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#### TEKLAB REPORT

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#### CURVE TRACER FOR SEMI-CONDUCTOR SUBSTITUTION 45

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By Charles W. Janecek. This is a practical featurette describing a method of using an os-cilloscope as a vectorscope and some of the advantages associated with this technique.

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By Leon Rovik. An interesting and timely article which may give you some money-saving tips on ways to get rid of old TV sets that have been gathering dust in your shop.

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Our lab technicians this month dig into the dual trace, triggered D54 Telequipment Os-cilloscope and the Eico Model 240 FET-TVM to provide you with some good general in-formation on the characteristics of these units as well as our comments, pro and con, on their operation.

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#### EDITOR'S MEMO

#### **The Industry Watches**

The third in a series of annual meetings of the National Service Conference (NSC) was held recently in Peoria and I had the fortune of at-tending, my first. The NSC meetings are actually gatherings of manufacturers, service associations, trade publications and anyone else interested in the home entertainment industry. The objectives are worthwhile as they are concerned with service problems that the technician has to face, parts availability, training, warranties and many other subjects related to the consumer electronics service field.

Everyone who attended was given a choice of subjects in which he could participate. It was interesting and promising to see competitive manufacturers sit across from each other and hash out ideas with each other and with technicians to help the industry provide a better, more serviceable product. Most of the technicians voiced their opinions quite candidly and were answered in the same vein. As I said, it was a good type of discussion because no one was there just to pat the other fellow on the back. We were there because there are problems that can only be ironed out through communication. I think more meetings like this are necessary in our industry to promote a better image on all sides. This is especially true lately in view of all the publicity given to the relatively few crooked TV technicians, lethal TV fire traps and radiation hazards. Let's face it, not all TV technicians are 100 percent honest and are experts in their jobs. But then, very few of us make that claim to fame although there are a few misguided individuals in all types of work who will take advantage of John Q. Public's ignorance to make a quick buck. We can't play watch-dog for all of them, but as responsible members of our industry we can help make it a better place to live.





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FOR MORE NEW PRODUCTS SEE PAGES 62 & 70.



#### VHF MARINE RADIOTELEPHONE

New front end receiver design

The Model 610 VHF marine radiotelephone, featuring a dual front end receiver design giving full sensitivity on both simplex and duplex channels. is introduced. Designed for operation in the VHF portion of the Marine Radio Band, this all solid-state, 25w radiotelephone provides dependable ship-to-ship communications reportedly up to 30 miles, and ship-to-shore communications up to 50 miles. Twelve channels permit full range operation on the newly assigned VHF frequencies for safety and calling, ship-to-ship, ship-to-shore, public correspondence; and reception on ESSA weather bureau frequencies. Complete transistorization plus the use of integrated circuitry assures reliability, minimizes heat, space and battery drain requirements. Special circuitry prevents damage if battery polarity is reversed, or the transmitter is keyed with a shorted antenna, or with no antenna connected. The transceiver is self-contained in an attractively styled, compact, metal cabinet with cast front panel and mounting frame. The unit is designed and built to comply with the requirements of EIA (Electronic Industries Association), the Canadian D.O.T. (Department of Transport) and the F.C.C. (Federal Communications Commission). The radiotelephone includes mounting tray, microphone, crystals for operation on 156.8 and 156.3 MHz., and a fiber glass marine antenna with chrome laydown mounting base with coaxial transmission line. Available optional items are: selective ringer provision, and a 6dB gain antenna. Price \$495. Comco.

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Magnified drawing of Zenith Chromacolor TV screen



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Simulated TV picture



#### LETTERS ET/D TO THE EDITOR

#### THREE READERS NOTE ERROR

In the article "Two-Way Radio on the Go," Mr. Sands states: "Then use a clip lead to short the transistor base to its collector and watch the meter. If the transistor is operating normally, the meter reading should 'drop' since forward bias has been reduced to zero."

It sure will drop to zero, and prob-

ably stay at zero after the clip is removed. Even a momentary short between base and collector can remove any doubt as to the condition of the transistor.

Fig. 1 shows the correct means of removing the forward bias-shorting the base to the emitter, which will cause the collector voltage to rise to the supply voltage or the voltage across the emitter resistor to drop, because the emitter-collector current will have decreased.

FRANK PAVLIK

In your article on Page 71, January



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**GILLS TELEVISION** 

This is in reference to paragraph four under subtitle: Transistor Testing. Proceeding on in the paragraph it reads: "Then use a clip lead to short the transistor base to its collector and watch the meter." It should be corrected to read: "Then use a clip lead to short the transistor base to its emitter and watch the meter."

Another correction should be made under Fig. 1 of this article which reads as follows: "Connect a high impedance VOM across the emitter resistor and short the base to the collector.' It should read: "Connect a high impedance VOM across the emitter resistor and short the base to the emitler."

Your schematic diagram in Fig. 1 does show the correct connections.

I have been taught that it is always all right to short the emitter directly to the base of a transistor. All this does is remove the forward bias, turning the transistor off. On the other hand, shorting the collector to the base, even momentarily, may destroy the device instantly.

**RONALD B. LORBECKI** 

#### **READERS' AID**

I attempted to convert an EICO 460 scope to triggered sweep, as described in an article in the March 1968 issue of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, but have trouble making it work. Would anyone in the western part of Louisiana, that has made this conversion, please contact me.

DRAWER C KINDER, LA. 70648

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W. W. CARR

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805 North Duff Mitchell, S.D.

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ANTONIO HERNANDEZ L C/O LA VILLE DE PARIS NOGALES, ARIZONA 85621

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J. M. MELTON

RT 6, Box 382 Ringgold, Ga. 30736

I am writing about a Belcor Tape Recorder that I purchased approximately five years ago, Model No. B303, for which I need a pressure roller for the fast forward speed.

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It is suggested that C615 be checked for open prior to installing a replacement horizontal output transistor. In the event a positive check of the condition of the capacitor cannot be made, the capacitor should be replaced. Use Magna-Par Part No. 250290-17, which is a 8200pf capacitor rated at 2ky, for replacement purposes.

#### Remote Control Model 704054-3-Relay K-106 Slow to Release

There is a small piece of clear tape attached to the armature (movable assembly) of Relay K-106 to provide a gap between armature and core when the relay is closed. The gap is required to prevent the relay from remaining closed because of residual magnetism. The contacts of the relay should open, removing ac to the TV chassis, when the TV Off function has been activated. It is possible, however, for adhesive to be squeezed out around the outer edges of the tape, come in contact with the relay core and hold the contacts in a closed position for as long as five minutes after the TV Off function has been activated. This condition can be corrected by removing the clear tape, cleaning all adhesive from the armature and core and replacing the tape with a similar size piece of masking tape. The armature can be removed from the relay for replacement of the tape by removing the armature return spring and spacer board and lifting the armature free.

#### RCA VICTOR

#### Tape Recorder Model YZS545-Battery Recharge Circuit

The model YZS545 five-inch reel-to-reel tape recorder features a rechargeable nine volt battery supply. The in-

strument may be operated from either the 120v line or battery supply.

Six special "D" size alkaline cells are series connected, comprising the nine volt supply. These cells, when used under controlled conditions, may be recharged many times.

The transistorized recharging circuit provides these conditions.

Although the alkaline battery pack should provide a number of discharge/charge cycles, the life of the battery is influenced by the way the battery is discharged and charged.

The instruction manual furnished with the recorder advises the user to subject the batteries to an over-night charge after every two to four hours of use. In addition, the instrument includes a battery condition light that serves to alert the user when it is time to recharge.

After this time, the recharge light will glow steadily



when the instrument is on indicating that further use could damage the battery.

When the battery is to be charged, the rectifier power supply in the instrument furnishes about 9vdc to the charge regulator transistor Q10. The BATTERY/AC-RECHARGE switch selects battery or ac operation while the PLAY/STOP RE-CHARGE switch allows the rectifier supply to power either the amplifier-motor or the recharge system.

The charge regulator is basically an emitter-follower in



-Battery Battery Discharged

-Battery Battery Charged

which the unity voltage gain characteristic is used to provide a current limiter circuit.

When the battery is discharged as illustrated in the sim-

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plified schematic, its open-circuit terminal voltage will be about 7.3v. When the recharge cycle is activated, the regulator circuit must supply a voltage that exceeds the battery voltage. Under these conditions the emitter voltage of Q10 and the battery assumes a voltage of about 7.7v. This causes a base voltage on Q10 of 8.0v (emitter voltage +.3v base-emitter barrier voltage =8.0v). Within the chosen values of R1 and R2, sufficient base current is supplied to drive Q10 into saturation, thus the resistance of the saturated transistor and the  $8.2\Omega$  resistor, R3, limit the charging current to a safe value of about 130ma.

As the battery charges, its terminal voltage and the emitter voltage at Q10 increases causing the charging current to decrease until the charged condition illustrated in the schematic is reached. The battery/emitter voltage of 9.3v, results in a base voltage of 9.6v, which is clamped at this point by the voltage divider action of R1-R2. The reduced charging current (now 5ma) allows the input voltage to the regulator to increase to 11.2v; however, the base of Q10 is clamped at 9.3v by R1-R2. Consequently, the base current diminishes and transistor conduction is reduced until the conditions are satisfied. Thus the battery charge current, initially 130ma, has tapered to 5ma as the battery assumes full charge.

#### **GENERAL ELECTRIC**

Tape Player Models TA556/TD081-Servicing Hints

(1) These models were built using two (2) different length #4 metric screws for chassis hold down. Screws 16mm in length were used in three of the four locations. A 14mm screw was used under the drive motor-right rear when viewing assembled unit from the front in normal operating position.

Using a 16mm screw under the drive motor can result in its interference with the motor case or even cause a stalled motor.

Be certain to observe screw lengths and install shorter screws underneath the drive motor.

(2) When servicing the preamplifier, it is important that proper grounding be maintained between the chassis and the circuit board ground.

Grounding is normally accomplished by the circuit board retaining screw holding the circuit board ground in contact with the chassis.

When this ground connection is broken, the ground return for the head switching solenoid is through a channel indicator lamp. If the head switching button is depressed to activate the head switching solenoid, the high current of the solenoid will burn the affected indicator lamp.

