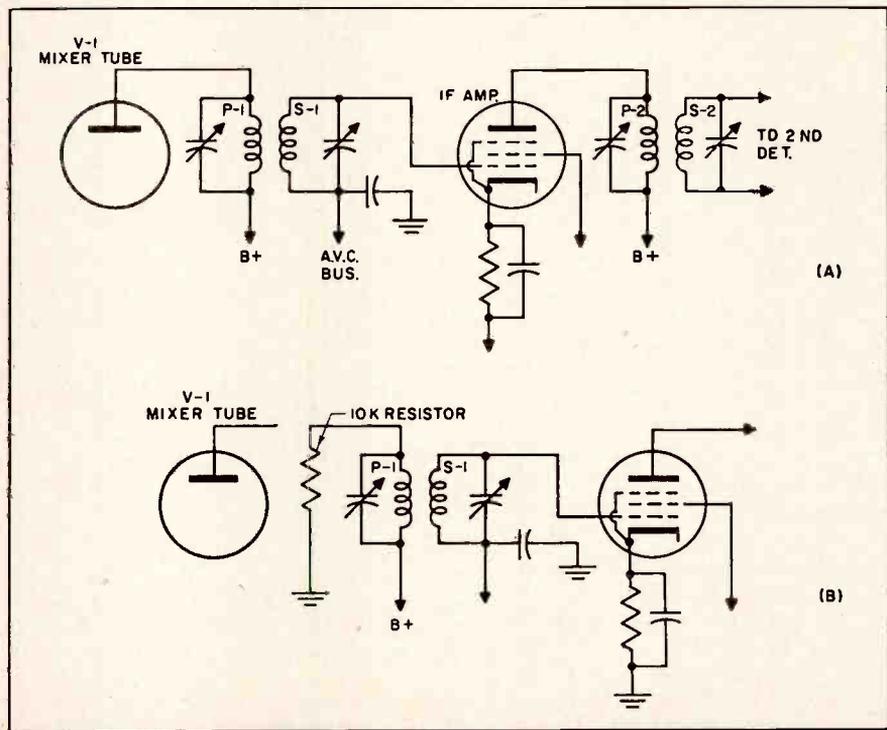
Change Works Well

This circuit change works surprisingly well! It will cut the cost of the repair a couple of dollars, which may mean the difference between the customer having the set repaired, or taking it back home with him.

High humidity takes its toll of oscillator coils, especially since the two windings used are almost invariably wound one over the other, increasing the possibility of shorts and leaks between them. The simplest check for proper oscillator functioning, or lack of it, and one which tells much more than a check of the negative voltage at the grid of the oscillator tube, is to connect the unmodulated output from a signal generator between the oscillator tuning section stator terminal and circuit ground, and set the receiver's tuning dial to a strong local station between 1400 and 1600 kc. Now swing the signal generator dial slowly back and forth between 1800 and 2000 kc. If the station can be brought in at some generator setting between these two points, and can be sharply tuned in and out by suitable movement of the generator knob, it proves that the receiver trouble is due to an inoperative oscillator circuit (since substitution of the generator for the receiver oscillator is causing the set to function near normal).

If no signal is received when the above procedure is followed, on the other hand, the oscillator in the set is probably ok, and trouble should

Fig. 1A—Usual mixer and i-f circuit in ac-dc set. B—How to substitute 10k resistor for mixer tube. If noise persists with the resistor connected, the P-1 winding is breaking down.



be looked for elsewhere in the receiver. At this point, a negative voltage reading at the grid will double-check this conclusion.

Coming back to i-f troubles, an unusual case occurred in the earlier-model Setchell-Carlson table sets, in which the chassis hangs upside down inside the cabinet in its normal operating position. Most of the heat from the tubes collected near the top of the chassis and melted the wax from the i-f coils. The melted wax ran down onto the i-f trimmer plates; when the wax cooled, it forced the plates apart, detuning the associated circuits. Introduction of the wax dielectric caused further detuning of the circuits, resulting in an almost completely inoperative receiver. The cure lay in replacing the i-f transformers present with later types, which did not have such a readily-melted wax impregnation.

Sometimes a set will come into the shop in which three of the i-f trimmer screws will adjust perfectly, while the fourth must be turned all the way in (to maximum capacitance setting) and even then will not quite reach resonance.

If the first three trimmer screws just referred to are turned outward, and set to a frequency approximately 5 kc higher than originally called for, the fourth one will then probably just reach resonance, permitting maximum sensitivity to be obtained. The 5 kc difference in the i-f will have little effect on set operation, and what little difference is present will be more than compensated for by the increased efficiency obtained when all four circuits are in resonance.

Reversing Procedure

This procedure can also be used in reverse, when one of the trimmers must be turned all the way out (to minimum capacitance setting) and still does not quite reach resonance for peak operation. In this case, the other three trimmers must be adjusted to a frequency 5 kc lower; the fourth one is then turned inward (clockwise), to peak it with the others.

If the i-f coils are slug-tuned, and

Home-made Cleaner Sprayer

To avoid the expense of continually buying contact and volume-control cleaner in costly pressurized cans, I make use of an empty plastic bottle, the kind that originally contained window spray fluid. By filling the bottle with contact cleaner, you can get the same results obtained with the pressurized cans at a fraction of the cost.—*Herbert A. Wahl, Redondo Beach, Calif.*

employ a slotted powdered-iron core for adjustment, be careful not to break the edges of these slots, and thus make further adjustment impossible. If the cores move stiffly or not at all, drop a *tiny* amount of fine oil at their edges. This lubrication will loosen the cores sufficiently to permit adjustments to be made on them without damage.

Aligning I-F Trimmers

When adjusting trimmers in i-f stages, it may be found that one trimmer tunes more broadly than the others. If this trimmer is the one in the 2nd detector or diode circuit, the condition is normal and is due to the loading effect of the diode circuit. If, however, the broadly-tuned circuit is in either the plate or grid circuit of the i-f stage, trouble is indicated at this point, especially when the tuning is so broad as to require a complete turn or more of the trimmer screw, to produce an appreciable difference in output.

The trouble may be due to a gassy tube, positive bias on the avc bus, shorted turns in an i-f transformer, leaky mica separators, dirt between trimmer plates, or any one of a number of other faults that tend to lower sensitivity and selectivity.

Localizing Obscure Distortion

Recently a Model 2175 Electronic Labs 6-tube ac-dc set came into the shop. The distortion present disappeared only when the volume control was set so low as to make reception barely audible. A "croaking" distortion was noted when speech was being received. The symptoms made me think capacitor C-1 in Fig. 3 was arcing over internally. A check indicated, however, that this was not the case. A new set of tubes was next tried, but no improvement resulted.

With new tubes in the set, tapping either the 12SK7 or 12SA7 tubes, i-f cans or tuning circuit components produced an aural effect similar to the one heard when a loose or poor ground somewhere in the r-f or oscillator section is jarred. The trouble was so pronounced that it could be picked up on another receiver six feet away. It was finally eliminated by grounding the speaker frame to the chassis. Some r-f, it seems, was sneaking through to the audio section, and was being amplified along with the audio signal; on modulation peaks, this r-f was being radiated by the

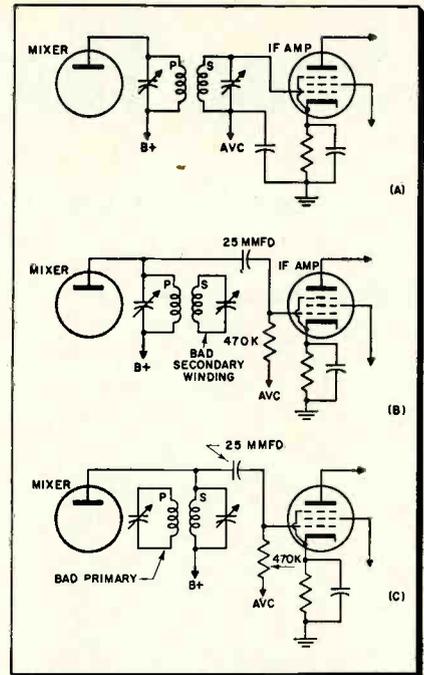


Fig. 2A—Normal i-f transformer connections. B—Tuned impedance coupling to eliminate defective secondary. C—Tuned impedance coupling to eliminate a faulty primary winding.

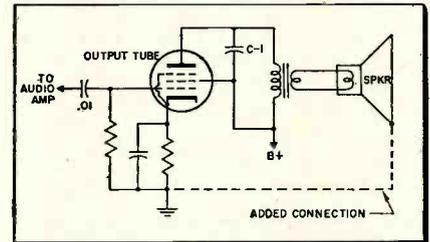


Fig. 3—Grounding speaker frame to eliminate r-f pickup. Speaker re-radiated these signals.

speaker to the loop antenna, from where it was fed back to the set. Grounding the speaker as shown in Fig. 3 eliminated the trouble.

These days when TV servicemen have all the work they can handle and more, we may at times feel above working on a lowly ac-dc receiver. Many of us old-timers, however, remember the lean depression years when just to see one of these sets come into the store for repair was a joy to behold, and remembering, we feel a little humble. With printed circuits now coming into the picture, some small ac-dc receivers will again offer a challenge to even the most experienced technician, and new procedures will have to be learned to maintain them.

Handy Cleaning Tool

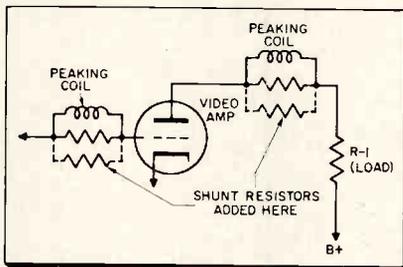
A few pipe cleaners are well worth carrying in the service kit. Put a little contact cleaner on the end of one, and you are set to reach into many places. Excessive application of cleaning fluid is avoided by the use of a pipe cleaner. *H. Leeper, Canton 3, Ohio.*

Shop Hints to Speed Servicing

Tips for Home and Bench Service Contributed by Readers

Ring in the Picture

Whenever peaking coils are used as a means of increasing an amplifier's high-frequency response, the possibility of ringing or "echo effect" exists. This is the case with video amplifiers in TV receivers. The symptom is often mistaken for tuner or i-f misalignment, with the result that there are fruitless and time-wasting attempts to align and re-align the set. If ringing occurs in the video amplifier, a simple solution is to shunt resistors across the peaking coils or, if resistors are already there, to reduce their value.

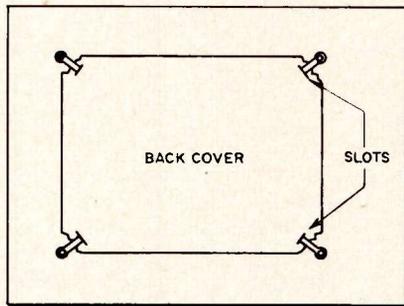


A good starting value is about 50k. This value may be lowered until the ringing is acceptably reduced. This method should be used when a test pattern is being received, so that the effect on high-frequency response can be noted. If high-frequency response must be reduced a great deal to eliminate the ringing, re-dress video amplifier leads so that they are as short as possible, and lower the value of the plate load resistor, R-1.—*F. S. Mattioli, Racine, Wisconsin.*

(Care should be taken in changing the value of the plate load resistor; reduction in the value of this resistor will lower the stage gain. The method may therefore be inadvisable where weak signals are being received.—*Ed.*)

Mounts for Receiver Backs

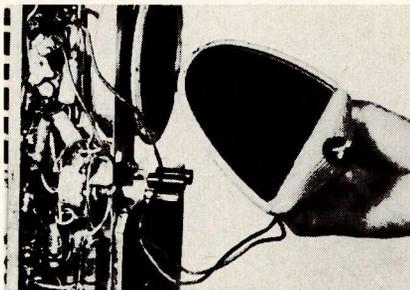
Cardboard backs may be re-fastened to table sets when the corners of these backs have been torn off, by using long solder lugs as metal mounting tabs. The long ends of the lugs (the ends opposite the "eyes") are pushed through slots made in the cardboard and bent into place. The "eyes" are then used to



mount the back to the cabinet.—*S. Sandler, Providence, R. I.*

Mirror-Lamp as Service Aid

Certain cars come equipped with a mirror (see photo); similar mirrors can be purchased at supply stores. It is only necessary to equip the mirror socket with a dial lamp of suitable voltage rating, and to clip the lamp's leads to that voltage source, to have a mirror for checking the values of parts. The voltage source may be in the receiver under examination. The mirror alone is



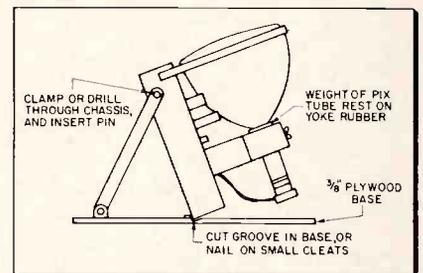
convenient in making TV receiver adjustments.—*H. Leeper, Canton, Ohio.*

Jig for Large TV Chassis

The illustrated jig, which can be made up from a section of $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. plywood and a few simple, easily available parts, provides a means for safely handling that bulky TV chassis. Sideward movement of the chassis, with resultant strain on the neck of the picture tube, is avoided; otherwise, the entire set-up can easily be rotated or moved around on the bench. When using this mount, details of which are shown in the accompanying sketch, some care may be necessary to prevent damage to the neck of the picture

SHOP HINTS WANTED
TECHNICIAN will pay \$5 for acceptable shop hints. We are particularly interested in hints that tell how a technician located a hard-to-find trouble in a TV set, radio, record-changer or similar unit. Unacceptable items will be returned to the contributor. Send your ideas to "Shop Hints Editor, TECHNICIAN, Caldwell-Clements, Inc., 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17, New York."

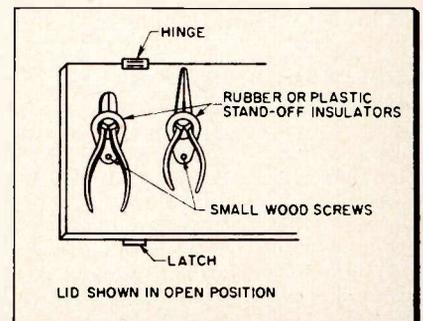
tube. Since the neck often projects beyond the back of the chassis, the mount must be adjusted so that the



base of the crt does not contact the mounting board.—*F. C. Hoffman, Kewaunee, Wisconsin.*

Tool Mounts in Tube Caddy

The service technician's tube caddy never has enough space for all the equipment required for home calls. The space on the removable lid in caddies of certain types is often overlooked as a possible place to mount hand tools. I find that rubber stand-off insulators provide a quick, easy method of holding long-nose pliers, diagonal cutters and similar tools in place on the lid. When the lid is up and the caddy is closed, these tools hang securely with their handles up and fit snugly into the openings of the standoffs. When the lid is open, as shown in sketch, the tools slip easily down and out of the holders.—*John Minster, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.*



Can You Solve These?

If You Whiz Through This Quiz, Your IQ Is High-Q

Power Supply Enigma

Technicians can thank Philco engineer G. P. Rumble for this problem: A field engineer running a routine check of a power supply (see Fig. 1) found that even though

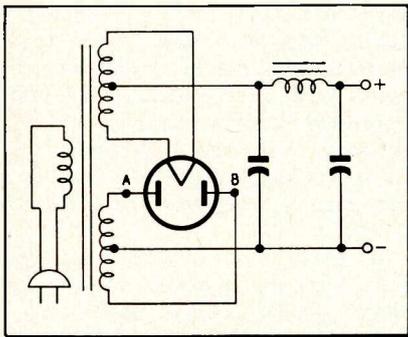


Fig. 1—Circuit in which dc output voltage was normal, even though no ac voltage could be measured across transformer secondary.

the dc output voltage was essentially normal, there was no ac voltage between the two rectifier plates (point A to point B). Since no overheating was in evidence, the field engineer concluded that one of the two halves of the high-voltage secondary winding was open. A resistance check, however, showed that the two halves of the secondary were ok.

What is wrong with the circuit? (Answer on last column.)

Portable Brain Teaser

The problem here was to change an all-wave (115 v, 60-cycle) Zenith portable so that it could be used in India. The rectifier present was a 117Z6-GT, with a 75 ma heater. A 50 ma current had to be supplied to the 1.4 v tube filaments. What to do?

A 2-1 transformer was ruled out as being too bulky for travel. Only thing that seemed practical was to install a series resistor. What size and where?

Meter A in Fig. 2 reads 50 ma; meter B would (if we had a suitable one) read 75 ma.

