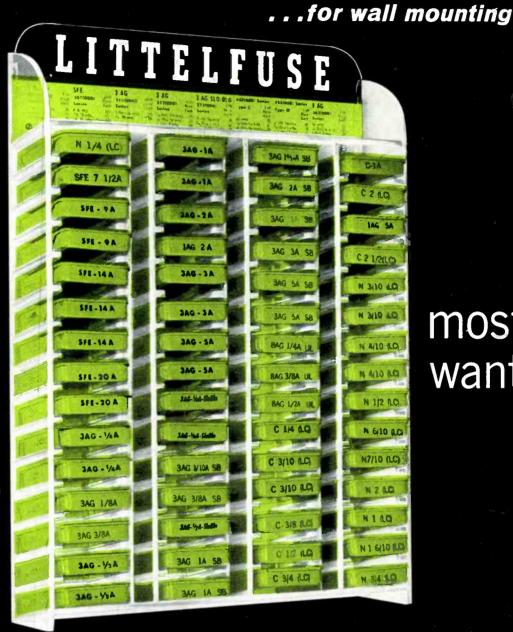


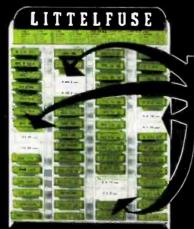
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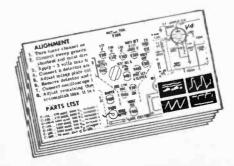
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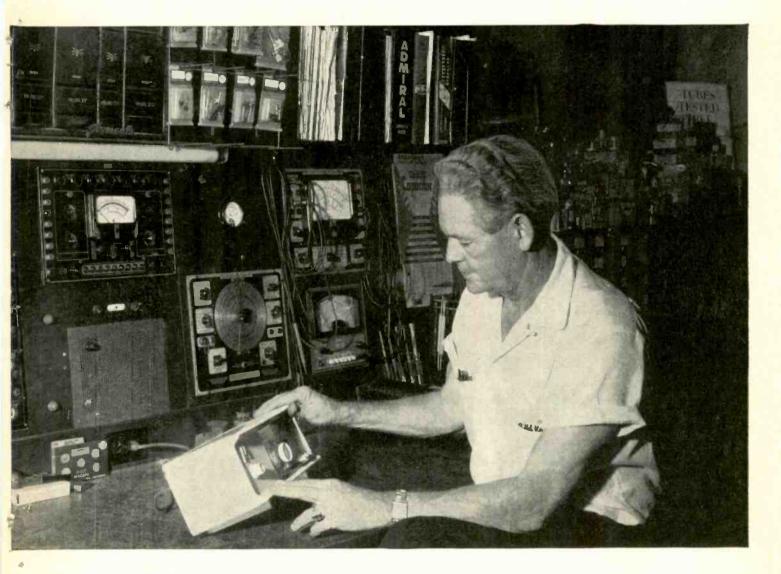
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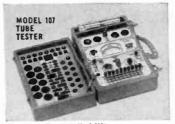
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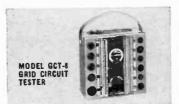
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Editor's Memo



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"The public be damned"—Commodore William Vanderbilt.

In this day of corporate enlightenment—community relations, charitable contributions, aid to education, etc.—it comes as a surprise to find a business giant that withholds product information beneficial to its customers.

I'm referring to Sears, Roebuck and Co., which is practicing a new and insidious version of Captive Service. It's done very simply. By restricting the amount of service data made available to independent service dealers, it becomes more difficult or costly for independents to compete with Sears' own service in repairing Silvertone sets.

Of course, this adversely affects the consumer since service is not made as readily available in local TV shops. Free enterprise competition is not given an opportunity to be fully exercised. Recently we asked Sears to make

Recently we asked Sears to make service data available to us, so we could pass it on to our readers. They refused to do so unless impossible conditions were met. The devious excuse would require us to promise prompt publication of "all of the data . . . of all schematies (television, radio, stereo and tape recorders) in the Silvertone line." The *italics* and parentheses are Sears', not mine. It would be like printing a Sears catalog.

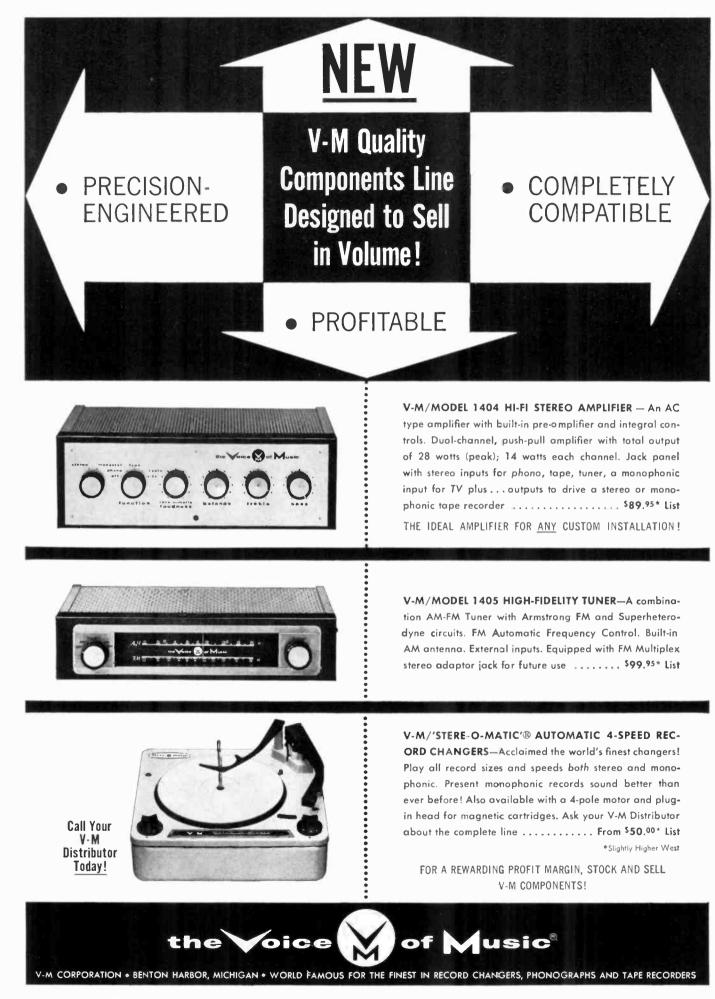
I know of no other significant company selling TV sets that has such a short-sighted, selfish, Captive Service policy. Every set maker is glad to disseminate service data to independents. Montgomery Ward is pleased to cooperate. For the sake of their own customers, all companies are glad to provide data to independents; that is, all except Sears.

The reason for Seams' negative attitude toward independents doubtlessly stems from solid economic motivations. Consider how Sears has been expanding its own service department. On top of repair profits, customers who charge their bills on the Sears credit plan are socked an extra 18% per year in interest.

Sears has a perfect right to operate its own service department. But holding back service data to independents thinly veiled excuses notwithstanding is about as arrogant a bit of corporate policy as has come down the pike in a 'ong time.

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Rat Race

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN: Give us more articles on the business end of this rat race. All good technicians are mostly poor businessmen. We really don't know cost accounting. Keep up the good job you are doing. C. R. COUCH, JR.

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Address Correction

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

We wrote to Peerless Radio as listed in the Japanese radio directory on page 38 of your December 1959 issue. Our card was returned. Maybe you have the wrong address.

E. A. SMITH

Lauraville Radio Baltimore, Maryland

• Our apologies. The correct address is: Peerless Radio Distr., 92-32 Merrick Road, Jamaica, L.I., New York.—Ed.

Marine Radio Precaution

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN

I read the article "Precautions for Installing Marine Radios" in your January issue, and want to point up a mistake that has been made by many technicians trying, as the expression goes, to make an honest buck in someone else's field—mine. The paragraph on noise suppression states that a capacitor should be installed on the generator from armature lead to ground and/or field lead. Prior to installing the and/or part on the field lead, the customer should be asked if he has any spare generators lying around the keel of the boat, or the trunk of the car. Undoubtedly, he will be needing it within several months, if not within several hours.

We have found it best to use coaxial capacitors in the armature lead. So far as the field lead is concerned, a 3 to 6 ohm resistor in series with a 0.004 micromicrofarad capacitor connected from field to ground usually does the trick.

DAVID GOODMAN vice

WLAK Electronics Service Lakeland, Florida

• Perhaps reader Goodman meant microfarad instead of micromicrofarad, since most instructions call for a 0.002 microfarad or larger capacitor with a 4 to 6 ohm resistor in series to ground. In some cases, r-f series choke coils are recommended, as well as coaxial capacitors.--Ed.

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Printed Circuit Problems

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

In your November Editor's Memo you seem to favor printed circuits, which was a surprise. I have spent hours with a jeweler's eye piece, trying to find a crack in an intermittent set until I'm half blind. Then you do find the break. By the time you get it back in the cabinet, you have the same thing happen. I'm even afraid to pull some tubes out, afraid the socket will pull out too. Some tubes that run hot look as though the printed circuit has been on fire. I just wonder what some of these printed sets will look like in 10 years time. In spite of this, I still like ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN.

DUANE TOLBY

Council Bluffs, Iowa

• There certainly are servicing problems peculiar to printed circuits, and some of the early designs are dogs. Most current sets, however, are not so fragile, and have been designed with future servicing in mind.-Ed.

Who's The Guinea Pig?

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

If Consumers Union thinks someone should be the recipient of the title, "Guinea Pig," it must be the service technician who not only has been plagued with harnesses threaded back and forth between two or three part chassis, but also others which must be taken in parts to the shop. Some sets require chassis removal to clean the pix tube. Most technicians are game to tackle everything that comes along, and printed circuits are not an exception. The resentment could not be attributed as much to printed boards as to the method used to introduce them. On the brighter side, many improvements have been cited and more will undoubtedly follow. Accessibility is greatly improved. Hand wiring sets have made greater strides with better parts layout and neater wiring. The manufacturers who have placed their confidence in inde-pendents can be assured that their customers will receive the courtesy and service such companies would like to extend personally.

FLOYD N. STRONG

Strong's TV & Radio Chardon, Ohio

Spare Time Learning

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

I just finished reading Melvin J. Miller's letter in the January issue, complaining about not being able to buy your magazine after "spending \$27.00 of his own money and most of his spare time trying to learn the business." When I get over the giggles, I've got news for him. How in the world can a man spend \$27.00 and his spare time to learn any business?

Hart TV Osciola, Wisconsin BILL HART

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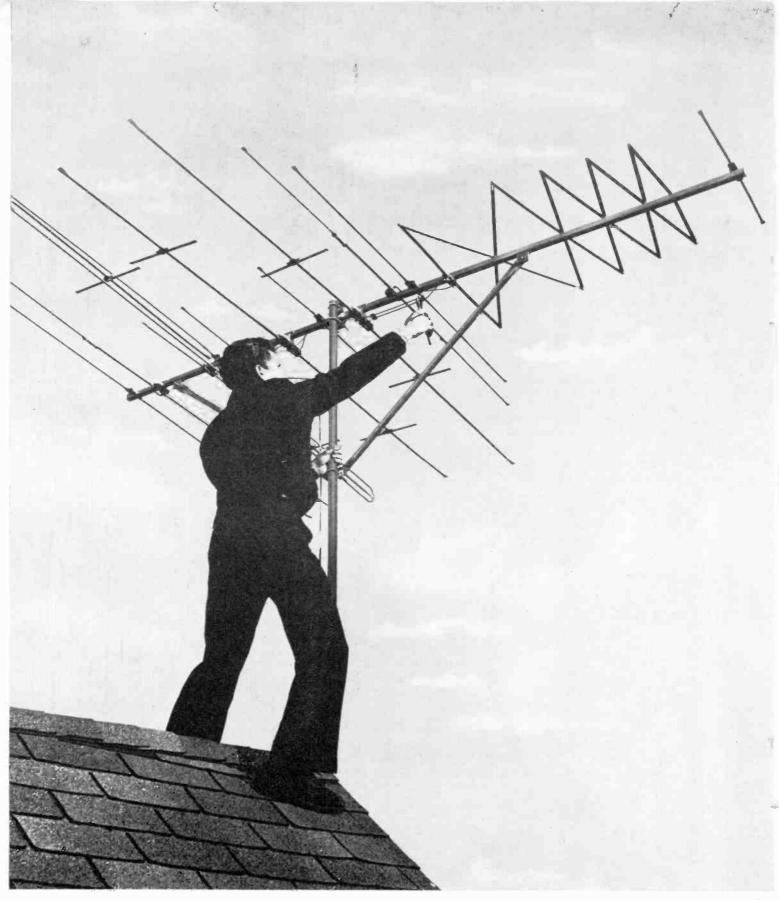
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STANLEY TUHOSKI Turin, New York

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From Canada

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

As a full time radio-TV technician, I would like to express my appreciation of your magazine. Every page gets read and reread, and many of its ideas have been used to my advantage in servicing. I have not noticed many letters from Winnipeg in your columns. I want you to know that you have at least one ardent follower in Central Canada.

Winnipeg, Canada

F. H. FRENCH

News of the Industry

TUNG-SOL reports the following two promotions: RICHARD W. MOHR, Supervisor of Sales Analysis and Controls; and JOHN D. VAN DER VEER, to the newly created post of Mgr. of Govt. Relations.

GENERAL ELECTRIC reports the appointment of five men to positions in the recently established audio products section of the radio receiver dept.: MARSHALL BARTLETT, JR., Marketing Mgr.; GEORGE M. MIESENHEL-DER, Mgr. of Finance; WILL M. QUINN, JR., Mgr. of Engineering; WILLIAM B. SCOTT, SR., Mgr. of Manufacturing; and MARSHALL H. TERPENING, Mgr. of Employee & Community Relations.

RCA Semiconductor & Materials Div. reports three appointments to the staff of the Marketing Dept .: FRANK F. NEUNER, Mgr. Product Distribution & Control; ERWIN B. MAY, Mgr. Advertising & Sales Promotion; and IRVING H. VON ZELOWITZ, Mgr., Semiconductor Planning. The Div. has established the Southwest District Sales Office, with headquarters in Dallas. Sales and application team of the new office will be JULIUS S. LEMPNER, field engineer, and ROBERT T. MAR-CONI, sales rep. RCA INSTITUTES opened a new permanent school in Los Angeles March 1st to train electronic technicians. Located in the Pacific Electric Railway Bldg., the school will be headed by IRWIN A. SHANE, Dir.

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CBS ELECTRONICS has just opened a new warehouse in Newark, N.J., providing 30,000 sq. ft. of space. GORDON BURLINGHAM is Div. Warehouse Mgr.

STANDARD COIL has elected CHESTER J. ANTOGNOLI as Vice Pres. in charge of sales, and ROBERT C. A. ELAND to the newly created position of Vice Pres. in charge of research and development.

WELLER ELECTRIC has appointed LOUIS W. WHITE as Eastern Regional Sales Mgr., with headquarters in Easton, Pa. JOHN J. JOHNSTONE has joined the sales force as detail man in the N.Y.C. and northern N.J. area.

STROMBERG-CARLSON announces the following two executive appointments: JAMES D. MCLEAN, Pres., and ALLAN R. SHILTS to the newly created position of Vice Pres. and Gen. Mgr.

JERROLD ELECTRONICS announced acquisition of substantial stock interests by JOHN L. LOEB, senior partner in Carl M. Loeb, Rhoades & Company, N.Y., and JACK WRATHER, head of the Jack Wrather Organization, Beverly Hills.

UNGAR ELECTRIC TOOLS has been merged into the ELDON group of companies, as the Electric Div. of Eldon. The Div. will continue to be known as Ungar Electric Tools, Inc. and its products will continue to be manufactured and merchandised under the Ungar name.

INTERNATIONAL RESISTANCE sales in 1959 are estimated to have increased approximately 42% over those of 1958 to more than \$19 million. The company is increasing the area of its general offices and main plant at Philadelphia by some 11% to a total of 281,-000 sq. ft. DUANE C. MANNING has been named Mgr. of Engineering Sales in the Pacific Area.

RAYTHEON has announced the appointment of DONALD B. WHITTE-MORE to mid-Atlantic region commercial manager to coordinate sales activities of reps for the six commercial divisions in N.Y., N.J., Pa. and Conn. Three new district mgrs. have been appointed to field posts in the Distributor Products Div. as follows: EDWARD J. KUKULA, Detroit dist.; EDWARD C. MEHM, Philadelphia Distr.; and PAUL B. CUNNINGHAM, Md., Va., Wash., D.C. territory.

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ONE Humdinger OF AN OFFER!

Mr. Serviceman: "Do you have a pile of old, burned-out receiving tubes?"

WE HAVE THE DEAL FOR YOU... SEE NE ...YOUR PHILCO DISTRIBUTOR (turn the page for more details)

PHILCO OLD TUBE TRADE-IN

Here's your chance to turn old, burned out receiving tubes into cash, by trading them in on new Philco tubes you use every day. The more old tubes you have-the better! It's the most sensational tube offer ever!

Bring In your old tubes. For years, Philco has led the industry with TUBE RACKET-SMASHING CAMPAIGNS to help knock out the tube racketeers. This will be the biggest of all – we'll smash all old tubes you bring in. Don't buy another tube until you see me...

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Because the Philco name is symbolic of quality, long-life Philco tubes are the FIRST CHOICE of quality-wise technicians. It will pay you to use them for all replacements-TV, radio and hi-fi. Their proven reliability protects your profits. In addition, the prestige of the Philco name builds customer good will. For top performance in receiving tubes as well as CR picture tubes and all other replacement parts, look to Philco-the first name in electronics...the last word in quality!

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WEBSTER MFG. has moved to 317 Roebling Rd., So. San Francisco, Calif., a location which provides increased space.

AERÒVOX announces the appointment of GEORGE M. ARISMAN, JR. to the office of Vice Pres. The New Bedford Div. has appointed RALPH P. PARKER, Asst. Sales Mgr.

HAAS ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING, under its trade name of HEPCO, will publish "custom" catalogs for individual electronic parts distributors, containing complete product information of only those lines handled by the distributor. **CAPITOL RADIO ENG. INST.** has made the following two appointments: V. T. PACKENHAM, Advertising Mgr., and MRS. HELEN P. ARGENTIERI, Mgr. of Student Services, a new department.

CORNELL-DUBILIER has added H. A. STEINBERG to the sales staff. Winchester 30-30 Repeating Carbines will be awarded to distributors who do an outstanding job on the new "Electromite" miniaturized electrolytic capacitor promotion.

MOTOROLA Semiconductor Products Div. has named CLIFFORD J. WOODKA to the newly created position of Market Research Specialist.



Receiving, industrial and picture tubes • transistors and diodes audio components • and phonographs ERIE RESISTOR has announced the opening of a wholly owned subsidiary, ELECTRON RESEARCH, INC., 530 W. Twelfth St., Erie, Pa., for the purpose of manufacturing semiconductor components and devices. J. W. SCHELL has been appointed Plant Mgr. of the new subsidiary.

Reps & Distributors

CENTRALAB has appointed THE GEORGE KANGAS SALES CO. as its rep in Kans. and Western Mo.

VOCALINE reports the appointment of a new sales rep, the R. G. BOWEN CO., to handle their full line in Wyo., Southern Idaho, N.D., Colo., Utah, N.M., and El Paso, Tex.

BUSSMANN MFG. announces the appointment of ART CERF & CO. as its sales rep in upper N.Y. state, N.J., Eastern Pa., Md., Dist. of Columbia, and Va.

LAND-C-AIR SALES, rep firm, has moved their main offices to 76 Main St., Tuckahoe, N.Y., featuring a combination conference and live show room which will be used for jobber and hi fi dealer sales meetings.

SENCORE held a sales meeting attended by more than 30 reps from all over the nation, during which it was announced that the company would increase their publication advertising by more than 40%.

TERMINAL ELECTRONICS has acquired a new building at 236 W. 17th St., N.Y.C. which gives 40,000 sq. ft. of floor space for industrial sales and purchasing departments as well as warehousing. Their electronic supply house at 85 Cortland St., N.Y.C. will continue to serve for over-the-counter sales.

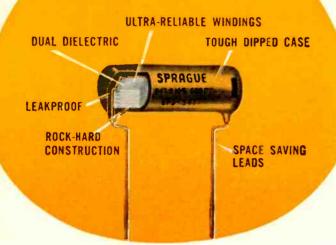
DELTA SALES, INC., electronic sales reps in the Ind.-Ky. territories, has been formed by a merger of THE KENNETH C. REINHARDT CO. and the J. C. KEITH CO. Principals of the new corporation are KEN G. REIN-HARDT, Pres.; G. M. WILSON, Vice Pres.; J. B. MOORE, Secy.; and JACK C. KEITH, Treas.

ERA has scheduled a manufacturerrep sales promotion session during the IRE Show for the morning of March 23rd at the Park-Sheraton Hotel, N.Y.C. The Northern Calif. Chapter has elected the following new officers: FRANK LEBELL, Pres.; WILLARD M. NOTT, Vice Pres.; ED W. BRANDT, Secy.; and WILLIAM A. MELCHIOR, Treas. Elected at the National Convention, Feb. 10-13: WALLY SHULAN, Pres. of ERA. (Continued on page 24)

NEW

ORANGE-DROP®

DIPPED DIFILM[®] CAPACITORS FOR EXACT ORIGINAL REPLACEMENT



THIS NEW ... MINIATURE ... DIFILM CAPACITOR OUTPERFORMS ALL OTHER DIPPED TUBULAR CAPACITORS!

SPRAGUE DIFILM does it again! First to give you at regular prices the finest molded tubular capacitor made—the DIFILM BLACK BEAUTY... and now the newest DIFILM capacitor—the ORANGE-DROP dipped capacitor.

SPRAGUE ORANGE-DROP CAPACITORS are especially made for easy installation in tight spots ... where only an exact replacement will fit. They are the exact same dipped capacitors used by leading manufacturers in many TV sets.

WHY ORANGE-DROPS BEAT HEAT AND HUMIDITY

Sprague Orange-Drop Mylar-Paper Dipped Capacitors combine the proven long life of paper capacitors with the effective moisture resistance of film capacitors. Their duplex dielectric of kraft paper and polyester film is impregnated with HCX®, Sprague's exclusive hydrocarbon material which saturates the paper and fills voids and pinholes in the film before the HCX polymerizes. The result is a solid, rock-hard capacitor section which is then double-dipped in bright orange epoxy resin for moisture protection. Leads are neatly crimped for easy installation on printed wiring boards. SPRAGUE ORANGE-DROP CAPACITORS are a natural teammate for the molded Difilm Black Beauty[®]. Black Beauties, born out of engineering to tough missile standards, are still far and away the best replacement capacitors—better than any other molded or dipped . . . paper, film, or film-paper combination . . . capacitor made for entertainment electronics.

Where a dipped capacitor is called for, no other dipped unit can match the ORANGE-DROP. Your distributor is stocked with all popular ratings in 200, 400, 600, and 1000 volts in handy Sprague Kleer-Paks. Order some today.

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profitable service management

AS YOU WANT TO BE WITH NEW PSM* METHOD!

*PROFITABLE SERVICE MANAGEMENT

Earn the good things of life for yourself and your family by following the Profit signposts on every page of General Electric's PSM* Method! The engraved Certificate which says you have completed this instruction program, will mean new success for you as a TV technician.

Says Dr. John K. Pfahl of Ohio State University, under whose direction the new General Electric program was prepared: "The electronic service dealer must be, at the same time, a technician, good businessman, and sales manager." You learn step-by-step how to realize these aims, by following General Electric's Profitable Service Management Method. You are shown how to assure a satisfactory profit margin, not merely

hope for it-how to increase business by methods others have found unfailingly effective.

In the LP record "Sounds of Success" you will hear from the lips of experienced TV technicians just how they have built greater incomes. After completing the two volumes of instruction that make up the study course, a questionnaire is available to check your acquired knowledge, prior to receiving your Certificate.

All come handsomely packaged for your bookshelf. Check the highlights of General Electric's PSM* Method given below! Then see your G-E tube distributor! Distributor Sales, Electronic Components Division, General Electric Company, Owensboro, Kentucky.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MANY **SUBJECTS YOU WILL STUDY:**

BOOK NO. 1. "SOUND BUSINESS PRACTICES"

BUSINESS FOR PROFIT: Your reasons for owning a business...How much money should you make?...How to make your business profitable.

