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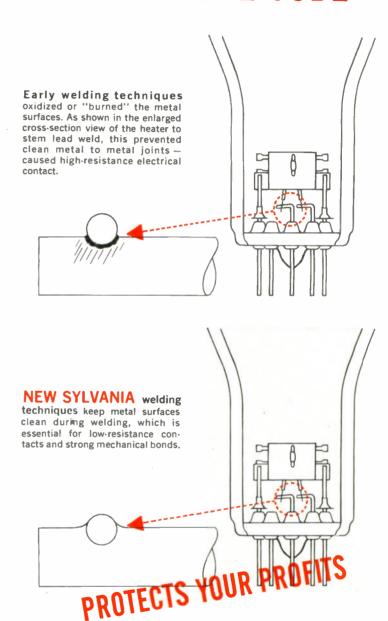
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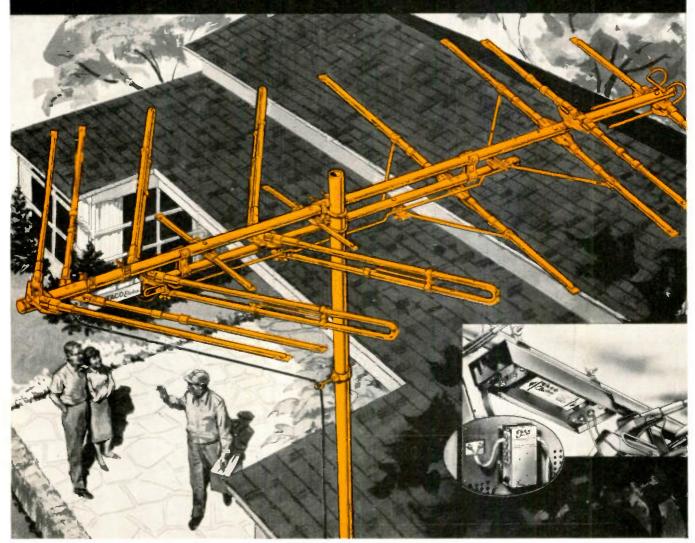
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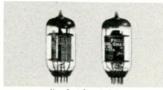
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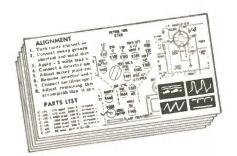
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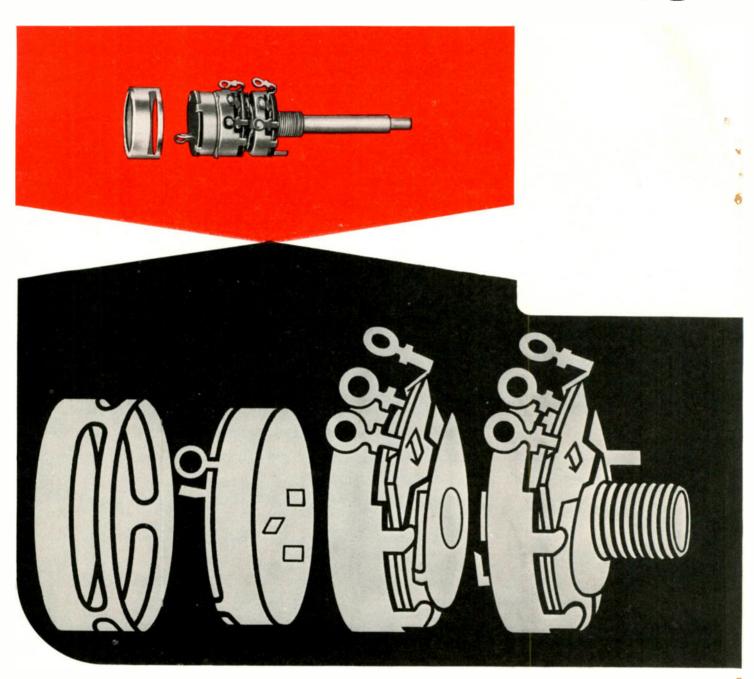
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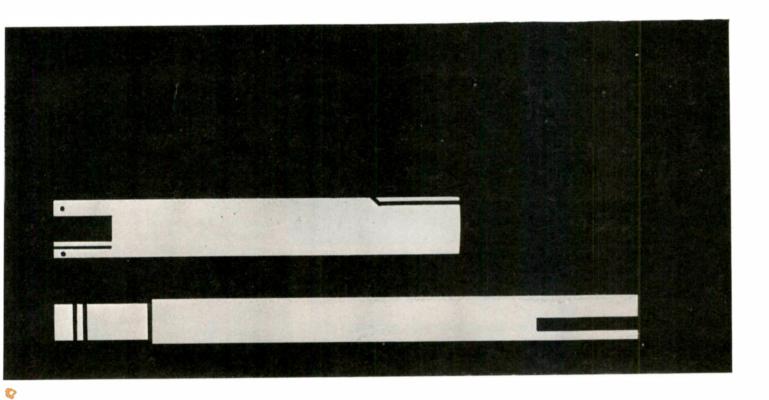
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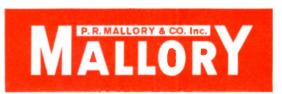
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EDITOR'S MEMO



Buying on credit has become a way of life with almost all of us. That great credit rating organization, Dun & Bradstreet, displays the slogan, "Credit—Man's Confidence in Man."

A. M. Sullivan defines credit as "a form of money, minted of faith. It is as old as man's willingness to honor the word of his fellow man. Credit is not a right, but a privilege earned by candor and restraint. It flourishes with prudent use, it fades with neglect and abuse."

Even in the writings of Omar Khayyam, some 850 years ago, it was said, "Take the cash, and let the credit go."

Some time ago, I printed a couple of cartoons which, readers claimed, really hit the spot. One showed a TV tech in the home. He is telling the set owner, "Yes, we have terms—cash or certified check." In the other cartoon, this same tech is asking the lady of the house, "Would you like to charge it, or would you prefer I leave the set here?"

Could be a small counter-revolution is in the making against credit. One company has already come out in competition with credit cards. This enterprising firm offers a cash card. The card holder shows it to a participating store or restaurant (after the bill has been added up), and he gets a 5 percent cash discount. This is still less than the 7 percent the store might normally pay to the credit card company.

Just as service dealers appreciate prompt paying and cash-on-the-line customers, electronic distributors think more highly of those dealer customers who do not have to be dunned for collection. Suppliers will usually make an effort to cater to good customers.

To encourage prompt payment, carrots sometimes work better than sticks. One tempting attraction is the 2 percent discount when paid in ten days.

Credit is something one must deserve. Not like the panhandler who asked for a \$5 loan to get a cup of coffee. When asked why he needed so much for coffee, he explained that he preferred a fine restaurant to the local cafeteria.

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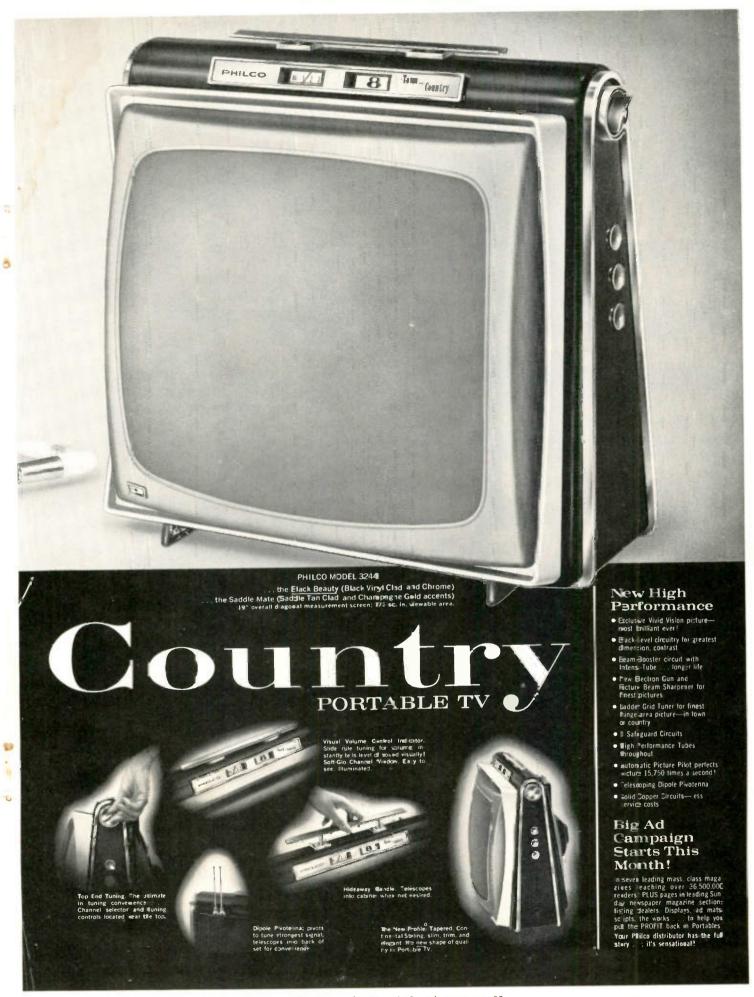
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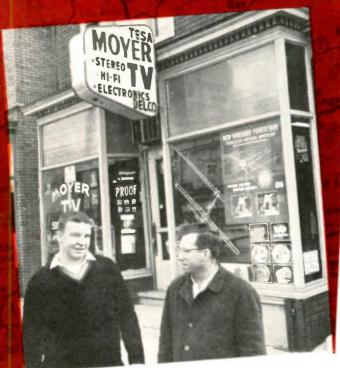
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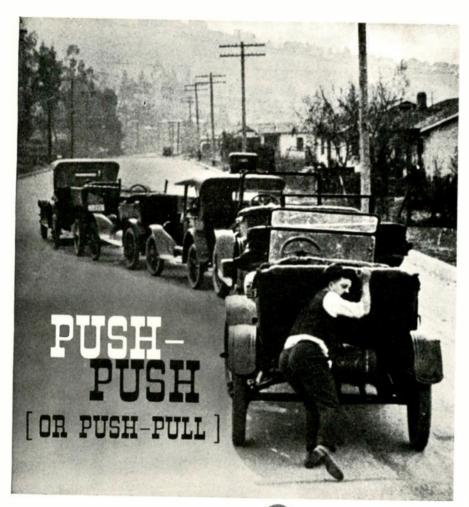
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#### Sewer TV

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

I came across the following ad in the Miami Herald. "SEWER FOREMAN, TV INSPECTION and repair of sewers. Handle equipment and men." I laughed when I read it. Has something new been added to TV service?

GEORGE F. GEORGES

Venice, Fla.

• It's no laughing matter. An increasing number of municipalities are learning that by pulling a TV camera through the sewer pipes they can inspect the lines more efficiently and safely than having a man crawl through on hands and knees.—Ed.

#### No Mistaken Identity

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

On page 68 of your May 1961 issue you published a warning to the effect that a Ray Barnes was not authorized to collect subscription payments, and that any effort to do so was an attempt to defraud.

When this was brought to my attention I took it as a joke. Then it occurred to me that I've been in the electronics industry for some 13 years and have met several people occasionally, but not often enough for them to become fully acquainted with my background and character.

The lack of any description of the Ray Barnes you refer to in your warning could result in confusion or misinterpretation on the part of some people. Such misinterpretation would do neither the company I work for nor myself any good.

Could you publish a further description of the person to whom your warning applies and at least give the area in which he operates?

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#### **New York Licensing**

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

The New York State TV license bill came very close to being passed during

the last legislative session. Without doubt the license bill will be passed this session and become law. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to explain how it will function.

The law is administered by a licensing board. The men appointed are suggested by the state trade association (ESFETA). The Department of Education does not determine the scope of the license examination that will be used (after the grandfathers get in). The contents of these examinations are determined solely by the license board. Many associations in ESFETA do not require all their members to be qualified bench technicians. Also, ESFETA has abandoned their one time requirement that all officers be qualified technicians. We are finding a lowering of the average technical standards by those who will be in a position to set the standards of our industry under

the license law. Therefore, unless the qualifications for the position of license board member be more strongly specified in the present bill, we have no guarantee of a good license law.

MELVIN COHEN

Suburban Television Service Hudson Falls, N. Y.

#### **Rejected Shop Hint Reappears**

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

In your September "Shop Hints" on page 44, I was surprised to find the item on Zenith tuners and the method of matching gears when reassembling. The surprise in question was due to the fact that an identical item was submitted to you in February of 1958 when many of these sets were coming into the shop for overhaul after being in use for several years. However, you rejected the item for publication. I have been submitting items for over

25 years to ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN and its predecessors, but this is the first time this has happened as far as I can recall

M. G. Goldberg

Beacon Radio & TV Service St. Paul 3, Minn.

• Our apologies to Reader Goldberg, who is one of the most consistent and prolific creators of Shop Hints in the industry. It's obvious that our Shop Hint editor in 1958 was in an ornery mood the day he passed up this Hint.
—Ed.

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#### Beaver COMPOUNDS

GTC-59 glass treatment compound is reported to work five ways to cut glass and plastic maintenance costs. It cleans and degreases in one operation; leaves a clear, lustrous, water - repellent and protective surface: cancels static fields which attract dust and dirt; keeps sur-face free from dirt build-up and has excellent antifogging properties.



It may also be used on plastic, enamel, chrome, stainless steel and most other smooth surfaces. Available in 6-ounce bottles, 16-ounce, 32-ounce, and one gallon cans. Beaver Laboratories Inc., 469 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, N. Y.

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#### **G-E NOISE BLANKERS**

Announced is a low cost-automatic switching ignition noise blanker for two-way radio systems. It works like a thermostat, turning on a suppressor when ignition noise is present and turning it off when noise disappears. Eliminated is the need for a motorist to click a special switch on and off when ignition noise from passing vehicles or other sources causes static interference. Communication Products Dept., General Electric Co., Lynchburg, Va.

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Cut snow . . . improve contrast . . . deliver sharper, clearer pictures to each set. New low noise, high gain transistor combined with advanced circuitry gives Winegard AT-6 "Booster-Pack" a flat gain of 16 db on low and FM bands . . . a flat 14 db gain on high band.

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For finest all-channel reception, use a Winegard "Teletron" antenna with your "Booster-Pack".

