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DESCRIPTION

T203 - 2nd video IF xformer T204 - 3rd video IF xformer & 41.25MHz trap

L104 - horiz efficiency coil L109 - reactance choke (Int audio version)

SYMBOL

T701

T101 - power xformer

T102 - H.V. xformer T103 - focus xformer

T104 - vert output xformer

T105 — audio output xformer T106 — pin cushion xformer T201 — video IF input xformer

T202 - 1st video IF xformer

1702 – burst xformer 1703 – 3.58MHz osc xformer L101 – reoctance choke

L103 - 5.6µh choke .

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1206-4.5MHz trop . L208 – 8.2µh coil L210 – 620µh peoking coil

701 - sod take off coil

1707 - 150µh peaking coil

L804 - horiz blue tilt coil

L702 — snd IF cail L703 — quad coil

- bandpass xformer .

L111 - pin cushio/ling phasing coil L112 - line filter L203 - 177MHz tweet coil

1501 - horiz osc & sinc wave cail

L713 — 620µh peaking coil L717 — chroma take-off coil L802 — R/G differential amplitude coil

L805 — blue moster amplitude coil . deflection yoke . C105 — elect 160µf 250v 80µf 450v

C106 - elect 160µf 250v C107 - elect 80/30/50µf 450v C113 - ceramic 68pf 10% 4000v (N1500) C118 - ceramic 130pf 6000v (N2200)

C119 – ceramic 1300 8000 (w/spark gap). C130 – elect 20µf 450v 20/20µf 350v C130 – elect 20µf 450v 20µf 350v

C219 – ceramic 10pf 5% (MPO)..... C527 – ceramic 390pf 5% 1500v (N1500) C528 – paper .01µf 10% 400v (special)...

R112-15K 7w (alass) R113 - 1.8K 2w (glass) R114 - 22012 3w (glass) R117 - 66M 20% (6kv breakdown)

R128 - 3.3K 3w (glass) R129 - 1.8K 3w (glass) R145 - 2.2K 3w (glass) R160 - 820\$ 10w (WW)

R780 - 27K 2w (gloss) .

R109 - 750K vert hold

R131 - 1M color killer

R133 - 600 contrast R134 - 3M tone

R138 – 100Ω sharpnes: R164 – 2.5K CRT bias .

R201 - 10K adi snd rei

8402 - 500 color

R404 - 250K bright

C406 - 5.2 to 67pf hue

 R604 — 6K green drive

 R608 — 3.4M vert lin

 R611 — 1.5M blue screen

 R804 — 120Ω R/G Master tilt (horiz)

R813 - 30 R/G differential tilt (vert)

R814-60\$ R/G moster tilt (vert)

circuit breaker VHF tuner

RY101 - degaussing relay

TD101 - delay

VDR501 — varistor VDR701 — varistor

RV701 - thermistor

 $R215 - 750\Omega$ and rejection R401 - 1M off on vol

R136 - 50K AGC

R120 - 500K H.V. Adjust

R126-101 2w vert center

R792-27012 3w (glass)

R161 - 91012 Sw (glass) R162 - 18K 4w (glass) R206A,B - 150K (matched within 2%)

R617 - 5.6K 4w R759A,B - 1M (matched within 2%)

R794 – 27K 2w (glass) R108 – 45K horiz hold (see note)

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• Not knowing the manufacturer's name, we were unable to locate a schematic.—Ed.

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I am unable to obtain information on using my Precision model 650 tube tester for checking CRTs. The chart I have is dated August 1962. Can any reader help me with a more modern chart? Answer via ET.

DONALD W. LAUGHLIN Belle Chasse, La.

... I need schematics and instruction manuals for 1) CES Electronic Products micro miker, model 402D, and 2) same for a Hazeltine Model OAP1 frequency meter oscillator. Answer via ET.

DAVID M. AMIDON Sierra Madre, Calif.

Has Trades Institute Schematic

I can furnish a schematic and alignment date for a Commercial Trades Institute model TV321. Contact me direct.

WILLIS WALTERS

295 Glenn Ave. Carey, Ohio 43316

Finds 'A to Z' Article Valuable

You are indeed putting out a great magazine and doing a great service for service-dealers and technicians. May you long continue this service. I have come to realize the value of the series "Semiconductors from A to Z" and I am saving the articles. The new series, "The Apprentice and the Pro," also looks very promising.

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Richmond, Calif.

FYI

The 19BR5 tube will replace the UM80. If the tubes are not available in certain areas I can furnish a 19BR5 upon receipt of certified check for \$4. PETER KNIP 71 Tunis Bay

Winnipeg 19, Man. Canada

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN







ARE TV SERVICE DEALERS GYPS?

Every so often, some magazine or newspaper sounds off about TV-radio service shops.

"Service technicians are a bunch of gyps," is the general theme. "They'll clip you if you don't watch out."

They might just as well write the same thing about doctors, lawyers, storekeepers, auto mechanics-or anyone else. There are gyps in every line of business. Actually the percentage in TV-radio is lower than in most.

The average service technician is a hard-working, straight-shooting individual. Rather than gyp customers, he is far more likely to spend more time on a job than he knows he will be paid for-simply as a matter of personal pride in doing things right.

We recently heard about someone's TV set going bad. A service technician called for it with his truck and returned it in good working condition within 48 hours. His bill came to \$10 for service plus \$2.68 for replacement parts.

The set owner argued that this was too much-yet he would never dream of complaining to the medical specialist who charged him \$10 for a 15-minute office visit; the lawyer whose bill for writing a simple will was \$75; or the garage man who laughingly admits that he charges \$5 for "just raising the hood" of a car.

In one of our very large cities, the Better Business Bureau received fewer than 500 complaints about service in a year. Most of the complaints came from folks who expected first-class reception in doubtful fringe areas; who tried to operate their sets without suitable antennas; or who had bought sets "wholesale" at ridiculously low prices from cut-rate dealers who could offer little or no service.

Actually, it takes almost as long to become a good service technician as it does to train for any other profession. Beyond this, it calls for regular study to keep up with the constant stream of new developments. Also, it requires a surprisingly big investment in test instruments, manuals, and other shop equipment. The modern TV or radio receiver is by far the most intricate piece of equipment the average person ever owns or uses.

Service technicians are not fly-by-night businessmen-99 out of 100 run their businesses properly. The other one per cent—the gyps—can usually be spotted a mile away. Nine times out of ten, they are the shops that feature "bargain" prices and ridiculously liberal service contracts. And their victims are generally set owners who expect to beat the game by "getting something for nothing."

Good television sets or good TV service are not things to be bought on a "bargain counter" basis. Set owners who recognize this aren't likely to get gyped.

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Needs Weston Tube Tester Booklet Can any ET reader help me locate an instruction booklet for a Weston model 798 tube tester?

COL. LEONINO JUNIOR Rua Raimundo Correa 19—Ap. 502 Copacabana—Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Pro and Con of It

I have been a subscriber and avid reader of ET for many years. I find that of all the trade publications I read, as far as a technician's viewpoint is concerned. that you have the most comprehensive magazine in the industry. Therefore, I was a little surprised to read your "Formula Kick" editorial in the April issue. This pro and con licensing argument is of course getting quite old and badly maligned but the facts involved in the case, and the need, do not change. All those who oppose licensing continually and repeatedly fall back on the argument of self-governing, selfcertifying, self-policing and self-cleaning as the great cure. Unfortunately, the people at whom licensing is directed never joined an association and never self-license, self-govern, selfcertify, self-police of self-clean themselves and you will find that the BBB in almost all communities, even though they have publicly opposed licensing many times, admit themselves that the same people do the same cheating year after year.

Unfortunately, self-control and conscience do not motivate these individuals whatsoever. On the other hand, if they stood to lose a license to operate this dishonest business, it would motivate them into either going out of business or becoming honest.

Again, I don't disagree with your editorial except for the fact that in opposing licensing, the only solution you or anyone else who opposes it has to offer is self-policing. During the 20 years I have spent in this industry, self-policing has not worked and I see no reason in the next 20 years why it would be any different. Furthermore, I don't think that anyone in the industry, no matter how violently he is opposed to licensing, could produce any evidence that would alter these facts.

Again, those who support licensing intelligently do not offer it as a panacea, nor do we even hint that it is, but it is far better than nothing and has proven to be so in all areas where it has been put into force. I think the record of its actions speaks for itself.

GREGORY BARKOUKIS NEA/OJT Coordinator National Electronics Assoc. 859 Coburn St. Akron, Ohio 44311

. . . Your April Editor's Memo, "Formula Kick," was sent to me by one of my associates: I could not agree with you more!

It is indeed heartening to find at least one writing man in our service publishing field who is ready, willing and able to speak out forthrightly about this licensing regulation phobia.

I and my associates have for years fought licensing in Illinois, and it has always been our belief that it is wrong, unworkable, and where it has been put in—against the apathy of those most affected and by legislators with one eye on the ballot box—that over the long pull it became nothing but another nail in the coffin designed for the "free enterprise" system, under which this country grew straight and strong.

And also where its proponents would have you believe that it did work miracles of self-enforcing honesty and morality, over the long pull, all that it did accomplish was to sweep the "hot shots" under the rug, who could and will work the licensing gambit for all it is worth, as a merit badge to really steal legitimately.

If all the fellows who have worked so enthusiastically to push for this through the years had put their energies into the channels of raising the sights of their fellow technicians, and spent their money in this activity, we all would have been much further along in the public esteem.

HOWARD WOLFSON, Secretary

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• The fact is, although it has independently commented on the subject from time to time, ET has never taken a hard-nosed position for or against licensing per se—and does not intend to—since it is devoted entirely to upgrading the technical and business know-how of service-dealers and technicians.—Ed.