PLANNING YOUR BUSINESS: Planning expansion...Cash planning...Shop planning.

ORGANIZING YOUR BUSINESS: Overhead costs ... Pricing...What it costs you to make a service call ... What it costs you to make a shop repair... Inventory control... Credit organization...Choosing a form of organization.

CONTROLLING YOUR BUSINESS: Why use records?... What records are needed...Taxation...Use an accountant.

BOOK NO. 2. "SELLING ELECTRONIC SERVICE"

ARE YOU ATTRACTING NEW CUSTOMERS?: Attracting new business...Businesslike appearance...Effective selling ... Good identification...Basic market research.

PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS: Advertising technique... Advertising campaign planning...Special offers...Seasonal planning...Customer contact.

KEEPING YOUR CUSTOMERS SATISFIED: Customer relations...Customer grievances...Guaranteeing repairs...Building new customers.

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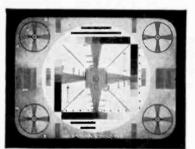
(Continued from page 20) SOL ALLEN has established a new manufacturers rep organization at 1 East Main St., Bayshore, N.Y.

PURCHASING AGENTS of the Radio, Television & Electronics Industries elected a new slate of officers for 1960 as follows: Pres., ARNOLD SUT-TA, Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp.; Vice Pres., EDWARD KOVACS, Republic Electronic Industries Corp.; Treas., ABE SCHNEIDERMAN, Olympic Radio & Television Corp.; Recording Secy., JULES LONDONER, Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp.; Corresponding Secy., BIAGIO TRIM-BOLI, Telechrome Mfg. Corp.

Catalogs & Bulletins

CAPACITORS: Specifications and performance characteristics of miniature and subminiature aluminum foil capacitors are covered in Bulletin 81558. Separate standard rating and selection charts for the aluminum encased and ceramic encased capacitors are listed by size and voltage rating. International Electronic Industries, Inc., Box 1368, Nashville, Tenn. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN B3-3)

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TV TIPS FROM TRIAD

NO. 6 IN A SERIES

Joe, the Junior PTM, said, "How can you afford to stock TV parts, Bill?" He waved his arm around Bill's well-equipped shop.

"Some parts help me save time," replied Bill, "and I figure that time is about all I have to sell. Take this job I am working on: Sound ok, no boost or high voltage. So far I have eliminated such items as the fuse, tubes, drive, open cathode or screen circuits, and a half dozen other items without finding the cause. That leaves two possibilities: defective flyback or yoke. Since I can test both by substituting either one, I will naturally sub the easier item — which is the yoke."

"Don't you have to have thousands of yokes on hand to do that?" asked Joe.

"No, the yoke you use for substitution must be known to be good, and be within twenty percent of the inductance of the original. It doesn't have to be installed on the picture tube for the test. Less than a dozen yokes provide for nearly all tests, and in a majority of cases also serve as the replacement."

"You learn something new every day," Joe said.

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MORAL: If you would like to know more about testing flybacks by substituting yokes, ask your Triad Distributor or write the factory for PTM #3. If you are interested in which yokes make good test units ask for the YP-8 Yoke Pack information sheet. **Triad Transformer Corporation**, 4055 Redwood Avenue, Venice, California. **POSTER**: Headlined "Everyday is Independence Day for you and your Independent TV service dealer," is a new $17" \times 22"$ red, white and blue poster. Available free from the firm's distributors or direct from Sprague Products Co., North Adams, Mass., by requesting Poster RP-22 and enclosing 10¢ to cover the cost of handling and mailing.

SERVICE SHOP SHORT CUTS: The third edition of tips for the serviceman. "Stan Cor's Corner," contains 38 service shop short cuts. It offers illustrated ideas, gadgets and service hints. Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., 3501 W. Addison St., Chicago 18, Ill. (ELEC-TRONIC TECHNICIAN B3-2)

TUBES: A tube substitution guide, in the form of an 8-page, $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ", booklet lists 416 tubes and the appropriate substitute or substitutes for each. Data for over 100 foreign tubes are included. Vis-U-All Products Co., 460 Eastern Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids 6, Mich. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN B3-9)

BANNER: A giant size, multi-color banner carrying a TACO TV antenna sales message, measures 27" x 45". It has a supporting crossarm with braided gold hanger rope for window or wall display. Technical Appliance Corp., Sherburne, N. Y. (ELECTRONIC TECH-NICIAN B3-8)

TUBES: Application Note AN-184 has for its subject: Recommended Handling Procedures For All-Glass Picture Tubes. Outline sketches of three sizes of TV picture tubes, showing vulnerable "hoop" area, are included. RCA Electron Tube Div., Harrison, N. J. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN B3-6)

ANTENNAS: A new 1960 complete catalog brochure, a black, blue and gold folder, contains catalog sheets on: TV indoor, TV outdoor and auto radio antennas; portable TV and hi-fi tables; bar stools and safety ladders. Snyder Mfg. Co., 22nd & Ontario Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN B3-7)

SEMICONDUCTORS: Expanded to 36 pages, the second issue of the firm's Semiconductor Directory, lists diodes, tunnel diodes, rectifiers, germanium transistors and silicon transistors. Selected schematics are included. Lafayette Radio Electronics Corp., 165-08 Liberty Ave., Jamaica 33, N. Y. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN B3-4)

CAPACITORS: New catalog sheets on Mylar paper capacitors and metallized Mylar capacitors include graphs, illustrations, life data, sizes and other technical information. Plastic Capacitors, Inc., 2620 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago 14, Ill. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN B3-5)

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THIS EASY SIGNAL INJECTION POINT-TO-POINT DIRECT VIEWING WAY

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NEW Model A107 DYNA-SWEEP CIRCUIT ANALYZER

Saves many hours of service work. Provides vertical and horizontal sync and driving pulses that enable you more easily and quickly to check out every stage in the sync and sweep sections of a television receiver.

Tracks down troubles in the horizontal and vertical output circuit including defective output transformer and yoke; checks for shorted turns, leakage, opens, short circuits, and continuity. Includes unique high-valtage indication. Eliminates trial and error replacements.

Model A107 Dyna-Sweep. Companion unit for use only with B&K Model 1075 Television Analyst for driving source.

Net, \$49.95

 Model 1070 Dyna-Sweep. Same as Model A107 but has its own horizontal and vertical driving pulse, and is used independently of the Model 1075.
 Not, \$69.95

TELEVISION ANALYST

New Technique Makes TV Servicing Easier, Faster, More Profitable

Thousands of service technicians already save thousands of hours every day with the amazing B&K TELEVISION ANALYST. Enables you to inject your own TV signal at any point and watch the resulting test pattern on the picture tube itself. Makes it quick and easy to isolate, pin-point, and correct TV trouble in any stage throughout the video, audio, r.f., i.f., sync, and sweep sections of black & white and color television sets—*including intermittents*. Makes external scope or wave-form interpretation unnecessary. Enables any serviceman to cut servicing time in half, service more TV sets in less time, really satisfy more customers, and make more money. Color generator provides both rainbow pattern and color bars.

MODEL 1075 TELEVISION ANALYST. Complete with standard test pattern, white dot, white line, and color-bar slide transparencies, and one clear ocetate. , Net, \$25995

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PILOT introduces the PSV-2 3-way speaker system @ \$69.50. Enclosure is 18" H x 15-3/8" W x 9-3/4" D. It includes a 12" LF driver, 6" midrange and 3" tweeter. Rating is 30 watts program power, range 50 to over 16,000 cps. SHURE extends its deadline for stereo conversion from Dec. 31 to May 31. It's free to owners of M12 or M16 mono arms who buy an M21 stereo cartridge.

GENERAL ELECTRIC audio products section of the radio receiver dept. is being transferred to existing facilities in Decatur, Ill. Included are the home phono operation in Utica, and components in Auburn, N.Y.



Model D-200

Automatic Voltage Regulator

will make you money and save you grief

It's easy to sell. There have been units similar to this on the market before at prices upwards of \$75.00. The new PERMA-POWER Automatic Voltage Regulator has a list price of \$9.95—so any TV set owner can afford it ... and any customer plagued by picture flutter, shrinking, flop-over, loss of brightness, and other similar disturbances will *want* it.

It's easy to use. This new unit insures top performance of TV sets by *auto*matically returning full height and width to pictures when distorted by low line voltage. Whenever the line falls below 110 volts, it *automatically* boosts line voltage 10 volts—and it *automatically* feeds the line direct for normal voltages. You don't have to worry about the customer's forgetting to switch the voltage regulator when the line is normal; this new PERMA-POWER unit switches automatically!

It's easy to install. You plug it in, and it's ready to work; goes on and off with TV set. Compact and lightweight, it has no tubes, ballasts, relays, or other moving parts to fail; and it's fully guaranteed for one year. Can be used on any TV set or appliance rated up to 300 watts. See it at your distributor today.



ELECTRO-VOICE will package its needles in individually encased styrene plastic boxes, with needles bedded in plastic foam.

BOGEN-PRESTO names Lawrence J. Epstein, ex-Unitea Audio, as sales and merchandising manager of hi-hi and professional products.

GELOSO releases literature on its "Slim Jim" microphone line, including the M62 @ \$48. Ratings are 60-14,000 cps, sensitivity -54 db.

FERRODYNAMICS has completed a pilot plant to produce video-instrumentation tape. Pres. Fred Kantor reports hi-fi tape sales at nearly \$1 million, annually.

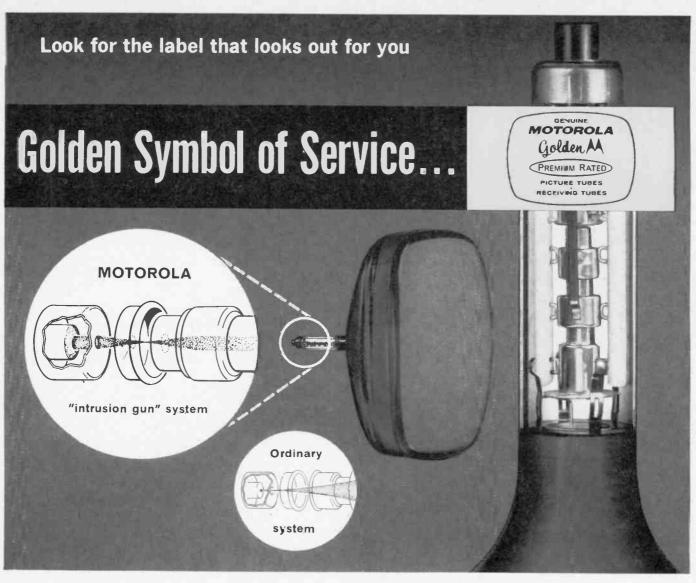
FAIRCHILD & BELTONE RE-CORDING report a process to produce LP discs which can be played stereo on stereo phonos, mono on mono players. Records will be marketed as "Design Compatible Fidelity" under Design Records label.

WEBCOR is offering free Arthur Murray dance lessons and LP record language courses with the purchase of its recorders and phonos. It is also conducting a dealer contest, Feb. 1-April 1, with first prize of \$1000.

NEW OFFICERS have been elected by the Institute of High Fidelity Manufactur-ers. Herman H. Scott, pres. of H. H. Scott, was elected director and chairman of the board. Ray V. Pepe, James Lansing vp, was elected vice pres. and director, and will function as acting president until a special election is held. New directors are Saul Marantz of Marantz Co., Donald Plunckett of Fairchild, and Raymond Ward of Shure. Continuing directors are Joseph Benjamin of Bogen, Milton Thalberg of Audiogersh, William Grommes of Grommes and Walter Stanton of Pickering.

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New Golden "M" Tubes up to 10 times more reliable THAN ORDINARY PICTURE TUBES

New Tube-Saver Electron Gun ends main cause of tube failure! It draws electrons from effective area on cathode over 10 times as large as ordinary cathodes... greatly reducing breakdown of cathode emission area. Peak amperage drops from 2 milliamps to .2 milliamp. Exclusive Electron Gun shoots a 50% smaller picture-producing dot to increase brilliance and clarity.

Result? The most reliable tube ever! Next time you need tubes, buy Golden "M"[®] Picture Tubes. They're premium rated, yet cost no more.





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REK-O-KUT announces a Feb. dealer contest offering a Tropical Holiday trip to Nassau. Photos of the best window or island display must be in by March 1.

LANGEVIN is making two of its broadcast type amplifiers available to consumers. Model HF138S 8-watter is \$192. HF128S 20-watter is \$219.

CLEVITE publishes the Walco 1960 needle catalog covering different cartridge brands, needle manufacturer cross-reference and phono models.

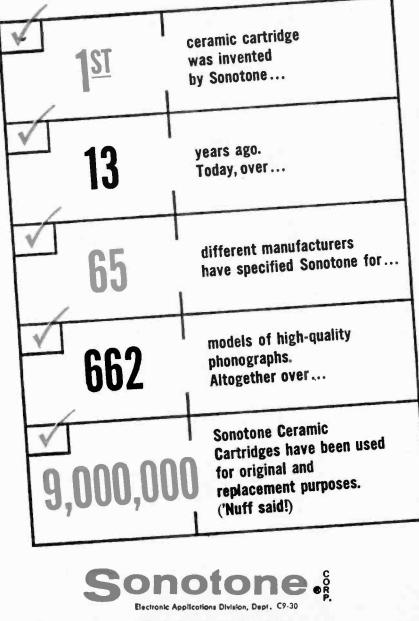
TELEX introduces the Dyna-Twin dynamic headset for teaching and communications. Response is 50-15,-000 cps, sensitivity 80 db above .00204 dynes/sq. cm.

ALLIED RADIO announces the Knight 812A 12" 2-way speaker @ \$69.50, and 815A 15-inch 2-way @ \$89.50. 815A rating is 20-20,000 cps, 50 watts, resonance 25 cps. The company also publishes 36-page booklet, "This Is Stereo High-Fidelity," available for 25¢.

ADVANCE ACOUSTICS announces the development of the 440 Bi-Phonic Coupler, a coneless speaker system which diffuses sound front and back. According to Pres. Abraham Cohen, the unit causes a wood panel to vibrate like a violin body. Price through limited franchise dealers is under \$135.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION of 2362 hi-fi specialists reported by NCO revealed the following pattern: New England, 142; Mid-Atlantic, 479; South Atlantic, 255; South Central, 299; East North Central, 420; West North Central, 178; Mountain, 127; Pacific, 414; Alaska, Hawaii & Canada, 48. Total nationally is 2362. Top state by far is California, with 344 hi-fi specialists. Largest 1959 increase was in New York, up 64 to 282.

What's the latest score on cartridges?



ELMSFORD, NEW YORK

In Canada, contact Atlas Radio Corp., Ltd., Toronto

Leading makers of fine ceramic cartridges, speakers, microphones, electronic tubes.

Buss and Fusetron Fuses

... help you safeguard your reputation for Service and Reliability!

Undoubtedly, you take pride in the good name your business has established for sales and service . . . and try to avoid handling any products that could result in customer dissatisfaction . . . which in turn can affect your sales curve.

That's why it doesn't pay to gamble with fuses that could be faulty and create trouble for you and your customers — either by failing to protect and causing useless damage to equipment, or by blowing needlessly and causing unnecessary shutdowns. With BUSS and FUSETRON fuses safe, dependable electrical protection is assured. Before one of these fuses ever leaves our plant, it is electronically tested to make sure it is right in every way... to make sure it will protect, not blow needlessly.

When you sell or install BUSS or FUSETRON fuses, you can forget about customer complaints and costly call-backs. You are sure too, that you provide your customers with the finest electrical protection possible which, in turn, helps protect your reputation for service and reliability. To meet all fuse requirements, there's a complete line of BUSS and FUSETRON fuses in all sizes and types...plus a companion line of fuse clips, blocks and holders.

For more information on BUSS and FUSETRON Small Dimension fuses and fuseholders, write for BUSS bulletin SFB.

BUSSMANN MFG. DIVISION, McGraw-Edison Co. University at Jefferson, St. Louis 7, Mo.

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BUSS fuses are made to protect - not to blow, needlessly. BUSS makes a complete line of fuses for home, farm, commercial, electronic, electrical, automotive and industrial use.



ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN

As a general rule, most industries go through three stages as they mature, each with its own attendant problems.

First, there is the development stage. This encompasses scientific discovery, experimentation and product design. Though these functions usually continue in the stages to follow, in a basic sense they occur once and are responsible for the genesis of an industry.

Second, there is the marketing stage, which concerns itself with the problems of getting products into the hands of customers. The sales pattern and merchandising techniques are of prime concern to management.

The third stage is financial, a period demanding sophisticated understanding of the most efficient means for allocating resources. Effective cost accounting, critical business analysis and solid investment management are the order of the day.

What is particularly interesting about the structure of the electronic field is that different industry segments are in different stages, almost as if they were different industries. Rapid technological changes have contributed to making this come to pass.

Consumer radio-TV designs have become well established, and the sales and service structure has firmed (first and second stages). In the present third stage, set manufacturers and service dealers alike must concentrate on evolving efficient financial methods to produce satisfactory profits, while giving the consumer the most for his money. For technicians this means effective shop management, inventory control, cost analysis and investment in up-to-date equipment.

Hi-fi components are an interesting case in point. With the development of widely available stereo units, we enter the second stage area of setting up sales channels to the mass of consumers. Currently there are only a few thousand outlets selling hi-fi components. Service dealers can open many thousands of new sales outlets to reach large population segments which have been virtually untapped. And hi-fi servicing can be quite profitable.

Industrial electronic controls is an area representing the first stage of developing devices to help industry meet its production needs. Both independent and factory-employed technical specialists are learning how to keep industry's electronic equipment in good working order. The means for marketing the potential of electronics to industry at large is in its earliest stages. The growth opportunities for industrial electronic technicians are impressive indeed.

These then are the three faces of industry—development, marketing and financing. Their impact on every business, whether one-man shop or giant manufacturer, demands that every business manager indulge in some critical self-appraisal to see where he is going.

The Three Faces of Industry

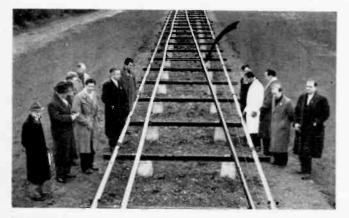
Tuning In the

PUBLIC AFFAIRS should be of prime interest to every citizen. One service dealer, Antonio Catavolo, proprietor of Elm Radio and Vice Pres. of ETG of Massachusetts, takes full page advertisements in the newspaper to encourage improved education. Here is a small sample: "Johnny has become a pig in a beautiful pig-pen—stuffed with garbage, soon to be set adrift, unprepared. The teachers are glorified baby sitters because they cannot overcome tradition, custom, fear of progress. They are not properly equipped and cannot produce desired results ... parents should insist on the use of modern, up-todate improvements in audio-visual aids ... to encourage, to educate every student."

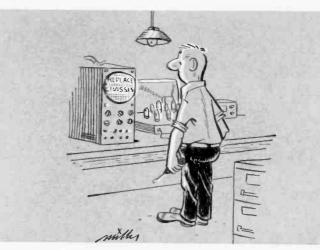
AUTO ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE protection for radio and TV reception is the result of a new cooperative action by motor vehicle producers, the Automobile Manufacturers Association. The TMA Board of Directors has recommended to U. S. car, truck and bus makers that a concerted effort be made to suppress interference-producing electrical radiation in all motor vehicles, based on new standards established by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

UHF TV production has been requested by the FCC. The commission wants Congressional permission to require manufacturers to make TV sets capable of ultra-high frequency, as well as the normal very high frequency reception. A Senate Commerce subcommittee was also asked to approve appropriation of \$2,500,000 for a study, largely in New York City, into means of increasing the quality and range of UHF broadcast.

TV THROUGH A PIPE



TV pictures are being transmitted more than half a mile (3,600 ft.) through a hollow metal pipe (arrow) 3 inches in diameter. Developed by ITT to provide simultaneous transmission of 400 TV channels or several hundred thousand telephone conversations, the "pipe" system is expected to ease burden of existing communication facilities.



CAPEHART is reportedly planning to introduce a line of TV and stereo consoles before midyear. This line was discontinued sometime ago. The company is said to be planning to market its products through a maximum of 500 dealers, and is setting up franchised service agencies to install and maintain the equipment. The units will carry a 90 day in-home service warranty in addition to the one year parts warranty.

ELECTRONIC AIR CONDITIONERS and refrigerators may be produced by at least nine electronic manufacturers in Japan by next summer. Applying a theory that some semi-conductor elements alter air temperatures when placed in contact with other semi-conductors, engineers of these firms believe they will be able to turn out elements which can be used efficiently for home air conditioners and refrigerators.

STATE PRISON officials, following a riot at Wethersfield, Conn., uncovered a secret radio network, run by and for prisoners and used to keep check on guards' movements. The network's tiny transmitters sent voice signals to other inmates' radios, but the weak transmissions did not penetrate the prison walls.

FOREIGN ORIGIN LABELING is urged by the Import Study group of the Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers, Inc. Companies handling foreign-made electronic components should make certain that the country of origin is clearly marked on products, packing, advertising, and literature, in compliance wih Federal Trade Regulations outlawing deceptive trade practices. These requirements apply to all levels of supply, from the manufacturer to the ultimate user. INTERCONTINENTAL TELEVISION may soon be possible, according to the Air Force Cambridge Research Center. An experimental program by the Navy and Air Force showed that there was a radio pipeline about 5,000 feet above the South Atlantic Ocean, which can carry radio voice and TV-type signals with very little loss between South America and Africa. Until now, dependable year-round un-distorted transmission of signals in TV frequencies for long distances over oceans has not been possible. A world atmospheric data study pointed to other such radio ducts-between California and Hawaii; Cape Verde in Africa and Puerto Rico; in the Indian Ocean; and from the Philippines to Australia. Such ducts provide a broad transmission band, capable of accommodating voice and visual signals with little distortion.

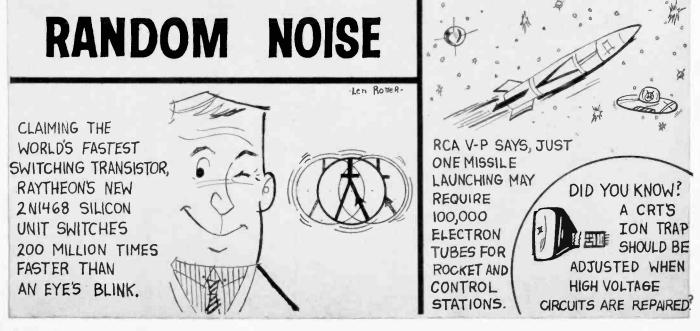
Picture ...

DEALER in New Orleans is reported to include a hidden charge of \$3.00 on portable stereo units to take care of servicing, for 90 days. The hidden charge for consoles is \$15.00. The owner states that while he may lose an occasional sale because the hidden charge increases the price beyond competition, he finds that the relations with customers are improved.

SUPERSENSITIVE TV CAMERA TUBE, the new image orthicon GL-7629, is interchangeable with standard tubes, but requires only 1/10 to 1/20 the light, announces GE. Usable for black-and-white, it promises to extend the application of color TV.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 16-18: Electronic Industries Assoc., Spring Conference, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- Mar. 21-24: IRE National Convention, Coliseum and Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, N.Y.
- Mar. 24-25: IRE Professional Group on Human Factors in Electronics, 1st Annual Symposium, Bell Telephone Laboratories Auditorium, 463 West St., New York, N.Y.
- Mar. 27-31: Scientific Apparatus Makers Assoc., Annual Meeting. Boca Raton Hotel, Boca Raton, Fla.
- Apr. 4-7: 1960 Nuclear Congress & Atomic Exposition, New York Coliseum, New York, N.Y.
- Apr. 7: Instrument Society of America, Digital Computors Clinic, Philco Corp., Willow Grove Plant, Willow Grove, Pa.
- Apr. 18-19: Conference on Automatic Techniques, Sheraton Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Apr. 20-22: S.W. IRE Regional Conference & Electronics Show, Shamrock-Hilton Hotel, Houston, Tex.
- Apr. 29- Producers of Associated Components For Electronics, May 1: Annual Meeting, Nevele Hotel & Country Club, Ellenville, N.Y.
- May 2-4: National Aeronautical Electronics Conference, Baltimore and Miami Hotels, Dayton, Ohio.
- May 3-5: Institute of Radio Engineers, American Institute of Electrical Engineers and Association for Computing Machinery; Western Joint Computer Conference, Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.
- May 9-12: Instrument Society of America, Instrument-Automation Conference and Exhibit, Brooks Hall, San Francisco, Calif.
- May 10–12: Electronic Components Symposium, Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C.
- May 16-18: Electronic Parts Distributors Show, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, III.