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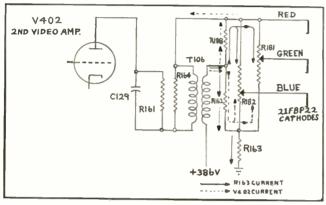
#### TV MANUFACTURERS TECHNICAL DIGEST

#### **GENERAL ELECTRIC**

#### Color TV Chassis CW — Color-Balance Stabilizer

GE's color TV chassis contains a color balance circuit that automatically maintains correct color values even though picture brightness and contrast may vary.

Correct color hues are maintained by applying



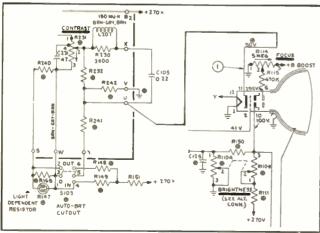
Schematic of G-E's color balance stabilizer which maintains a regulated d-c bias and a constant ratio between the a-c and d-c components of the video signal on each CRT cathode.

regulated d-c signal component levels at each CRT cathode. In this way constant ratio exists between the a-c and d-c components of the video signal with brightness and/or contrast changes.

#### **RCA**

#### TV Chassis KCS 136 Series — Automatic Brightness Control

A resistive network added to the video output tube's plate circuit of some KCS 135 TV receivers serves as an automatic brightness control circuit. A light-sensitive resistor (R-147, RCA type 4419) is used to react automatically to a change in room lighting. This network automatically changes CRT brightness.



A light dependent resistor in RCA's KCS 136 series TV chassis functions as an automatic brightness control.

In a brightly lighted room the resistor becomes a very low ohmmage, while in a dimly lighted area the resistor increases in value. The change in ohmmage varies the voltage applied to the CRT cathode.

A double-pole double-throw switch in the set permits the "resistor" to be manually switched in or out of the cathode circuit. The CRT's cathode circuit has a constant potential applied when the light-sensitive resistor is out of the circuit.

#### **PHILCO**

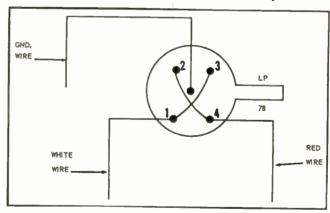
#### Model H2010 Transistorized TV — Preventing Damper Diode Short

This TV set should not be operated with the high voltage cage open. The damper diode is located near the cage door and may be shorted by the open door. A shorted damper diode will cause excessive current flow in the horizontal output circuit, with possible damage to the transistor or transformer.

#### **WEBCOR**

#### **Cartridge Substitution**

Webcor phono cartridge No. 21P721 is no longer available as a replacement part. When a replacement



Wiring diagram of Webcor's new No. 21P829-1 replacement cartridge which supersedes no-longer-available cartridge No. 21P721.

is needed, cartridge and bracket No. 21X728 should be obtained.

Replacement cartridges for the new type bracket may be ordered by part No. 21P729-1. The new cartridge must be wired as illustrated.

#### **MAGNAVOX**

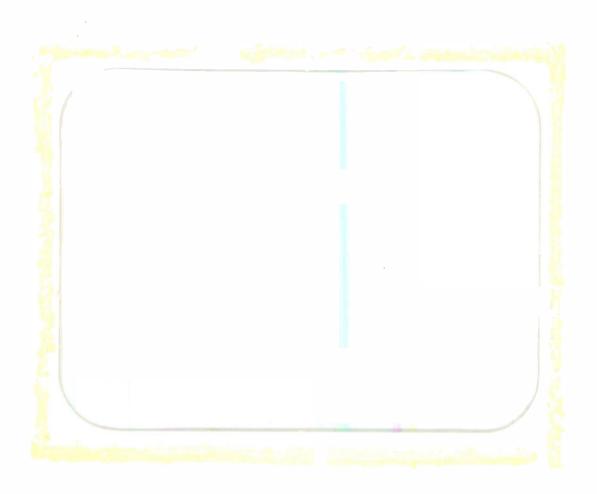
#### Chassis 35 Series — Damaged 1G3 Tube Socket

The 1G3 tube socket on these chassis may be damaged because filament leads are dressed too near the chassis. If a breakdown occurs in a socket, it must be replaced since repair is not practical. A new

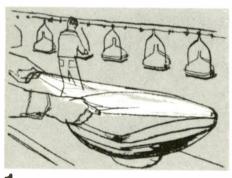
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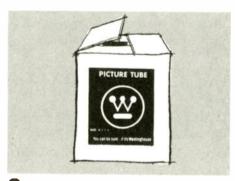
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TOTAL SCRATCH-PROTECTION FOR EVERY GOLD-STAR PICTURE TUBE!



## THERE'S NEW POWER IN



Glas-Gard polyethylene film is applied to every Gold Star Picture Tube at the factory.



Protects tube in shipping from scratching, and chemical action of packing materials.



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## WESTINGHOUSE TUBES!

Now GLAS-GARD film protects tube face ... gives you exclusive selling "extras"

An industry first . . . from Westinghouse! Every Westinghouse Gold Star Picture Tube now comes wrapped in Glas-Gard polyethylene film. Glas-Gard protects the tube face against scratching . . . eliminates corrosion of glass sometimes caused by conventional cardboard packaging. Glas-Gard positively identifies the picture tube as new and fresh from the factory. Glas-Gard gives you a powerful, exclusive selling story. Make the most of it! Point out its benefits to your customers.

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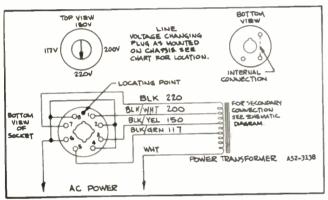
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tube socket which has a filament lead channel to prevent incorrect lead dressing, is available for replacement. This socket also provides more chassis clearance and a greater margin of safety. The socket (part number 180695-1) can be obtained from the nearest Magnavox parts distributor. Damaged sockets may be returned for exchange.

#### **ANDREA**

#### Chassis VT-123 — Multiple-Voltage Power Transformer

These chassis are equipped with a variable a-c input and may be operated on 117, 150, 200 and 220 volts. The chassis are shipped with the transformer



Andrea's VT-123 chassis will operate on various a-c line voltages ranging from 117 to 220v, 50 to 60 cps. Proper voltage for the power transformer's multi-voltage primary can be selected by removing and re-inserting the line voltage-changing plug on the chassis.

connected for set operation at the voltage stamped on the chassis rear.

To use this set on any voltage not specified on the chassis, remove the line voltage changing plug from its socket in the chassis and re-insert it with the plug's arrow pointing toward the voltage needed.

For combination models make sure that the TV chassis plug and the plug on the amplifier are set at the same voltage.

#### **RCA**

#### Ion Magnets for Modern CRT's

The magnetic flux density of original ion magnets used in many older receivers ranged from 46 to 55 gauss. Because of a change in gun structure, all new and rebuilt CRT's require ion traps rated from 31 to 33 gauss. If the old type traps are used on a new or rebuilt replacement tube, the magnet may have to be adjusted too far back on the tube's neck and maximum brightness may not be obtained. The proper ion magnet should be used when replacing a CRT.

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No finer VTVM value at this price anywhere! A favorite for years because of its high accuracy and dependability at low cost. Now, with improved styling, extended low frequency response, and single test probe convenience, an even greater value! Precision components and high quality throughout for years of dependable, trouble-free performance. Check the specifications below and you'll see why Heathkit offers more.

SPECIFICATIONS—Meter scales: DC & AC (RMS): 0-1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500 volts full scale. AC peak-to-peak: 0-4, 14, 40, 140, 400, 1400, 4000, Resistance: 10 ohm center scale xt, x10, x100, x1000, x10K, x10K, x10K, x1 meg. Measures: 1 ohm to 1000 megohms with internal battery. Meter: 4%" 200 us movement. Multipliers:1% precisiontype. Input resistance DC: 11 megohms (1 megohm in probe) on all ranges. Circuit: Balanced bridge (push-pull) using twin triode. Accuracy: DC ± 3%. AC ± 5% of full scale. Frequency response: ±1 db, 25 cps to 1 mc (600 ohm source). Battery: 1.5 volt, size "C" flashlight cell. Dimensions: 7%" H x 4 ½" 6" W x 4½" D.

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Lab quality—low price AC-VTVM

New features ... new styling ... new performance in this brand new Heathkit AC VTVM! An excellent meter for use where high accuracy AC measurements are a must! 10 ranges, 0.01 to 300 volts RMS.

SPECIFICATIONS—Frequency response: ±1 db 10 cps to 500 kc, ±2db 10 cps to 1 mc, all ranges. Ranges: VOLTS—For ranges from 0.01 to 300 voits RMS full scale.

Decibels: Total range —52 to +52 db, meter scale —12 to +12 db (0 db = 1 mw in 600 onms), ten switch selected ranges from —40 to +50 db in 10 db steps. Input Impedance: 10 megohms shunted by 12 uuf on ranges 10 to 300 volts, 10 megohms shunted by 22 uuf on ranges.03 to 3 volts. Accuracy: Within 5% of full scale, Dimensions: 7% H x 41 1/16 ° W x 4% ° D.

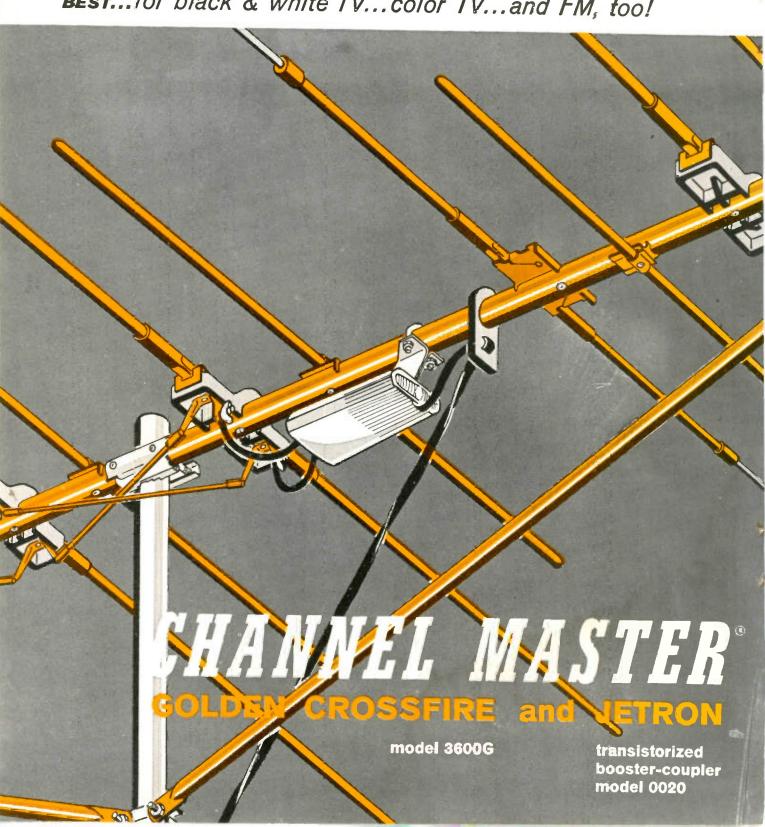
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## The most powerful pair you can put on a TV mast!

BEST...for black & white TV...color TV...and FM, too!



## There are no lazy elements in the Golden Crossfire!

In less than three months, the Channel Master Golden Crossfire has become the most wanted antenna of all time! Dealers and customers alike have been quick to recognize the outstanding superiority of the Crossfire over

every other antenna.

The remarkable performance of the Crossfire is made possible by the use of a revolutionary engineering principle...Proportional Energy Absorption. In other antennas, a great many of the elements are "lazy" on any given channel... they are not actively working. But in the Crossfire, Proportional Energy Absorption puts more picture-pulling elements to work on every channel. The result: the highest gain and front-to-back ratios ever built into a broad band antenna!

The Crossfire's performance is coupled with "take anything" construction that provides exceptional resistance to high winds and ice

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## Antenna-mounted booster...install it, then forget it!

The Jetron is built to last! Not only does it have fewer components than any other booster, but the Jetron amplifier pod on the antenna contains no transformer, no rectifier, no filter capacitor. These components are all in the power supply, right by the set, where servicing is quick and easy. This power supply also serves as a 4-set coupler.

The Jetron can be used with any make or type of antenna to add electronic power boost. You are not limited to a particular antenna. That's why the Jetron provides a convenient, trouble-free means of enhancing the perform-

ance of already existing installations.

#### Here's why no other booster measures up to the Jetron!

| FEATURE  | Jetron       | Booster<br>A | Booster<br>B | Booster<br>C |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| No. of sets<br>that can be coupled   | 4            | 1            | 2            | 4            |
| Newest low-noise<br>transistor   | Yes          | No           | No           | Yes          |
| Low-cost AC operation  | Yes          | Yes          | Yes          | No           |
| Antenna-mounted components subject to failure (electrolytic condenser, selenium rectifier) | No           | Yes          | Yes          | No           |
| No. of antenna<br>mounted components   | 14           | 26           | 31           | 22           |
| Highest gain on:   | high<br>band | low<br>band  | low<br>band  | low<br>band  |
| Consumer-appeal styling  | Yes          | Yes          | No           | No           |

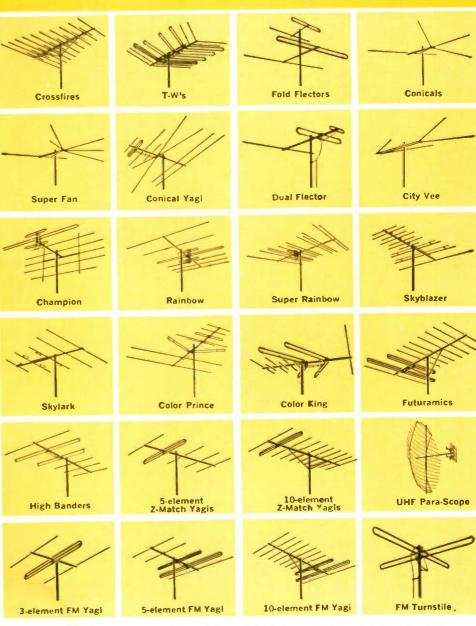
# FOR THE JOB! CHANNEL MASTER MAKES IT IN GOLD... AT NO INCREASE IN PRICE!

