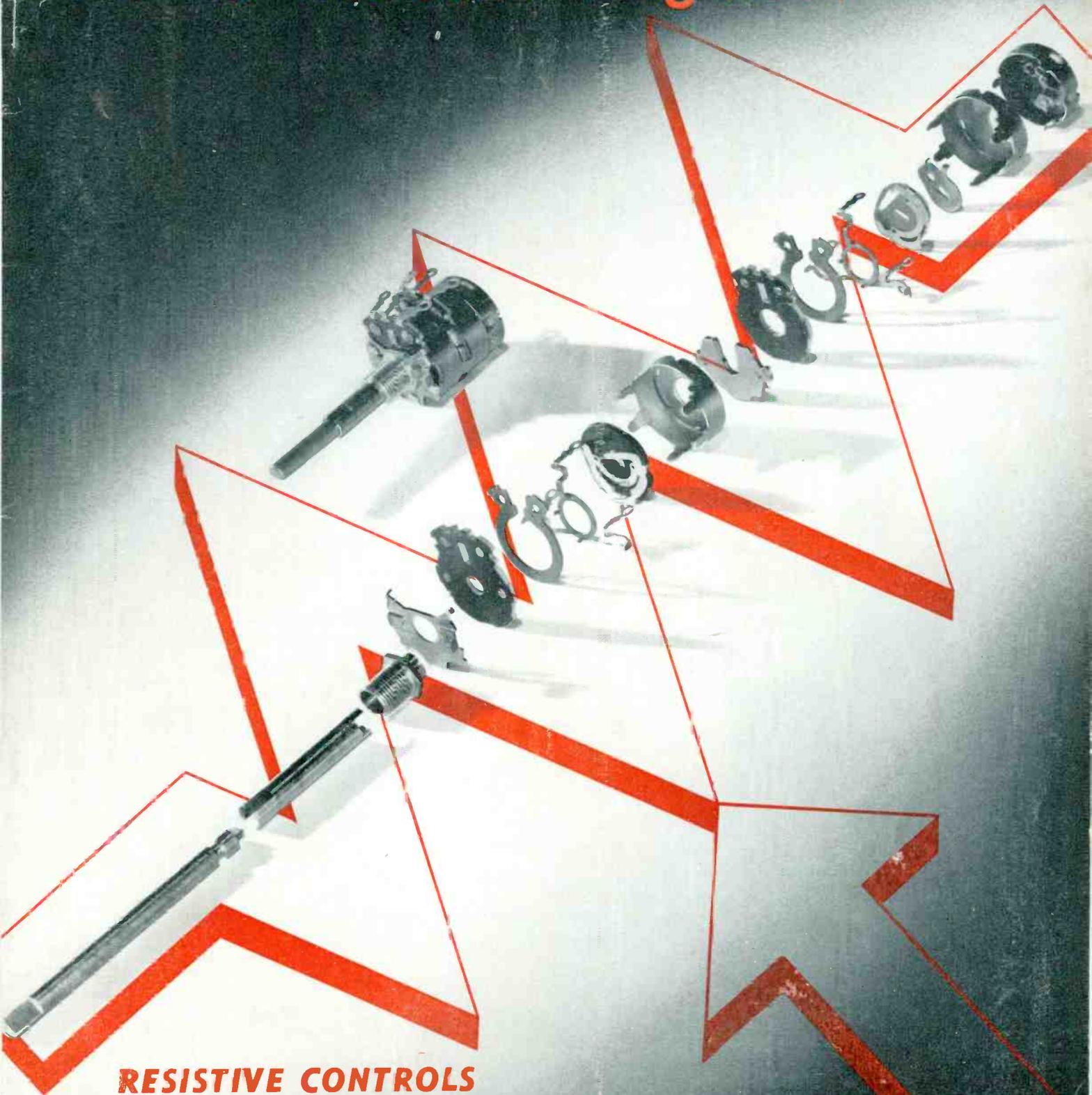


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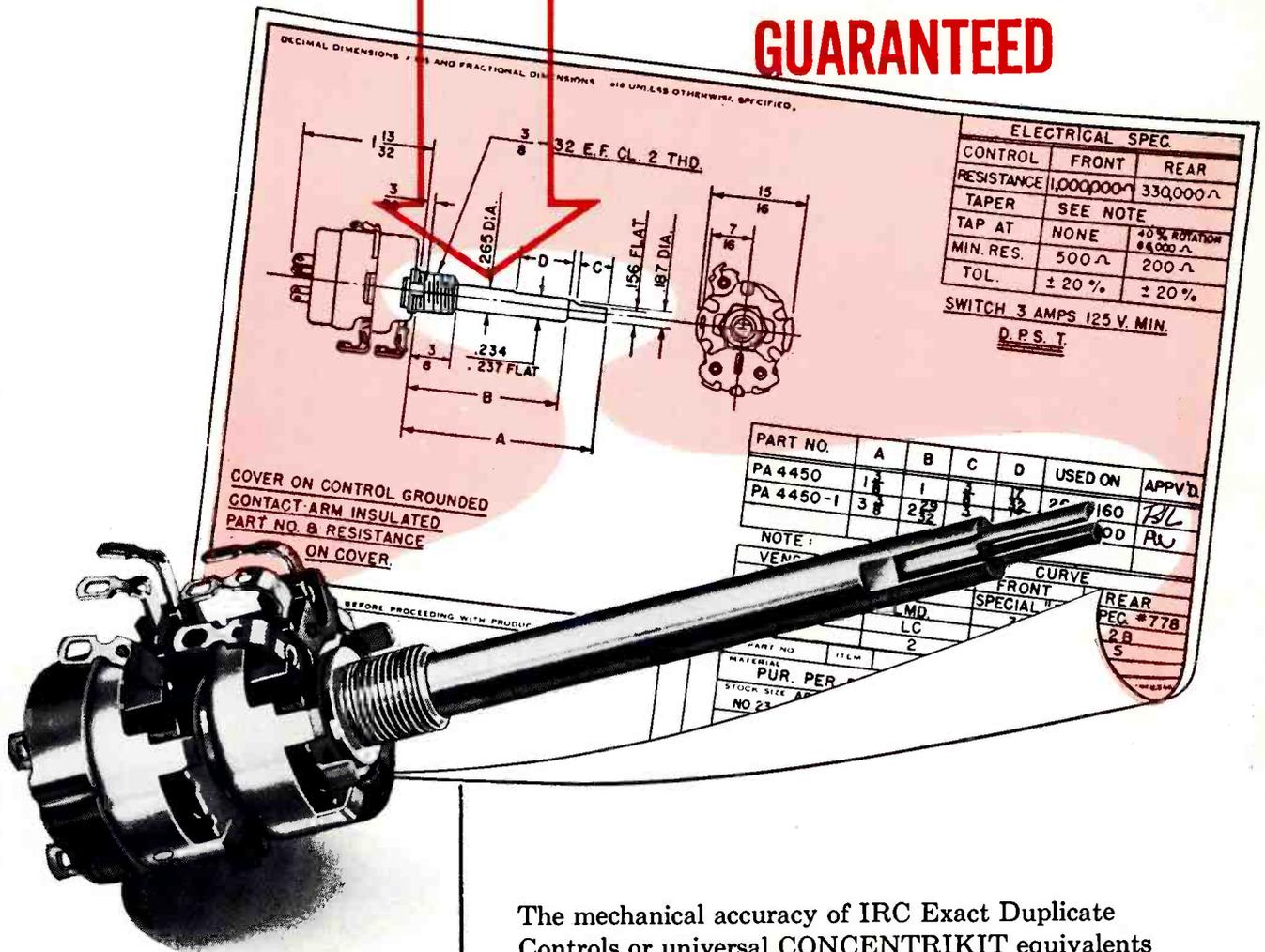
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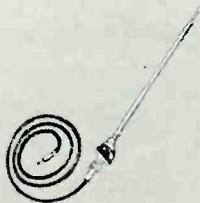
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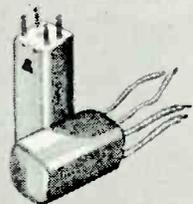
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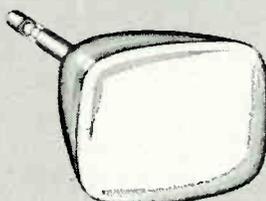
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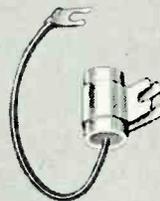
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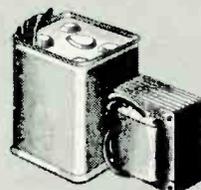
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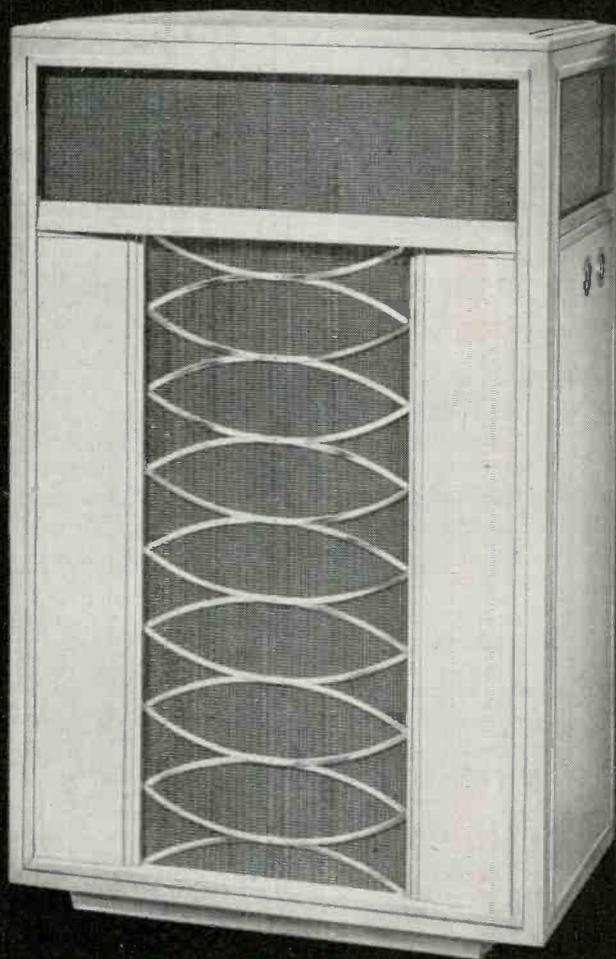
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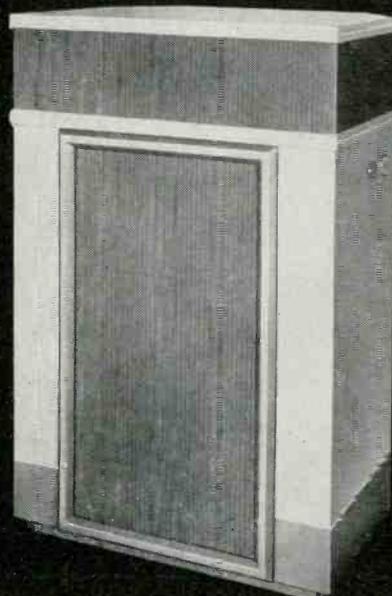


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ARTHUR GODFREY famous CBS star



TRUE BLACK

SHORT
"BLACK-TO-WHITE RANGE"

TRUE WHITE



LONG
"BLACK-TO-WHITE RANGE"

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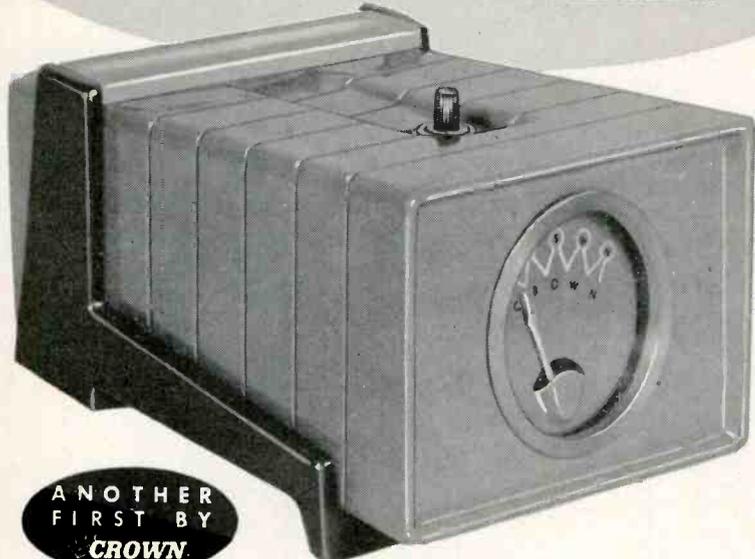
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LETTERS To the Editors

Need for Standards

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

Your editorials in the April and August issues are very much to the point—as far as they go. . . . (Reference is to pleas for standards in antenna and test-equipment specs.—Ed.) . . . Yet a simple statement of a pretty well known fact about the exaggeration in advertising is not likely to cure the situation. Isn't the real need for some sort of research (organization) which will assemble the facts on each item and report them in comparison with the claimed figures? . . . Some manufacturers would probably howl, but I believe the reliable ones would welcome proof of their reliability.

We are presently in need of new service equipment, and have deferred the purchase from month to month just because we lack any means of determining which instruments will give us the service we desire.

FRANCIS G. MCCOLLISTER
Clarksburg, Ohio

•The suggestion for a committee on standards and/or testing has its merits. Possible starting points: The Radio-Electronic - Television Manufacturers Association; separate committees set up by mfrs. of antennas, test instruments, Hi-Fi equipment, etc.; or research, on the national level, by service associations. Have any other ideas? Let's hear from you.—Ed.

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

I have just completed reading your "Open Letter to Test Equipment Manufacturers" in the August issue of TECHNICIAN. I think the letter is a great one. I am sure that all of us in our own field are guilty of many of the things you mentioned in your letter. We here at RCP have tried to be as honest and conservative in our literature as we possibly could.

Your letter will certainly help in making literature of all manufacturers more direct and accurate. Keep up the good work!

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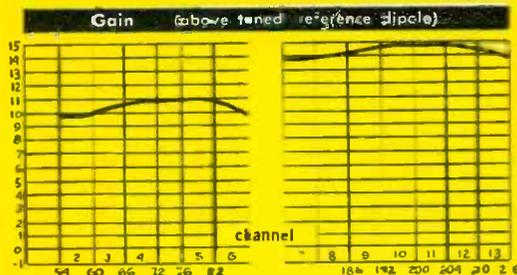
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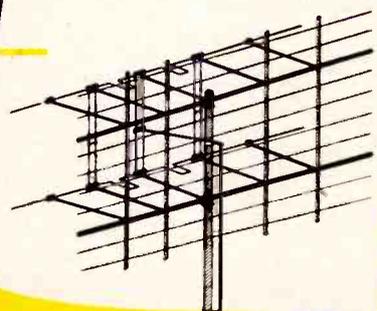
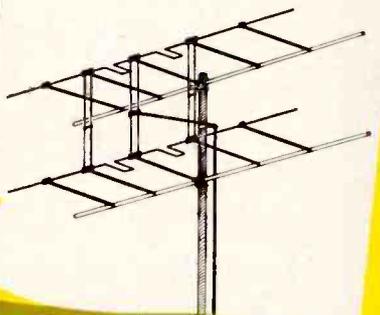
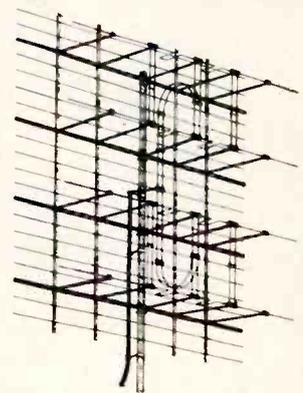
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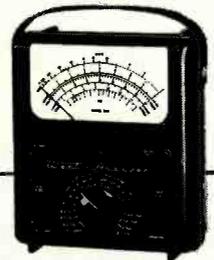
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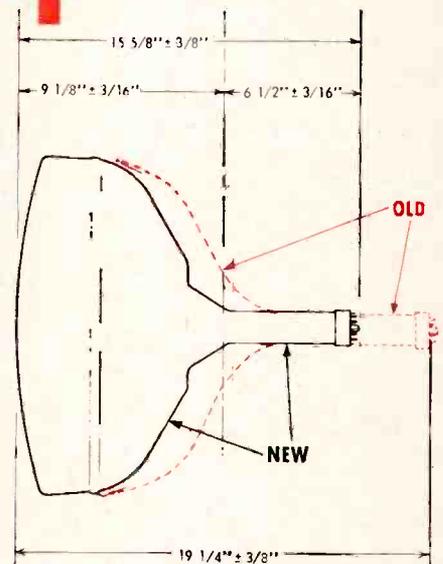


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Associations—Who's Left Out?

A friend of ours who has been in the service business for years—way back before TV, for that matter—reports being upset by a recent experience. A lone wolf during most of his career, he had finally yielded to the argument that men can do things better when they get together. Since honest ethics, earning a living and upgrading his profession are as much his concern as anyone else's, he decided it was time to join an association. It was quite a shock to learn that his local group wouldn't accept him.

Why? Although it's one of the smaller outfits, pushing hard to get more members, it's only interested in people who are in business for themselves.

Our friend's history in the profession is one of which he may well be proud. There are thousands like him in this country. Can the service industry afford to split its strength? Where do employed technicians fit into the picture?

Room must be made for them somewhere. As we see it, there are two ways of dealing with the problem:

1. It can be considered that, since most independent service organizations scarcely fall into the big business class, there is little difference of interest between the shop owner and his bench man. In this case, only one type of organization is necessary, the basis for which

can be the existing association.

2. If shop owners feel, as a group, that they must deal with important problems that are no concern of the employed worker, or that there is a basic conflict of interest, an additional type of organization may be needed. It may be modeled after the professional societies common to other engineering and technical fields, or it could use the guild as its basic pattern. Exactly what form is to be chosen is, in the long run, up to the technician.

If the latter pattern is the one that develops, there is as much room for coordinated activity between the two types of groups as there is common interest in the service industry. In this way, at least, there can be a united show of strength where needed.