Install Antenna Lightning Protection

Protect Property With Correct Antenna Placement, Wire Routing, Grounds And Lightning Rods

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• Although antennas can invite lightning to strike, they shouldn't create a lightning hazard. Damage to nearby property—and even lives can be minimized or avoided by properly grounding the antenna. Each year, lightning in the United States alone causes damage amounting to more than \$120,000,000, kills around 600 people and injures up to 1,500 others. It is the cause of more than 1,500 reported fires annually.

Much is still unknown about

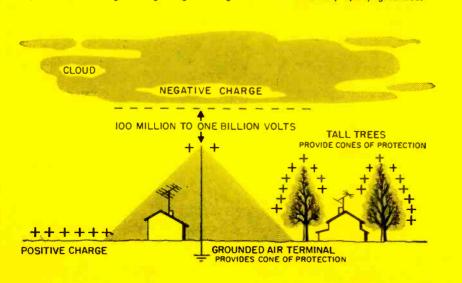
lightning. However, it is believed that lightning is caused by the earth and the lower surface of a cloud assuming opposing electrical charges. The earth is usually (not always) positive, the cloud negative. A huge condenser is formed, with the atmosphere serving as the dielectric. The two points of each, closest to one another, provide a spark gap. When the charge across the spark gap gets high enough (100 million to one billion volts), flashover may occur. Present theories indicate that a small discharge takes place from the cloud to an object on the earth.

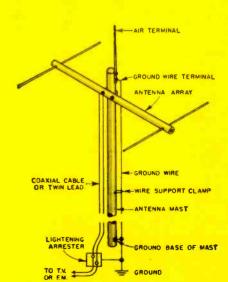
ionizing the air around it and reducing its electrical resistance. This is followed by a big flash in the other direction, from the earth to the cloud, which is comparable to a d-c arc. Experts point out that lightning strokes from the Empire State Building shoot upward to a cloud. But, first there is a *leader* flash from the cloud to the building, which creates the path for the big, upward flash. The current may run anywhere from 250 to 500,000 amperes.

Lightning is most apt to strike a lone object such as a tree, antenna or building which is isolated from

Fig. 1—A metal mast or pole higher than other objects in the area will provide a protective cone against lightning discharges when its base is properly grounded.





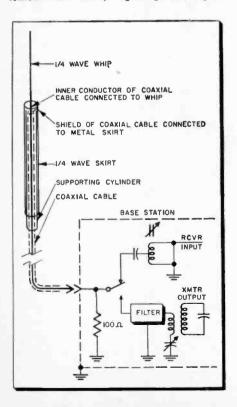


other tall objects, and particularly, if it is on top of a hill. The object which is closest to a charged cloud is most likely to get hit. An antenna on the roof of a building, above other nearby objects, may become one of the electrodes of a spark gap when it is the object nearest to a charged cloud.

At a railroad station in New Jersey, a mobile system base station antenna perched high upon the steeple of the depot was struck so often that the railroad abandoned this otherwise ideal antenna site for one that would place the antenna within the cone of protection of the steeple itself. An antenna was destroyed each time it was struck and the cost of replacement became excessive. The radio equipment, however, was not damaged, since it was effectively grounded.

Treating an antenna for lightning protection does not guarantee immunity from lightning strokes or lightning damage. However, it might prevent a disastrous fire and may reduce damage if lightning does strike the antenna. Aside from lightning, static is drained off. Sometimes these static charges get enormous. A few years ago when the writer was testing a railroad radio base sta-

Fig. 3—A typical vertically polarized coaxial antenna affords little equipment protection from heavy lightning discharges.



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tion in Atlanta, Georgia, he noted that a spark jumped from the coaxial connector at the end of the antenna transmission line to the radio equipment—when the two were disconnected and separated by about six inches. It takes a dangerously high voltage to jump across such a gap. Had the antenna been grounded, it would have been at ground potential and the static accumulation would not have occurred.

Without touching the antenna system, it can be protected from lightning by installing a grounded air terminal (lightning rod) above it. An air terminal, in this case, could simply be a metal pole or other vertical support which extends above the antenna. When the air terminal is properly grounded, it provides a cone of protection to the objects below it within the cone as shown in fig. 1. Another way to do this is to install a tall vertical pipe or metal mast, near but independent from the antenna, so that its top protrudes above the antenna. However, it must be borne in mind that either might cause some distortion of the antenna's directive pattern, if the antenna is vertically polarized.

TV Antennas

TV antennas, which are horizontally polarized, as well as horizontally polarized HF, VHF and UHF communications antennas, can be readily protected by installation of an air terminal above the antenna as shown in fig. 2. Or, when a metal pipe is used for supporting the antenna, the pipe itself can be made to act as an air terminal simply by positioning the antenna about two feet below the top of the mast. It is believed that capping the open top end of the pipe with a metal ball or a sharp spike will make it more effective as an air terminal.

The air terminal as well as the top and base of the mast (particularly when the mast consists of two or more sections) should be grounded to a common ground bus. Details on the ground system will be given later.

When twin-lead is used, a lightning arrester should be installed on the outside of the building, but near the point where the lead-in enters the building. The lightning arrester ground terminal should also be grounded to the air terminal ground.

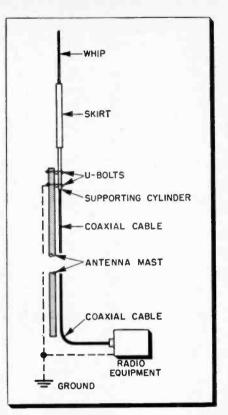


Fig. 4---Lightning protection' is provided by joining the metal cylinder and mast and grounding through heavy gauge copper or aluminum wire. Equipment chassis should be connected to the same ground.

Vertically Polarized Antennas

A communications antenna is grounded, partly at least, via the shield of the coaxial cable or hollow transmission line-if the radio equipment chassis is grounded. As shown in fig. 3, the radiating element of a typical vertically-polarized base station antenna is not grounded adequately to afford any appreciable lightning protection. It can be seen that when the antenna plug is disconnected from the radio equipment, the whip and skirt of the coaxial antenna are insulated from each other as far as d-c is concerned. When the plug is connected, the antenna whip is grounded to the equipment chassis via either the transmitter or receiver input circuit or a resistor as shown in fig. 3. The antenna skirt is grounded to the equipment chassis via the shield of the coaxial cable.

In the event lightning strikes the antenna, it will probably seek out the whip. Very high current will then flow through the center conductor of the coaxial cable, the coaxial connectors, the shunt resistor (if there is one), the antenna relay contacts and through the receiver or transmitter antenna coil, depending upon the setting of the relay. This current will undoubtedly be so high that the cable's inner conductor will burn out. There have been cases reported in which the conductor of a rubber covered wire had completely disappeared without apparent damage to the insulation. It is quite likely that the stroke would destroy the

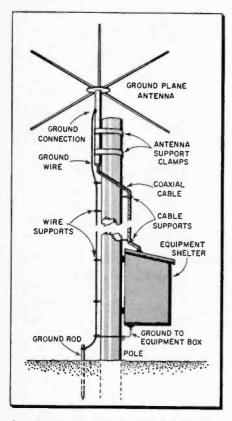


Fig. 5—Heavy gauge copper or aluminum wire from a ground-plane antenna base to a heavy rod driven deep into the earth will give optimum protection from lightning.

antenna and transmission line and cause extensive damage to the radio equipment.

Fig. 4 shows how such an antenna can be treated to provide better lightning protection. The metal cylinder which protrudes downward from the antenna skirt, and which is attached to the antenna mast to support the antenna, should be grounded through a solid copper or aluminum wire. This grounds the lower half of the antenna. Static charges are dissipated to ground via the radio equipment's antenna circuits, if the equipment is grounded. Preferably, the equipment chassis should be connected to the same ground as the antenna protection ground.

The same kind of treatment may be applied to a ground plane antenna. The base of the antenna, where the ground plane radials and supporting hardware meet, may be grounded in the same manner as above. See Fig. 5.

Some mobile system base station antennas have a certain amount of lightning protection built in. The Unipole, for example, employs a trombone-type U-shaped vertical radiating element. One end of the U is connected to the center conductor of the coaxial cable leading to the radio equipment. The other end is connected to the ground plane of the antenna. For d-c, the radiating element is grounded, but not for r-f at the operating frequency. By grounding the antenna base, the entire structure is at d-c ground potential.

The Bendix lance antenna contains an internal matching stub which applies a d-c short circuit across the two halves of the antenna. Grounding the supporting hardware grounds the entire antenna. Some antennas are provided with a built-in lightning arrester in the form of a toothed lock washer whose points come close, but do not touch the inner conductor of the antenna cable.

In some special antenna designs, a top cap is provided which is above the vertical radiating element and can be grounded. Maximum protection is afforded by extending a grounded element above the antenna radiating sections. With conventional vertically-polarized antennas, this is difficult to do without causing distortion of the antenna's radiation pattern.

Wire Antennas

It has been common practice for almost half a century to use lightning arresters in connection with outdoor antennas made of wire. When properly installed, some protection is afforded. If the antenna wire protrudes above surrounding objects, it may be struck. The arrester may prevent damage to the radio equipment, and then again it may not. It will, however, aid in bleeding off static accumulation on the antenna.

Greater protection can be obtained by installing one or more air terminals as shown in fig. 6. An air terminal is installed on the top of each antenna mast. Each may be grounded independently. However, if the distance between the two masts is small, they should be connected to the same ground.

Grounds

When feasible, only one ground should be used; the radio equipment, lightning arrester, air terminal, antenna mast (if metal) and antenna supporting hardware being connected to the same ground. The best ground connection is usually a cold water pipe with connection made near to the point where it enters the ground. Obviously, a sturdy ground clamp should be used. When a cold water pipe is not available, a 6-foot ground rod may suffice if the ground is moist. When the ground is dry, several ground rods should be installed radially and connected as shown in fig. 7. Sometimes this is impractical and improvisations may be necessary.

In areas where the land is dry, it may be difficult to obtain a low resistance ground. In such cases, adequate grounding, as far as lightning

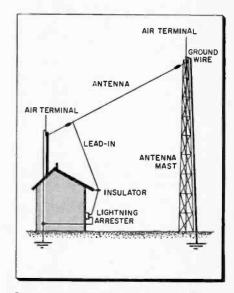


Fig. 6—A greater degree of protection can be made available for base station equipment by erecting air terminals on all masts.

protection is concerned, may be obtained by installing several ground rods or burying wires which extend radially from a common point. In some instances, a counterpoise is used. A counterpoise, as old timers in radio will recall, is used in lieu of a ground and consists of an array of wires resembling an antenna, placed near, but above the earth's surface.

The ground wire, ideally, should run straight down from the antenna to ground. Kinks and bends offer high impedance to the sharp leading (Continued on page 57)



Difficult Service Jobs Described by Readers

Heaters Too Cool

When called to service a Motorola TS-410A chassis, the complaint was a dim raster, small picture and a vertical fold-over at the bottom—plus weak sound. Since a B+ fault was suspected and the set had solderedin selenium rectifiers, it was brought to the shop. Our experience has indicated that merely changing seleniums in the home without a thorough check of electrolytic filters, circuit load, etc., plus a regular heat-run, results in a high call-back rate.

I checked the B+ with a VOM and it was right on the nose-250

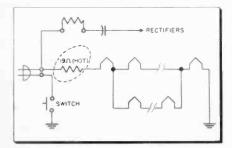


Fig. 1—The temperature coefficient changed on this "globar," resulting in lower-thannormal voltage on tube heaters.

volts! B+ boost was low, however. Our shop routine specifies checking all tubes at this point and after replacing a few that checked faulty, including a 12BH7 vertical tube and one sound tube, the set's sound returned to normal. But now there was a bright horizontal line across the screen.

Subsequent vertical circuit checks revealed that the new 12BH7 had just gone out. After replacing this tube again the set now worked exactly as it did when first brought in —including weak sound!

I again checked B+ boost and

found it low. Inspecting the horizontal oscillator and amplifier section revealed that their 150 volt B+line was below normal, with low drive at the horizontal output tube's grid. A re-check of the higher B+again confirmed it to be 250 volts!

Attacking the sound section, I next changed the 25L6 audio output tube, though it tested "good" on the tube checker. The 150 volt B+ rose to normal.

Again using a VOM, I began checking along the boost line, eventually arriving at the 12BH7 vertical tube. The drive on pin 7 was near normal.

While sizing up the situation and lighting what I considered to be a well-deserved cigarette, I observed that most of the tube heaters appeared to be throwing off a little less than the normal amount of light. This is crazy, I thought to myself, as I reached for my VOM probes.

A check of the tube heaters, according to specifications, indeed indicated lower than normal heater voltages throughout the string. Since all tubes showing any faults had previously been replaced, I next checked the globar resistor, shown in Fig. 1. It was obvious the globar's resistance was too high when hot.

After replacing the globar, both the set and I resumed normal operation in every respect.—L. C. Kisor, Beaverton, Oregon.

TV Antenna Completes Circuit

I answered a service call on a Crosley TV model 10-421MU, with the complaint, "poor vertical hold and horizontal slipping." Replacing the sync amplifier and horizontal afc tubes I adjusted the horizontal phasing. (In order to perform the latter it was necessary to remove the chassis from the cabinet.) After making this adjustment the set appeared to work fine.

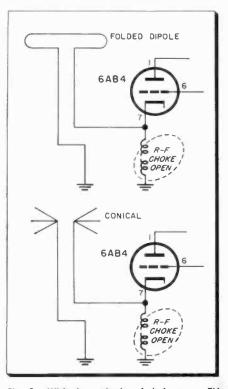


Fig. 2—With the cathode r-f choke open, TV set worked on a folded dipole antenna—but didn't operate on the customer's conical.

Replacing the chassis in the cabinet I turned the set on and the picture was snowy. I then substituted the tuner tubes—with no improvement. After checking the leadin and antenna, I removed the set to the shop.

Connecting the set to the antenna and turning it on, the picture came in clear and sharp—with plenty of

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Service That Audio Amplifier

Additional Test Equipment & Different Service Approach Needed For Hi-Fi Repairs

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• Audio amplifiers are frequently dismissed by TV service technicians as one of the simplest circuits to repair. In view of the relative complexity of television circuitry, this attitude may be warranted. Accordingly, better-quality audio amplifiers should be a snap to service, yet TV specialists shy away from this work.

How can this contrary condition exist? Simply because hi-fi work is perfectionist service, while TV work is not. Where radio-TV owners have a reasonable degree of tolerance concerning the operating condition of their sets, hi-fi owners are abominable perfectionists. It isn't unusual to find possessors of hi-fi equipment listening for defects, rather than music.

Consequently, the TV service approach to hi-fi does not suffice. Getting the sound back to the intelligible point is not enough. Proper equipment (which most shops already have) and an intelligent, patient service technique are fundamental *musts* when applying audio amplifier repair knowledge to quality sets. In addition, the labor charges must, of necessity, be higher.

Test Instruments

Where qualitative analysis is needed, accurate test equipment must be used. Basic audio test equipment consists of: oscilloscope, sinesquare wave generator, a-c voltmeter, and the normal complement of other equipment, such as capacitor-resistor decade boxes, VOM, dynamic tube tester, etc.

There isn't any limit to "accuracy"

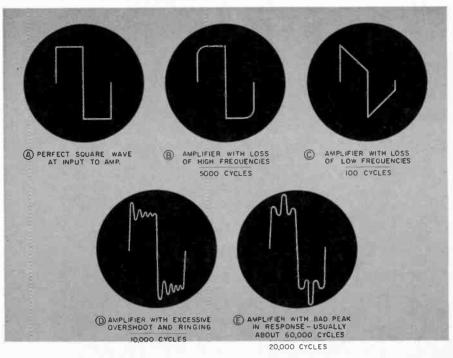
in instruments. Invariably, you get what you pay for, give or take some individualized features. The more accurate the instrument—the less interpretation of readings will be necessary. Even a grossly inaccurate piece of equipment can give fairly correct results—if you have the time and patience to learn the instrument's direction of error and compensate for it. This, of course, is not desirable.

Audio work requires a scope exhibiting a bandwith of 20 to 50,000 cycles in the vertical section, although it is more desirable to have a scope with a response from d-c to about 200,000 cycles or more. In the latter instance, the scope can serve the dual purpose of checking for proper square wave response of an amplifier as well as for TV alignment applications.

Other characteristics of the scope are as follows: the trace should be thin and bright. A sine wave applied to the vertical amplifiers should not appear distorted on the screen. The sweep oscillator in the scope should synchronize easily with the applied signal.

A second vital piece of equipment is the sine wave signal generator. The distortion must be negligible.

Fig. 1—A illustrates a perfect square wave fed to the input of an audio amplifier. B through E are waveshapes that can appear at the output of the amplifier, indicating various degrees of deficiencies. D and E may indicate instability.



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Observe the waveshape on an oscilloscope to check that no trace of distortion is apparent. If there is any intention of doing careful work with distortion analyzers, the measured harmonic distortion of the oscillator between 20 and 20,000 cycles should be in the vicinity of 0.1%.

20 to 20,000 cycles is the minimum acceptable frequency range of any audio oscillator. A more desirable range is from below 10 to more than 100,000 cycles. The output should be flat within 1 or 2 db over the complete range.

A square wave generator is useful for checking bandwidth, power peaks or excessive ringing. Fig. 1 shows an idealized square wave as well as the waveshapes resulting from the aforementioned conditions. Approximate frequency response checks can be made rapidly with a square wave generator. Sine squarewave generators in one unit are commercially available which can serve well in ordinary troubleshooting functions.

It is advisable to have an a-c voltmeter with a frequency response wide enough to monitor the input and the output, as well as measure the power delivered by an amplifier to the load (speaker or resistor). It is further convenient to have two such meters-one at the input and one at the output. If one meter is used, an arrangement can easily be devised to enable the switching of the single meter from input to output, as shown in Fig. 2. The economy in using one meter is logical since this instrument must be accurate, stable, and therefore, fairly expensive. Voltage regulation should be an integral part in the circuitry of the meter. Depressed zero type movements are advantageous, although not absolutely required. The most sensitive range should be at least 0.01 volt full scale deflection. A db scale, as well as a voltage scale, should be printed on the face of the meter.

Other Equipment

General servicing instruments are naturally needed. A good multimeter (minimum 20,000 ohms per volt) or VTVM is indispensable. If you obtain a VTVM, be certain that the a-c section measures peak-to-peak voltages. This will add flexibility as well as supplement the RMS reading a-c monitor meter previously mentioned.

A tube tester measuring dynamic

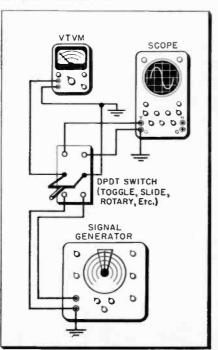
conductance is a convenient piece of equipment. A unit with a micromho scale will be helpful for matching output tubes. Avoid emission type testers for quality audio work since they will not give as conclusive information concerning the condition of a tube.

A capacitance and resistance decade box is a real time-saver. This investment will repay itself many times.

An additional equipment aid peculiar to audio service work is a quality hi-fi set-up. Unlike TV or radio, which are complete within themselves, hi-fi equipment is frequently in component form. This being the case, it is imperative that the audio technician have the means for testing the various supplemental units used with the "heart" of a hi-fi system, such as tuners, record changers, etc. Sometimes the difficulty is not in the audio amplifier, although symptoms may indicate that it is; and vice versa.

Therefore, it is most helpful to have a quality audio amplifier, with separate preamplifier for added versatility, a properly enclosed hi-fi speaker (or quality head phones) and a sound source, such as tuner or record player. This equipment, like all test equipment, should be maintained in excellent operating condition.

Fig. 2—A DPDT switch conveniently switches the VTVM input to output, Input and output circuitry grounds are independent to avoid interaction. Low capacity shielded wire should be used for connections.



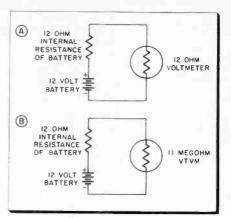


Fig. 3—Erroneous readings can result due to the effect of different meter resistance loads. In A, a 12 ohm voltmeter measures six volts. The 11 megohm VTVM in B measures 12 volts across the battery.

Troubleshooting

The most economical audio amplifier troubleshooting procedures come with ease after many years of experience. The procedure outlined may seem needlessly long at first glance. However, experience will prove that following the step-bystep procedure and applying logic in each case will eliminate wasteful effort.

The vacuum tube is the component most likely to go bad. Before proceding with any circuitry tests, check all the tubes. This can best be accomplished by substitution of known good tubes in the amplifier.

After being convinced that all tubes in the amplifier are good, the next logical step would appear to be signal tracing. By chance, this may point out the defective stages. Signal tracing can be very misleading unless the operation is performed with a thorough knowledge of the audio circuit under test. Complications due to feedback loops dictate that signal tracing should be postponed as a means of troubleshooting and used only when other methods fail. [Technicians are divided on this point. Many do prefer the signal tracing method.-Ed.]

The logical step is to check all the voltages in the amplifier with respect to B- ground. An effective procedure is to start at the power supply and work back from the output to the input stages. The cathode voltage is an indication of whether or not a particular tube circuit in question is operating. A second indication is the presence of a voltage drop across the plate load resistor.

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Uses For **Closed-Circuit TV**

It's well known that closed-circuit TV has many applications, both present and potential. Such systems can be used in education and homes. industry and commerce, sports and transportation, and on and on.

Presented below is a list of applications prepared by Sylvania's Argus Cameras division. Well over 100 uses are presented ... and the surface has just been scratched.

Education

Teach multiple classrooms-1 teacher Project complicated experiments Church overflow Language teaching Observation of children in school for hlind Microscopic & telescopic work

Industrial

Plant security Supervisory aid Time Study Inspection work Observation of furnaces Use on large boom cranes Power plant night watchman Expedite inspection & change notices Watch nuclear reaction Watch drop testing Observe all dangerous tasks Use in mines Inventory control Observe blasting conditions Observe ground structure in drilling wells Monitoring coffee hour & tardiness Icy conditions on power lines Observe movement & erection of beams on construction jobs

Sidewalk superintendents

Home

Supervise children in pools, sleeping, etc. Observe ill people Home amusement Check on baby sitter Home shopping Door monitor

Department Stores

Sales Training Stop pilferage, pick pockets Observe stock depletion Displaying of wares Store monitor Monitor cashier & registers Observe customer reaction Observe for burglars

Marine Work

Underwater observation-marine life Construction & inspection of bridges, dams, flood control areas, etc.

Submarine accessory to avoid mines Shipboard operation-loading-unloading Check docks, visible clearance on locks,

floating logs, etc.

Farms, Kennels, Stables, Zoos

Wild life studies Observe cattle in barn Close observance of small chicks Observe animals in zoo, check on animals in dens, reduce watchmen Veterinarians to observe sick animals Observe horses in stable

Sports

Golf—observe swing Bowling—watch ball break on alley Life Guard on beaches Rifle & archery ranges-check hits Horse racing, boat racing, track, base-ball, football, swimming meets, etc. to observe close-up action and finish

- Medicine
- Clinic work-to observe groups Observation of operations for teaching Observe patients in hospital
- Microscopic displays
- X-ray work-transmit plates
- Silent page for calling doctors
- Dental work

Extend view of patients in iron lungs, etc.

Police Work

Police and fire training Observe inmates in jails and penitentiaries

Use in banks-have police control

Game wardens—to check legal catch Allow guards to monitor larger areas

- Check vaults-for burglary and locked-
- in persons
- Extra line-up for police work. No bright lights and easy transmittal to other areas

TV camera & infra red for night work Observe men in solitary

Monitor own radar station

Museums for guarding art

Advertising

Advertising medium for sale of TV Barber shops to show waiting time Display restaurant menu

Monitor kitchen to patrons

- Put screen on outside to show what's going on inside
- Monitor in large restaurants to locate empty tables
- Use as artificial windows

Trains

Car control at yards Check hot boxes on moving trains Locate trains in storms Check bad weather in snow and in mountains Control switching Periscope for rear view on trains

Scenic display to passengers

Traffic Control

Subway & train control

- Freight traffic-trucks, airlines, buses Bus companies to check time & num-
- ber of buses past stops

Parking ramp to locate spaces Elevators & escalators—have camera on

- each floor Taxi dispatching-install at hotels, air-
- ports, etc.