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For the best antenna of its type, select a Channel Master Gold Medal antenna.

## RCA TUBE ROADSHOW

#### "Step right up, folks hurry, hurry, hurry..."

None of the same

Street Bridge Control of the Control

"All right, friends, tell you what this show's about. For a limited time now, you're going to earn yourself valuable certificates when you buy famous RCA Electron Tubes. You can redeem your certificates any time through July, 1962, at any Firestone store or dealer for a wide selection of auto accessories and valuable gifts.

"Just cast your eyes upon a few of the items you can get with your RCA ROADSHOW Certificates."







Firestone or Delco batteries, 6- or 12-volt









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#### TUNINGIN

NAB TELLS FCC it trespasses on American freedom if it seeks to dictate what Americans should hear and see on radio and TV. The National Association of Broadcasters dissects the broad revisions proposed by the Federal Communications Commission and takes a position between the extreme views that a broadcaster may broadcast whatever he desires so long as his programs are not obscene, indecent or profane; and that the people own the airwayes and the FCC, acting for them, can dictate what is broadcast. The Association says broadcasters approve efforts by the FCC "in encouraging an ever-increasing elevation in the quality and scope of broadcast programming," but adds: "If and when the government moves from the area of encouragement and stimulation of programming in general to the area of advocating with favor or disfavor specific programming, or with special emphasis in specific categories of programming, then it has stepped across the line that divides its responsibility from that of the licensee..."

#### **DENTAL PAIN KILLER**



A "Stereo Dental Package," by Koss, Inc., for use by dentists in audio analgesic systems provides relaxation and materially raises the pain threshold. Effect is even more pronounced with patient-controlled "white sound," a noise applied to the hearing mechanism to produce a masking effect and reduce the apparent intensity of other stimuli. The package includes a white noise generator.

FIRST LP RECORD now in the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Peter C. Goldmark, president and director of research, CBS Laboratories, has presented the Institution with the first 33-1/3 rpm record on which he and his associates first succeeded in recording 16 minutes of sound. Institution secretary, Dr. Leonard Carmichael, said the record made in 1945 is a significant addition to the national collections, which span the 83 years since Thomas A. Edison patented the phonograph in February 1878.

CRT WITHOUT LINES, mounted in a special German-made TV set, was displayed at the recent Berlin, Fair in Germany. The new-type Westinghouse picture tube eliminates the usual scanning lines by subjecting the electron beam to a small-amplitude, high-frequency deflection, thus enlarging it vertically to fill in the conspicuous black areas between the information lines. The output of an oscillator is used to deflect the scanning spot so that it moves up and down in a sinusoidal path instead of tracing straight across the tube. Difficulties inherent in previous methods for eliminating horizontal lines were overcome with a split-focus grid device, developed by the Westinghouse electronic tube division.

ON THE RISE are United Kingdom exports of electronic products to the United States. First quarter in 1961 total over \$4.5 million, up 6 percent over the same period in 1960, reports the Electronics Division of the Business and Defense Services Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce. Record-playing mechanisms accounted for over 50 percent of the total value, an increase of 26 percent, but exports of record players, radios and phonographs dropped sharply. Substantial increase in exports of electron tubes was offset by a decline in exports of communications, navigation and radar equipment.

A SINISTER THREAT in increasing government ownership of patents. At the recent National Electronics Conference, Robert W. Galvin, president of Motorola, Inc., expressed grave concern that increasing government ownership of patents has become a vital and fundamental threat to the root strengths of the electronic industry. He said, in part: "There may have been a unique justification for the government owning inventions associated with atomic research because of the lethal nature of the weapon that resulted. The justification should have ended there...."

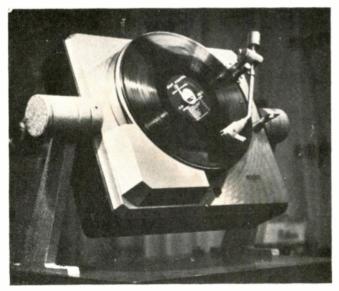
#### THE PICTURE



PRODUCTION totals for both radio and TV receivers hit the second highest peak of the year in August, according to the Electronic Industries Association. TV output in August totaled 514,674 sets, second only to the June high total of 615,118. Cumulative output for 1961 exceeded the total for the same period in 1960 by 5,000 sets. Radio output in August, 1,385,101, was also the highest since June, for a total of 1,626,263. Year-to-date output of radio sets remained below the cumulative total for the same period in 1960. One interesting segment of the compilation shows: TV sets with UHF Tuner in August, 33,946; year-to-date, 1961, 205,011; year-to-date, 1960, 286,-297 sets.

WOMAN'S HAT SHOP has an FM radio station behind it which is the hobby of two Mount Kisco (N. Y.) business men and six other Westchester residents. Their daily jobs range from radio station engineering, restaurant proprietorship, writing and selling to other remunerative activities. But before and after work, they operate station WRNW, on 107.1 mc, where they are announcers, programmers, disc jockeys, repairmen. The mail? Their wives answer it. First

#### I'VE GOT A SECRET!



It performs perfectly upsidedown as well as right side up! The Empire Troubador's "secret" is a dynamically-balanced tone arm. Dynamic tone arms utilize a counter weight to maintain horizontal balance in any position. An adjustable spring applies vertical stylus tracking pressure.

#### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 3-6: 2nd bi-annual Palms Springs Conference. Southern California Chapter, Electronic Representatives Assn., (ERA). Riviera Hotel, Palm Springs, Calif.
- Feb. 6-7: 25th regional seminar, National Electronic Distributors
  Assn., (NEDA). Shrine Exposition Hall, Los Angeles,
  Calif.
- Feb. 9-11: 2nd Pacific Electronic Trade Show, (PET). Shrine Exposition Hall, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Mar. 20-25: 1962 Los Angeles High Fidelity Music Show, Institute of High Fidelity Manufacturers, Inc., (IHFM). Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Mar. 26-29: IRE International Convention, Coliseum and Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y.
- Mar. 28-31: 11th biennial Electrical Industry Show and Conference. Electrical Maintenance Engineers Association of Calif. Shrine Exposition Hall, Los Angeles, Calif.
- April 11-13: S. W. IRE Conference and Electronics Show, (SWIRECO) Rice Hotel, Houston, Texos.

broadcast, April 8, 1960. Original investment, \$10,-000. Increased to \$30,000 for additional equipment and expanded music library. Broadcasting hours extend from six a.m. to midnight.

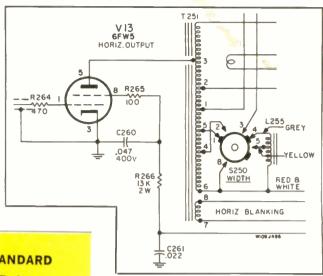
PAY TV, in the form of community antenna TV systems, began more than ten years ago and shows no signs of abating. Since World War II, more than 1,000 communities across the country have installed the systems, which serve more than 3,700,000 households. These systems consist of an antenna installed conveniently near a TV signal and electronic equipment to send the signal at increased strength through a coaxial distribution cable or over microwave transmission lines.

FOR WANT OF A MAGNET . . . if these little units lost their magnetism the complex communications system would come to a halt. More than 200,000,000 were produced last year for more than 40,000 uses. Alnico magnets find their greatest single market in the electronic communications and entertainment fields. In their development, the first breakthrough was the discovery, during the past twenty years, that magnetic properties could be built into alloys of aluminum, nickel, cobalt and iron. The second breakthrough, achieved during the past ten years, was the discovery of ferrites which hold the key to the future growth of companies in the magnetic field. Ferrites are mixtures of the oxides of iron and such metals as manganese, cobalt, nickel, copper and zinc.

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Also, the blue glow sometimes seen in the neck of a picture tube does not indicate that the tube is gassy. This is a normal condition and is simply a fluorescent effect similar to that seen in some receiving tubes. Generally, the blue glow will vary as the ion magnet is adjusted and is usually at a minimum when the magnet is positioned properly.



Horizontal output circuit of G-E's M6 chassis, Code 112M6 and all later code numbers, which has a 6FW5 horizontal output tube installed in place of the original 6DQ6.

#### GENERAL ELECTRIC Chassis M6 — Production Changes

(See ET Circuit Digest No. 580, 8/60)

Code 024M6 and above: Capacitor C405 (in the low voltage rectifier circuit) is connected between pin 4 and 6 instead of from pin 4 to ground.

Code 028M6 and above: Deemphasis network RC303 (between the volume control and the ratio detector transformer's secondary) has been changed. The 10,000 pf capacitor, C303C, within the network has been replaced with a 5,000 pf unit.

Code 037M6 and above: Resistor R251 (across one section of the horizontal diode) is changed from 560K to 390K ohms.

Code 106M6 and above: Capacitor C264 (connected between pins 3 and 5 of the damper tube) is changed from 315 pf to 280 pf.

Code 109M6 and above: Integrator network RC 201 (between the sync amplifier's plate and the input to the vertical oscillator tube) is changed. Capacitor C201C has been changed from 150 pf to 100

Code 112M6 and above: The horizontal output circuit is changed to use a 6FW5 in place of a 6DQ6.

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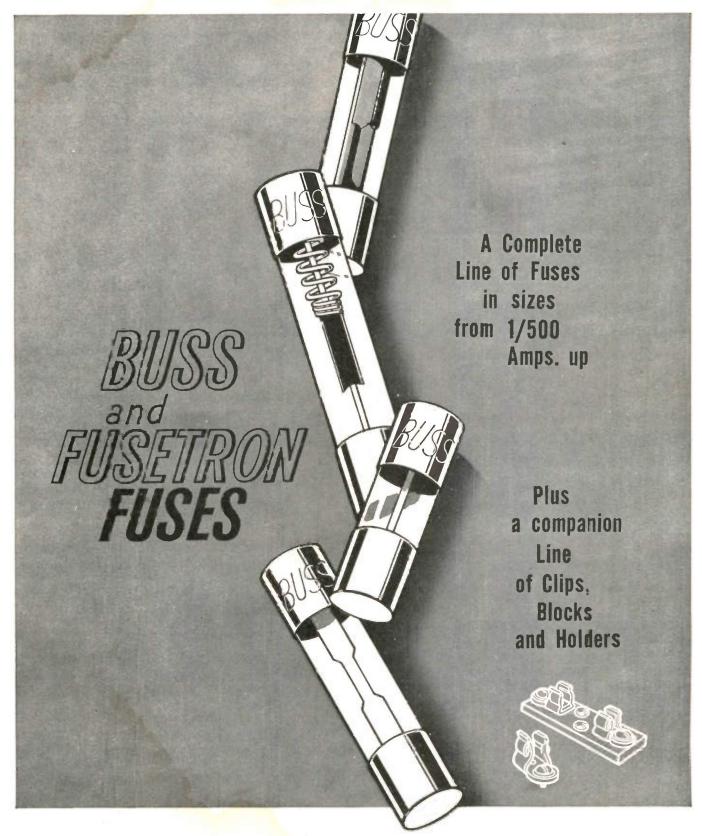
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#### AUDIO NEWS LETTER

SHURE BROS. names Gerald H. Reese as coordinator of sales promotion, advertising and public relations— a new post.

HARMAN-KARDON's eight-page question-and-answer brochure explains the features, installation, construction and philosophy of Citation hi-fi kits.

GENERAL ELECTRIC reports that Roy Dally, a G-E phono cartridge engineer, received the Emile Berliner Award for 1961 at the Annual Awards Banquet of the Audio Engineering Society.

ACOUSTIC RESEARCH expects to market a turntable-arm combination before the end of the year, their first product outside of the loudspeaker field. Unit to be single speed (33-1/3 rpm).

AM STEREO broadcasting petitions by RCA, Philco and others turned down by FCC. Agency said that, unlike FM stereo, there's no evidence of public need or industry desire for AM stereo.

PICKERING reports that approximately 200 hi-fi dealers will receive "Live Wire Dealers Promoting Pickering Products" awards . . . a plaque identifying them as Pickering key dealers.

ROBINS announces a new low cost bulk tape eraser. Erases recordings from reels of recording tape up to 7 inches in diameter and ¼ of an inch wide. Especially suited for 3 and 4 inch reels. Model ME-77, \$22.

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FERRODYNAMICS announces improved "Brand Five" magnetic recording tape, at same price level as the old "Brand Five." Employs newly developed dry synthetic lubricant to eliminate squeal and gumming, as one of the improvements.

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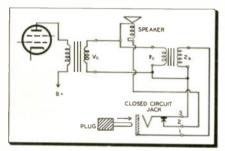
#### SHOP HINTS

#### TIPS FOR HOME AND BENCH SERVICE

#### Earphones on Series-String TV's

Earphone installation on seriesstring TV sets is one job that should not be taken lightly.

Connecting the phones through a blocking capacitor to the first



Earphone jack should be insulated from series string chassis. When low impedance phones are not available, an additional output transformer is used for matching.

or second audio tube's plate and chassis is positively out of the question, especially if the customer's home has cement or terrazzo floors.

To eliminate shock hazard, a closed circuit jack should be inserted in the set's audio output transformer secondary, as shown in the schematic. If four-ohm phones are not available, I mount a second audio output transformer inside the TV and wire it in backwards; that is voice coil-to-voice coil. The set's speaker disconnects automatically when the phone plug is inserted in the jack.

Impedance of the second transformer is selected to match the phones used. The jack is insulated from the cabinet with bushing-type fiber washers.—Harry Parker, West Palm Beach, Fla.

#### Misadjusted Horizontal Hold Triggers Remote

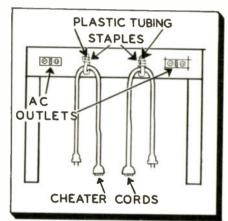
We have had several "self-triggering" complaints of remote controls in RCA color TV sets. (The channel selector continually moves from one channel to another and can be stopped only when the set is switched to manual operation.)

Customers will often turn the horizontal hold control trying to

adjust their picture, and in the confusion the control is turned too far. This setting of the horizontal control will usually start the remote control channel selector operating. Usual cure for this trouble will be readjustment of the horizontal hold control until the picture shows one frame. The remote unit will then stop triggering. This symptom may not occur on all color sets, but we have seen it on a few.—H. L. Davidson, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

#### Bench Fastened Cheater Cords

Frequently the last set repaired for the day by my bench technicians was delivered to the customer



Cheater cords are fastened to back of work bench with flexible plastic tubing to keep handy and to prevent loss.

with a shop a-c cord still attached. In fact, we were continually running out of cheater cords.