Needs AMC Schematic

I think your "Letters to the Editor" columns are a wonderful source of information. I need a schematic for an AMC radio, model 7TAF. Apparently the manufacturer is out of business and I can't get one. Can any reader help me? Answer via ET.

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They Must Standardize

Technological changes take place in the electronics industry at a fantastic rate. These changes require new service techniques and may produce unnecessary headaches.

One recent change has come with Motorola's introduction of a transistorized color-TV set. If a component goes bad in the set's audio circuit board, for example, the technician merely unplugs the board and returns it to his supplier who will replace it for about \$6, if the warranty has expired. Other plug-in circuits—forming the major portion of the receiver are replaced in a similar manner at a slightly greater cost. The cost of replacing these boards may frequently be less than the value of the technician's time if he replaced the defective components on the board.

Some technicians have speculated that the development of modular components would endanger their future livelihood, since a few TV set owners might attempt to service their receivers by replacing modules. This is highly unlikely since the owner would not know which module is defective. A technician's skill is needed to determine which module is causing the trouble-symptom.

The real danger, however, may result from the industry's failure to standardize future modular microcircuits. It is already becoming increasingly difficult to catalog the wide assortment of integrated circuits cur-rently being developed. Microcircuits and simple integrated circuits will be mass produced for modular use in future receivers. The nature of these "beasts" prohibits their repair, and once they have developed a flaw, they must be replaced. But will technicians be able to maintain an adequate inventory if new modular circuits are designed for every new receiver model introduced?

In the case of Motorola's new set, as an example of things to come, a spokesman acknowledges that the average service-dealer will probably not be able to maintain a supply of their color-TV set's plug-in circuit boards.

Unless the electronics industry begins an immediate program of standardization, servicing procedures may become a time-consuming necessity. The number of house calls may double. TV sets may sit for days unrepaired. And technicians may find themselves working more hours as "delivery boys" than as technicians.

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Making TV and FM Absorption Traps

Television and FM receivers are specially designed to reject unwanted signals. Occasionally, however, in areas where undesirable signals are extremely strong, a problem may appear. For example, adjacent channel interference may occur in areas where a customer wishes to watch a distant station and there is a local station on an adjacent channel. Although correct antenna orientation and selective tuning will usually help, the unwanted signal may still cause interference. In such cases, a tuned trap will usually solve the problem.

RF interference is another problem that sometimes presents itself. This type interference usually occurs in areas where the set is located "next door" to a TV or FM transmitter. These particular circumstances can cause interference on several or all TV channels. On an FM receiver, spurious signals may be received at several spots on the dial, or in extreme cases, block out several or all FM stations.

In solving problems of an interference nature, it is often desirable to attenuate (or reject) a specific frequency or band of frequencies. In most cases, this can be done by simply installing an absorption trap on the antenna lead-in. Such traps may be quickly constructed by using a section of 300—flat ribbon transmission line, terminated on one end by a small trimmer capacitor. The other end of the trap is short-circuited for trapping VHF signals;



whereas for UHF, the other end is open-circuited as shown in the illustrations.

Lengths of 300Ω line for typical traps follow: (Tuning trimmer capacitance range in all cases is 1.5 to 28pf.)

Channels	Length "L"
Ch. 2-6 and FM	8in. VHF Type A
Ch. 7—13	3in. VHF Type A
Ch. 14—50	5in. UHF Type B
Ch. 51—83	3in. UHF Type B

These traps are installed by taping them to the 300Ω antenna lead-in. The effectiveness of the trap is controlled by several factors:

1. Position of the trap along the lead-in: The trap sets up a standing wave at the trapped frequency in the lead-in wire to the receiver. The trap should be moved along the lead-in until the optimum trap placement is found, remembering to retune the variable trimmer.

2. Physical length of the trap: The length (dimension "L") may be varied and the trimmer adjusted accordingly. A longer trap tends to be "broad band."

3. Coupling of the trap to the line: For effective oper-

ation it is necessary that the trap be installed against flat 300Ω lead-in. After final adjustment the trap can be held in place by paper or vinyl tape. A convenient initial adjustment technique is to hold the trap on the



 300Ω line with spring-loaded plastic clothespins. The clothespins serve as convenient handles during the initial trimmer adjustment and allow positioning along the lead in for optimum attenuation.

Practical use of the traps may fall into three categories: 1. A trap for narrow band interfering signals.

2. Trapping a broad band signal like a TV channel.

3. A method for identifying the frequency of an interfering signal in the field.

To reject a narrow band signal, the trap is coupled to the transmission line and adjusted to the interfering signal. The trap lengths given in the table will cover the range of frequencies from 50 to 890MHz. Remember to position the trap along the lead-in for optimum rejection.

Trap circuits can attenuate a broad band signal (a strong TV channel) that is interfering with a weaker channel. Because the trap will have a pronounced effect on the channel to which it is tuned it is very important to check the performance of the receiver on the "trapped" channel, with and without the trap in place. In particular, a color TV should be checked with a color program. If undue effect is noticed, it may be necessary to "broad band" the trap circuit. This may be done in one of two ways: by increasing the length "L" of the trap and readjusting the trimmer or alternatively, by loading the trap with a resistor, typically 10K. Courtesy RCA Victor

ADMIRAL

Radio Phono Chassis 5V6, -6A and 5W6-Output Transistor Replacement A stud-mounted type output transistor, 57C6-14, was used in early production, and is no longer available. A replacement kit consists of a 57C6-10 transistor, an insulating wafer and two plastic screws stocked under the original part number 57C6-14. The aluminum heat sink in which the original transistor was mounted also contains holes for the 57C6-10, but they are not tapped. This can be done easily with a 6-32 thread-cutting screw (1A51-4-24). The transistor must be mounted only with the furnished plastic screws. Do not use metal screws for this purpose.

CANADIAN GENERAL ELECTRIC

Color TV Model M663-Audio Trouble There have been reports of audio problems that can be caused by bad lead dress in the audio circuit.

The leads of C313 and C306 have been found to be in contact with the envelope of the 12BF11 audio output tube. The transfer of heat will cause distortion.

The solution, of course, is to bend the capacitors away from the envelope so they are no longer in contact.

Color TV-New Picture Tube Type

At present there are two types of 25in. color tubes used in Canadian G-E sets. The only differences are as follows:

Characteristics	25 AP22A	25 SP22		
Heater current	0.8a	1.3a		
G1 cutoff at 440v G2	-95 to -190	-75 to $-167v$		
Over-all length	20.924 ± 0.375	21.123 ±0.375		

It can be seen that both tubes are interchangeable. There is one small modification — R124, the 0.08Ω ,



3W resistor should be bypassed by a piece of buss wire when you use the 25SP22, the buss wire is removed if you replace a 25SP22 with a 25AP22A. The resistor is located under the chassis near the power transformer.

GENERAL ELECTRIC

Color TV Chassis KC-Changing HV Regulator Tube Type

Regardless of the type of service being done on the KC chassis color TV, the high voltage regulator tube V17, with white printed code (white branding) is to be changed to a new type, as shown. Tubes having a yellow code and branding are not to be changed. Chassis stamped EN378 or higher do not require this change.

This tube type change should be performed regardless of whether the TV is in or out of warranty. The old tube removed from the chassis is to be tagged with customer's name and address, along with the model and serial number of the TV set. Return the tagged tube to the nearest G-E TV distributor for credit or exchange.

For	6EA 4	use	6EH6
For	6EF4	use	6 EJ 4
For	6LC6	use	6LH6

After installing the tube, attach one of the new tube type labels (packed with the tube) to the rear wall of the HV compartment and the other label to the outside of the cabinet back near the top. The information on the label will then indicate to anyone subsequently servicing receiver that the new type tube has been installed.



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Amplifier Models T20/30 and T60/112–On/Off 'Pop' Noise If there is a "pop" in the speaker when the amplifier is switched on or off, the noise can be eliminated as follows: Place a $0.047\mu f$ 600v capacitor (Cat. No. EA26X10 or

Primary

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equivalent) across the primary winding of the amplifier power transformer.

The addition of this 0.047 capacitor will greatly reduce the amplitude of the "pop." Late production amplifiers had this capacitor installed at the factory.

MAGNAVOX

Record Player Motor Pulley Adapters for 50Hz Operation

From time to time we have requests on how a Magnavox record player can be modified to operate in areas where only a 50Hz power source is available. Most recent record players can be adapted to provide proper turntable speed on a 50Hz supply by installation of a motor pulley adapter which fits over the existing pulley on the motor. These motor pulley adapters are available from your "Magna-Par" parts depot. Here's a list of the adapters and the record players on which they can be used.

Record player model numbers W603-01 through W603-05, W603-07 & W603-08 (using non-synchronous	Use 50Hz pulley
4 coil, 4 pole type motor)	170573- 1
W603 (all versions except those listed above) and W607 all versions (using non-synchronous 2 coil, 4 pole motor)	170574-1
W604, W620, W621, W622 all versions (using synchronous 4 coil, 4 pole motor)	170572-1
W615 all versions except W615-06, W615-07, W615-08 & W615-15	523711-5
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The State of Solid-State



The Fairchild μ A702A IC (in the foreground) replaces the components shown out of focus in the background.

Solid-state technology surges upward to ultimate levels with microintegrated 'chips'



■ For many years electron tubes have provided the only practical detectors and amplifiers. Until transistors were developed, electronic equipment manufacturers depended entirely on electron tubes. But it has been obvious for some time that the trend has turned toward solid-state electronic circuitry and very few "crystal-ballers" would even hazard a guess regarding the "end of developments" in this area.

Transistors and solid-state diodes have largely replaced tubes in radios, TVs, hearing aids, digital computers, test instruments and a wide variety of industrial electronic products.

Semiconductors—and especially microintegrated packages—are reducing the size and weight of most electronic equipment used in the home, in industry and in space exploration.