Be certain to use a jumper lead from circuit board ground to chassis when the circuit board retaining screw is removed.

(3) Many different performance problems can result from oxide accumulations on the playback head and/or the end of tape switch contacts.

Some of the problems are: (A) Dead Channel (B) Low output on one or both channels (C) Loss of high frequencies (D) Hiss or Noise (E) Failure to automatically switch channels.

If one of the previous problems occurs, be certain to clean switch and head. The use of alcohol and a cotton tipped swab is recommended for cleaning.



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## Craig Model 6304 Color TV Receiver

Although most of the circuits in this import TV are familiar, the AFT and part of the chroma circuit may be confusing so we have outlined them in this article.

• According to the statistics of electronic imports to this country, television sets may for the first time be leading the list of consumer import products. Until now radios held the lead with TV receivers bringing up a close second.

Many of these imports came over bearing American manufacturer's brand names. An increase in the number of TV imports means that if you are not now servicing these sets, you will most likely be called upon for service in the future. A review of these sets will prove to be helpful.

We recently received the Craig Model 6304 color receiver which is manufactured by Sanyo Electric Co., LTD of Japan. Being the first import we evaluated, we found the circuits to be quite standard except for



Craig Model 6304 color TV receiver.



Rear view of the receiver showing service adjustments mounted on a circuit board.



Once the back cover and four bolts on the bottom panel are removed, the road-mapped circuit board is exposed to make component removal easier.

a few minor circuit variations and adjustments which we will review.

The features on this receiver include: AFT, Instant-On, slide type color controls, earphone jack, automatic degaussing and removable contrast screen for viewing under bright lighting conditions.

All of the customers' controls were found on the front panel for easy accessibility. The volume, color and tint are slide type controls with a rocker type on/off switch. The speaker is mounted on the front panel but seems a little muffled, possibly because of the thick material used for the speaker grill.

After removing nine screws on the back cover and four screws on the bottom panel, the complete etched circuit is exposed making component removal easier.

#### AFT CIRCUIT

The Automatic Fine Tuning (AFT) circuit shown in Fig. 1 uses a different method to prevent the oscillator from locking on the accompanying sound carrier. Negative voltage is derived from the sync separator, compared to the voltage from a B + source, and applied to the anode side of the AFT diode (varicap) in the tuner (opposite side of the normal AFT correction voltage). If the oscillator is momentarily too high in frequency and the AFT tries to lock in on the accompanying sound carrier, the negative voltage derived from the sync separator will become lower than normal. The resultant voltage applied to the diode becomes slightly positive, therefore, pulling the oscillator back to a lower frequency to lock it on the video carrier as desired. This correction voltage is opposite in polarity to the normal AFT correction voltage as it is applied to the opposite end of the AFT diode. A diode, D26, is used to clamp this resultant voltage to approximately Ov in normal operation as it does not allow the resultant voltage to rise in a negative direction.

#### LOW VOLTAGE POWER SUPPLY

The rectifiers and dropping resistors are conveniently grouped to the left and the rear of the chassis for easy component replacement. The tube filaments are divided into two



Fig. 1-Schematic diagram of the Automatic Fine Tuning circuit shows a correction voltage opposite in polarity to the normal AFT correction voltage and applied to the opposite end of the AFT diode.



Fig. 2—Schematic diagram of the low voltage power supply shows capacitor connection points for voltage adjustments.

parallel strings, with a series diode in each string to achieve proper voltage to the filaments. The low voltage circuit is protected by a reset type of circuit breaker.

Before attempting to make any adjustments on this chassis, espe-

cially after any one of capacitors, C931, C939 or C942, has been replaced, make sure the voltage at test point "B1" is between 370 and 385v line input voltage. The power supply is shown in Fig. 2.

If the "B1" voltage is too high,

disconnect C931C or disconnect both C931C and C931B. If the "B" voltage is too low, connect C931B or connect both C931B and C931C.

#### HIGH VOLTAGE SUPPLY

The high voltage regulation circuit employs a 6BK4 shunt regulator tube which is not found on many portable TV receivers. The chassis also features pulse feedback regulation for additional safety (see Fig. 4). Low voltage is applied to the focus electrode connected to the 270v, 385v or 650v taps for best focusing. The focus adjust tip is located on the top of the HV cage. To obtain optimum picture width, reconnect the blue lead to either one of the width adjust terminals on the deflection yoke. The vertical centering adjustment is shown in Fig. 3. Raster position can be adjusted by the vertical centering adjust tip on the center of the chassis.

The horizontal efficiency and HV adjustments are quite standard with the exception of the HV sub-regulation, which is not normally found on a portable.

#### CHROMA CIRCUITRY

The chroma circuitry contains six tunable adjustments in the bandpass amplifiers for proper amplitude and phase response. It also has individual phase adjustments for each R-Y, B-Y, and B-Y demodulator to insure accurate phase relationships. Each demodulator has a balanced diode detector with individual adjustment for color noise cancellation.

According to the manufacturer, if this receiver should require service, just phone Western Union and ask for operator 25. On request she will give you the name and location of the nearest Craig warranty service station. There are reportedly more than 400 of these stations throughout the U.S.A. ■



Fig. 3-The vertical centering adjustment.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

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Antenna Input Impedance		$300\Omega$ balanced
Convergence		Magnetic
Focus		Electrostatic
Intermediate Frequencies:		
Picture IF Carrier Frequency		45.75 MHz
Sound IF Carrier Frequency		41.25 MHz
Color Sub-carrier Frequency		42.17 MHz
Picture Tube		Approx. 115 sqin.
Power Input		120vac,60Hz
Power Rating		300w total
Sweep Deflection		Magnetic
TV RF Frequency Range:		
All 12 VHF Channels	54MHz to 88MHz	174MHz to 216MHz
All UHF Channels		470MHz to 890MHz
Transistors		4
Diodes		30
Varistor		1
Thermistor		1
Tubes		22



Fig. 4-The HV regulation circuit employs a 6BK4 shunt regulator and feedback regulation.

Part Two

## **Stereo Servicing With A Scope**

by ROBERT L. GOODMAN

Part two and the concluding article in this timely service feature includes dozens of handy troubleshooting hints geared to help you become more effective using the generator-scope technique.

#### STAGE GAIN CHECKS

■ Professionally triggered scopes have vertical amplifier gain controls which are calibrated in volts-percentimeter or per division. The two vertical channels are identical so it's easy to check one test point against another to compare the signal gain of each stage. The comparison method is ideal for checking the gain in each stage throughout the entire amplifier and for checking the overall performance of both channels. This method is, of course, only valid if one of the two channels is operating correctly.

With this technique you can quickly isolate the trouble down to the stage and possibly to the defective component. As a final check of the amplifier, or if the original complaint was insufficient frequency response, the square-wave generator frequency can be tuned throughout the entire audio range for a frequency response check. These checks can be run at 1kHz intervals with the dual-trace scope connected to each channel and both left and right signals observed at the same time. With this method you can quickly observe the amplifier's overall frequency response.

When it comes to finding a case of slight distortion in a high quality component Hi-Fi system for example, the triggered scope can be a great troubleshooting time saver.

Let's put the scope on a Scott stereo amplifier brought into the shop by a critical listener for a frequency response check out. The customer told us the amplifier did not sound as though it was reproducing his stereo



Fig. 1—The top waveforms indicate good amplification at 8kHz while the bottom trace of the split-beam scope shows very little signal amplification.

records like it did when the unit was new. The amplifier was connected and a test record played. To a nonmusical ear it sounded fair, but it seemed as though some of the high notes were missing.

The split-beam scope was then connected to each channel's speaker output and a sine-wave signal fed into both amplifier input jacks. The dial of the generator was tuned across the audio spectrum with the left channel indicating normal amplification and frequency response. However, the right channel showed very little amplification at about 6kHz. Note the top wave-forms in Fig. 1 indicate normal amplification at 8kHz while the bottom trace of the split-beam scope shows very little signal amplification. The Scott Model 299F amplifier schematic is shown in Fig. 2.

The scope probes were moved a stage at a time which showed transistor, Q104 to be defective as it would not amplify frequencies at 6 or 8kHz. Other defective components can also cause this problem.

#### STEREO MULTIPLEX CHECKS

The Motorola AM-FM Stereo IC350 chassis will be used for these checks. Shown in Fig. 3 is the AGC and stereo decoder system schematic. A "flat pack chip" IC-2B is used for stereo decoding while the FM AGC voltage for the FM 2nd RF amplifier is obtained from the AGC amplifier transistor (Q5) collector. The FM 3rd IF signal is sampled through capacitor C11. Diode E2 converts the FM signal to a + dc voltage. The voltage varies with the received signal strength and this dc voltage then biases the NPN AGC amplifier.

A regulated +12v is the IC source voltage at pins 1 and 9. Pin 8 receives a 4.7v bias from the same source through resistor R33. The first check should be for proper voltages at pin 1, 8 and 9. If they are not correct, the IC or some other component may be causing the problem.

While looking at the schematic in Fig. 3, we will follow the signal path around the IC decoder stage. Monaural audio (L + R) enters the IC input at pin 3 and is fed to the right and left audio channels from pins 11 and 12. Stereo information L-R sidebands (23 to 53kHz) at the IC input (pin 3) are decoded into audio: then added to the monaural signal (L+R) to reproduce the left (pin 11) and right (pin 12) stereo audio signals. Each output channel from the IC is then bypassed to permit only audio to pass (30Hz-15kHz) and frequencies above 15kHz are attenuated. Use your oscilloscope when checking for



Fig. 2-Schematic of the Scott Model 299F stereo amplifier.



Fig. 3—Schematic of the AGC Amplifier and Stereo Decoder employed in Motorola's AM-FM stereo chassis 1C350.

proper waveforms at pin numbers 3, 11 and 12 of the chip if you are not receiving FM in stereo.

The 19kHz pilot transformer, L2 and the 38kHz stereo-carrier transformer, L1 are external to the IC. These are the only adjustments related to the IC. Connect the scope to check for the proper pilot carrier signals. During a stereo broadcast, pin 6 is grounded through the IC switch action to switch on. the stereo indicator light (E5B). The stereo information is blocked if the voltage at pin 4 drops below .9v. Since this voltage comes from the rectified FM signal through resistor R38, this voltage will reduce with signal strength. On weak, noisy stereo stations, the voltage drops below the .9v threshold point and all stereo information with noise is blocked but the monaural signal is not affected.