To prevent this from continuing, I furnished each test position with a fastened a-c cord. A technician could easily shift his a-c connection within his immediate area, but the set could not be transferred to the out-going rack with the cord attached. After moving five feet, the technician would become immediately aware he was still connected.

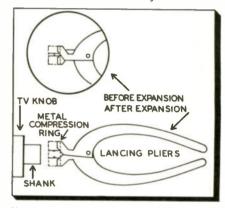
I use a length of ¼-inch flexible plastic tubing at each a-c outlet to act as the cord holder. The tubing is wrapped one full turn around the cheater cord and the two ends

of the plastic tubing are stapled to the bench.

Each work area has a set-up of this type, and the technician is immediately alerted when the a-c cord is left connected.—George E. Lytle, Marion, Ohio.

#### Installing Knob Compression Rings

Installing small metal compression rings on TV and radio knobs can be a troublesome job. But it



Knob compression rings can be easily installed on knob shank with lancing plier.

can be made easy and simple by using an XA12X70 GE or equivalent type lancing plier. The plier is normally used to install grommets in certain types of steam irons. TV technicians who service small appliances may already have this tool.

Rings are easily placed on knob's shank by inserting the plier tips in the ring and applying pressure on the handles. This expands the ring and it can then be slipped on the shank while in an expanded condition—Dee Bramlette, Jr., Greenbrier, Tenn.

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# ET VIEWPOINT

### FCC's Crucial UHF-TV Test

As we go to press, the Federal Communications Commission is about to put a TV station on the air. How well this station performs may drastically affect the entire future of TV broadcasting.

The station is WUHF, Channel 31, atop the Empire State Building in New York City. It is part of a \$2,000,000 project to determine how well UHF can perform in a major metropolitan area. The results of these tests could be the basis for FCC proposing to move all television to UHF, Channels 14 through 82.

Antennas on the four corners of the Empire State Building will broadcast to 100 monitoring sets placed at 5,000 different locations within a radius of 25 miles from the transmitting antenna. Greater distances will also be checked by mobile receivers. How UHF compares with VHF, particularly where there are shading problems of big buildings, will be the nub of the findings.

FCC is grimly seeking an answer to the dismal UHF picture. One recent report states that though there are 1,319 commercial UHF spots available, only 79 stations are on the air. And half of these are in trouble. Ninety-nine UHF stations have already failed. In comparison, there are 456 VHF stations broadcasting, out of a possible 556.

The basic reason for this unhappy state of affairs is that the FCC made an abysmal error when it set up its allocations originally. It never should have mixed VHF and UHF in the same market areas, because UHF has not been able to compete.

Among FCC plans to alleviate the situation, is to take VHF out of eight medium sized cities such as Madison, Wis.; Rockford and Champaign, Ill.; Hartford, Conn.; Erie, Pa.; Binghamton, N. Y.; Columbia, S. C.; and Montgomery, Ala.; areas where UHF has been established.

Next, FCC may try to get Congress to require by legislation that all TV sets have all-channel tuning. As we expressed in our May 1961 editorial, we are opposed to such "design by legislation," unless legislation also provides the economic basis. In other words,

the public will be forced to spend \$155,000,000 extra on its TV set purchases because of the UHF feature, unless Congress attracts (rather than forces) manufacturers to all-channel sets by eliminating the excise tax on such sets.

Next, FCC wants to add eight VHF stations to get a third major channel in most of the major markets. This might include such cities as Baton Rouge, La.; Birmingham, Ala.; Charlotte, N. C.; Dayton, Ohio; Jacksonville, Fla.; Johnstown, Pa.; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Oklahoma City, Okla.

At the same time, other communications services are casting covetous glances at the vast expanse of the TV spectrum that is so under-utilized.

What happens in New York with station WUHF will have great impact on the entire TV industry. The TV service dealer will have to play a vital role in any major change, since consumers will require converters, new antennas and related items. The current growth of color TV could also be affected adversely or favorably.

We wish the FCC good luck in this needed undertaking, but we caution them that they must listen carefully to the advice of industry — the same kind of advice from industry which could have prevented this UHF mess in the first place.

### Joyeux Noel

As you can see from our cover, we are getting into the holiday spirit. We look upon this time, not only as one of celebration, but also a time of serious reflection of the world's need for good will.

Though each of us individually cannot affect the world's peace, we can each contribute by dealing with one another on a high moral level, with a will to do right, and the strength to protect our way of life and to offer human compassion. These are the characteristics we want for our nation in its international dealings.

On behalf of the staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas, good fortune, peace and happiness for the coming year.

# Just How Critical Is Transistor Operation?

Practical experiments show how much voltages can change without seriously affecting performance.

Results of substituting different types are shown

by Herb Bowden and Jim Neuman

Mr. Bowden is president and Mr. Neuman, field engineer of Sencore, Inc.

■ Many of us have heard lectures and read articles on transistor servicing. Authors and lecturers often express extreme and opposite views. One may claim that all you need to service transistor circuits is a coupling capacitor and a screw driver. Another may propose that accurate beta measurements are absolutely essential. Reports have been published in ELECTRONIC TECHNICAN comparing the accuracy of one transistor tester against another. Those reports purposely did not indicate whether or not the accuracy was essential for practical service work. Nor was it the intent of those reports to examine tolerance extensively.

This article deals with the practical problems concerning transistor circuits and components, particularly transistors. Just how critical are transistors? How critical are bias voltages and battery voltages? How critical are replacement transistors?

To find out how critical, a typical transistor radio was selected at random and circuits upset, transistors substituted, voltages altered and biases changed. The results obtained indicated that transistors and transistor radio repair are not

nearly as critical as you might have been lead to believe. Transistorized circuits can be just as easy to repair as vacuum tube circuits, providing the technician has a working knowledge of the circuits and has practical test equipment to help speed him on his way to a satisfactory conclusion.

Here are the experiments that were performed to help dispel some of the fiction surrounding the repair of these circuits.

### **B Plus Voltages Varied**

In order to find out what effect the battery voltage would have on a transistor radio's operation, a Philco model TS124 transistor radio was picked at random. This radio uses a 3 volt battery supply and a 1.5 volt bias tap. The AM radio was of coventional design using six PNP type transistors.

A variable transistor radio power supply of the type shown in Fig. 1 was used. This supply has a 1.5 volt biasing tap to provide the d-c bias required. All d-c measurements were made with a standard VTVM. Our "yardstick" of operation was to produce clear and adequate sound. The results were as follows:

| "BATTERY"<br>VOLTAGE | VOLUME AND TONE   |
|----------------------|---|
| 3 volts (normal)     | normal sound  |
| 2.5 volts            | barely noticeable change; slight decrease   |
| 1.6 volts            | in volume; tone normal volume very low with volume control all the                          |
|                      | way up; tone clear and distinct   |
| 1.5 volts            | very slight<br>indistinguishable sound<br>in speaker with volume<br>control all the way up; |

boating

Knowing that the internal resistance of a battery increases as the voltage drops, the same experiment was tried with batteries. By adding resistor in series with the battery, increased battery resistance was simulated. The only change that took place was at the point where the radio became practically inaudible, which was at 1.7 volts.

radio started motor

From these results, it can be clearly seen that a rather large reduction in battery voltage can be present before the radio is appreciably affected. This is chiefly because transistors follow closely the characteristics of pentode tubes which compensate for wide voltage variations.

### Altering the Biasing Voltages

Several checks were made to determine, from a practical standpoint, how critical biasing really is in transistor radios. Bias resistor values were changed to simulate actual field troubles. The converter transistor should be a critical stage as far as bias is concerned; so, we started with that. The emitter voltage on the converter transistor was 1.82 and the base was 1.72 volts measured from ground. This results in a 0.1 volt bias voltage. (Keep in mind that transistors are biased by current, but that the voltage bias can be used as an indicator of trouble.) The audio was monitored to note any change that the bias on the converter stage may have had on the receiver operation.

At 0.2 volt bias between the emitter and base, the radio would only track the lower end of the broadcast band. At 0.25 volt difference between the emitter and base, the radio was inoperative. It was interesting to note that, at this point, the emitter voltage and the difference voltage between the emitter and base were exactly the same. The emitter was at 0.25 volt and the base was at zero.

These voltages were measured from ground on a 3 volt scale, although they could have been read on a special VTVM. You will find it easier and more helpful to measure from ground in this manner used above, because, as just mentioned, the one element of the transistor may change considerably, pointing to the trouble in that part of the circuit. In the case just mentioned, the base went to zero, indicating trouble in the circuit connected to the base. Further, when measuring from ground, and subtracting the difference on a 3 volt scale, the results become a comparison, eliminating any error in your voltmeter from a calibration standpoint. Biases were changed on all other transistors in the radio and the results were almost identical to the converter bias change.

From these limited checks, it would appear that biasing voltages are not as critical as you may have

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| STAGE                                    | TRANSISTOR   | TRANSISTOR | RESULTS                                       |
| Converter -Osc.                          | T1033        | 2G406      | radio worked satisfactorily                   |
| 1st I-F                                  | T1233        | 2N525      | radio worked satisfactorily                   |
| 2nd I-F                                  | T1233        | 2N406      | radio worked satisfactorily                   |
| Audio<br>driver                          | T1001        | 2N406      | radio worked satisfactorily                   |
| Audio<br>output<br>stages<br>(push pull) | two<br>T1003 | UST222     | reduced volume, distortion at higher volumes. |

been taught to believe. However, keep in mind that a 0.25 volt change in bias on transistors may be a fairly large percentage of the total difference voltage. Also, remember that this voltage is not actually bias, but the word bias is

being used here for want of a better term.

### **Substituting Transistors**

Have you ever wanted to "grab" a batch of transistors at random

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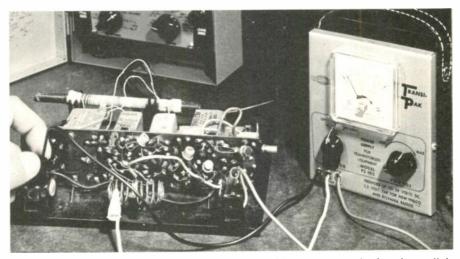


Fig. 1 — By substituting a Sencore PS103 variable power supply for the radio's batteries, voltage was reduced from 3 volts normal. At 2.5 volts, there was only a slight decrease in volume.

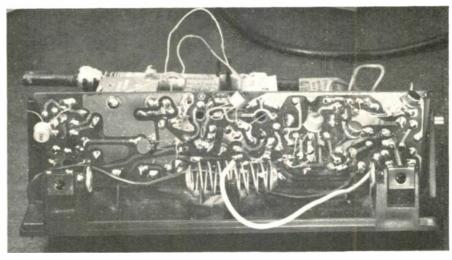


Fig. 2 —Close-up of Philco TS124 rodio shows random batch of transistor types substituted for the original transistors. Except for output stage substitution, radio still worked satisfactorily.

# "Reading" the CRT screen properly can indicate the defect's source

# How To Diagnose TV Picture

by Jack Hobbs

Technical Editor

■ "HUM" IN TV RECEIVERS can be extremely annoying to a set owner — and equally trying for a technician on many occasions.

Before the various hum symptoms can be diagnosed, the fault located and eliminated, however, the technician must distinguish the difference between "hum" and "buzz."

Hum is generally defined as an interference in the picture, or raster, appearing as black "hum bars" and caused by 60 or 120 cycle a-cripple. When appearing in the set's sound section, the interference literally "hums" in the speaker at a low 60 or 120 cycle tone. A sample of this ripple on the scope will appear as a sine wave pattern.

Buzz, on the other hand, is a "raspy," rough, 60 cycle tone and its pattern on the scope appears essentially as a pulsed rectangular wave or as a sawtooth wave. It usually originates from a fault in the vertical sweep circuits or because of feedback from this circuit, and it can usually be easily isolated by varying the vertical hold control. If the tone changes in the set's speaker, the interference is obviously originating in the vertical section.

Buzz can be caused by an open decoupling capacitor, defective vertical blocking oscillator transformer, arcing between vertical windings in the deflection yoke, incorrect lead dress and other defects. Another type of buzz interference, or noise, is often called sync buzz. This can be caused by overloading,

misadjusted video i-f transformers, traps, age faults, etc. The vertical sync signals are getting into the audio section. And the picture is usually over-contrasty and distorted. Buzz can also originate from ghost signals through the antenna. Widely out-of-phase ghost signals, for example, can cause a "ghost" horizontal blanking bar to appear vertically in the picture.

Video Hum

Perhaps the most usual cause of 60 cycle hum in TV sets' composite video section arises from cathode heater leakage in tuner, i-f, detector, video amplifier, age and noise canceller tubes. Comparable leakage in a CRT is another, but less likely, cause.

The effect of typical cathode-to-heater leakage on a TV screen is shown in Fig. 1A. The defective tube can be quickly found by touching a low-capacitance scope probe to each tube's cathode, as shown in Fig. 2, beginning with the r-f tube in the tuner, and observing the video waveform. The "leaking" tube's cathode will show a distorted composite video pattern, as seen in Fig. 1B. Heater-to-grid leakage can also cause hum in the picture.

If the tube is completely shorted, the black area will be broader and more dense, and little or no video will appear on the raster. Hum may or may not appear in the sound. (In split video-sound sets, it will not appear in the sound unless the heater cathode leakage

is in a tuner tube or in a sound tube.)

Another rapid method used by technicians to locate a leaking tube, in parallel heater circuits, is to remove each tube — one by one — beginning with the r-f tube in the tuner. When the defective tube is removed, the black bar will no longer appear on the raster.

Some highly skilled technicians employ still another approach in sets with parallel heater supplies. Having learned from experience that snap judgments are risky, they take nothing for granted. The TV set's antenna is first removed and the antenna input terminals are shorted. This step definitely places the hum source in either an external or internal category. External interference from a nearby diathermy, or from other specialized electronic equipment, for example, is sometimes mistaken for an internal TV defect. Reversal of the set's line cord plug often gives similar information, too. If internal hum is causing the symptom, the light and dark areas on the screen will change positions.