In any case, it is time most of our present associations took a good look at themselves. Reports of their activities indicate that they sometimes function as organizations of business men, other times as strictly technical groups, in some cases as purchasing cooperatives, and sometimes strictly as social clubs.

This sort of indecision is not unusual for an infant industry—and the service business surely falls into that class. But, in the interests of healthy growth and long-range stability, we must decide where we are going.

Technician to You!

In an open note to publishers, the editor of one association monthly (*Associated Radio-Television Service Dealers' News*, Columbus, Ohio) has this to say: "Please stop referring to the TV Technician as a serviceman. It reminds me of the grease monkey. . . . After all, aren't we TECHNICIANS?"

As a matter of fact, just giving ourselves a name isn't the final answer to the problem of professional standing and community respect. As a part of the answer, however, it ought not to be overlooked.

Many associations, along with several far-sighted receiver manufacturers who appreciate their own dependence on the technician, have invested time, effort and money in getting his story across to the public. Set owners are being told about the high level of skill and training required, about heavy investments that must be made in specialized equipment and in parts, and about the complex nature of service work. We tend to

defeat this continuing campaign when we settle for being called repairmen or mechanics.

Our opposite numbers in England, we understand, run into a lot less trouble with the set-owning public than we do. Their decisions as to what has to be done with defective sets—and their quoted fees—are respected more than they are disputed. The British TV technician has good community standing, is seldom regarded as a gyp. Also, he calls himself a *service engineer*.

While that title is entirely legitimate, we are realistic enough to ask for only a little progress at a time. Since we cannot expect anyone to have more respect for us than we have for ourselves, it's up to us to use and insist on the preferred term. *That means we also have to act and look like technicians.* What attitude do you take toward yourself, especially when dealing with customers? Are you a tinkerer with a screwdriver in his back pocket, or a skilled specialist?

Tuning In the

TRADED-IN TV SETS can be real income producers in some areas, especially in resort and vacation regions. One dealer in Sarasota, Florida, stuck with a sizeable inventory of old dogs taken in trade, is now doing nicely renting them out to vacationers and other transient residents. Last we heard, all available sets were on rental and the dealer had a waiting list of prospects in addition.

THE USED-SET MARKET gets another approach by Motorola. Using the technique of the used-car dealer as a starting point, this mfr. has issued a "Trade-In Sales Manual" that goes into detail about the 4 basic steps: appraisal, reconditioning, pricing and resale. Don't try to make a fat profit or unload a lemon on this deal, the manual warns, since used-set buyers are eventual prospects for new sets. Try to recover the amount you lost on the trade-in (plus cost of reconditioning) and give customer satisfaction. The manual suggests types of prospective customers for used sets.

HI-FI SWITCH: Time was when American audio bugs used to incorporate highly regarded foreign equipment in their home systems. Fast growth of this field over the last few years in this country may result in a trend reversal. Espey's low-cost speaker-amplifier unit, the Overture, will be marketed in America, Europe and the Far East.

SOME BIG-CITY NEWSPAPERS REFUSING ads from servicing organizations in cases where the papers have received a number of complaints from readers charging misrepresentation.

THOUGH 10 YEARS OR MORE AWAY, that picture-frame TV set we talked about last month is more than just a gleam in the eyes of GE engineers. They've gone to the trouble of building a dummy model, shown on this page. The thin screen, which replaces the pix tube, is suitable for wall mounting. Miniaturized and printed circuit components will be built into the frame. Controls will be incorporated in a remote unit located at chairside or elsewhere in the room.

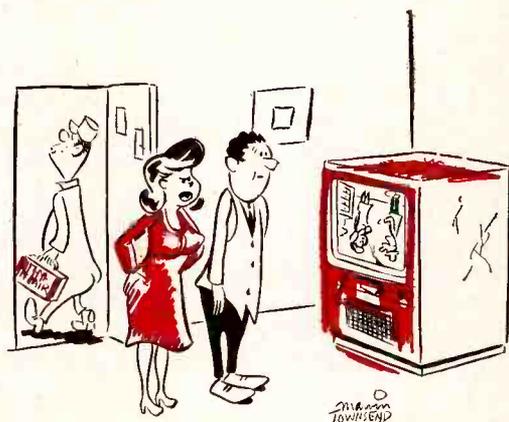
The picture-frame TV set of the future, as GE engineers see it.



BETTER BRUSH UP ON PHONOGRAPH servicing because it could be big business next year. Reasons: Increased interest in Hi-Fi, and better merchandising practices, plus the fact that there could be a trend toward bringing out more TV-radio-phono combinations.

ALL TECHNICIANS SHOULD BE INTERESTED in the drive for adequate home wiring. "Octopus outlets," common in many homes where there are not enough wall receptacles, provide plenty of grief for servicers. Where customers "gang up" facilities through use of several cube-taps, noise in receivers frequently occurs, fuses are blown and current supplies are often cut off.

PORTABLE RADIO SALES went well this year, and a lively Xmas market for the carry-about sets is expected. Too few shops cash in on the big potential in battery sales. An adequate supply of batteries, plus constant use of manufacturer-supplied displays, will pay off in additional profits.



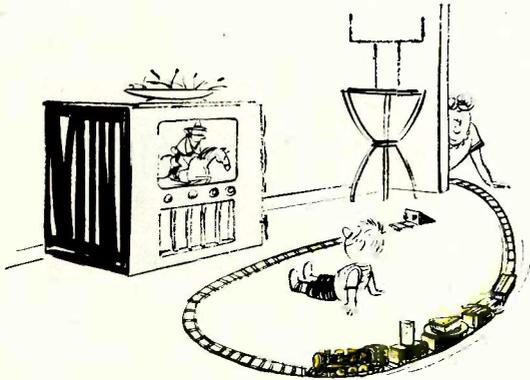
"Well! Are you still proud of yourself for finding a TV serviceman who only charges 50¢ per visit?"

INCREASE IN "FIX-IT-YOURSELF" activities by consumers noted in many industrial centers, and seen cutting shop revenue. Lowest rate of repairing in the home by customers prevails in those residential sections where the majority of men are white-collar workers. Highest rate is in localities where the majority are skilled mechanics, including employes in electronic factories.

HOME-SERVICE SERMON: Solder on the rug makes the housewife say "Ugh!" . . . Bits of insulation from wires annoys, irks and ices . . . The sloppy mechanic puts the home in a panic . . . But the welcome mat's out to greet the guy skillful and neat.

TECHNICIAN EDITORS estimate that almost 80,000 motor vehicles are in use today in servicing home TV and radio sets, with some of the larger service and installation organizations using as many as 50 vehicles during some of the busiest days.

Picture



POWER OF PRAYER: This one just missed our "Tough Dog" department. It actually happened to an Oklahoma servicer. "My set's acting peculiar," a woman complained to him over the phone. "It's gone off the air, and the only way we can get it to come back on is for my mother to get down on her knees beside it and pray. It goes off again the minute she gets up." The baffled technician came to the house and replaced a defective tube.

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS TO TRADED-IN PRODUCTS: 68% of TV sets are offered for resale; 27% of TV receivers taken in on trades are cannibalized for parts, and 5% are junked. 30% of radios are offered for resale; 40% are stripped for parts, and 30% are thrown in the junk-pile.

IT'S AN ILL WIND—Technicians in the hurricane-whipped northeastern corner of the country ought to be checking around for antennas that failed to last out the big blow.

SERVICE MANAGER WE KNOW checked up on some customers who were no longer on the firm's active list. Though a number of those who'd left the fold "rigged" answers, still others were frank in giving reasons. Results: largest number left because of "poor service," which included failure to keep appointments properly, and a seemingly large number of call-backs. Disputes over bills was next, with a "too-expensive" reason last.

HI-FI IN THE HOME—in the new home, that is. A builder of suburban homes near Dayton, Ohio is using high fidelity to sell his houses. Each home has a complete built-in custom system using GE components, with the units integrated on either side of the fireplace. These houses are really built around the Hi-Fi set-up. The attached garage is against the outside wall of the living room. Back panels for component housings are accessible from the garage, allowing plenty of room for servicing.

COLOR-TV SET CONTRACTS BY MANUFACTURERS expected to average between \$100 and \$150 per year in 1955. Estimated color receiver production for '55—200,000 sets at prices ranging down to \$695 for "big-screen" jobs.

MAKE A BUCK WITH YOUR TRUCK. You can help write off some of the overhead on your service truck if you're wise to the fact that it's a shop on wheels. Alert technicians and dealers stock their trucks with such replacement items as phono pickup cartridges, needles and batteries, other items that the customer may think of or the outside man can suggest once he's in the home. Cards suggesting antenna repairs are also worth using, to be slipped under the door of homes where the outside servicer spots an antenna that looks as though it's just been through a hurricane.

THE REPLACEMENT BIZ IS BOOMING, with antennas, tubes, and receiver components accounting for \$650 million in turnover in 1953, according to the sales mgr. of one set manufacturer. A look at this year's figures thus far indicates the 1954 total will rise to \$800 million. With more sets in existence, and getting more use, over the years, the service industry may be considered in its infancy right now.

THE GRAVY IS THERE, but you won't get any if you don't bother to ladle it up. Department stores in big metropolitan areas, also aware of the big future in repair work, are putting on the big push to land service contracts. If you want your share, be ready to compete.

HEALTHY TV SALES in 1953 surpassed those of the preceding year, matched the levels set in '50 and '51. Increased buying occurred all over the country, but the largest gains were in the West and North Central regions. Another interesting trend: every year, more people use credit to buy sets.

THAT TECHNICIAN'S DUMB GIRL FRIEND is still in circulation. She thinks a horizontal drive is something a patient gets while riding in an ambulance, that a square wave is a Navy dame from the sticks, and she's dead certain that a corner speaker is a soapbox orator. She's sure a chassis support is a girdle. The other day, her technician friend said he was going over to Mrs. Jones' home to install an interference trap, and this dame actually said she'd bet anything that that horrible nosy neighbor next door to the Joneses would be the first one to get caught in it.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- 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.
- Oct. 22-23: Electronic Parts Distributors' Seminar, sponsored by National Electronic Distributors Assoc. and Radio Parts & Electronic Equipment Shows, Inc., Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.
- Oct. 22-24: New England High-Fidelity Music Show, Hotel Touraine, Boston, Mass.
- Feb. 10-12: Audio Fair—Los Angeles, sponsored by Audio Engineering Society. Alexandria Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

Troubleshooting Video I-F

Transients, Improper Frequency Response, Oscillation, Microphonics,

By PHILIP THIER

• Many symptoms that appear to be caused by defects in other sections of the TV receiver are actually due to faults in the video i-f system. One important symptom that falls into this category is poor transient response. Misalignment of the video i-f strip is a common cause of this symptom. Let's consider the trouble in detail.

I-f Transients. *Transient response* refers to the ability of an amplifier to pass a sharply-changing signal without introducing oscillation. An i-f amplifier with a poor transient response will break into oscillation when steeply-sloping video signals are applied to it. Oscillatory signals that closely duplicate the original signal that started them going will be produced in such a case. These oscillations are coupled from the tuned output circuit back into the i-f amplifier tube by radiation, then amplified and passed on to the succeeding stage as an echo of the original signal.

At the picture tube, a "transient" image arrives later than the true image. Since the horizontal sweep "paints out" the viewed picture from left to right, the transient appears to the right of the true image as a "halo" effect. Viewed on a test pattern, transients cause the vertical wedges and the various shadings

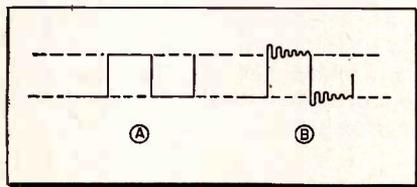


Fig. 1A—Ideal square-wave pattern. B—Oscillations in square wave due to transients.

present at the center bull's eye to blur into a cloudy grey-white, the central black area losing its definition.

The transient effect may be mistaken for a ghost. To determine whether the double image is a ghost or a transient, rotate the antenna while observing the picture. If the reflected image changes position with

respect to the original, it is a ghost. A ghost condition will show up differently or be non-existent on different channels, while the transient just sits there, stubbornly misbehaving in the same way, no matter what channel is tuned in, or in spite of what is done to the antenna.

To test an i-f amplifier's transient response, apply a symmetrical square wave of appropriate frequency to it and observe the output on an oscilloscope. (Some signal generators provide internal square-wave modulation; in other cases, square-wave modulation will have to be applied externally, by means of a square-wave generator.—Ed) If the response curve appears as shown in Fig. 1A, the amplifier is operating properly. Should the am-

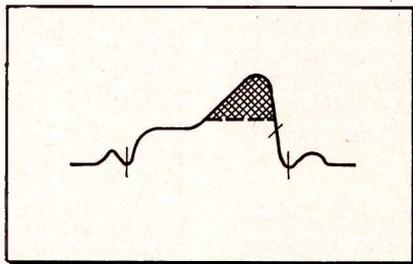


Fig. 2—Peak in response. Signals in the frequency range represented by the shaded area tend to cause spurious oscillation.

plifier have a poor transient response, the square wave will be distorted, as shown in Fig 1B. This type of distortion, incidentally, can occur in the video amplifier, as well as in the video i-f stages. Both these receiver sections should be square-wave tested, to determine where the fault lies.

If the i-f amplifiers are at fault, realignment may be attempted, to correct the response. When the correct response cannot be obtained by alignment, circuit components should be carefully checked.

Try replacing the i-f tube of the stage in which trouble is encountered, and then attempt realignment. At times, due to mechanical shock or faulty construction, the physical placement of the internal elements of a tube may change. This will change the internal capacitances of the tube. Since the tube capacitances

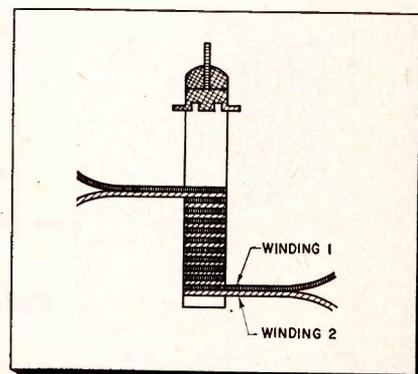


Fig. 3—Bifilar type of i-f transformer. Either winding may be used as primary or secondary. Powdered-iron slug tunes coils.

are effectively in parallel with the i-f transformer, the change that has occurred may be just enough to shift the circuit response to a point where transients are generated.

Poor L-F Response. When video i-f trouble reduces the bandpass of this section, the presence of certain associated symptoms will generally provide clues to the nature of the trouble. Distortion caused by poor low-frequency response will cause large black areas to trail off and smudge, rather than come to an end sharply. In a test pattern, the horizontal wedges will be blurred, while large objects and letters are smeared to the right. The smearing in this case is due to the non-uniform phase shift to which the low-frequency black signals are subjected. The low-frequency distortion may take place in the r-f or video amplifier stages, as well as in the video i-f section. A quick response check with a signal or sweep generator and an oscilloscope should localize the trouble.

Inadequate H-F Response. Poor high-frequency response (in the video i-f section, as elsewhere) results in the loss of fine detail in the picture. White areas overlap into black, producing an image that appears to be out of focus. In a test pattern, the vertical wedges will "wash out" before reaching the center bull's-eye.

Often tubes which check good in ordinary tube testers will not operate efficiently as broadband ampli-

Stages in the TV Receiver

Trap Troubles. Sync Pulse Clipping; Undesired Sync Separation

fiers. Tubes which have a low emission due to aging may not be capable of maintaining broadband amplification. The video i-f transformer coils may be affected by high humidity or severe temperature changes that produce corrosion, shorted turns or a displacement of the coil windings. Any of these can shift a coil's tunable frequency range beyond usable limits. The faults just cited may not be noted in some cases until a careful realignment procedure has failed to correct the limited band-width condition.

Oscillation and Microphonics. Oscillation and microphonics in video i-f stages raise considerable havoc with TV reception. Damped oscillations or "ringing" will produce horizontal streaking or tearing over a limited area of the picture. An over-peaked i-f amplifier circuit (see Fig. 2) will tend to break into oscillation, when excited by particular frequencies within the pass-band. A properly-adjusted circuit will not usually fall into spurious oscillation. When realignment does not correct the ringing present, a tube replacement or change of bypass condenser may be in order.

Effects on reception similar to those just described are caused by

microphonics. Tubes with loose, vibrating elements tend to modulate the signal being amplified, causing black or white blotches to appear in the picture. When such symptoms are noted, or vibrations of picture elements or howls in the sound occur, it is time to tap away at tubes and condensers, to find the microphonic component.

Trap Considerations. In split-sound pix i-f systems, the maximum video bandwidth is 4 mc, with the adjacent-channel and associated sound carriers attenuated greatly by absorption traps. If the traps are not tuned to properly eliminate the unwanted frequencies, the bandwidth of the associated i-f amplifier is apt to be excessively broad. The picture may, besides suffering a loss of gain, be marred by sound bars and adjacent-channel noise in such a case.

Due to planned station allocation, adjacent-channel interference is not very likely to occur in major television service areas. In fringe areas between large cities, however, adjacent-channel reception is a definite possibility.

Other Band-Width Troubles. Generally, band-width and gain can be properly adjusted by following

closely the alignment procedures recommended by the set manufacturer. Where excessive bandwidth cannot be corrected by alignment, and it has been determined that the sound and adjacent-channel traps are functioning properly, the grid-to-ground resistance of the stage involved should be measured. A resistance lower than the design value can be the cause of a loss of gain, with a broadening of the circuit bandwidth characteristic.