To eliminate the normal "rushing or hissing" noise between FM stations, the mute switch is depressed. If the mute voltage at pin 5 of the IC drops below a predetermined level (approximately + .9v) all signals are blocked from passing through the IC.

With the mute switch depressed (on), the IC pin 5 is connected to the FM rectified signal (Junction C27, R24, R25). This rectified dc signal varies with signal strength and between stations, the voltage drops below the mute threshold (+.9v)and the IC is cut off with between stations and on undesirable weak stations. This action would be similar to "squelch" used in two-way radio receivers.

The mute feature is defeated when the mute switch is released (off) and a fixed voltage (approximately +1.1v) is connected to the IC audio mute input (pin 5) through resistor R409.

More stereo receivers will be using solid-state circuitry in the near future. One new chassis is the RCA Model RC1227 which was developed by the c/COS (computer crafted) concept method. The 1st and 2nd IF amplifier stages are illustrated in Fig. 4 using this concept. Note the substrate Z201 which contains two transistors and many other components. For circuit checks ap-



Fig. 4—Schematic of the 1st and 2nd amplifier stages employed in the RCA Model RC1227 amplifier employing the substrate Z201.

ply an RF signal (at the IF frequency) at pin 1 of the substrate and with a detector probe on your scope, check for amplified IF signal at pin number 9. If the pin voltages are found incorrect, you should replace Z201.

#### COMPLEMENTARY SYMMETRY AMPLIFIERS

This amplifier design produces a uniform frequency response throughout the audible frequency spectrum. Phase shift at low and high frequencies is reduced, while amplifier stability and transient response is improved.

Complementary symmetry amplification is not a new audio engineering approach, but has been a gleam in the audio designer's eyes for many years. New approaches in design for the past few years are matched—paired transistors, dual heat sinks, simplified circuits and application reports.

To enhance the output response and to eliminate a major cause of undesirable frequency discrimination, these amplifiers are designed to take full advantage of transistors without the need for the driver and output transformer or the often troublesome interstage coupling capacitors. With the complementary design, transformers are eliminated to achieve better performance at lower cost and smaller size.

The name "Complementary-Symmetry Amplifier" is derived from the output transistor circuit configuration. In this circuit, an NPN and a PNP transistor are connected in series to form the output circuit. Both transistors exhibit the same characteristic except for polarities.

In this circuit, a positive going signal increases the conduction of the NPN transistor while a negative going signal increases the conduction of the PNP transistor. Thus, no phase inversion of the drive signal is required. The output transistors compliment each other and produce a symmetrical output signal.

Shown in Fig. 5 is a schematic of a "complementary-symmetry" amplifier. We will review some typical circuits to see how this functions. The 1st audio transistor, Q6, is connected as an emitter follower (common collector). Collector and base bias potentials are supplied from terminal M2 which is also connected to one side of the speakers. The other speaker lead is connected to terminal M7 and is called the "tap out" point with a potential of 13v. The current required by transistor Q6 must flow through the woofer voice coil and is less than .001 ampere.

Supplying the dc potentials to transistor Q6 in this way eliminates an additional voltage divider and a decoupling network from the 26 volt supply. Capacitor C6 ( $200\mu$ fd) provides dc isolation for the speakers and dc filtering for transistor Q6.

The "bootstrapping" capacitor C16 ( $30\mu$ fd) is connected between the emitter of Q6 and R20, the 47K base resistor. This capacitor feeds back a portion of the emitter signal in phase to the low side of resistor R20. This in-phase signal counteracts any current flow through base R20 and effectively raises the input impedance of Q6 to more than 50K.

The signal is amplified by driver transistor Q5 and coupled from the collector of Q5 to the base of the output transistors. The output signal is directly coupled to the base of the PNP output transistor Q8 and also coupled through resistor R11 and diode D3 to the base of the NPN output transistor Q3.

The use of D3 and C4 in the circuit equalizes the drive requirements of output transistors Q3 and Q8 to permit the output signal in the emitter circuit to be symmetrical. The output signal is taken from terminal M7 and returned through C6, the dc blocking capacitor.

The oscilloscope can be used to trace a square wave signal through all of the amplifier stages. The dualbeam scope can be used for observing the output transistors to see if they are complimenting each other or are possibly being detrimental in producing a symmetrically amplified output signal.

#### STEREO SERVICE PRECAUTIONS

These tips can be used as an aid to servicing complementary-symmetry or other solid-state amplifier circuitry:

(1) Change the emitter resistor when the output transistors are replaced even if the original one looks or appears to check normal. (2)



Fig. 5-Schematic of a "complementary-symmetry" amplifier.

Use a silicone heat sink compound for effective heat conduction when replacing output transistors. (3) Output transistors must be firmly seated against the heat sink. Press down firmly on transistor as solder solidifies. (4) Check all transistors in direct coupled amplifier stages before power is applied to repaired chassis. (5) Slowly adjust the bias potentiometers to prevent sudden bias changes which could cause output transistor damage. (6) Do not ground the speaker leads or the extension speaker jacks. Use extreme caution when connecting test equipment to the chassis to insure that accidental grounding does not occur and could cause transistor damage. (7) When replacing the output transistors make sure replacement transistors are installed in the proper sockets or solder points on the circuit board.

#### SOLID-STATE SERVICE TIPS

(1) Monitor the voltage between the complementary-symmetry output transistor bases when troubleshooting the chassis. Reading should be about 1v. (2) If the voltage is less than 1v, the bias diode or bias transistor may be shorted. Audio output will be low and sound will be distorted. (3) Should voltage across output transistor bases measure more than 1.5v, bias diode on base transistor may be open causing forward bias to increase current flow through the output transistors. Tapout voltage may be normal, but the B+ will be low. (4) Audio output may be normal, however, there may be some hum in the speakers. Excessive current flow through the output transistors will cause increased heating of the output transistor and eventual failure. (5) Monitor the B+ while servicing the amplifier chassis. Low B+, less than 20v for 8w chassis, less than 30v for 20w chassis, indicates excessive current flow in output transistor circuit. (6) High B+, more than 28v for 8w chassis, more than 40v for 20w chassis, indicates an open output transistor or insufficient forward bias on the output transistor.
# Curve Tracer for In-circuit Troubleshooting

by JUD WILLIAMS

The curve tracer and oscilloscope are teamed up in this new technique for fast and easy transistor troubleshooting. ■ Transistor troubleshooting should become a faster, easier task with a technique developed using a transistor curve tracer and a dc oscilloscope. The new method allows a technician to locate a defective transistor in virtually any kind of circuit whether TV, radio, audio or industrial. After the defective unit has been found, the curve tracer and scope can help the technician find the right replacement from the transistors that he normally keeps on hand.

The technique is called "interpretive diagnosis" and uses the dynamic transistor curve tracer, a long overlooked instrument for servicing but used mainly by engineers and quality control people for testing and classifying various types of transistors. A wideband dc oscilloscope is preferred because the display retains a fixed reference.

# HOW THE CURVE TRACER WORKS

Basically, the curve tracer does its work by sweeping the collector to emitter of a transistor with a 120Hz pulsating dc voltage. Then a staircase generator in the tracer supplies the transistor base with calibrated steps of current. The result is a characteristic family of curves displayed simultaneously and automatically on the scope as shown in figure 1. This 'family of curves' is that of an NPN transistor with a Vce of 6 volts and base current of  $20\mu a$  per step. Collector current is calibrated as 10ma per vertical division on the graticule.

The block diagram in figure 2 shows how the voltage across the transistor is applied to the horizontal input of the oscilloscope. The collector current is measured by monitoring the voltage drop across the resistor in series with the emitter and applied to the vertical channel of the oscilloscope.

# NEW TECHNIQUE IS TESTED ON IN-CIRCUIT TRANSISTORS

The curve tracer-scope combination has been used for some time now to check and identify transistors out-of-circuit, but because the tracer actually turns a transistor on it was speculated that it might work on a transistor still in the circuit. Several simple audio circuits were tested in the laboratory and the results were surprising. There was



Fig. 1—The 'family of curves' of an out-ofcircuit NPN transistor with Vce of 6 volts and base current of 20ua per step.



Fig. 2—Block diagram of a dynamic transistor curve tracer showing how voltage across transistor is applied to horizontal input of the oscilloscope.



strong evidence that the curve tracer could be used to determine whether the transistors in-circuit were 'good' or 'bad.'

A digital circuit was tested and the results were again surprising. The big test came when the technique was applied to the Sylvania D14 color TV chassis. Every circuit was tested with both good and bad transistors in place. Audio, RF and video circuits were all checked and even with the loading effects of peripheral components the curve tracer was able to differentiate between good and bad transistors.

As might be expected, the waveforms of transistors while in a circuit are a far cry from those displayed when the curve tracer is used in the conventional manner. It was found that this doesn't matter because the waveforms derived from this method are very similar in character even though badly distorted. The vast majority of transistor failures are



Fig. 3—'Family of curves' created by Q100 in 1st audio amplifier of the Sylvania D14 chassis.

catastrophic and in troubleshooting we are only looking for either 'good' or 'defective' transistors.



# METHOD SPEEDS TROUBLESHOOTING

Because of the simplicity of this method, it is hardly necessary to use conventional troubleshooting techniques. With the device under test turned off, simply touch the test probe to each suspect transistor and within a few short minutes the culprit is located without laboriously unsoldering each transistor before testing. Once a replacement transistor has been soldered in place, another quick check with the curve tracer will insure that it has been inserted correctly.

In tests with the Sylvania chassis, a three-pronged probe was used. It was a great timesaver as the needle sharp probes make contact with each lead of the transistor simultaneously.

# WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Several circuits from the Sylvania

D14 are illustrated here along with photographs of the curves developed by the curve tracer. In the accompanying illustrations, the waveforms indicate properly operating circuits. When a defective transistor is located, the display on the scope will be a straight horizontal line.