To establish a consistent optimum per-set troubleshooting timeaverage, technicians employing the aforementioned procedures invariably remove the last i-f amplifier tube as the second step. This step isolates the fault to the video-detector-amplifier-CRT circuit, or to the area from tuner r-f tube up to and including all but the last i-f amplifier stage. If the fault has not been isolated after the second step, they usually follow the same basic procedure by removing the tuner's r-f amplifier tube. This method is generally considered to be the "fastest" average approach to this

## **HUM** Symptoms

particular problem. Some other technicians, of course, have their own pet methods.

It should not be forgotten that a microphonic tube can also cause hum bars in the picture or raster. Also, an open screen by-pass capacitor can cause an i-f tube to oscillate — resulting in black bars on the screen.

### Power Supply Hum

The next most usual cause of 60 cycle a-c hum is defective filters in TV sets having half-wave B+ supply rectifiers. If cathode heater leakage checks fail to isolate the hum problem to defective tubes, the technician would normally direct his attention to an open or leaking filter in the power supply.

Many technicians use a calibrated oscilloscope to measure the ripple content at various voltage divider points on the B+ supply and compare the p-p a-c ripple

content observed against manufacturers' specifications. When in doubt, the suspected capacitor is removed from the circuit and a known-to-be-good capacitor is substituted by using flexible clip leads.

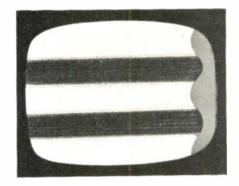
A 60 cycle hum bar, as it may appear on the TV screen when a half-wave power supply filter is open, or leaking, is shown in Fig. 3B. Fig. 3A illustrates 120 cycle a-c ripple bars. Naturally, the 120 cycle ripple hum bars can only come from a defective capacitor in a full wave power supply — not from a leaking tube.

It is recalled at this point that hum can upset both vertical and horizontal sync signals even when the dark bars are only slightly visible in the picture or raster. Most sets employ parallel RC filter networks at sync clipper inputs to eliminate hum interference to sync pulses, but a-c hum can pass to the Continued on page 64





Fig. 1 (A) — 60-cyde hum bar on TV screen caused by heater-cathode leakage in tube. (B) — Composite video waveform from tube's cathode shows heavy a-c modulation.



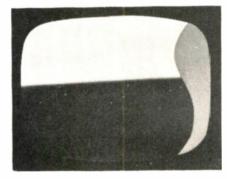


Fig. 3 (A) — 120-cycle hum bars on TV screen caused by open or leaking filter in full wave power supply. (B) — 60-cycle hum bar with similar fault in half wave supply. Faster off center to show curves at edge.

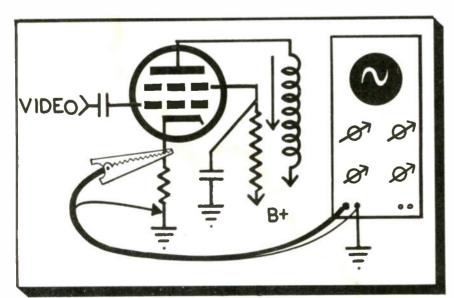


Fig. 2 — Heater-cathode leakage in video tube can be located by observing scope waveform at each tubes cathode. A low capacitance scope probe should be used.

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### Single-ended and push-pull power output circuit variations are analyzed

# Examining Audio Power Output Stages

by Mannie Horowitz
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■ A HI-FI SYSTEM'S audio amplifier may be considered as two distinct sections: preamplifier and power amplifier. Practically all front panel controls and inputs are located in the preamplifier. This includes all circuitry for equalization, low level amplification, signal frequency filtering and compensations as well as switching.

The power amplifier, however, seldom embodies control facilities other than balance, bias and damping factor adjustments, if any at all. There are exceptions, of course. For example, integrated stereo amplifier controls for speaker phasing and channel balance may be located on the front panel. Actually, their functional circuitry is situated in the power amplifier section.

A power amplifier generally consists of three circuit groups: phase inverter, output stage drivers and a power output section. Conventional amplifiers using high transconductance output tubes (6BQ5/EL84, 6CA7/EL34) require no special driver stages.

Output stage driver circuits are frequently omitted if a phase inverter couples its signal directly to the output tube's grid.

You should be familiar with several popular types of audio amplifier output circuitry to speed up troubleshooting time.

### Single Ended

The simplest power output stage uses a single pentode output tube, as shown in Fig. 1. Signal applied to the grid of the tube is amplified by the tube, and power is delivered from the plate through the output transformer to the loudspeaker. This basic circuit is used in many radio and TV sets. Distortion and poor low frequency response limits its use as an output stage for a hi-fi audio amplifier.

Troubleshooting a single-ended output stage requires little variation from the techniques you're using in troubleshoting typical radio or TV sets' pentode voltage amplifiers.

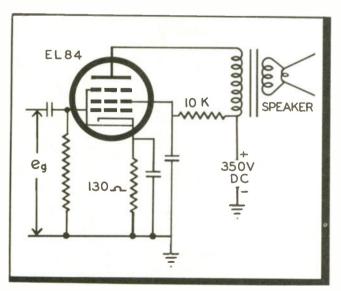


Fig. 1 — Single-ended power amplifier circuit often used in rodio, phono, TV sets.

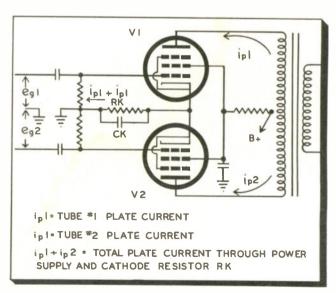


Fig. 2 — Simplified schemotic of a conventional push-pull pentade power amplifier.

### **Push-Pull Circuits**

Push-pull output stage operation is frequently utilized to overcome poor low frequency response, low power output and other shortcomings of a single ended arrangement.

A conventional and perhaps the most popular circuit is shown in Fig. 2.

D-c plate current through V1 can be traced by starting at its plate, through the upper half of the output transformer to the B+ supply and ground, back through the cathode resistor Rk to the cathode and back to the plate. The d-c plate current through V2 follows a similar path through the bottom half of the output transformer, B+, ground, Rk and back to the plate of that tube. The common elements are Rk and the power supply (B+ to ground). Each tube's individual reaction to a mutual current is essential troubleshooting information if a defective power stage is encountered.

If either tube or circuit is defective, cathode voltage is affected. This can mar proper operation of the other half of the circuit, frequently causing damage to the good tube. Therefore, it is a worthwhile policy to replace both tubes in a push-pull circuit if either tube or circuit has been found defective.

It should be noted that the plate currents from both tubes flow in opposite directions through their respective halves of the output transformer. Equal but opposite d-c fields are created in the core of the transformer. They are cancelled here, avoiding core saturation. Hence, better low frequency response can be expected from a push-pull type circuit.

At the same time d-c is applied to the output transformer's halves, power supply ripple is also present. If the output tubes are properly balanced (equal plate current under quiescent conditions) the ripple will be cancelled along with the d-c fields in the transformer.

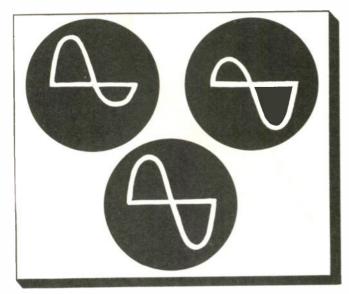


Fig. 3 — Signals appearing between each push-pull plate-to-  ${\bf B}+$  and plate-to-plate cricuit as seen on an oscilloscope.

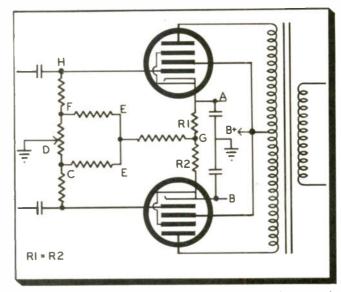


Fig. 6 — Self-biasing circuit with balancing control to permit monual compensation for changing characteristics of tubes.

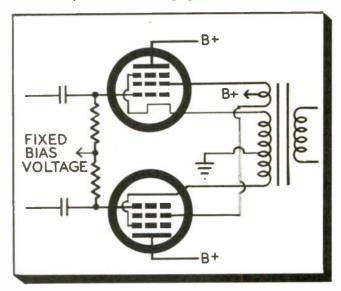


Fig. 5 — Conventional cathode-follower type output stage features both lower distortion and output impedance.

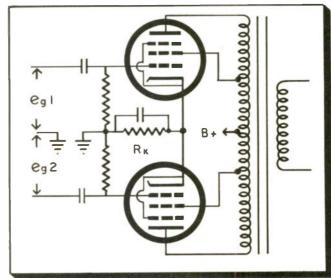


Fig. 4 — Ultra-linear power output stage ties tubes' screen grids to power transformer and primary center-tap to B+.

In operation, signal voltages at the grids of the two output tubes in Fig. 2 must be equal and 180° out of phase. This assumes that in each half cycle, while one grid swings positive the remaining grid swings negative. The relative phase is reversed on the second half of the cycle. Relative amplitude of the applied voltages can be measured on a scope by connecting a probe between ground and each individual grid.

Unequal signal amplitudes at the plates of the two tubes may indicate a defective tube or circuit in one half of the output stage.

To verify the phase relationship, you must first note the sinusoidal signal voltage amplitude between either grid and ground. Next, note the amplitude of the voltage appearing between the two grids. If the voltage in the latter measurement is twice that in the former, the voltages are exactly 180° out of phase.

This amplitude relationship also should be observed between the plate of each tube and the centertap on the output transformer. Because the tubes do not work on the most linear portion of its individual characteristic, the signal will appear distorted as shown in Fig. 3. However, the sum of the signals appearing between the two plates or across the entire primary winding of the transformer should be undistorted due to the cancellation of even harmonics in push-pull operation.

### Ultra-Linear

Among the variations of a conventional push-pull circuit shown in Fig. 2 is the ultra-linear power output circuit of Fig. 4. Note that in this circuit screen grids are connected to output transformer taps rather than to B+. The tap is chosen to provide some of the best characteristics of triode operation with some of the power capabilities of the pentode.

For many years triodes were considered the most distortion-free source of high fidelity power. The low

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Fig. 7 — Equivalent bridge circuit that is formed by balance control of Fig. 6.

plate impedance of the triode relative to the pentode added strength to the case for the former. A disadvantage was the low power output.

When screen grids are tied to their respective plates, each tube behaves as a triode with all triode advantages but limited power delivery capabilities. With the screens connected to B+, the tubes behave entirely as pentodes exhibiting maximum power delivery capabilities. Ultra-linear is a compromise between the two.

Troubleshooting this configuration is similar to any conventional push-pull output stage.

The circuit shown in Fig. 5 may be encountered in several commercial amplifiers. Two plates are tied together and connected to B+ while the output transformer is in the cathode circuit of the two power amplifier tubes. The circuits of Fig. 2 and 5 have iden-

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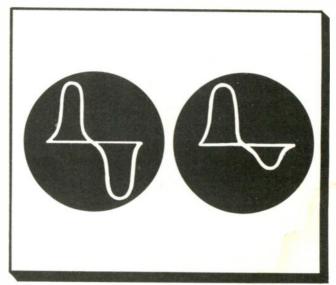


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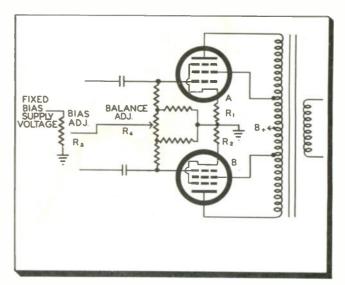
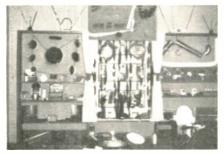


Fig. 8 — Fixed bias ultra-linear output stage using bias and balancing controls.

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### An improper probe can cause misleading test indications

# DO YOU CHOOSE the Right Test Probe for your Scope

### by David R. Anderson

■ A VARIETY of oscilloscope and VTVM probes are important for electronic tests and measurements. They permit accurate measurements to be made in critical circuits or extend the range of a test instrument. Each probe is designed to cover a specific application.

### Low Capacity Probe

For example, a scope's low-capacity probe is used to raise the scope's input impedance. A good scope, used for TV service, may have an input capacity from 15 to  $30~\mu\mu f$ . This capacity shunts the circuit under test when the scope is connected across it. Beside this, another  $30~\mu\mu f$  or more is added by the direct probe cable.

In addition to the scope input capacity, the circuit under test is also being shunted by the scope's input resistance. Although the input capacity and resistance do load the circuit under test, in many cases the loading is negligible and it does not affect performance.

However, the video, sync, sweep and other circuits are affected by the combined shunt capacity of the scope's direct test probe. This added capacity may detune a resonant circuit or distort a critical wave shape. To prevent this, a low capacity probe is used.

A schematic of a typical low capacity probe is shown in Fig. 1. This low capacity probe consists of a variable capacitor and a resistor. The capacitor is small in value and is in series with the scope input

capacity. The scope blocking capacitor, C-3, used with a-c scopes, is large, and it acts as a short at radio frequencies (its reactance is almost zero), merely blocking any d-c in the circuit.

Furthermore, when two or more capacitances are connected in series, the effective capacitance of the group will be less than the smallest capacitance. Thus, the capacity presented to the circuit under test, when using a low-capacitance probe, is less than the small capacity used in the probe. This effectively reduces the scope's input capacity to a value that will not adversely affect the circuit being tested.

The small probe capacitor is made so that the time constant of the probe, determined by the values of R-1 and C-1, may be adjusted to equal the time constant of the scope input. This is necessary to keep the probe's attenuation factor constant at low and high frequencies.

The probe, of course, will attenuate the signal. However, this is not a critical problem since most scopes have more than enough reserve gain to make up for this attenuation. In most cases the attenuation, which is determined by the values of R-1 and C-1, is placed at a ratio of ten or a hundred to one.

### Demodulator Probe

A demodulator probe is used when it becomes necessary to view

signals having frequencies beyond the scope's response. Fortunately, most high frequency signals found in TV service work are modulated, and the modulation envelope will give the necessary information without observing each cycle of the carrier frequency.