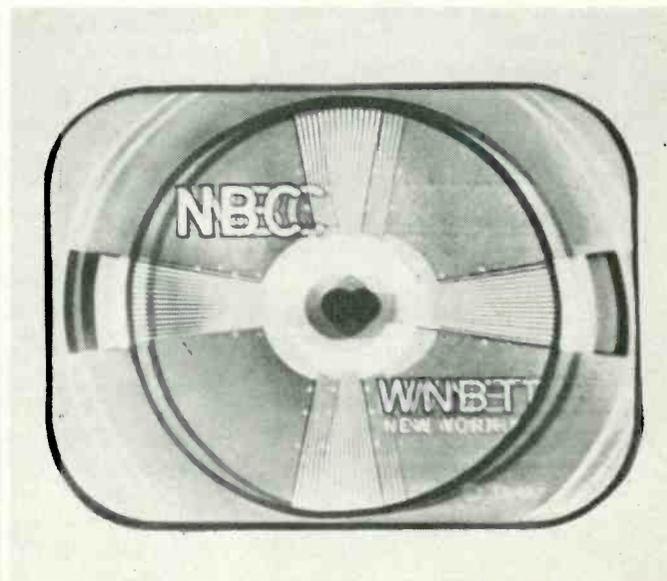
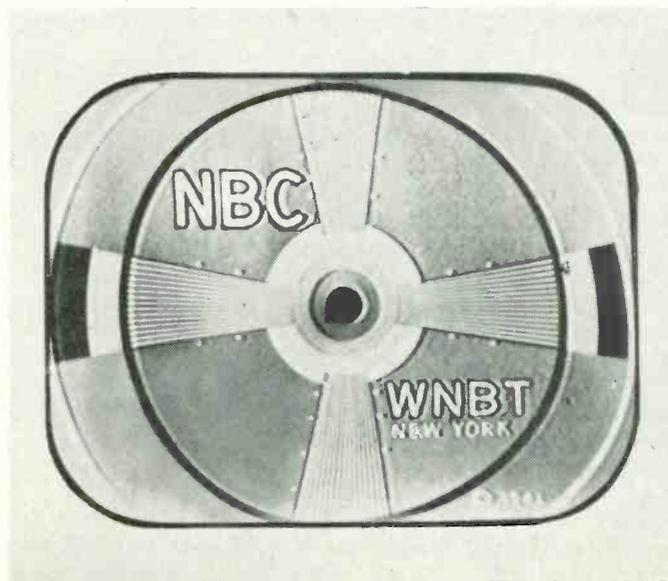
Aging of components may drive the grid resistance above the correct design value. This will increase the stage gain, but reduce the bandwidth.

I-f Transformer Troubles. Humidity and extremes of temperature can seriously affect an i-f transformer. In some cases, the insulating coating on the coils is not complete. Minute cracks in this insulating material allow moisture to come into contact with the wires. The resultant corrosion can cause circuit defects ranging from an open winding to a short between turns. The open-circuit condition may result in complete loss of signal or, at best, very weak signal.

Shorted turns, and their very
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Mild transients. Note slight reflections in lettering.

Severe antenna-produced ghost. (courtesy RCA)



Hum-Bugging Audio Amplifiers

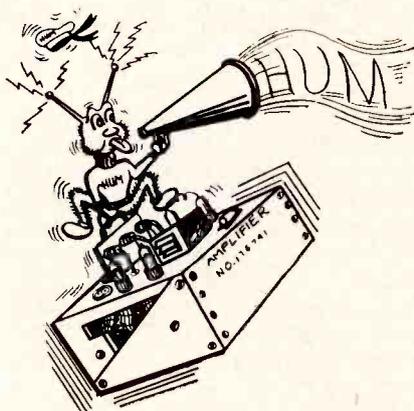
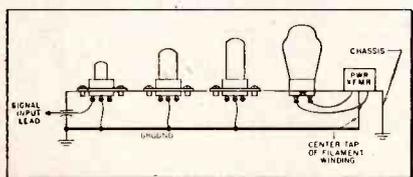
• Sixty-cycle ac is fine in audio amplifiers as long as it's kept in its place. For power supplies and filaments, it's ok; but you have to keep that old hum bug out of the grid circuits.

Hum is a very exasperating and often difficult thing to track down. Everyone has his pet rules and precautions for shutting out the bug, but sometimes it takes a little extra doing. The points outlined in this article are worthy of consideration, since they will extend your de-bugging fire power by providing a varied choice of weapons.

Chassis-Conducted Hum. The old saw about keeping leads as short as possible doesn't always apply to circuit grounds. Often, a hum complaint stems from ground returns having been indiscriminately tied to chassis. When this is the case, there's no telling what complicated current path may exist in the chassis and become part of the input circuit. If the input signal is returned along three or four inches of chassis having a circulating hum current, this chassis voltage drop is, in effect, inserted in series with the signal, and amplified along with the set owner's favorite overture. When the serviceman suspects that an improper ground in the input stage is responsible for hum, the simplest localization test (which also serves as a remedy) is to return the grounds of the first stage directly to the input jack ground.

To eliminate chassis-conducted hum in general, run a no. 14 bare copper ground bus wire (that is not permitted to touch chassis) along the path of your tube line-up, going from the input tube, through the output tubes, to the rectifier (see Fig. 1). Connect this bus wire to the chassis at the input jack, and *only* at this point. Connect all circuit grounds to this wire physically *in the order of the tube line-up*, ending at

Fig. 1—Connecting filament grounds to chassis in order of tube line-up. "Hot" filament wiring is not indicated in the sketch.



BY KARL GRIEF

the power supply.

Usually, rewiring the first stage ground as previously described should in itself be sufficient to eliminate most cases of chassis-conducted hum.

Pickup in Line-to-Grid Input Transformers. In an intercom or similar system using an input transformer, such as a voice-coil to grid transformer (loudspeaker employed as a mike input, for example), the input transformer must be remote from the chassis, if the latter uses a power transformer. The field surrounding a large power transformer can affect a shielded input transformer from a distance as great as four or five feet. Therefore, note whether the input transformer is mounted five to ten feet from the chassis and even then, oriented for minimum hum pickup. The lead to the amplifier must be shielded, and the (input) transformer case and one side of the primary grounded. Also check if the transformer is located near fluorescent lights or building wiring—both are capable of inducing hum into the windings.

Floating Chassis. Ancient as it seems, grounding the chassis by connecting a wire (no. 14 or larger) to the building water system will serve to "tie down" the chassis and the entire audio system. Either the regular plumbing pipes or a nearby radiator will provide a good ground, and prevent pick-up from an otherwise floating system. The wire used to ground the chassis should be as short as possible, for best results.

Improperly-Insulated Input. Although wood is considered an insulator, it can cause an awful lot of hum to be introduced, if the input signal wire is allowed to touch it. Look for any type of feed-through connector or terminal strip whose "hot" side might be contacting wood, or some similar "insulator," when you are making your quick preliminary inspection for visible causes of hum. This source of hum is apt to be discounted without testing because it seems downright fantastic.

Discontinuities in Shielded Input Leads. Look for a spliced input line. Unless a really bang-up job is done, you can be fairly sure of hum problems with a spliced shielded line. Always buy enough wire when making an installation to use a continuous line from pickup to input plug.

Input Lines Running Near Power Wires. In no instance should signal input leads be allowed to run parallel or significantly near 115 v 60-cycle power line wiring or line cords. Regardless of shielding, some hum will be picked up at normal input

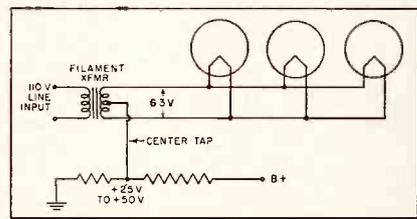


Fig. 2—Biasing the filament line to minimize cathode-to-heater emission in audio amplifier.

impedances, if this recommendation is ignored.

Improper Power Supply Filtering. Although often replaced by a resistor for economy, a B-plus filter choke is still a very efficient and sure guard against hum. It is obvious why manufacturers don't use them, in all cases (cost factor); when you want a job to be as perfect as possible, however, insert such a choke (when one is not present in the set, of course). Keep a couple of sizes in stock to test with.

Further Hum Tests. The tests we have described, if properly made, will take care of most "hum-bugs." If the bug, however, is elusive, or if

Common and Uncommon Sources of a Universal Trouble in Hi-Fi Installations

there are two or three bugs, as is often the case, make the following additional tests to locate the source of trouble. Incidentally, for hum to be at an acceptable level, you should, to hear it, have to place your ear directly at the center of, and as close as possible to, the speaker; the hum should be no more audible than the little "frying" and rushing sounds known as tube noise.

Determining Whether Hum Is Internal or External to Set. Ground the signal input either by shorting the input leads together, or by turning the input potentiometer so that no signal is fed in. If the hum *decreases only slightly*, it is due to internal or external causes, or a combination of both. If the hum *disappears entirely* with the input grounded, forget the amplifier and look for trouble in the shielded leads that are often present at the input. If the hum *persists*, it is originating in the amplifier. Leave the input grounded and make the checks described in the paragraphs following, in such a case.

Power Supply Filtering Tests. The first place to check in tracking down hum is, commonly, the power supply. If a substantial amount of ripple is measured (with a scope) at the dc supply feeding the tubes, improper filtering is indicated. To test the filter condensers present, bridge them with known good ones of at least the same or twice as much capacitance (check polarity and voltage ratings carefully). If the hum drops substantially, replace the old capacitor(s); if the original condenser turns out to be good, indicating that a huge capacitance is necessary, add another filter stage, using a filter choke. This last measure is recommended primarily for cases where the manufacturer has used a resistor instead of a choke in the "B" supply, or instances when an ac-dc amplifier whose filtering is not too adequate to begin with, is used in an installation demanding a very low level of hum.

Other checks (at the B+ point) for hum can be made by using earphones, with a 0.1 mfd condenser placed in series to block the dc (hum should be imperceptible); and with an ac voltmeter applied between B+ and ground (0.01 volts is excellent).

Do not overlook the possibility of

a poor rectifier tube. If it has developed a low back resistance, its rectifying efficiency will be reduced; not only is a sizable ripple likely under the circumstances—ac may also be applied to the filters.

Stage by Stage Localization. Beginning at the second tube in your lineup, ground the grid of each successive tube with a screwdriver. When grounding a certain grid eliminates the hum, this usually indicates that the hum is originating in the *preceding* stage. Pull the previous tube and note effect on hum, to make certain.

If it is not the fault of the preceding tube, but the hum did decrease when grounding the tube grid referred to, the tube whose grid you are grounding is at fault. The trouble in this case is usually caused by the collection of filament-emitted electrons at the grid, with a hum voltage consequently developing across the grid resistor. Grounding the grid removes the hum, because the grid resistance becomes zero.

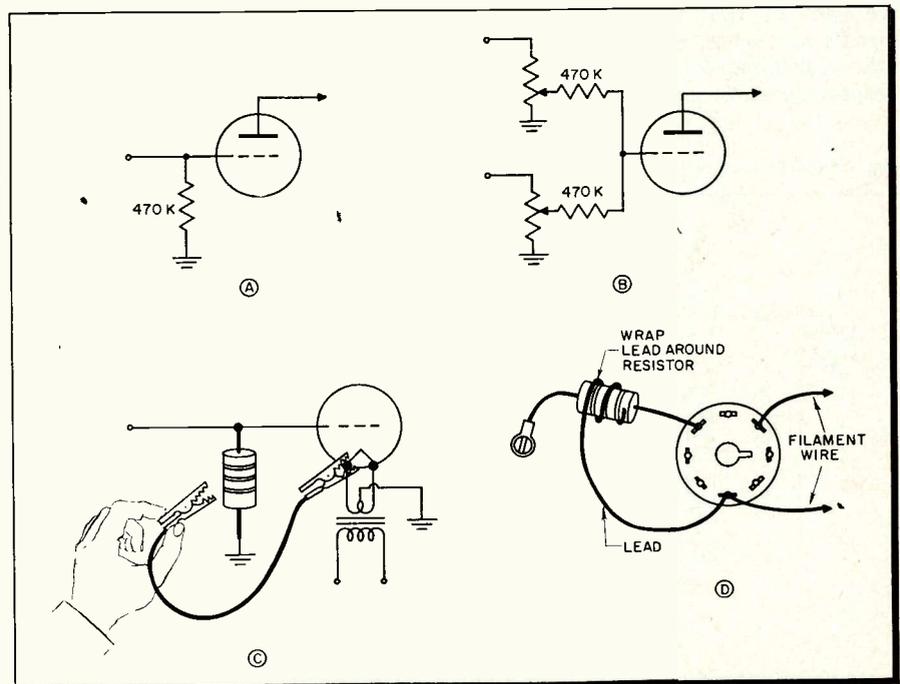
To remedy the condition, try another tube. This trouble sometimes is inherent in a particular tube. Another remedy (when the condition persists in spite of tube replace-

ment) is to connect the filament transformer center tap to a positive dc voltage of 25 to 50 volts (see Fig. 2). The filament is then made more positive than the grid, eliminating or minimizing the filament emission previously described.

Other Remedies. When hum has been localized to a particular stage, and neither replacement of the tube nor biasing of its filament satisfactorily reduces the hum, try bucking the hum out with an oppositely-phased hum voltage (design limitations in the amplifier being serviced are assumed).

Say a series input resistor is utilized, and shorting it eliminates the hum. Connect one side of a lead to a filament pin, and bring the other end of the lead near the resistor. Then connect the lead to the *other* filament pin, and repeat. In one case, the hum will be heard to null out at a fixed distance, and then increase as the lead is brought still closer to the resistor. When the lead is connected to the other, or wrong side, the hum will continually increase. When the nulling side has been determined, wrap the wire on the resistor in such a way that minimum hum level is obtained (Fig. 3).

Fig. 3—Hum reduction in circuits (A) and (B) by means of a bucking voltage is illustrated in (C) and (D). Which side of the heater lead to use, other details, are discussed in the text.



Understanding Your

Data on the Theory of VTVM Operation, to Help You

By JAMES A. McROBERTS

The technician should understand the basic principles underlying the operation of his vtvm, if he wishes to use, maintain and troubleshoot his own instrument intelligently. This article will describe how a vtvm works; the one to follow will discuss the servicing of a vtvm.

Electronic voltmeters are used because their reading more closely approximates the voltage actually present in the circuit under test. The vtvm, because of its high input resistance and isolating probe, loads down the circuit to be tested much less than a non-electronic meter, providing considerably more accurate voltage readings.

Electron Tube Considered as a Variable Resistor. Let's consider a triode with 20 volts applied between its grid and its cathode. Now, the amount of current which flows in the plate-cathode circuit of this tube depends primarily on the plate voltage (20 v) and the grid voltage. Varying the grid voltage could easily produce three cases such that the plate current is 0.25, 0.50, and 1.00 ma, respectively. Dividing the voltage applied (20 v) by the currents, we can see that the plate-cathode circuit acts as a resistance—a variable resistance—of 80k, 40k and 20k respectively. We have made the tube

act as a variable resistor or rheostat, with the grid voltage as the control, instead of the rheostat shaft.

A Simple Electronic Voltmeter. Now we can put the tube to work, hooking it up as shown in Fig. 1. A schematic is shown in Fig. 1A; the variable-resistance feature of the circuit is more clearly illustrated in Fig. 1B. The dotted line at the control is used to indicate that the variation in resistance is achieved by the tube's grid action.

Now, if the device shown is connected to the power supply (indicated by B+ and B-), current will flow through the simple circuit, and the meter will indicate the amplitude of this current. This value of current is, of course, the applied voltage divided by the sum of the resistances in the circuit. Note that the calibration resistance remains fixed, while the tube resistance varies.

The amount of the current indicated can just as easily be marked on the meter in volts, instead of in units of current. If a grid voltage of 1 v causes 0.25 ma of current to flow, we could mark the point indicated on the meter 1 v; if 2 v causes a flow of 0.50 ma, we could mark the line to which the meter needle points 2 v, and so on.

The calibration resistor is adjustable, to permit the resting current of the tube (current with no grid volt-

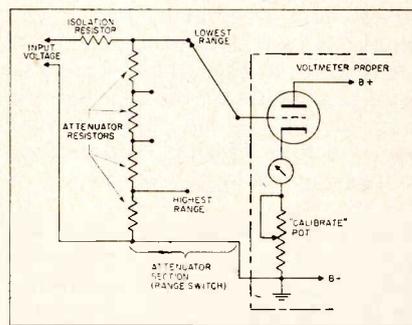


Fig. 2—Adding a range switch and a step attenuator to the vtvm will extend its range.

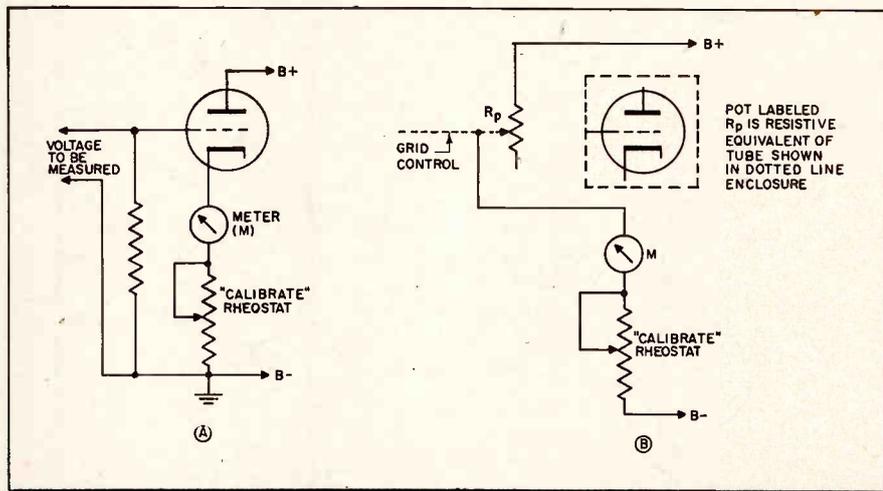
age applied) to deflect the meter needle to some predetermined mark, usually zero on the meter scale. The calibration could be made such that zero is read at the center of the meter scale; a negative grid voltage would then cause the meter to deflect in one direction, while a positive voltage would produce a deflection going the other way.

Now, the range of voltages that can be measured by the simple instrument just described is limited by the permissible grid voltage which may be applied to the tube's control grid. This voltage, or voltage range, is called the *grid base*. The grid base is ordinarily about 5 volts or less. To extend the voltage range that the meter can measure, a resistive step attenuator is employed. Through the action of this attenuator, the voltage applied to the grid of the voltmeter tube is less than the total voltage input. The attenuator ranges are controlled by a *range switch*, which selects an appropriate fraction of the total input voltage (see Fig. 2). The voltage drop across the isolation resistor in the probe is allowed for in the design of the instrument.