If we add the two currents together, we get a total of 125 ma, or .125 amperes. A 115 v drop is desired across the series resistance, which we tentatively assume will have to be inserted at point X. To determine the value of the resistor

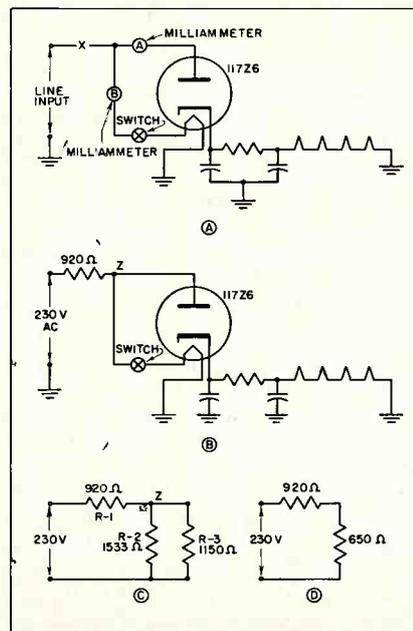
needed, we divide 115 by .125, obtaining 920 ohms. So we install a 920 ohm wire-wound resistor at point X and hook the set onto a 230 volt line. Result? Nothing happens! The 117Z6 tube lights, but no signal is heard. Something's wrong, but what?

Let's analyze the problem. Consider the half-cycle during which the plate of the rectifier is negative. No current flows thru meter A at this time. Current does, however, flow in the 117Z6 filament circuit. Let's see how much.

Since we have the set working on a 230-volt line, with 920 ohms in series with the 1533-ohm 117Z6 heater (115/.075, or a total of 2453 ohms) the current which can flow is 94 ma—enough to overload the 75 ma heater. Bear in mind that this amount of current flows during the negative half cycle *only*, when there is no current in the rectifier plate circuit.

When the cycle moves into positive territory, our headache gets

Fig. 2A—Simplified power supply and filament circuit of portable. B—Circuit change first proposed to dissipate 115 v of the 230 v line input voltage. C—Equivalent circuit of B. R-1 is the line dropping resistor; R-2 is the resistive equivalent of the 117Z6 filament; R-3 is the resistive equivalent of the 117Z6 plate circuit. Latter resistance is present only during the positive half-cycle of line input voltage. D—Equivalent circuit of C.



even worse. Normally, we would have 50 ma, as registered by meter A. Since rectifier plate current can flow only during one-half the cycle, though, twice as much current, or 100 ma, must be passed in this active half-cycle, to keep the filter condensers charged and the filaments of the small tubes supplied with normal current during the non-conducting half-cycle.

Thus, the rectifier plate circuit appears as a resistance of 115/.1 or 1150 ohms during the positive half-cycle, and is *in shunt* with the 117Z6 heater resistance of 1533 ohms, producing a net resistance of 650 ohms. This 650 ohm resistance, however, is *in series* with 920-ohm resistor X; a total of 1570 ohms thus appears across the 230-volt line.

The current that *should* flow under these conditions is 230/1570 or 146 ma. Theoretically, we need 100 plus 75 or 175 ma during the positive half of the cycle, to operate the set. Therefore the set will not work with only 146 ma.

We can't reduce the value of resistor X to boost the current since lowering X's value would burn out the 117Z6 heater (inasmuch as we already have 94 ma flowing during the negative half of the cycle).

How would you solve this problem? (Answer on p. 60.)

Solution to "Power Supply"

Since the circuit shown in the problem was not overheating, it is evident that no short-circuits are present. The only other possible cause of zero voltage between points A and B would be an in-phase condition between the two halves of the high-voltage secondary winding of the transformer.

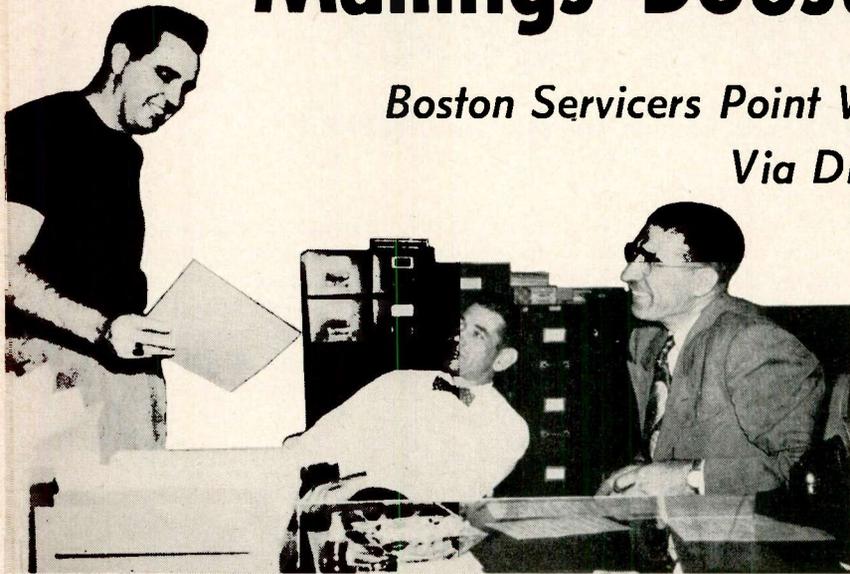
In manufacture, the two halves of the secondary are wound as two (Continued on page 60)

\$ For Brain Teasers

Do you know any good technical "teasers" you've been using to stump other servicers? Write them up, together with the answers, and send them to "Tech-Quiz" Editor, TECHNICIAN, Caldwell-Clements, Inc., 480 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, N. Y. \$5 each will be paid for accepted items. Unused material will be returned.

Mailings Boost TV Income

Boston Servicers Point Way Toward Increased Revenue Via Direct-Mail Ads



Paul S. Wagner, seated center, vice-president of Lake Service Corporation, and Fred S. Lakewitz, president (right) talk over plans for new direct mailing with W. G. Dwyer, the company's service manager.

By IRVING ROBERTS

• Lake Service Corporation of 89 Brighton Avenue, in the Allston section of Boston, Mass., is using an effective technique to increase its television service business. The company, which specializes in TV installations and service, ties direct-mail advertising pieces to televised events of national interest.

Typical of Lake Service's special-event mailings is its pre-World Series check-up promotion, urging the prospect to have his set put in good order before the Series' opening. Another is its pre-fight check-up promotion, mailed just prior to top championship boxing matches.

Proof of the effectiveness of these special mailings is Lake Service's 18-months record of 8 to 10 percent returns on every mailing. Repeat business and contracts resulting from initial calls are an important bonus.

Lake Service was launched several years ago by Fred S. Lakewitz, William G. Dwyer, and Paul S. Wagner. The company started off rather modestly. Television servicing competition is tough in Boston, as elsewhere. Despite a sizable amount of local radio and newspaper advertising, new business from home-owners or apartment dwellers was slow to develop. Lake Service's three partners decided they needed something to stimulate volume.

Wagner, who is a hot baseball fan, conceived the idea of a World Series check-up. The time was early Sep-

tember and World Series fever was already in the air. "We decided to try a test mailing of 5,000 cards to 5,000 names taken from a street directory of the neighborhood," says Wagner. "It proved one of the best decisions we ever made."

Wagner, Dwyer and Lakewitz sat down and worked out a two-way card offering a complete pre-World Series TV check-up for a set price. The company guaranteed to put each set in perfect working order for the Series. The cards warned against operating failure or blackout during the games, and urged customers to get top enjoyment from their sets.

The Plan Worked

"The response was far better than we had hoped," says Fred Lakewitz. "By the first week in October, more than 500 cards had been returned, requesting our service man to call at the home. Many more customers phoned in for a checkup. It was amazing how many people suddenly decided it was time for a TV checkup."

Lake Service was quick to take the hint. The mailing had cost something over \$160, of which \$55 was for the printing of the cards, the rest for postage. Gross intake from resulting calls was well over \$5,000.

Lakewitz, Dwyer and Wagner set about compiling a mailing list, first confining it to their immediate area, then spreading it to cover adjoining territories. No lists were bought because the partners wanted to set up

their own test areas, while avoiding much-used names. Chief sources were the telephone book and the street directories.

Lake Service's second special event mailing was a "Windy Season" antenna check-up in late February of 1951. Two-way cards were again mailed out to some 5,000 names—again with good results. "We didn't approach the first mailing in actual returns," says Paul Wagner, "But the percentage was good enough to convince us we were on the right track."

In early May of the same year, the company began mailing out some 10,000 cards promoting a Spring and Summer check. This time, after two weeks had elapsed, follow-up letters were sent out. Response was close to 1,000 new calls, with many new contacts made.

The summer of 1952 was a busy one for the company. First, a special-event card mailing was made about a month before the opening of the Republican and Democratic National Conventions. This was followed in September by a World Series mailing. In February 1953 came the "Windy Season" antenna mailing, this time to a new list. In early spring, another promotion was keyed to the second Walcott-Marciano fight. Other mailings were made in late '53 and early '54.

Mailings rarely cost more than \$300 to \$350; the exact amount depends on the number of cards sent and returned, and on whether a follow-up letter is used. Printing charges for 10,000 two-way cards average around \$100, with postage accounting for the balance. Cost for mailing 5,000 cards is a little more than half the cost for 10,000. Figuring on 8 to 10 percent returns, averaging \$10 or up per job, Lake Service has found that a mailing costs slightly more than 3 percent of total gross resulting from the mailing.

Mailings are generally scheduled well ahead, and are usually set up during January; the schedule is, however, kept flexible, to allow for unscheduled events. Lake Service's

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COLOR SHORTS

HOW FAR COLOR WILL ADVANCE depends, to a great extent, on how far sponsoring advertisers will go in supporting it. The added cost of color broadcasting will definitely be a factor. An encouraging note is sounded by J. L. Van Volkenburg, president of CBS Television. When color TV reaches full maturity, he estimates, it will cost only 10 percent more to advertise in color than in monochrome. Wonder whether we'll ever be able to say the same thing about the cost of color receivers?

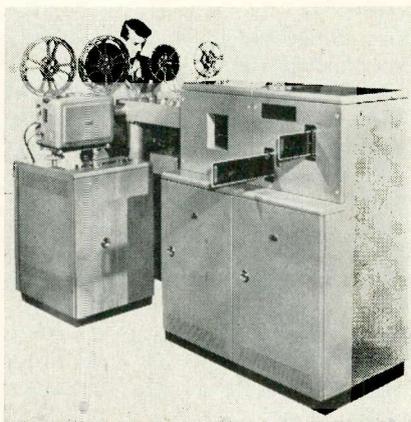
SOME INDUSTRY LEADERS want you to let your customers know that service will probably be required on color sets from the outset. They urge the sale of these receivers with service contracts. Reasoning behind the suggestion: glossing over the need for early servicing may undermine confidence in the industry.

THREE PIECES OF TEST EQUIPMENT for color, announced by RCA, will soon be available: color-bar generator WR-61A, which produces a test pattern of 10 color bars on the receiver screen, for use in adjusting phasing and matrixing circuits; portable dot-bar generator WR-36A, used in making all convergence adjustments; and dual-bandwidth oscilloscope WO-78A, for observing the color-burst signal and checking color-burst circuits. Prices and additional specifications will be announced when the instruments are released for distribution.

COLOR ONLY: New York City's 1st UHF channel will go into construction soon. This city-owned non-commercial station may transmit *exclusively* in color from its start.

RAYTHEON is actively distributing its version of the 15-in. 3-gun color tube, the 15GP22, from its recently built plant at Quincy, Mass. First delivery to a parts distributor was to American Television, Inc., New Haven, Conn. a distributor for Raytheon tubes. The new Quincy plant has been set up for mass production of monochrome and color pix tubes.

DU MONT'S COLOR MULTI-SCANNER for presenting color films on TV is said to be a boon to limited-budget telecasters. The device, which is expected to make about 80 percent of current 16-mm color film libraries immediately available for broadcast, in quality comparable to that of live color programs, opens a wide range of additional material for use when color TV goes into heavy operation.



Du Mont Color Multi-Scanner eliminates costly camera equipment in film presentations.

TRANSPARENT SLIDES, in addition to motion pictures, may be picked up and transmitted with the scanner. This possibility should be important in the presentation of still commercials. In addition to its usefulness with color films made by all popular processes, the device may be used for scanning black and white films. A special technique called *electronic masking* may make it possible to improve the quality of color films during TV presentation, since it permits adjustment of color saturation and overall brightness. If desired, skies can be made bluer and grass can be made greener. First public showing of the multi-scanner was at the NARTB convention in Chicago, May 23.

AS OF THIS WRITING, there will be four hours of color programs available from two leading networks this month. NBC and CBS each plan four half-hour shows during the month. ABC is adopting a wait-and-see attitude.

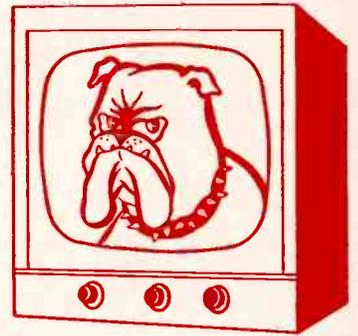
RECOMMENDATIONS RE THE TEST BURST GENERATOR introduced by RCA and discussed in last month's *TECHNICIAN* are being considered by the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association. A subcommittee of the RETMA Service Committee is reporting on the color burst generator, which adds a yellow-green vertical stripe on the right-hand side of the raster when a monochrome test pattern or station-break identification pattern is being sent out. The stripe will be useful in installing a color set when no color broadcast is available, in adjustment of the set by the owner preceding a color program, and by the technician in checking for partial or complete loss of the subcarrier or other color information somewhere in the system.

ANOTHER RETMA DEVELOPMENT is a lecture program for service technicians. The lecture package, including text and slides, is being distributed to RETMA members at nominal cost. The first industry-approved explanation of NTSC color, it is designed to establish a basic and uniform level of technical know-how, from which individual manufacturers of receivers, components, test equipment and other products can plan their own technician training programs. Non-RETMA members and individual service technicians can procure this material from member companies.

THE LAWRENCE TUBE is the subject of a 19-page booklet recently released by Chromatic Television Laboratories, Inc. Essentially a non-technical treatment, the brochure (Reference Memorandum No. 1) nevertheless presents a skeleton explanation of how the single-gun tube works. Also discussed are such factors as picture size, price, associated receiver considerations, advantages believed to be inherent in the single-gun design, and the potential this tube type may have in the future of color TV . . . Another large crt manufacturer (Eitel-McCullough, Inc., San Bruno, Calif.) has joined the list of those who will be making single-gun Chromatrons.

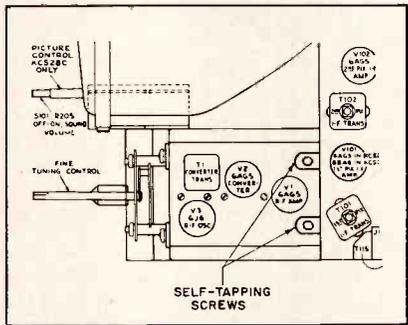
"Tough Dog" Corner

Difficult Service Jobs Described by Readers



Hum Trouble

Complaint on an RCA set using a KCS38 chassis was intermittent vertical rolling—intermittent to the point of not occurring for several days, and then starting again. Fortunately the symptom showed up while I was present, but I also noticed evidence of 60-cycle ac in pix and sound during the rolling. After all tubes were checked, the set was brought to the shop. Cooperatively enough, as soon as the set was put on the bench, the symptoms showed up. From here on, the cooperation ended. While checking capacitors in the vertical section, it was observed that the a-c symptoms sometimes disappeared, although the rolling continued, at least on Channel 6 (the set never did seem to roll on 3



Top viewer of tuner in KCS38 (courtesy, RCA).

or 10, the other Philadelphia stations). After half an hour, the trouble cleared up and no amount of channel switching or banging could make it recur.

Three days later, after continuous trouble-free operation, I decided to give the set one more hammering before returning it to the customer. There were the symptoms again. I had to pound the chassis with a heavy wrench to keep the trouble present long enough for hooking up a scope. Sure enough, there was a 60-cycle sine wave at the vertical grid and plate as long as I kept the wrench busy. Incidentally, the amplitude of the sine wave varied with the degree of chassis flexing and hammering. With just a small sine wave, there was vertical rolling without the ac being evident in the

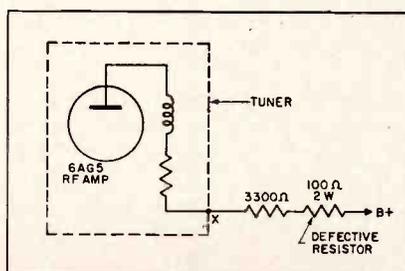
pix and sound; as the sine wave increased, the pix and sound distortion became increasingly worse. The hum voltage was traced back along the B-plus clear through to the tuner.