The demodulator probe removes the modulation envelope from the carrier and passes it on to the input of the scope. There are three basic circuits used in modern demodulator probes. Examples of these are shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

A series demodulator probe schematic appears in Fig. 2. When a modulated signal is applied to this probe it is rectified by a crystal diode. The filter circuit, consisting of capacitor C-2 and resistor R-2, removes the carrier, passing on the modulation envelope to the scope.

The time constant of the filter circuit is important. It must be long enough so that it will not respond to high frequency carrier variations, and it must be short enough to respond to the lower frequency modulation envelope variations.

An example of the various stages through which the signal passes as it is processed by the probe is shown in Fig. 2A. The full signal is passed through capacitor C-1 and rectified by the crystal diode.

As the rectified r-f voltage pulses increase in amplitude, capacitor C-2 begins to charge. Since the time constant of R-2/C-2 is long,

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| Demodulator     | Signal tracing modulated carriers, such as: r-f, i-f, video amp.     Alignment of above stages.          |

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the capacitor cannot discharge between r-f pulses. Hence, it charges to the modulated signal's peak value. Then, as the r-f pulses begin to decrease in amplitude, capacitor C-2 leaks off through R-2.

Therefore, voltage across R-2 is a function of the charge and discharge action of C-2. As a a result, the voltage across R-2 follows the outline or envelope of the rectified signal. This voltage is passed on to the input of the scope. Resistor R-1 is added to the probe input to reduce hum voltage.

An example of a shunt type demodulator probe is shown in Fig. 3A. The rectifying action of this probe is similar to the series probe. In this case C-1 and R-1 act as the filter network. R-2 serves to isolate the filter circuit from the effects of probe cable capacity.

The series demodulator probe has a much higher sensitivity than the shunt type, but it is more susceptible to hum voltages. On the other hand, the low input impedance of the shunt type probe can cause distortion of the waveshape when used in high impedance circuits.

The voltage-doubler demodulator probe shown in Fig. 3B is more sensitive than the series and shunt probes. This probe rectifies both halves of the signal and passes the negative and positive peaks to the scope. As a result, this probe feeds the scope a demodulated signal that is equal to the peak-to-peak value of the original signal.

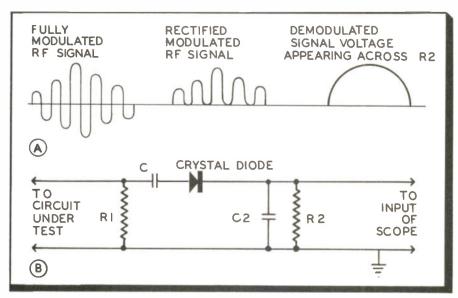


Fig. 2 — An example of a series crystal demodulator probe showing how the r-f signal is affected by the various stages of the probe.

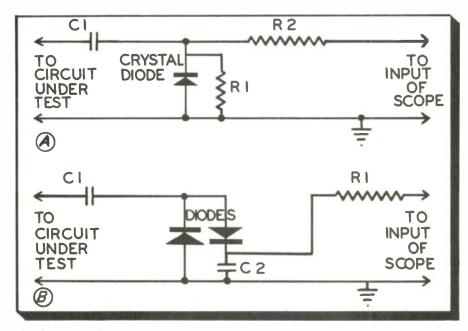


Fig. 3 (A) — Shunt demodulator probe schematic. This type probe is less susceptible to hum voltages than the series type demodulator probe. (B) — The voltage-doubler demodulator probe produces more output than either the series or the shunt demodulator probes.

Although the voltage-doubler demodulator probe offers excellent sensitivity, it can distort high frequency signals because of its low input impedance. As a result of its greater sensitivity, this probe may be used to locate weak signals or signals with uncritical waveshapes.

### Resistor Isolated Probe

A resistor-isolated probe is the third type associated with a scope. This probe consists of a resistor (between 10K and 50K ohms), in series with the hot lead of the probe cable.

The main use for this probe is to sharpen the marker pip when a sweep generator is being used for alignment of a receiver. The isolating resistor in combination with the capacity of the probe cable forms a low pass filter that attenuates the high frequency marker beats. This gives a sharp marker which is readily seen on the response curve.

### **VTVM Probes**

High voltage, r-f and peak-topeak probes are generally used with VTVM's.

A high voltage probe contains a resistor in series with the input resistance of a VTVM. The probe resistor and the VTVM input resistance form a voltage divider, with most of the voltage under test being dropped across the probe resistor.

As an example, a VTVM has an input resistance of 10 megohms and its highest voltage range is 3,000 volts. Therefore, a high voltage probe is needed that will enable the VTVM to be used up to 30,000 volts. In reality a H. V. probe is a multiplier since it extends the usable range of the VT-VM.

In this example, 27,000 volts must be dropped by the probe resistor, in order that the VTVM may measure up to 30,000 volts. Therefore, the probe resistor value must be nine times greater than the VTVM input resistance. In addition to its resistance, the high voltage probe is specially constructed to withstand high voltages. They are usually about 12 to 15 inches

long with the resistors enclosed within high dielectric plastic.

A high voltage VTVM probe schematic is shown in Fig. 4. It is recalled that the VTVM's input resistance remains constant over all ranges. Hence, a probe designed for a specific VTVM will multiply all ranges of the VTVM by a convenient factor such as 10, 100 and so on. Since all VTVM's do not have the same input resistance, however, a particular probe recommended by the meter's manufacturer should be used.

In some cases it is necessary to measure high frequency signal voltage values. Since the a-c portion of a VTVM has a limited frequency response, a rectifying, or r-f, probe should be used. This probe converts high-frequency signals to d-c, making it possible to read the peak value of the signal on the VTVM's d-c ranges.

Operating principles of r-f

probes are similar to oscilloscope demodulator probes, except the time constant of the probes' filter circuits are different.

It is frequently necessary to measure peak-to-peak voltage of an r-f waveform. To do this, a p-to-p probe must be used. The r-f p-to-p probe is essentially the same as the p-to-p demodulator probe shown in Fig 3B. Here, again, the difference lies in the time constant of the filter network.

The p-to-p r-f probe rectifies both halves of the r-f waveform and adds them together. The time constant of the filter network is made long enough so that d-c is produced at its output. This d-c voltage is fed to the VTVM and it is proportional to the peak-to-peak value of the r-f waveform.

A thorough familiarity with all test probe types will enable the technician to enjoy maximum test instrument capability.



Unlike direct probe, a low-capacitance probe passes high frequencies without creating a distorted waveform.

Fig. 4 — The high voltage probe acts as a voltage divider in conjunction with the input resistance of a VTVM. Most of the voltage is dropped across the probe.

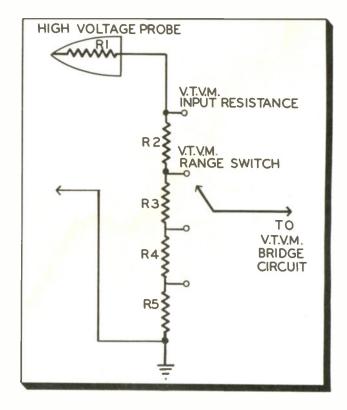
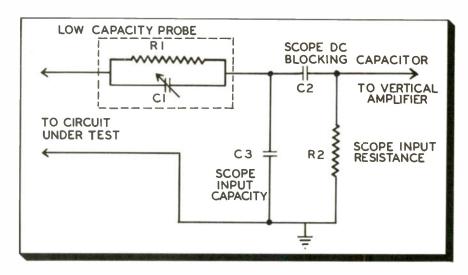
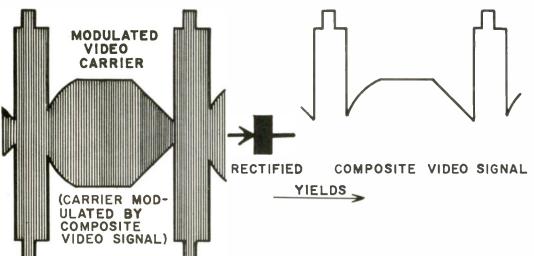


Fig. 1 - A typical low copacity probe circuit. Placing the small value copacitor in series with the input of the scope effectively reduces the scope input capacity. This permits satisfactory use in high impedance circuits.





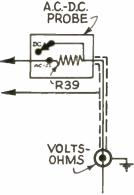
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All tubes tested good. I then checked the M-3 dual diode horizontal sync phase splitter with my ohmmeter. One-half was open and I installed a new one. The sync now appeared normal.

The set was then connected to the shop's outdoor antenna and turned on. In about 15 minutes the picture started to bend and pull. Thinking the additional trouble was a bad filter, I used my capacitor checker and tested all filters in the set. All checked good.

Next, I checked voltages throughout the chassis. B+ at the selenium rectifier's output was normal. However, 75 volts appeared at the audio tube's cathode. Specifications called for 130 volts here. Grid voltage on this tube was also slightly lower than specified.

After checking the schematic carefully I decided the resistor in the audio output circuit, located between B+ and the tube's grid, was causing an incorrect bias on the tube's grid. I clipped one end of the 1.3 meg. resistor from the

circuit and it measured over 5 megs!

After installing a new resistor the tube's cathode voltage was restored to 130 volts and the set resumed normal operation.—Howard Keilholtz, Ellicott City, Md.

### **Double-Trouble With Sockets**

A customer brought an Emerson 1291 TV set to our shop, complaining of weak pix and no audio. He said the tubes were all good because he had them checked. He also advised that the sound was reasonably good before the tubes were checked.

When I made voltage measurements in the tuner and i-f strip, I found them normal. I decided to use the scope to check the set's alignment. A compressed response curve pattern on the scope indicated lower-than-normal composite video amplification. For a moment I thought the curve would shape-up normal as I adjusted the second video i-f transformer. Suddenly the pattern collapsed. When I backed the slug off slightly the pattern came back on the scope.

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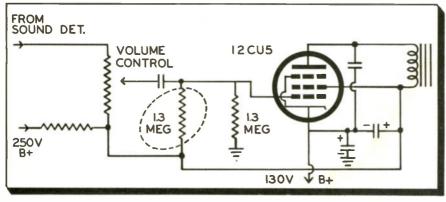
sent. When the slug was advanced the regeneration increased.

I now grounded the first i-f grid, but no change took place. But when I grounded the tube's plate (for a-c that is) through a capacitor, the regeneration stopped. This appeared to indicate that the plate circuit was performing as one section of a feedback loop.

I next injected a signal into the sound section. With the scope's low-capacitance probe at the 5U8 limiter grid, there was no sound in the speaker. However, when the probe was placed at the tube's plate, the audio signal could be heard in the set's speaker. A VT-VM check of voltages around the tube revealed 0 volt at the grid. The set's schematic showed this tube's grid should have been slightly negative.

It now appeared that a poor connection existed in the tube socket, since possibility of a defect in the printed circuit RC network at the 5U8's grid input was now eliminated. A close examination of the tube socket indicated the indirect grid pin connection inside the printed board type socket was open. After completing the troublesome job of replacing the socket, the

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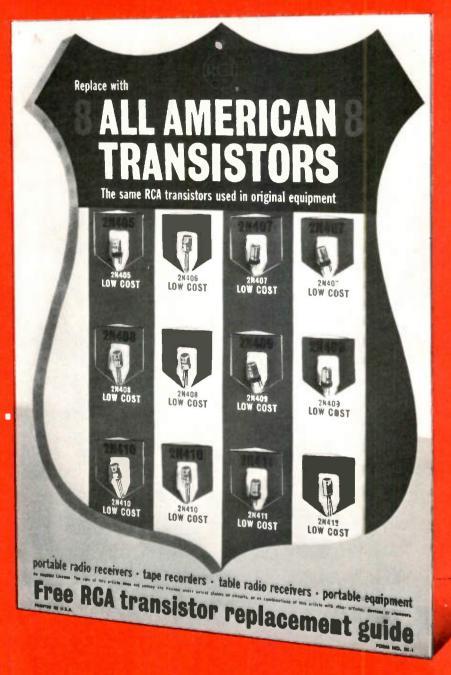
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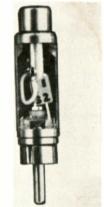
test with electron-eye tube. The grid circuit test provides up to 11 positive, simultaneous checks for leakage, shorts and grid emission. \$149.50. Seco Electronics Inc., 5015 Penn Ave. South, Minneapolis 19, Minn.

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### Switchcraft AUDIO EQUALIZER

Model 328A audio equalizer enables a ceramic phonograph cartridge to be plugged directly into the magnetic input of any amplifier without any modification. The signal from a ceramic cartridge passes into the audio equalizer and is converted, by the corrective resistor-capacitor network housed inside the brass shell, to a velocity response fitted for RIAA equalization hum, if caused by a magnetic cartridge or by the wiring to the cartridge, can be eliminated by utilizing the 328A with a ceramic cartridge. Can be used with mono or stereo ceramic phono





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### Fisher SPEAKERS

Model KS-1, reported as the first slim-line speaker kit in the hi-fi field, has been designed to permit complete



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### **NEW PRODUCTS**

unit assembled, \$89.50. Fisher Radio Corp., 21-21 44th Drive, Long Island City 1, N. Y.

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### **B & K TRANSISTOR RADIO** ANALYST

Model 960 transistor radio analyst, featuring the Dyna-Trace single-point probe, is reported as a complete tran-



sistor radio service shop in one instrument. It includes: signal generator, power supply, VTVM, milliammeter, ohmmeter and both in-circuit and outof-circuit transistor tester. By pointto-point signal injection, quick and easy troubleshooting is made to check all circuits stage-by-stage. Meter has "Good-Bad" scale for both leakage and beta; also direct-reading beta scale. Automatically determines whether transistor is NPN or PNP. Meter is protected against accidental overload and burn-out. Operates on 117v, 50-60 cps a-c. \$99.95. B & K Mfg. Co., 1801 W. Belle Plaine, Chicago 13. Ill.

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### Heath VTVM

Features of the new Heathkit IM-11 include; single ac/ohms/dc probe with switch; seven a-c, seven d-c and seven



ohms ranges; easy-to-read 41/2 inch 200 µa meter; 1 percent precision resistors for high accuracy; and extended



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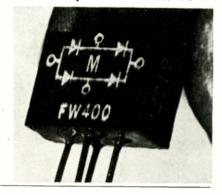
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low end only frequency response ± 1 db from 25 cps to 1 Mc. Front panel controls include a rotary function switch (with d-c polarity reversing position to eliminate lead switching when alternately measuring positive and negative voltages), a rotary range selector, zero adjust and ohms adjust controls. Zero and ohms controls feature small phenolic shaft knobs to minimize accidental change in setting. Kit, IM-11, \$29.95. Assembled, IMW-11, \$46.75. Heath Co. Benton Harbor, Mich.