During the first quarter of 1967, for example, sales of receiving tubes to original electronic manufacturers (OEMs) reached 59 million units —a decline of 17.5 percent from sales of 72 million units during the same period in 1966.

Total receiving tube sales were also off 14.5 percent—at 95 million units—during the first three months of this year.

Declines were shown in other receiving tube market areas. Sales for renewal purposes decreased 9.8 percent to reach 27 million units and direct sales to the government were down 9.3 percent.

Some reasons why transistors have many advantages over tubes are as follows:

1. "Small-signal" transistors are about the size of an eraser on the end of a pencil and take up less space than tubes. Power transistors are about the size of a quarter.

2. Power consumption is small. Transistors and solid-state diodes do not require filaments. Their voltage needs are only a fraction of tube requirements. When used in portable equipment the units are smaller and lighter in weight. Operating costs are lower. Less heat is generated in most applications.

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3. No warm-up time is required. Solid-state equipment operates instantly when switched on.

4. Solid-state construction in a single compact unit eliminates moving or floating parts making them rugged when used in portable equipment.

5. Transistors have a longer life expectancy and can be easily waterproofed with a plastic shell which allows them to be operated in damp environments and even under water.

6. Transistors can provide more flexibility in circuit designs and circuits are frequently more simple than tube circuits—requiring fewer components.

Although the basic troubleshooting approach to solid-state circuits is the same as with electron tube circuits, the specific procedures require entirely different techniques. Solid-state circuits must not be compared with electron tube circuits we must think solid-state!

More care must be exercised when servicing solid-state circuits to prevent additional problems because of careless application of test instruments—especially when using metal probes. A momentary short or overload can destroy a transistor or other component in the circuit.

As in tube circuits, the over-all troubleshooting approach is "logical deduction through knowledge of circuit operation." And technicians must apply their knowledge of solidstate circuit operation to master these circuits successfully.

Solid-State Test Instruments

Solid-state VTVMs, with selfcontained power supplies and having a 1.5v full scale, are now being manufactured. Small potentials as



Hickok FM/stereo multiplex generator model 727.



Sencore's MX11 solid-state stereo generator.

low as 0.025v can be measured with these instruments. This feature is extremely useful when measuring the base-to-emitter bias—ranging from 0.1 to 0.6v with germanium and silicon transistors—when troubleshooting transistorized circuits. These meters are protected against damage from accidental overload. The high input impedance of these VTVMs prevent circuit loading which may cause damage to a transistor or other circuit component.

Solid-state signal-injection and -tracer instruments have also been designed to check transistor radios. Servicing solid-state equipment by signal-tracing and signal-injection is the most effective way to isolate defective stages in solid-state equipment. With this type of test instrument, either the signal-tracing or signal-injection method can be used. When signal-tracing, the instrument is set up as a receiver. Signals in the RF, IF and audio stages are picked up with the probe, amplified, then converted into an audible signal which is monitored by the test instrument's speaker.

When signal-injection methods are used, the tester is set up as an



B&K's solid-state color generator model 1242.



Amphenol's solid-state millivolt "Commander," model 870.

RF or audio generator. Signals are injected and the radio's speaker is used as an indicator. When signaltracing, the usual method is to begin with the defective set's RF stage and work toward the speaker. With signal-injection, the reverse procedure is used—starting at the speaker and working backward toward the RF stage.

FM/stereo broadcasting and receiving is rapidly gaining public interest. Standard FM broadcasting will no longer satisfy the millions of people who have been educated to fine music and voice reproduction. The best receivers and associated equipment cannot give proper response if the components are not properly balanced and aligned.

Rules and regulations set forth by the FCC require complex receiver circuitry which is difficult to service without special test instruments. But special solid-state test instruments have also been designed to cope with these problems.

A light-weight, portable, self-contained power supply FM/multiplex generator can be carried into the home and it generates a complete composite FM/multiplex signal in accordance with FCC specifications. For more information on these generators refer to the article series, "Using Audio Test and Alignment Instruments," which began in the March 1967 issue of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN.

Solid-state test instruments fulfill the need for lightweight portable test instruments.

IC and FET Circuits

Many transistor tuners and receivers on the market today are subject to cross modulation-powerful stations can appear at several points on the dial-interfering with other signals which listeners want to receive. Resistance to cross-modulation is an inherent failing of ordinary transistor circuits. One solution to this problem is to use regular tubes or nuvistors in the front end of an otherwise all-solid-state tuner. This hybrid design works well initially, but is said to defeat its own purpose eventually, since tubes generate drift-producing heat and fail more quickly than transistors. One manufacturer claims to have solved this problem by using field-effect transistors (FETs). For detailed information on FET circuitry, refer to the article, "Semiconductors from A to Z," which has been running in ET since August 1966.

The first FETs made are reported to have sold for about \$30 each and were considered a curiosity by design engineers. After a short time, however, useful applications were developed for special military equipment. FETs had a very high input impedance but circuit designers who had experience only with transistors found themselves attempting to apply unfamiliar electron tube techniques.

Today, the price of FETs has dropped to only a few dollars. Various types of field-effect transistors are now available, including insulated-gate, metal oxide and even thin-film types. A number of FET FM receiver front ends have been developed and the circuit of one of these is shown in Fig. 1.

Integrated circuits are now being used more widely. They can be applied to regenerate the 3.58MHz subcarrier in color TV sets. At



Fig. 1—Diagram of the Scott FM tuner front-end which employs three FET and one conventional transistor.





Fig. 2—Schematic of voltage-controlled crystal oscillator using the Fairchild μA703C IC.

Fig. 3—Schematic of injection-locked crystal oscillator using the Fairchild μA703C IC.

present, three methods are used: (1) The voltage controlled crystal oscillator in an automatic phase control (APC) loop, (2) The injectionlocked crystal oscillator, (3) The narrow bandpass crystal ringing circuit.

the aforementioned Two of methods are shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3. The IC and associated circuitry for a voltage controlled crystal oscillator is shown in Fig. 2. The IC and associated circuitry for an injection-locked crystal oscillator that is basically similar to the voltage-controlled oscillator is shown in Fig. 3. Except for the smaller ratio of C1 and C2-allowing for additional voltage drop of the burst transformer impedance in the feedback loop-the output tuned circuit is the same.

Solid-State Home Entertainment Equipment

Most manufacturers today are extending their lines of equipment, containing transistors, microelectronic and integrated circuits. This includes color and B/W TV, console stereo, portable phonographs, tape recorders and tape players.

One company has a color TV and a color TV/radio/phono combination with an IC in the picture amplifier circuits.

A console stereophonic Hi Fi phono has an IC in its FM limiter stage.

A new remote-control transmitter has an integrated circuit.

The same company claims to have 85 percent of its radio line fully solid-state. Another company has already introduced a line of solid-state color TV receivers—believed to be the first sets of their kind to be marketed in this country. These receivers also employ ICs.

As previously made clear, solidstate transistor products operate cooler than electron tube versions an advantage which extends the life potential of components and promises greater reliability over tube sets.

ET'S TEKLAB is extending its investigation into solid-state troubleshooting and repair techniques. It is recommended that all servicedealers and technicians review previous articles on this subject and follow closely forthcoming articles which deal with solid-state developments and servicing methods.

UNDERSTANDING MODERN AGC CIRCUITS

Learn some of the 'service-secrets' that separate the 'men' from the 'boys'

■ The fourth article of this series (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, July 1967) explored some general and particular considerations concerning troubleshooting modern keyed AGC circuits—tube and solid-state.

It was also pointed out that a special "viewpoint" was necessary before these circuits could be repaired rapidly enough to satisfy present-day TV owner demands and meet competitive standards now being established by an increasing number of alert and progressive service-dealers.

Perhaps it would be helpful to repeat: use your intelligence (it's also called common sense) when approaching any service problem and this includes modern AGC service problems.

The Modus Operandi

In the previous article it was made clear that an AGC system is but one circuit in a closed-loop "chain" composed of individual, interdependent, interactive links. It was also indicated that the entire loop must be "seen" and considered in-total when diagnosing troublesymptoms as revealed by the CRT screen or the speaker. But we did not suggest that the total loop be considered as one solid, elaborate, complicated and formidable maze which, according to the views of some, was designed especially by the engineers to frustrate hard-working technicians.

The modus operandi of troubleshooting AGC circuits—the manner in which you work—is the same for all types of electronic circuitry: in most cases it involves common-sense techniques and proper test instruments. To state it another way, it requires knowledge of the equipment and logical thinking. It's as simple as finding a needle in a hay-stack by using a hundred-thousand-gauss electromagnet!

As every skilled technican knows, three of the five inherent human senses—sight, touch and smell can reveal clues that lead directly to a rapid solution to most electronic circuit problems.

Observe the "old pro" in action at the service bench for a moment. He has just placed a chassis on its side, with the "guts" showing and the set is switched on. In a cool, relaxed and confident manner, he pokes his nose close to the chassis innards and literally "sniffs around" —like a bird-dog circling through quail cover. He looks closely for tell-tale charred or broken or heatdiscolored resistors. He cautiously feels a few resistors or power transistors with a forefinger.

When he locates one or more resistors that are obviously burned open, discolored or overheating, he looks for the cause: a shorting tube or defective transistor, a leaking capacitor or possibly some other cause and he may briefly refer to a schematic of the equipment. At any rate, the fault is quickly confirmed by a VOM, VTVM, a scope, an in-circuit transistor or capacitor tester. He may replace one or more defective components and the job is done. Skilled bench technicians frequently troubleshoot and repair a very large percentage of ailing TV



Fig. 1-The loop in which the AGC keyer unit is but one link in an interdependent chain.

sets by using these simple methods.