With every tuner lead disconnected, except the filament leads, there was still a 60-cycle sine wave coming from the tuner. There was nothing left to do but to isolate the trouble to its source inside the tuner. Since the leads were already disconnected, the first step was to loosen the two self-tapping screws shown in the accompanying drawing. I noticed then that the two screws were already loosened—about half way out—left that way by some previous serviceman. Back went the leads, on went the scope, and I proceeded to tighten and loosen the screws. The ac disappeared and reappeared as the screws—the only ground connection for the tuner shield—were alternately tightened and loosened.

Not only could vibrations in the home open or partially open the ground connection, but even temperature changes could expand or contract the metal; a drier atmosphere could decrease the conductivity of the loose connection; accentuating the symptoms. All this was the result of someone's careless servicing.—*Ervin Bilsky, Woodbury, N.J.*

Intermittent Tuner

This set (Philco, model 1400) would operate satisfactorily for about two hours after being turned on; then sound and pix would fade out rapidly and come right back. The customer said he would have to readjust the fine tuning control at times to get the set back into opera-



tion. After the first two hours, the symptoms described would recur frequently.

Changing tubes provided no improvement. I turned my attention to two capacitors in series with the fine tuning control, believing that a change in capacitance in either one of them might cause the trouble. Each of these two was separately replaced, but with no effect. It was finally decided that the B+ voltage at the tuner input should be monitored, between point X in the illustration and ground.

After a half-hour wait, picture and sound faded and the meter reading dropped to nearly zero volts; then it came back to normal as the picture and sound came back. Fifteen minutes later, the B+ dropped to nearly half its original value. This time, to get the set working right, the fine tuning had to be readjusted. It was noted that the 100-ohm 2 w. resistor was slightly discolored. A check of the voltage drop across it showed an unsteady reading, with the meter needle flickering. When this resistor was temporarily shorted out, B+ remained normal and set operation continued to be fine. The resistor was replaced, after which the set operated fine.—*John L. Mancini, Winthrop, Mass.*

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Bell HI-FI AMPLIFIER

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Regency HI-FI AMPLIFIER

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Capps HI-FI MICROPHONE

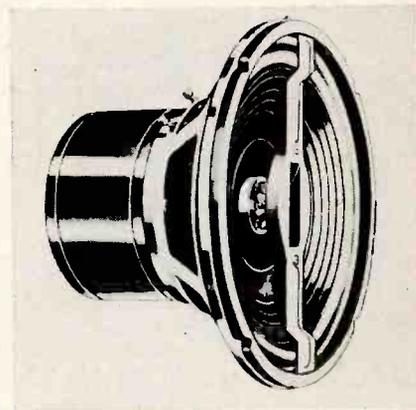
Condenser microphone model CM 2001 houses a self-contained preamplifier, but is only 6 in. long and weighs 12 oz. It has a frequency response of 30 to 15,000 cps ± 3 db, is omni-directional, blast-proof and unaffected by moist atmospheres. Supplied with cable and power supply. Frank L. Capps & Co., Inc., 20 Addison Place, Valley Stream, N.Y.—TECHNICIAN

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Speakers include X36 crossover network and AT37 brilliance control. Electro-Voice, Inc., Buchanan, Michigan.—TECHNICIAN

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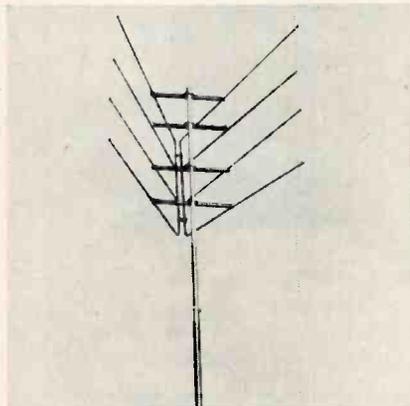
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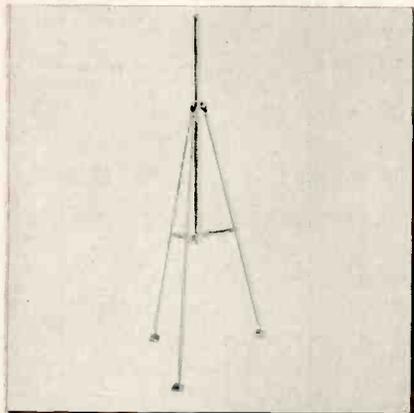
The Redwood series of stacked-V VHF-UHF antennas use redwood cross-arms for bracing. The Redwood 2-bay model UN102 (\$4.20,



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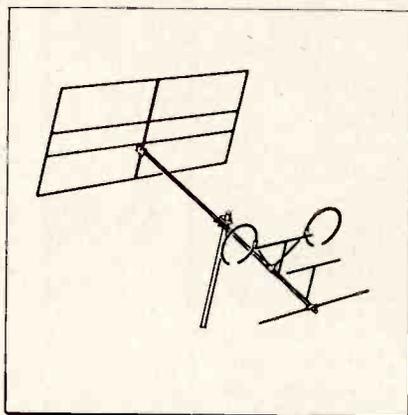
including mast, drive screws and a standoff, are included. Fretz, Gross Co., 22nd St. and Sedgley Ave., Philadelphia 32, Penna.—TECHNICIAN

Winegard VHF ANTENNA

The Interceptor combines the manufacturer's multi-resonant dipole design with a focusing system. The first 5 elements, designated the *Electro-Lens*, are said to intercept and focus signal onto the collector elements, to produce very high gain and sharp directivity. The manufacturer recommends the antenna in areas where co-channel interference is a problem. The John Winegard Co., 3000 Scotten Boulevard, Burlington, Iowa—TECHNICIAN

Miller VHF ANTENNA

The Bi-Focal antenna with reflector screen, model BF200, is said to produce high gain on the VHF band, providing long-distance pickup in canyons and valleys. List price,



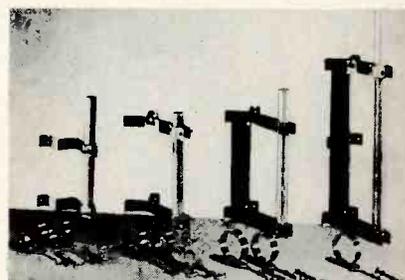
\$35.95. Other Bi-Focal models without the screen are available for normal VHF areas. Miller Television Co., 2840 Naomi, Burbank, Calif.—TECHNICIAN

Ultra Hi ANTENNAS

Included in the manufacturer's line of antennas and accessories are the model UH-30 corner reflector and the UH-200 double bowtie with screen reflector (pre-assembled), both for UHF. Other types include 5- and 10-element yagis, folded dipoles, conical types and batwings. Accessories include a line of antenna mounts, standoffs, clamps and insulators. Ultra Hi TV Mfg. Corp., 23 Hudson St., Worcester, Mass.—TECHNICIAN

Commercial ROOF MOUNTS

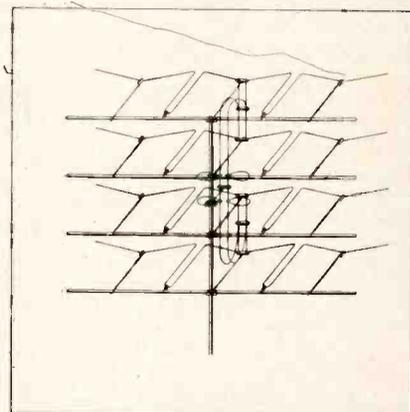
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Fretco UHF-VHF ANTENNA

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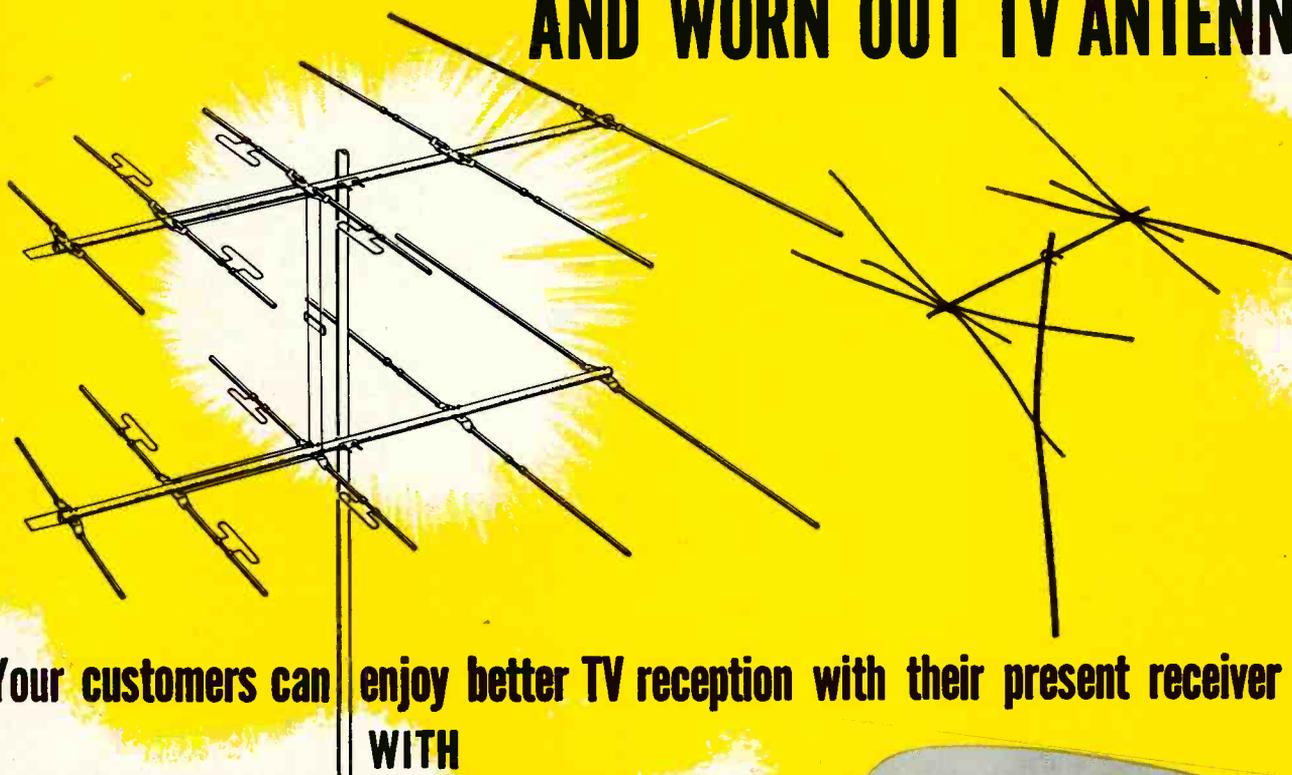


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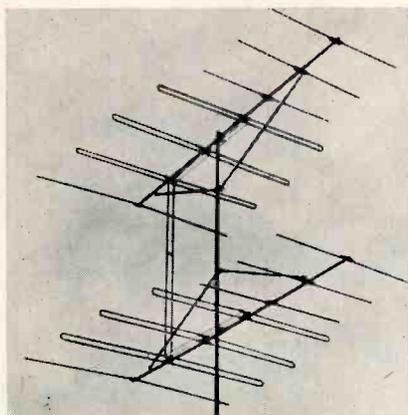
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out hardware. List price: \$14.58. Channel Master Corp., Ellenville, N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

Telco ANTENNAS, MOUNTS

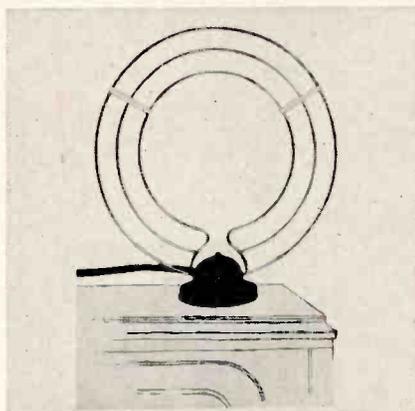
The Golden Halo indoor antenna, designed for UHF reception, is said to perform equally well on VHF. Gold-plated elements mount on plastic base. Cat. no. 9000. List price, \$4.95.

The indoor UHF Can-Tenna with reflector screen is said to have 7 db gain at 680 mc, does not require critical positioning within the room for optimum results. Cat. no. A-350. List price, \$7.75.

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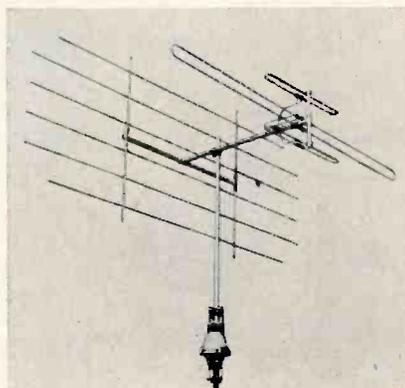


may also be used for masts taller than 10 ft. with guying. List price, \$7.50. Television Hardware Mfg. Co., 919 Taylor Ave., Rockford, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Radiart ANTENNAS

The Ultamatic is an all-channel VHF type designed with color reception in mind; response does not vary more than 3 db on any channel. Other features include: low standing-wave ratio, high front-to-back ratio.

Developed for one-man mounting, the Spee-Dee auto aerial is installed in 3 steps, none requiring work below the fender. Adjustable to fit all body and fender contours. The



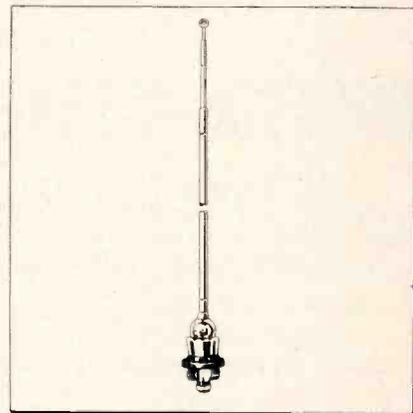
Spee-Dee measures 57¼ in. extended, has a 42-in. polyethylene lead-in. The Radiart Corp., 3455 Vega Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio—TECHNICIAN

Taco TV SET COUPLERS

These multi-set couplers may be installed in a few minutes, are available in 3 models. Cat. no. 820-2 divides signal to two receivers; 820-3 and 820-4, respectively, provide service to three or four receivers, as required. They also permit the use of less than maximum number of sets for which the units are designed, without loss of signal. In high signal areas, these units may be connected in multiple to feed a number of TV sets. Technical Appliance Corp., Sherburne, N.Y.—TECHNICIAN

Snyder AUTO ANTENNA

The TC-9 has a 3-section staff with a collapsed length of 23¾ in. and an extended length of 56 in. It features a chrome static ball and bakelite insulators. Adjustable to any angle, it has a single hole mount for installation anywhere on top cowl or rear deck. Furnished with a 48-in. lead. Snyder Mfg. Co., 22nd