Differential-Amplifier Type Instruments. Most modern instruments use a circuit that employs what is known as a *differential amplifier* or *bridge circuit*. The most elementary form of such a circuit is shown in Fig. 3. It contains two tubes or tube sections that behave like resistances. The plate-cathode circuit of one tube is varied by its grid bias, causing its plate resistance, R_{p1} , to vary also.

The plate resistance of the second

Fig. 1A—One-tube vtvm schematic. B—Equivalent circuit, tube shown as variable resistance.



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tube or tube section— R_{p5} —remains fixed, since its grid is returned to a fixed voltage point (usually the chassis ground). Plate load resistances R_{L1} and R_{L2} are fixed, and approximately equal to each other. The reader can now see that if the plate resistance of tube 1 (R_{p1}) equals the plate resistance of the second tube (R_{p5}), then the voltage drops across the load resistors will be equal as well. The potential difference across the meter (M) will be zero under such conditions, and its needle will not deflect.

The more complete circuit of Fig. 4 shows a zero adjust potentiometer which can be adjusted to make the voltage at the left-hand side of the bridge equal to that at the right-

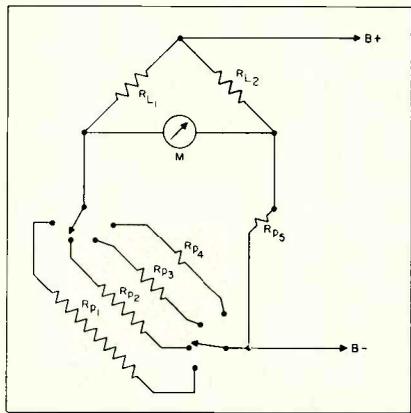


Fig. 3—Elementary bridge circuit. R_{p1} , R_{p2} , R_{p3} and R_{p4} form part of the bridge.

hand side, producing this condition of null or balance (no current through meter) with no voltage applied to the input.

Now, if the grid bias of tube 1 is altered, a corresponding change in its plate resistance will be produced. Four values of plate resistance for tube 1 are assumed in Fig. 3. For any value of R_p for tube 1 which does not equal R_{p5} (the plate resistance of tube 2—the tube with the fixed or zero voltage input) the meter will indicate, and the indication will be proportional to the variation in the plate resistance of tube.

In other words, the difference in the plate voltages of the tubes will produce a potential difference across the meter, causing a current to flow

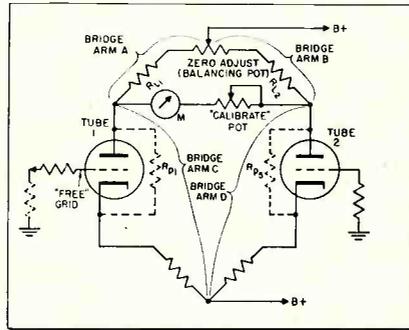


Fig. 4—Bridge circuit of Fig. 3 shown in more detail. R_{p1} and R_{p5} are tube plate resistances.

through it; the amplitude of this current will be proportional to the amplitude of the voltage applied to the grid of tube 1.

As in the case of the simple vtm previously described, the meter (M) does not read the current through it, but measures rather the input voltage that is causing that particular current to flow. For example, a 200 microampere meter movement, with the range switch of the instrument set at 5 v, will have 100 microamperes flowing through it if 2.5 v is applied; the meter will accordingly read 2.5 v. With 25 v applied on the switch set to the 50 v range, the meter will again draw 100 microamperes; the reading now is 25 v, or 2.5×10 , the step attenuator delivering $\frac{1}{10}$ of the input to the "free grid."

Provision is made in commercial instruments for reversing the free and grounded grids of the two tubes (or tube sections) of the differential amplifier, so that either tube may act as the variable resistor. The switch that does this is part of the function switch; the action permits negative voltages to be read up-scale on the meter. The function switch also inserts the separate calibration resistor needed (in series with the meter) for each range.

Fig. 5 shows a modification of the circuit of Fig. 4; the meter in this case is inserted in the cathode circuit of the tube sections. The cathode resistors become arms of the bridge. The zero adjust is now in the cathode circuit, and balances the bridge (with no input voltage present) by adding resistance to one arm

while subtracting resistance from the other. The voltage drops across each cathode arm are thus made equal.

The range of the differential-type of instrument is increased in the same way as in the case of the simple single-tube instrument.

Ohmmeter Function. The basic voltmeter section just described may be used as an ohmmeter, with the meter scale calibrated in ohms. A portion of the circuit involved in a typical meter is shown in Fig. 6. On the division of voltages across the unknown and ohms range resistances depends the input voltage applied to the "free" voltmeter tube grid. The input voltage, in turn, causes a current (inversely) proportional to the unknown resistance to flow through the meter. This current causes the needle to deflect across a scale calibrated in ohms.

The voltage drop across the fixed resistor is produced by current forced through it via the range resistor. The value of this resistor varies in accordance with the different ohms ranges selected by the

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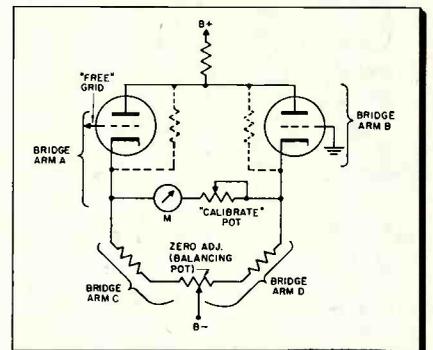
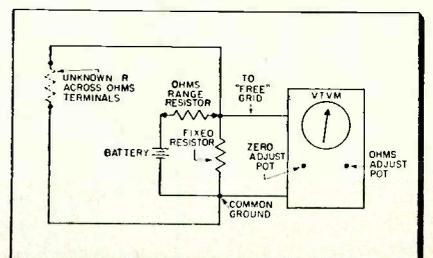


Fig. 5—Bridge with meter in cathode circuit.

Fig. 6—Typical ohmmeter section of vtm using battery power supply and bridge circuit.



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MANUFACTURER	MODEL NO.	METER SIZE	SENSITIVITY (OHMS/VOLT)	VOLTAGE RANGES	RESISTANCE RANGES †	DC CURRENT RANGES †	DB RANGES	REMARKS	PRICE
CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL INSTRUMENT CO., 536 W. ELM ST. CHICAGO 10, ILL.	431A		AC/DC: 1,000	AC/DC: 0-1.5-30-150-300-1500-3000 V.	3 RANGES — 10 K TO 1 MEG	3 RANGES — 1.5 MA TO 7.5 A.			\$19.50
	421D		AC/DC: 5,000	AC/DC: 0-4-10-40-100-400-1000 V.	3 RANGES — 10 K TO 1 MEG	4 RANGES — 4 TO 400 MA			\$24.50
	458A		AC/DC: 1,000	AC/DC: 0-2.5-10-50-250-1000-5000 V.	3 RANGES — 1 K TO 2 MEGS	5 RANGES — 1 MA TO 10 A.	-5 TO +55 DB		\$29.50
ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT CO., INC. 84 WITHERS ST., BROOKLYN 11, N. Y.	536	3-IN.	AC/DC: 1,000	AC/DC: 0-1-5-10-50-100-500-5000 V.	3 RANGES — 5 K TO 1 MEG	4 RANGES — 1 MA TO 1 A.	6 RANGES — -20 TO +69 DB	WITH 1% PRECISION RESISTORS AS MODEL 526 — \$13.90*	\$12.90*
	565-K	4.5-IN.	AC: 1,000 DC: 20,000	AC/DC: 0-2.5-10-50-250-1000-5000 V.	3 RANGES — 2 K TO 20 MEGS	4 RANGES — 100 µA TO 500 MA.	5 RANGES — -12 TO +55 DB	WITH 1% PRECISION RESISTORS — MODEL 555 — \$29.95	\$24.95*
ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENTS CORP., 280 LAFAYETTE ST. NEW YORK, N. Y.	566-K	4.5-IN.	AC/DC: 1,000	AC/DC: 0-1.5-10-50-100-500-5000 V.	3 RANGES — 500 OHMS TO 1 MEG	4 RANGES — 1 MA TO 1 A.	6 RANGES — -20 TO +69	WITH 1% PRECISION RESISTORS — MODEL 556 — \$16.90	\$14.90
	102	3-IN.	AC/DC: 1,000	AC: 0-12-120-600-1200-3000 V. DC: 0-6-60-300-600-3000 V.	2 RANGES — 1 K TO 1 MEG	4 RANGES — 6 MA TO 1200 MA			\$14.90
HEATH CO., BENTON HARBOR, MICH.	104	4.5-IN.	AC: 1,000 DC: 20,000	AC/DC: 0-6-60-300-600-3000 V.	3 RANGES — 20 K TO 20 MEGS	3 RANGES — 6 MA TO 600 MA	5 RANGES — -4 TO +67 DB		\$26.95
	M-1			AC/DC: 0-10-30-300-1000-5000 V.	2 RANGES — 3 K AND 300 K	2 RANGES — 10 MA AND 100 MA		KIT.	\$14.50*
	MM-1	4.5-IN.	AC: 5,000 DC: 20,000	AC/DC: 0-1.5-5-50-150-500-1500-5000 V.	3 RANGES — TO 20 MEGS	5 RANGES — 150 µA TO 15 A.	-10 TO +65 DB	KIT.	\$26.50*
HICKOK ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT CO., 10514 DUPONT AVE., CLEVELAND, OHIO	450	5-IN.	AC: 5,000 DC: 20,000	AC/DC: 0-2.5-10-50-250-1000-5000 V.	4 RANGES — 1 K TO 100 MEGS	7 RANGES — 50 µA TO 10 A.	5 RANGES — -30 TO +55 DB		\$46.50
	120	5.25-IN.	AC: 5,000 DC: 20,000	AC/DC: 0-1.2-3-12-60-300-600-1200-6000 V.	5 RANGES — 200 OHMS TO 20 MEGS	7 RANGES — 60 µA TO 12 A.	8 RANGES — -20 TO +77 DB		\$39.95
PRECISION APPARATUS CO., INC., 92-27 HORACE HARDING BLVD., ELMHURST 6, N. Y.	40	3-IN.	AC/DC: 1,000	AC/DC: 0-3-12-60-300-1200-6000 V.	3 RANGES — 5 K TO 5 MEGS	4 RANGES — 600 µA TO 600 MA	6 RANGES — -22 TO +70 DB		\$26.95
	858-P	4 5/8-IN.	AC: 1,000 DC: 20,000	AC/DC: 0-3-6-12-60-300-600-1200-6000 V.	6 RANGES — 6 K TO 600 MEGS	8 RANGES — 60 µA TO 12 A.	8 RANGES — -26 TO 70 DB	MOUNTED IN WOODEN CARRYING CASE	\$61.50

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	260	4 1/2-IN.	AC: 1,000 DC: 20,000	AC/DC: 0-2.5-10-50-250- 1000-5000 V.	3 RANGES — 2 K TO 20 MEGS	5 RANGES — 100 μ A TO 10 A.	5 RANGES — -12 TO +55 DB		\$38.95
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TRIPLETT ELECTRICAL INSTRU- MENT CO., BLUFFTON, OHIO	543	3-IN.	AC/DC: 1,000	AC/DC: 0-15-150-600- 3000 V.	2 RANGES — 2 K AND 200 K	3 RANGES — 6 TO 600 MA			\$24.60
	630	5 1/2-IN.	AC: 5,000 DC: 20,000	AC/DC: 0-3-12-60-300- 1200-6000 V.	4 RANGES — 1 K TO 100 MEGS	5 RANGES — 60 μ A TO 12 A.	7 RANGES — -30 TO +70 DB		\$39.50
WESTON ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT CORP., 614 FREILINGHUYSEN AVE. NEWARK 5, N. J.	666-R	3-IN.	AC/DC: 1,000	AC/DC: 0-10-50-250- 1000-5000 V.	3 RANGES — 3 K TO 3 MEGS	3 RANGES — 10 MA TO 1 A.			\$26.50
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	980	5-IN.	AC: 1,000 DC: 20,000	AC/DC: 0-1.6-8-40-160- 400-1600 V.	5 RANGES — 1 K TO 10 MEGS	5 RANGES — 80 μ A TO 8 A.	6 RANGES — -15 TO +54 DB		\$52.50

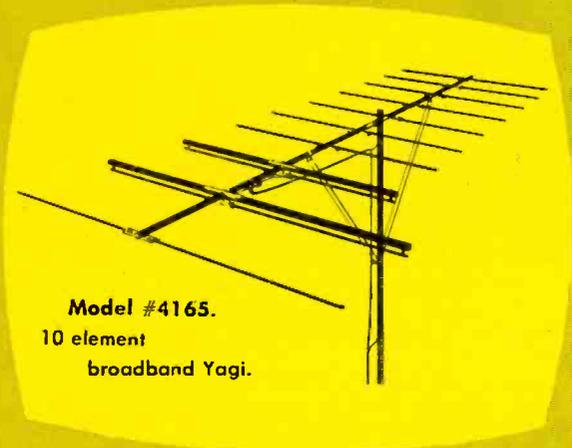
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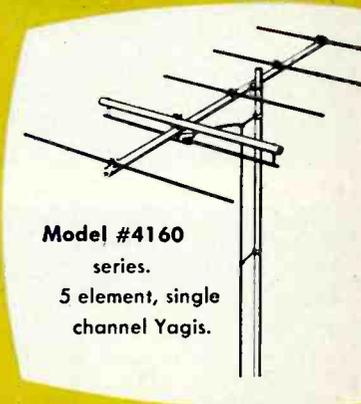
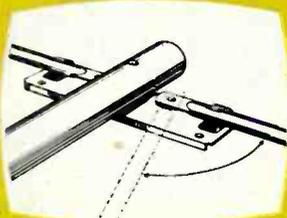


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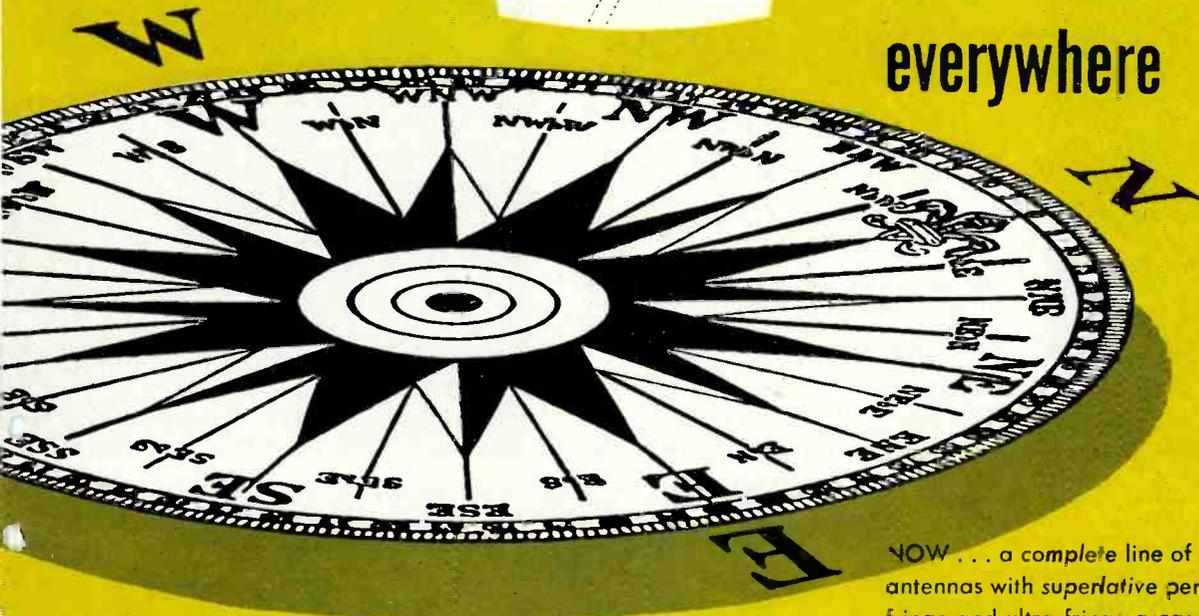
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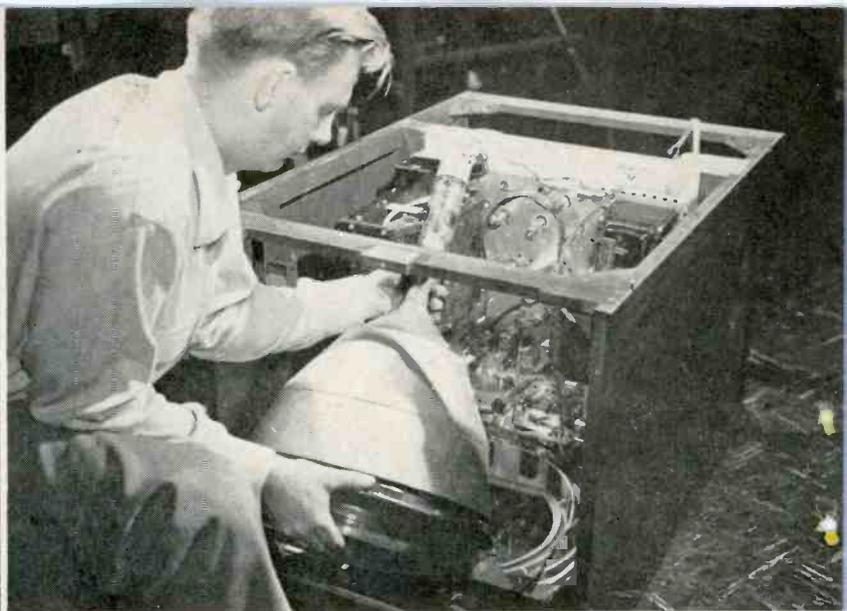
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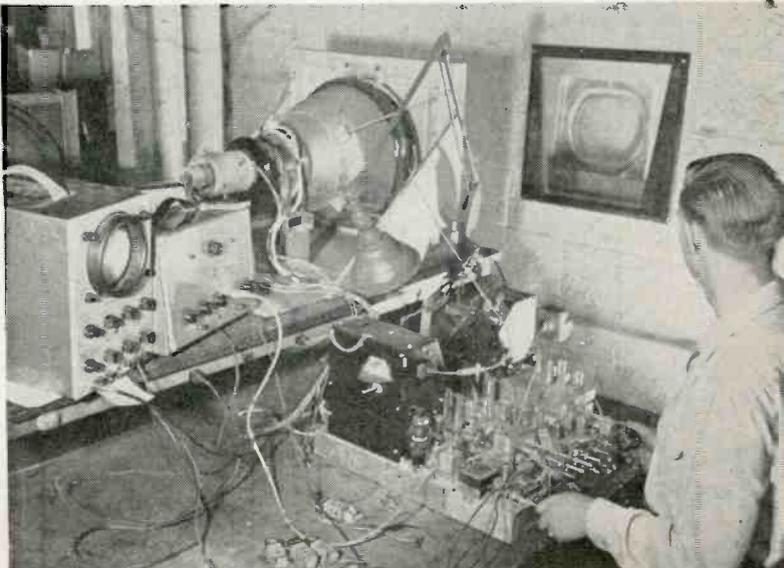
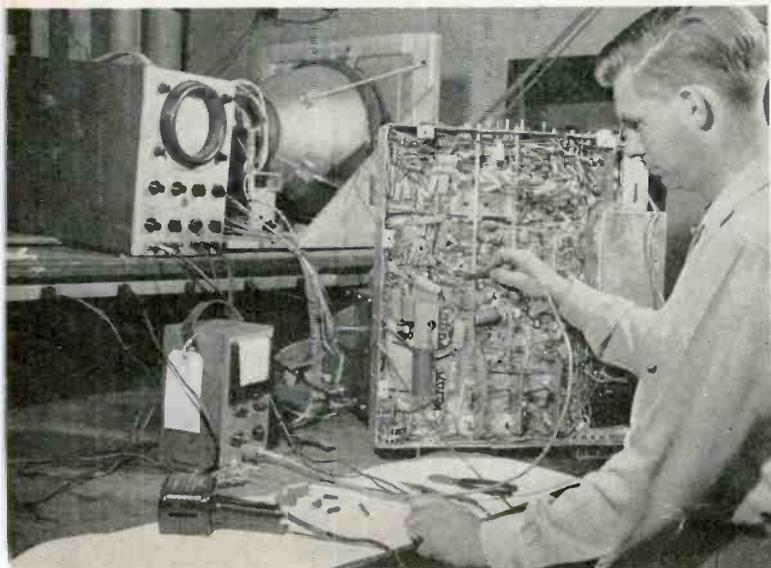
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Inside Resistive Controls