But a substantial number of problems do not yield to these troubleshooting techniques. These problems usually arise because of subtle shifts in circuit-component tolerances--sudden changes in resistance and capacitor values, small leakages in capacitors, intermittently defective tubes, transistors, capacitors, resistors, coils and solder connections. These are the problems that often become time consuming for unskilled and inexperienced techniciansthese are the "hair-pulling" problems that separate the "men" from the "boys" in the troubleshooting area of electronics.

As repeatedly stated in previous articles, the first step in servicing any equipment is to localize the problem to one specific area of the equipment—one particular circuit. Since the AGC system is one "link" in a closed-loop "chain" our first step here is to determine if the problem is in the AGC link or some other link in this loop (see Fig. 1).

In tube circuits particularly, we stated that the best way to determine whether or not the fault is in the AGC circuit or elsewhere, is to substitute a variable bias supply. And this also holds true in most cases with solid-state circuits. But remember that "forward-AGC" is frequently employed in solid-state AGC circuitry and, depending on the transistors and circuitry used, the polarity of the AGC voltage may be either *positive* or *negative* with respect to ground. If you are not upto-date on your transistor theory, study the comprehensive article, "Semiconductors from A to Z," which has been running in ELEC-TRONIC TECHNICIAN for more than a year.

Now let's stop the philosophizing and generalizing, get our dogs before the guns, and see what specific game we can flush up.

To the Point

The schematic in Fig. 2 shows a forward-AGC transistor circuit which provides a positive voltage on the AGC buss. This circuit is used in Motorola's TS458 chassis.

The following checks on the AGC system are recommended to determine if the fault is in the system or elsewhere:

1. Set the tuner between channels (no signal). Measure the voltage at test-point (TP) "A." It should be 2.5v. With the tuner set on a medium-strength station, the potential should be close to 4.5v.

2. Measure the voltage at TP "B." It should be about 33v with no signal and approximately 15v with a medium-strength station tuned in.

3. Measure the voltage at TP "C." It should be near 3.2v with no signal and about 5v with a strong signal. It should be noted, however, that the voltage at TP "C" will vary with the setting of the AGC delay control, R405.

If the voltages are not within the aforementioned tolerances under the stated conditions, the next move is to determine if the AGC gate transistor (Q11) can function properly—can be "keyed" on and off:

To turn Q11 off, short its emitter and base. The voltages at TP "A," "B" and "C" should then be the same as they were when the tuner was set between channels (no signal) as previously stated in steps 1, 2 and 3-2.5, 33 and 3.2v respectively.

To turn Q11 on, short the emitter and base of the 1st video amplifier, Q4. The voltages at TP "A," "B" and "C" should now read 6, 2 and 13v respectively—about the same as when a very strong signal is being received.



Fig. 2-Keyed AGC system in Motorola's transistorized TS458 chassis.

If these steps check out OK as indicated, you will then know that the entire AGC network is functioning properly and your problem horizontal bending and overloading, for example—is probably being caused by a fault in the IF section, the video detector or the video output circuit.

We should remind ourselves at this point of a few important functional details regarding this particular keyed AGC circuit. A thorough understanding of how it functions will make troubleshooting much easier.

When the tuner is set between channels (no signal), the AGC gate (Q11) is reverse biased by the low collector voltage of the 1st video amplifier (Q4). This transistor (Q4) produces a large voltage drop across R403 which causes the base of Q11 to be negative with respect to its emitter—thus reverse biasing its emitter/base junction and preventing conduction.

When a TV signal is tuned in, the diode video detector (not shown in the schematic) feeds a negativegoing video signal, plus a certain amount of dc, to the base of Q4 which drives it toward cutoff. This decreases Q4's collector current and the voltage drop across R403 also decreases. This will cause the voltage on the base of Q11 to become more positive with respect to its emitter. This action will forwardbias Q11 and allow collector current to flow—if we apply a positive voltage to its collector of sufficient amplitude to override the 33v on its emitter. This override voltage is obtained from a small winding on the flyback transformer.

Note that the 40v P-P positivegoing flyback pulse is fed to the anode of the diode, E401, forwardbiasing it and turning it on. This voltage will cause Q11 to conduct, in turn charging C402 as follows:

Electron-current will flow from the plus side of C402 through limiting resistor R406 to the emitter of Q11, then through E401, the horizontal pulse coil and to the negative side of C402. This capacitor charges to a negative value which is proportional to the amplitude of the horizontal sync pulses of the received signal.

When the horizontal pulse is not present, C402 starts to discharge but the negative voltage on it reverse-biases E401. This prevents C402 from discharging through the collector-to-base junction of Q11 forcing it to discharge partially in a negative-to-positive direction through R410 and R413.

Note the time cycle of C402 and associated components. The capacitor charges rapidly through a relatively small resistance but discharges only partly through a relatively large resistance. The net result of this action creates a negative charge on C402 which makes TP "B" negative with respect to the 33v supply. The swing of this negative voltage is directly proportional to the amplitude of the horizontal sync pulses which appear at the base of the AGC gate, Q11, at a given instant.

But wait! We observe that the design of the IF section requires a *plus* bias voltage on its 1st and 2nd video stages so the forward-bias between base-and-emitter can be varied to increase and decrease the current flow in their collector circuits (decrease and increase the collector voltage) to control the signal strength through forward-AGC-action.

The AGC amplifier (Q11), a PNP transistor connected as a common-emitter, inverts the voltage 180deg and makes it *positive*. This additional positive voltage, together with the 2.25v which already appears at TP "A," is the AGC voltage which is coupled to the bases of Q1 and Q2 through current-limiting resistors R102 and R106.

The AGC delay transistor circuit, Q25, is designed to turn on and apply RF AGC just before signal overload occurs in the tuner.

The proper way to adjust the RF AGC control (R405) is as follows:

1. Set the control fully clockwise-giving maximum RF AGC delay.

2. Tune in a medium strength signal.

3. Turn the AGC delay control slowly counterclockwise (CCW) until noise is just visible in the picture. Then turn the control clockwise (CW) until the noise on the screen just disappears.

Forthcoming articles will deal with additional troubleshooting problems in various types of AGC circuits—both electron tube and solid-state.

SOLID-STATE TV SERVICING THE EASY WAY

Don't let the 'little monsters' scare you





Fig. 2—The "old pro" uses a variable ac power supply to bring up the line voltage slowly when checking for shorts and overloads.

It has been made repeatedly clear that you cannot survive in this business unless you have a thorough knowledge of basic solid-state circuit theory. Many articles - covering various aspects of this subject have already appeared in these pages. Practical servicing techniques have been detailed. But forthcoming articles will explore these areas even more thoroughly. This article will deal entirely with practical troubleshooting procedures and, although concentrating on the G-E "TA" chassis, the fundamental servicing techniques can be applied to all comparable solid-state circuitry.

Practical Troubleshooting

The "TA" chassis first came to our bench "dead" — no raster, no audio. You may or may not know that the "TA" chassis has a lineoperated 12v, regulated dc power supply (see Fig. 1). You would normally check this supply first when confronted with the previously mentioned symptoms. And you'll



Fig. 3—Penknife is used to cut circuit foil and isolate overloaded section of set.



Fig. 4—Q24 transistor and Y254 diode are lifted from heat sink when checking for shorts in the B+ line.

find it helpful to use a variable 117vac supply.

Plug the set into the variable ac supply output. Check the ac line fuse, F401 (Fig. 1) and the output fuse, F402. If the ac input fuse is blown, replace it. And if the dc output fuse is blown, replace it also.

Now adjust the variable-voltage transformer to bring the ac line potential slowly up to 120v while using the old "see, feel and smell" bench technician's technique. At the same time, monitor the 12v B+ line to ground with a VOM. If you have little or no voltage, switch the set off.

Disconnect the B+ loads from the power supply (one at a time) switching the set on after each load has been disconnected. Each load can be disconnected easily by cutting the circuit foil (see Fig. 3) with a sharp penknife, razor blade, etc. Observe if the B+ rises to 12v. If the B+ is still not correct when all loads have been disconnected, then the trouble is either in the voltage regulator or the power supply.

Now try to obtain correct B+voltage by adjusting R405 (see Fig. 1). If this does no good, check Q20, the error amplifier and Q21, the regulator transistor on an in-circuit transistor tester. If they check OK, all you have left is the zener diode, Y403. If you don't have a zener diode tester, substitute the suspected zener with a known-good one.

These regulator circuits can have a very fast control response — fast enough, in fact, to remove 60 or 120Hz ripple. This regulator acts like a large filter capacitor and helps smooth the B+ voltage.

Of course, you can vary this approach in a number of ways. Suppose, for example, the dc voltage at the regulator output is lower than normal but not out altogether. You suspect that heavier-than-normal current is being drawn by one of the loads. In this case, remove the fast-blow 1.5a fuse (F402 shown in Fig. 1) and replace it temporarily with a 0.5a similar-type fast-blow fuse. Open the line at "A." Insert a 1a full-scale meter in the line. Switch the set on. If the meter reads much more than 430ma, you will have some idea of what your problem is. Of course, you could open lines at various points in the supply, including individual output load points, measuring the current drawn at each point and probably come up with all the information you need to pinpoint the trouble. But be careful you do not burn out the milliameter — make initial checks on the highest scale.

Because Q24, the horizontal output transistor, Y254, the damper diode and Q19, the vertical output transistor, have been known to short, it would be wise to lift and isolate these from their heat-sink mounts when checking for a loss or for extremely low B+ voltage (see Fig. 4).

Precautions

We believe it would be advisable at this point to mention some precautions that should be taken before attempting to troubleshoot this or similar-type equipment.

To avoid excessive transient voltages while servicing any part of the set, use a zener diode connected from the emitter to the collector of Q24, the horizontal output transistor. A zener can be used on any solid-state circuit where expensive transistors are involved.