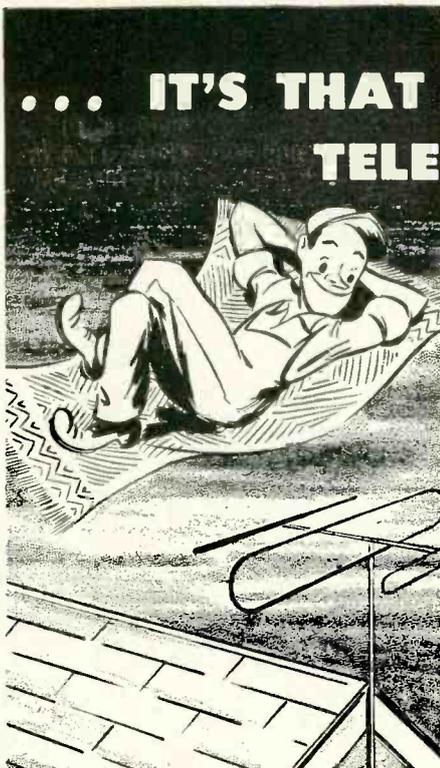


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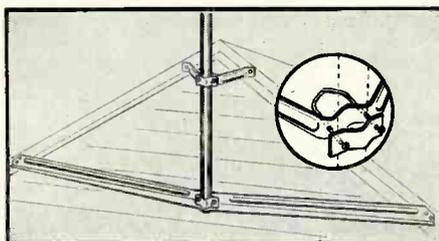
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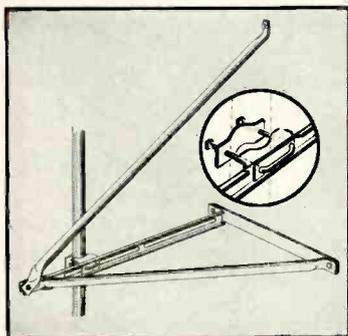
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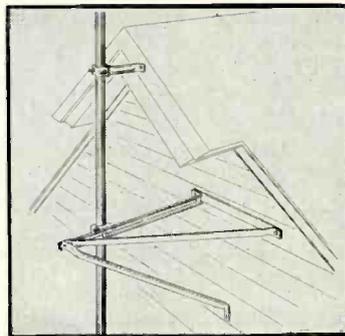
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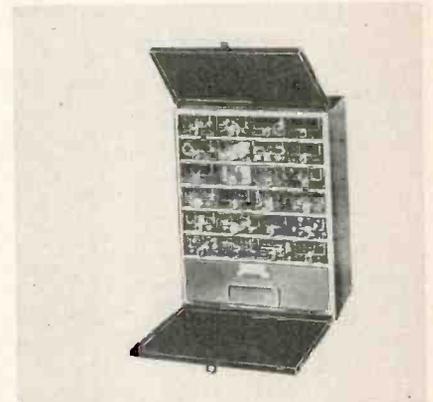
heating. Operates on 110-120 volts, ac or dc. Available in 2 models. 214LT ¼-in. tip, 150-400 w., lists for \$11.95; model 212LT, ½-in. tip, 300-800 w., lists for \$16.95. P. Wall Mfg. Co., P. O. Box 71, Grove City, Penna.—TECHNICIAN

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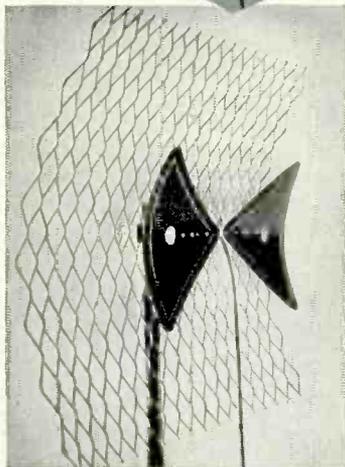
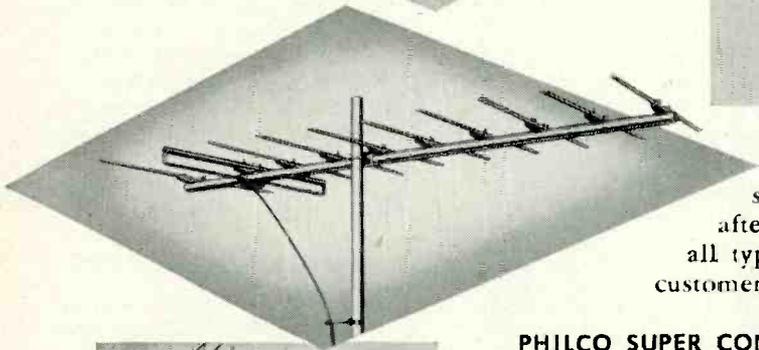
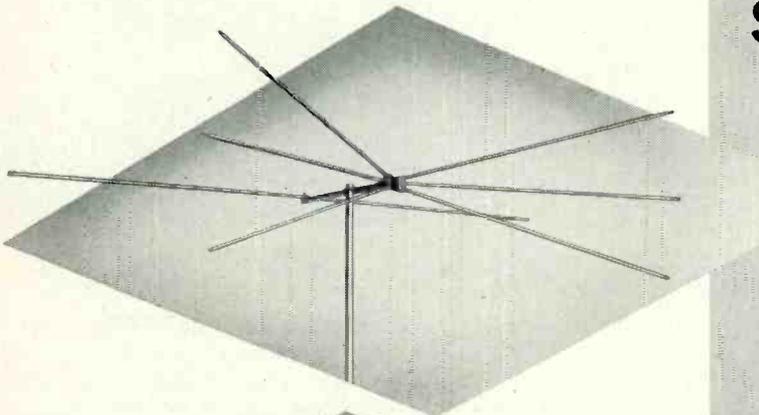
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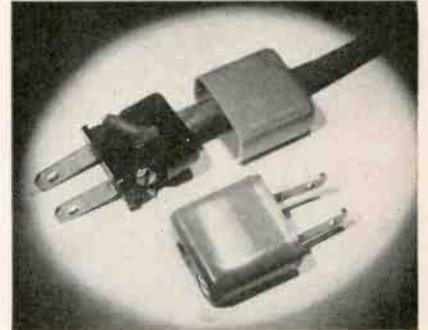
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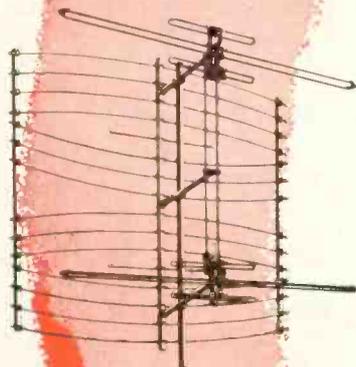
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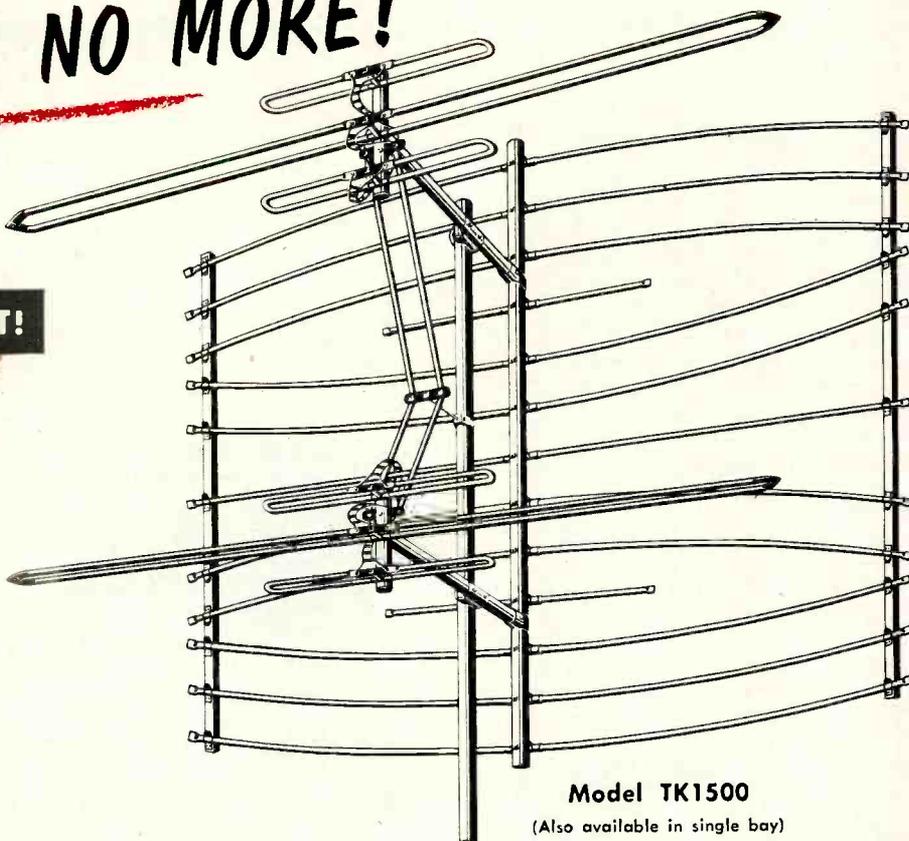
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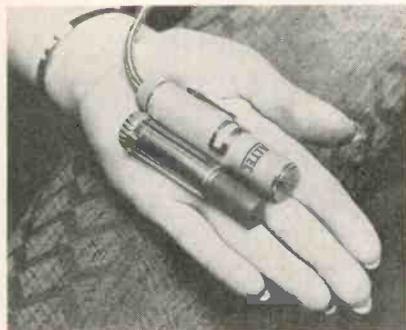
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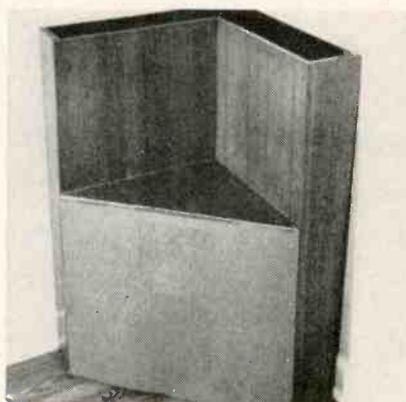
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The Hartley Audio Control Amplifier is designed for use in quality systems with phono pickups, tuners, tape recorders, and other audio signal sources. Separate bass and treble controls are continuously variable, and permit up to 36 db boost at 40 cycles; 13 db boost and 16 db attenuation at 10,000 cycles. These enable compensation for all record characteristics. With controls level, response is flat from 20 to 50,000 cps. Distortion content is less than 0.1%. The input selector switch provides 4

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EC 5-WATT AMPLIFIER

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Sonex HI-FI AMPLIFIER

Model U-L-601, at output levels normal in the home, introduces less than 0.1% intermodulation distortion and has smooth bandpass ± 1 db from 2 cps to 200 kc. It is rated to deliver 60 watts ± 1 db with less than 0.5% distortion at any frequency in the range of 20 cps to 20 kc. The amplifier uses ultra-linear circuitry and features ac receptacles, power take-off for pre-amplifier, and provision for remote on-off switching. Sonex, Inc., 245 Sansom St., Upper Darby, Penna.—TECHNICIAN

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This electrodynamic-type phono pickup is designed for high-fidelity sound systems, and has flat output from 20 to 10,000 cps, with a slight rising characteristic to 20,000 cps, depending on the record material. Spurious responses due to resonance effects and other causes are said to be completely absent below 20,000 cps. The stylus is permanently fixed. With a sapphire unit, the pickup is priced at \$14.95; with a diamond one, at \$29.95. Electro-Sonic Laboratories, Inc., 3215 36th Ave., Long Island City 1, N.Y.—TECHNICIAN

Mailings Boost TV Income

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regular list includes the "Windy Season" check-up in February and March, a Spring and Summer check-up in May and June, the World Series, and a Fall and Winter check-up in late October. Non-regular mailings in the recent past have included the presidential nominating conventions, the Coronation, and the Marciano-Walcott fight.

Most mailings are written and designed by one or more of the partners, sometimes with the help of one or two salesmen. Rough layouts and copy are given over to a local printer. Today, cards are addressed on a new Addresso-Graph, which the company recently purchased. Before the addressing machine was bought, clerical help was hired to take care of the mailings.

Mailing List Details

Lake Service's mailing list, painstakingly acquired, is carefully kept up-to-date. The company's secretary sees to it that duplication is avoided, and that names of unresponsive prospects are dropped after several tests. The names of non-contract customers who have done business with Lake Service are kept in a special section. So are new and untried names from selected areas. When promotion time approaches, names are selected alphabetically or by area.

Some mailings prove inexplicably more successful than others. One such was the political convention mailing in the summer of '52.

"We sent out 10,000 cards altogether—5,000 before each convention," says Paul Wagner, "and we received close to 1,500 returns, along with many telephone calls. It proved to us how politically-conscious the average television owner has become."

Cards in this case were illustrated with the familiar donkey and elephant, symbolic of each political party. Copy urged the reader to "Tune In for the Battle of the Century." A check-up for a specified fee was offered, exclusive of the cost of major components.

Lake Service feels it has worked out a good formula for picking up new service business. It will send out its fourth World Series mailing soon, and figures on many more to come.

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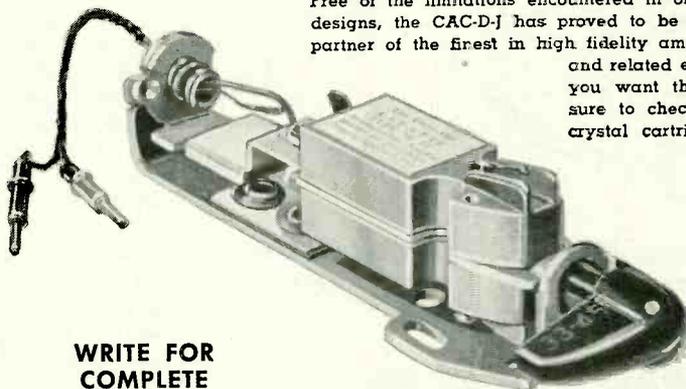
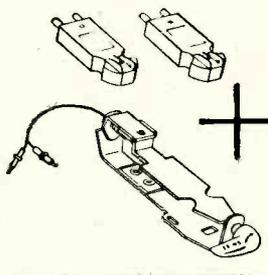
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Flashes in the picture, accompanied by unstable sync in the presence of noise, is a common trouble in many of the older TV receivers. These symptoms can be minimized in sets using a relatively small value of capacitance for interstage coupling between video amplifier stages. The input to the second video stage must have a positive-going sync signal, for the method to be effective.

The unstable sync and picture flashing are caused by the long time constant of C-1 and R-1 (see Fig. 1).

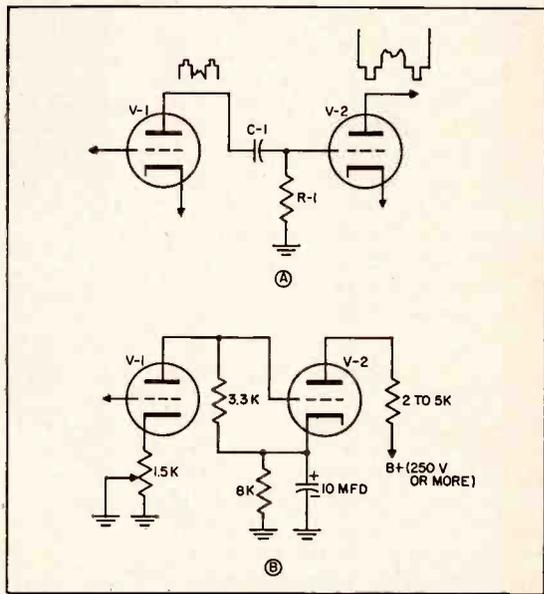


Fig. 1A—Simplified sketch of 2-stage video amplifier. R-1's value is generally some value between 270k and 1 meg; C-1's value may fall between .01 and .22 mfd. B—Direct-coupling video amp stages is one way of reducing noise effects. Circuit values shown apply to 12AU7 or 12BH7 tubes. Other suitable values will have to be chosen when different tubes are used as video amplifiers.

When a noise pulse, such as that produced by a car's ignition system, is received, C-1 charges up and holds the charge for a number of microseconds, thus cutting off any video or sync present at the time at the grid of V-2. These signals are cut off not merely while the noise is present at the input, but for an appreciable time after the noise has come and gone.

(The noise pulses are very much greater in amplitude than the video and sync signals. When they ride in, they drive the grid sharply positive, causing grid current flow. C-1 is charged, and a negative voltage is developed between grid and ground, by this grid current flow. The resultant increase in bias is large enough to cut the tube off. Some time elapses before C-1's discharge through R-1 has reduced the bias to below cut-off level. Video and sync signals are cut off during this time.—Ed.)

One way to eliminate the condition is by direct-coupling the two video amp stages (see Fig. 1B). The difficulty with direct coupling, however, is that a high B+ voltage feed to the second video amp. stage is needed, to produce a plate voltage at the first stage large enough to provide adequate gain.

Another method of dealing with the problem is to increase C-1 and reduce R-1 to the point where the time constant does not produce the noise effects previously described. I have found that changing C-1 to 4 mfd, and

Set Performance

R-1 to 3k, is effective in minimizing noise symptoms.—
F. S. Mattioli, Madison, Wisconsin.

(While the author's idea is good, we don't agree on the changes in value of C-1 and R-1 that he recommends. The problem present, we feel, reduces itself to the following: grid current produced by the positive-going noise pulse must be reduced to a point where the grid voltage developed by the noise has a negligible value. The second video amplifier will, in such a case, no longer be cut off in the presence of noise, and the effects of noise on the picture will be shortened to the time that the noise pulse is actually present. The desired effect can be achieved by reducing the value of R-1. The reduction in R-1's value necessitates a corresponding reduction in the reactance of C-1 (i.e., an increase in C-1's capacitance) to prevent the excessive attenuation of low-frequency signals.