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### Mallory SILICON RECTIFIERS

Type FW silicon rectifier circuit package has 50 percent fewer lead connections to solder and can thus reduce assembly costs for users. Its in-



itial cost is of course less than that of four single rectifiers, and inventory is simplified because there are 75 percent fewer units to stock. Unit price, \$1.30 to \$2 each in lots of 1,000 to 4,999, depending on voltage rating. Applications of this new full-wave bridge silicon rectifier circuit include hi-fi systems for d-c filament supply, battery chargers, and low ripple supplies for transistor circuits. P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc., Du Quoin, Ill.

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### Philco SPEAKERS

A special counter display has been designed for the firm's 4-inch stereo extension speakers. These are general



# TV TIPS FROM TRIAD

NO. 15 IN A SERIES

A Professional Television Man we know had a nasty problem. One of his customers owned a 21" metal tube receiver—which shall be nameless—that was a service repeater. When it worked, it worked very well indeed, but when it was bad it was awful. Which was often. Every three or four months a new 6CD6 was needed, and every couple of 6CD6's, a new flyback was called for.

This PTM was typically conscientious. He installed highest quality tubes — and got failure. He tried "exact" replacement flyback. Again, failure. He tried "original" replacement flyback. Still the wax heated up and oozed all over. Results: one very peeved customer, one very perplexed PTM.

About the time it dawned that the original set circuit was something less than perfect, a parts salesman handed him the brochure "Taking the Heat off Flybacks."

"Heat comes from high B plus, defective linearity coils, bad screen resistors — and as many as twelve other causes," he read first off. Immediately our PTM, who reads too fast, said he'd take a B plus dropping resistor, screen resistor, new flyback and linearity coil.

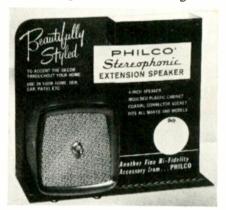
The parts man interrupted — which was just as well. "If this is for that direct drive receiver with the 21" metal kine, we have a complete kit of all these parts. The Triad people call it their D-153. When you install, which is almost as easily done as said, good things happen. Your plate current drops from 150 to about 100 milliamps, and you can expect normal life from tubes and flybacks."

When our PTM installed the parts according to instructions, he had a cool running job with good high voltage and width, and a happy customer.

"Why," he said, "I could have spent \$100 worth of time just working this circuitry out myself." That night he told his wife, and the next day she spent most of the \$100 on new clothes.

MORAL: Never tell women anything. Also, just installing an "exact" or "original" flyback in this set is not enough. You need engineered parts and tested instructions to rewire and solve the problem permanently. Ask your distributor for Triad kit D-153. Like other products designed to make life happier, it is made by the **Triad Transformer Corporation**, a division of Litton Industries. Triad also publishes a series of service aids for Professional Television Men. These make fascinating reading. Are you on the mailing list? Our address is 4055 Redwood Avenue, Venice, California.

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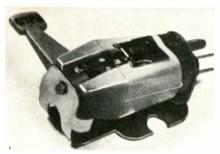


purpose speakers mounted in a beige-colored, molded plastic cabinet which contains a coaxial connector socket. A mating plug is provided for making cable connection. The speakers have .68 oz. Alnico magnet, eight ohms voice coil and the housing measures 5-inches wide, 3½-inches deep and 5¼-inches high, including stand. Available as Part No. 326-5029 without individual volume control and as Part No. 326-5029-1 with an individual volume control mounted at the center of the grille. Philco Corp., C. & Tioga St., Philadelphia 34, Pa.

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### **Euphonics CARTRIDGE**

A new group of ceramic phonograph cartridges has been announced. It is called the U-series, and is avail-



able in both stereophonic and monophonic types. A special feature of this design is the turret action turnover arrangement which both eliminates lead wire twisting and also decouples

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### Mercury TUBE TESTERS

Introduced as a true dynamic mutual conductance tube tester, to sell at a popular price, model 1000 can accommodate all the new tube types including nuvistors, compactrons, new ten pin tubes and novars. Its range of



operation includes tests for true dynamic mutual conductance (Gm), tests for shorts and leakage between any tube elements, tests for gas and grid emission with a sensitivity of over 100 megohms, and also tests picture tubes. \$79.95. Mercury Electronics Corp., 111 Roosevelt Ave., Mineola, N. Y.

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### Hitachi RADIOS

Model TH-660 pocket-size portable radio is shown in personal gift presentation case. It features a quick-action



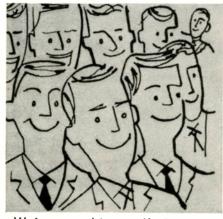
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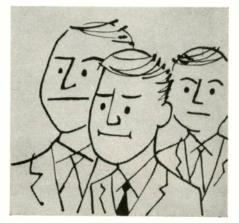
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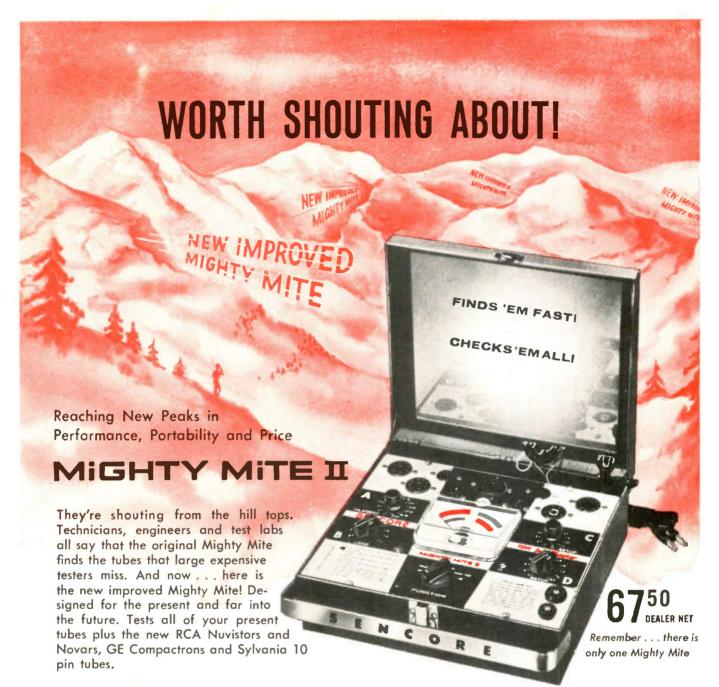
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tubes plus three diode detectors, and rectifier ABC to eliminate overload. It also has the stereo-blend control. \$119.95. DeWald Radio Div., United Scientific Labs Inc., 35-15 37th Ave., Long Island City 1, N. Y.

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### Chemtronics CHEMICALS

A new line of electronic chemicals is now available with a free floor display rack. In keeping with its an-



nouncement of six new aerosol products, the firm is providing an attractive display rack in gold finish with a brightly colored illustrated sign board. Descriptive illustrations on the sign show suggested uses of the chemicals. It is reported that over 95 percent of all technician's chemical needs are in the display rack. Chemtronics, Inc., 870 E. 52nd St., Brooklyn 3, N. Y.

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### REAC RADIATION INSTRUMENTS

Announced as the first commercially available radiation instrument, designed specifically for fallout shelters,



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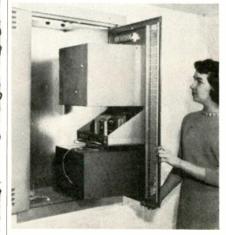


to maintain a negative charge in an area of about 10 x 12 feet; and the ION-3 which has 2 motors, fans and rectifier circuits to handle twice the area. Air charged with positive ions tends to induce headaches and cause a feeling of stuffiness though the room temperature and humidity are correct. These units are designed to maintain a negatively charged atmosphere free of dust and pollen. ION-2, \$49.95. ION-3, \$74.50. Utah Electronics Corp., Huntington, Ind.

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### Steelcraft WALL CABINETS

Announced is a line of completely recessed equipment cabinets for flush wall mounting to house audio and



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### HUM SYMPTOMS . . .

Continued from page 41 vertical and horizontal sections through B+ lines.

A defective filter in the B+ supply, or in a supply's negative bias section, can cause alternately light and dark vertical hum bars on a TV screen.

A defective agc bus filter capacitor or a-c feedback in the age bus can cause hum symptoms on a TV set's screen. A scope check on the agc bus can determine if a-c ripple is present.

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# CATALOGS AND BULLETINS

CAPACITORS: New 32-page Servicemens Catalog SE 561 covers a-c capacitors, auto-radio, ceramic, electrolytic, mica, Mylar, oil-paper, and paper tubular capacitors, in addition to filters, hardware, instruments and capacitor kits. Aerovox Corp., New Bedford, Mass.

ANTENNAS: Literature available includes: Form No. SD-176 describing

the Magnum 27, model M-81, end fed, ½ wavelength, 6 db citizens band base station antenna; also two-color circular, form No. SD-158 over 22 models specifically designed for citizens band (27 mc) operation. Illustrations and prices included. The Antenna Specialists Co., 12435 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 6, Ohio.

RECEIVERS: Technical bulletin 516-RV-RU covers a new fixed frequency crystal controlled superheterodyne unit. Frequency range, 108 to 152 mc or in UHF 225 to 400 mc. Erco Radio Labs., 637 Stewart Ave., Garden City, N. Y.

TUBES, COMPONENTS, INSTRU-MENTS: Fall-winter 1961 catalog #23, 48-pages cover the firm's complete line. Well illustrated. Includes prices. Fay-Bill Distributing Co., 79 White St., New York 13, N. Y.

CAPACITORS: Bulletin GEA-7226 covers 85°C Tantalytic foil "A Case" capacitors. New ratings up to 100v. Size, .470" long, .131" in diameter. Bulletin provides characteristics, performance graphs and dimensional drawings. Capacitor Dept. General Electric Co., Irmo, S. C.

TRIODES: Literature covers two new subminiature twin triodes, 6D-HH12 and 6D-HH13, designed for VHF TV tuners and introduced by Toshiba. Mitsui & Co., 2nd Machinery Dept., 530 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y.

TV SERVICING DATA: A colorful, four page circular describes the newly published "1962 Television Servicing Manual" and other available books. Supreme Publications, Highland Park, Ill.

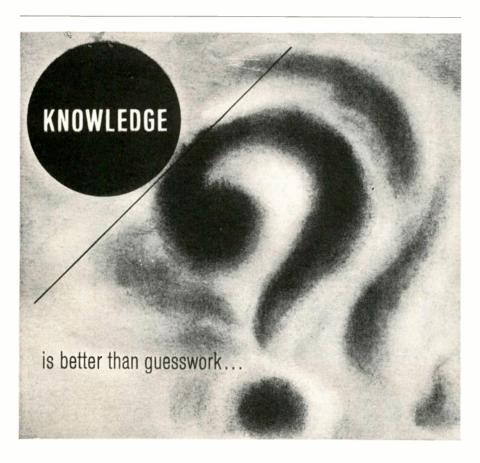
HAND TOOLS: Two-color circular covers No. SA-75 display assortment containing 40 all-hollow-shaft nut drivers, eight each of five most popular sizes in the line. Circular provides a convenient order form. Vaco Products Co., 317 E. Ontario St., Chicago 11, Ill.

### . . . TOUGH DOG

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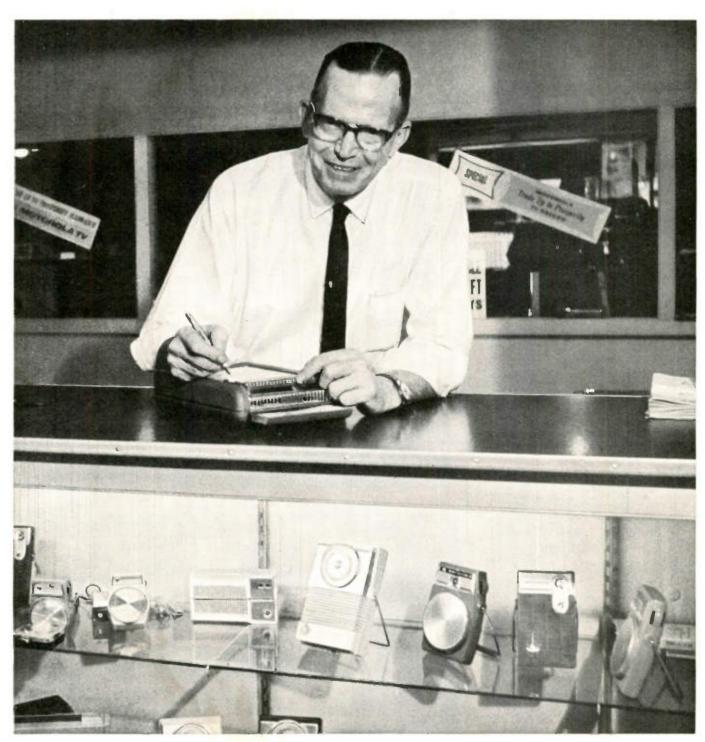
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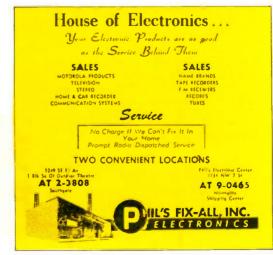
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# ASSOCIATION NEWS

### California

IPET, South Pasadena, reports that radio and service dealer Dallas E. Speers has been presented with the coveted All-American Award, established by General Electric four years ago. The award is given to radio-TV dealers and service technicians for outstanding community service, technical competence and good business practices. Speers had previously received the Distinguished Service Award of 1959, presented to him by the combined service clubs of the community. Only 24 All-American Awards have thus far been issued to service dealers.

### **Appliance VP Supports Servicers**

APA, Los Angeles, delegates to its annual convention held in Berkeley recently heard Harold P. Bull, vice president of Norge division, Borg-Warner Corp., say that the customers negative attitude toward the service technician was not the service industry's fault. "The appliance serviceman," said Mr. Bull, "has borne the worst of the criticism because he is the first person the consumer sees." Mr. Bull promised his personal backing of the APA. He advised technicians to "sell hard, keep your skills on a high level, watch your operating expenses. Stay in business—we need you," he concluded.