Variable Resistors: Tips on Repairing Them in the Home

• Variable resistors—or, as we know them, controls—fall into two categories, wire-wound and carbon. Depending on the make of monochrome TV set, there will be from five to thirteen of these controls and, as a general rule of thumb, the quality of the set can be judged from the number of controls and from how much effect they have on their respective circuits.

For reasons of economy, wire-wound resistors are disappearing as original components. The difference in price between wire-wound and carbon units, though negligible to the serviceman, adds up to thousands of dollars to the TV manufacturer.

As a circuit component, the variable resistor finds application both as a potentiometer, in which the wiper arm taps off a portion of the voltage developed across the complete resistor, and as a rheostat, where connection is made only to an end terminal and the middle wiper arm, permitting variation of the series resistance. A classic example of the potentiometer-connected variable resistor is the volume control. Rheostat-connected units are frequently found as vertical and horizontal hold controls, among others. To a large extent, the kind of repairs that can be made on the control will be determined by the way the unit is being used.

Tapers

Electrically, resistive controls may be further sub-divided according to their tapers, as shown in Fig. 1. Taper No. 1 is a right-hand logarithmic taper for a carbon composition variable resistor; No. 2 is the so-called "linear" taper, which is actually no taper at all, but simply denotes a control which varies in re-

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sistance, hence in voltage in proportion to the amount of rotation, as in height and vertical linearity controls. Taper No. 3 is a modified logarithmic

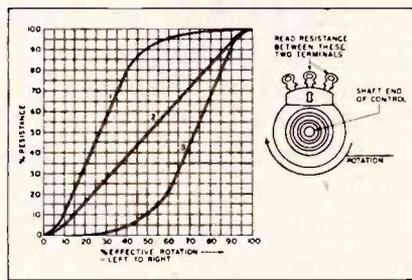


Fig. 1—Typical right- and left-hand taper curves for variable composition resistors

left-hand taper similar to that found in volume controls. The reason for a logarithmic taper here becomes obvious when we recall that the effect of increased volume on our hearing varies *not* in proportion to the power output, but as a logarithmic or exponential function. Thus, with a logarithmic taper, a 10% increase in shaft rotation will result in an apparent 10% increase in the sound output over any portion of the control.

Control Defects

Troubles with resistive controls will generally fall into three categories. First—and a problem with which we are all familiar—they become dirty; a combination of particles loosened by the action of the wiper arm and actual dust from the air. Second, they burn, or open, due to excessive current, and third, they

short to the shell, or ground out. These are the problems with which we will deal here.

Cleaning the Control

A few years ago, it was excusable for the technician to use carbon tet in treating dirty controls. However, today there are a number of cleaners on the market which do a far superior job. Carbon tet evaporates very rapidly, tending to leave condensation on the surface; also, it dissolves the lubricant in the control, leading to premature wear. Cleaners now available contain a lubricant, a corrosion preventative, a slow-evaporating solvent and a conductor. The latter counteracts any contact resistance introduced by the lubricant.

The solution is best applied to the control through the spaces around the terminals, being injected by a dropper. However, adequate treatment is usually possible by simply tilting the set back and dropping the solution on the shafts, allowing the liquid to run down into the controls.

Open Controls

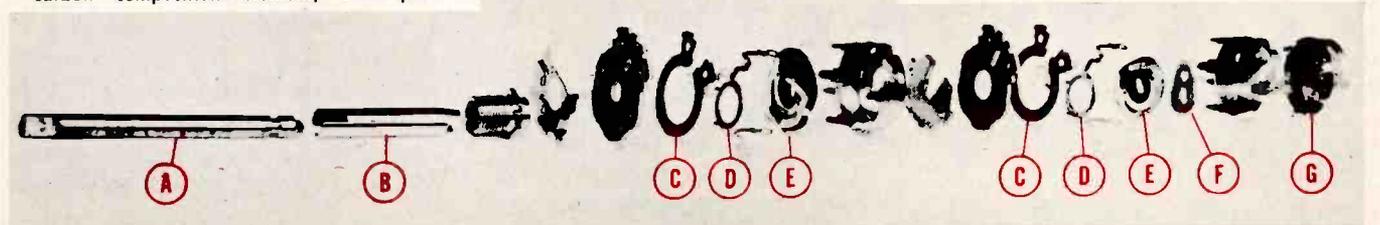
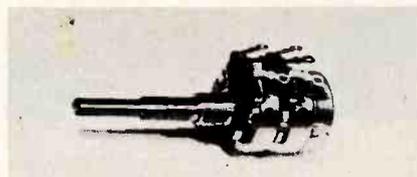
Whether we can do anything for the "open" control will depend on whether it is operating as a potentiometer or rheostat, and the extent of the damage. Despite their substantial appearance, many of the rear apron controls are rated at ½-watt or less, and this should be taken into consideration when attempting a repair. They are not high-current devices.

For the "open" potentiometer-connected control; that is, where leads are connected to all three terminals, a visual check is the first step. On most controls, the back can be easily removed by bending the tabs which hold it in place. Then,

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terminal; E—movable wiper arm; F—on-off switch lever; G—on-off switch.

Elements of the concentric controls are; A—rear control shaft; B—front control shaft; C—carbon composition element; D—wiper



21-IN. COLOR SET



Going into production is a complete large-screen RCA-Victor color TV receiver using 28 tubes, including RCA's new 21-in. crt. The picture tube provides 250 sq. in. of viewing area, is lighter than the earlier 15-in. tube with the 12½-in. viewing diameter, and uses a shadow mask with a metal cone. A new feature is a color equalizer, which eliminates the former magnetic shield and rim coil. Improved design of the 3 electron guns permit a wider deflection angle. Brightness comparable to that of a monochrome tube is said to be provided right up to the rim.

TSG Service Warning

Watch your step on service calls from customers who have just installed their own indoor antennas, says Television Service Guild, 333 W. Monument Ave., Dayton, Ohio. One TSG member, out on a call to such a customer, reached for the antenna only to be greeted by 115 volts. The set owner had made the "slight" error of connecting the antenna to the ac line instead of to the receiver's antenna input terminals.

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You and the Law

Know Your Rights, Avoid Pitfalls, When Customers Welsh on Bills

BY BERNARD BRESSLER
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Often it is impossible for a technician to make repairs at the price of his initial estimate in the home. If he is not careful to clearly state that the amount he is quoting is not a final price, he may find that he has made a binding contract to repair the set at the price quoted. If he takes the set to his shop with the owner's understanding that the figure quoted was not a final charge, he should fix the price with the owner before starting to work.

Approval of the price by a son or wife answering the phone at a later date will not usually bind the objecting owner to pay that price. This is true even though the answering party says that the owner told him that he could approve the price. If there is no price agreed upon, the technician is not stuck; but he will be entitled only to "reasonable" charges for services and materials.

"Reasonable" charges are an amount which a jury would find and are not necessarily related to what the technician honestly believes are "reasonable" charges. The question can reach the courts either as a result of a suit by the technician to

get paid if he has not kept the set or, if he has kept the set (and is entitled to continue to keep the set until he has received either the contract price or reasonable charges, under lien laws of which New York's is an example), the issue is raised when the owner tries to recover the set by having the lien vacated.

Resale of Set

The rights given by the lien law are very important and protect the technician in dealing with his customers. If the customer does not pay the agreed price, the technician can sell the property at a public sale, after giving proper notice and advertising the sale. Of the proceeds of the sale, the technician retains the amount owing to him and an amount sufficient to cover the expenses of advertising and of the sale.

The lien law gives a right against the television set which was repaired only so long as the technician keeps possession of the set. Once the set is returned to the owner, the lien no longer exists. If possession of the set was obtained from the owner or with the owner's consent, the technician need not return it to the owner until he is paid. However, this

rule does not hold if an agreement has been reached to the effect that payment is to be made at some time after the set is returned. If payment is to be made at a future date, for example one week after the set is returned, no lien can be created.

Thus the law protects the technician—if he is careful in making arrangements with his customer. If he obtains the owner's understanding that the original estimate is not a final price at the time he receives the set, and then gets the owner's consent to the final price which is to be paid upon delivery, he will have the law on his side in attempting to get paid for his services.

The New York lien law, on which this article has been based, is itself based upon common lien laws, and therefore similar to the lien law of most states. Hence, the precautions advised here are generally applicable across the United States, although local rules may make additional procedures necessary.

The author has provided TECHNICIAN with thoroughly documented references to actual statutes and precedents concerning all points covered in his article. These references are available on request.

Industry Keyhole

J. H. SPARKS INC. of Philadelphia, Pa. has been appointed a distributor for *Magnecord* background music service for the Phila. area, Delaware and nine counties in N. J. **TAPE TUNES INC.** of Madison, Wis. was named for southern Wisconsin and **MOSES RADIO-ELECTRONICS CO.** of Hartford for the state of Connecticut . . . **WOOD-ALEXANDER AND CO.**, Locust St., Hartford, Conn., has signed to handle the *Stromberg-Carlson* radio-TV and hi-fi line. Similar distributorship went to **INLAND EMPIRE WHOLESALERS**, South 110 Wall St., Spokane 4, Wash. for Idaho, Mont., Ore., and Wash.

Sylvania Electric Products Inc. has named three new distributors for its radio and TV tube products: **T. V. RADIO DISTRIBUTING**, 812 Main St.,

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JOHN D. VAN DER VEER was promoted to asst. general sales mgr. of *Tung Sol Electric Inc.* after serving since 1950 as manager of initial equipment electron tube sales. . . . **THE ELECTRONIC PARTS DISTRIBUTORS'** 3rd regional seminar will be held at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Tex. October 22-23. . . . **JULIAN K. SPRAGUE**, pres. of the *Sprague Electric Co.*, North Adams, Mass., was named chairman of the Advisory Gp. on Electronic Parts of the Dept. of Defense. **CHAS. W. HOSTERMAN** has been appointed asst. general mgr., Electronics Div., *Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.*, with offices in the Woburn, Mass. plant. . . . **ROBERT LEON** of *Brush Development Co.* heads the Standards and Engineering Committee of the Magnetic Recording Industry Association. . . . **IMPROVED ANTENNA DESIGN** is the goal of the new research lab opened in Ashtabula, Ohio, by *Ward Products Corp.* of Cleveland.

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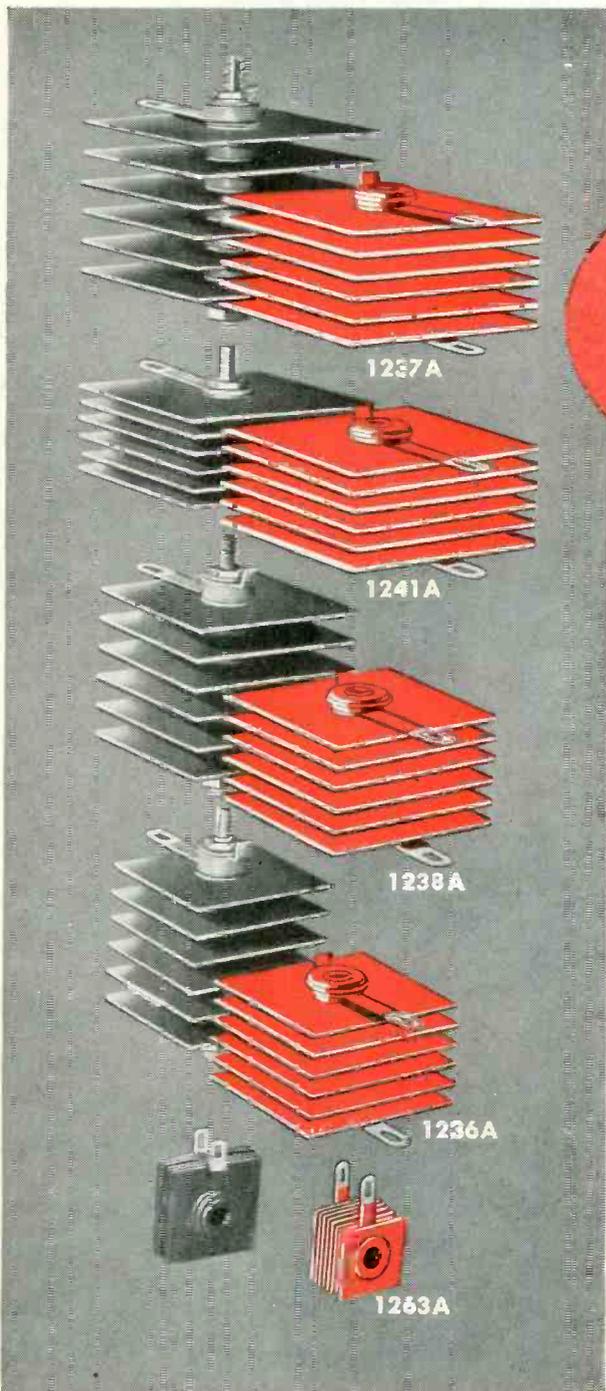
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Construction

Briefly, the selenium rectifier consists of a base plate—usually of aluminum—on which is applied a layer of selenium. Heat treatment crystallizes the selenium and increases its conductivity. An artificial barrier layer is next applied over the selenium and this forms the base for the front electrode, which is usually applied by a spraying process. This front electrode is an alloy which may be composed of a number of elements. The selection will be determined chiefly by the ability of the alloy to offer a low resistance path to current emanating from the base material and a high resistance to current going toward the base. A tin, cadmium and bismuth compound is frequently used.

Groups of individual cells are assembled into stacks, the number of cells to depend on the uses of the rectifier. It is of interest to note here that kits now available from one of the major manufacturers allows the serviceman to design and build his own rectifying equipment. The kit comprises a number of individual cells and stacking hardware.

Polarity

Confusion often arises over the polarity marking of selenium rectifiers. To avoid a mistake, consider the rectifier as a battery supplying the circuit in question. The positive side of the rectifier will then go—in the case of a power supply—to B+, or the input filter condenser. In any other circuit, the positive side goes to that point which, measured with a voltmeter, shows the positive potential.

Applications

Fig. 1 shows a typical operation of a selenium rectifier—a 100 ma, 117 v. unit—in a 3-way portable power supply. The higher efficiency and

greater power output of a B+ supply using seleniums provides increased sensitivity and, in portables having directly heated cathodes, the attractive instant starting feature.

Fig. 2 is an ac-dc half-wave power supply, with series-connected filaments, of a typical table model radio.

Fig. 3 is a less familiar circuit arrangement for a separate TV power supply providing the voltages shown in the illustration. Where a moderately large negative potential to ground is desired, use of this separate supply eliminates the need for an involved voltage divider circuit which when defective, affects all parts of the receiver. The rectifier used here is the low-current type, with output of 10–20 ma.

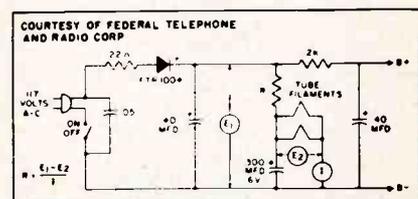


Fig. 1: Power supply of 3-way portable radio

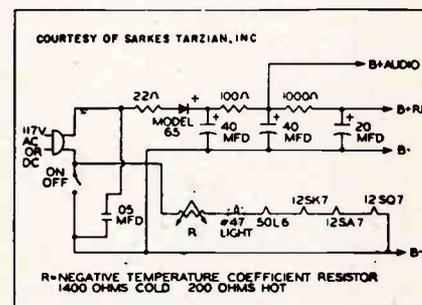


Fig. 2: Selenium use in typical ac-dc receiver

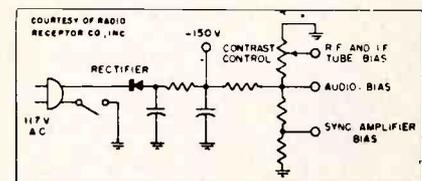


Fig. 3: An independent TV bias supply

INTERCHANGEABILITY GUIDE

Based on similar charts prepared by International Rectifier Corp. and Sarks Tarzian, Inc.