Always use a low-wattage desoldering iron and heat-sink clips when removing or installing transistors (see Fig. 5). And the equipment should be switched off before probes or leads from test instruments are connected into any circuit. Also make sure that all test leads are at ground potential and momentarily short each test probe to chassis ground before making contact with the test point. Excessive transient voltage will quickly destroy solidstate components. An ohmmeter can be used for checking the forward and reverse resistance of semiconductors. But make sure that no more than 1.5v appears across your meter probes.

Horizontal Section

If the screen of this set does not light or the raster size is inadequate, check the 12v B+ first. If the B+checks OK, then check the voltage at test-point A. It should be 90v. If so, this usually means the output transistor is operating properly. Use your scope to check for proper operation of the horizontal sweep section and if this checks out but the 90v source is not correct, disconnect various loads from this supply until correct voltage appears isolating the defective area. Also check diode Y259.

Now check the amplitude, frequency and shape of the waveform of the horizontal output drive signal. The emitter and base leads are disconnected for this check and a 10Ω resistor is connected between these leads. The scope is then connected across this resistor and a 4 to 6v P-P drive voltage, at the horizontal sweep rate, should appear at this point. If the drive signal is correct, check the components in the horizontal output circuit. An incorrect drive signal would point to trouble in the buffer or oscillator stage. A slight decrease in horizontal sweep and striations (see Fig. 6) indicate that damper diode (Y254) has



Fig. 5—A desoldering iron and heatsink clips are used to remove and replace transistors.



Fig. 5—This symptom was caused by an open damper diode.



opened. Unlike tube sets, this TV chassis will operate under these conditions but the B+ current will increase about 100ma if Y254 opens.

A scope is a must for checking vertical and horizontal sweep circuits in solid-state TV equipment. All transistors in these circuits are driven by shaped pulses.

Raster Good, Video and Audio Absent

A systematic signal injection approach is recommended to pinpoint troubles in solid-state TV equipment. To determine if the aforementioned symptoms are caused by a defective tuner or IF component, check B+ and AGC to the tuner. Inject a modulated IF signal at the IF link. If the IF test signal passes through the video IF amplifier, then the defect is probably in the tuner. And the RF stage in the tuner may become inoperative because of too much or too little AGC voltage.

Measure the voltages of Ql, Q2 and Q3 in the tuner. Check the transistors on an in-circuit transistor tester. But you'll need eagle eyes, the steady hands of a brain surgeon and the patience of Job to repair these tuners (see Fig. 7).

The ability of the tuner to pass RF is determined by injecting an RF sweep signal into the input of the RF stage. If the RF signal does not pass through the tuner, check the oscillator circuit. One easy way to check the oscillator is to measure the transistor's emitter and base voltages while rotating the fine tuning control. If the voltage varies, the oscillator is operating.

If you find the VHF tuner is operating properly, check out the video IF section. Inject a 45MHz signal (see Fig. 8). The first two stages of this IF strip are controlled by forward-AGC. Check the AGC voltage at this point. If it is not correct, use a bias box to apply 3v positive to test point II of the AGC line (see Fig. 9). If the test signal now appears on the screen, then the fault is in the AGC circuit.

The symptoms that appear on the CRT screen of a defective set can sometimes be misleading. The picture shown in Fig. 10, for example, would lead most technicians to suspect AGC or sync troubles. This symptom, however, was caused by an open 1st IF transistor, Q4.

Continue injecting a test signal into the IF strip until the test pattern appears on the screen — right on up to the video detector. Then switch the "analyst" to a video signal and trace right up to the control grid of the CRT.

AGC and Sync Sections

The AGC circuits of this set are composed of a keyer stage, followed by a dc amplifier that controls the gain of the 1st and 2nd IF stages. A second dc amplifier controls the continued on page 80



Fig. 7—Close-up view of miniaturized VHF tuner frequently used in compact solid-state TVs.



Fig. 8—Using the "analyst" to isolate trouble by signal injection.



Fig. 10—This symptom looked like AGC or sync trouble but was caused by an open 1st IF transistor, Q4.



Using Audio Test and Alignment Instruments

Combine a sine/squarewave generator with a good scope for faster and more efficient servicing

Two previous articles in this series covered multiplex signal generator applications.

Sine/squarewave generators can also be used effectively to locate defective circuits in medium and wideband amplifiers. The squarewave generator, in conjunction with your scope, can be a valuable instrument combination for troubleshooting audio amplifiers.

It should be pointed out here that the price you would pay for a sine/ squarewave generator depends on the amount of audio service you do and how much you can afford to spend. A rule-of-thumb here indicates that you should spend as much as you can afford.

The only requirements that must be met by the sine/squarewave generator is good rise time (about 0.5μ sec or better) and a frequency variable between 60Hz and 25kHz. Generators in this category are also available in kit form. Most generators cover the entire frequency range (both sine and squarewave) from 20Hz to 100 or 200kHz in four or five bands.

As most of us know, a theoretically perfect squarewave is made up of an infinite series of odd harmonic sinewaves (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.).

The basic makeup of a squarewave is shown in Fig. 1. All oddnumbered harmonics are shown in the in-phase relationship—each sinewave cycle. To develop the squarewave as shown it is necessary to draw a number of vertical lines through the squarewave and to add, algebraically (observing polarity), the magnitudes of the sinewaves along this vertical line. For simplicity, we will only consider harmonic content to the 9th harmonic.

At "Al," for example, we have algebraically added the fundamental, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th harmonics with the resultant summation of wave magnitudes along a large number of vertical "check" lines to obtain the squarewave.

When a squarewave is sent through an amplifier it is equal to using a number of test frequencies simultaneously. If the resultant squarewave trace on the scope is not misformed in any respect at various frequencies, then we can say the amplifier response is flat over a wide range of frequencies. If the squarewave frequency is 100Hz, the amplifier response is good up to about 900Hz to 1.1kHz.







Fig. 2-Chart showing frequency response of amplifier.

Fig. 3-Squarewave patterns at various frequencies.

Test Setup

Although the test setup shown on the previous page does not picture it, the Precision model E310 sine/squarewave generator was used in these tests. It should also be noted that the output impedances of the generator and amplifier must be matched. Keep leads short. Allow the amplifier and test instruments to warm for about 15min.

1. Set the generator controls and switches as follows:

WAVEFORM switch to SINE

RANGE switch to 50-600

OUTPUT LEVEL control to approximately 50

OUTPUT to XI

2. Connect the ground binding post of the generator to the amplifier ground—the other output post to the amplifier input.

3. The output of the amplifier may be measured with any high impedance ac measuring instrument with flat response over the anticipated range. A VTVM equipped with ac measuring facilities may be used; however, a scope equipped with a low capacity probe is one of the most useful high impedance instruments available to technicians. We will then assume that a scope is connected directly across the amplifier output (the speaker voice coil or to the plate circuit of the last amplifier).

4. Set the generator tuning dial to 60Hz, for example, and adjust the gain of the scope and the output of the generator to obtain a good sized sine pattern on the scope screen. Keep in mind that the generator output should be maintained at minimum—consistent with operating conditions—to minimize the possibility of overloading the amplifier and introducing false indications of distortion.

Use the OUTPUT LEVEL control to set the maximum output desired from the generator and then use the OUTPUT switch to reduce the generator output.

5. Note the total height of the sine pattern on the scope screen by counting the number of vertical squares it occupies on the scope's calibrated crosshatch mask (P-P measurement).

6. Without touching any other controls or switches, merely rotate the tuning dial of the generator to 200 and note the difference, if any, in the height of the sine pattern on the scope.

7. Repeat the procedure for as many frequency points as required to display the curvature of the amplifier response, using the P-P sinewave amplitude readings as indicated on the scope's cross hatch mask.

Squarewave Generator Amplifier Checks

Amplifier distortion can be classified into the following three categories:

Frequency Distortion. This refers to the change from normal amplitude of a component of a complex waveform. Resonant networks or selective filters created by a combination of reactive components (resonant networks and selective filters in amplifier circuits) will create peaks or dips in an otherwise flat frequency response curve.

Non-linear Distortion. This refers to a change in waveshape produced by application of the waveshape to non-linear components or elements such as electron tubes, an iron core transformer and in an extreme case,



Fig. 5—Graphical development of a similarly tilted squarewave Fx3 out of phase (lead).

a deliberate non-linear circuit such as a clipper network.

Delay or Phase Distortion. This is distortion produced by a phase shift between one or more components of a complex waveform.

In actual practice, a reduction in amplitude of a squarewave component (sinusoidal harmonic) is usually caused by a frequency selective network which includes capacity, inductance or both. The presence of C or L introduces a difference in phase angle between components—creating phase distortion, or delay distortion.

In squarewave testing of practical circuitry, we will usually find that the distorted squarewave includes a combination of amplitude and phase distortion clues.

If we apply squarewaves to a typical wideband amplifier, we find the check accurately reveals many distortion characteristics of the circuit.

As indicated in Fig. 2, the amplifier response was poor at low frequencies along with overcompensated high frequency boost.

A 100Hz squarewave applied to the input of this amplifier will appear as in Fig. 3A. This illustration indicates satisfactory medium frequency response (approx. 1kHz to 2kHz) but shows poor low frequency response. In Fig. 3B, a 1kHz squarewave was applied to the input of the same amplifier. This figure displays good frequency response in the region of 1kHz to 4kHz but clearly reveals the overcompensation at the higher 10kHz region by the sharp rise at the top of the leading edge of the squarewave.

As a rule of thumb, it can be safely said that a squarewave can be used to reveal response and phase relationships up to the 15th or 20th odd harmonic or up to approximately 40 times the squarewave fundamental. Wide band circuitry will require at least a twofrequency check to analyze the complete spectrum properly. In the case illustrated in Fig. 2, a 100Hz squarewave will encompass components up to about 4kHz. To analyze above 4kHz and beyond 10kHz a 1kHz squarewave would be satisfactory.