Customs people to inspect under cars Check weather & road conditions ahead Point out dangerous areas & blind spots

Reservation desk & schedule observation

Automatic intersection—control traffic TV on trucks or docks for backing up Rear view mirror on automobiles

Military

Install on planes for elimination of blind spots

Miniaturize and use in spy work Ground observation

Observe gun crews—check efficiency Observe front lines

Miscellaneous

Fire fighting equipment

Observation of forest fires Information transmittal from record rooms

- Kinescope & recording
- Rescue squads to locate explosives, gases
- Stock market ticker tape observation On amusement rides for ground observation

Part II

Measure Your Service Operations

Survey Gives TV Service Dealer Business Comparison Tool

For Advertising, Tube Sales, Hours Worked, Annual \$ Volume

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• Last month, G.E.'s extensive survey of business practices among radio-TV service dealers covered characteristics and pricing of TV service work. Another phase of this study, and equally important, is the operating details of the service business. This includes: advertising media, hours worked, dollar investment for equipment, gross receipts, etc. How you compare with others in your profession can help you analyze future business directions.

1. Types of advertising done regularly.

Yellow pages ads and newspaper ads are the most popular types of advertising in all city and dealer size groups, as indicated in Table I, with direct mail also very important in large cities. Dealers in small cities tend to be greater users of newspaper and radio advertising and lesser users of direct mail than dealers in large cities.

It is interesting to note the large numbers of dealers who do no advertising. As might be expected, most of these are small dealers. These dealers may have sufficient work available without advertising, may have insufficient means to pay for ads, or may feel that reputation and word-of-mouth communication is sufficient.

Large dealers tend to do more of all types of advertising than do small dealers. Speculating on the cause and effect relationship here, it is possible that large dealers are larger because they advertise more than smaller dealers.

2. Percent of receiving tubes sold over-the-counter.

There has been a slight downward trend in over-the-counter sales over the past four years. Over half of service dealers surveyed sell less than 10% of their receiving tube volume over-the-counter. On the other

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TABLE I

Percent of Service Dealers Using							
By City & Dealer	Yellow Pages	News- paper Ads	Direct Mail or Handbills	Radio Spots	Bill- boards	TV Spots	None
Over 100,000							
Under 1 Technician	53%	22 %	33 %	3%	_	and the second se	25 %
1-3 Technicians	60	37	44	5	7		9
Over 3 Technicians	88	68	60	20	_	4 %	12
10,000-100,000							
Under 1 Technician	65%	27%	30 %	11%	3%	-	22 %
1-3 Technicians	80	62	32	19	16	_	6
Over 3 Technicians	85	79	37	26	5	5 %	5
Under 10,000							
Under 1 Technician	50 %	39%	24 %	13%	4 %		33 %
1-3 Technicians	75	71	29	20	14	_	16
Over 3 Technicians	na	na	na	na	na		na

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TABLE II

	Average Hours p	er Week
By City Size	1955	1959
Over 100,000		
population	59	54
10,000-100,00	0 56	53
Under 10,000	53	52

TABLE III

Volume Added by Each Employed Technician		
By City Size	Gross Annual Volume*	
Over 100,000 population 10,000-100,00 Under 10,000	\$11,000 12,000 6,500	\$1,050 1,500 850
By Dealer Size 1-3 Techniclans Over 3 Technicians * Figures above show		1,400

TABLE IV

DEALER SIZE	AVERAGE EQUIPMENT			
TECHNICIANS	1955	1959		
ONE	\$1,000	\$1,500		
1-3	\$1,500	\$2,300		
OVER 3	\$ 2,300	\$3,400		

TABLE V

	Percent of Dealers		
	Store	Home	
By Dealer Size	Front	Shop	Other
Under 1 Technician	60%	37 %	3%
1-3 Technicians	88	11	1
Over 3 Technicians	92	4	4

Stop TV-Radio Interference



Fig. 2—A professional type noise locator permits rapid location of interference sources.

Identify, Locate & Correct TVI and Radio Disturbances

JERRY WELLS

• Interference complaints received by the Federal Communications Commission last year totaled more than 18,000. This figure, no doubt, represents only a small fraction of interference difficulties, since most persons do not bother to contact the FCC.

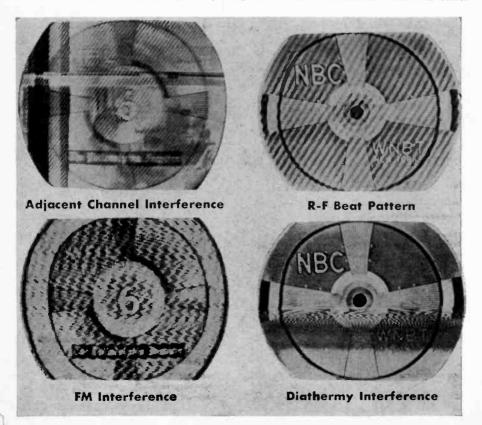
Visual and aural irritants caused by external interference have reached immense proportions. This can be more fully appreciated by knowing that the FCC, even with its comprehensive facilities, sponsors more than 500 cooperative self-help interference committees composed of engineers, TV technicians, amateur radio operators, and others. In addition, a number of technicial societies are engaged in practical interference research.

Using proper techniques, much of this interference can be eliminated or greatly reduced.

Interference Sources

Disregarding interference originating in receiver components, poor antenna connections, and that caused

Fig. 1—Some typical interference patterns as they appear on a TV screen. Each of the forms identified can vary widely, but primary interference characteristics remain the same.



by multi-path reflections, interference is caused by electromagnetic radiations. Sources can be broadly classified as follows:

- 1. Appliances and other electrical devices.
- 2. Electronic equipment.
- 3. Atmospherics.

Types of Interference

Electro-magnetic waves radiated by these devices are diverse in character. The electrical group is composed of more than a hundred different offenders, including fluoresent lights, truck and auto ignition systems, dental drills, shoe repair machinery, etc.

Electrical interference comes primarily from sparking motor brushes and make-and-break circuits, flashing light devices, relays, thermostats, etc.

The electronic group includes AM and FM transmitters of all types, oscillators in FM and TV receivers, TV horizontal output circuits, TV relay "boosters," medical equipment, industrial electronic heaters, etc.

External interference is injected into radio or TV receivers in the following ways:

- Directly through the a-c or d-c supply line, or by radiation from power lines.
- 2. Through the antenna and/or feedline.
- 3. Direct pick-up by i-f stages,

Identifying Interference

Before interference can be reduced or eliminated, it is helpful to know how to identify electrical and electronic types. The sound of *electrical* interference from the speaker of a radio or TV approximates the normal background noise. The fact that it generally covers the entire tuning dial or appears on a number of TV channels is the most revealing clue.

Electrical interference on the TV screen may appear as black horizontal streaks, or as black and white dots and dashes, depending upon radiation intensity. It may cover the entire screen or be arranged in one or more horizontal bands. For example, an ordinary light bulb, when oscillating, is somewhat similar to twin Barkhausen oscillations, but appears horizontally across the screen instead of vertically—indicating it's low frequency emission.

The sound of *electronic* interference usually stands out prominently from the receiver's normal background. It can be identified by its audible "whistles," with varying degrees of pitch, and its highly selective tuning characteristic. On frequency modulation, audible whistle may have a bubbling or distorted quality. As previously mentioned, reference is being made only to *external* interference—not to internal receiver faults that frequently create similar sounds.

On the TV screen, electronic interference may appear as a black

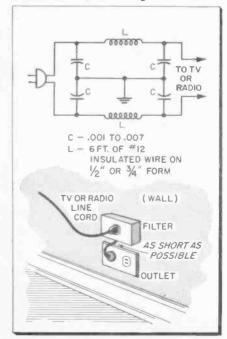


Fig. 3—A pi-type filter between the wall outlet and a TV or radio, suppresses h-f interference received through the a-c line.

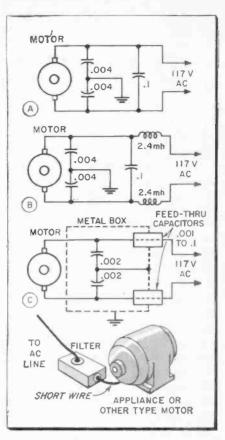


Fig 4 (A)—Delta type filter suppresses interference caused by sparking motor brushes, (B)—Similar filter with h-f chokes, (C)— Using feedthru capacitors enclosed in a metal box gives maximum suppression.

horizontal bar, covering approximately one quarter of the screen; (as strong diathermy) or as a herring-bone, zig-zag pattern, (weaker diathermy).

Other types of horizontal bars may be caused by AM interference. Alternate white and dark vertical or diagonal lines, frequently called "cross-hatching," is caused by some types of c-w interference, including harmonics beating with the i-f, image or picture frequency. Additional types are indicated by "S" curve patterns across the screen. These lines will vary in width, position and number, depending upon the frequency and frequency variations of the interfering signal. See Fig. 1.

If the interference is on or near an r-f band and is beating with the TV picture or sound carrier, little or no change will take place in the sound or in the interference pattern on the TV screen when the fine tuning control is adjusted.

If the interference is at or near the i-f or image frequency, a slight variation in the fine tuning control will change the tone of the signal and the number of lines in the beat pattern on the screen will increase or decrease.

Locating Interference Sources

Some professionals use elaborate commercial noise locating instruments, as illustrated in Fig. 2. However, many experienced technicans utilize all-wave type portable receivers with non-directional vertical antennas. By attaching an output meter, the direction of an offending source is easier determined by observing signal level variations as the distance from the source varies. Other technicians have provided VHF and UHF coverage to some allband receivers by using converters.

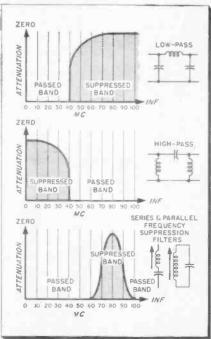
Many electrical sources of interference have been successfully located with nothing more than an ordinary battery portable broadcast receiver, having a closed circuit jack wired in for rapid shifting from speaker to meter.

When faced with an interference problem the technician should first make certain the interference is external from the receiver. Take nothing for granted, otherwise considerable embarrassment may arise.

The next step is to eliminate the possibility of interference originating in the customer's home.

If a battery operated radio is avail-

Fig. 5—Band filters can suppress specific frequency interference radiations at transmitters and TV receivers.



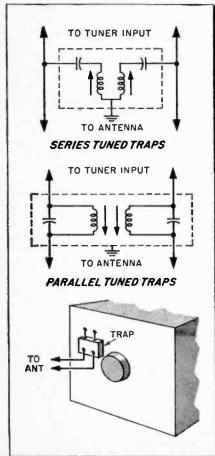
able on which interference can be heard, the disturbance can be isolated in or out of the house by pulling the main power switch. If this type of receiver is not available, the a-c line from each electrical or electronic device in the home can be removed from the outlets, one at a time, while observing the interference on the customer's radio or television.

If the interference is found to be outside the customer's home, then it must be located with hand-carried portable equipment on foot, or with equipment mounted in an auto.

To obtain an approximate "line" on the interference, move away from the customer's home over a circular area, observing if the interference becomes weaker or stronger on the speaker or output meter. The direction indicating an increase in interference strength will generally indicate the direction of the source. It is followed in this manner until located.

Certain types of interference are difficult to locate. For example,

Fig. 6—Series and parallel tuned traps inserted in the feed-line, tuned to the interfering frequency, can eliminate many types of interference in a TV receiver.



radiations from plastic heaters. Their emission intensity and frequency constantly vary, and a "fix" even with a direction finder, is almost impossible. Interference of this character should be reported to the local Cooperative Interference Committee (CIC), Television Interference Committee (TVIC), or to the nearest FCC office.

Once an offending device *is* located, the technician is obliged to reduce or eliminate the interference.

Although best results can generally be obtained by installing proper filter networks at the interference source, a filter at the a-c outlet may prove helpful. Fig. 3 illustrates a pi type filter for eliminating interference being fed to the set through the a-c line. Of course, if the receiver is picking up the interference by radiation from the a-c line this may not prove effective. All components in a-c line filters must be capable of withstanding power drawn by the equipment. The pi type filter is also effective in preventing high frequency harmonics feeding back into the power line from any electronic device.

Two variations of the delta type filter are shown in Fig. 4. This filter can be effective in reducing or eliminating medium and high-frequency components caused by spark discharges at motor brushes. The capacitors are generally not too critical, although for suppressing very high frequency radiations, feedthrough type capacitors are used and all components should be mounted in a metal box, as illustrated in Fig. 4C. The feed-through capacitors are also known as coaxial, thru-pass, bushing, etc., types. Whenever possible, all filter networks should be attached as closely as possible to the device. Capacitor values should be as small as possible, consistent with optimum results.

In addition to normal motor filtering, thermostats, foot-pedal switches, circuit breakers and relays often require their own filters.

Fluorescent lamps can also cause strong interference. Commercial 3in-1 delta type filter units are available. Capacitors should be enclosed in a metal box and grounded. In severe cases the pi type filter, shown in Fig. 3, may prove superior.

In eliminating interference caused by electronic equipment, three basic

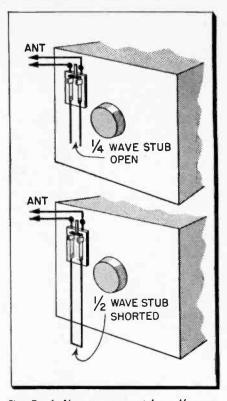


Fig. 7—A $\frac{1}{4}$ wave open stub or $\frac{1}{2}$ wave shorted stub, cut to the exact frequency of the interference, is an effective band suppression trap. If the stub reduces gain when viewing another channel this can be corrected by opening the switch.

filters are available: low-pass, highpass and band suppression types. Filters previously described are essentially low-pass. Basic configurations and graphic illustrations of their individual uses are shown in Fig. 5. These filters can be relatively simple or elaborate in design, depending upon requirements. A number of constant K and M derived sections can be placed together for maximum suppression over specific and wide bandwidths.

To eliminate electronic radiation in an efficient manner, the frequency of the interfering signal should be known. To know the fundamental frequency of the transmitter or other equipment may help in some cases, but interference is not always caused by the fundamental frequency.

TV Problems

All transmitters causing interference must be completely shielded, have a low-pass filter in the a-c supply line, and a properly terminated low-pass filter inserted in the antenna feed-line directly at the transmitter.

If a near-by transmitter is over-(Continued on page 53)



Tips for Home and Bench Service

Long Handle Tweezers

Tool users occasionally need tweezers with a greater reach, more stable holding action, or stronger gripping power. When needed, it is a simple matter to meet these requirements in the following manner:

Tape a tweezer to one jaw of a needle nose pliers or spring type clothespin, as illustrated in Fig. 1. The tweezer should be positioned between the jaws of a plier or

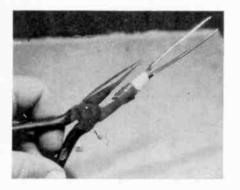


Fig. 1—A simple extension tool can be devised to get those inaccessible screws, nuts, etc., by taping tweezers to long-nosed pliers or a spring-type clothes pin.

clothespin so their jaws are closed when the tweezer jaws are closed, and vice versa.

When using the clothespin arrangement, no pressure is required from the hand or fingers to maintain the tweezer's grip.

This arrangement provides a handy tool—quickly improvised for picking up small objects from inaccessible places.—Glen F. Stillwell, Manhattan Beach, Calif.

CRT Heater Repair

A high resistance solder joint frequently occurs on CRT pins 1 or 12, causing the heater to open. In some cases we have found new CRT's with insufficient solder or cold joints in the pins—rendering the tubes inoperative. The tube, regardless of age, may be perfect in every respect but lack of heater voltage has made it a useless dud.

After trying many soldering methods we found the following procedure to be the most effective:

Using a small fine-cutting rat-tail file and holding the heater pins firmly with long nose pliers, carefully file into the heater pins to a point where the wire protruding fom the glass bulb are exposed. See Fig. 2. File the wire itself slightly—just enough to produce a clean raw surface. Apply a small amount of rosin core solder to the exposed area with a soldering iron, allowing solder to flow into the opening until the area is just filled.

When the job is done in this man-

RAT-TAIL FILE CUTTING INTO FILAMENT PINS

Fig. 2—CRT's with cold-solder filament connections can be permanently saved by baring the pin's heater wires before soldering.

ner there is little chance of a second failure because of a poor joint.— Calvin B. Bailey, Erwin, Tennessee.

Versatile Jig

A commercially available jig for cutting control shafts can be adapted to many other uses by the technician. Fig. 3, for example, illustrates two practical shop applications.

By mounting a control in the jig, it is easy to remove excess solder or straighten lugs.

When not being used for its original purpose, the jig can also serve as



Fig. 3—Ordinarily used for cutting control shafts, this popular jig can double as a "third hand" when lying idle.

a solder dispenser. A large spool of rosin-core solder handles well when placed between the two upright sections shown in Fig. 3. The solder can be pulled through one control opening, as needed—*H. Leeper, Canton, Ohio.*

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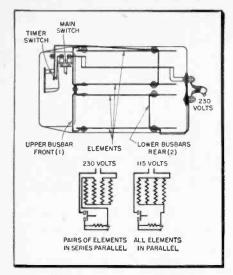


Fig. 1—Toaster elements are usually connected in parallel for 115 volt home use. 220 volt lines are usual for luncheonettes, etc.

Servicing Automatic Toasters

Toaster Repairs Require Electro-Mechanical Know-How

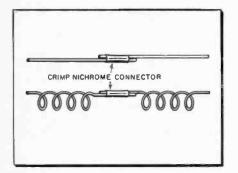
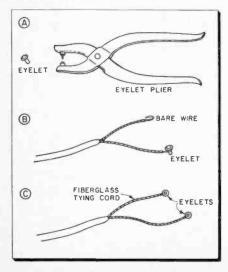


Fig. 2—Broken toaster element leads, or any nichrome heating element, can be repaired by cleaning both ends of the broken lead—inserting into a nichrome connector—and crimping the connector for a firm, non-sparking connection.

Fig. 3—Eyelets, used in conjunction with eyelet pliers, make neat, safe lead terminations on asbestos line cords. When the eyelet leads are secured to a terminal board with screws, the possibility of stray strands causing a short-circuit is minimized.



HAROLD KATZ

• Who owns toasters? Practically every home includes an automatic toaster. Who repairs toasters? A few appliance service organizations, some hardware stores and not nearly enough independent radio-TV companies.

For some obscure reason, the automatic facility of toasters appears forebodingly difficult to the TV technician. He doesn't question his ability to cope with TV antenna installation, installing a new power transformer, troubleshooting complex electronic circuitry, etc., but a piddling toaster repair seemingly destroys his ego. It shouldn't.

Besides having the obvious technical ability to easily service toasters, their mass use presents the technician with a large and profitable potential. In addition, this added service will acquaint people with other services offered by him.

Toasters have few major parts that need repair or replacement. These include a group of heating elements, line cord and timing mechanism. In addition, bakelite frame and handle parts occasionally chip or break, therefore needing replacement.

Heating Elements

Heating elements usually consist of nichrome wire wound on a rectangular pressed mica board. They are usually connected in parallel for 110 volt use, although series-parallel connections are used for 220 volt lines. See Fig. 1. They can become defective through normal use, resulting in a break in the wire, or because of the housefrau's enthusiasm when attempting to dislodge a piece of oversized bread, accidentally ripping some of the element wires. In either case, the particular element that is broken ceases to light and consequently doesn't toast the bread on one side.

Testing for the defective element is simple. Just plug in the toaster, start the operation and observe the location of the unlit element. If the light of the element is not readily perceptible, the technician can place bread in the toaster and notice which side is not toasted.

Disassembly

Once identifying the element, it is now necessary to disassemble the toaster in order to repair or replace it. Depending on the brand of toaster and the technician's familiarity with it, the entire repair should not consume much more than 20 minutes.

Before disassembling the toaster to expose the heating elements (or any other internal parts), the technician should carefully study the toaster's assembly, rather than haphazardly Unlike radio-TV sets, household toasters have few components and, therefore, locating a defective part is comparatively simple. Most frequent failures are exhibited by line cords, nichrome elements, timing devices and switches. The technician planning to enter the appliance service field will find a talent for the "mechanical side" of servicing a definite asset.

removing screws. If passible, the manufacturer's service notes should be referred to until experience with the specific toaster is acquired.

The toaster should be placed on a padded surface when disassembling it to avoid scratching the polished finish of the case. Also, in view of the number of screws and nuts to be removed, some containers should be used to prevent losing them and ease the reverse order of assembly.

Disassembly, although differing from brand to brand, is basically similar for most toasters. The metal case assembly must be removed to expose the elements. In order to do this, a few parts must first be removed. Usually, they comprise the timing button, lifting handle, base and possibly the crumb tray. Once this is done, the case assembly can be lifted away from the basic toaster assembly. Sometimes a little maneuvering is necessary to accomplish this. One word of caution, though, some units include removable bread guards. These bread guide rods may fall out and damage the heating elements if care is not exercised.

As previously stated, disassembly variations exist; however, some forethought should enable the technician to tackle it without much difficulty. Sometimes, the removal solution seems impossible. For example, removing the base screws of some Toastmaster toasters will not necessarily result in easy removal of the base. (Front and back handles are extended to form the base in a particular model.) However, it is really a simple matter to effect removal if one knows how. The bakelite handlebase is provided with a flat bayonet head. To remove, after taking out pertinent screws, it is only necessary to press downward and then out to remove the part. Simple, but deceiving to the uninitiated. And incidentally, a wonderful solution to the "do-it-yourselfers" who invariably break the bakelite part before giving up on it.

Element Removal

Once the shell is removed, the technician has the choice of replacing or repairing an element. If the defective element is from a fairly new toaster and only a single break is located, a repair may be effected, rather than replacing the part. The final choice, however, should rest with the customer. If it is repaired, the service charge is naturally lower, since the customer doesn't have to pay for a brand new element; however, only the specific break repair can be guaranteed, whereas a new element is normally completely guaranteed. In some instances, the customer will wish to have the element repaired in order to either save money or prevent waiting for the part if the technician doesn't stock it.

The elements may be attached to bus bars through asbestos leads attached to it or by metal eyelets which have nichrome wire affixed to it. Whichever the case, remove the screw and nut attached to the terminal post or a bus bar. Then, remove parts, if any, obstructing removal of the defective element. These parts may be bread guards,

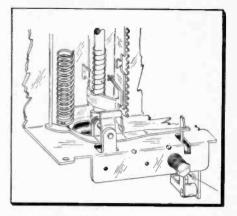


Fig. 4—A popular toaster uses a latch that catches the release lever, preventing popup. As the thermostat heats, the latch slowly moves, eventually releasing the lever.

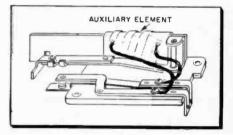


Fig. 5—Timing mechanism of a popular toaster is shown, together with its auxiliary heater.

CHART I

Manufacturers of Automatic Electric Toasters

Arvin Industries Columbus, Ind.

Camfield Mfg. Co. 700 N. Kingsbury Chicago 10, III.

Dominion Electric Corp. Mansfield, Ohio

Dormeyer Corp. Chicago 10, III.

General Electric Co. Portable Appliance Div. Bridgeport, Conn.

Hamilton Beach Div. Scoville Mfg. Co. Racine, Wis. Knapp-Monarch 3501 Bent Ave. St. Louis, Mo.

Landers, Frary & Clark (Universal) New Britain, Conn.

Proctor Electric Co. 700 W. Tabor Rd. Philadelphia 20, Pa.

Sunbeam Corp. 5600 Roosevelt Rd. Chicago 50, III.

Toastmaster Products Div. McGraw-Edison Co. 1200 Charles Rd. Elgin, III.

Westinghouse Electric Co. Mansfield, Ohio porcelain insulators atop element "ears" or any other device used to retain the element within the toaste or to protect it.