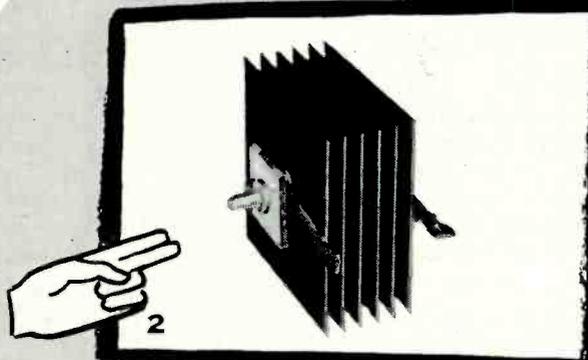
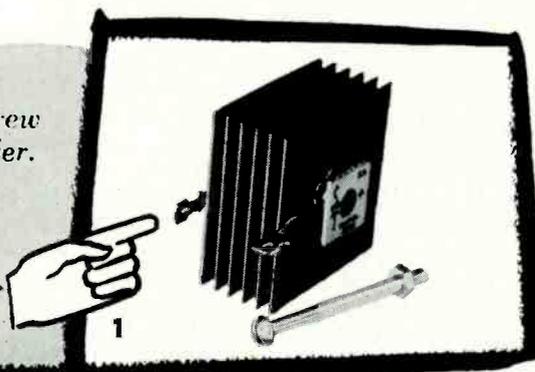
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65	130	1263-1002	RS65	8J1	65
75	130	1003	RS75	5M4	75
100	130	1004	RS100	5M1	100-100A
150	130	1005	RS150	5P1	150
200	130	1006	RS200	5R1	200
250	130	1028-1010	RS250	5Q1	250-250A
300	130	1236-1090	RS300	6Q4	300
350	130	1238-1023	RS350	5QS1	350A
400	130	1241-1130	RS400	5S2	400
450	130	1021	RS450		450
500	130	1237-1179	RS500	6S1	500
75	156-160	1007A			78-78D
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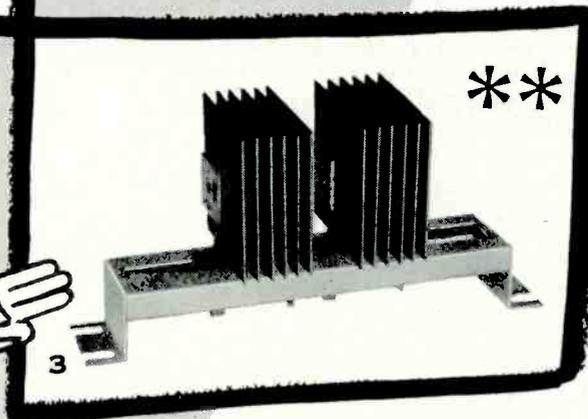
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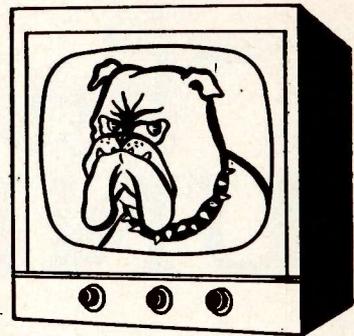
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"Tough Dog" Corner

Difficult Service Jobs Described by Readers



Yoke Was On Him

Next to intermittents, some of the toughest dogs that I've had have been caused by defective parts that were in stages that were *apparently* unrelated to the symptom indicated. This dog was one of those.

It was a 21-inch Hoffman, chassis 191. The symptoms were insufficient width, and a blank raster and no audio when the set was tuned to a strong station. A new 5U4 and 6BG-6G, plus a width control adjustment, just about cured the width problem. This was a clue that I muffed. Next I set about finding my other troubles. Detuning the set or taking off the antenna lead-in to weaken the signal brought in sound and a snowy picture. This was obviously agc trouble, I thought.

I connected a variable bias box into the agc bus to see if increasing the negative agc voltage would provide a normal picture. It did. I measured the negative voltage that the bias box had to supply to produce this normal picture. I then disconnected the bias box and measured the voltage developed by the agc keyer to compare what was available with what was needed. About -6 v was needed; the keyer developed only about -3 v.

Replacing the 6AU6 agc keyer, and C405 (the coupling condenser from the flyback transformer to the keyer plate) didn't help. I checked the pulse on the plate of the agc keyer with a scope, and found that its amplitude was far less than 460 v peak-to-peak indicated on the schematic. Ungrounding the shield of the shielded lead that connects C405 to the flyback (to see if the flyback pulse was breaking down the insulation to the shield) led me nowhere.

I remembered the lack of width encountered at the beginning of the service job. Perhaps a defective flyback transformer was causing poor scan and developing a small pulse for application to the agc system. I replaced the transformer with one from stock, and started to pull hair out when I saw no improvement.

I took a deep breath and prepared myself for a long battle with the horizontal scan system. I started out by pulling off the cover of the deflection yoke, so that I could meas-

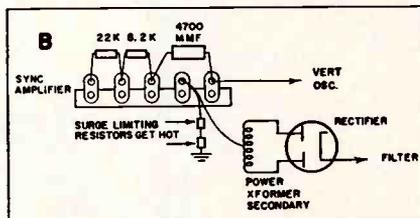
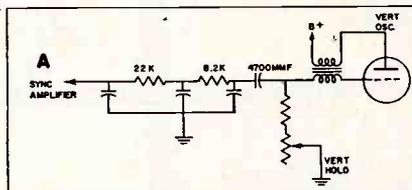
ure the resistance of the horizontal windings. Oh, was this a piece of luck! There was the trouble staring me in the face. The 100k resistor across one of the horizontal windings of the deflection yoke—R719—was burnt to a crisp.

The resistance of R719 had dropped to a very low value, shorting out one horizontal winding of the yoke. This certainly was enough to load down the horizontal scan system, causing the picture to be narrow, and also reducing the size of the flyback pulse supplied to the agc circuit.

Who would have thought that you could solve an agc problem by looking inside a deflection yoke?—E. R. Nelson, Tonawanda, N. Y.

Hot Rolls (Vertical)

The original complaint on this Air King 16C1 was no picture. Before this symptom set in, I was told, the set "hadn't been working right" for some time. The loss of raster, traced back to the horizontal sync circuit,



was corrected when a new 6AL5 horizontal phase detector was installed. After that, I discovered the set would start rolling vertically when it had been playing for a few minutes.

An adjustment of the vertical hold locked the picture in easily, but after 15 minutes it began to roll again, this time very slowly. I turned the set off to let it cool, then turned it on again without adjusting the hold. This time the roll was very rapid. After checking all components that could be at fault to no avail, I replaced everything from the integra-

tor to the grid of the vertical output tube. Still no improvement.

By a lucky chance, I happened to feel the 4700-mmfd condenser connected to the grid winding of the vertical blocking oscillator, and realized that it was quite warm. Then I noticed that the power supply's surge limiting resistors, which were hot during operation, were connected to a binding post located between two other posts on the board across which the 4700-mmfd capacitor was connected. I unsoldered the two resistors, for test purposes, and then tried the set. It worked perfectly. Binding the resistors to another point cleared up the symptom.

Apparently heat had caused leakage between the binding posts. In this circuit very little leakage, say in the order of 25 meg, would be enough to shift frequency in the grid circuit.—R. Abel, Pittsburgh, Penna.

• Another possibility: Even without leakage, heat reaching the condenser might change its value enough to detune the grid.—Ed.

Whistling in the Dark

A steady high-pitched tone, not always evident, when recording from the AM tuner to tape was the trouble we were asked to clear up. Since the AM tuner worked well independently of the recorder, and a quick check in the home showed nothing out of order in the tuner, the recorder was taken to the shop. The only sign of trouble seemed to be a microphonic tube, which was replaced. However, when the tape recorder was returned to its owner, (Continued on page 50)

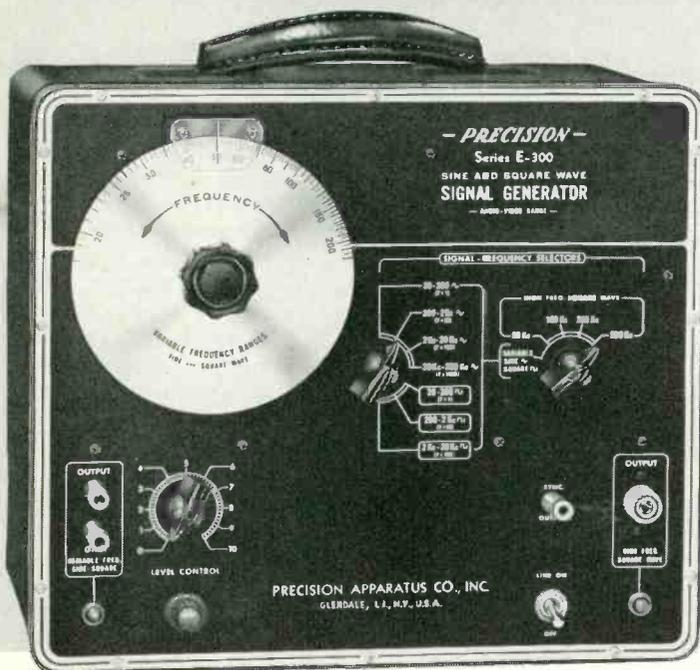
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Phono Hint

In replacing phono cartridges, or often when replacing needles, it is necessary to remove the cartridge from the tone arm. When the time comes to replace the cartridge in the arm, the little screws are often hard to handle, especially when working from the underside of the tone arm. A dial cord stick can be used for such situations. Scrape the head of the screws across the stick, filling the slot with the compound. It is then a simple matter to make the screw stick to the end of the little screwdriver employed, permitting this screwdriver to be inserted from any position.—Fred L. Davis, Jr., Clayton, Mo.

Economy Pilot Bulbs

Instead of using 6-watt 115-volt bulbs as pilot lamps in set-ups of shop or test equipment, as in panel set-ups, use a 200,000-ohm resistor in series with a NE-2T pigtail-type neon lamp. Put this combination across the 115-volt line. This cuts current consumption from 6 watts for each bulb down to about 1/25 of a watt. Space is also saved by mounting the little bulbs in grommets with 1/4-in. inside diameter, for a perfect fit. These neon bulbs can also be used to replace the regular 6-watt lamps in dial lighting and indicator applications.—Harvey Muller, Danboro, Penna.

Antenna Connector Gimmick

Clothespin type antenna clips are very convenient to use around the shop to allow quick connection to and disconnection from the antenna posts of TV receivers on the bench. However, any other technician will bear me out on this: so many times, in turning the chassis over for service or in mounting it on its side, the

antenna lead gets caught on something, or else turns out to be too short, and the terminal strip is broken away from its mounting before one realizes it. After having this happen to several sets in the shop, I finally ended up with the idea of cutting the 300-ohm lead a foot or so behind the clothespin connector and inserting a pair of Mosley connectors (see illustration). Now, if there is any undue strain, it is the line itself that pulls apart, and no damage is done.—M. G. Goldberg, St. Paul, Minn.

Allen Wrench Assist

We keep some very thin automobile shim stock around the shop, for use in removing Allen set screws that have become rusted or otherwise so firmly seated, that removing them may require a major job (particularly when the Allen wrench cannot grip the screws). Clean out the set screw head with a piece of stiff wire, then place a small piece of the shim stock over the head of the Allen wrench. Now tap the wrench into the opening in the screw head. This provides a firm grip for the wrench and often eliminates a time-consuming and irksome chore.—Stanley Clark, East Bradenton, Florida

Eliminating Wiper-Motor Noise

The radios of P-24 Plymouth cars often develop a definite windshield-wiper motor noise that can be cured by re-routing the antenna lead-in wire. To remedy the trouble, operate the radio and the windshield wiper at the same time. Then move the lead-in around until the static-free position is located, generally at some point far removed from the windshield-wiper motor and its wir-

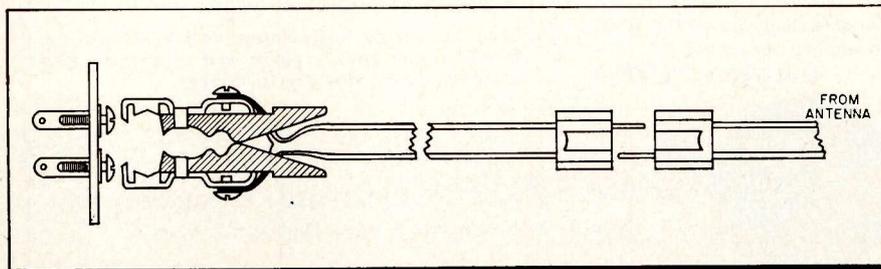
ing. When this optimum position has been located, tape the lead-in wire into place.—Harry Mayover, The Little Radio Shop, Phila, Pa.

Upper Channel Reception

In many areas, when a new channel starts operation in the high VHF band, many set owners complain of very weak or snowy reception despite the fact that signal is expected to be good; i.e., their neighbors may be getting excellent pictures. If the tuner of the receiver in question is not of the type that uses a separate set of coils for each channel, the answer may be near at hand, with the TV technician being the cause of the trouble, as well as the cure.

To illustrate, consider what happened in New York City a few months ago when Channel 13 switched its transmitter to a better position (the Empire State Building) after being unreceivable at many points in the city. After the switch reception was just as poor as ever on thousands of sets! This is what had happened to these sets, since reception on some other high-band channel (Channel 11, in most cases) had not been too good in all cases: In certain tuners, alignment begins by peaking on the highest channel available in the area, and then peaking down to channels lower in frequency in descending order. Channel 13, which wasn't available anyhow, was sacrificed in favor of 11; that is, when the tuner was in position for Channels 13 and 12, r-f peaking was performed on Channel 11. Thus, when 13 became receivable, the tuner was not aligned to pick it up. With front ends of this type when a new high-band VHF channel comes on the air, the safest procedure is to realign according to the manufacturer's instructions where reception is not up to par.—Clifford H. Goldstein, New York, N. Y.

Pull-apart antenna connector for bench use prevents damage to receivers during servicing.



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SERVICE ASS'N REPORTS

Teeth in Licensing Law (RTSA, Minn.)

Although the city of St. Paul, Minn. has an ordinance requiring a license for any shop doing TV repairs no effort was made until recently to track down the free-lance and basement operators carrying on business without a license. Positive action by members of the Radio-TV Service Assoc. of St. Paul, Inc., has brought a swift change. In the past 4 months, the association has turned in the names of 70 non-licensed repairmen to the City License Inspector. Notification was also made to the phone company and the Internal Revenue Bureau that these individuals were in business.

The organization is also getting support from jobbers. The Lew Bonn Co., parts distributor, announced that technicians must identify themselves in order to purchase replacement parts.

Election of Officers (NETSDA, East)

The National Electronic Technicians and Service Dealers Associations, representing servicemen's organizations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, held its elections recently in New York. Max Liebowitz of N.Y. was elected president; Dave Van Nest, of Trenton, N.J., vice-president; John A. Wheaton of Mineola, L.I., secretary, and T. L. Clarkson, of Harrisburg, Pa. treasurer. Steps were also taken to incorporate as a non-profit corporation. Arrangements are being made to rotate meetings in the different states.

First Chapter Organized (CETA, N.Y.)

The first graduates of the Advanced TV training Course held in New York City under the auspices of the Radio-Electronic-Television-Manufacturers Assn. have formed their own organization, the Certified Electronic Technicians Association.

Function of CETA is to operate in close harmony with the local RETMA Service Committee and the RETMA instructional staffs to make sure that members receive advanced instruction in new industry developments and, through their grievance committee, to review consumers' accusations of malpractice.

Plans have been formulated to establish chapters of CETA in all localities where the RETMA Advanced TV Training Course is to be given.

Secretary of CETA is E. D. Tilin, 755 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn 26, N.Y.

Standard Service Fees (FRSMAP, Penna.)

The Federation of Radio Servicemen's Associations of Pennsylvania (FRSMAP) is gathering reports from its member organizations throughout Pennsylvania on the pricing of service in their respective areas. When all the reports are submitted, a questionnaire will be sent to the member chapters to establish a standard price rate.

Public-Relations Drives (RTGLI, N.Y.; TELSA, Conn.)

Two servicemen's organizations, one in the New York area, the other in Connecticut, are taking concrete steps to improve relations with their customers.

The Radio-Television Guild of Long Island, (RTGLI), with headquarters in Bethpage, N.Y., is planning a full-fledged public relations drive through a professional PR specialist. High points of the program are co-operation with the local Better Business Bureau, "licensing" of the guild members, setting up of a group health insurance plan, guaranteeing work of guild members and setting up a service clinic on a weekly basis for "tough dogs."

At New Britain, Conn. the Technical Service Assn, Inc. (TELSA) arranged air time on WNHC-TV, New Haven, to bring their problems to the public.

News of the Reps

"THE REPRESENTATIVES" total membership now stands at 649, including 12 foreign members. The 1954 national membership roster is now available on request. Write to "The Reps" at 600 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 5, Ill.

GORDON DOUGHERTY, formerly with the Hagerty-Scott rep organization of Detroit, now has his own company, located at 2339 1/4 S. Cedar St., Lansing, Mich.

THE PAUL KURTZ CO. of Detroit is regional sales rep for the Insuline Corp. of America of Manchester, New Hampshire. Kurtz will contact distributor accounts throughout Michigan.

HALLICRAFTERS has named 2 new reps to handle its line. McPherson-Thomas, Inc. of Ft. Wayne will cover Indiana, Kentucky and 2 cities in Ohio (Dayton and Cincinnati). The rest of Ohio will be handled by James H. Todolny of Pittsburgh, Penna.