In the display of each circuit tested, look for the presence of several curves even if they are completely different in shape to the standard *continued on page 84* 

# From Scope To Vectorscope

by CHARLES W. JANECEK

Convert your scope to display the vector pattern for servicing color circuits without having to view the TV receiver screen.

Color television servicing can be simplified by the use of the vectorscope. A great amount of data involving color-circuit operation can be obtained in one easy to read waveform. The waveform obtained on the vectorscope screen is a lissajous pattern since quadrature (90 degree out-of-phase) information is impressed simultaneously on the CRT's horizontal and vertical deflection plates. The pattern is produced by the sine wave outputs of the chroma demodulators when a rainbow generator is connected to the antenna terminals of a receiver.

Color reproduction is basically "Phase" interpretation by the color circuits in a receiver. The principle of operation of the Rainbow generator is the production of a "linear phase sweep" which permits simultaneous viewing on the receiver kinescope of a number of color phases which in turn enables the technician to evaluate the operation of the receiver.

The vectorscope's primary use is for troubleshooting, spotting defective diodes in the new tri-phase demodulators, burst transformer and 3.58MHz color oscillator alignment as well as alignment of the 3.58MHz traps and high level demodulators.

The vectorscope technique can be put to practical use without buying another scope. Servicing color television receivers with automatic frequency control, automatic color control and similar circuits require a good triggered or other quality scope which is a very versatile piece



Typical test setup using the oscilloscope to display vector patterns.

of test equipment and can also be used as a vectorscope.

All your service scope requires is a horizontal input terminal and a method of connecting an incoming signal to the horizontal amplifier to provide a controlled horizontal sweep.

The procedure outlined uses only your scope and it should perform quite well as a vectorscope without modifications. A special test harness is not required, all you need are two pins to pierce the R-Y and B-Y detector leads (solid red and blue) to the CRT. Connections can also be made at the terminals on the receiver chassis. Insulation piercing type clip leads can be purchased if desired.

# SET-UP PROCEDURE

(1) Connect a color bar generator to the antenna input terminals of the TV receiver. (2) Set the color bar generator for a rainbow pattern. The signal from the generator is crystal-controlled at a frequency of 3,563,795Hz, about 15,750Hz less than the 3,579,545Hz subcarrier oscillator in the color TV receiver. The frequency difference produces a signal that will have a phase change of from 0 to 360 degrees in the time of a single horizontal scan of  $53\mu$ s. When 360 degrees is divided by 30 degrees, the result is 12. This is the number of color bars actually generated. One color bar, however, is blanked by the generator and a second serves as the sync reference burst and is emitted during the  $10\mu s$  blanking time of the TV receiver. Thus, only 10 bars are visible. If the input signal is excessive, or if the color intensity control is advanced too far from a normal signal level, the vectorgram display may become flattened because of chroma circuit overload. (3) Set the vertical input calibrator of the scope at 50 volts per cm. If the signal input to the vertical stage overdrives the scope, it may be necessary to use a 10X probe and adjust the vertical attenuator for a pattern as in Fig. 1. (4) Set the horizontal sweep selector of the scope to the EXT. HORIZ. input. (5) If grid drive is used, connect both the horizontal and vertical inputs of the scope to the grid of the CRT's red gun. If cathode drive is used, connect both the horizontal and vertical inputs of the scope to the cathode of the red gun. In the general low level and Zenith high level demodulation systems (called this because low level must be followed by amplifiers and high level is the final stage after the amplifiers), the vectorscope connections are often made directly to the junctions of the R-Y, B-Y outputs. Whereas in the tri-phase demodulation systems (either cathode or grid connected), vectorscope connections must be made at points where the signal enters the picture tube for the least loading and best isolation from the preceding semiconductors.

In the Motorola TS915 chassis, vectorscope connections would go directly to the kinescope cathodes. (6) Adjust the horizontal gain con-





Fig. 1—Patterns produced with grid and cathode drive and the vertical input calibrator of the scope set at 50 volts per cm. The horizontal gain control is adjusted until the pattern appears at a 45 degree angle.





Fig. 2—Patterns produced by sets with 105 degree modulation and horizontal input of the scope connected to the blue gun, grid or cathode depending on the drive.

trol until the pattern appears at a 45 degree (see Fig. 1). Mark the position of the horizontal gain control because it will be in approximately the same position regardless of the TV receiver manufacturer or characteristics. (7) Remove the horizontal input from the red gun



Fig. 3—Patterns produced by 90 degree sets. and connect it to the blue gun, grid or cathode depending on the drive. The pattern in Fig. 2 will be seen for sets with 105 degrees while the pattern in Fig. 3 will be seen for 90 degree sets. Note: 90 degree sets will have a circular pattern while 105 degree sets will have an elliptical pattern.

# CONTROL EFFECTS ON PATTERNS

To effectively use the vector display you must be familiar with the effects of the color amplitude and tint controls on the scope display. (1) The color amplitude control will vary the size of the petals but not their angular relationship. (2) The hue and/or tint control changes the angles of the petals but not their am-



Chrominance phase diagram showing sequence of color bars in a 300 degree circle.

plitude. If you are unable to decrease horizontal gain, or if input is overloading the horizontal amplifier, place a 10M resistor in series with the input lead.

The vector patterns may vary slightly between sets and especially between different manufacturers. The specific areas of importance on the vector patterns are the ends of the vectors, which represent angular displacement, and the center of the pattern which must be placed into the center on the face of the CRT.

The vectors of the RCA sets all have approximately the same length, but this is not true on Motorola and Zenith. The R-Y vector on the Motorola is longer than the B-Y vector while Zenith is just the opposite. It is recommended that the vector display for all of the sets be observed on units known to be good to familiarize the technician with various displays.

# ADDITIONAL USES AND PROCEDURES

If it is desired, the vectorscope can be used to set the range of the hue control of a color TV receiver. The hue control should first be set to its center range. With a color bar generator connected to the antenna terminals, the display should show the (R-Y) petal in a vertical position. By rotating the hue control back and forth, the third bar should rotate at least as far as the number two position to the left and the number four position to the right. If this is not the case, locate the chroma reference oscillator and adjust it so that the (R-Y) petal is vertical.

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# **Old TVs Reduce Taxes**

by LEON ROVICK

If your shop is cluttered with old TV chassis, here's how you can get rid of them, save money and perform a public service all at the same time.

In spite of the many complaints by professional educators that ordinary citizens do not care to get involved in public education and its problems, especially vocational education, many citizens are proving that they do care. Some of these are fraternal organizations who are assisting the radio and television repair classes in vocational schools by collecting old radio and television receivers from private individuals and local dealers. In a period of only two months, one organization in New Jersey was able to supply the Middletown Vocational High School with 15 radios, 19 TV sets, 2 tape recorders and 4 record players. This is only a beginning in what they hope will be a continuing program.

How does this involve the TV dealers? Nearly every radio and TV repair shop has so-called "junk" cluttering up floor and shelf space. Every inch of space in your store costs money. Holding onto this junk cuts into your profits. The question is: how to dispose of this material at no cost. One answer is to get a Fraternal group interested in a project such as the one we just mentioned. There are many such publicservice groups around the country, some large and some small, but all interested in serving. Many of the readers of ELECTRONIC TECH-NICIAN are probably themselves members of such groups. All that is needed is the interest to ignite the fuse of action.

Not only will you get rid of the stuff cluttering your store, you can yourself also get actively involved in the vocational program in your area. Dealers may not even be aware that there are vocational high schools in their area actively engaged in training television and radio technicians. Of course, you don't necessarily need the help of a fraternal group; you can deliver the sets directly to the school. However, your time and that of your employees as well as the expense of your truck can cost a pretty penny. You can save all this trouble and expense simply by asking a fraternal group in your area to sponsor the project. Moreover, since most fraternal groups are publicity minded, your firm's name will be presented to the public in a favorable light at no expense to yourself. What better advertising can you get?

Further, your tax status may benefit by deducting the equivalent economic value of the contributed merchandise. Although the sets may be junk to you, they do have market value, however small it may seem.

Nearly every radio and TV repair shop in the nation can use more technicians. By getting personally involved in the program along with the fraternal group you can become acquainted with the school officials. By cooperating with them everyone benefits. Students are motivated to better learning if they know there is an opportunity for immediate employment after graduation. And, by employing these student technicians on a part-time basis, you can have a source of employees who can readily fit into your plans after graduation. You are in effect training your own help. In addition, your local vocational school officials can explain the financial assistance offered to tradespeople in cooperative education. But they can only do this if you make yourself known to them.

One final note-you will feel better emotionally if you know that the material you offer can in some way serve a better purpose than simply as ballast in a city dump. You can probably recall when you were learning principles of radio how you wished you had more material to experiment with that you didn't have to buy. If by error a student destroys an item, that item has served its purpose; the student probably won't make the same mistake again. And isn't it better for the potential technician to make his mistakes in school rather than on a customer's set in your shop?

Think about the obvious advantages this plan offers to you; and you will probably want to get involved, especially when you save money, time and trouble in the bargain.



# **ET/D** TEST LAB REPORT

# **TELEQUIPMENT D54 OSCILLOSCOPE**

A properly operated and understood scope is one of a service technician's most valuable tools and to increase this understanding, our discussion this month centers on a dual trace, triggered instrument.

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Rather than get into a long-winded and very technical description of circuit operation, let's make a tour of this versatile unit by referring to the block diagram in Fig. 1. A brief explanation of the various stages will help you to better understand how a dual trace, triggered scope works. Then we will talk about the use and operation of this unit.

A dual trace scope, somewhat like



Telequipment D54 Oscilloscope.

a stereo amplifier, has two input channels. The Telequipment Model D54 shown in the block diagram refers to these as Input 1 and Input 2. The photo of the instrument also shows these inputs which use BNC type connectors. Incidentally, these connectors are supplied with the scope, but you have to make up your own test cable.

Since both input channels are identical, reference to one is the same for both. The input signal is fed first to an "attenuator" network. Each attenuator consists of four frequency compensated resistive dividers which are switched singly or in tandem to provide the required division ratios. The input signal is either passed directly to the input amplifier or they are reduced by the resistive dividers to a convenient level.