On occasion, the screw fastening the element to the bus bar or terminal may be frozen due to the generated heat of the unit. If this happens, a few drops of penetrating oil should unlock it.

Replacing the element requires the reverse procedure accorded removal. If ordering a new element, particular care should be taken to list the name, model, serial number and element, whether left-center, right-side, etc.

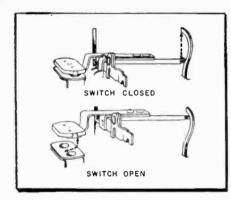


Fig. 6—Typical toaster switch contacts are illustrated. This part is often a cause of toaster operating failure. The part could be bent, contact points themselves can be burnt, preventing completion of the circuit.

(The position is determined by facing the toaster's bread release handle.)

Elements often vary from year to year, within the same brand. For example, connection holes may be aligned differently. Also, outside elements frequently have different amperage ratings than the center ones since they should emit more heat. If the incorrect amperage element is obtained, it may fit physically, but cause uneven toasting of bread. The need for a seriel number is mentioned because different runs of the same model may have a number of modifications made.

Element Repair

An element may be repaired by locating the break in the nichrome wire and bridging it with a nichrome connector. Heating element connectors, shown in Fig. 2, are available from most appliance parts suppliers. A crimping tool is sometimes used in conjunction with the connector. Cutting pliers, though, are also successful in crimping the connectors and is the most likely tool for this job.

Be sure that the crimp is tight, thereby avoiding any spark gaps. It is sometimes desirable to repair an element with an exceptionally long break, making it impossible to bridge the open circuit with a single connector. In this case, an extra piece of nichrome wire is needed, using two connectors to break the gap. Be certain that the added piece of wire is flush against the mica board to prevent it from shorting against the crumb guards.

Line Cords

The most frequent defect encountered with toasters is line cord breaks or shorts. After examining the plug end of the cord, it may be necessary to partially disassemble the toaster in order to check the terminal end for continuity or short.

Use the same type and length line cord, usually 16 or 18 guage asbestos covered wire, to replace the defective cord. If the cord is bulk-purchased or if a repair of the defective cord is being made, it is advisable to wind the asbestos covering of the individual leads with fibreglass thread, otherwise the asbestos frays and relinquishes its purpose.

CHART II

TOASTER REPAIR CHECK LIST

If Toaster Fails to Heat

- Fuse blown out; 2. Faulty outlet;
 Break in cord; 4. Broken lead;
 Main switch does not make contact; 6. Heating elements defective.
- If Toaster Heats, But Toast Fails to "Pop Up"

1. Auxiliary switch does not make contact; 2. Timer release lever binds; 3. Broken operating lever spring

- If Operating Lever Will Not Stay Down
 - 1. Timer release lever binds; 2. Broken timer release lever spring; 3. Main trip lever not properly adjusted to timer release lever.
- If Toast Is Too Light Or Too Dark Timer mechanism is not properly adjusted,
- If Successive Slices of Toast Are Not Uniform

1. Timer mechanism not properly adjusted; 2. Texture and type of bread.

In addition, eyelets should be used for the wire ends that attach to the terminals, as illustrated in Fig. 3. Eyelet tools are inexpensive and are available for different sizes. They form neat, non-loosening connections. Further, a line cord strain relief should be replaced to prevent the user from pulling the connections out.

Timing Devices

Timers may be in the form of clocks or thermostat devices. They determine the length of time that the broad will remain within the confines of the heating elements. The speed is controlled by a knob available to the users, permitting varying degrees of heat before automatically lifting the toasted bread upward, disconnecting the current at the same time.

If a clock is used as a timing device, actuating the lever by pressing down the operating handle will determine whether it is working or not. If it is not operating, check for obstructions, such as accumulated bread crumbs. Usually, however, it is more expedient to replace the entire clock unit.

A common form of timing device is the bi-metal thermostat. This operates on the principle of two dissimilar metals fused together which expand differently when heat is applied, causing the strip to flex in one direction.

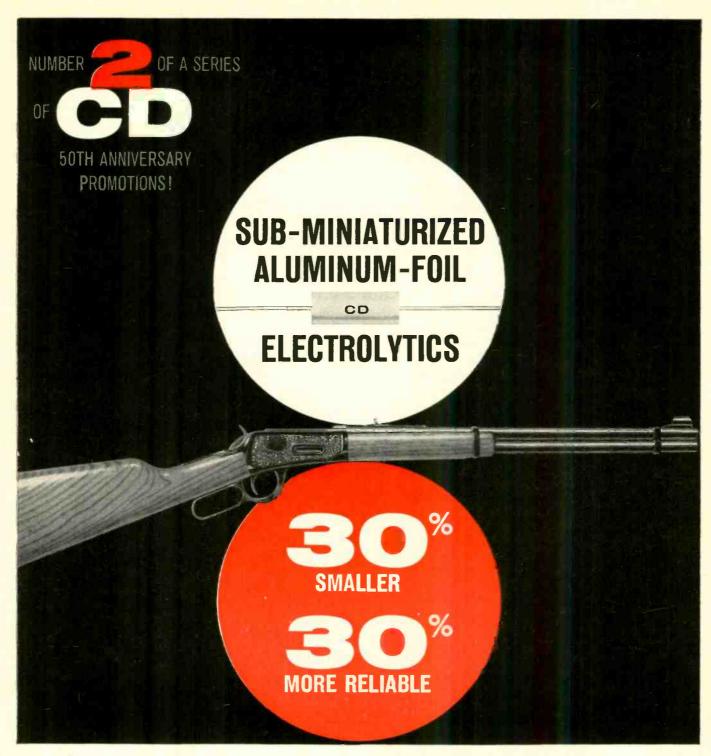
When the bread carriage is lowered, a popular toaster incorporates a lever that hooks on to the carriage, maintaining it and the bread inside the toaster. See Fig. 4. A switch contact assembly is depressed, completing the electrical circuit at the same time.

A bimetal strip can then move in a certain direction, actuating a trip lever that releases the carriage, automatically lifting out the toast and disconnecting the current. Some toasters use two-stage thermostat timing with an auxiliary heater.

A timing mechanism using an auxiliary element is shown in Fig. 5. The auxiliary element is in series with the main toaster heating elements. Depressing an operating lever, closes the electrical circuit through a switch. A switch contact assembly is shown in Fig. 6.

When the circuit is closed, the

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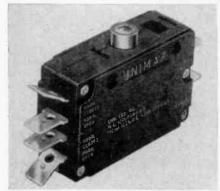


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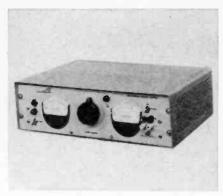
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Armour POWER SUPPLIES

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STOP TV-RADIO Interference

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loading a TV receiver, a high-pass filter should be installed in the TV antenna directly at the receiver antenna terminals. In most cases a high-pass filter having a cut-off frequency at 50 mc will prove highly effective. These filters are available commercially in small, compact, shielded units ready to mount on the TV set.

In cases where a fundamental frequency causes severe overloading, resulting in harmonics falling in one or more channels, additional band suppression filters inserted in the TV antenna, and adjusted to the interference frequency will often prove effective. See Fig. 6.

A $\frac{1}{4}$ wave open and a $\frac{1}{2}$ wave shorted stub made from 300 ohm twin-lead, connected across the feedline at the set's antenna terminals, will prove effective in many cases. See Fig. 7.

If a stub reduces or eliminates the interference on one channel and suppresses reception on another channel, attach a double pole singlethrow switch to open the stub when the other channel is desired.

Under certain circumstances both filter and stub must be attached directly to the tuner antenna input, by-passing the short piece of twin lead extending from the back of the set to the tuner since this length of wire can pick up considerable interference.

Co-channel and adjacent channel interference from other TV stations is a problem in certain areas, especially when ionospheric conditions are favorable.

Some signals "bounce" for long distances, causing this interference. It can generally be identified by a vertical bar moving back and forth across the screen, called "windshield" wiper effect. This is the horizontal blanking bar of the interfering signal. When this interference is strong, moving or stationary horizontal lines or bars (venetian blind effect), together with crosshatching and herringbone lines may also appear.

This interference can frequently be reduced or eliminated, but all factors involved in the individual case must be carefully analyzed before practical remedies can be formulated and applied. The stub arrangement, with switch, is sometimes effective. The stub should be tried at the frequency of the interfering channel. Other remedies include: a high front-to-back ratio antenna (if the interference is not in the same direction as the received channel), antenna orientation, reversible beam signal antenna or outof-phase antennas, careful r-f, i-f and trap alignment.

In crowded areas considerable interference is caused by local oscillators in TV, FM and short-wave receivers. Since a TV set can operate perfectly with only 100 mv of signal at its antenna terminals, it is apparent that only 4 or 5 mv of signal, beating with the picture frequency, can cause visible cross-hatching across the screen.

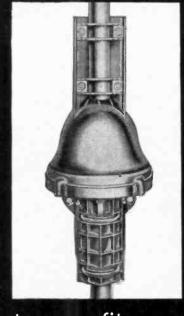
This interference, while difficult, can be eliminated in most cases if the interference frequency can be determined. It is frequently "hereone-minute-gone the next," depending upon what channel or frequency the offending oscillator and receiver is tuned. If the receiver is in a strong signal area, with microvolts to spare, and the offending signal is being received through the antenna, an attenuator pad placed in the antenna feed-line at the set may help. If the interference is being fed to the receiver via the power line, a low-pass filter at the a-c outlet may eliminate it. Here again, each problem must be thoroughly analyzed, applying the required remedy to the individual case

It has become obvious that the number of interference problems have maintained pace with the expanding use of electronic and electrical equipment. The subject problem cannot be ignored, and with promise of increased disturbances all technicians should try to become expert in handling this broad field.

Many different type packaged filters are available from your local distributor. However, one simple filter will not correct all types of disturbances. Commercial interference substitution equipment is also available that enables the technician to ascertain, through experience, the type filter needed to eliminate the trouble. •

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Measure Service

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hand, a small proportion of dealers sell over half their tube volume in that way. Drugstore-supermarket tube checkers have siphoned off an increasing amount of the "do-ityourself" business, resulting in declining over-the-counter sales.

3. "Free" checking of receiving tubes.

About 90% of service dealers will check tubes "free" for customers. This percentage has increased from 85% in 1955. More service dealers now recognize the need to meet the increasing competition from selfservice tube checkers. Some dealers have found that active promotion of free tube checking in the shop has

TABLE VI

DEALER SIZE BY NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS	PERCENT OF DEALERS WITH WIFE ASSISTING IN BUSINESS	
ONE	62	6
1-3	48%	
OVER 3	35%	

helped them retain the business of "do-it-yourself" customers.

4. Average number of hours worked per week by service dealer owner.

As shown in Table II, dealers tend to work slightly longer hours in large cities than in smaller places. Average hours worked per week has declined since 1955 in all city size categories, with the greatest decline in the larger cities.

5. Source of replacement technicians for service dealers.

A major problem in operating a service business is that of hiring service technicians, either for replacement or expansion.

The most important source of technicians for dealers in large cities is "other dealers." This form of "piracy" is much less important in medium or small size cities. In these smaller places, the most common practice is to hire untrained men and train them on-the-job as service technicians.

Hiring of part-time technicians is

a fairly common practice in all sizes of city.

Technical schools are relatively unimportant as a source for service men, except in very large cities.

6. Average annual volume each employed technician adds to dealer's business.

The service dealer considering business expansion through the adding of more technicians should find the averages shown in Table III interesting as rough indicators of expected added volume. The average experience of dealers responding to the survey indicates surprisingly small \$ increases from personnel expansion, especially in small cities.

7. Dollar investment in test and repair equipment (excluding vehicles).

Investment in equipment, shown in Table IV, has increased sharply over the past four years in all dealer size categories. This undoubtedly reflects the increasing complexity of the service job as well as a growing sophistication in use of new test and repair equipment. Service dealers apparently recognize the need for increasing productivity on their jobs using their time more effectively, with the aid of better equipment.

8. Return on investment.

The service dealer risking his money in his own business should calculate his return on investment. While a dealer may expect to obtain an adequate profit if he prices properly, controls expenses carefully, and runs a "tight" shop, such a result is not automatic. It is very important to periodically measure profit results against investment to be sure that the return on investment is worth the risk involved.

The survey results show that an

TABLE VII

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By City Si	ze	195	5	1959
Over 100	000 po	p. 2.	8	2.3
10,000-1	00,000	2.:	3	2.3
Under 10	000	1.4	\$	1.6
	Percen	t of Dec	alers wit	h—
	Less			6 and
By City	than	2-3	4-5	Over
Size	2 Tech.	Tech.	Tech.	Tech.
Over				
100,000)			
pop.	43%	30 %	12 %	15 %
10,000-				
100,000	41	40	15	4
Under				
10,000	60	32	4	3

alarming number of dealers do not have adequate profit measurements. About one-fourth of service dealers do not calculate return on investment. Many others do not know if they calculate this figure, which is equal to saying they do not.

More large dealers and dealers in large cities calculate return on investment than do small dealers and dealers in small towns.

9. Types of shop facilities.

The home shop is quite widespread among small dealers, but is infrequent among dealers with several employees. See Table V.

10. Percentage of Dealers utilizing wife's services in the business.

A surprisingly large percentage of service dealers utilize a wife's services in operating the business. As might be expected, this proportion is greater for small businesses. See Table VI.

11. Number of technicians employed (in addition to owner).

The average number of technicians per dealer has declined somewhat since 1955 in large cities, but has increased in small cities. Small cities, however, tend to have smaller dealers with fewer technicians than do large cities, as evidenced by Table VII.

12. Percent of receipts from TVradio service vs. set sales or other.

Dealers in smaller cities obtain a smaller percentage of their receipts from servicing than do dealers in large cities. It is undoubtedly more

TABLE VIII

Average Receipts of	Dollar (
neccipis of	Jerrice	Dealers
By Dealer &	1055	1959
City Size	1955	1424
Under 1 Technic	ian	
Over 100,000		
population	\$12,500	\$17,500
10,000-100,00	0	
population	11,000	14,000
Under 10,000		
population	10,000	12,500
1-3 Technicians		
Over 100,000		
population	\$26,000	\$30,000
10,000-100,00		
population	23,000	28,000
Under 10,000		
population	19,000	24,500
Over 3		
Technicians (
Categories)		\$60,000

difficult to achieve adequate volume as a repair specialist in these smaller places. The average percent of receipts from service is 89% in cities over 100,000 population; 86% in cities of 10,000-100,000; and 67% in cities under 10,000.

Small dealers (less than one fulltime employed technician) obtain an average of 93% of receipts from service, compared with 85% for firms with 1-3 technicians and 88% for dealers with more than three technicians.

13. Approximate annual gross re-

cetpts from servicing and parts sales.

Substantial increases in gross receipts have occurred since 1955 for the average dealer in all dealer size and city size categories. Overall, 67% of respondents indicated volume increases over the past four years, 23% indicated decreases, and 10% reported no change. It can be assumed that many of those reporting volume decreases have had such results because of a decline in the number of technicians employed. See Table VIII.



In conclusion, it seems wise to repeat that the best dealers are not necessarily those who parallel the averages shown in the preceding tables. These figures serve only as a benchmark in measuring and comparing your own operations with those of "typical" dealers in your city size and dealer size category. Your own intelligent business decisions, implemented aggressively, can take you far ahead of the "average" dealer and place you in a position of leadership in your industry.

Philco TRANSISTOR RADIOS

The "All American" is a new line of transistor radios featuring the "Power-Boost" circuit for extended battery life and greater power output. Some of the models are: T-51, 5 transistors, palm size, has "Magnecor" antenna, 244" speaker, weight, 10 oz. \$24.95. T-52, horizontal styled, 5 transistors, \$29.95. T-62, 6 transistors, operates on two "AA" penlight or mercury batteries, 14 oz. \$29.95. T-74, 7 transistors, contains a 31/2" speaker, private listening jack, operates on four "C" flashlight batteries, \$39.95. T-802, 8 transistors, specially designed for out-of-door use, operates on four regular flashlight bat-

teries, private listening jack, \$49.95. Special showcase, for use as counter, window or floor display available. Has full vision glass face and locking back panel. Philco Corp., Tioga & C Sts., Philadelphia 34, Pa. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-12)

G-E/Johnson 2-WAY RADIO

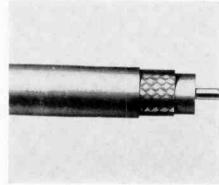
"Viking Messenger" Class D Citizens Radio, manufactured by E. F. Johnson Co., Waseca, Minn. is sold by the General Electric two-way radio sales offices and, also, by existing Johnson



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Install Antenna Lightning Protection

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edge of lightning current and should be avoided. When they can't be avoided, only rounded bends rather than square turns should be permitted. The ground wire should be as short as possible and of heavy gage. While #12 solid copper or aluminum wire is often used, much heavier wire is better. A #12 wire might easily carry a 250-ampere stroke for a fraction of a second, it would evaporate if the stroke current was in the 100,000 ampere or

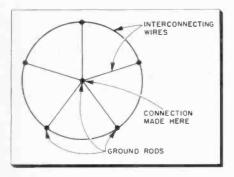


Fig. 7—Proper grounding can be effected in dry ground by using radial ground rods.

higher range.

When a metal antenna mast is used, which is set into the ground, the mast itself might be used as a ground lead. However, if the antenna mast is not set deeply in the ground, it is better to run a ground wire to the antenna base (and air terminal, if used). The mast should also be grounded.

When the ground wire comes near or parallels other metallic objects, it may be desirable to connect these objects to the ground conductor. If not grounded, there may be a side flash from the ground wire to such an object as a metal gutter downspout. When heavy current flows through the ground wire, current may be caused to flow through other nearby metallic objects due to induction.

In Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the nails in the vicinity of the electrical wiring of a house struck by lightning were partially pulled out of the wood by the strong magnetic field around the wiring. Obviously, lightning is pretty powerful stuff.

very few, if any, antenna installers in California install lightning arresters or even think of any form of lightning protection. However, lightning has been known to strike buildings and cause damage, even in wire

No part of the United States is

completely devoid of thunder storms.

They are most frequent in Florida

and almost unknown in California,

west of the Sierras. Because of the unlikelihood of lightning troubles,

coastal California.

Regardless of the locality, it makes sense to consider lightning protection when installing antennas. Lightning arresters cost very little. The grounding of the antenna structure requires time and some expense, but the protection it provides is well worth it. In addition, fire insurance rates may be considerably lower if positive lightning protection is provided. \bullet



Association News

California

CSEA, Fresno, and affiliates, make public two interesting concepts in their Code of Standards:

- 1. To maintain a properly licensed business in an area zoned for business and to be open during generally accepted business hours.
- 12 (B). Advertisers claiming "Day and Night" service or "24 Hour Service," must operate their place of business on that basis.

RTASCV, San Jose, reports a joint appeal has been made by Russel ... Hamm, president, and H. F. "Bud" Ash, chairman of the Apprenticeship Committee, for every Valley firm to participate in the apprentice program. Ash said: "The program has produced good results for service technicians who signed up at its inception." The first students to receive journeyman certificates from the State of California are expected to graduate this year.

Service Personnel Shortage

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ANNUAL ASSOCIATION ROSTER

ELECTRONIC **TECHNI-CIAN's annual Service Asso**ciation Roster, published every May, is being prepared.

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Association officials not receiving the questionnaire are urged to write on association letterhead to the Association Editor, ELECTRONIC TECH-NICIAN, 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N.Y. Please give address and names of president and secretary.

Indiana

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IESA, Indianapolis, appeals to every shop in the State for a pledge of one service call per annual quarter, for the next 5 quarters, to finance the preparation of a TV license law proposal.

Michigan

Court Declares Licensing Constitutional

TSA, Detroit, informs that the Detroit ordinance requiring licensing of TV dealers and technicians has been declared constitutional by Circuit Judge Ferguson. Two TV service technicians, after being convicted for non-licensing, had appealed their convictions by charging the law gave unrestricted and arbitrary power to an administrative board.

Missouri

War Chest For KC Bill

TSE, Kansas City reports a cam-(Continued on page 77)

Superior's New Model TV-12 TRANS-CONDUCTANCE TUBE TESTER



ALSO TESTS TRANSISTORS!

RADICAL CHANGE IN DESIGN PROCEDURE. Customarily, a new A model Tube Tester means a revised model. For usually when a manufacturer designs a "new" model, he actually re-designs the last model made, including new improvements to meet changing requirements, and circuit improvements resulting from experience in producing the last model made. That is the usual practice, but doesn't apply to the new Model TV-12.

We at Superior have been designing and producing Tube Testers since 1935. About two years ago, we asked our engineers to select a circuit which would meet the requirements of those technicians who want a top quality Tube Tester. Our engineers selected the basic TRANS-CONDUCTANCE circuit employed in our Model TV-12. And then, thanks to the cooperation of a leading switch manufacturer, who designed a special five position lever switch for us, we were able to improve that basic circuit. switch for us, we were able to improve that basic circuit.

The Model TV-12, therefore, is not a "rehashed" model—it is not a tester which simply tests good tubes "good" and bad tubes "bad." This radically new tester will check tubes under dynamic conditions very closely simulating the manner in which they would function in a receiver or amplifier. It is a tube tester we are proud of. It is a tube tester which we claim will compare favorably with laboratory instruments selling for double the price.

And about Transistors. We doubt that the Transistor will ever wholly replace the Vacuum tube. Unquestionably, however, the present already substantial rate of production and use of Transistors will be very greatly increased in the near future.

The Model TV-12 will test all Transistors produced to date and provision has been made for testing the new Transistor types known to be designed but not yet in production.

SPECIFICATIONS

TESTING TUBES

• TESTS ALL TUBES including 4, 5. 6, 7, Octal, Lock-in, Hearing-Aid, Thyratrons, Miniatures, Sub-Miniatures, Noval, Sub-Minar and Proximity Fuse types.

Employs improved TRANS-CONDUCTANCE circuit. An • Employs improved TRANS-CONDUCTANCE circuit. An in-phase signal is impressed on the input section of a tube and the resultant plate current change is measured. This provides the most suitable method of simulating the man-ner in which tubes actually operate in Radio & TV re-ceivers, amplifiers and other circuits. Amplification factor, plate resistance and cathode emission are all correlated in one meter reading. Although the Model TV-12 is not cali-brated to provide mutual-conductance reading (MHO'S), the Engineer or Technician who needs that information may easily compute it with calibrations we supply.

 NEW IMPROVED ROLL CHART MECHANISM uses a combination of fibre and brass gears to eliminate back-lash and slippage.

• NEW LINE VOLTAGE ADJUSTING SYSTEM. A tapped transformer makes it possible to compensate for line voltage variations to a tolerance of better than 2%.

• SAFETY BUTTON — protects both the tube under test and the instrument meter against damage due to overload or other form of improper switching.

• This model retains the INDIVIDUAL ELEMENT IDEN-TIFYING SYSTEM developed by Superior in 1945. All elemental switches are numbered according to RMA pin number designations. This procedure enables the operator to instantly identify the particular element being tested.

• NEWLY DESIGNED FIVE POSITION LEVER SWITCH ASSEMBLY. Previously because of switch limitations, the same voltage was applied to the plate and grid. Extra position and unique design of new switch permits applica-tion of separate voltages as required for both plate and grid of tube under test, resulting in improved Trans-Conductance circuit.

TESTING TRANSISTORS

Although Transistors may be tested for forward and inverse action with an Ohmmeter, such procedure will not identify an *inefficient* transistor. Also, if the ohmmeter uses a high-internal battery voltage, the transistor will likely be damaged. A transistor can be safely and ade-quately tested only under dynamic conditions. The Model TV-12 will test all transistors in that approved manner, and quality is read directly on a special "transistor only"

The Model TV-12 will accommodate all transistor only cluding NPN's, PNP's. Photo and Tetrodes, whether made of Germanium or Silicon, either point contact or junction contact types.

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FCC Radio Statistics

The following statistics, released by the Federal Communications Commission, show the growing use of special radio services, and the status of microwave and broadcast stations.