THE JACK GOSS CO. of Cambridge, Mass., will contact distributors through New England for the Allen D. Cardwell Electronics Productions Corp. of Connecticut.

MARTY BETTAN SALES, 167-16 73rd Ave., Flushing 65, N. Y., was established following Bettan's resignation as sales manager for Radio Merchandise Sales, Inc. of N. Y. The new NYC rep outfit will continue to represent RMS, as well as Ames, Eicor and other lines.

CHARLES M. FURMAN, JR. and Associates, 1228 Harding Pl., Charlotte 3, N. Carolina will cover that state and Virginia for Hi-Lo TV Antennas. The antenna mfr. is located at 3450 N. Ravenswood, Chicago 13, Ill.

ADOLPH I. GROSS Associates in N. Y. will represent the AudioGersh Corp. nationally for their line of ELAC record players.

UNICORN TV ANTENNAS, made by American Screen Products of Miami, Fla., have national sales representation as a result of a recent trip by Ralph C. Powell, product mgr. At the end of the trip, rep appointments had been made to Floyd Fausett & Son, Atlanta, Ga.; James Gordon, Detroit, Mich.; Arthur H. Baier Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Ed Schulz, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Charles Kettering, Aspen, Colo. Earlier appointments include J. R. Hughes, Buffalo, N. Y.; Kay Sales Co., Kansas City, Mo.; and Al J. Rissi, Monrovia, Calif.

DR. BURTON BROWNE, head of the ad agency that bears his name, was scheduled to address the Rocky Mountain Chapter of "The Reps" at their conference on Aug. 31.

WALTER J. BRAUER and Associates, 15631 Lakewood Hts. Blvd., Cleveland 7, Ohio, have added Thomas O. Miles to their staff.

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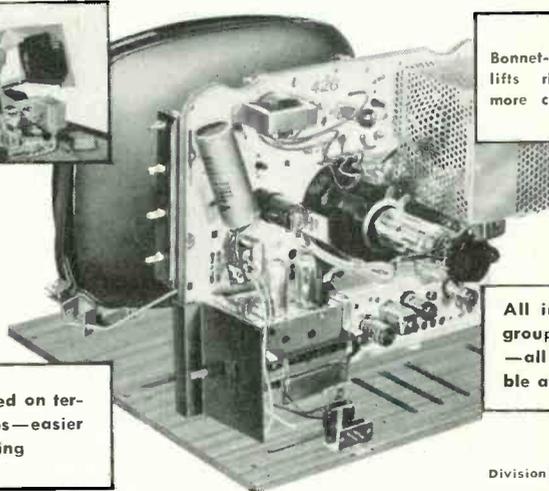
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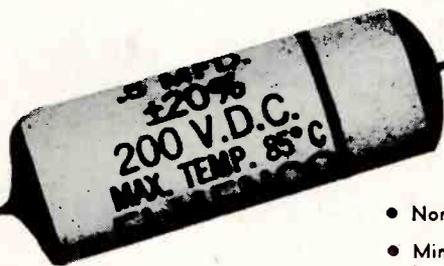
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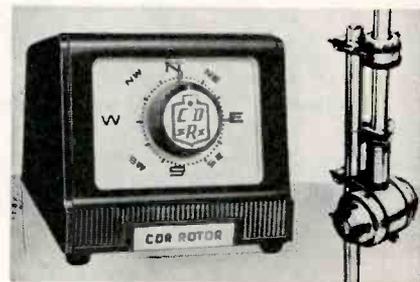
ARCO CAPACITORS INC. 5281 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 19, Calif.

Brach **COLOR TV ANTENNA**

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Alliance **ANTENNA**

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Jordan **TOWERS**

Zinc-plated tubular steel construction of the new Morrice self-supporting tower is claimed to make it impervious to rust and resistant to cracks or chipping. The tower is self-supporting up to 50 ft. and can be erected by two men in one hour. Added height above 50 ft. may be obtained by guying the upper units. Adaptable to TV antennas, floodlights, loudspeaker systems etc. Available in units up to 120 ft. Jordan Mfg. Co., Morrice, Mich.—TECHNICIAN

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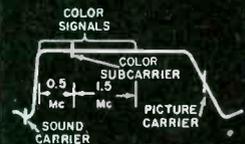


Fig. 1.
RF-IF Response



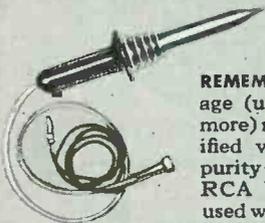
Fig. 2.
Bandpass Filter
Response



Fig. 3.
I Channel Response

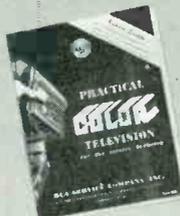


Fig. 4.
R-Y, B-Y, or Q Channel
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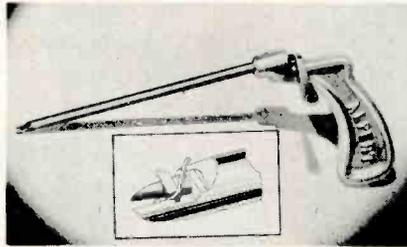
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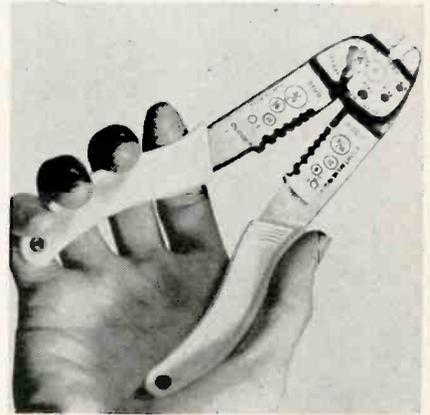
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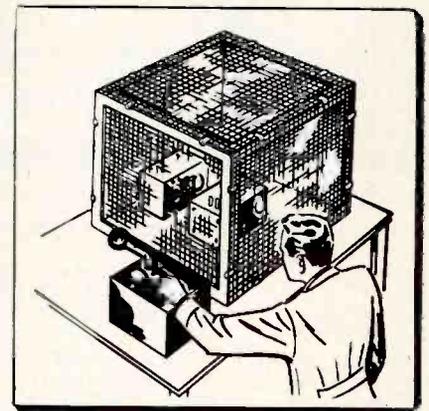
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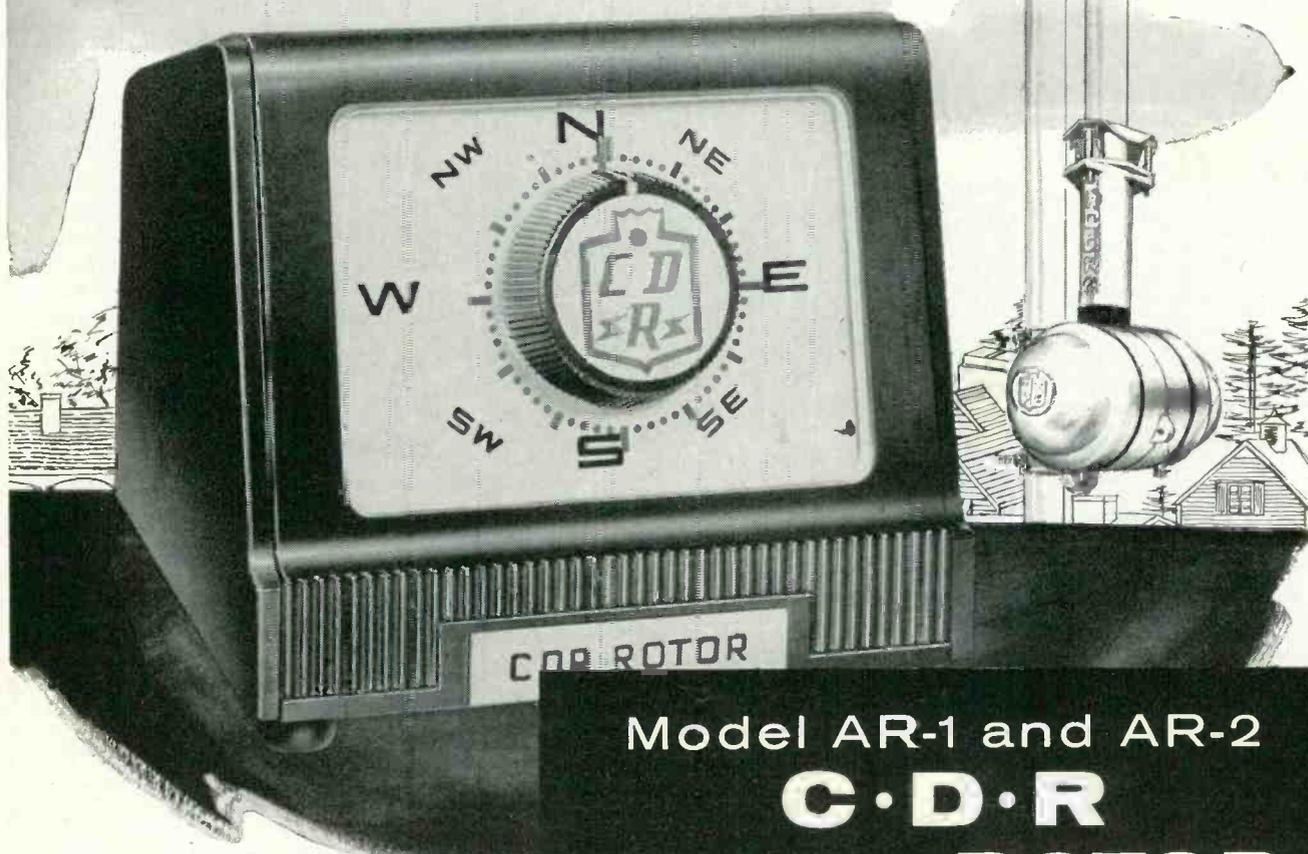
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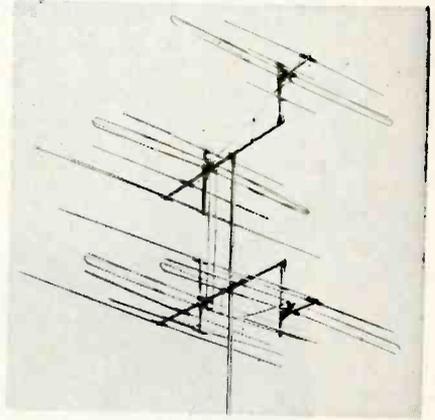
A line of indoor TV antennas built into attractive lamps suitable for the top of TV cabinets combines utility with decoration. The antenna element is of quadruple-loop construction. Available in a choice of modern styles with red, white or chartreuse fibreglass shades. TV Lamp Antenna Mfg. Co., 3124 Lawrence Ave., Chicago 25, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

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JFD VHF ANTENNAS

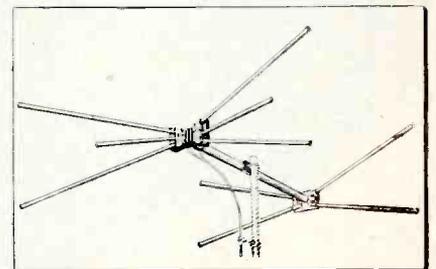
Designed to blank out co-channel and adjacent channel interference, the new Shut Out antenna is said to employ a unique configuration, and a new principle of electronic phase



cancellation. According to field tests, the antenna, operated in a stacked array, has a measured front-to-back voltage ratio of 400-to-1. Aluminum construction, pre-assembled for quick installation. JFD Mfg. Co., Inc., 6101-16th Ave., Brooklyn 4, N.Y.—TECHNICIAN

Ward TV ANTENNA

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Economy Conical Kit, model TV-280, Ward Products Corp., 1148 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio.—TECHNICIAN

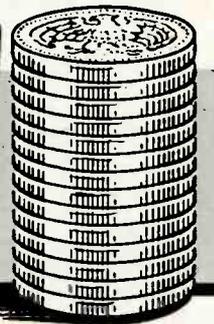
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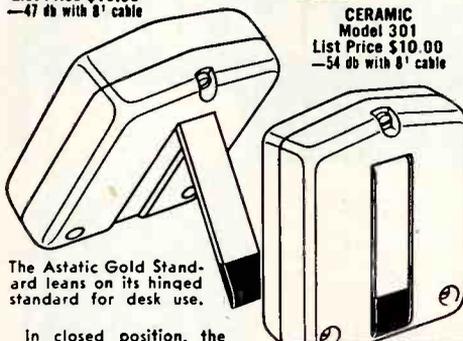
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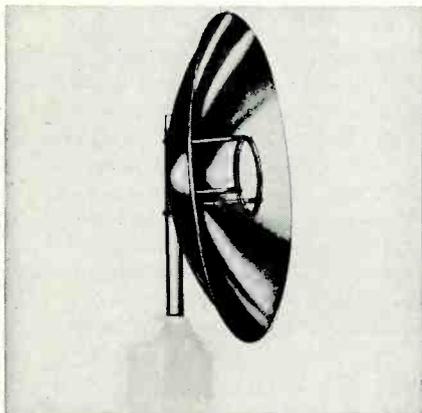
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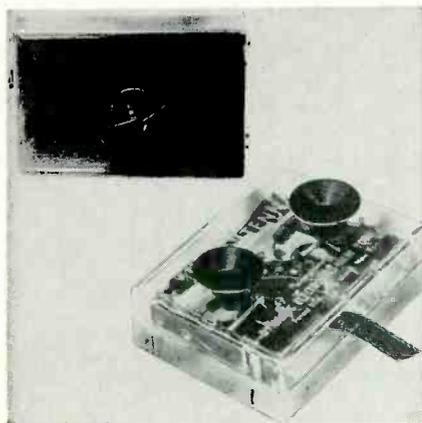
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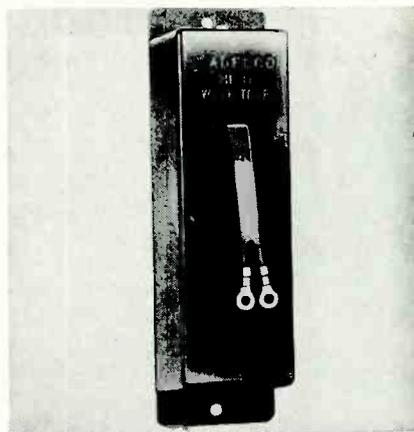
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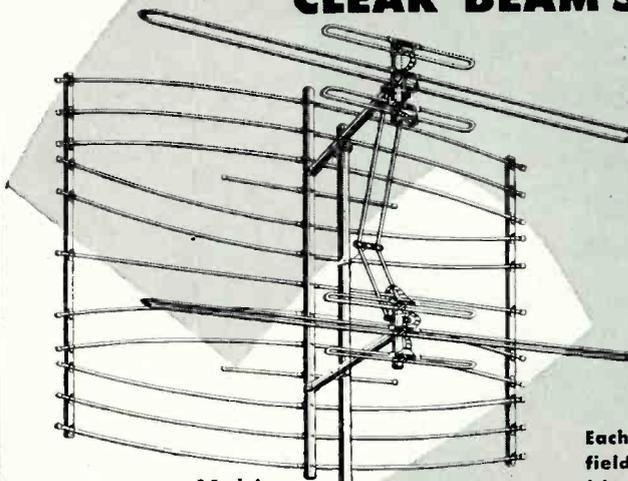


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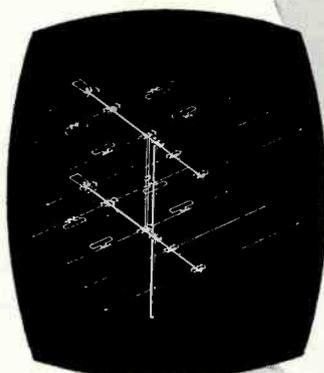
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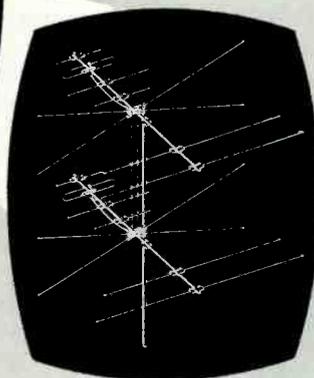
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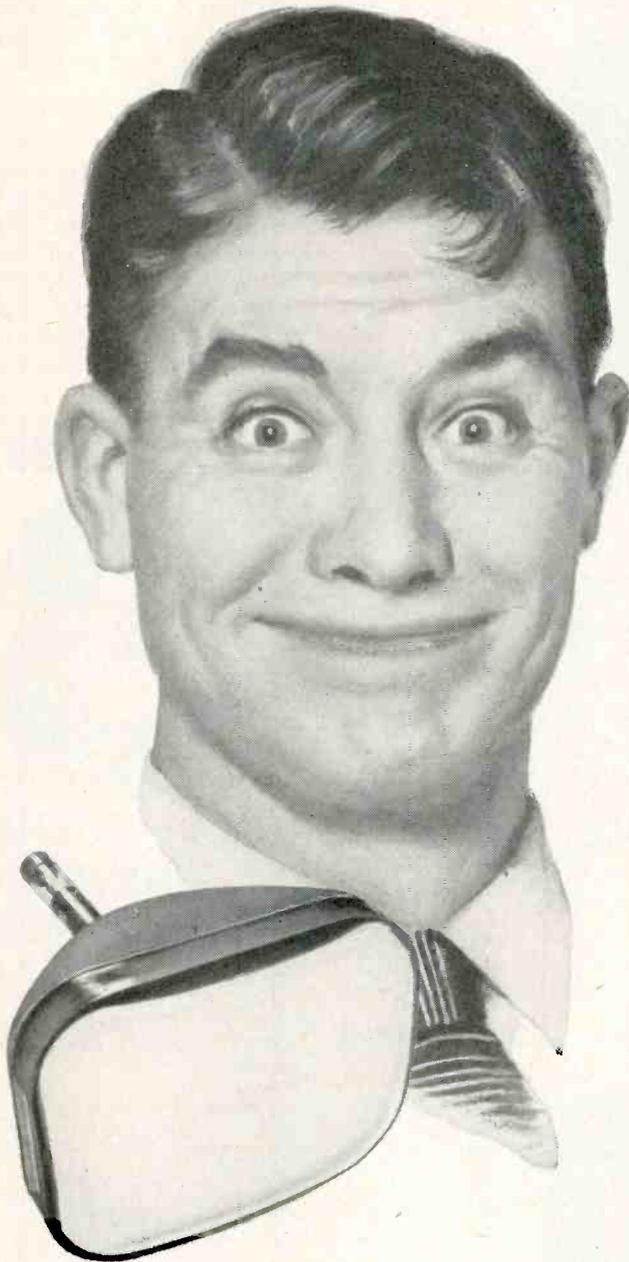


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Broadband Yagi Design

By HAROLD HARRIS
Channel Master Corp.