# "Y" INPUT AMPLIFIER

The input amplifiers shown on the block diagram as the "Y" amplifiers consist of transistors TR21-TR27 in one channel and TR21a-TR27a in the other channel. These amplifiers use an FET input circuit for high impedance. Both amplifiers are connected through another circuit shown on the diagram as the Channel-Switching Multivibrator, TR33-TR37. Depending on the condition



Fig. 1. Block diagram of the Telequipment D54 Dual Trace, Triggered Oscilloscope.

of this multivibrator, the output of either amplifier is fed to the "Y" output amplifier. When the scope is set to internal trigger, a portion of either amplifier's output may be fed to the trigger circuit.

# CHANNEL-SWITCHING MULTIVIBRATOR

As we indicated earlier, the channel-switching multivibrator is used to provide switching potentials to determine which of the input amplifiers will drive the output amplifier at any given time. In the alternate mode, a gating pulse from the sweep-gating bistable switches the multivibrator; each amplifier is switched on for every alternate sweep. In the chopped mode of operation, the multivibrator free-runs and switches each amplifier on and off at intervals of about  $5\mu s$ . Pulses are provided to blank the CRT beam during switching. This provides automatic transient blanking in the chopped mode.

# "Y" OUTPUT AMPLIFIER

This amplifier consists of transistors TR28, 29, 31 and 32. The output signal from either input amplifier is further amplified and fed directly to the CRT "Y" plates. A portion of this output may be fed to the trigger circuit to enable the timebase to be triggered by each channel's output alternately. Looking back at the two input channels. there are five possible channelswitching combinations depending on the two channel push-button switches and the CHOP-ALT slide switch. The combinations are: Channel 1 on, 2 off; Channel 1 off, 2 on; Channels 1 and 2 alternate; Channels 1 and 2 chopped; Channels 1 and 2 off.

The block designated as CALI-BRATOR is used to provide a 50mv P-P squarewave at the power line frequency as a means of checking the "Y" amplifier and for timebase calibration.

## TRIGGER CIRCUIT

Going down the diagram, we see the block labeled TRIGGER, TR101-TR104. The purpose of this circuit is to provide pulses of suitable amplitude and polarity to trigger the sweep-gating bistable from internally or externally derived waveforms. The bases of the input transistors in this circuit are fed with triggering signals from either the vertical amplifier for internal operation, or from the EXT TRIG terminal for external operation depending on the position of switch S101. This push-button switch is labeled on the front panel as EXT TRIG and INT.

# SWEEP-GATING BISTABLE

This circuit consists of transistors TR105-TR106. Its function is to determine the start and finish of each sweep. Suitable voltages are applied to the unblanking amplifier and channel-switching multivibrator

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

# VERTICAL AMPLIFIER and ATTENUATOR

Operating modes	Channel 1 only Channel 2 only Alternate — Channel switching during
	flyback Chopped — Channel switching at 100kHz approx Automatic
	blanking
3dB bandwidth — d.c. coupled	d.c 10MHz
a.c. coupled	35ns nominal
Calibrated deflection sensitivity ± 5% Variable gain control provides continuous coverage between ranges	10mV - 50V/cm (12 1-2-5 steps)
Maximum input (via 400V capacitor a.c. coupled) Input impedance approx.	400Vp 1MΩ & 40 pF
HORIZONTAL SYSTEM	
Trigger	2
Internal Minimum deflection	Zmm Channel 1
50urce	Channel 2
	Alternate
External — a.c. coupled Input impedance approx.	$1.5 \text{ Vp-p to } \pm 15\text{ V}$ 100k $\Omega \& 10\text{ pF}$
Useful bandwidth approx.	50Hz - 1MHz
Trigger level	10Hz - 3MHz 1MHz - 10MHz or better
Sween generator	
Calibrated sweep speeds ± 5% Variable control provides continuous coverage	200ns - 2s/cm (22 1-2-5 steps)
Maximum speed range approx.	40ns - 5s/cm
Horizontal amplifier	d.c IMHz
10 to 90% risetime	350ns nominal
Deflection sensitivity approx.	600mV - 3V/cm
Input impedance approx. Maximum input	400Vp
CATHODE RAY TUBE	
Display area	6 x 10cm
Overall post-deflection acceleration	4kv P31 (standard), P7 & P11
Available phosphors	
Coupling	a.c. to first grid
Signal for cut-off at average brilliance Time constant	— 20Vp approx. 10ms approx.
FRONT PANEL OUTPUTS	가지 못 들었는 가슴을 다
Calibrator supply frequency	50mVp-p ± 2%
Sweep sawtooth	1-35V approx. d.ccoupled
Amplitude	30ks2
Probe test	500mV approx.
POWER REQUIREMENTS	
Voltage	100 - 125V in 5V steps 200 - 250V in 10V steps
FrequencyConsumption	48 - 440HZ 32VA approx.
PHYSICAL DATA	
Approximate overall dimensions and weight:	Deen Weight
High Wide 24.5cm 21cm	44-5cm 9-25kg
93/4 in 81/4 in	171/2 in 201/2 lb
Cooling	Convection
Approximate ambient temperature limits: Operating Non-operating	-15 to +40°C + 5 to +104°F −25 to +70°C −13 to +158°F



Interior view showing component and circuit board mountings.

to provide beam-unblanking during the sweep and channel-switching at the end of each sweep in the alternate mode.

## SWEEP GENERATOR

The sweep generator provides a sawtooth waveform which is passed to the "X" output amplifier and a front panel terminal. In the external X condition, the stage operates as the X input amplifier. The "X" output amplifier, shown on the block diagram as consisting of TR112, 113 and 114, amplifies the sweep sawtooth or the external X signal and feeds it in push-pull to the CRT "X" plates.

# UNBLANKING AMPLIFIER

In this circuit, the beam-unblanking pulses from the sweep-gating bistable are amplified and applied to a CRT electrode to deflect the beam on to the tube phosphor for the duration of a sweep and when the TIME/CM switch is set to EXT X. Pulses are then fed from the channel-switching multivibrator to blank the beam when the multivibrator changes state in the chopped mode.

# POWER SUPPLY AND CRT CIRCUITS

We mention the power supply because it uses a power transformer which has two primary windings and two secondary windings. The transformer primaries are connected in parallel for operation from 100 to 125vac and in series for operation from 200 to 250 vac. So this unit will operate on almost any ac line power available. A plug is provided on the rear panel which is inserted in the correct set of contacts for the line voltage being used. The tapped secondary of the transformer provides other operating voltages except for the CRT filament which is supplied from a separate 6.3 volt winding floated at about —1kV.

The CRT used in this instrument is a 5in. flat-faced rectangular unit operating at 4kV accelerating voltage. The CRT also has provision for external modulation through a Z MOD connector at the rear of the instrument. Intensity modulation is ac-coupled to the first CRT grid.

### OPERATION

The operation of a dual trace scope is much like any other good scope except that it has two inputs and provides two traces on the screen. The obvious advantage of such a unit is in its ability to allow the operator to compare two simultaneous waveforms. Since the D54 is also a triggered scope, it has the advantage of being stable-the waveforms will not jump around on the screen and you can accurately determine the value of the waveform being viewed. As we indicated earlier, triggering in a dual trace scope is accomplished by signals from the vertical amplifiers or from an external source. This instrument allows for triggering from either the TV field (frame) or from line pulses. There is also a + and - push-button to provide triggering from the positive or negative slope of the input waveform.

Some of the more common applications of a dual trace, triggered scope in servicing are to trouble-shoot stereo amplifiers, FM multiplex circuits, power supplies, color TV and pulse circuits. Naturally a dual trace, triggered scope costs a bit more than a scope which does not have these functions. But if you are thinking of making a scope part of your equipment expansion, a unit of this type might be worth consideration.

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# DUMONT

### Color TV Chassis 120957/958-HV Fail-Safe Circuit

More and more significance is being attached to the possible emission of soft X-radiation from color TV receivers. Service notes contain warnings to servicemen with recommendations for safer bench procedures. High voltage settings are being given for various measured line voltages to reduce the possibility of a dangerous tise of high voltage should the setting be made under low line voltage conditions.

To provide even more protection, the models using chassis 120957 and 120958, Triangle Code "A" and up, are wired with a "Fail-Safe" circuit in the high voltage system. The purpose of this circuit is twofold: (1) to prevent the high voltage from rising above safe limits in the event of failure of the shunt regulator tube, and (2) to limit the maximum high voltage obtained by adjustment of the high voltage adjust control.



In the event of failure of the shunt regulator tube, this circuit develops a negative voltage which is applied to the grid of the horizontal output tube. This increased bias cuts down the output of the tube, which in turn reduces the high voltage.



Referring to the schematic, point "A" is connected to "FC" of the horizontal output transformer and couples a positive going pulse to the anode of Bias Diode X-101, which develops a negative voltage at point "B." When the shunt regulator is operating normally, safety Diode X-102 is a low impedance device in the cathode circuit so that the voltage at point "D" is virtually the same as the supply voltage, 390 volts. Should the shunt regulator fail, X-102 appears as a high impedance, isolating point "D" from the B+ supply.

In normal operation, the resultant voltage at point "C" is determined by the relative values of positive voltage at "D" and the negative voltage at "B." This voltage is applied to the grid of the horizontal output tube through R-160 in addition to the normal grid-leak bias already present. The circuit is designed to maintain normal bias when the shunt voltage at "B" then increases the bias applied to the horizontal output tube.



The action of the fail-safe circuit results in visual indications similar to those normally associated with a very weak horizontal output tube. The picture is very dim, focus is poor and width is insufficient. The picture may be too dim to see the sides of the raster and the high voltage reads about 12kv.

Limiting the range of the high voltage adjust control is effected by shunting R-369 with a 10M resistor. The high voltage adjust control and R-369 are part of a voltage divider network which determines the bias on the grid of the shunt regulator tube. As the shunt regulator is biased toward cutoff, the high voltage increases. Reducing the effective value of R-369 reduces the maximum high voltage obtainable by adjustment of the HV adjust control. Should this maximum value be less than 24kv or more than 1kv less than the specified setting, the shunt resistor is simply clipped out of the circuit. This will be done at the factory if necessary and should require attention in the field only when circuit values have changed due to aging or when tubes or components have been replaced.