The 1959 fiscal year closed with 507,171 stations authorized in the Safety and Special Radio Services, or 69,320 more than the 437,851 in

Private microwave systems in the safety and special services have been of notable interest. The following table shows the number of stations authorized as of Feb. 12, 1959. In cases where two frequency bands are used at a particular station, that station has been counted twice. These stations are included in the station count listed earlier in this article. The services are abbreviated as follows: Industrial (Ind.); Public Safety (Pub.); Land Transportation

The 1959 fiscal year closed with 5,405 AM, TV, and FM broadcast station authorizations outstanding. Of these, 4,920 had authority to go on the air, and the remaining 485 held construction permits. A breakdown follows:

Class	Operating authori- zations	Construc- tion permits
Commercial AM Commercial TV TV translator Educational TV Commercial FM Educational FM	3,377 566 158 43 622 154	123 101 187 46 11 71
Total	4,920	485

Further breakdown and readjustment of the TV figures give these results: 1958. For these purposes, separate license, construction permit, or combination construction permit and license have been counted as one station. Therefore, in many cases, a station includes a base transmitter and various mobile units. The following table compares station authorizations at the close of fiscal years 1958 and 1959: \rightarrow

(Trans.)	; Marine	(Mar.);	Aero-
nautical	(Aer.)		

Microwave Stations

Freq. mc	Ind.	Pub.	Tr.	Mar.	Aer.	Tot.
952-960	179	241	19	9	6	454
1850-1990	780	130	4	0	5	919
2110-2200	3	0	0	0	0	3
2500-2700	38	39	0	0	0	77
6575-6875	788	144	29	0	14	975
Above10K	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1788	554	52	9	25	2428

Broadcast Authorization

	On air	Not on air	Total
Commercial VHF Commercial UHF	436 74	135 2117	471 191
Total comm.	510	152	662
Educational VHF Educational UHF	33 9	5 16	38 25
Total educa.	42	21	63
Grand totals	552	173	725

¹ Includes 2 stations which went on the air and subsequently went off the air. ² Includes 45 stations which went on the air and subsequently went off the air.

The TV translator stations are all UHF. Also, 127 FM stations held subsidiary communications authorizations to engage in functional (background) music operations.

Stations in Safety and Special Radio Services

Class of station	June 30, 1958	June 30, 1959
Amateur and		
disaster services:		
Amateur	179,314	195,776
Disaster	380	390
RACES	7,668	9,422
Total	187,362	205,588
Aviation services:		
Aeronautical		
and fixed	3,122	3,554
Aircraft group	48,037	61,441
Aviation auxiliary	254	318
Aviation radionav.	327	363
Civil Air Patrol	10,944	12,006
Total	62,684	77,682
Industrial services:		
Business		8,861
Forest products	1,648	1,792
Industrial	010	0.55
radiolocation	218	255
Low power	2,333	
Manufacturer	71	90
Motion picture	71 7,151	67
Petroleum	/,101	7,341
Power	11,320	11,878
Relay press	130	142
Special industrial	17,107	19,246
Telephone maint.		
Total.	39,978	49,697
Land transportation services :		
	962	1,052
Auto emergency Citizens	38,611	49,269
Highway truck	503	349
Interurban pass.	59	46
Interurban Prop.	1,386	1,606
Railroad	2,265	2,449
Taxicab	4,733	4,827
Urban passenger	110	116
Urban property	172	180
Total	48,801	59,894
Marine services:		
Alaskan group	1,054	1,132
Coastal group	434	393
Marine aux. group	92	95
Marine radio-	22	21
location land Ship group	23 70,911	31 83,296
Total	72,514	84,947
Public safety serv:	12,314	04,347
Fire	4,725	5,283
Forestry cons.	3,264	3,618
Highway maint	2,580	3,068
Police	12,450	13,103
Public safety		
(combined)	158	148
Spec. emergency.		3,631
State Guard	10	10
Local government		. 502
Total	26,512	29,363
Grand total	437,851	507.171

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6 Tube Testers: Three models for which literature is available are: Model 658, checks receiving tubes, voltage regulators, eye tubes; Model 598, provides lever switching and incorporates the firm's test principle, and Model 648R, featuring super-rapid sequence switching. Also, power roll chart. (6B3: Jackson Electrical Instrument.)

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10 Self-Service Tube Testers: Two models, a caddy and a console are covered in a brochure. Tests more than 800 tube types; tests each side of multi-purpose tubes. (10B3: Universal Teletronics.)

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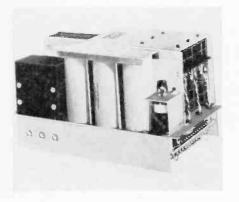
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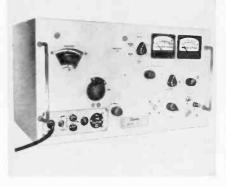
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This does not mean your suppliers deliberately make mistakes in their favor. Quite the contrary. They are as concerned as you should be regarding errors. But, many human factors are involved in filling orders and preparing invoices. Bookkeeping errors can and do creep into monthly statements. A shop owner may be innocently overcharged in several ways, including over-pricing, short-count and failure to receive proper discount credit. He may fail to receive credits for defective items returned, such as tubes and parts in warranty, and picture tube duds.

Suppliers, just as unhappy about these mistakes as their customers, welcome a chance to make corrections. However, they cannot do so if errors are not brought to their attention. They know these mistakes damage the good will they have built over a period of years. Sometimes, repeated errors point to a certain employee, prone to making errors. This is a problem of the supplier.

It is a good idea for the shop owner to find time to carefully check all incoming goods and parts, and examine invoices and monthly statements for errors. In a larger shop, this task may be delegated to

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one or more employees; perhaps an office girl or bookkeeper skilled in such matters. If it is not practical to have one person do this work, and two are available, one may handle incoming goods, while the other does the paper work.

Costly errors creep into goods received and bills presented in numerous manners. (This is equally true for shop owners on a C.O.D. basis.)

Here are some common errors to watch for:

(1) Short count on goods shipped.

(2) Billing for certain goods not shipped and not back-ordered.(3) Substitution of lower for higher priced goods, but with billing not corrected to reflect this fact.

(4) Shipment of damaged, defective or imperfect goods, or damage in transit.

(5) Incorrect pricing of one or more items on invoice.

(6) Incorrect total on invoice.

(7) Monthly statement not coincid-

ing with the month's invoices. (8) Absence of credits for goods returned or for amounts paid on account. (9) Discount is lower than agreed on when the order was placed, or the altering of other terms, such as quantity discounts.

Only one designated person should receive incoming shipments. Except in his absence, other employees should not be permitted to open shipments and draw on the parts until they are checked and added to inventory. Of course, emergencies do arise. When a part or other item is needed in a hurry, the person next in responsibility should withdraw the part, attaching a voucher or memo noting the withdrawal to the invoice or shipping list.

A numerical count, particularly in broke-case goods, should be made. Attention should be given to possible substitutions, defective or substandard material or goods damaged in transit. In the latter event, goods should be set aside in original shipping container to await filing of claim and asjustment. All invoices should be totaled for accuracy.

Invoices should be filed according to date and supplier for future reference against monthly statements. When goods have been returned for credit, a receipt or memo should be attached and filed with invoices.

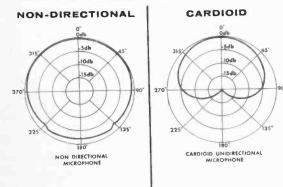
If any payment has been made during the month, a memo to this effect should be attached to and filed with the invoices. In this way, it is possible to rapidly check an itemized monthly statement against goods bought as well as credits received. Even if the monthly statements appear correct, they should be totaled.

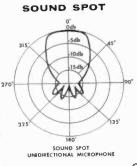
An elaborate system is not necessary, particularly for owners of smaller shops. A series of spindles may be used, one to a supplier. The main thing is to retain all records, keep them orderly and carefully check for any errors.

Time-consuming? No. Orderliness in record-keeping is never really time-consuming. It actually saves time. Records are quickly available for any need, including sales, income tax, budgets, etc. It may also uncover errors which, otherwise, would go undetected.

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Servicing Toasters

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auxiliary element heats the bimetal strip causing it to flex. This flexing results in the operating arm closing the auxiliary heater switch contacts thereby shunting the auxiliary element. The bimetal strip then cools and moves back to its original position, striking a release link in its path. This trips the operating lever, resulting in the toast popping-up and disconnection of the electrical circuit.

The aforementioned surface description of a timing mechanism does not pretend to cover complete operations, rather, it is used as an example. Different toasters use different means to obtain the same end result; that is, toast the bread to a



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predetermined point, then disconnecting the current and allowing the carriage to rise, lifting the bread.

Mechanical and electrical means are operating together and the best way to learn this phase of the service business is through consultation of manufacturers' service manuals and experience. A list of some popular toaster manufacturers is offered in Chart I. Requesting service information from these companies will no doubt advance the technician's knowledge of automatic toasters. Some of the companies offer free manuals, while others charge a nominal sum.

Other Defects

Adjustments of timing mechanisms differ with the brand and model. Some infrequent defects, such as a broken operating spring, resulting in everything heating without the toaster popping up, can also occur. This may mislead the tech into thinking it must be due to the timing mechanism.

Binding of the release or difficulty depressing the bread carriage may be due to bent parts or the need for cleaning. A simple check list provided by one manufacturer, and shown in Chart II, is often helpful as a general guide to toaster repairs. When the repair is complete—a final check with bread should always be made.

A point of interest to technicians entering the appliance repair field ... parts discounts to the trade are ridiculously low. They're usually around 25%. Couple this low discount with postage or transportation, bookkeeping and storage costs and the tech comes up with a fat zero. Therefore, the profit lies in sensible labor charges that will enable the service technician to earn the fair profit he is entitled to make.

Rather than jump into the toaster business with a "We Repair All Toasters" sign, it is advisable to concentrate on one or two popular toasters. This will allow the service technician to acquire the know-how of repairs for individual toasters and enable him to slowly build a parts stock, a good reputation and extra earnings when those "slow TV days" occur.

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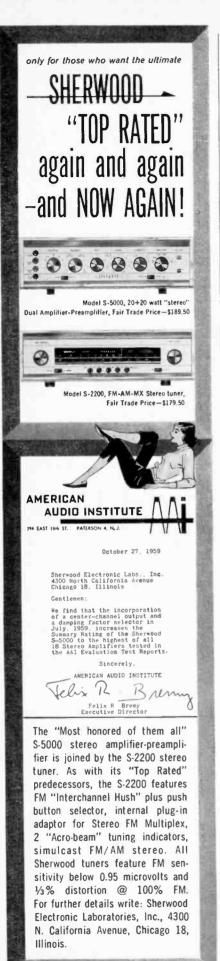
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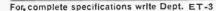
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SCHOBER ORGAN offers electronic organ kits, said to save 50% over factorybuilts.

GURIAN, Chicago, is producing the Stereo-Sonic dual hi-fi speaker kit for auto installation. Prices are \$18.95 & \$19.95.

FERRODYNAMICS names reps: Robert Smith Co., Brookline, Mass; Winfield Electronic Sales, N. Miami, Fla., Hal F. Corry Co., Dallas, Texas.

RADIO FREQUENCY LABS. will introduce its Spacial Stereo line of hi-fi systems ranging from \$1000 up. Included are all-transistor components.

PORTER & DIETSCH, St. Paul, introduces Flexicone, a chemical which, when applied to a speaker cone's edge, is said to make it pliable, improve performance.

NORELCO introduces the AG-3400 moving magnet stereo cartridge @ \$29.95 with 0.7 mil diamond. Specs are vertical compliance 3.5, horizontal 4.5; output over 30 mv/channel; separation more than 22 db @ 1 kc. Unit employs new platinum-cobalt alloy rods magnetized along their lengths. ALLIED introduces the Knight 740 stereo amplifier @99.50. Ratings are 20 watts/channel, response 30-20,000 cps ± 1 db, harmonics 0.9% and IM under 3% at full rated output.

SWITCHCRAFT adds two models to its line of Mini-Mix audio mixers. The units fit late models of Revere and Wollensak recorders, permitting mixing of two sound sources. List price is \$8.95.

ERIC ENGINEERING introduces the FM 100 auto FM tuner for any car @ \$79.95, and the Dual Twenty Model 2160 amplifier/preamp @ \$103.75. Also available is the Dual Ten listing for \$79.95.

TAPE RECORDER PREDIC-TIONS, courtesy MRIA Pres. Herbert Brown: 750,000 machines valued at \$170 million will be made in 1960. This compares to 650,000 machines valued at \$140 million made in 1959.

AMERICAN CONCERTONE introduces a 4-lb. portable tape recorder using 6 transistors and 2 diodes. It uses 6 penlight cells for the drive motor, a 9 v battery for amplifier, or 110 vac. 3" reel, 3-3/4 & 1-7/8 ips. \$199.95.

SARGENT-RAYMENT introduces two stereo AM-FM tuners with preamps, Models SR-7000 and SR-8000. Prices are \$199.40 and \$249.40 respectively. A blending control varying channel separation is featured in both units.

AMPEX is scheduling stereo FM/AM radio programs in 10 top markets, with a reported potential stereo audience of 44 million persons; AM potential is 90 million. The company also introduces the 303 amplifier-speaker system @ \$285.50 less enclosure, and 302 @ \$174.50. Includes amplifier, speakers and crossover.

CROWN announces the 714C Stereo-X tape recorder, featuring 3 speeds, 3 motors, and automatic stop. It accepts 10" reels. Performance specs at 7-1/2 ips are 40-17,000 cps = 2 db, noise 54 db, flutter & wow 0.09%.

DYNAKIT announces the PAS-2 stereo preamp @ \$59.95kit, \$99.95 wired. It includes 7 stereo inputs and blend control. Ratings are 0.05% IM, noise 74 db below 10 mv cartridge, and 10-40,-000 cps ± 0.5 db.

NORELCO announces the EL-3752/01 stereo microphone for home recording @\$39.50. It consists of two mike elements set at right angles in a single housing. They are the moving coil type with a cardioid pattern. Output is --50 db.

ISOPHON SPEAKER, said to be Europe's largest speaker manufacturer, announces availability of a complete line of speaker systems, individual speakers and multipurpose speakers through Isophon Speaker Div. of Arnhold Ceramics, N.Y.C.

RCA has developed a new automatic record player to provide motorists two hours of 45 rpm play. Plymouth and De Soto will offer it in 1960 models. The company has also asked FCC to adopt its stereo AM broadcast system. RCA is not a member of the National Stereophonic Radio Committee.

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When a voltage chart for the unit is available, use it to ascertain the accuracy of the d-c operating characteristics of the various amplifier stages. If a voltage chart is not available, you can only rely on past experience and the conduction or lack of conduction of a tube in any particular stage. As indicated, this is determined by the presence or absence of a voltage at the cathode or across the plate load resistor.

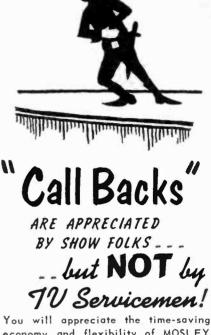
The readings tabulated on the voltage chart supplied with most amplifiers can rarely be exactly duplicated in the service shop. The measurements at the manufacturer's laboratories are frequently made using "bogey" tubes under ideal conditions. Exceptionally accurate professional meters are used. The line is adjusted and maintained to the 117 volt standard.

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Fig. 3 illustrates how improper loading can result in false voltage readings.

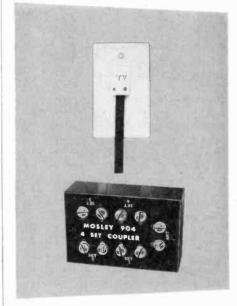
All active circuits found in an audio amplifier can be broken down to a voltage in series with a resistance. A battery is this type of circuit. Fig. 3 shows the case of a 12 volt battery with an internal resistance of 12 ohms. If a 12 ohm voltmeter were connected across this battery, the meter would indicate 6 volts, since half the voltage drop appears across the internal resistance of the battery. Now, if an 11 megohm VTVM were across the battery, there would be a negligible voltage drop across the 12 ohm internal battery resistance. The full 12 volts would appear across the VTVM. Meters with internal resistances of between 12 ohms and 11 megohms will indicate anywhere from 6 to 12 volts, depending upon the resistance of the particular meter.

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when loaded by a 20,000 ohms per volt meter, which in turn may give different readings than when loaded by a VTVM. Measurements made with a high impedance meter will best correlate with the voltage charts supplied by most amplifier manufacturers.

The tests just described were to determine whether or not the d-c conditions within the amplifier are proper. Most faults with the unit will become apparent from these measurements.

Once it has been determined that the d-c conditions are correct, it is logical to check the signal path. The initial check should be made with an ohmmeter. Shorts or opens show up instantly and can frequently be corrected in seconds.

If this fails, you must then necessarily resort to signal tracing. Feed a 1,000 cycle sinusoidal signal to the amplifier input. Using a high impedance signal tracer—preferably an oscilloscope-trace the path of the signal from the input to the output. (Be certain that a speaker or resistor load is connected to the output.) If the trouble appears within a circuit that is enclosed in a negative feedback loop, open this loop, (decrease the strength of the signal fed to the amplifier to compensate for the increased gain), and trace within this suspected loop. Signal tracing with an oscilloscope is particularly useful when checking for distortion.

The above signal tracing procedure can locate many of the faults not easily found when employing other methods. It is frequently more convenient to check for distortion by reversing the tracing procedure. Connect the oscilloscope across the output terminals of the amplifier. Insert the 1,000 cycle sinusoidal signal into the various sections of the amplifier. Start at the output tube grids and work your way back to the input. This is especially useful when more than one circuit is defective in the amplifier at any one time.

When the amplifier has been repaired, additional careful tests can be made with harmonic and intermodulation meters. This follow-up test technique is invariably limited to service shop personnel deriving a substantial portion of their income from audio work. An alternative final check, even if these instruments are used, is to have the customer listen



to his repaired unit before it leaves the shop. This isn't always practical, but it often prevents any differences of opinion regarding the fidelity of the repaired unit.

An important consideration in audio amplifier work is: know your amplifier. Hum, distortion and output specifications differ with the type amplifier. Some alleged hi-fi amplifiers are marginally designed and specifications are not attainable in production units. Always consider the limitations of the unit you are troubleshooting.



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Cases From The Files Of The "Kilocycle Kops"

From uncovering a hidden radio transmitter communicating with a foreign country to being nearly drowned in an encounter with a small boat owner-it's all part of the day's work of FCC field engineers who monitor and police the technicalities of traffic on the nation's radio highways.

The varied nature of their tasks and experiences is indicated in the following cases gleaned from recent monthly reports of the Commission's Field Engineering and Monitoring Bureau.

With mobile equipment, FCC field engineers traced on the Florida Keys an illicit transmitter which was sending messages to Cuba that were antagonistic to the Castro government.

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As a result, other Federal officials were enabled to arrest two refugees from that country who were operating the clandestine station.

In a Chicago suburb four youths, using a makeshift "station" composed of parts of a cast-off theater sound system and the power supply of an old TV receiver, not only broadcast recorded music and commercials (free) but were conducting "manon-the-street" interviews. However, one of the persons interviewed on the sidewalk was an FCC field engineer who, in response to the opening questions, announced that he was there to close down the station. There was a sudden sign-off announcement by the "ex-manager." A visit to the "studio" revealed a posted schedule of staff penalties for violating the station's rules. They ranged from "Goofing names on the news -3e" to "Messing up commercials -5¢."

In Detroit a one-man, 100-watt unlicensed station was found broadcasting over a 15-mile radius. The 18-year-old operator, owner, manager and disk jockey was warned of the law violation and, with the help of his father, dismantled the equipment.

Interference to TV reception in a Philadelphia neighborhood was caused by a 14-year-old boy. He had built his own transmitter but failed to pass the amateur examination. So he was "just testing" under the impression that the equipment would deteriorate if not used. He dismantled it-temporarily, he hopedpending further attempt to qualify for a "ham" license.

In another case, TViewers in Bloomington, Ind., complained that an amateur was ruining their reception on Channel 6. FCC inquiry revealed that the "ham" was being blamed for interference during periods when his set was not operating. However, the amateur's fraternal interest was aroused. He enlisted the aid of neighboring "hams" and they were able to trace the offending signal to the vicinity of a university where a conference of TV engineers was being held. The engineers joined in the search and found the culprit to be an experimental oscillator used for the ionization of helium gas in the university's chemical laboratory. Whereupon the university took remedial action.

Good neighbor policy was also evinced in a Baltimore TV interference case. An FCC engineer installed a portable TV receiver in an in-

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vestigative car and cruised about the complaining area. He traced the obnoxious signal to an antiquated TV set in a private home. The owner was requested to stop using his set until its excessive radiation could be corrected. He balked, insisting that he should be given a new TV receiver to replace his old, defective set. He became cooperative, however, when warned of possible consequences from operating a device causing radio or TV interference. The case was closed on a happy note when the TV station, whose reception had been affected, replaced the man's obsolete set with a used but more modern receiver-without charge.

Severe ghost-type interference to TV reception at Ventura, Calif., was traced to a huge sheet metal reflector on a mountain top which was used for directing microwave transmission of a communications company. The latter's engineers solved the difficulty by installing a screen of hog-fence wire in front of the reflector so as to deflect the microwave beam from the direct waves of the TV stations.

Cross modulation between AM broadcast stations often intrudes on transmissions of other radio services. In the area of Jacksonville, Fla., engineers discovered that the antenna of one broadcast station was picking up energy from another broadcast station and then radiating a combination of both over the aircraft marker frequency. This was cured by the installation of tuned filters in the antenna circuits of both stations.

"Rock-and-roll" music invaded a marine rescue frequency to give operators an additional headache. The Millis, Mass., monitoring station found it was caused by an overmodulated emission of a broadcast station. When notified, the broadcast station promptly suppressed it—the overmodulation not the "jive."

Many complaints of interference to various kinds of radio stations are found to be unwittingly caused by the stations themselves. Typical is the case of an Air Force station in North Dakota which thought that an amateur station was responsible. By



means of direction finding equipment, FCC engineers quickly determined that the cause was a defective Government transmitter.

Radar used for air traffic control at Oakland, Calif., experienced interference of long duration before FCC assistance was asked. An FCC engineer with a mobile unit speedily determined that the disrupting signal was coming from a radar installation on Mount Tamalpais. The bearings were accurate enough to show which of the three radar units there was responsible. The Air Force took immediate steps to eliminate its trouble.

The Chillicothe, Ohio, monitoring station received complaints by an electronics firm about interruptions of its communication in the citizens band. The wayward transmissions were deciphered to be taxicab dispatching messages. However, they were accompanied by no call signals or other identification. Direction finders fixed their origin in Bermuda. Inasmuch as citizen frequencies are used on a shared basis without interference protection, there was no justification for complaining to the British authorities.

The Seattle engineering office received complaint from a scientist that his satellite-tracking receiver was beset by severe interference. It appeared only when two local TV stations were operating. However, the equipment for receiving signals from space objects was found to have insufficient selectivity. At the suggestion of an FCC engineer, the scientist installed input filters and his gremlin disappeared.

A Western state's forestry service relayed to the Portland monitoring station an interference complaint from another state's forestry department. The annoying signal had been on the air continuously for several days. Direction finder fixes showed that it came from an unattended repeater station operated by the complainant. The repeater had inadvertently been left "on."

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Interference from moving objects is harder to trace. However, an interruption to air-ground communication of an airline at Chicago was quickly pinpointed on a plane in flight over Utah. The aircraft was surprised to find that it had a "stuck" transmitter.

Countless electronic gadgets, if not adequately shielded, can emit energy disturbing to radio communication. For example, one "wireless baby sitter" in New Orleans probably minded the baby all right but played havoc with broadcast reception up to a distance of four miles from the home in which it was used. Upon being notified of the neighborhood's displeasures, the owner discontinued use of the apparatus in favor of live talent.

Brute force diagnosis was resorted to in a Spokane interference case.



The Federal Aviation Agency reported reception of severe noise on one of its frequencies. It suspected a nearby power line, but the power company failed to find any defects. An FCC engineer located the particular power line pole responsible. A few lusty whacks on the pole convinced the power company that it was time to repair some faulty insulated and grounded hardware thereon.

That interference can span great distances is illustrated by the following instances:

The Coast Guard requested FCC assistance in locating signals blotting out ship communication. Bearings showed that they came from far-Pacific waters. When the Coast Guard contacted Japan it was learned that they were from a vessel in distress in the Philippine Sea.

Interference to Internal Revenue Service domestic communication was identified by FCC monitors as originating from a station in Rio de Janeiro, over 4,000 miles away.