The region between 100Hz and 4kHz (Fig. 2) shows a rise from

poor low frequency response to a flattening out from between 1kHz and 4kHz. Therefore we can expect the higher frequency components in the 100Hz squarewave will be relatively normal in amplitude and phase but the lower frequency components in this same squarewave will be strongly modified by the poor low frequency response of this amplifier (see Fig. 3A).

If the combination of elements in this amplifier were such as to only depress the low frequency components in the squarewave, a curve similar to that shown in Fig. 4 would be obtained. Reduction in amplitude of a component as already noted, however, is usually caused by a reactive element which results, in turn, to a phase shift of the component, producing the strong tilt shown in Fig. 3A. The graphical development of a similarly tilted squarewave is shown in Fig. 5. The tilt is seen to be caused by the strong influence of the phaseshifted 3rd harmonic. It also becomes evident that very slight shifts in phase are revealed by tilt in the squarewave. An up-coming article will explore this subject further.



Fig. 6—In-phase (or 180deg out of phase) no overload distortion.



Fig. 8—In phase and overload distortion.



Fig. 7-Phase shift no overload distortion.

Fig. 9-Phase shift and overload distortion.

Detecting Phase Shift

1. Set the sine output of the generator to the desired frequency. 2. Set the LEVEL control to maximum position and apply the output directly to the vertical plates of a scope.

3. Construct a simple resistive voltage divider by connecting a 2K pot across the generator output. Feed the voltage developed across the arm of the pot and ground to the input of the amplifier being checked. (Set the pot for minimum voltage consistent with a size-



Jackson Model 605D audio sine/squarewave oscillator.

JACKSON MODEL 605D

FREQUENCY RANGE: 20Hz-200kHz in 4 ranges CALIBRATION ACCURACY: CALIBRATION ACCOUNTER: 3% or 1Hz whichever comes first OUTPUT VOLTAGE: Cathode follower, continuously variable Sinewave 0 to 5.0 RMS volts, squarewave 20mv to 7.0 P-P OUTPUT LEVEL CHARACTERISTICS: 1db over full range HUM LEVEL: Down more than 50db at all output levels SINEWAVE: Less than 1% distortion SQUARE WAVE RISE TIME: Less than 0.2µs SQUAREWAVE TILT: 5% at 60Hz, less than 1% above 200Hz SIZE: 75/8 x 131/8 x 103/8 in. WEIGHT: 14 lb PRICE: \$144.95



Fig. 10 (A)—Frequency distortion (amplitude reduction of low frequency component) no phase shift. (B)—Low frequency boost (accentuated fundamental). (C)—High frequency loss—No phase shift. (D)—Low frequency phase shift. (E)—Low frequency loss and phase shift. (F)—High frequency loss and low frequency phase shift. (G)—High frequency loss and phase shift. (H)—Damped oscillation. (I)—Low frequency phase shift (trace thickened by hum-voltage). able scope pattern.) The amplifier output is fed directly to the horizontal plates of the scope. The resulting scope waveform will display an elliptical form if phase distortion exists in the amplifier at the test frequency. The degree of phase shift is of course indicated by the shape of the elliptical pattern. (Top or bottom flattening of the elliptical shape indicates overloading produced by excessive input to the amplifier.) If overloading does occur, set the pot to a lower level (see Fig. 6 to 9).



The sinewave generator becomes useful when applied to correct the usual mis-match between speaker and the speaker enclosure itself.

The "boomy" bass response of commercial speaker enclosure combinations can be transformed into a smooth natural response.

A bass reflex speaker system may be checked as follows:

1. Connect the variable sine output of the generator in series with a 100Ω resistor to the speaker voice coil.

2. Connect an ac voltmeter or scope across the speaker voice coil.

3. Determine the low frequency resonant peaks in the system by noting peak voltmeter readings. The frequency of these peaks will vary with the size of the speaker and cabinet but should occur in the region between 40 and 150Hz. In a properly tuned system the two peaks should be rather broad and of approximately the same amplitude. If one of the peaks is greater than the other, try damping the port with additional layers of grill cloth. ■



Hewlett-Packard Model 200CD wide range oscillator.

MODEL 200CD HEWLETT-PACKARD FREQUENCY RANGE: 5Hz-600kHz in 5 ranges ACCURACY: $\pm 2\%$ including calibration error, warmup, changes caused by aging of components, tubes, etc. OTAL: 6in dia calibrated over 300 deg of arc. 85 divisions. Total scale length, 78 in. FREQUENCY RESPONSE: ±1db entire frequency range (reference 1kHz) **OUTPUT:** 160mw (10v) into 600 Ω rated load, 20v open circuit **OUTPUT BALANCE:** Better than 0.1% at lower frequencies and 1% at higher frequencies INTERNAL IMPEDANCE: 600 Ω Output is balanced to ground for zero attenuation. (May be operated with one side grounded if desired.) **OISTORTION:** 0.2% from 20Hz to 200kHz; 0.5% from 5Hz to 20Hz and from 200kHz to 600kHz HUM VOLTAGE: Less than 0.1% of rated output, decreases as output is attenuated **POWER:** 115/230v ±10%, 50Hz-1kHz 90w SIZE: 73/8 x 111/2 x 143/8 PRICE: \$225



Eico Model 377 sine/squarewave generator.

EICO MODEL 377

FREQUENCY RANGE: Sinewave 20-200kHz in 4 bands Squarewave 60-50kHz (5% tilt at 60Hz, 5% rounding at 50kHz) CALIBRATION ACCURACY: ±3% or 1Hz whichever is greater FREQUENCY RESPONSE: ±1.5db, 60-150kHz OUTPUT VOLTAGE: 10v across 1K rated load (100mw), drops to 8v across 500 Ω, rises to 14v across 10K or higher **OISTORTION:** Less than 1% HUM: Less than 0.4% of rated output SIZE-(HWO) 71/8 x 111/8 x 75/8 in. WEIGHT: 13 lb PRICE: Kit \$39.95 Wired \$54.95



Precision Model E-310 sine/squarewave signal generator.

PRECISION MODEL E-310

FREQUENCY RANGE: Sine and squarewayes 5Hz-600kHz in 5 bands **OUTPUT LEVEL** Within ± 1db band to band DISTORTION: Less than 1% from 5kHz to 600kHz CALIBRATION ACCURACY: ±2% from 50Hz to 600kHz ±1Hz from 5Hz to 50Hz OIAL: 6in. with 12-1 gear drive ratio provides a scale length of 7ft over the 5 bands **OUTPUT LEVEL:** Sinewave 10v RMS into 600 Ω Squarewave 10v P.P. 4 position step atten-uator and continuous amplitude control SQUAREWAVE RISE TIME: 0.2µsec SIZE 111/2 x 9 x 111/4. WEIGHT: 24 lb PRICE \$199.95

SUPPLY VOLTAGE: 117vac 50/60Hz standard 220vac 50-60vac 50-60Hz available



The Thirteenth Article in a Continuing Series

Understand integrated circuits and most solid-state electronic circuits will be easier to service

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Fig. 2—The last pair of transistors in the IF section of the integrated circuit function in the same manner as the first pair of transistors.

■ The previous article in this series explained how a temperature-compensated, voltage-regulating transistor (Q9) is used in integrated circuit, IC201, to provide a nearly constant supply voltage to the first five amplifier stages. These stages contain still another circuit to improve their stability further.

A Negative Feedback Circuit

A resistor (R15) couples the base of transistor Q2 to the emitter of transistor Q6 (Fig. 1). Since the portion of the integrated circuit shown in this figure is used to amplify FM IF signals, the circuit handles frequencies of around 4.5MHz. The 0.1µf capacitor connected to the base of transistor O2 is, therefore, able to short these ac signals to ground. The ac portion of the transistor (Q6) emitter current develops an ac voltage across resistors R7 and R15, while virtually none of this ac voltage appears at the base of transistor Q2. If the value of resistor R15 is sufficiently large, it does not significantly reduce the ac voltage across resistor **R7**.

If a temperature change or slight production variance results in an increased dc current, a larger dc voltage drop will result across resistor R7. This increases the forward bias of transistor Q2, increasing its collector current and the current flow through resistor R2. With a greater voltage drop across that resistor, the base of transistor Q3 becomes less positive and a reduction occurs in its dc collector current. This, in turn, results in reduced current through transistor Q4, increased current through transistor Q5 and a reduced dc current through transistor Q6. The dc voltage drop across resistor R7 is, therefore, reduced and negative feedback has taken place.

Transistors Q7 and Q8 function (Fig. 2) in the same manner as transistors Q1 and Q2 (described with Fig. 5 in the July 1967 article). A positive pulse applied to the base of transistor Q7 causes that transistor to conduct more current and transistor Q8 to conduct less current. This results in a reduced voltage drop across the primary winding of transformer T203, and the winding becomes more positive.

This differential amplifier circuit (Fig. 2) need not be balanced and the increased current through transistor Q7 may not necessarily equal the decreased current through transistor Q8. A 0.01μ f capacitor shunts any of the resulting 4.5MHz signal, which may otherwise be developed across the voltage source (Vcc), to ground.

Transistor Q10 (Fig. 3) functions in the same manner as transistor Q9 (described with Fig. 13 of the July 1967 article). Just as the equivalent to the circuit containing transistor Q9 (Fig. 4 of the previous article) is shown as Fig. 14 in that article, the equivalent to the







Fig. 1—Negative feedback improves the dc current stability of the first area of the integrated circuit.

from A to Z

circuit containing transistor Q10 (Fig. 3) is shown in Fig. 4. Transistor Q10 supplies a temperaturecompensated, virtually constant voltage source to the base of transistor Q5, the base of transistor Q8, a secondary winding of transformer T203 and resistor R14, which is connected to a secondary winding of transformer T201.