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# ET/D COLORFAX

conductor cable. The inside wires of the cable are connected to the vertical coils; the outside wires are connected to the horizontal coils.



The color coding of the replacement may differ from that of the original either in color or sequence or both. We suggest that you compare the replacement with the original before you remove the original. If they differ in any way, ignore the color coding when wiring the replacement. Connect the wires in the same physical sequence as the original (be sure that you view both original and replacement from the same side).

### **GENERAL ELECTRIC**

Voltage Dependent Resistors (VDR-Varistors) and Temperature Dependent Resistors (TDR-Thermistors)

In modern television design, devices are being used in critical circuits to automatically adjust circuit parameters to maintain constant performance regardless of variables such as line voltage changes, component aging and thermal effects.

Two of these devices which are quite popular today are the VDR and TDR. Both are non-linear resistors. This means that doubling the voltage across them does not double the current through them. These non-linear resistors can be manufactured with either a positive or negative coefficient. A negative coefficient device is one whose resistance will decrease with an increase of the electrical or environmental conditions to which it is sensitive.

Checking a non-linear resistor requires some knowledge of how it functions. A simple ohmmeter check will not provide an accurate test. Most non-linear resistors can be checked in operational circuits using simple voltage measurements and observing circuit performance. The absolute ohmic value is not important-the device's reaction to environmental change is what must be determined.

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### **Testing the VDR**

The VDR is a non-linear resistor whose resistance is a function of voltage. VDR's currently used in General Electric portable TVs have a negative coefficient.

VDR's are used in high voltage regulator and boost voltage circuits and in degaussing circuits.

Most VDR's will read open when checked with a simple ohmmeter. Therefore, the VDR must be tested by applying a voltage to it and measuring the current through it. Such a test may be done with the VDR in the TV circuit or in a special bench test circuit. In either case, a milliammeter is placed in series with the VDR, and the voltage applied to it is varied.



Plotting a graph of voltage vs. current for the VDR shows its performance characteristics. Such a graph might look like the one shown.



VDR's come with many voltage and current ratings, so don't expect the values in the graph to exactly agree with the numbers on your graph. The important thing is for the non-linearity of current change with voltage variations to be evident.

In most instances, suspected defective units can be verified by checking the current at the voltage specified in the parts list.

Some of the	VDR's currently bein	g used include:
EU14X196	65MA@20v±20%	(C chassis)
EP13X1	65MA@20v 20%	(G chassis)
EP13X2	1MA@850v±15%	(G chassis)
ES14X212	1MA@ 17v±15%	(TC/T-1 chassis)

One precaution must be observed with this test procedure: Don't exceed the power rating of the VDR. Power ratings are similar to carbon resistors; that is, physical sizes are approximately the same. Also, note that VDR's have a negative thermal coefficient, so the readings should be taken quickly.

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# COAXIAL RELAY

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SPDT relay, which is particularly adapted to CATV service, occupies a space of approximately  $2 \times 2 \times 7$ % in. The relay is available in a number of actuating coil voltages, from 6 to 115v, ac and dc. Dow-Key.

# TWO-STATION INTERCOM 705

Personal communication at a low price

A low-cost, battery-operated, two station intercom, blister packed for retail merchandising, is introduced. The



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# 706 CASSETTE CLASSROOM SYSTEM

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### TELEPHONE AMPLIFIER 707

Powered by four penlight batteries

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# SLIDE SYNCHRONIZED 708 CASSETTE RECORDER 708

Built-in slide/filmstrip synchronizer

A heavy-duty, ac-powered cassette recorder with a built-in slide/filmstrip synchronizer is introduced. The basic



mechanism of the audio-visual recorder consists of a full-sized, heavy flywheel, a large-diameter, sturdy cap-

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# HAM BAND RECEIVER

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Moderately priced 80-10 meter receiver

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a heavy wire double spiral iron holder mounted on a metal base with nonskid feet. The unit is designed to permit removal of the iron and cleaning of the tip in one continuous motion. The holder and stand are brightly plated for durability and appearance with a metal clamp provided for permanent attachment to the work bench. if desired. The unit accommodates irons to 60w size. The tip wiper features a heavy, non-corrosive porcelain base that eliminates the possibility of tip contamination by contact with the base or sponge contamination caused by rust. The base also provides a large water reservoir to wet sponges as they rotate during tip cleaning. Sponges are acid-free and easily replaceable. Priced at \$5.95 for a complete unit or \$2.75 for the iron holder. Plato.

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sures  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. diameter by .236in. high with two .190in. long x .019in. phosphor-bronze, silver-plated contacts. The holder is of molded acetal resin and is rated to 10a maximum at 125vac. Nominal pin contact insertion force is 500 grams. Four supporting legs, .032in. high by .040in. diameter, are molded into the base of the body to provide further mounting stability on the printed circuit board. Littelfuse.

# DIGITAL MULTIMETER

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A 31/2 digit table-top, Digital Multimeter, Model 8000, is introduced. The unit is suitable for laboratory, production line, educational testing, general purpose and other applications. Measurements are displayed in the decimal number system by three gas-filled readout tubes. The numeral "1" is displayed for over-range measurements. The readout display is complete with a movable decimal point, automatic over-range indication (O/R) and auto-polarity for DC functions. A readout is possible on the multimeter with as much as a 50 percent overrange (1500 count) indication. The unit has protective circuitry, which prevents damage to the tester when voltages as high as 1000v, ac or dc, are applied as inputs on any of the selectable voltage ranges. The dc voltmeter ranges are: 0-0.1, 1.0, 10, 100 and 1000 vdc. Accuracy is ±0.1 percent of reading  $\pm 1$  digit. Temperature coefficient (0° to 40°C) is  $\pm .01$  percent/°C. Input resistance is 10M on all ranges: AC Voltmeter ranges are:

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0-0.1, 1.0, 10, 100 and 1000vac. Accuracy at 50 to 20kHz frequency is  $\pm 0.2$  percent of reading  $\pm 1$  digit. Current measurement (ac), (dc) ranges are: 10µa, and 0.1, 1.0, 10, 100 and 1000ma. Accuracy is dc  $\pm 0.2$  percent of reading and ac  $\pm .4$ percent of reading  $\pm 1$  digit from 100Hz to 10kHz. Full scale circuit voltage drop is 100mv ac or dc on all ranges. Power source is 115±10vac or 230±20vac, 50/60 Hz 12w. Its construction consists of all solid-state circuitry, printed-circuit boards and steel sheet material is used for the main chassis and internal module covers. A stored metal leg is provided to elevate the front edge approximately 25 degrees to facilitate table-top use. Cabinet dimensions are: (HWD) 41/8 x 10 5/16 x 87/8 in. Suggested user net is \$575. Triplett.

# FIELD STRENGTH METER 714

Readings on all UHF/VHF picture and sound carriers

A solid-state portable field strength meter for CATV and MATV systems is introduced. The Model 1720 is said to be ideal for CATV and MATV

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field use because it is light, accurate and easy to use. It works from four 9v batteries and provides direct, accurate readings on all UHF and VHF picture and sound carriers. The carriers are clearly marked for each channel. The meter measures inputs from ten microvolts to two volts. It is reportedly accurate within  $\pm 1.5$ dB. To conserve batteries, the unit automatically turns itself off when the cover is closed. The meter includes a special phone-scope jack, providing a detected signal output which can be used to drive a high impedance crystal earphone, a tape recorder or an oscilloscope. JFD.

# VOLTOHMYST

Operates from batteries or 120vac

A portable all solid-state Volt-Ohmyst, especially designed for service, industrial and laboratory applications is announced. This portable solid-state electronic voltmeter can be operated either from internal batteries

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or from 120vac. The voltmeter is ideally suited for use at home, on the service bench or in manufacturing and laboratory test situations. The Model WV-510A measures dc voltage from 0.01 to 1500v, direct current from 0.01mA to 1.5a, ac voltage from 0.2 to 1500 volts, ac peak-to-peak voltage of complex waveforms from 0.5 to 4200 volts, and resistance values from  $0.2\Omega$  to 1000M. Seven overlapping ranges are provided for ac, resistance and current measurements, and eight ranges are provided for dc voltage measurement. Accuracy for all voltage and current functions is  $\pm 3$  percent of full-scale reading. The solid-state measuring circuit reportedly features "zero" stability and linearity. The current drain of this instrument is low and accuracy is maintained throughout the usable life of the batteries and a convenient battery test function is provided. An input resistance of 21M on all dc ranges permits accurate test results on even critical low-impedance circuits. The instrument has a large, easy-to-read, twocolor meter with a mirror scale. Dimensions are as follows: height 67/s in.,

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width  $5\frac{1}{4}$  in. and depth  $3\frac{1}{8}$  in. The unit weighs  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lb, with batteries in place. The voltohmyst comes complete with a dc/ac-ohms probe with flexible shielded input cable (type WG-401A) with BNC connector, slip-on alligator clip, current test leads, one RCA VSO36 battery and an instruction book. Price \$128. RCA.

# VERTICAL SHORT-WAVE 716

Offers space saving installation

Introduced is the Model SWV-7 vertical SWL antenna for the broadcast bands. This antenna retains the broadband coverage of the Model

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SWL-7 predecessor while offering space-saving installation available only in a vertical. Its six weatherproof traps are housed in paper phenolic tubing, a design favorable both to performance and appearance. The antenna includes hardware for simplified mounting either on the ground or roof. Ground mounting requires no guying or concrete footing and when roof mounted a three-foot mast with hinged mounting bracket fastens base assembly to roof with only one lag screw. Guying is required for roof mounting. The antenna covers bands 11, 13, 19, 25, 31 and 49 meters. Length is 39ft, 10in. and weighs 5lb, 15oz. Price \$33.71. Mosley.

# DIGITAL SYSTEM 717

### Requires one-minute warm-up

Introduced is a digital system with a fast warm-up, requiring one minute to reach a claimed accuracy of  $\pm 0.1$ 

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percent ±1 digit. Five-minute warmup brings the instrument to full rated accuracy of  $\pm 0.05 \pm 1$  digit. The Model 2700 is a digital de voltmeter which may be used with nominally priced plug-in adapters for reading dc current and dc resistance. Four fulltime digits provide up to five readings per second and automatic polarity indication. The standard dc voltage range module measures from .0001 to 999.9v. Integrated circuits are used throughout this instrument. FET input and 200,000 hour rated readout lights assure reliable, long life. The system weighs eight pounds and measures four inches high by eight and one-fourth inches wide. Kits for rack mounting are also available. Simpson Electric.