When an international telegraph carrier complained of multiple interference on its circuit to Saudi Arabia, the FCC net found that it was caused by 10 different radio stations scattered throughout the world.

Monitoring continues to be an invaluable aid in air and sea searchand-rescue operations:

At the request of the Coast Guard, the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., monitoring station obtained three bearings which enabled a Navy plane to make visual contact with a ship lost off the coast and direct it to port.

"This is no drill; I'm really lost" radioed an Army plane en route from the Azores after an alert had been cancelled on word that the aircraft was not in difficulty. FCC direction finders established the plane's position so that it could correct its course.

The licensee of a citizens radio station who had been cited for violating Commission rules by trying to get distance on his equipment returned his license with the explanation that "the temptation of having it around is just too great and I have decided to remove the temptation." A field engineering office was unable to comply with a youngster's request to "take a 50 kilowatt examination" but was sympathetic to his desire for more practical information, especially since the lad added: "I've got eight years to memorize everything I'll have to know, so why not memorize the FCC regulations?"

The San Diego police asked FCC field engineers to examine some radio equipment found in the possession of a man the police had arrested on a narcotics charge. It proved to be a sub-miniature battery-operated transmitter and a separate receiver with a specially constructed antenna for signaling between two confederates in a card game. The concealed transmitter on one player was capable of inducing a slight electric shock or pulse in the leg-receiver hidden on his pal.

The fact that some transmitters are on mountain tops, reached only by poor roads or footpaths, makes access for inspection difficult during bad weather. Sometimes an FCC instrument-laden truck is bogged down, or ditched, and the rest of the way made on foot. Even the Grand Island, Nebr., monitoring station was recently snowbound for several days.

Sport fishing and other small boats carrying more than six passengers for hire must maintain a safety watch on the distress frequency. It is difficult to inspect so many vessels individually. So FCC inspectors often accompany Coast Guard ship or helicopter patrols. Whenever small boats are sighted they are called on the distress frequency. If there is no answer it is evident that the prescribed watch is not being kept. In such cases a follow-up inspection is made when the vessel returns to dock and a formal notice of violation is issued.

Not long ago an FCC inspector boarded a motor vessel at a California marina. The uncooperative owner ordered the inspector off the boat. When the latter stopped on the float to write his official report he was followed by the boat owner and, in a resulting altercation, somehow Check TUBES, VIBRATORS ACT ACCURATE THE SENCORE WAY TROUBLE SHOOTING America's Most Popular Tube Tester more than 25,000 now in use SENCORE LC3 LEAKAGE CHECKER Whips those ''tough dog'' tube troubles Ask any serviceman who owns one . . . or try one for just one day of servicing in your shop. You'll see for yourself how much time the LC3 can save you. Checks for leakage between all elements, whether caused by gas, grid emission or foreign particles. Also checks leakage on all capacitors with voltage applied—including electrolytics. Pro-vides instant filament checks in "Fil-Check" posi-NOW . checks 172 tion-no need for a second filament checker. One tube types-more than spare pre-heating socket and new roll chart prevent obsolescence. New charts provided—no any other checker of this type. charge. Leakage sensitivity; 100 megohms, control grid to all other elements; 50,000 ohms, heater to cathode. Size, 7x6x3¹/₂". Wt., 3 lbs. For 110-120 volts, 60 cycle AC. DEALER NET **28**⁹⁵ NEW ... replaceable Roll Chart prevents obsolescence.



found himself—literally—in deep water. Not having a pen that would write under water, he had to swim for shore to complete his report. As a result, the FCC is taking administrative action against the boat owner —this time through the mails.

This case typifies one reason the FCC wants its field inspectors brought under a Federal law which makes it a criminal offense to assault certain Government inspectors. FCC field men have no such protection at present so the Commission has proposed covering legislation.

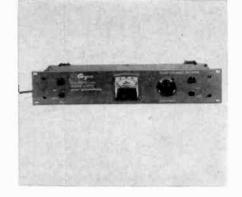


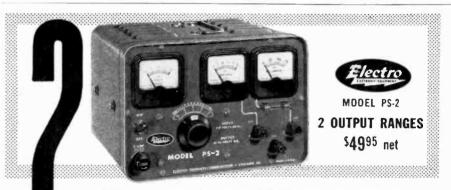
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paign is under way to collect a war chest of \$5,000 to assist in defending the Kansas City license bill, now under attack by opposition forces. New officers elected were: Pres., John Alex Earp; Sec'y, Jim White; Treas., William Puitt.

New Jersey

TSDA, Pennsauken, announces the election of the following new officers: Pres. Pete Rapagnanni; V.P., William Boyd; Sec'y., Leon Skalish; and Treas., Harry Goodchild.

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Ohio

TESA, Springfield, elected: Pres., Marvin Miller; V.P., Robert Allan, Sec'y, Wade Campbell and Adolf Stamguts was returned to the office of Treas.

TESA, Columbus, announces its Spring convention will take place Sunday, April 3rd at the Zane Hotel, Zanesville, Ohio.

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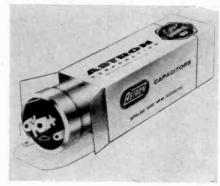
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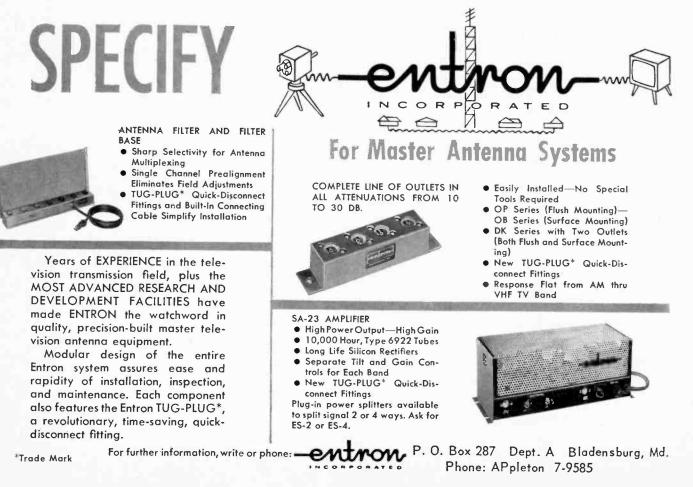
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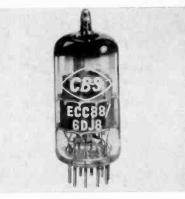


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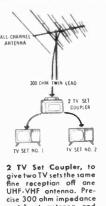
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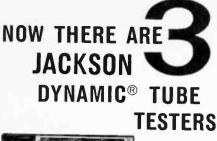
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db. Where greater sensitivity is desired, the CM-T11, also in matched twins, has frequency response of 50 to 8,000 cycles within 2 db of each other and the sensitivity is 55 db below 1.0v per microbar. \$36.75 per pair for either CM-T10 or CM-T11. Sonotone Corp., Elmsford. N. Y. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-24)

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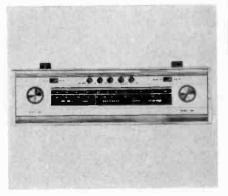


Melo-Sonics MUSIC SYSTEM

A new continuous-play tape repeater console is compact, fully self-contained. has transistorized pre-amp, dynamically balanced capstan flywheels, heavy-duty precision motors and transformers, spring-action positive-lock clutch and the Melo-sonics "Pow-R-Pack" satellite



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Antenna Antics

Ever run into a customer who tells you reception on a rainy day becomes greatly improved on one or more channels, or conversely, one or more channels seem to fade out when it rains?

Ever try to convince a customer that the old antenna is not functioning, simply by cutting the lead-in wire near the antenna and observing absolutely no difference in reception?

Ever replace an old beat-up antenna and lead-in with a super-duper installation and wind up with new and additional ghosts, or with snow that didn't exist before?

I'm sure most of us have, as these are common happenings.

Each element and component contribute to the characteristics of the whole system. Defective antenna systems are responsible for "suck-out" of all or part of the desired signal spectrum. They cause standing waves and ghosts to be created and can radiate like mad. Not all ghosts are due to reflected signals from buildings and obstructions.

Unfortunately, a defective antenna system can do exactly the opposite. It can cause a signal or part of a signal to be unduly amplified, sometime to the point of overloading a receiver. It is usually pretty difficult to convince a customer that he needs a new system, even if only one channel is coming in strong.

A practical suggestion is to survey the antenna installation from the outside of the house before ringing the doorbell. An embarrassing incident in my life may serve as an object lesson.

It was an ordinary service call in a twostory private home. A heavy snowfall caused me to dash from the truck to the house without once looking up. Two tubes restored the set to normal operation and the set worked fine on all channels. The customer looked curiously at me and asked if her antenna is defective. I reassured her all was well . . . she could not get such fine reception otherwise. Not until I was back in the truck, ready to drive away, did I look up.

You guessed it . . . the antenna was lying face down with a broken mount, bent mast and bent elements. Time and the elements have made me a wiser man.

Instead of using an ordinary coupler in a 2 or 4-set installation, consider the new Blonder-Tongue B-24 Pow-R Booster. For 1 set it can be used as a "straight-thru" booster with as much as 10 db gain. As a two-set amplified coupler, a gain of 3 to 5 db per set can be had. Compare this with the 3 to 12 db loss resulting from the use of passive couplers. It is possible to hook up the B-24 in a 4-set "No-Loss" installation. The B-24 lists for only \$24.95.

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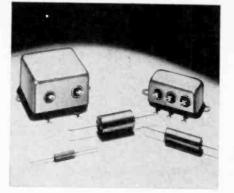
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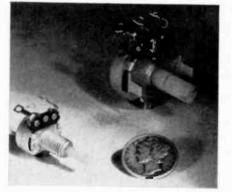
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New metallized Mylar capacitors, available in bathtub type AB and metal tubular type AM, have temperature range for operating and storage of -90° C to 125° C, and capacitance tolerances are 1%, 2%, 5%, 10%, and 20%. Mil requirements are met and exceeded and the capacitors have many applications. Advantages include extremely small size, dependability, low dielectric absorption, high resistance and longer life. Also self-healing characteristics. Plastic Capacitors, Inc., 2620 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago 14, III. (ELEC-TRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-13)

Mallory CONTROL

Type MLC, a new conventional-type miniature carbon control, $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, offers performance characteristics and features of larger controls. It can be supplied with a full-rated switch for 2 ampere, 125 volt a-c service, using a floating contact ring of the same size and design employed in larger Mallory switches for minimum contact resistance. Either nylon or steel shaft can be supplied with the control. P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc., 3029 E. Washington St., Indianapolis 6, Ind. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-10)





Lafayette 2-WAY RADIO

Model HE-15 superhet 2-way Citizens Band Radio features 5 crystal controlled transmitting channels operating at a maximum legal power input of 5 watts, 22 channel band; 3-watt audio output and 20-mile coverage. Controls include 3-position function switch, planetary vernier tuning and squelch noise lim-



iter. Output impedance matches 52 and 72 ohm antenna and has Amphenol type coaxial connector for operating into dipole, ground plane or rod antenna. \$59.95 including one crystal and microphone. Lafayette Radio Electronics Corp. 165-08 Liberty Ave., Jamaica 33, N. Y. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-8)



Cornell-Dubilier CAPACITOR SUBSTITUTION BOX

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Perma-Power TV TUBE BRIGHTENERS

A new 12-pack dispenser carton is now standard packaging for both series and parallel Vu-Brites, models C401 and C402. Also for the Golden C-Brite model C201. The new package tacks readily to any wall and permits quick removal of individual brighteners. It is not only a handy dispensing unit but also a handy purchasing unit. However, the units are still individually packaged and can be purchased in quantities smaller than a dozen. Perma-Power Co., 3100 N. Elston Ave., Chicago 18, Ill. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-14)





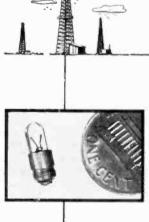
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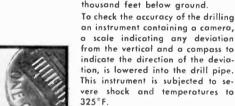


output; controls, microphone gain, radio gain, on-off, radio, p.a. selector; current drain, 180 ma no signal-radio monitor position, 3 ampere full power; output impedance, 16 ohms; input impedance. 150-200 ohms. Lawrence, Inc., P.O. Box 5106, Seven Oaks Station, Detroit 35, Mich. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-9)

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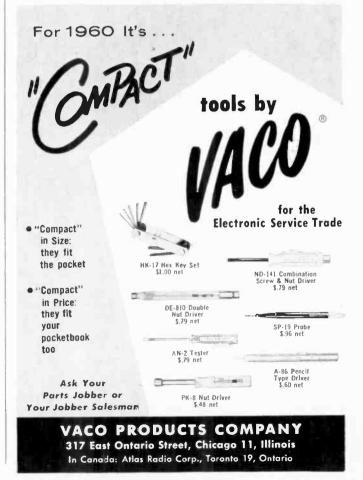
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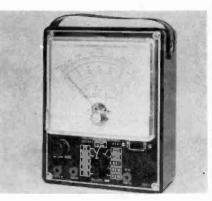
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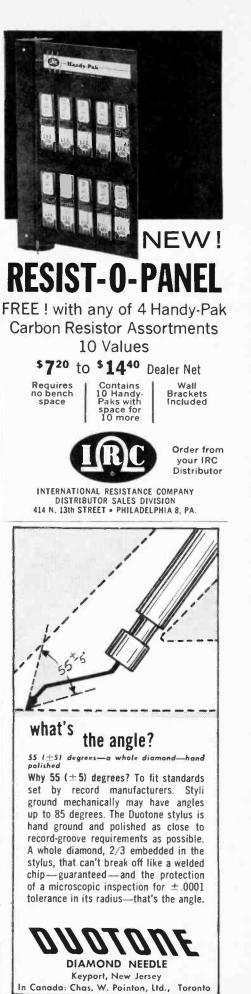
volt; three a-c and d-c current ranges and three resistance ranges to 20 megohms. Housed in a high impact molded bakelite case. Wired, \$26.95. Kit, \$19.25. Electronic Measurements Corp., 625 Broadway, New York 12, N. Y. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-31)

G-C CHEMICALS

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New Books

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RADIO TELEPHONE LICENSE MANUAL. By Woodrow Smith. Published by Editors and Engineers, Ltd., Summerland, Calif. 184 pages, hard cover. \$5.00.

Covering Elements 1 through 4, from FCC " Study Guide and Reference Material for Commercial Radio Operator Examinations," each page of this book is arranged in an easy-to-read, two column format. Questions appear in bold type, followed by answers. A modest appendix illustrates typical and most-used electronic formulae, and explains in a clear manner many typical mathematical problems from simple arithmetic notation through quadratic equations. A complete explanation on the use of logarithms is likewise included. Although essentially a book for the person preparing for a First or Second-Class Telephone License examination, it should be useful to anyone concerned with this aspect of radio communication.

*AUTO RADIO MANUAL, Vol. 9. Published by Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc. 160 pages, soft cover. \$2.95.

Continuing a series of manuals covering auto radio service data, this latest addition, Vol. 9, includes 35 models produced in 1958-1959. Information is presented on schematics, parts lists and alignment instructions for the individual models.

*COMPUTERS AND PEOPLE. By John A. Postley. Published by McGraw-Hill Book Co. 246 pages, hard cover. \$6.00.

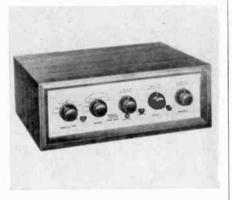
Written by the director of the Rand Corp. Data Processing Group, this book delves into the environmental aspects of computers. Adroitly bypassing its technical side, the author deftly analyzes the effect of computers on business activities, together with its functions, applications, inadequacies and future development prospects. Although a non-technical book, it should be of interest to technicians desiring information concerning the computers' impact on our social and economic lives.

*HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR VOM. By Tom Jaski. Published by Gernsback Library, Inc. 224 pages, soft cover. \$2.90.

This book is devoted to the remarkable, versatile multimeter. The author covers the service tech's workhorse in a deservedly thorough manner. Commencing with the basic principles of VOM's, the text progresses to analyzing kit-type and commerical units. The remaining five chapters cover: practical measurements, using the VOM for servicing, and miscellaneous applications, such as checking auto distributor timing. The clearly written text is augmented by numerous photos, drawings and schematics. If you own a VOMand who doesn't-this practical book is certainly recommended.

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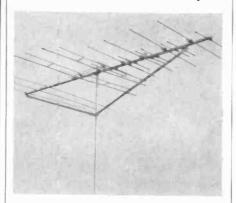
Features include: Three interchangeable screw-in replaceable tips, including nylon, that are shock-absorbing, non-slip and will not mar delicate surfaces. They are chip-proof, flakeproof, mushroom-proof and will not change shape and are 1%" in diameter, 5%" thick and equipped with a plated



stud that extends outward $\frac{1}{4}$ ". The hammer has a shot-loaded head which prevents rebound and adds 30% more power to the drive. Overall length is $12\frac{3}{4}$ " with a $4\frac{5}{8}$ " head including tips. $\frac{4.75}{4.75}$. Vaco Products Co., 317 E. Ontario St., Chicago 11, Ill. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-18)

JFD ANTENNAS

A newly designed series of eight Banshee broad band TV antennas feature completely preassembled "Quik-Rig" construction. Other advances include 1" square heavy-wall crossarms with capped ends for better rigidity, $\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{3}{8}$ " od preassembled dipoles



reinforced with heavy duty inserts at ends for added strength and permanence, new improved element brackets, and wide-angle boom bracing for the larger Banshee antennas. JFD Electronics Corp., 6101 16th Ave., Brooklyn 4, N. Y. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-6)

Kormat SOLDER DISPENSER

A new wire soldering dispenser has a push button feeder to supply the correct amount of solder for each application. It provides for a selection of attachments including straight or curved probes in several lengths for hard-to-reach areas; and is equipped with a 20' roll of 60/40 rosin core solder of .050" diameter wire. Flip action reloads wire solder in seconds. The dispenser will feed solder wire from .028" to .074" in diameter. Products For Industry, 220 S. Rose St., Los Angeles, Calif. (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN 3-11)



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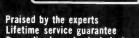
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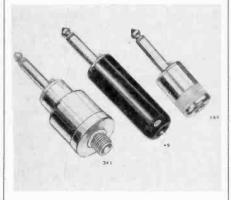
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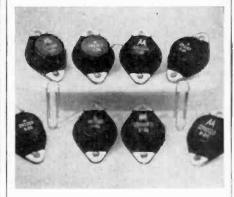
Amplifier open circuit noises are eliminated when plugs or connectors are replaced with one of the new "Silent Plugs." A circuit closing device. built into the plug, closes the circuit automatically and eliminates squeaks, hum and distorted noises which occur when the "hot" plug is touched,



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Motorola POWER TRANSISTORS

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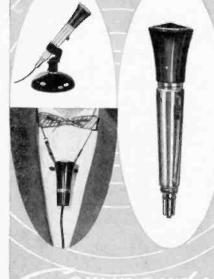
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TV Antenna

(Continued from page 37) gain. Suspecting something intermittent, I checked the set over thoroughly, lightly tapping r-f and i-f tubes, but no difficulties appeared. After allowing it to "cook" for some time, I delivered the set to the customer. Again the screen was covered with snow! I tried to explain to the customer that the set worked perfectly in my shop, but the customer was, at best, a tolerant listener. I began to wonder about it myself, as the set went back to the shop.

On the bench I was again confronted with a perfect picture! Wild ideas began circulating through my head. Could the customer's feed-line be off at the antenna terminals? Was the coax feed-line filled with water? Nonsense! The set was operating normally in the customer's home only a few hours before. I decided that the difficulty was external to the set and installed a completely new feed-line from antenna terminals to the set.

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True to form, after the set was back on the bench and connected to the antenna, it operated perfectly.