C-1 should not, in our opinion, be increased beyond .25 mfd, nor should R-1 be reduced to a value below 30k. Excessive C-1 capacitance will increase the shunt capacitance to ground, and reduce the video high-frequency response; too small a value of R-1 will cut down the gain of V-1, since R-1 is in parallel with the plate load circuit of V-1.

Direct coupling, while it has its disadvantages, will reduce noise because it dispenses with the coupling condenser, permitting the value of the grid resistor to be made as low 3.3k.—Ed.)

Improving Sync

When sync signals are taken off at the plate of the first video amplifier (in a two-stage video amplifier circuit), and the contrast control is in the cathode circuit of the first video stage, twisting and weaving of the picture with the contrast control turned up for normal viewing may be seen in some sets. Loss of vertical sync

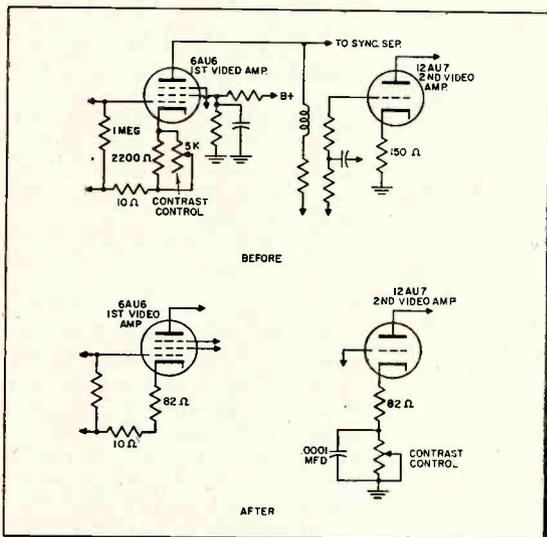
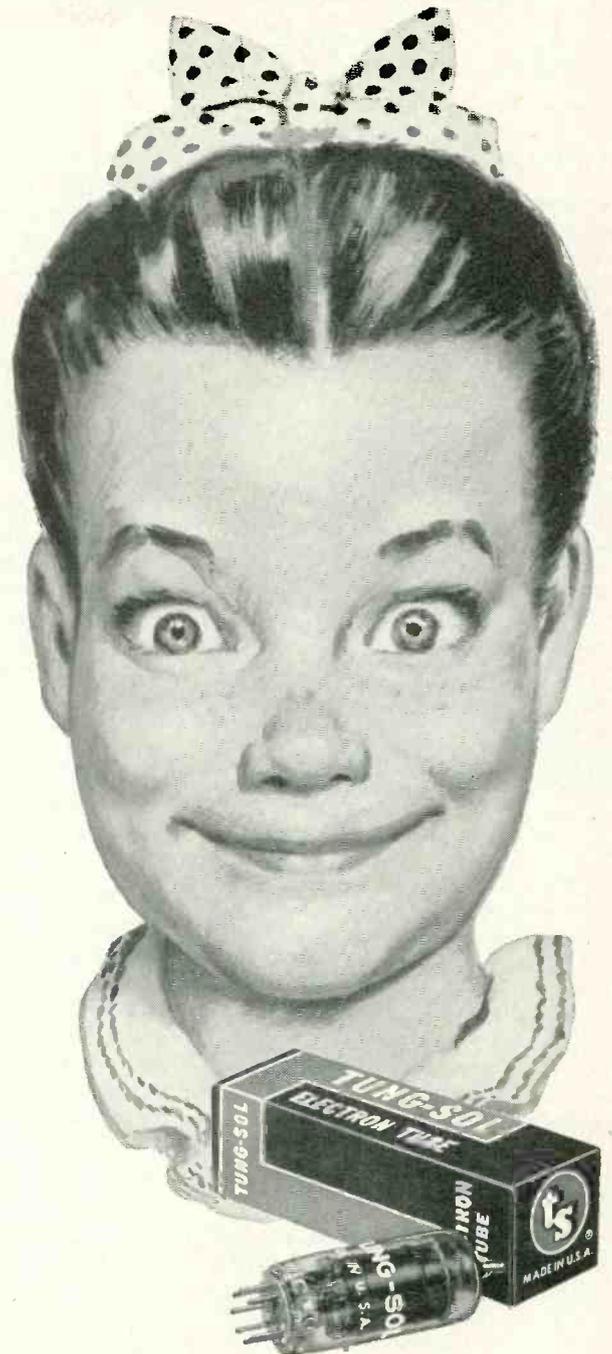


Fig. 2—Changes made to improve sync in circuits where the contrast control is in the first stage of a 2-stage video amplifier.

at low contrast settings may also accompany this symptom. The remedy is to move the contrast control to the 2nd video amp cathode circuit, making the re-wiring and component changes indicated in Fig. 3. Since the gain of the first video amplifier is now constant, and the tube operates at full output at all times, insufficient sync at low (or normal) contrast settings is avoided.—
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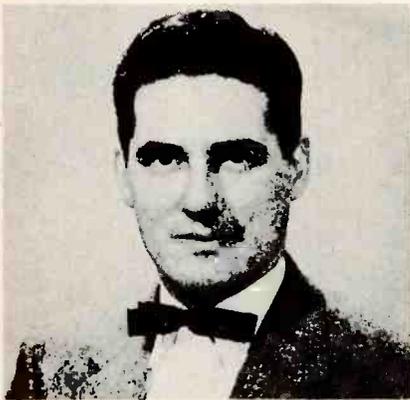
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NEWS of the TRADE

Du Mont Post to Hatchwell

Joseph A. Hatchwell, mid-Atlantic regional sales manager for Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories' Television Receiver Division, has been promoted to Director of Service, it was announced today by Dan D. Halpin, general sales manager.



Mr. Hatchwell's new responsibilities include the administration, supervision, and direction of the technical activities of the Division's Service Department on a national basis. The new director, a graduate of the Moore School of Electrical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania, has a 14-year record in the establishment of TV service concerns, and in television and electronic sales.

Salami-Sliced Tubes

Slicing glass vacuum tubes just like salami—to make sure they'll perform right in radios and TV sets—is all in a day's work for GE engineers in Owensboro, Ky. The technique has solved a problem in the tube-checking program. Engineers needed a way to inspect a tube's inner parts without disturbing them. Breaking open the glass and cutting out the parts for study could move or distort them and spoil the test. Then one engineer suggested the slicing procedure.

First, the tube is immersed in clear, liquid plastic. Then its submerged glass tip is cracked off. Since there's a vacuum inside, atmospheric pressure forces the liquid plastic into the tube, filling it completely. The plastic is hardened in about two hours, with the tube parts undisturbed. Engineers then

crack away the glass exterior and slice the plastic-encased parts into quarter-inch-thick sections, for study under a microscope.

Antenna Standards

A standard recently released by the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association (RETMA Standard REC-141) may help in clearing up some of the confusion surrounding VHF antenna performance claims. This confusion has been a major source of irritation to service technicians, who often find a customer's good will depends on the ability to evaluate and recommend suitable antennas for individual installations.

Performance data to be presented for all VHF antennas include the directivity pattern, relative gain and the voltage standing-wave ratio and/or impedance. For multiple-channel antennas, the horizontal pattern is to be shown on each channel for which coverage is claimed. Standard dipoles for Channels 2 to 13, used as a reference, are described; the gain of other antennas is compared to these dipoles. The methods by which tests are to be conducted and readings taken are also discussed.

Recorded Tape and Player

The trend toward pre-recorded tapes is gaining added impetus. E. M. C. Recordings Corp. (Educational—Musical—Cultural), St. Paul, Minn., announces the availability of pre-recorded educational tapes for use by schools. Later this fall, the company expects to make its initial offering of pre-recorded musical tapes. While this project is not the first of its kind, another venture being planned by the organization may have some effect on the popular acceptance of the tape medium. A tape playback unit, without recording facilities, will be offered at a list price of less than \$40. The availability of such a device may place tape and tape players in direct competition with recorded discs and disc players.

INDUSTRY KEYHOLE

ETCHED-CIRCUIT PREAMPLIFIER, used in the new Crestwood tape recorder, model 303, is stated by the manufacturer to mark the first application of etching techniques in this field. Response of the 2-speed player is said to be 50-10,000 cps. . . . SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS, Radio & TV Div., has appointed a new distributor

in S. Carolina: Merit Distributing Co. of Spartanburg. . . . COMMITTEE FOR THE WEST-COAST AUDIO FAIR, scheduled for 1955, takes on 4 new members: G. Yarbrough (American Microphone Co.), B. Berlant (Berlant Associates), J. B. Thomas (James B. Lansing Sound Co.) and B. Newcomb (Newcomb Audio Products Co.)

CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV was used as a method of instruction at a service meeting conducted in Wichita Falls, Tex., by Bob Middleton of the Simpson Electric Co. A TV camera was trained on demonstration equipment. TV sets spotted all around the large meeting hall brought close-ups of the demonstrations to all observers. . . . AMERICAN SCREEN PRODUCTS CO. of Miami, Fla., has added sales representatives for its line of antennas and other products: Arthur E. Akeroyd Co., Boston, Mass. (Conn. Me., Mass., N. H., R. I. and Vt.); Tom Cox, Green Lane, Penna. (Eastern Penna., Southern N. J., Dela., Md. and D. C.); Dave Kubrick Co., New York City (N. Y. metropolitan area and Northern N. J.)

HARD-GLASS ELECTRON TUBES, designed to withstand extreme heat and stress conditions, are being mass-produced for military and commercial aircraft applications at the Eatontown, N. J. plant of Bendix Aviation Corp. Tube life in excess of 1,000 hours is said to be achieved even when the temperature of the tube's glass bulb during operation goes up to 572 degrees F. . . . THE MAGNAVOX CO. has appointed Ralph Mathews as general sales counsel for its high fidelity division.

CONSUMER EDUCATION on the role of the service technician is currently being plugged by GE. Spots on the Garroway morning TV shows are being used to get the message across. . . . WARD PRODUCTS DIV., The Gabriel Co., Cleveland, Ohio, has a new gen. mgr. He is C. Chandler Cole. . . . AN ENVELOPE STUFFER telling all about its 4-D Directronic portable TV antenna has been made available to the trade by Snyder Mfg. Co., Philadelphia 40, Penna.

TRANSMITTER-RECEIVER COMBINATIONS to operate in the band between 450 and 470 mc have been announced by GE. Expected to be most useful in big-city police and fire depts., taxicabs, and in some industrial applications, these 2-way mobile units will function from either 6- or 12-volt batteries. . . . MIRYAM SIMPSON of Masco, mfrs. of PA and Hi-Fi equipment, has been elected head of Music Artists, Inc. The group is sponsoring a series of 10 "pop" concerts in Carnegie Hall, N. Y. (Continued on page 57)

BEG PARDON

Two typographical errors were present in *Focus Circuit Problems*, April TECHNICIAN. At the bottom of column 2, p. 22, the sentence should have read "when correct focus is approached" (not current focus). Also, the letter Y next to the Z in Fig. 8C (p. 24) should have been a V.

Antenna Reflection Problems

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array installed.

Familiarity with the characteristics of reflected and direct signals is not only useful in educating customers, but also in solving various antenna problems. Let's cite an example.

Five years ago the author was located next door to the Leland Hotel in St. Paul. The only place a decent signal could be obtained from the shop antenna was when it was positioned in front of the wash basin at the rear of the one-story building which housed my store. Locating this optimum point was neither accidental nor due to hit-or-miss fumbling, but was the result of a bit of deduction and experimentation on the part of the writer.

Reception Mystery

Several customers in the hotel next door, I learned, were getting pretty good reception with rabbit-ear antenna units, whereas my roof antenna was providing only a mediocre signal, due to the presence of the largest buildings in town half a block up the street. Why, then, were the hotel's indoor antennas working fairly well, whereas the same type of antenna was worthless in my store—either at the bench, or at the front of the store (where I had several TV sets on display)?

After some further sleuthing, I came to the conclusion that the block-long Great Northern building (largest railroad building in the world) was acting as a huge mirror (see Fig. 3), and reflecting a very strong signal directly at the hotel. The reflection, I reasoned, was just missing my store.

By running a long 300-ohm lead out the back door to the parking lot in the rear, it was discovered that the signal was fairly strong at the extreme corner of the store building. A rabbit-ear antenna was therefore fastened directly over and forward of the wash basin, and reception came in fine. The alley between the hotel and store building is only 8 feet wide, and a large metal fire escape was directly opposite the only point on the shop roof which might be expected to receive some of the reflected signal mentioned above. This accounted for the fact that the outdoor antenna did not

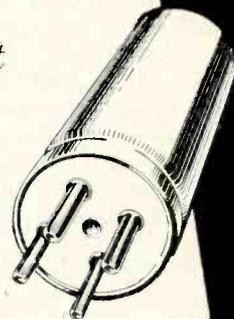
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SERVICE ASS'N REPORTS

Happy Birthday to RETMA

At its annual convention in Chicago this month (June 15-17), the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association will blow out 30 candles on its birthday cake. Actually chartered on April 16, 1924, RETMA has held up the celebration until this month's convention. Organized by 46 manufacturers in the infant industry, the association's membership exceeds 370 today. Both of the National Television System Committees (the 1941 NTSC, which led to the standardization of present-day monochrome TV, and the 1953 NTSC, which developed color standards) were sponsored by RETMA.

There have been many other landmarks and signs of growth in the organization's 30-year history—changes in the association's name, for instance. Known as the RMA in its first year (Radio Manufacturers' Association), it added television to the title in 1950, to become the RTMA. Reflecting the broadened scope of the expanding industry, it became RETMA last year.

RETMA has just released a list of servicemen organizations which was compiled by committee members.

TEA Sponsors Clinic

The Texas Electronics Assoc., 1616 Eighth St., Fort Worth, is going to sponsor another clinic to be held August 27-28-29 at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas. This association is the statewide organization of the local service dealers' organizations in the principal cities of the state. Subjects to be covered will include color TV, UHF, transistors, UHF and VHF antennas, fair charges for TV service, and credits and collections.

LIETA Joins Other Assns.

The Long Island Electronic Technicians Association, Oceanside, New York, and the Radio & Television Technicians Association of New

York City, 52 East 19th St., N.Y., have affiliated, each retaining its own autonomy. They have also joined the Eastern Television Service Conference, 25 Church St., Paterson, New Jersey, as charter members.

LIETA has set in operation the "LIETA Service-Bank," through which any member who becomes sick and is unable to work can have all his repair jobs taken care of by the group's technical committee. LIETA has also agreed to guarantee its members' repair jobs (to customers), for which a responsibility fund has been set up.

TSG Elects New Officers & Starts Credit List

In the recent election of the Television Service Guild, 4011 N. Main St., Dayton, Ohio the following officers were elected: Stanley Copp, Pres.; Albert Houser, First VP; Alfred Redolfi, Second VP; Ralph Snyder, Treas. and Marshall Rankin, Secy.

TSG has established a "List" (bad credit risks) which it distributes to members. Servicemen fill out a card on each call and mail it in to the secretary, who makes up a credit report on each customer. The report in turn is mailed out periodically to all members. This automatically flags the slow-paying or non-paying customers and cautions the serviceman to make it a C.O.D. call. TSG is also trying to find out who is selling tubes to drug stores.

TISA Offers Help to Needy

Members of the Television Installation Service Assoc. realize that time lies heavy for such people as orphans, cripples and the aged. Therefore, the members of this association are prepared to render service on institution-owned TV sets for those institutions where the inmate is not charged for entrance or services.

An organization wishing to take advantage of this offer is asked to write, on its letterhead, to the office of the Television Installation Service Association (TISA), Frank J. Moch, President, at 5908 S. Troy St., Chicago 29, Illinois, registering its sets by giving the make, model and serial number. Service can then be requested by phoning TISA headquarters at GRovehill 6-6363.

NCTA Convention

The National Community Television Assoc., Inc., Box 184, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, is sending out invitations to its 3rd Annual Convention and Show, which will be held in New York City, June 14, 15 and 16 at the Park Sheraton Hotel.

Manufacturers and distributors of community television equipment will exhibit and demonstrate their products on these dates. Technical clinics will also be held. The clinic panels will be headed by outstanding men in each phase of community television problems. In addition, there will be general sessions covering administrative, promotion, telecasting, legal and tax matters. Outside of the business meetings, all functions are open to members and non-members alike. Reservations can be made direct with the Park Sheraton Hotel or by writing to the NCTA. The charge for the entire convention, \$15.00 per person, will include the following: Exhibits and displays, technical clinics, educational sessions, general sessions, cocktail party and annual banquet.