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# PREAMPLIFIER AND CONTROL

Modules purchased singly or in combination

Introduced is the Model HL-100 preamplifier and control unit shown as three separate modules which can be purchased singly or in combination. The power supply module drives any two comparable units in the HL-100 series. Modules shown are (left to

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right): Equalizing Stereo Preamplifier (HL-D1), Power Supply Unit (HL-A1), and Switch & Control Panel (HL-D2). Hegeman.

# **VHF RECEIVER**

719

Operates on 30-50 or 148-174MHz bands

Announced is a base or mobile, VHF receiver, which can be operated in either the 30-50 or 148-174 MHz bands. Called Model TMR-1, the vinyl

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clad unit measures 21/4 x 51/2 x 71/2 in. The unit includes ac and dc power cords, mobile mounting bracket, detachable telescope antenna and built in 4in. speaker. External speaker terminals and standard auto antenna jack are available on the back panel of the unit. Located on the chrome trimmed front panel are the on/off/volume and squelch controls plus a power lamp indicator. Circuitry provides for a single plug-in \$4.95 crystal. Five watts audio output is complemented reportedly by 1/2 µv sensitivity and 50dB selectivity at  $\pm 15$ kHz. Price \$99.95. Regency.

# DE-SOLDERING TIP

720

Fits standard 3/8in. screw-type soldering gun

Introduced is the model 4918DIP de-soldering soldering tip which is eas-

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ily inserted in a standard ¾in. screwtype soldering gun of 35w or more. Grooved and channeled for 10, 14 or 16 lead dual inline packages, the tool will reportedly desolder a complete 16 pin CIP in one pass and is combined with a solder pick up. The end tips are shaped for straightening bent connect-

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or pins. Re-soldering the CIP into position is also possible using the pickup channel to wick the solder to all points. Techni-Tool

# CIRCUIT TESTER

Pen-sized signal source

The "Mosquito," which finds multiple applications in the field of Integrated Circuit testing and provides

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an ideal trigger signal for DTL, RTL, and TTL circuits, is introduced. This simple but effective device is a cordless pen-sized signal source. The unit generates and injects pulses covering the audio, IF and RF spectrum. It operates on a single AAA size 1.5v battery and weighs one ounce. The unit can be used for troubleshooting and testing of digital equipment, computers, radios and televisions, instruments, tape recorders, sound motion picture projectors, telephone circuits, hearing aids and audio systems, including amplifiers, reproducers and sound pickup cartridges. Bosco.

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### MINI-CCTV

721

Weighs less than two pounds

Announced is the development of a simple, inexpensive CCTV system with built-in two-way sound. Called Mini-CCTV, the system is small and simple enough to be used by any housewife. The unit comprises a  $(2 \times 3\frac{1}{2})$ x 51/2 in.) camera, a 5in. monitor, and a 30in. interconnecting cable. Installation consists of plugging the monitor into an ac wall socket and connecting it to the camera by the 30 ft cord supplied. Operation involves aiming the camera and adjusting brightness and contrast controls on the monitor for best picture. The camera can easily be moved from various

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locations, since it weighs less than two pounds. Automatic light compensation enables the camera to adjust to almost any light conditions, without adjustment. It can produce good pictures with as little as 20 lux (2 foot candles) of scene illumination. In addition to home uses, the MINI-CCTV is also excellent for business purposes and discouraging shoplifting and theft. The 2-way sound is controlled from the monitor, giving the user the option of listening to sounds from the camera location or turning them off. Price \$350. GBC.

# VIDEOTAPE CONSOLES 723

Any low cost TV camera can be used with the system

Introduced are mobile video tape console units designed to accommodate video recorders made by several manufacturers. The basic console is formed by two cast fiberglass sections enclosing the recorder, audio and video monitors and optional equipment. All components are mounted to a stainless steel frame, which also forms the protective front and rear rub strips and handles. The lower wheeled base section provides storage for videotape and operating supplies. Designed for operational convenience, the console system is permanently connected to the recorder with its own 12in. video monitor and speaker. A

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hinged plexiglass top cover over the tape deck keeps dust out and noise in. Any low cost TV camera may be used with the system. No external cables are required, as the pedestal camera mount plugs into the top of the console, automatically connecting power and video to the system. The console fits Ampex VR-5000, VR-6000 and VR-7000 series videotape recorders without modifications to the standard equipment. Additional console units will be available in 1970 for Sony, IVC and other recorders. Any lin. Ampex machine, with the exception of the VR-7800, mounts directly to the console frame once it is removed from the factory carrying case. The existing

input-output connection panel fits a cutout in the console and the speaker mounts in front under the video monitor. Installation may be done by nontechnical personnel in less than one hour using simple hand tools. A 12in. professional video monitor is included already installed, and instructions and hardware are furnished with the "doit-yourself" kit. Lightweight and sturdy, the console weighs 60lb. (less the recorder). Mark IV Systems.

### TV SHOWROOM ANTENNA 724 SYSTEM

Packaged system serves 12 sets

A packaged master antenna TV (MATV) system for TV showrooms is introduced. The model SL-9004 in-

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cludes antenna matching transformers, an '82' channel headend amplifier, a two-way splitter, six dual output tapoffs, 12 TV set matching transformers, two line terminators, all necessary cables and connectors. It is reportedly capable of supplying top quality an-tenna signals (UHF, VHF and FM) to every TV and FM set on the showroom floor. Designed to serve 12 sets, the system can easily and inexpensively be expanded to handle 50 to 100 sets. Installation of the showroom system is easy. It is basically a question of mounting the individual components and then plugging them together with cables. A well-illustrated, stepby-step instruction manual facilitates the installation. List price \$460. JFD.

### AMPLITUDE FUNCTION 725 GENERATOR

### Tone burst and synchronization capabilities

A function generator, Model 743, reportedly providing low distortion sine, square and triangular waves over a dial controllable range from 1MHz to 2MHz, with an output of up to 20v P-P from a 50 source impedance is introduced. In the VCG or FM mode the generator may be swept from 1Hz to 4MHz with amplitude variation claimed of less than  $\pm 0.05$ dB  $(\pm \frac{1}{2}$  percent). As features in its

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price range, the generator has both tone burst and synchronization capabilities. Design has reduced the num-

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ber of internal adjustments to only six. The unit will handle sweep or FM modulation rates of up to 200kHz and is priced at \$365. Clarke-Hess.

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### INTRUSION ALARM

Converts PA speakers into sensitive microphones

A new intrusion detection and alarm system, called "Intrud-Alarm," is introduced. Used in conjunction with a

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building's sound system, the new equipment uses the public address loudspeakers and wiring to provide detection of extraneous noises. The heart of the system is the Model CA-21 Intrusion Detector which converts all PA speakers into sensitive microphones that can detect sounds in the 1000-5000 Hz range—regardless of softness or loudness. This all-silicon, solid-state electronic unit automatically senses and discriminates between normal building sounds and extraneous noises with extreme accuracy. An internal audible alarm can be triggered to frighten away the intruder or a remote alarm may be transmitted directly over telephone lines to the local police department. The Model CA-22 Audio Monitor is employed in systems wired for the remote alarm. With this method, noises can be first monitored without the intruder being aware that his presence has triggered an alarm system. The CA-22 monitor panel allows up to nine different buildings to be monitored by the same unit. The operation of the detection and alarm

system can automatically be transferred to standby battery supply in the event of any ac power failure. "Intrud-Alarm" provides facilities for the use of magnetic detector switches which can be used as desired on windows and doors. Bogen.

## MODULAR INSTRUMENT 727 SYSTEM

Duplicates instruments students will be using in industry

A selection of advanced instruments designed expressly for vocational electronics programs is introduced. Known as Modular Instrument System, these devices, i.e., power supplies, metering and test equipment, duplicate the instruments students will be using in industry. Diode protected meters have  $100\mu$ a, hi-torque taut-band suspension movements, reportedly accurate with-

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in two percent. DC voltmeter has 10K per volt sensitivity; AC voltmeter has 2K per volt. All have 31/2 in. mirror scale and push-button range selection. Some of the power supplies feature metered output, pushbutton control of max current, and/or output voltage limiting. Fuseless protection of power supplies is provided by either solid-state circuitry or fastacting thermal magnetic circuit breakers. Both the power supplies and meters are packaged into standard 9in. high "modules." Various combinations of ac and dc ammeters and voltmeters are available in 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. wide modules that contain two meters each. Power supply modules are either 61/4 or 121/2 in. wide and tunnel sections, into which the modules fit, have 1834 in. wide openings. Sections are shipped partially assembled so that any tunnel length (in multiples of 1834 in.) can be achieved in the final assembly. Lab-Volt.

# BOOSTER ANTENNA

Inductively couples antenna to radio

A booster antenna for any radio is developed. By simply setting the unit near a radio, the antenna will boost weak reception. This unit is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. long by 1in. wide by  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. thick, and weighs about 5oz. Requiring no bat-

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teries, this miniature antenna system inductively couples a short antenna to

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the radio, increasing the radio's efficiency and performance. Price \$8.50. Russell Products.

# 729 PROTO-TYPE BREADBOARD KIT

Equipment designed and built at a minimal cost

A proto-type breadboard kit with slanting front that can be used as an "RF" kit, a conventional R & D laboratory kit and also converted to a piece of laboratory test equipment, is introduced. When the kit is used for critical "RF" circuitry development, a two-sided copper clad deck with gold-plated, teflon-insulated, feed-thru terminals will accomplish this quite satisfactorily as components can be placed on either side of the copper clad deck. When kit is used as a conventional R & D laboratory kit, a phenolic deck and solder-type, feed-thru terminals will facilitate this requirement. Solderless connectors are also provided. The slanting front, aluminum chassis is available with prepunched holes or plain. An aluminum pre-punched breadboarding deck similar to the copper clad deck is also

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available and when used with the perforated, aluminum cover and the plain, slanting front, aluminum chassis, a permanent piece of laboratory test equipment can be designed and built quickly at a minimal cost. The various brackets and phenolic spacers furnished with this versatile kit allows the mounting of any components used in project development. The kit measures  $7\frac{1}{4}$  in. W x 17in. L x 2in. H. Hook.