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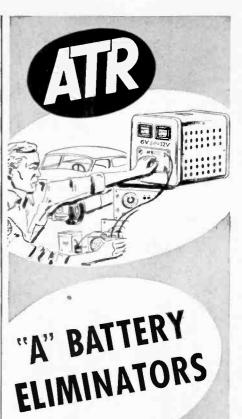
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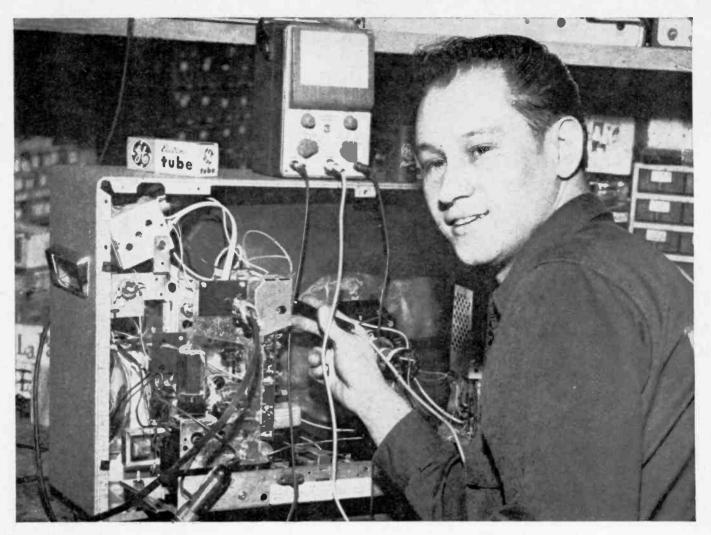
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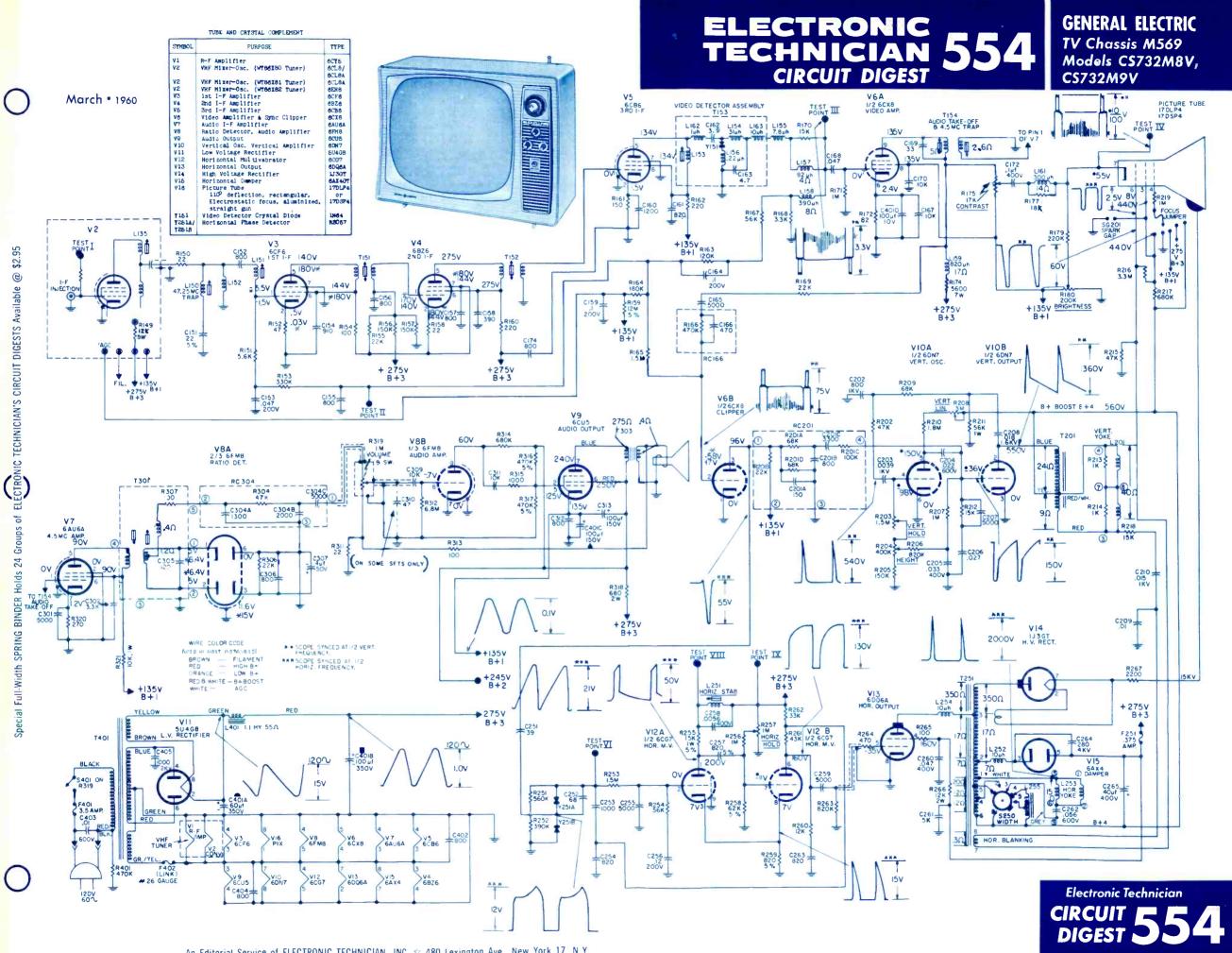
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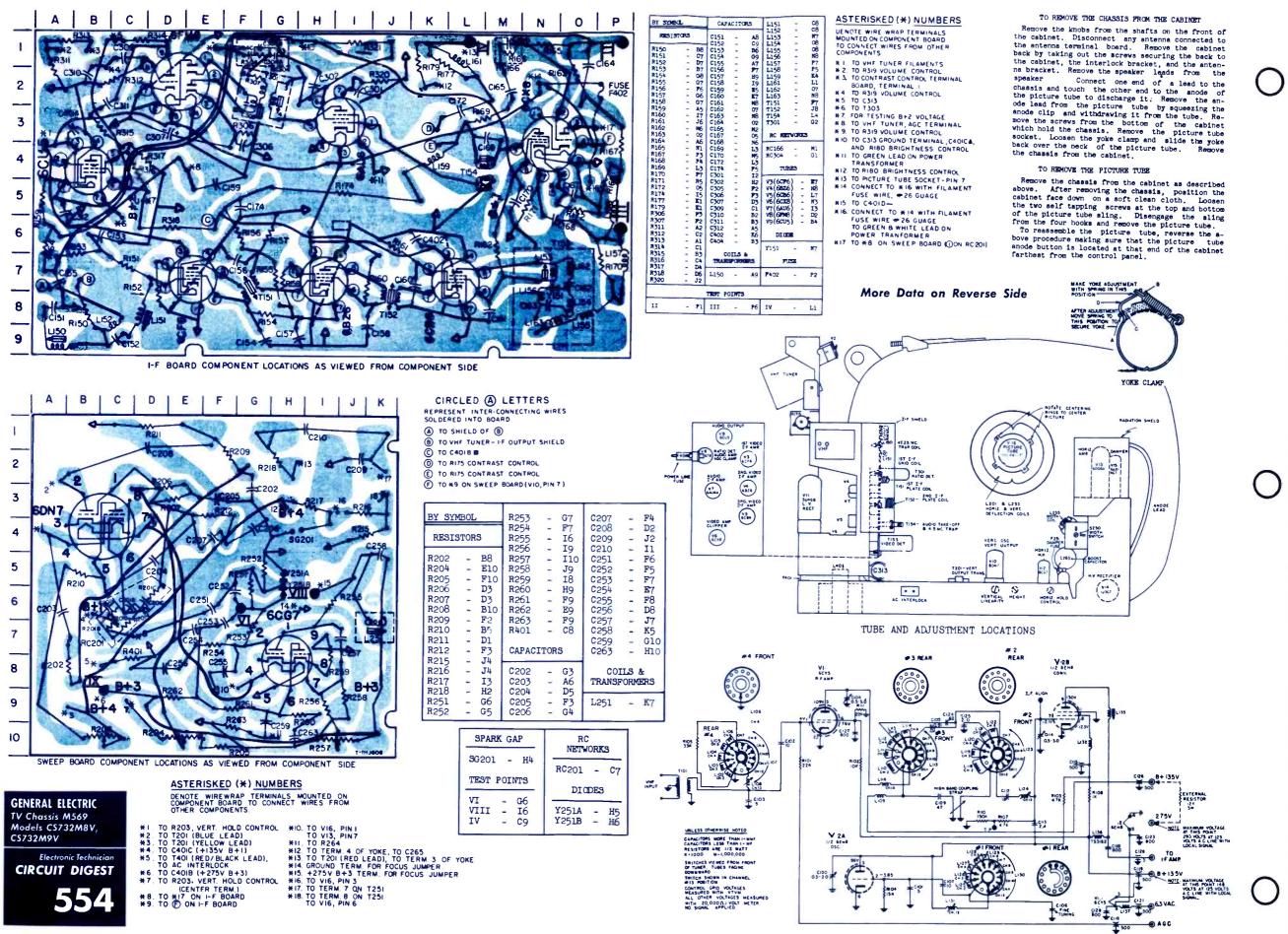
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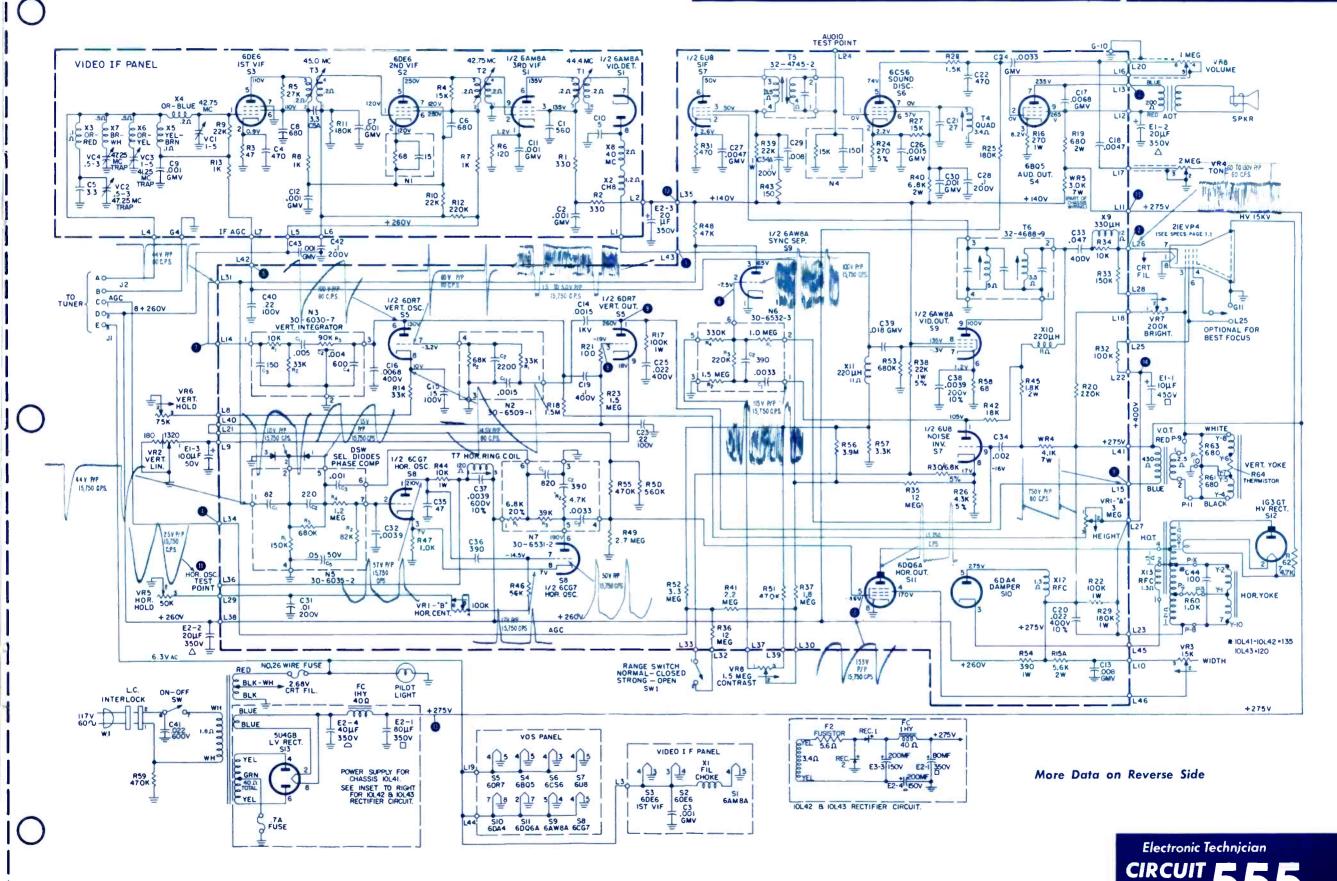
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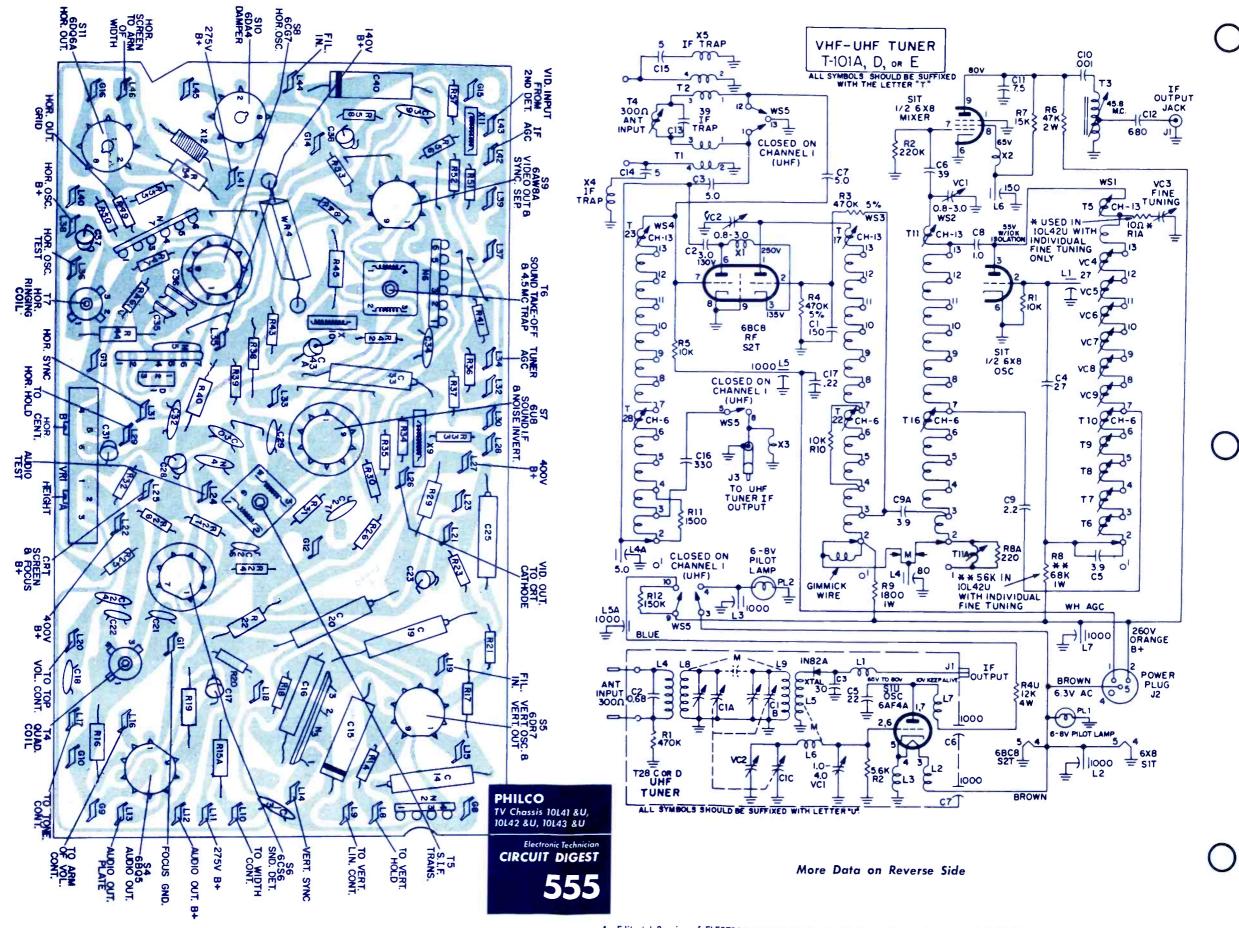
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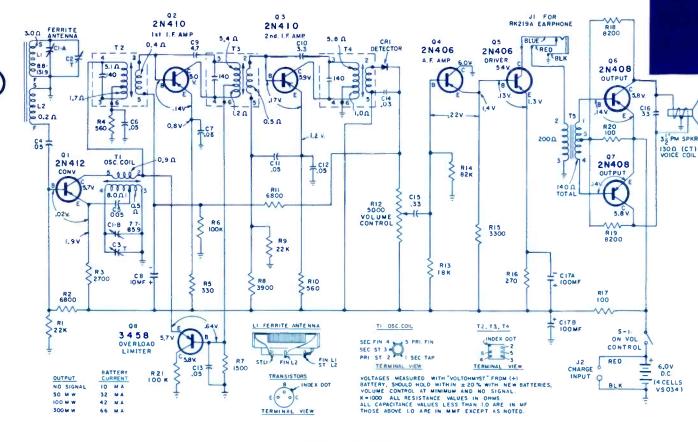


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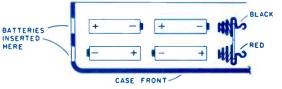
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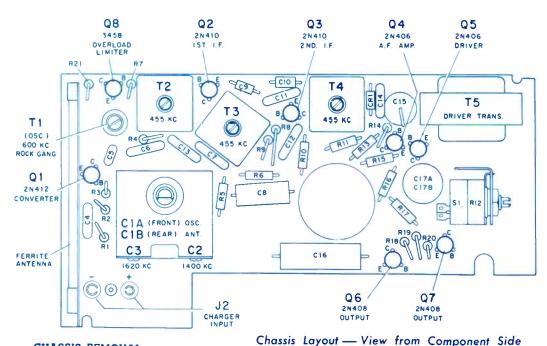
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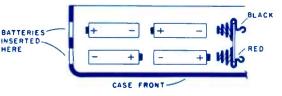
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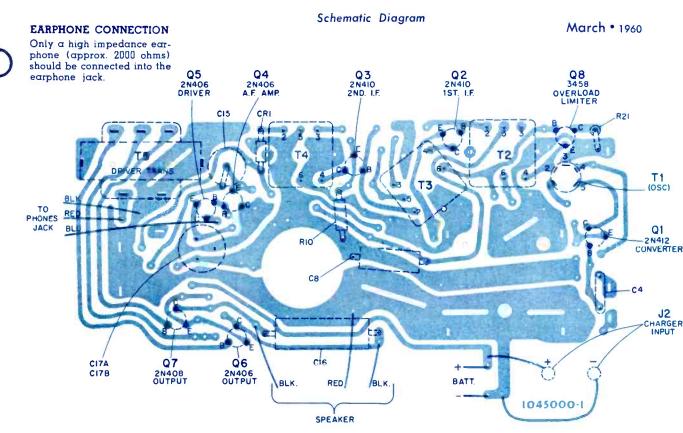


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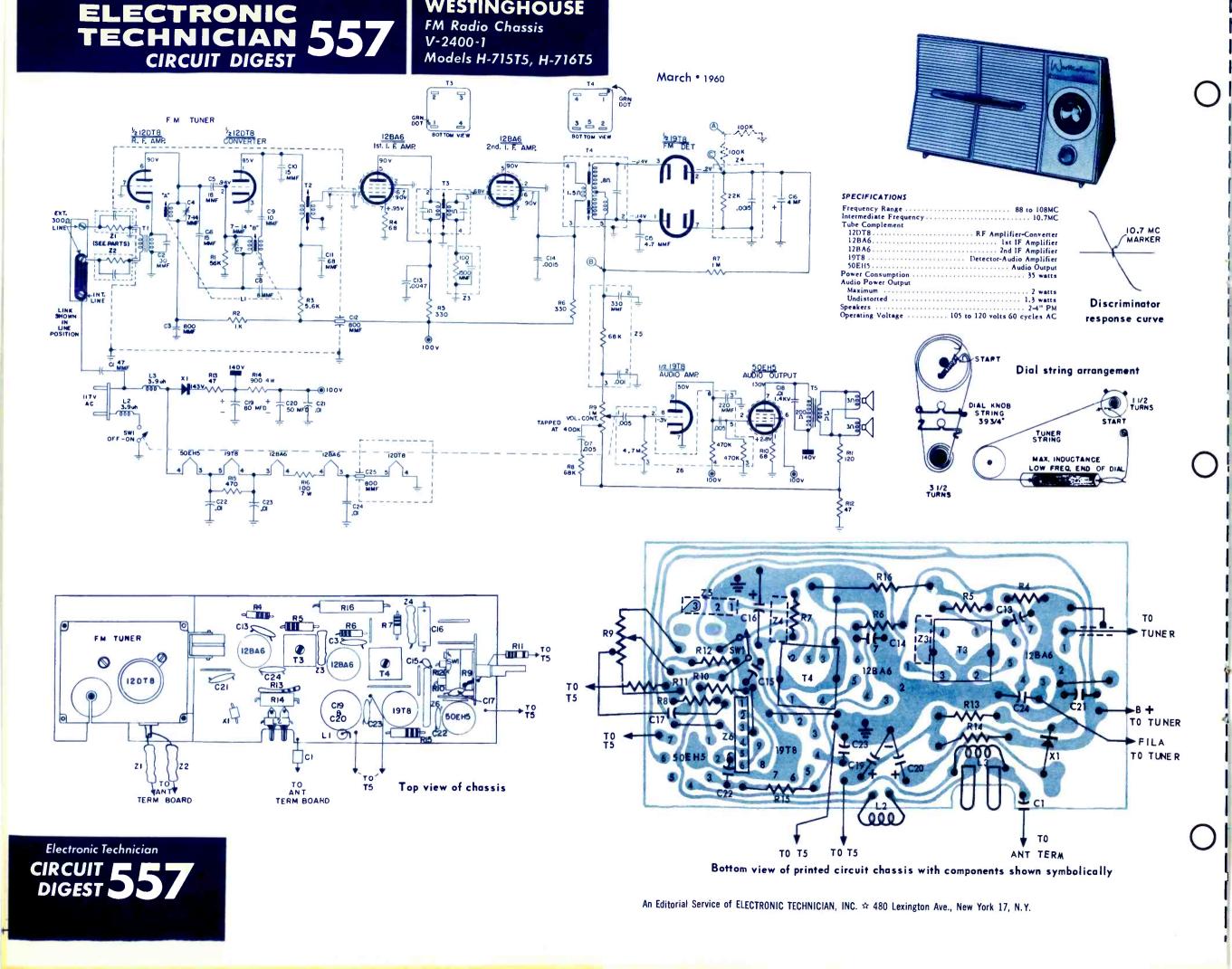




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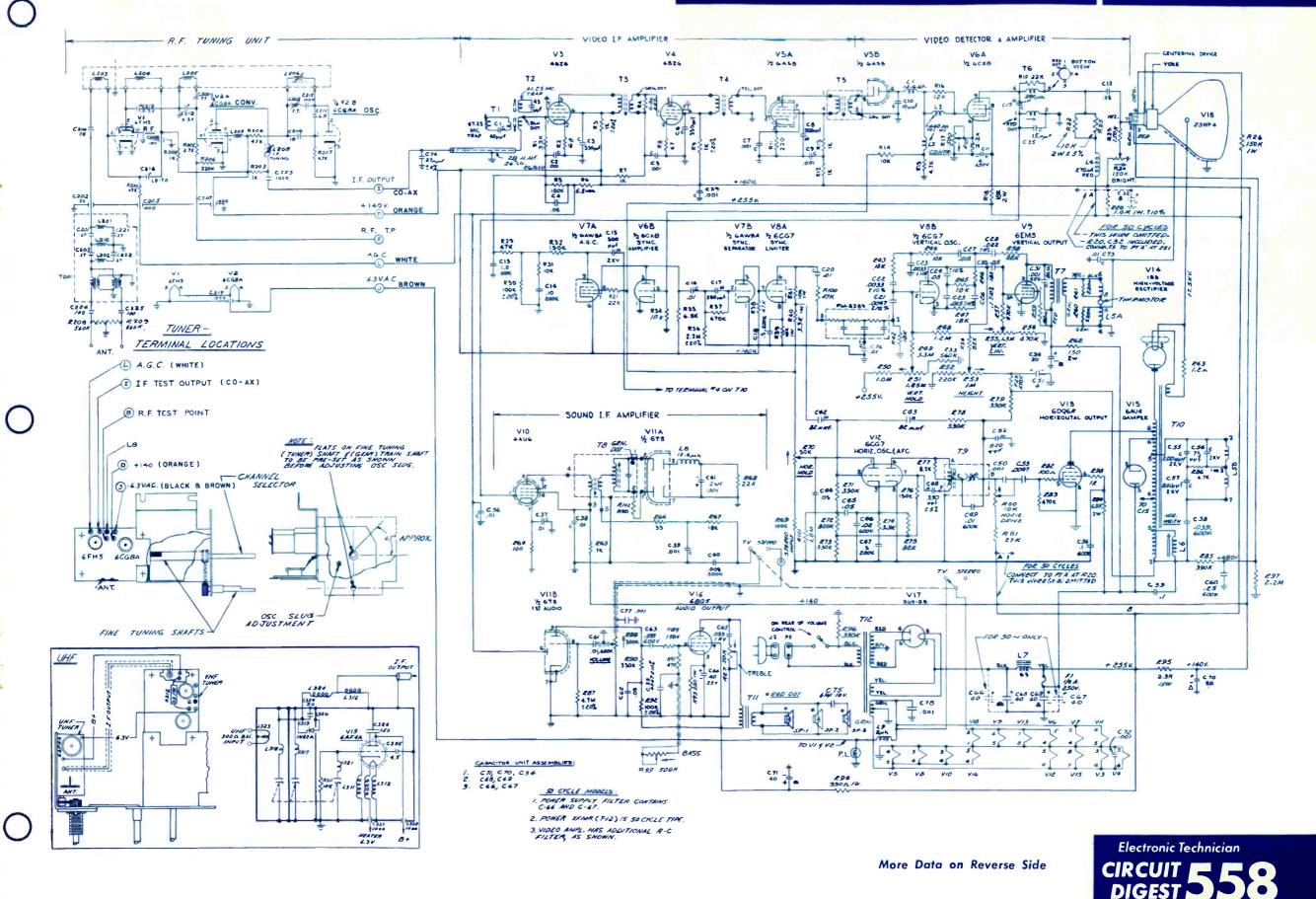
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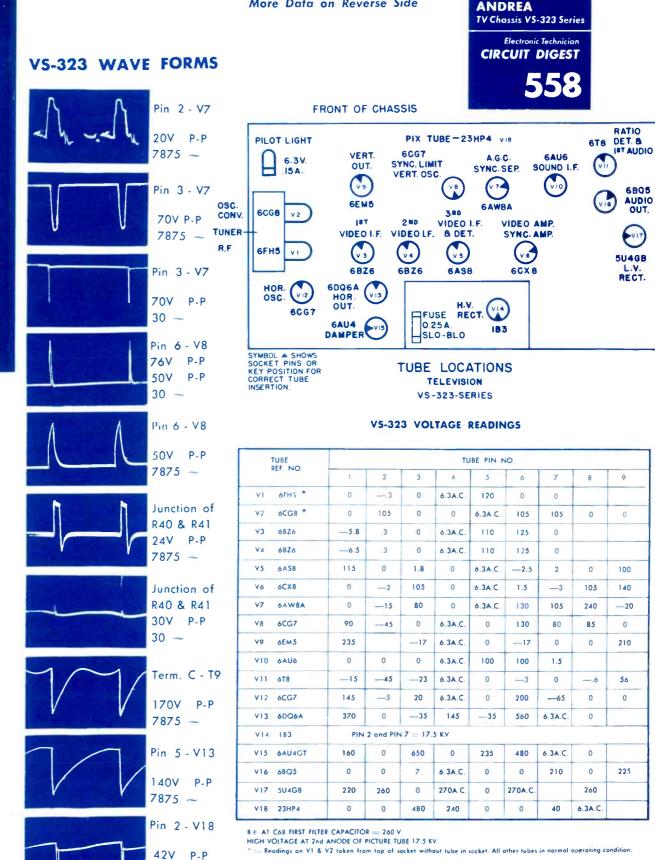


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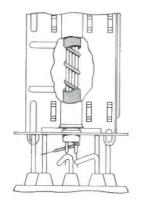


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