ACTRA, Alameda County, members were recently briefed on Motorola's transistorized 19-inch portable TV by Tom Aaron, W. J. Lancaster Co's. service manager. Organization members' knowledge was enriched by nearly two hours of detailed study and analysis of the set's circuitry and its operation. The association also reported exploratory steps were being taken on a cooperative customer credit information system which would parallel but strengthen the group's present "Warnagram" phone net. The system would provide quick exchange of information between members regarding problems encountered with deadbeat and other "poor credit risk" customers.

### Illinois

NATESA, Chicago, announced that its directors' conference will be held in Miami, April 28 and 29, 1962. The national organization also reported that a free service training school was operating in Morgan City. The announcement came from Wayne Cork-

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### Indiana

**Business Management Clinic** 

IESA, Indianapolis, reported that its clinic on business management held September 26 and 27, proved highly enlightening for those who attended. The course was geared to the state's



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small TV service business—the "one man and wife," or the three-or four-man operation. Sessions were conducted by Newell Twist, Bookkeeping Business Service, Pomona, Calif. Subjects ranged from simple bookkeeping to inventory control and expense analysis-including tips on proper tax reporting. Some off-beat discussion arose because of the number of ladies attending the clinic. Closer investigation, however, confirmed what everyone already suspected: lady-brains was behind most TV-service-shop recordkeeping. Clinic sessions also gave technicians a chance to compare ideas on business management and sales.

### Michigan

MEA, Macomb, elected the following officers: president, Walter Gargala; vice president, John D. Brown; secretary, Edward Ballentine; treasurer, Carl Batkins.

RTA, Lansing, announced the following officers had been elected: president, Mel Parks; vice president E. Snyder; secretary, Dean Pope; treasurer, Ralph Sheldon.

### Missouri

Color TV Course

TESA, St. Louis, recently participated in a two-day color TV refresher course on the new Zenith Color TV set. The class was conducted by Jim Muehlenbrock and Tom Fogerty, of Hollander & Co., local distributors.

### Ohio

TESA, Springfield, has elected the following officers: president, Jerry Barkoukis; first vice president, Paul Le-Coy; second vice president, Marvin Miller; third vice president, Grady Hays; secretary, Joe Phillips, and treasurer, Vic Felton.



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# REPS AND DISTRIBUTORS

Almo Radio—appointed exclusive distributor in Philadelphia, southern New Jersey, Wilmington, Del., and Salisbury, Md., for Allied Radio's "Knight-Kits".

Electronic Representatives Assn. (ERA)—17-hour salesmanship course will be presented by the Chicagoland Chapter, in cooperation with the Dartnell Institute, Dec. 8 and 9, at the Concord Motel, Chicago.

Semitronics Corp.—A FRIEDMAN & ASSOC. named as firm's rep. in New York City metropolitan area.

Sinclair Electronic Associates—new rep. firm for the San Francisco Bay Area is seeking lines in the northern Calif. area. Address is: 1085 Clarendon Crescent, Oakland 10, Calif. Art Sinclair formerly with PACIFIC WHOLESALE Co., heads the new rep. firm.

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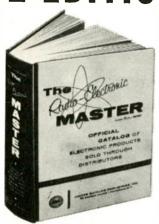
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### . . . TRANSISTOR OPERATION

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and connect them into all six stages in a transistor radio to see just what would happen? This would certainly give you some idea of just how critical transistor substitution is. This is exactly what was done on this transistor radio. We reached back in the audio transistor drawer and picked out six transistors of the smaller variety. None were power transistors. All were of the PNP formation because this is what the transistor radio used. Fig. 2 shows the substitutions. Refer to the chart at the top of page 71.

Note that there was very little change in the operation of the radio until the audio amplifier type transistors were substituted for the power transistors in the audio output stage.

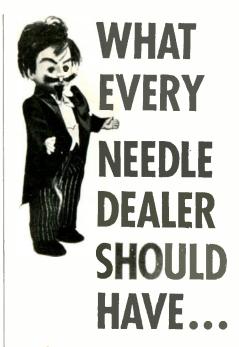
Subsequent tests were made by substituting the output transistors with that of a power type selected at random. The results proved that the power type was required and the radio operated normally. Even though this sounds simple, one problem was encountered. The first transistor substituted in the 1st i-f amplifier was a 2N406 which caused a parasitic oscillation. Referring to the set-up chart which accompanied the transistor tester on our bench, we noted a great difference in the gain and leakage settings of these two transistors. (The beta of the 2N406 is 100 and only 25 for the Philco T1233.)

A 2N525 was then tried because the settings were similar and the radio worked satisfactorily.

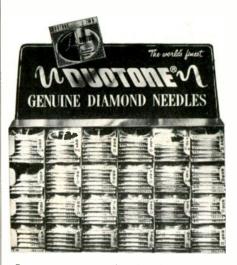
Slight realignment of the radio was all that was necessary to cause us to believe that it worked as well as before the substitute transistors were installed.

One can ascertain from this experiment that you can't just substitute any transistor, but that transistors can be easily substituted with good success if a little logic is followed. First, try to find a transistor that is of the same type. If it is an r-f type, it should work satisfactorily in an r-f stage. Try to use an i-f type for i-f substitution, etc.

Secondly, either refer to the manufacturer's data, which is seldom available, or to the set-up



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KEYPORT, N.J. For more details, circle 21 on page 52 data that accompanies most transistor testers to see that the transistors compare favorably in gain and allowable leakage. Some companies offer about ten transistors to cover the entire line of about 2.000 transistors now on the market. From a practical standpoint, this pretty well does the job.

A service company that is known to repair all the tough dog transistor radios in the area was contacted. They indicated that it takes about 12 PNP types and 15 NPN types to do the best job. This is considerably better than trying to stock 2,000.

The biggest problem in substitution and the reason that most experts can't agree on the number of transistors that are required for over-all substitution is because of the mechanical problems.

At this point, you may be wondering why these unconventional measurements were made. may even wonder whether it pays to test transistors and the circuits in which they work. These tests were made to find out just how "sloppy" one can get and still get by in servicing transistor circuits. It is worth your time to go through these type tests on a transistor radio that you might pick at random. Prove to yourself that you can get pretty far off base and still get by.

On the other hand, you will realize that a great deal of time is wasted in approaching service in this manner. You will also understand that super accurate measurements are not what you, as a practical technician, are looking for.

The information developed in this article will serve as a useful background for an early forthcoming article on practical transistor circuit servicing techniques.



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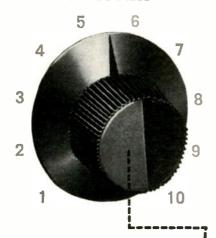
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Euphonics Corp.—Puerto Rico, U. S. A. appoints EARL OLSON to the EUPHONICS AMERICA Chicago office.

Littelfuse-appoints two new members to the Board of Directors: DR. E. H. SCHULZ, vice president for research operations, ARMOUR RESEARCH FOUNDATION; and KENNETH L. BLOCK, partner, A. T. KEARNEY & Co., management consultants.

Raytheon-EDWARD J. KUKULA, former district manager of RAYTHEON's Distributor Products Div., Detroit, has





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been named a product specialist for the division's line of communications products. He will direct sales of citizens band two-way radio from the Franklin Park offices. THOMAS M. MULLIN, former district manager, St. Louis, named district manager, Detroit.

Hickok-co-sponsored with D & H DISTRIBUTING Co. recent clinic on servicing color TV sets at a profit. Two hundred TV technicians in the Harrisburg, Pa., area attended.

Electronic Instrument—HARRY R. ASHLEY, president, spoke at the recent NEDA dinner in New York. His subject was "Seven Ways of Getting More Business".

Westinghouse—Electronic tube division appoints ANTHONY P. TRAFFORD renewal sales rep. for the Los Angeles

Triad—RICHARD A. HAGBERG named vice president and general manager.

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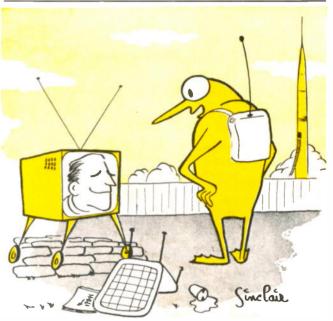
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tical power output capabilities. Here, however (Fig. 5), lower distortion and lower output impedance characteristics are exhibited. This is due to the cathode follower action of each pentode circuit. Its main disadvantage is the large driving voltages required at the control grids.

In variation of this circuit, the screens are tied to B+. One winding on the output transformer is connected between the plates in the conventional manner. A second winding is connected between the cathodes to allow some cathode follower action. This circuit does not require as much grid drive as does the circuit shown in Fig. 5.

### Bias & Balance Arrangements

The self-bias circuit shown in Fig. 2 is conventional. However, should a balancing arrangement be used, it will usually take the form shown in Fig. 6. The cathode current path for tube 1 starts at A and progresses through G, E, F and D. The cathode current path for tube 2 follows a similar path, starting at B and passing in turn through G, E, C and D.

Bias for the upper tube is determined by the voltage developed between A and F while the bias for the lower tube is determined by the voltage between B and C. If the tubes were identical and D would be at the exact electrical center of the balance control, both plate currents would be equal. The voltage from A to F would then equal the voltage from B to C providing equal bias voltages for each tube  $(V_{AF}=V_{BC})$ .

The balancing circuit takes the shape of the bridge shown in Fig. 7. The balance control may schematically be divided into two resistors,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$ . Under this balanced condition, when  $R_3 = R_4$ ,  $V_{\rm FE} = V_{\rm CE}$ .

Let's assume that the tubes are not identical and more bias voltage is necessary for one tube than for the other for equal plate currents. By moving point D the bridge is upset so that  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$  is not equal to  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}.$  The potentiometer is not set at the center. The voltages  $V_{\rm FE}$  and  $V_{\rm CE}$  will no longer be equal. Since  $V_{\rm FE}$  and  $V_{\rm CE}$  are a portion of the voltages applied between the cathodes and grids of tubes 1 and 2 respectively, it will affect the relative bias applied to each tube. This will in turn affect the quiescent plate currents.

The plate current for tube 1 is measured as a voltage across  $R_1$  while that for tube 2 is similarly measured across  $R_2$ . When the two voltages are equal, the tubes are d-c balanced. The balance control is adjusted until the voltages across both resistors are identical  $(V_{AG}{=}V_{BG})$ .

A convenient way of checking this adjustment is to connect a meter across the two resistors R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub>. Both resistors are effectively connected in series. In the connection shown in Fig. 7, the voltages oppose or buck each other. When balanced, the two voltages are equal and they will just cancel each other. Thus a meter connected across these two resistors, at points A and B, will read 0 when the tubes are d-c balanced for equal plate current conditions.

Fixed bias is required for high power amplifiers. Although the tubes are operated Class AB, they are usually biased so close to cutoff that the plate currents vary radically with the bias adjustments from tube to tube. In most instances, balance adjustments are necessary.

In Fig. 8, the bias voltage is adjusted by  $R_3$  and the balance by  $R_4$ . As in Fig. 6, a voltage null between A and B indicates balance. The voltage developed across  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  will indicate the current passing through tubes 1 and 2 respectively, providing a point to check the bias voltage setting.

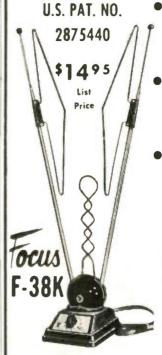
A cross between fixed bias operation and cathode bias operation is known as "low loading." This is actually cathode bias operation. However, the cathode resistor chosen is very large so that the bias voltage will be equal or nearly equal to the voltage used in fixed bias conditions. At the output, a sinusoidal wave will appear distorted, while the amplifier will properly reproduce the pulsed waveshapes common to music and speech.

Should you get a push-pull amplifier to service, first determine the conditions under which it was designed to operate. Next, feed a sinusoidal signal to the grids. If the amplifier is a low-loading type, the output will appear distorted, exhibiting the mirror symmetry illustrated in Fig. 9A. If the output has a shape similar to Fig. 9B, you can be sure that one side of the push-pull circuit is not operating properly.

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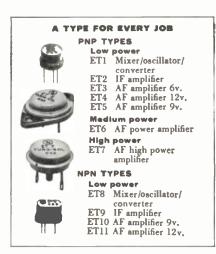
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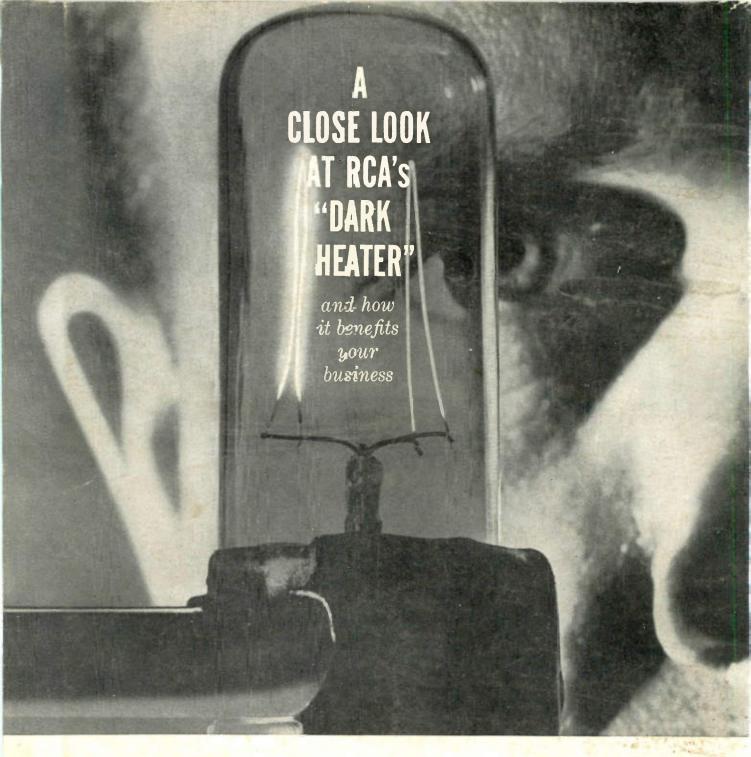
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