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# ET/D NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

# NAB AUTHORIZES STUDY OF PROBLEMS CAUSING TOWER ICING

The Engineering Advisory Committee of the National Association of Broadcasters has ordered a special study of a problem causing a good deal of concern—ice forming on transmitter towers.

Appointment of a subcommittee was authorized to investigate the availability of ice-resistant towers or of mechanical or chemical means to prevent icing. The group could also recommend a research project for the development of such towers or de-icing devices.

Albert H. Chismark, director of engineering, Meredith Broadcasting Co., Syracuse, N.Y., chairman of the Advisory Committee, will also serve as chairman of the special subcommittee. Others named to the subcommittee were Robert W. Flanders, director of engineering, the WFBM Stations, Indianapolis, Ind.; Royce L. Pointer, director of broadcasting engineering, AGC, New York, and Benjamin Wolfe, vice-president for engineering, Post-Newsweek Stations, Washington, D.C.

The Advisory Committee also approved plans to develop standards for cassette tape recorders, latest in NAB efforts to assure the interchangeability of broadcast equipment. George W. Bartlett, NAB vice-president for engineering, told the committee that broadcasters are now using cassette recorders quite extensively, particularly in gathering news for later presentation on radio.

NAB some years ago adopted standards for disc and tape recordings to assure maximum fidelity in broadcasts and they now are industry standards throughout the United States and in most of the world.

The Association later developed a test record to permit station engineers to evaluate the performance of their audio equipment, including turntables, and since has distributed 6000 copies here and abroad.

Distribution of a cartridge test tape has just begun and a second test tape, reel-to-reel, is about ready for distribution.

# CASTLE TUNER SERVICE MOVES

The Eastern Division of Castle TV Tuner Service announces their move from Long Island City, New York, to Richmond Hill, New York.

Their new, larger premises are set up and equipped with sophisticated analysis facilities to provide thorough overhaul service on all makes of TV tuners for the entire Eastern section of the U.S. A large stock of custom and universal replacement tuners will be available.

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The main plant at 5710 N. Western Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60645, continues to provide similar service for the rest of the U.S.

# ZENITH ANNOUNCES PAGING RECEIVER

Zenith Radio Corp. announced development of an advanced solid state personal communications system, using a new solid state paging receiver, which opens a significant new field for the company that can lead to further diversification in communications.

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Joseph S. Wright, Zenith chairman, said, "This achievement by our research and development engineers combines solid state microcircuits and 'computer language' coding techniques. The result is a digital paging receiver which can increase up to 10 times the number of customers served by a single narrow band FM channel."

Bell Canada, a Canadian company, has developed and patented a paging system covering wide-spread areas, known as System Wide Area Paging, "SWAP" and has entered into a major program to purchase substantial quantities of the new units from Zenith.

Zenith will begin production of the microcircuits and assembly of paging receivers this spring, with first deliveries slated for July.

The solid state paging receiver weighs only  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ounces and can be easily slipped into a jacket or shirt pocket, a woman's handbag or clipped to a belt or automobile sun visor.

Telephone companies, such as Bell Canada, operating individual paging systems process messages at a central exchange to serve businessmen, doctors, lawyers, and others who need constant personal communication around-theclock. The customer has a small paging unit that receives signals over narrow band FM channels (150 to 160MHz). When called, only the unit being paged emits a tone alert signal. The customer then can telephone his caller.

Company engineers said the new paging receiver:

• Expands up to 30,000 the number of individual customers served by a single narrow band FM channel. Extension of the coding concept could further increase the number up to 100,000.

• Permits transmission of signals up to five times per second as a result of the use of new coding techniques, enabling the paging system to provide continuous, efficient service even at peak usage hours.

• Provides lower unit cost, longer life and greatly reduced maintenance costs, because of the use of advanced thick film hybrid microcircuits and the latest monolithic integrated circuits.

• Operates economically on readily available transistor radio batteries.

The unit also has a built-in memory, allowing the customer to interrogate it for calls received in his absence.

The Federal Communications Commission has authorized individual paging systems on narrow band FM frequencies. Large scale test operations have been conducted by companies in the United States and plans are being made for additional installations in many cities throughout the country.

# CENSUS BUREAU REPORTS ON ELECTRON TUBES

Manufacturers' shipments of receiving type electron tubes in 1967 were valued at \$256.1 million. This is a decrease of \$31.8 million from 1963, the year of the last previous Census of Manufactures, according to a preliminary report just issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census.

Total number of employees in the industry was 21.2 thousand in 1967, a drop of 4.6 thousand from 1963. Payrolls for 1967 totaled \$119.5 million as against \$136.8 million in 1963.

Value-added-by-manufacture was \$227.7 million in 1967 —in 1963 the total was \$250.7 million. Value-added approximates the value of products shipped less the cost of materials used in the manufacture of the products.

The report, "Electron Tubes, Receiving Type," MC67 (P)-36D-5, is for sale by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233 and U.S. Department of Commerce field offices (located in principal cities throughout the United States). The price is 10 cents per copy.

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# **TV Parts Cross-Reference Guide**

Offered is the color and monochrome TV Parts Replacement Guide. The Part-to-Part Cross Reference Guide contains replacement parts for 200 television manufacturers. This year a new section has been added covering the line of flybacks, deflection yokes, vertical outputs, power and output transformers, filter chokes, plus several pages of electrical schematics. Stancor.

# **RF** Voltmeter

# A specification sheet lists the Model 500 HFE RF Voltmeter, a high-accuracy self-contained instrument for handling the frequency range 20kHz to 500MHz over a potential range from 200mv to 15 volts. The literature illustrates the instrument with emphasis on the low-capacitance bifurcated probe, which increases accuracy and simplifies measurements. High Frequency Engineering.

# **Ceramic Strip**

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A 4-page catalog containing three families of ceramic strips are explained and illustrated, thread mounting standard types, plug-in miniatures and universal types with snap mounting. A specially created design board kit is available for prototype and instructional use. The terminal strips described are ceramic-base units with fired silver, copper plated and tinned terminals to facilitate high temperature soldering of components and leads. Alcostrip.

# **Electronic Importers Directory 403**

A 1970 Electronic Importers Directory is available. Listing over 150 U.S. based importers of electronic merchandise the directory combines a total of over 5,000 brands and models to choose from. A partial list of items covered include radios, stereos, cassette recorders, amplifiers, speaker systems, musical instruments, cameras, TVs, UHF and VHF equipment plus electronic components. It gives complete information on the importer, including name, address, phone no., items carried and brand names used. Pictorial display on some items. Price \$9.95. Commodore Publications.

# Test Instruments

A 12-page catalog describing the company's complete line of electronic equipment is available. The catalog, Form No. 517, features five completely new instruments including the sixth generation of the company's Mighty Mite tube tester, two-color generators, a field effect transistor tester and a seven-in-one bias supply. Other instruments included in the catalog are field effect meters, sweep and marker generator, sweep circuit analyzer, combination oscilloscope/vectorscope, combination transistor/FET testers. CRT tester and special purpose instruments, all complete with performance data and prices. Sencore.

# **TV Cheater Cords**

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#### Tape Deck

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Released is a product bulletin on the Model 407 solid-state stereo tape deck. The bulletin lists features and technical specifications. Also described are the professional facilities and convenience features. Astrocom/Marlux.

#### Digital Panel Meters and 414 DC Amplifiers

A 4-page shortform catalog covering Panel Meters, DC Data Amplifiers, Galvo Drivers, Dual DC Power Supplies, DC Differential Amplifiers, Photomultiplier Amplifiers and Voltageto-Frequency Converters is offered. Covered in the shortform are over 30 models and 12 options found in the digital panel meters for DC Voltage, AC Voltage, Ratio, DC Current and AC Current in two, three and four digit models. Performance features and mounting options are also covered. Newport Lab's.

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It is also possible to align the adjustable demodulators in a set by using a vector display. To do this, it is necessary to have a set of alignment instructions for the particular receiver so you can locate the proper adjustments. Follow the instructions in the alignment procedure. However, in place of counting the bars, simply adjust for the proper angle between the R-Y and B-Y petals on the vector display.

A NOTE OF CAUTION: Do not attempt any alignment of the chroma bandpass amplifiers. These circuits must be aligned with a sweep generator and cannot be aligned by a vector display.

#### **VECTOR DISPLAY SYMPTOMS**

(1) Petals of vector display rotate. TROUBLE: Loss of color sync, color oscillator free running. (2) Vector display pattern elliptical. TROUBLE: The color amplifiers are weak or unbalanced. (3) Petals of vector display are flattened or crushed. TROUBLE: The color amplifiers are overloaded. (4) Angles between R-Y and B-Y petals are not 90 or 105 degrees, depending on manufacturers' specifications. TROU-BLE: Color demodulators are out of alignment. (5) The R-Y petal cannot be made to reach the vertical position. TROUBLE: There is a loss of range in the hue control.

#### CURVE TRACER ...

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presentation shown in figure 1. An example is the curve of the 1st audio amplifier shown in figure 3. Of-

ten the curves will become loops or they will droop or take on some other odd shape. But as long as the curves are there, the circuit under test has a working transistor in it.

As in the standard family of curves, the lines represent definite parameters. A deflection in the horizontal direction shows that the collector-to-emitter of the transistor will support a voltage drop. A deflection in the vertical direction shows the collector is capable of controlling current as the base current is varied in steps.

#### TECHNIQUE IMPROVES WITH EXPERIENCE

With increased experience in the use of this technique, it is felt that an operator will learn to identify the quality of the transistors as well as their condition. In fact, as this technique wins acceptance, it is possible that future schematics might show the 'dynamic curves' of each transistor used.

Because the transistor under test with this method is never in danger of destructive voltage or currents, it appears this may also be one of the safest 'in-circuit' techniques available. It seems to work with any circuit, and because it affords a fast, safe means of troubleshooting, its use can be reasonably expected to have universal application.

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