RTG Offers Helping Hand

In a recent issue of *The Guild News*, published by the Radio Television Guild of Long Island in Bethpage, there is a directory of members who are expert on particular brands of TV receivers. Any time a member gets stuck with a tough dog, he can call someone from the list to get advice.

ARTSDA News

At the last meeting of the Associated Radio-Television Service Dealers Association, 2552 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio, Jim Cumbow, Treasurer, reported a balance of over \$1,000.

All members were urged to try to attend the forthcoming 1954 NATESA Convention in Chicago (Sept. 24-26, Hotel Morrison).

Reprints of the ARTSDA Certified Emblem and a quantity of small emblems for tube caddies were authorized by membership vote.

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Making the Most of Your Test Equipment

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Surprising as it might appear at first glance, the frequency range will only change about 10 per cent or less from the latter figure, whether one coil is used with the other shorted out, or both coils are connected in parallel, as shown in Fig. 1C and 1D; the external circuit "sees" a single coil with two capacitors across it in the two last-named cases.

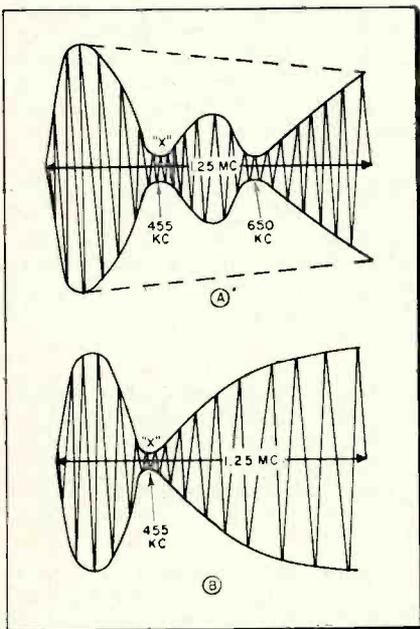


Fig. 2A—Double dip in response, when traps are tuned to different frequencies. B—Single dip when traps are tuned to same frequency.

Fig. 2A shows how the two traps put "crimps" in the frequency response when a sweep generator is substituted for the AM generator, and connected to the scope, with the two coils arranged as in Fig. 1E (and in series with the 25 mmfd capacitor). The traps shown were adjusted to 455 and 650 kc, respectively. When both traps were tuned to the same frequency, the curve in 2B resulted. Note the additional attenuation at point "X" in Fig. 2B. The dotted lines in Fig. 2A show the response obtained with a 1.25 mc sweep before the traps were inserted. This response will, of course, vary with the scope used and the linearity of the sweep generator output.

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EXIDE BATTERY BOOKLET: Storage battery maintenance, including blank check-up charts, is covered in *Seven Rules for Maintaining Your Exide Battery*, Form 5063, 8 pp. Pocket-size pamphlet available from Electric Storage Battery Co., Box 8109, Philadelphia 1, Penna.

COLUMBIA WIRE DATA: Manufacturer's complete line of wire and accessories, including new items, is covered in a 36-page catalog. Columbia Wire & Supply Co., 2850 Irving Park Rd., Chicago 18, Ill.

EPR RESISTOR BROCHURE: Engineering data on precision wire-wound resistors and descriptions of standard available types appear in a 16-page brochure. Eastern Precision Resistor Corp., 130-11 90th Ave., Richmond Hill 18, N. Y.

MILLER ANTENNA & ACCESSORY CATALOG: Over 400 antennas of all types and more than 100 accessory items, including many new models, are covered in the manufacturer's catalog. A new crt tester-reactivator is introduced. Miller Television Co., 2840 Naomi, Burbank, Calif.

RADIO RECEPTOR SELENIUM HANDBOOK: Voltage curves, circuitry, tabular matter and applications are covered in a new catalog, *Selectron Selenium Rectifiers*, 24 pp. Special and standard units in radio-TV and industrial types are covered. Available on mail request. Radio Receptor Co., Sales Dept., 251 W. 19th St., New York 11, N. Y.

STANDARD XFORMER REPLACEMENT GUIDE: Replacement transformers for over 6800 TV models and chassis from 115 manufacturers are listed. Cross-reference parts number charts for other replacement manufacturers. Most are stated to be exact physical and electrical replacements. Changes, where needed, are described in this *Stancor 1954 TV Replacement Guide & Transformer Catalog*. 36 pp. Sales Mgr., Standard Div., Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., Addison & Elston, Chicago 18, Ill.

DRAKE TVI FILTER LEAFLET: High-pass, low-pass and tunable band-rejection filters for TV antenna systems, a UHF-VHF antenna crossover network, a power line filter and a filter for amateur use are described and illustrated. Prices are given. R. L. Drake Co., 18 E. Central Ave., Miamisburg, Ohio.

JAMES VIBRATOR REPLACEMENT LISTING: Complete post-war cross reference data for auto replacement, communications and aircraft vibrators, 1954 edition. James Vibrapowr Co., 4036 N. Rockwell St., Chicago 18, Ill.

CLOUGH-BREngle INSTRUMENT CATALOG: Specifications, descriptions and illustrations of test equipment line, including sweep, r-f and audio generators and an R-C-L bridge. *Catalog No. 54-A*, 12 pp. Available on mail request to Clough-Brengle Co., Dept. TR, 6014 Broadway, Chicago 40, Ill.

SARKES-TARZIAN SELENIUM HANDBOOK: In addition to sections on 4 main types of selenium rectifiers, there are circuit applications, engineering data and a replacement guide. *Selenium Rectifier Handbook*, cat. no. 666, 72 pp. Price, \$1.00. Sarkes Tarzian, Inc., Rectifier Div., 415 N. College Ave., Bloomington, Ind.

SHURE AUDIO INDEX: Reference data and illustrations on microphones and mike accessories; tape and wire recording heads (with replacement chart); phono cartridges (with replacement chart) and phono needles. *General Catalog No. 44B*, Shure Bros., 225 W. Huron St., Chicago 10, Ill.

FEILER TEST EQUIP. FOLDER: 8-page fold-out brochure gives specifications, descriptions, illustrations, prices on 6 items of test equipment, including signal tracers, tester, vtvm and scope. Feiler Engineering & Mfg. Co., 8026 N. Monticello Ave., Skokie, Ill.

BUSS FUSE REPLACEMENT CHART: Alphabetically indexed by mfr., this wall or pocket reference list includes fuse replacements for TV sets and auto radios. Sales Mgr., Bussmann Mfg. Co., University at Jefferson, St. Louis 7, Mo.

ERIE COMPONENT DATA: Latest edition covers new line of temperature compensating tubular ceramics and disc ceramics along with standard items. *Catalog D-54*, 16 pp. Erie Resistor Corp., Dept. S, Erie, Penna.

ALLIED SUPPLEMENT: Recently added items and price changes appear in *Allied Supplement No. 139*, 56 pp., to be used in conjunction with 1954 main catalog, no. 135. Radio, TV and audio products and components. Allied Radio Corp., 100 N. Western Ave., Chicago 80, Ill.

MALLORY RADIO-TV REPLACEMENT GUIDE: Cross-reference listing of components uses manufacturers' part numbers. Four main sections cover dry electrolytic capacitors, controls, selenium rectifiers and vibrators. Write to P. R. Mallory & Co., Distributor Div., P.O. Box 1558, Indianapolis, Ind.

MAGNAVOX SERVICE MANUAL BINDER: Loose-leaf binder for Vol. II of manufacturer's service data includes index for re-filing material in proper order in Vols. I & II; \$3.75. Vol. II binder available with contents; \$4.95. Vol. I binder with contents still available; \$9.75. C. C. Kayhart, The Magnavox Co., Bueter Rd., Ft. Wayne 4, Ind.

NEW BOOKS

APPLIED ELECTRONICS, 2nd Ed. By Truman S. Gray. Published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y. 881 pages; \$9.00, hard cover.

Comprehensive coverage of electron tubes and associated circuits is presented in this advanced textbook. Radio and TV per se are given only incidental attention. Technical discussions center about such subjects as electrical conduction through vacuum, gases and vapor; rectifier circuits; cascade amplifiers; modulation and demodulation; and semiconductor devices.

HOW TO INSTALL AND SERVICE AUTO RADIOS. By Jack Darr. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N.Y. 128 pages; \$1.80, paperbound.

The practical aspects of installing and repairing auto radio systems are discussed in this volume. Servicing tips are given on remote controls, noise elimination, parts replacement, antennas, power supplies, speakers, and preventative maintenance. Helpful information on equipment and operation of the auto radio service shop is offered.

TRANSISTORS—THEORY AND PRACTICE. By Rufus P. Turner. Published by Gernsback Publications, Inc., 25 West Broadway, New York 7, N.Y. 144 pages; \$2.00, paperbound.

In compact form, this book examines the operating characteristics and structure of transistors, and circuits associated with the latter. It shows how measurements are made to determine current gain, resistance, input and output impedances, and frequency response. There is a section on practical circuits, including amplifiers, oscillators, receivers, frequency standard, phone monitor, and various meters. Semiconductor theory and equivalent circuits, so necessary to achieve a full understanding of transistors, are explained.

SPECIALIZED AUTO RADIO MANUAL, VOL. 1-A. Edited and published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N.Y. 182 pages; \$3.00, paperbound.

Schematics, parts lists, and service data for radios in Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars, 1950 to 1954, are presented. This comprises units made by four different radio manufacturers.

RADIO RECEIVER DESIGN, 2nd Ed. By K. R. Sturley. Published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N.Y. 667 pages; \$4.75, hard cover.

This technical study of radio receivers is Part I of a series. It covers r-f amplification and detection, and contains considerable analytical mathematics. Therefore, the text as a whole would normally appeal only to ad-

vanced radio technicians. The non-mathematical parts of the book are clear and interesting, and offer valuable reference information.

TV FIELD SERVICE MANUAL, VOL. 1. Edited by Harold Alsberg. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N.Y. 128 pages; \$2.10, paperbound.

Intended to provide TV technicians with a handy guide to spotting receiver troubles in the customer's home, this manual lists the model numbers of nine manufacturers (from Admiral to Automatic), together with chassis layouts. A number of causes of faulty operation with resulting picture symptoms are noted. For each of the TV models, the source of trouble likely to produce each symptom are pointed out.

SERVICING TV VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL OUTPUT SYSTEMS. By Harry E. Thomas. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N. Y. 176 pages; \$2.40, paperbound.

This book presents the fundamentals of horizontal and vertical output systems, and describes associated circuitry, component construction and waveforms. It shows how the output section of the TV receiver functions, and pays attention to the mechanical, as well as electrical, aspects of operation. The final chapter, covering faults in sweep output systems, illustrates improper waveforms and resulting pictures which may be expected from these conditions.

Problems Antenna Reflection

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function well on the roof, where only the weak direct signal was present!

Before this experience, I had another one which illustrates how theory helps service. I was called in to check a receiver for the only person in the hotel using an outdoor antenna. The unit faced the direction of the single station on the air at the time—Channel 5. Reception was fair but ghosty, with the effect shown in Fig. 1B present.

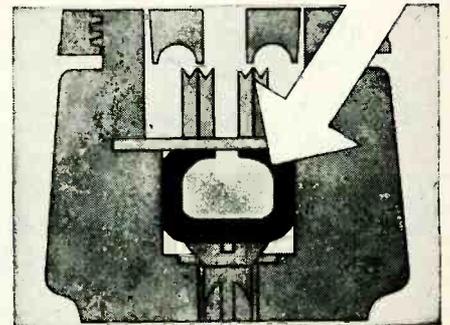
Since the direct signal had to be the one at the left, the reflection was obviously stronger than the direct wave—in spite of the fact that the antenna was oriented directly toward the station.

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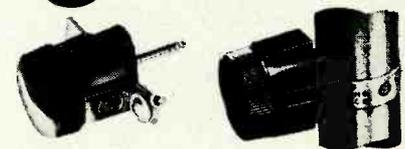
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VOLTMETERS AND KISSES. Story goes that a distributor, at a party given for servicemen, offered a free vacuum-tube voltmeter to the technician who could stand up and swear he had never kissed any women except his wife during his marriage. No one got to his feet. A technician-dealer's wife, hearing about the proceedings the next day, asked her husband why he hadn't stood up.

"Gosh, Mabel," replied the dealer heatedly, "I don't need no vtvm—I already got two in the shop."

CROOK'S NEW LOOK. Philly police officials are going to use as evidence, films made by a TV station of the apprehension and confession of two suspected criminals. I can't help visualizing the scene—the TV cameras set up, the suspects squirming in their seats under the hot lights, firm in their protestations of innocence. Suddenly one crook breaks down. "I'll tell all," he cries, "if you get my suit pressed, and promise to send my confession over Channel 5."

SOME SERVICE. Telephone company in Vienna really provides its customers with service. You can call up to get football and racing results. Another department sounds an "A," when a musician requests it. Housewives can get recipes, kiddies are told fairytales, and astronomy students can learn when the next eclipse will take place.

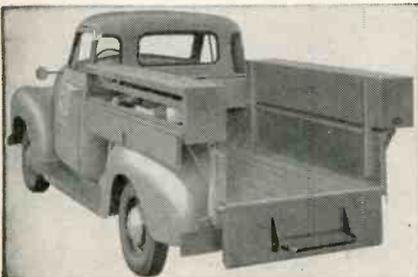
Wouldn't it be nice if we had a phone service here like that? Maybe one where you dial the TV operator, tell her your problem, and have her answer, in a low, throaty, charming voice:

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PROBLEMS OF A QUAKER SERVICEMAN. A Pennsylvania technician who had recently become a Quaker was disturbed from time to time by the emotional outbursts of one of the TV servicemen who worked for him. One day, the serviceman picked up an ac-dc TV chassis while standing under the metal shade of a lamp. A second later he dropped it and began swearing profusely.

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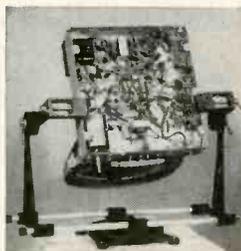
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To the Editors

More on CRT Implosions

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

I wish to report an implosion "without cause." The implosion occurred in the home of our customer, a home without children, on a lazy afternoon as our customer was resting and the TV was turned off. The TV in question was a 21-in. console, sold August 24, 1953. It had been serviced for small tube failure about three times. On October 20, the set owner called us to report that her TV had "exploded." When we checked, we found glass everywhere, and the customer scared past help. She said the TV had been turned off and no one was near it. We do not know the cause, but have given the woman a new set.

L. E. LEONHARDT, JR.

Leonhardt Appliances
Louisville, Kentucky

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

Owner said receiver was a 1954 set, about a month old, floor model; original tube (21 in.) replaced about three weeks before implosion. Says room is warm where receiver was located, and was warm when implosion occurred. Set is near window, but no draft exists. Safety glass did not shatter, but tops were broken off 4 or 5 other tubes. I was unable to identify make of pix tube.

MARLON H. THURMOND

Hagerstown, Maryland

Test Equipment Digests?

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

... An occasional schematic on test instruments that TV servicemen use in their work would be in order and appreciated by TV servicemen.

ANDREW ANTOSH

New York, N. Y.

Hint-Book Motion Seconded

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

I'll go along with Joseph Amorose's letter (April, 1954) favoring a book on Shop Hints, together with articles that appeared in the "Tough Dog" Corner.

BILL RAGIM

Jamaica, N. Y.

•How about it, readers? Would you like to see Shop Hints in book form?—Ed.

Mfrs: Be Nice to Servicers

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

Let's get those manufacturers on the ball. We want them to keep the serviceman in mind. Stop placing cheap design in hard-to-get-at places. We would like a mount for all large pix tubes so we can carry them to the shop for servicing.

HAROLD B. WRIGHT

Plainwell, Michigan

"So Much" and Service Fees

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

The servicemen here in Utah are confronted with the biggest headache of the industry, "Cut Rate Prices," and if information such as your chart ("So Much for So Little") was released to the public we are sure it would help cut down this sort of practice. Somewhere, someone, somehow, must soon come up with a solution to educate the servicemen as to how to operate a successful and profitable business. But as an old adage goes "Servicemen are the poorest business men."

D. R. SMITH
Secretary-Treasurer

Utah Association of Radio and
Television Servicemen, Inc.
Salt Lake City, Utah

"Dry" Cells, Not Wet

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

In your article "Battery Data for Technicians" (April, page 40), under the heading of *Storage*, you recommended storing against outside wall without going into the possibility of said wall sweating. Dampness can ruin a lot of batteries.

J. HERSCHLAG

Pleasantville Music Center
Pleasantville, N. Y.