When no signal is induced into the secondary winding of transformer T201, the base of transistor Q1 has a 2.1v bias — there having been an insignificant dc voltage drop across the transformer's secondary winding and resistor R14. The 4.5MHz signal induced in the transformer's secondary winding increases and decreases the transistor's base bias at that frequency.

Specifications indicate that the 4.5MHz signal applied to terminal 1 of the integrated circuit (Fig. 4 of the July 1967 article) experiences a gain of about 60db with a bandwidth of 70 to 80kHz before it leaves the circuit at terminal 5.

The frequency of the FM IF signal, amplified in the first portion of the integrated circuit, varies with the audio signal it contains. This varying IF signal is applied to the primary winding of discriminator transformer T203 (Fig. 3).

The Discriminator Transformer

When a transformer has a single

secondary winding, the voltages in the two leads at the ends of the winding (Fig. 5) are 180deg out of phase — when one lead is positive, the other is negative. If another secondary winding is connected to the first secondary winding (Fig. 6), the voltages in the two leads connected to the first secondary winding are still 180deg out of phase. The voltage induced in the third lead, however, need not have a fixed phase relationship with the other voltages. The phase of the voltage at the third lead depends on how the second coil is wound and the frequency of the signal induced.

Some less experienced technicians may not be familiar with the



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term "phase angle." This term is used either to indicate portions of a sinewave or to indicate the degree of time lag between two sinewaves of the same frequency.

Positive and negative changes of voltage generally appear on the screen of an oscilloscope as a sinewave — whether the signal observed is from an ac power line or some unmodulated RF source.

When a line is horizontal (zero deg), it has no height (Fig. 7), and the corresponding portion of the sinewave (Fig. 8) is at zero voltage. After rotating 45deg, the line has risen slightly more than 70 percent of its full height, and the corresponding portion of the sinewave is slightly more than 70 percent of its maximum positive voltage. After rotating 90deg, the line is at its full height, and the corresponding portion of the sinewave is at its peak positive voltage. At 135deg, the line is again only slightly more than 70 percent of its full height, and the corresponding portion of the sinewave is slightly more than 70 percent of its maximum positive voltage. At 180deg, the line is again horizontal, and the corresponding portion of the sinewave is at a zero voltage. By the time the line has rotated 225deg, it has dropped to slightly more than 70 percent of its length below the horizontal, and the corresponding portion of the sinewave is slightly more than 70 percent of its maximum negative voltage. By the time the line has rotated 270deg, it has dropped its full length below the horizontal, and the corresponding portion of the sinewave is at its peak negative voltage. After rotating 315deg, the line is again slightly more than 70 percent of its full length below the horizontal, and the voltage at the corresponding portion of the sinewave has been reduced to about 70 percent of the maximum negative voltage. When the line has rotated 360deg and has returned to its initial horizontal position (zero deg), it again has no height, and the corresponding portion of the sinewave has returned to zero volts.

The number of times the line rotates each second corresponds to the frequency of the sinewave. If two lines are rotating at the same frequency, the angle between the two rotating lines corresponds to the angle between their two corresponding sinewaves.

The Discriminator Circuit

The ac signal in the third lead in the secondary of the discriminator transformer (Fig. 9) is shorted to ground by a 0.1μ f and a 0.01μ f capacitor. The discriminator transformer is designed in such a manner that at 4.5MHz the voltages induced across the grounded extra secondary lead are 90deg out of phase with the voltages induced across the other two secondary leads.

For convenience, the first secondary of discriminator transformer T203 is shown in Fig. 13 of this article as coils 1 and 2 while the second secondary is shown as coil 3. Curve A (Fig. 10) represents the voltages induced across coil 2 at 4.5MHz while curve B represents



the voltages induced across coil 3 at the same frequency. Note that the two curves are shown 90deg out of phase. For convenience, we will assume that the amplitude of the two curves is the same. The voltage applied to the anode of diode D4 is equal to the sum of the voltages developed across coils 2 and 3. Curve C represents the sum of the two curves (curve C = curve A + curve B).

Curve D represents the voltages developed across coil 1, while curve E, like curve B (curve $E \equiv$ curve B), represents the voltages developed across coil 3. The voltages applied to the cathode of diode D3 is shown as curve F and is the sum of the voltages developed across coils 1 and 3 (curve F = curve D + curve E).

Curves C and F are of equal amplitude, and the same amount of voltage is applied to both diodes.

From curves A and D (Fig. 10) we see that the voltages developed across coils 1 and 2 of the first secondary are 180deg out of phase

with each other, as in Fig. 6. The voltages applied to diodes D4 and D3, however, as can be seen from curves C and F, are not 180deg out of phase. They are instead 90deg out of phase ($\theta = 90$ deg). The voltages developed across coil 3 have resulted in a phase shift in the voltages applied to the two diodes.

The curves in Fig. 11 show the voltages developed across the same coils (1, 2 and 3) at a frequency below 4.5MHz. At this lower frequency, the voltages developed across coil 3 (curves B and E) are not 90deg out of phase with the voltages developed across coils 1 and 2. They are instead 18deg out of phase with the voltages developed across coil 2 (curve A) and 162deg out of phase with the voltages developed across coil 1 (curve D). The voltage applied to diode D4 at this lower frequency is shown by curve C in Fig. 11 (curve C = curve A+ curve B). Curve C, as you may know, was formed by adding the amplitudes of curves A and B at each point along their horizontal

axis and plotting the total amplitude along corresponding points on another horizontal axis. The amplitude of curve C is greater at the lower frequency (Fig. 11) than it was at 4.5MHz (Fig. 10) — although the amplitude of curves A and B have been the same at both frequencies. The change in amplitude of curve C has resulted merely from a change in the phase angle between curves A and B.

The voltages applied to diode D3 at this lower frequency are shown by curve F in Fig. 11. The change in the phase angle of the voltages induced in coil 3 has reduced the voltages represented by this curve (F).

The voltages applied to diode D4 (represented by curve C) are 90deg out of phase ($\theta = 90$ deg) with the voltages applied to diode D3 (represented by curve F).

When the frequency of the IF signal is greater than 4.5MHz, the voltages induced across coil 3 have still another phase relationship with the voltages induced across coils 1



Fig. 10—Voltages induced in various portions of the discriminator transformer at 4.5MHz.

Fig. 11—Voltages induced in various portions of the discriminator transformer at a frequency below 4.5MHz.

Fig. 12—Voltages induced in various portions of the discriminator transformer at a frequency above 4.5MHz.

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and 2 (Fig. 12). In this third example, the voltages induced across coil 3 (curve B) are 45deg out of phase with the voltages induced across coil 2 (curve A) and 135deg out of phase with the voltages induced across coil 1 (curve D). As a result of this phase shift, larger voltages are applied to diode D3 than to diode D4 (amplitude of curve E > amplitude of curve C).

Again, the voltages applied to diode D4 are 90deg out of phase $(\theta = 90 \text{ deg})$ with the voltages applied to diode D3. This phase relationship is the same as those that occurred at 4.5MHz and the other lower frequency. The phase relationship of the voltages applied to the two diodes (θ) will not change with the frequency of the IF signal unless the frequency is one at which the phase of the voltages induced across coil 3 is the same as the phase of those induced across coil 1 or 2. The frequency shift normally experienced, however, is not great

enough to produce such a phase shift in the discriminator coils used in this circuit. The phase angle (θ) between the voltages applied to the two diodes is instead dependent on the relationship of the voltages induced across coil 3 to the voltages induced across coils 1 and 2. Curves C and F are 90deg out of phase $(\theta = 90 \text{deg})$ only when the amplitudes of curves B and E are the same height as curves A and D. (Curve $B \equiv$ curve E, and the amplitude of curve A =amplitude of curve D. $\theta = 90 \text{deg}$ when amplitude of curve B = amplitude of curve A = amplitude of curve D.) In the next article of this series we will see that, with the capacitors in the detector circuit (Fig. 13), we need not be concerned with the phase angles of the voltages applied to the diodes (D4 and D3).

Curves C and F, shown in Fig. 13, represent the voltages applied to the two diodes (D4 and D5) at 4.5MHz (these curves are respec-



tively the same as curves C and F in Fig. 10). On page 61 in the August 1966 article of this series, we observed that electrical currents flow from negative to positive. These currents can pass only from the anode to the cathode of a diode. Diode D4 in Fig. 13 will conduct current only when postive voltages are applied to its anode (as shown in Fig. 3A on page 61 of the August 1966 article), and diode D3 will conduct current only when negative voltages are applied to its cathode (as shown in Fig. 3B of the same article).

Diode D4 (Fig. 13) is connected in series with resistor R12, and diode D3 is connected in series with resistor R11. When capacitors C1 and C2 are not connected in the circuit, the current flowing through the diodes will also flow through the series resistors. Under these conditions, the resulting voltage drops across resistors R12 and R11 resemble curves G and I. Only positive half-cycles appear across resistor R12, while only negative halfcycles appear across resistor R11. The resulting waveforms are the same as those shown in Fig. 3 of the August 1966 article.

The next article in this series will describe capacitor time constants and their effect on the waveforms in the discriminator circuit. The cascade amplifier, representing the undiscussed portion of the integrated circuit, IC201, will also be described in detail.

> Fig. 13—Voltages present in an unbiased discriminator circuit at 4.5MHZ.

THE APPRENTICE AND THE PRO

A technician makes his first house call and learns how the pros operate

Part two of a continuing series

■ On a Monday morning, in the early spring of 1962, Don Jackson, the TV-radio apprentice, was on the way to his first home-call, and his teacher, Bob Morkin, a certified technician and "pro," wasted no time initiating Don to some of the simple customer-relations principles involved in making house calls. For one thing, he was told to take off his rubber overshoes at the front door, leave them on the front porch and wipe his shoes on the doormat.