In launching a development project on a new antenna, the stringent requirements of color TV had to be taken into account: very high gain, uniform response, narrow polar patterns and high front-to-back ratios. A review of existing designs revealed that the yagi meets all of these requirements but one, that of flat broad-band response. In addition to its sharp directivity and high gain, it permits compact, economical construction and results in a straight in-line design. The latter factor provides ease of assembly, clean appearance and a physically convenient installation. The fundamental problem, then,

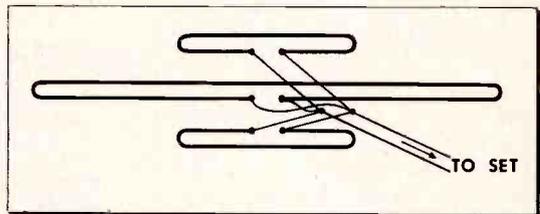


Fig. 1—Physical configuration of the basic broad-band VHF tripole.

was to combine all-channel coverage with yagi principles, while avoiding deterioration of yagi performance that takes place when compromise designs are attempted.

The first step was the selection of a broad-band driven element. For this the tripole, introduced last year, was chosen. Illustrated in Fig. 1, the tripole combines a folded dipole tuned to the low band, channels 2—6, with two dipoles tuned to channels 7—13. This configuration takes advantage of the fact that the third harmonic of the low VHF band (channels 2—6, 54—88 mc; 3rd harmonic, 162—264 mc) more than covers the high band (channels 7—13, 174—216 mc). As connected by the special phasing and matching harness, this assembly gives efficient dipole operation on the low band and functions as three dipoles in phase, with increased gain, on the high band.

The next step was a reconsideration of the choice of reflectors and directors, together with their spacing, as used in yagi systems. In attempting to broaden the band-

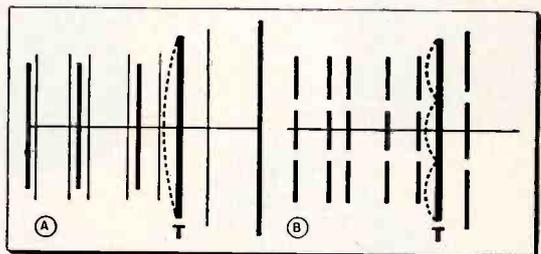


Fig. 2A—Yagi using a tripole, T, as the driven element. Low-band parasitic system is shown by heavy lines, high-band system in light outline. B—High-band operation. Low-band elements are not shown.

width of the yagi, many antenna engineers in the past had started out with conventional spacing formulas, then compromised the optimum single-channel spacings thus arrived at. In this case, an attempt was made to develop new spacing relationships. The somewhat unorthodox disposition of parasitic elements, as compared to conventional yagis, may be seen in Fig. 2A.

One interesting result of the configuration is that two

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parasitic systems, instead of one, are used. Those elements appearing in heavy outline act as reflectors and directors on the low band in conjunction with the driven element, tripole T. The parasitic system for the high band is shown in lighter outline. Actually, the high-band elements are not single, continuous conductors. Each one is a series of three segments connected in a straight line. Operation on the high band is illustrated in Fig. 2B, where the low-band elements have been removed for the sake of clarity. Since the tripole itself acts as three in-phase dipoles, the effect achieved is that of three high-band yagis, mounted side by side.

No Cross-Band Interaction

The development of new element-spacing relationships, while important in producing the desired broad-band characteristics, was significant in another direction. With two parasitic systems intermixed on the single crossarm, it was important to prevent any interaction between these systems that might reduce efficiency on either or both bands. The problem was not serious on the low band, since the shorter high-band elements had no significant effect on the low-band system. However, the opposite was not the case. High-band directors were therefore placed quite close to low-band directors, as

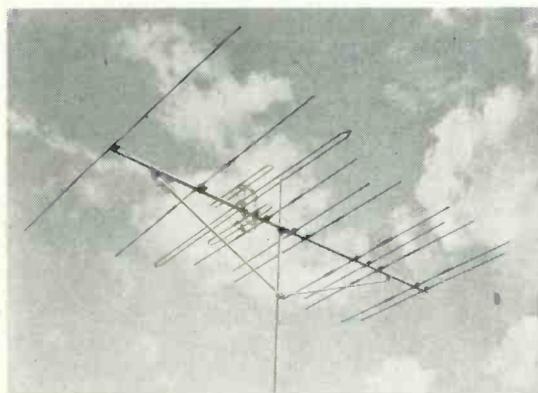


Fig. 3—Commercial example of the tripole-yagi VHF combination.

may be seen in Figs. 2A and 3. When operating on channels 7—13, the former system thus “robbed” current from the latter.

In its final form, the combination tripole-yagi antenna provides several desirable characteristics. The use of new dimensions and spacing relationships permit the incorporation on a single crossarm of separate systems for each of the two VHF bands; and use of the tripole as the driven element results in uniform yagi performance broad-banded through channels 2 to 13. Sharp narrow-lobe directivity with high gain are retained. As compared to earlier tripole antennas, the new design shows an improvement. In preceding designs, the tripole is backed up by a screen reflector. Although such screens are relatively non-sensitive with respect to frequency, optimum spacing between the driven element and the screen itself varies from channel to channel. Placement of the screen therefore necessitates a compromise, which has been avoided in the development under discussion.

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News of the Industry

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of Directors in Carmel, Calif. Ungar succeeds Harry A. Ehle of International Resistance Co.

The association sponsors the annual Electronic Parts Show, the 1955 version of which will be held May 16-19 in Chicago.

CBS-Columbia Names Kaplan

Sidney Kaplan, former Electronics Service manager for Gerald O. Kaye & Associates, has taken over as service manager for CBS-Columbia Distributors Inc., the factory distributing branch for CBS-Columbia television and radio receivers.

B-T Expands Facilities

Blonder-Tongue Labs Inc., manufacturers of master TV systems and UHF converters, have expanded the capacity of their Westfield, N. J. plant to 50,000 sq. ft., with the opening of a second plant nearby.

At the same time, it was announced that a Sales-Engineering Div. has been created to provide field service for master installations. The company is also planning regular technical meetings to acquaint dealers and servicemen with the sales potential of such systems.

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New Hi-Fi Tweeters

The development of new designs in efficient high-frequency transducers that can be mass-produced have been announced by Philco and Columbia Records. Both sources are incorporating their recently developed tweeters in their latest lines of home phonographs.

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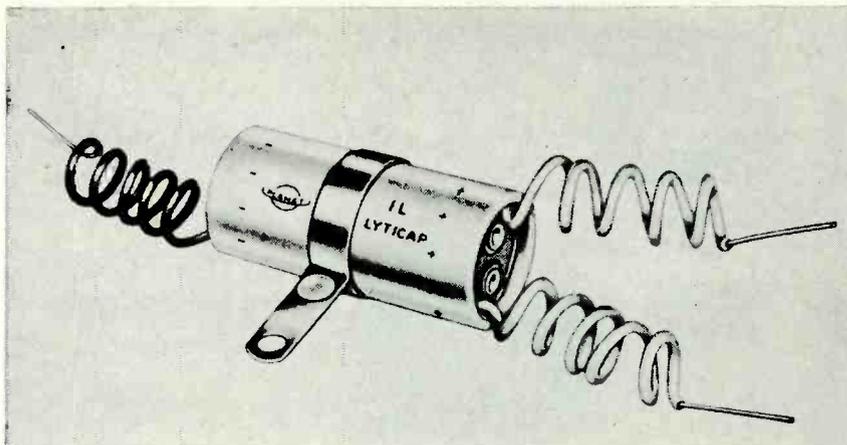
Millionth Transistor

A milestone was heralded at the Raytheon plant in Newton, Mass., with the production of its millionth germanium junction transistor. Despite this large number now in use, company officials pointed out, the field failure rate is running less than 2 percent per year. A Raytheon spokesman foresaw production of power output and radio-frequency transistors late this year, with the first transistorized portable and pocket radios appearing in 1955.

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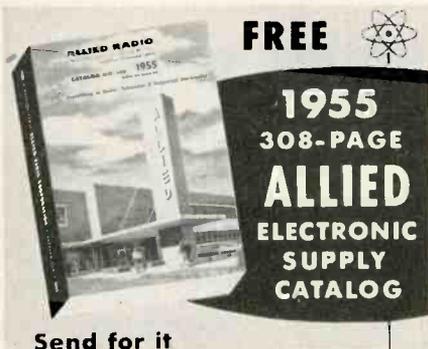
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Inside Resistive Controls

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after removing the C-washer around the neck of the shaft, the complete control is disassembled.

Open controls occasionally result from poor wiper action or grit between the arm and composition. These two possibilities should be checked. For an actual open in the composition, it is far wiser in this case, to replace the unit, since proper operation depends on utilization of the complete resistor. The use of graphite, as found in soft pencils, to fill in the burned sections is a common practice but can be recommended only for temporary repairs.

For the rheostat-connected control, however, there is a very good chance of returning the old device to full efficiency. Once the condition which caused the excessive current is repaired, we need only check to see whether the undamaged part of the control provides sufficient range for operation. If not in one direction, try it with the control electrically turned around—that is, with the end terminals reversed.

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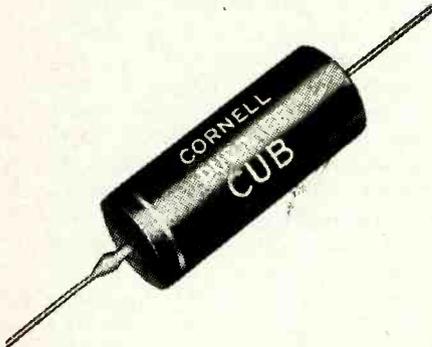
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applied between their terminals and the shaft. When we consider that the control is originally designed to withstand a difference of 1,000 v between the shaft, or ground, and the wiper arm, the futility of trying to repair these units becomes apparent. It would be very difficult to duplicate the original insulation. In this case, replacement is by far the wisest course.

A quick check on whether the control is shorted is made by simply unscrewing the collar around the bushing and removing the control from the chassis.

Even as an emergency measure, do not try to insulate the control from the chassis. The voltage that caused the breakdown is still on the shaft, which means a nasty shock for you or the next serviceman.

Other Tips

If you are up against a persistently noisy volume control and even replacement does not seem to help too much, check to see whether any dc is being developed across the pot. On some older sets, the design engineers goofed, and as much as 4 or 5 v may be read across the control. Putting a .01 in series with the pot should clear it up.

Saving old controls can get you off the hook with some difficult customers. This applies particularly to those dual controls incorporating a switch. It is very easy to replace the defective section. This is also the basis for the line of replaceable sections and switches now available from some of the top manufacturers from which you can make any combination of concentric controls, including an on-off switch. The latter is a must for any home-servicing kit.

In replacing vertical lin pots, use a wire-wound control where possible. It costs only a few cents more and guards against the day when some tech in search of more height replaces the vertical output tube with a "hot" version (such as a 6W6 for a 6K6) causing excessive current to flow in the linearity pot.

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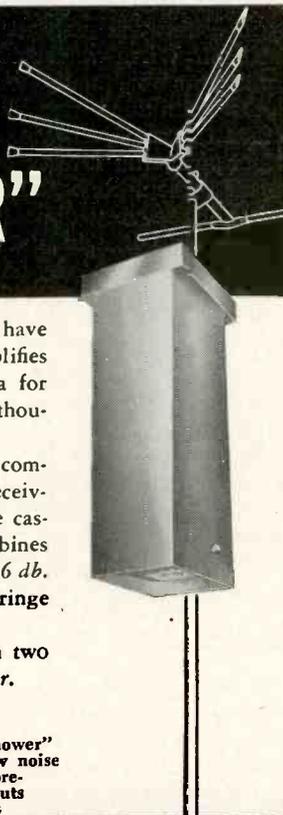
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range switch. An internal battery (in some cases, an internal power supply) is used as a supply voltage for the ohms circuit. The amount of voltage developed across the fixed resistor—i.e., the input voltage—depends on the value of the unknown resistance in the external circuit. A short-circuit will reduce this voltage (and consequently the meter reading) to zero. Such a short-circuit is introduced deliberately (by shorting the ohms leads together) to balance the bridge, with the zero *adjust* on the ohms function.

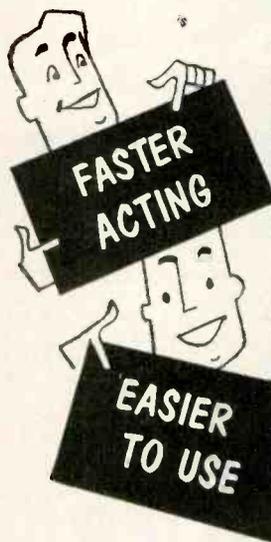
A calibration resistor of ohms is switched into the meter circuit exactly as it is for volts (refer back to Figs. 4 and 5). This calibration resistor is a front panel adjustment, and is usually marked *ohms adjust*. It is used to set the meter needle to the end of the scale, with no external resistance present across the input terminals.

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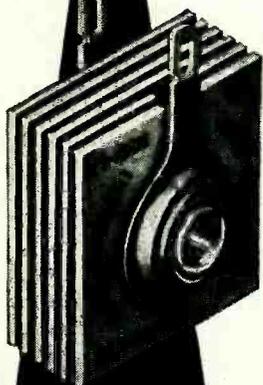
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Sync Separation in Video I-F Stages. There is a (desired) form of clipping which destroys the low-

level portion of the signal, permitting only the high positive signal peaks to be reproduced. This type of limiting takes place, of course, in the sync separator circuit. The tube is biased close to cut-off, necessitating the presence of a large positive-going signal at the grid to produce any output at the plate.

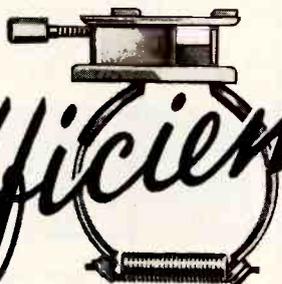
Sync separation ordinarily takes place after the composite video signal has passed the video detector stage. Suppose, however, that one of the video i-f amplifiers is acting as a "sync separator?" Only the sync pulses and some of the black-level video information will appear in the output under such circumstances; the rest of the signal will be dissipated in the grid circuit. At best, a very dark picture will be seen, with all the white and most of the grey areas reproducing as black. Such cut-off limiting in intercarrier systems will destroy the sound as well as the video signal.

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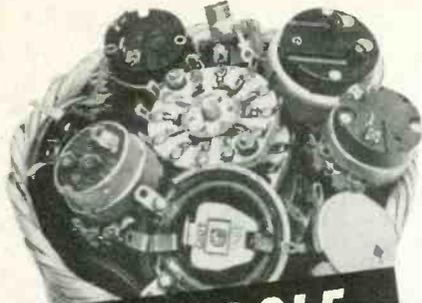
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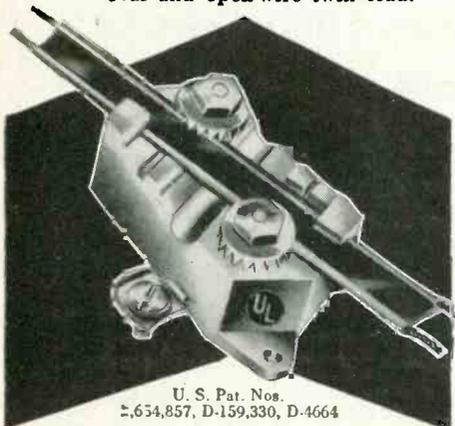
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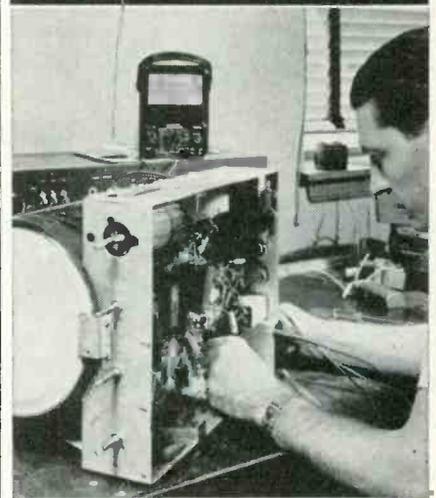
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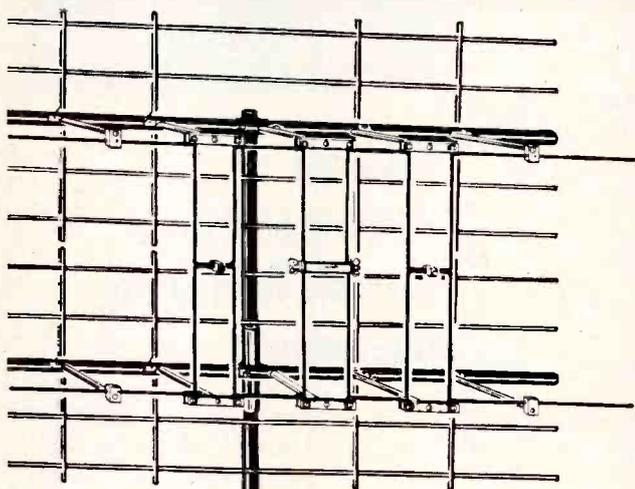
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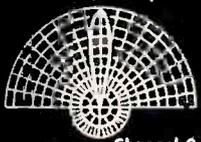
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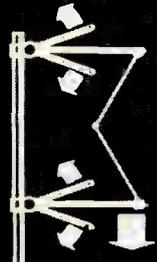
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