•Last paragraph of article mentions "cool, dry basement." We should have stressed the point more, though. Thanks for telling us.—Ed.

Editors, TECHNICIAN:

I think that the "Shop Hints" section is one of the best parts of your magazine and wish that you would expand it.

JOHN KAFAFIAN

1544 Union St.,
San Francisco 23, Calif.

INDUSTRY KEYHOLE

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AUDIO ENGINEERING SOCIETY will continue to sponsor the N. Y. Audio Fair for 1954 and '55, according to a renewed sponsorship agreement . . . **INSULINE CORP. OF AMERICA** has appointed Herman J. Schorle as works mgr. of its new plant in Manchester, N. H. . . . **G. J. ESPOSITO** joins the executive staff of Pyramid Electric Co., N. Bergen, N. J.

MISLEADING RETAIL ADVERTISING involving the new vest-pocket indoor antennas has been the subject of censure by New York's Better Business Bureau. . . . **"THE REPRESENTATIVES"** of Electronic Product Mfrs. has increased its Board of Governors from 7 to 9 members. The change reflects the growing size of the organization . . . **SIDNEY PARISER**, prexy of RMS, N. Y., has announced the appointment of Gordon Le May as Asst. Sales Mgr.

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Servicing Convergence Trouble

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convergence control is readjusted, to converge the whole row of dots.

It may be necessary to go through the procedure described more than once. If it is found that one part of the row improves in convergence while the other gets worse, when the dc convergence control is adjusted, an incorrect shape adjustment is indicated.

The horizontal correction controls and adjustment procedure are similar except that an additional adjustment is needed. (The counter-part of the vertical convergence shape control is the horizontal convergence phase control.) In order to obtain a horizontal correction voltage of sufficient amplitude, a tank circuit is used. This is simply tuned for maximum output—that is, the horizontal convergence amplitude control is turned up, and the tank circuit, (also called the convergence output coil) is adjusted for maximum misconvergence of the horizontal center row of dots. Then the horizontal convergence phase and amplitude are adjusted, in a manner similar to the adjustment of the corresponding vertical controls, except that now, of course, attention is paid to the horizontal center line of dots alone. Finally, the dc conver-

gence is readjusted once more.

When all the adjustments described have been made, the picture should be converged at all parts of the screen. A slight degree of misconvergence may be seen at the very edge of the screen, or at the corners; this will necessitate some compromise adjustment, or may have to be disregarded. It is expected that as color tube manufacturers acquire more experience, these misconvergence errors will become very rare; possibly the system in current use may be simplified in future tube designs. It should be remembered that our comments apply only to three-gun tubes.

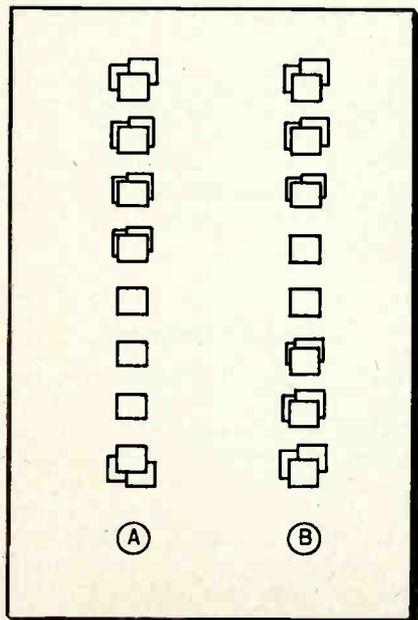
What convergence troubles can the serviceman expect? First of all, the crt may be defective. The guns may, for instance, be too far out of line, making it impossible for convergence to be achieved. This trouble will usually be encountered in new tubes only, since a shock severe enough to cause such misalignment during the service life of a tube would probably cause the crt to implode.

If misconvergence is present and the crt is good, the convergence voltage may be incorrect. Since this is a high voltage, all the usual high-voltage troubles—such as corona, dirt accumulation, etc.—should be suspected and checked for.

It should be remembered that in electron lenses (such as the one in the color crt on which convergence depends), the voltage difference between electrodes is the important factor. Convergence is achieved by the difference in voltage between the ultor (2nd anode) voltage and the convergence voltage; also by the difference between the convergence and focus voltages. Trouble, thus, with the ultor voltage (about 19 kv, normally) or the focus voltage (app. 4 kv) will make it impossible to converge the electron beams, besides introducing the symptoms that such defects produce in a black and white tube.

Trouble with the dynamic convergence voltages can be lumped into two basic categories: 1—Either there is trouble in the deflection circuit that supplies the correction waveshape or 2—Trouble exists in the convergence amplifier or its associated circuit. As is usual when waveshapes are involved, the scope will be extremely useful in pinpointing the source of trouble.

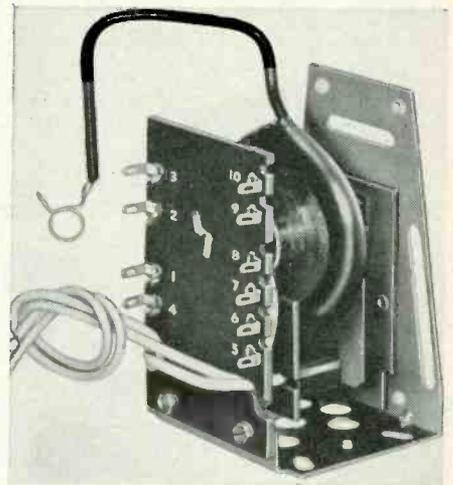
Fig. 4—The appearance of the vertical row of dots shown in A indicates that the vertical convergence shape control is incorrectly adjusted. This control is shown correctly adjusted in B, as indicated by equal misconvergence at top and bottom. In both cases, the vertical convergence amplitude control has been advanced to maximum, to make the misconvergence present more noticeable.



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Can You Solve These?

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separate windings and the two are joined when the leads are attached. It is conceivable that one winding might be connected in reverse, thus converting the circuit to a half-wave rectifier with the two diodes conducting simultaneously. Since the two secondary voltages are in the same phase, they will buck each other with respect to points A and B. (courtesy Philco Tech. Rep.)

Solution to "Portable Brain Teaser" (Problem on page 29)

The solution to this problem is simple, when you think of it! Just insert a wire-wound resistor of 1500 ohms (this approximates 1533 ohms well enough) in series with the 117Z6 filament, and another wire-wound resistor in series with the 117Z6 plate (see Fig. 3), making the latter's value such that normal current will flow through the 50-mil filaments; a reading of 1.4 volts across one of these filaments will indicate when the current through them is correct.

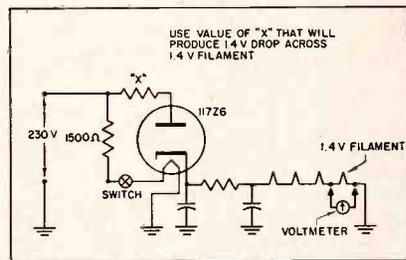


Fig. 3—Set-up for producing correct voltage feed to portable. Determine 'X' experimentally.

We have treated peak, rms and average values of current as if they were all the same; actually they aren't, of course, but the error introduced by equating them is very small.—Michael Craig, St. Paul, Minn.

Selenium Shortage

Government stockpiling of selenium, in case of emergency, is cutting into the already limited supply. To ease the situation, Sarkes Tarzian, Inc., Bloomington, Ind., is buying up discarded rectifiers for reclamation purposes. Distributors are being authorized to credit service technicians who return defective units.

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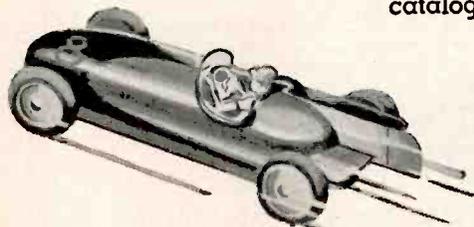
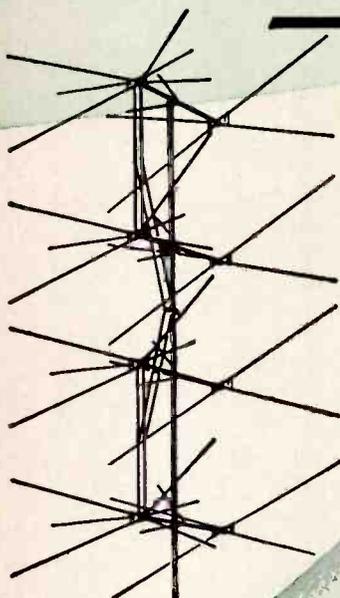
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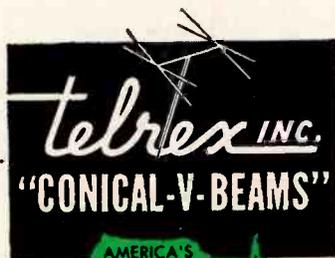
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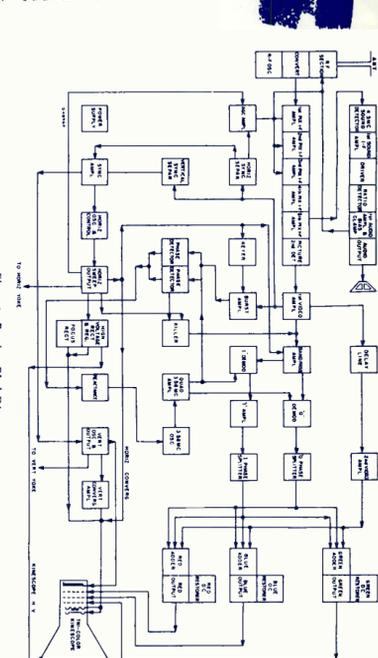


Figure 1—Receiver Block Diagram

The tuner unit is used to provide reference information, information from the composite color video signal, and serve to establish the proper phase relationship between the green and blue channels. The tuner unit is connected to the main chassis by means of a 5-pin connector. The tuner unit is connected to the main chassis by means of a 5-pin connector. The tuner unit is connected to the main chassis by means of a 5-pin connector.

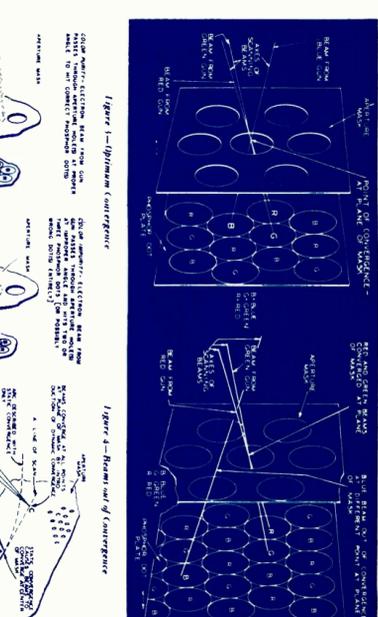


Figure 2—Diagram of Dynamic Convergence

Dynamic convergence is a method of adjusting the electron beams so that they converge at the center of the screen. This is done by adjusting the deflection coils and the convergence coils. The convergence coils are adjusted so that the electron beams converge at the center of the screen. This is done by adjusting the deflection coils and the convergence coils.



Figure 3—Parity Coil, Yoke and Beam Magnet Adjustments

The parity coil is used to adjust the deflection coils so that the electron beams converge at the center of the screen. This is done by adjusting the deflection coils and the parity coil. The parity coil is adjusted so that the electron beams converge at the center of the screen. This is done by adjusting the deflection coils and the parity coil.



Figure 4—Diagram of Dynamic Convergence

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CHROMINANCE CHANNEL—The signal from the color subcarrier is processed by the chrominance channel. This channel includes a chrominance amplifier, a chrominance filter, and a chrominance detector. The chrominance amplifier is used to amplify the chrominance signal. The chrominance filter is used to filter out the unwanted frequencies. The chrominance detector is used to detect the chrominance signal.



Figure 5—Diagram of Chrominance Channel

The chrominance channel is used to process the chrominance signal. It includes a chrominance amplifier, a chrominance filter, and a chrominance detector. The chrominance amplifier is used to amplify the chrominance signal. The chrominance filter is used to filter out the unwanted frequencies. The chrominance detector is used to detect the chrominance signal.

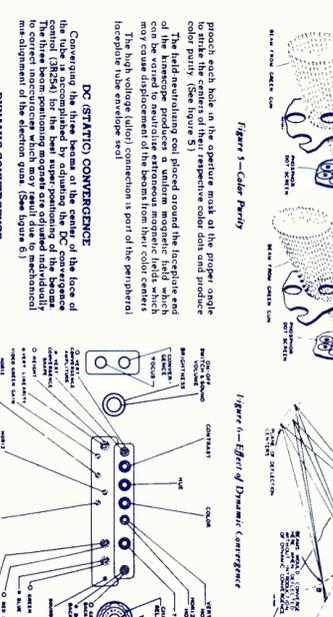


Figure 6—Color Parity

The color parity circuit is used to adjust the color parity. It includes a color parity coil and a color parity magnet. The color parity coil is used to adjust the color parity. The color parity magnet is used to detect the color parity.

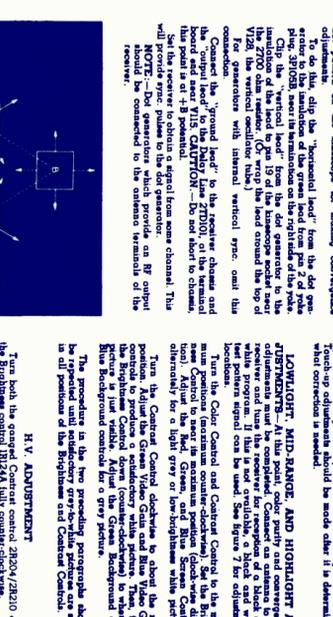


Figure 7—Operating Controls and Front Adjustments

The operating controls and front adjustments are used to adjust the television set. They include the convergence control, parity control, and beam magnet adjustment. These controls are used to adjust the electron beams so that they converge at the center of the screen.

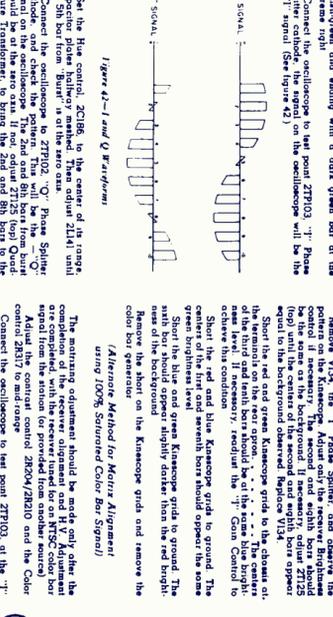


Figure 8—Diagram of Dynamic Convergence

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DEFLECTION SYSTEM—The deflection system is used to scan the electron beams across the screen. It includes a deflection yoke, a deflection coil, and a deflection magnet. The deflection yoke is used to scan the electron beams across the screen. The deflection coil is used to generate the deflection current. The deflection magnet is used to detect the deflection current.



Figure 9—Diagram of Deflection System

The deflection system is used to scan the electron beams across the screen. It includes a deflection yoke, a deflection coil, and a deflection magnet. The deflection yoke is used to scan the electron beams across the screen. The deflection coil is used to generate the deflection current. The deflection magnet is used to detect the deflection current.



Figure 10—Diagram of Dynamic Convergence

Dynamic convergence is a method of adjusting the electron beams so that they converge at the center of the screen. This is done by adjusting the deflection coils and the convergence coils. The convergence coils are adjusted so that the electron beams converge at the center of the screen. This is done by adjusting the deflection coils and the convergence coils.



Figure 11—Parity Coil, Yoke and Beam Magnet Adjustments

The parity coil is used to adjust the deflection coils so that the electron beams converge at the center of the screen. This is done by adjusting the deflection coils and the parity coil. The parity coil is adjusted so that the electron beams converge at the center of the screen. This is done by adjusting the deflection coils and the parity coil.



Figure 12—Diagram of Dynamic Convergence

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VIDEO SECTION—The video section is used to process the video signal. It includes a video amplifier, a video filter, and a video detector. The video amplifier is used to amplify the video signal. The video filter is used to filter out the unwanted frequencies. The video detector is used to detect the video signal.



Figure 13—Diagram of Video Section

The video section is used to process the video signal. It includes a video amplifier, a video filter, and a video detector. The video amplifier is used to amplify the video signal. The video filter is used to filter out the unwanted frequencies. The video detector is used to detect the video signal.