"And remember one very important thing, I'll do all the talking while we're in the house," Bob smiled. "Also, since we have a few minutes before we arrive at our first call, now's a good time to begin learning some of the important polices of our operation.

Learning the Ropes

"For example," Bob continued, "there have been arguments in the industry for years about 'home repairs' versus 'shop repairs.' And our company does not make major repairs in the home. We don't replace resistors, capacitors or other components, except tubes, unless the set is in warranty. In this case we do install a few flybacks, yokes and certain resistors and capacitorswhen the defective parts can be isolated easily and installed quickly. But on older sets, when more than a tube is necessary, we take the chassis to the shop. No technician can do a good job repairing sets in the home. You can't wait around in the house while the set 'cooks' for hours." Don was thoughtful as he

EIA Launches Training Program

Washington, May 16, 1967—The service committee of the Electronic Industries Assoc. (EIA) launches a long-term program in the areas of recruiting, training and upgrading electronics technicians needed in ever increasing numbers by electronics service-dealers.

This program is the latest phase in the association's longstanding effort to provide adequate service support for the complex electronic products used today and planned for the future.

Operating under instructions from EIA's consumer products division executive committee, the service committee outlined a series of actions to be taken in the following areas:

1. Career guidance through brochures, films, exhibits, lectures and every other form of communications to make potential service personnel, and the people who counsel them in the schools, aware of the career opportunities awaiting them in the consumer-products service area of the electronics field.

2. Vocational education upgrading to bring electronics vocational education in this country up to the sophisticated level demanded by the revolutionary technology now transforming consumer electronics—via teacher institutes, correspondence courses, bulletins, scholarships, etc.

3. Coordination with the service activities of manufacturers, distributors, dealers and other interested industry groups.

The service technician development program's basic team will soon be expanded by the addition of an EIA staff specialist in technical vocational education.



began to realize how much there was to learn about this business.

"Another thing," Bob said, as he pushed on with the briefing, "the boss is a stickler for methodical procedures. You'll soon begin to learn how to work without wasted motions. And you'll learn that certain movements are made before others. But, after a while, you'll do it fast and automatically without thinking about it.

"For instance, when we arrive at the front door on this call, and after you've removed your overshoes and wiped your shoes, take the small drop-cloth from the caddy and carry it inside—rolled up. When you arrive in the room where the set is located, place the drop-cloth on the floor—whether there's a rug on the floor or not—and place it to the right or left rear side of the set about a foot from the wall. I'll put the caddy on that drop-cloth a second later. If you were alone, you'd carry the caddy in one hand and the small drop-cloth in the other and you'd spread the cloth on the floor with one hand and then set the caddy on it.

"Then," Bob continued, "while I switch the set on and take a look, open the caddy and take out the large drop-cloth and place it on top of the open caddy. Depending on the particular situation, you'll probably help me move the set away from the wall—and we'll turn it at an angle to the right or left—depending again on where the set is located and its relationship to the caddy.

"After this, spread the big dropcloth on the floor back of the set, get a ¹/₄ in. hex-head wrench, a Phillips screwdriver and a cheater cord from the caddy and place them side by side on the top-right corner of the drop-cloth. Then you stand near me on my left or right, depending on which way the set is turned. You'll see what I mean after we get the set away from the wall. Whatever else I ask for after that, remove it from the caddy and hand it to me. Thereafter, watch every move I make—and keep your eyes and ears open."

Don was going over every step of the routine in his mind as Bob had outlined it.

"Can you remember all that?" Bob's voice interrupted Don's thoughts.

"I've memorized every step of it, I think," Don said, grinning with confidence.

"OK. Here we are now," Bob said, as he pulled the service truck alongside the curb and parked in front of the house.

Audio but No Picture

Everything went smoothly, according to plan, and Bob had already switched the TV set on. The screen of the 21in. B/W console lit up with a bright raster but no picture showed. Bob switched the tuner to all local channels and the screen was the same. The audio seemed strong on all channels as Bob turned up the volume briefly and then backed it off again. Then he switched the set off and glanced at the service order card. Following TROUBLE SYMPTOMS printed on the card, he read: "good audio but no picture."

He stepped to one side of the set, removed the power cord from the wall outlet and then the two men, facing slightly forward, lifted the set, moved it forward slightly and turned it about 45deg to the left. The right rear leg (viewed from the back) was about 18in. from the wall.

Don picked up the large dropcloth from the caddy, spread it on the floor back of the set and placed the tools and cheater cord on the right top corner of the drop-cloth. He then stepped to the left.

Now Bob moved quickly behind the set, picked up the hex-head wrench and Don noted that the first screw he removed from the set's back cover was just below the ac interlock. Bob then picked up the Phillips-head screwdriver and removed one of the eight screws having captive washers that held the back to the cabinet-the screw in the top left corner. Don also noted that Bob continued to remove the screws in a counter-clockwise direction until the seventh screw, top right, was removed. Then Bob's left hand suddenly grasped the "bump" on the back which covered the CRT socket. He then removed the eighth and last screw, the one at the top center of the set's back. Suddenly again, Bob's right hand relieved his left hand which went quickly to the interlock, pulled on it lightly and the back came off. Bob then placed the back against the wall out of the way to the right. Don had noticed by his wristwatch that Bob had removed the TV's back in less than one minute.

Bob then turned to Don and whispered, "did you notice how the back was removed?"

"Sure did," Don said.

"Remember the procedure and do it the same way every time. The screw at the top is removed last to prevent the back from turning to one side or dropping down and cracking up something on the CRT neck. Of course, you don't have to worry too much about this on most modern wide-angle, short-necked CRTs—but you have to watch it on some old sets," Bob said. "Besides, if you remove the screws in a regular way each time, you'll do it faster after awhile."

"Now we'll see if we can fix this set. We think the video output tube is defective. This set uses $\frac{1}{2}$ of a 12AU7 as video output. Give me a 12AU7, please," Bob said. When the defective tube was replaced, the picture came in good. "The mirror," Bob said.

Bob removed a pencil from his shirt pocket and began to tap lightly on one tube after another, watching the screen in the mirror. The screen flashed two or three times and Bob said, "6AX4 please." Don removed one from the caddy and handed it to him.

Bob then showed Don how to remove the front safety glass. He then cleaned the CRT face and the glass. Bob adjusted the vertical height and linearity controls slightly.

Finally, Bob said, "I think that's it. Now I want you to replace the back on the set," and he removed the cheater cord, rolled it up neatly, picked up the mirror and placed both in the caddy.

Don experienced some slight difficulty with the interlock for a moment but quickly replaced the interlock screw, the middle-top screw, then continued replacing the other screws. When he had finished he picked up the tools, rolled up the large drop-cloth and placed everything in the caddy. The two men then moved the set back to its normal position near the wall.

Bob Morkin explained to the ladyof-the-house what had been done to the set. Since this was a new, first-time customer, he went into details, explaining about the replaced tubes, cleaning the screen and the adjustments. He explained about the service charge.

"The \$5.95 charge for service," he said, "is our cost of providing you with honest and efficient service. It includes a portion of the rent and electricity at the store. It includes a portion of my salary, cost of operating the service truck, cost of tools and many other necessary operating expenses. Our company makes little or no profit on service calls at the price we charge ..."

The lady interrupted Bob and asked, "What if one of the tubes you replaced burns out?"

"If that happens within a 90-day

period you get another tube free," Bob answered. "But don't misunderstand me," he added quickly. "The tube is free because the manufacturer gives us another if it fails within the 90-day period. But the manufacturer won't pay us for putting the tube in your set. The cost of service remains the same. The charge will be the same as it was today."

The lady's brow puckered slightly, but she smiled and said, "That seems logical and fair, but why do you need two technicians on a service call?"

"Here it comes," Don thought, "now Bob is stuck!" But Don underrated Bob's human-relations and business know-how.

"We don't need two men," Bob said quickly. "Don here," he said, turning to me, "has studied TV servicing for more than a year in technical school but he is an apprentice —a technician in training. He's like an intern—a doctor in training at a hospital. It will be three or four years before he'll be allowed to make a service call alone and be entrusted with the responsibility of repairing your TV or Hi Fi. Our company pays him a salary for doing other work around the shop—but none of his salary comes from servicecall charges."

Bob gave the set owner the two old tubes explaining that one of them, the 6AX4, would probably test OK on a "drug-store" tube tester but it had a defect and was replaced *before* it broke down and caused another service charge. He also explained that a TV set—any TV set—could break down without warning at any time.

The two men left the house and entered the service truck. Bob Morkin called the shop on the two-way radio and recorded two calls for the afternoon. Then the truck took off eastward across town to the next service call on the list. Bob and Don had been in the house a full half hour. Alone, the call would have taken Bob only about 20 minutes.



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amount of positive delayed AGC voltage fed to the tuner and this is controlled by the 2nd IF collector current. Bending of vertical lines usually indicates an overload condition. Check the AGC control for proper adjustment and then check AGC circuit voltages - following manufacturers' service notes. Pay special attention to sync and keying pulses from the flyback. Scope checks here will speed your work in locating faults.

The vertical output stages on some solid-state TVs have a bias

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control that must be set in conjunction with the height and linearity controls. Check manufacturers' service manuals when adjusting these controls. In this set, the vertical oscillator will lock at 30Hz instead of 60Hz if Y201 fails. This will place the vertical blanking bar in the center of the screen and also cause the vertical hold to be very soft.

Procedures for troubleshooting the audio section of this set are the same as for an FM transistor radio. Signal injection works wonders. Many TV manufacturers supply a circuit template for rapid location of components and test points (see Fig. 11). This, along with "roadmap-



Fig. 11-Circuit template is used to locate components and test points quickly.

ping" which appears on the circuit board, can speed your checking processes.

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