Figure 14—Diagram of Dynamic Convergence

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Figure 15—Parity Coil, Yoke and Beam Magnet Adjustments

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Figure 16—Diagram of Dynamic Convergence

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ITEM 7 SUBJECT: Light Shield on 316 Halolight Models.
 DESCRIPTION: Original shield, service part number 483-0019 when replacement of this item on 316 models becomes necessary.

ITEM 8 SUBJECT: Outer Knob and Dial Assemblies.
 DESCRIPTION: The outer knob and dial assemblies for the various 514/320 models are outlined below by service part numbers:
 514-002: 1-514-3, -4 (105-14, 300 models)
 743-002: 1-514-3, -4 (105-14, 300 models)
 743-003: 1-514-1, -2 (120-20, 320; 325; 326 models)
 1-520-1, -2 (120-20, 320; 325; 326 models)
 743-004: 1-514-1 (300 models only)
 (Note that the same models may contain different chassis. This condition necessitates a close check on chassis type when ordering this particular knob.)

ITEM 9 SUBJECT: The parts list on sheet 1 should be revised as shown below.
 REASON: To include parts changes noted in items 3, 4, 5 and 7 of this supplement.

SCHEMATIC LOCATION PART NUMBER DESCRIPTION

ADDITIONS:

C114 180-47100 0047 Mid - 500V - Ceramic
 483-0019 Shield - Light (326 Model)

CHANGES:

R229 182-0102 1,000 Ohm - 1W

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| DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE | 1-514-1 | 1-514-3 | 1-514-4 | 1-520-0 | 1-520-1 | 1-520-2 | 1-520-3 | 1-520-4 | 1-520-7 | 1-520-8 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| See Item 1 | — | CO2 | CO8 | — | CO3 | — | CO5 | — | CO4 | — |
| See Item 2 | — | CO2 | CO8 | — | CO5 | — | CO5 | — | CO4 | — |
| See Item 3 | — | CO3 | CO6 | — | CO3 | — | CO3 | — | CO4 | — |
| See Item 4 | — | CO3 | CO6 | — | CO4 | — | CO4 | — | CO4 | — |

(—) Designates no change from previous issue.

ITEM 1 SUBJECT: Code Changes as Noted in Above Chart.
 REASON: To Improve Horizontal Stability.
 DESCRIPTION: R229, 501 Mid range capacitor is changed to 820 Mfd. mica capacitor.

ITEM 2 SUBJECT: Code Changes as Noted in Above Chart.
 REASON: To Improve Video Response.
 DESCRIPTION: R30, R131 and R132-100 Ohm 3 Watt resistors are changed to new type with 1% tolerance. R30, R131 and R132-100 Ohm 3 Watt resistors are changed to new type with 1% tolerance. This modification effectively reduces the distance of this resistor group, however, resistance and wattage ratings remain the same.

ITEM 3 SUBJECT: Code Changes as Noted in Above Chart.
 REASON: To Improve Horizontal Stability.
 DESCRIPTION: R211-1.5 Megohm Vertical Hold Control is changed to 2.0 Megohm control.

ITEM 4 SUBJECT: Code Changes as Noted in Above Chart.
 REASON: To Improve Audio Performance.
 DESCRIPTION: C111, 0.047 Mid capacitor is changed to .015 Mfd. capacitor.

ITEM 5 SUBJECT: Change in Power Transformer Type - Replier Tube Mounting.
 REASON: To improve the power transformer type. The new transformer is electrically similar to the original transformer. This new transformer is electrically similar to the original but it allows an external bracket and socket assembly for the L.V. Rectifier Tube. (These components are included under "Early Production Parts Revision" on Sheet 1.)

ITEM 6 SUBJECT: Addition of 301 Model Series.
 REASON: Revise the "Chassis Variations" chart on Sheet 1 as follows:

| CHASSIS | PICTURE TUBE | TUNERS | HALO LIGHT | MODELS |
|---------|--------------|--------|------------|------------------------------|
| 1-514-3 | 1T24 (C4) | G.I. | — | 105-14, 300, 306 |
| 1-514-4 | 1T24 (C4) | G.I. | — | 105-14, 300, 306 (TV Models) |

All parts peculiar to 301 models are listed in Item 7 of this supplement.

ITEM 7 SUBJECT: Parts List Revisions on Sheet 1.
 REASON: To include parts changes noted in items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of this supplement.

EFF CHASSIS SERIAL NO. SCHEMATIC LOCATION SERVICE PART NUMBER DESCRIPTION

ADDITIONS (301 Model)

714-0025 Bezel Assembly
 714-0026 Bezel Assembly
 714-0027 Bezel Assembly
 714-0028 Bezel Assembly
 714-0029 Bezel Assembly
 714-0030 Bezel Assembly
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ALIGNMENT

A suitable VHF and UHF sweep generator in conjunction with an accurate marker must be used for alignment work. It is very important to have the sweep generator output cable properly terminated and to check whether or not its attenuator is reactive. If the attenuator is reactive or if the output cable is improperly terminated, correct alignment cannot be made since the degree of attenuation then may change the shape as well as the amplitude of the response curve. The position of the attenuator should only vary the amplitude and not the shape of the response curve.

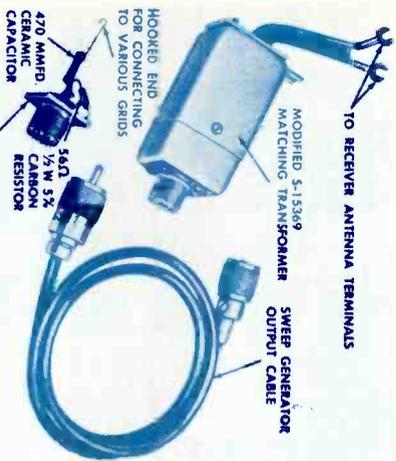


Fig. 22 IF-RF Alignment Fixtures

CALIBRATING THE OSCILLOSCOPE

When aligning the RF and IF stages of the receiver, it is necessary to measure detector peak output.

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This may be done with a voltage calibrator used in conjunction with an oscilloscope. If a calibrator is not available, the oscilloscope can be calibrated with a known DC voltage. To make the calibration, connect the ground lead of the vertical input cable to the negative side of a 3 volt battery supply. Turn the horizontal gain control fully counterclockwise. With the "hot" lead, make a momentary contact to the positive connection on the battery and observe the instantaneous spot deflection on the screen. Discharge the scope input capacitor by shorting out the leads and repeat the procedure, each time readjusting the scope vertical gain until the spot deflexes 3 large divisions on the screen. Each division then represents 1 volt peak. The position of the vertical gain control should be marked for future reference.

SOUND ALIGNMENT

Proper alignment of the 4.5 Mc intercarrier sound channel can only be obtained if the signal to the receiver antenna terminals is reduced to a level below the limiting point of the 4B6G Cated Beam Detector. This level can be easily identified by the "hiss" which then accompanies the sound.

Various methods may be used to reduce the signal level, however, it is recommended that a step attenuator similar to the S-17203 unit be used for most satisfactory results.

1. Connect the step attenuator between the antenna and the receiver antenna terminals.
2. Tune in a tone modulated TV signal and adjust the step attenuator until the signal is reduced to a level where "hiss" is heard with the sound.
3. Adjust the sound take-off coil L17 (top and bottom slugs), intercarrier coil L19, quadrature coil L20 and buzz control R37 for the cleanest sound and minimum buzz. It must be remembered that any of these adjustments may cause the "hiss" to disappear and further reduction of the signal will be necessary so that the "hiss" does not disappear during alignment.

If intercarrier buzz is in evidence, after all normal sound adjustments have been made, the cause may be attributed to one or more of the following:

1. Improper adjustment of the AGC delay control.
2. Defective 6AU6 sound limiter.
3. Extremely high signal levels which require attention in the antenna circuit.
4. Transmitter over modulation.

VIDEO IF ALIGNMENT

1. Connect the negative lead of a 2 volt battery supply to terminal "E" and the positive lead to chassis. The bias supply should be made variable so that it can be varied from negative 3 volts to positive 3 volts. Keep the supply leads short.

2. Connect the calibrated oscilloscope through a 10,000 ohm isolation resistor between terminal "D" and chassis. The sweep generator input to the receiver should be adjusted for 3 volts peak to peak detector output. Do not exceed this output level during any of the adjustments.

3. Feed the output from the sweep generator through the special termination unit shown in Fig. 22 to point "C" (Pin 1 of 6CB6, 3rd IF). Adjust the generator until a pattern similar to Fig. 23 is obtained.

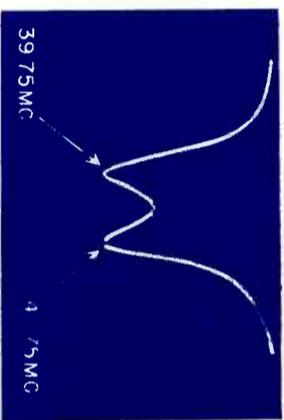


Fig. 23 4th IF Response.

4. Set the Marker Generator to 45.75 Mc and alternately adjust the top and bottom slugs of the 4th IF transformer for maximum gain and symmetry with the 45.75 Mc markers positioned as shown in Fig. 23. The 39.75 Mc marker can be within ±0.5 Mc of the specified frequency. If the correct response curve cannot be obtained in this step, check the position of the two slugs to see that they are entering their respective coils from the opposite ends of the coil form. The position of the align near the center of the coils may change the coefficient of coupling, making correct alignment difficult if not impossible.

5. Connect the sweep generator cable to terminal "A" (Marker Grid). In this step it may be necessary to temporarily reduce the bias to zero or even to go to a slightly positive voltage in order to see the highly attenuated trap slugs with the oscilloscope vertical gain near maximum.

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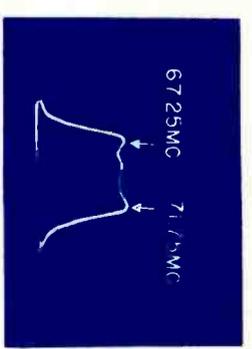
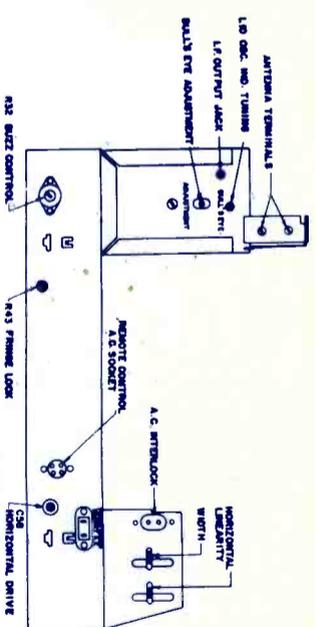


Fig. 26 Channel 4 RF Response.

5. adjust the converter grid capacitor (C9), the RF plate capacitor (C8) and the RF grid capacitor (C5) until a response curve similar to Fig. 26 is obtained.
6. Turn the channel selector to Channel 11 and adjust the sweep generator until a response somewhat similar to Fig. 29 is obtained. Adjust L5 and L6 to obtain symmetry. If the band pass is too great or too narrow also adjust L7.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until the best overall symmetry is obtained. REMOVE AGC JUMPER.

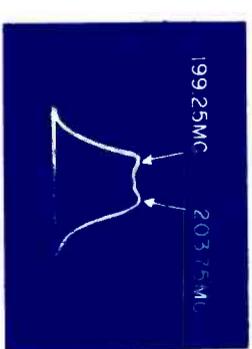


Fig. 29 Channel 11 RF Response.

MASTER OSCILLATOR ALIGNMENT

The master oscillator adjustment is to be made only if resonance cannot be obtained with the strip oscillator adjustment wrench with the fine tuning control in its center position, and after it has been determined that the channel strip itself is not at fault.

If channels 2 through 6 can be made to resonate with the ball's-eye adjustment at the rear of the turret and the high channels do not resonate, a slight readjustment of the oscillator inductance L10 may be necessary to affect resonance on the high channels.

- If the fine tuning capacitor is replaced, proper alignment of the fine tuning mechanism can be made as follows:
1. Remove the turret from the chassis.

2. Insert an allen wrench through the opening on top of the turret and loosen the set screw. Leave the allen wrench in, partially slide out the shaft and tape it to prevent the stop mechanism from falling out or being turned out of position.
3. Unsolder the tuning capacitor lead replace capacitor and re-assemble bracket on the RF chassis. DO NOT TIGHTEN ALLEN HEAD SCREW.

4. Use a sweep generator on Channel 3 or tune in a station on the lowest available channel and turn the turret shaft until resonance is obtained. This should be approximately 2-1/4 turns from either end of the fine tuning capacitor range. Turn the turret until the allen head screw is straight up as viewed through the opening and tightens screw.
5. Check the fine tuning knob to see that it is in the center of its mechanical range.
6. Insert the dial cord pulley over the turret shaft and tighten set screw. If the set screw is in a position where it is difficult to tighten, the fine tuning shaft can be held in place and the pulley can be made to slip the dial cord until the pulley is in a position where the set screw is readily accessible.

7. It may be necessary to readjust the oscillator inductance L10 for proper ball's-eye operation on the high channels (1-13).

6. Adjust the 47.25 Mc, 41.25 Mc and 39.75 Mc traps for minimum marker amplitude. See Fig. 24. It can be seen that maximum oscilloscope gain has been used and as a result the top of the response curve has been "run off" the oscilloscope screen in order to see a "blow-up" of the trap slugs.

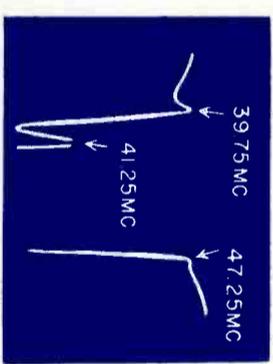


Fig. 24 Exploded View of Trap.

7. Readjust the bias to -2 volts and set the oscilloscope vertical gain to the calibrated position. Adjust the sweep generator for a 3 volt peak to peak output from the video detector.
8. With the test equipment set up as in Step 7, alternately adjust the 2nd IF, 3rd IF, 1st IF and the converter plate coil until an overall response curve similar to Fig. 25 is obtained. Do not adjust the 4th IF in this step. It will be found that the 2nd IF affects the low side (42.75 Mc) and the 3rd IF the high side of the response curve.

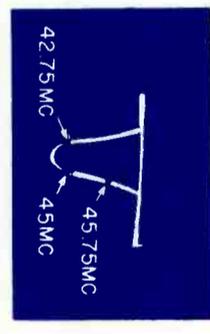


Fig. 25 Overall IF Response. (It is possible to erroneously obtain an RF response in this step. If the proper response is obtained switching the turret from channel to channel or between channels will have no noticeable effect on the response shape).

TURRET TUNER ALIGNMENT

The RF chassis adjustments have been made at the factory and normally do not require readjustment in the field unless tampered with. If adjustment becomes necessary check the overall IF response and proceed as follows:

1. Temporarily ground the turret AGC by connecting a jumper between the AGC bus (yellow lead) and chassis.
2. Connect the calibrated oscilloscope to the feed through terminal "H" through a 10K isolation resistor. This terminal is the screen of the 6U8 mixer.
3. Use the S-15369 matching transformer (Fig. 22) and feed the output from the sweep generator to the antenna terminals of the receiver.

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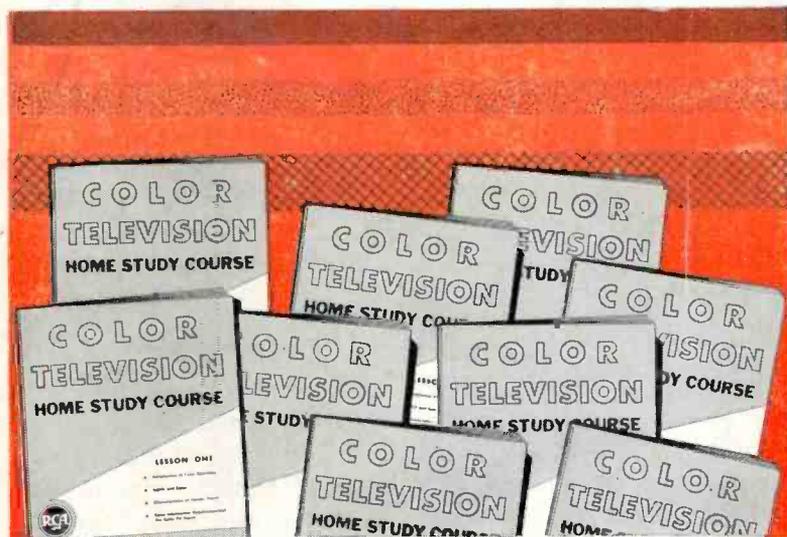
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