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#### 1315 SYMBOL DESCRIPTION RCA VICTOR PART NO. ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN / DEALER 5 5 1 RL401 – coil – RF choke RT401 – therm – 4300Ω cold RV201 – varistor – 48v, 1mo RV202 – varistor – 80v, 1ma T102 – xformer – horiz output 131791 124813 C101 - capacitor - 4 section elect C101A - 250µf, 200v C101B - 650µf, 175v C101C - 50µf, 175v C101D - 10µf, 150v F101 - fuge - 50 IC301 - cfrcuit - integrated, sound I101 - check - line L501-coils-IF, 4.5 trop ... 128457 129099 RCA VICTOR 129099 129099 129099 PW300 - circuit - sound module PW400 - circuit - video IF module PW500 - circuit - video module R102 - 27Ω 10%, 3w, film 129702 131952 118506 131951 129693 131795 131652 131956 131633 TV Chassis KCS184A 129099 118969 129871 114293 R112 – 2711 10%, 3%, film. R115 – control, contrast, vert hold, horiz hold R208 – control video bios. R234 – control vert lin. R240 – control vert lin. R429 – control vert size. COMPLETE MANUFACTURERS' CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS T103-xformer-vert output 104 – xformer – oudio output 1301 – xformer – deductor 1302 – xformer – discriminator, snd take off 1401 – coil – IF 131466 129715 AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION FOR 5 NEW SETS 121223 121223 121223 126347 L101 – choke – line ...... L103 – choke – line ...... L103 – choke – RF, 8.2μh L201 – coil – 40MHz L402 – coil – 47.25 trap .... L404 – coil – RF choke, 2.7μh 126738 129707 131465 131656 107385 125129 131655 129703 **AUGUST • 1970** T403 — xformer — IF .... RT101 — yoke — deflection R514-6.8K 10%, 3w, film 105662 RF201 - fuse - resistor 121086 124245 TO +145V



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ET/D EDITOR'S MEMO

I appreciate having had the opportunity to visit with many of you last month at the Consumers Electronics Show in New York City, and am certain that all of you who were able to attend were as impressed as I was with the many new products being offered for 1971. This fall, special issues of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER will describe many of these products.

For the benefit of those unable to attend, I thought it might be interesting to mention just a few electronic developments shown that might give you a better idea of products you will be encountering in the near future.

Several manufacturers demonstrated four-channel sound Hi-Fi systems requiring the placement of a speaker system in each corner of the room. The music in each demonstration area was very impressive for you could easily tell whether the music was coming from the left front, right front, left rear or right rear. The music just seemed to dance around you.

When looking inside many of the pieces of electronic equipment whether TV sets or audio equipment —I was impressed with the fact that more and more electronic equipment contain only solid-state circuits, and that the trend is definitely going toward plug-in modular circuits.

There seems to be an increased emphasis on reducing cabinet sizes even in large-tube color TV sets. And one manufacturer even showed how small TV sets can be made by demonstrating a prototype  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -in. color TV set about the size of a pop-up toaster. I would certainly hate to have to dig into a complex circuit reduced to those dimensions.

Also demonstrated was a color TV set with a cassette system for recording and playing back TV programs in color, or playing back rented cassette movies



This show further demonstrates the fact that our technology is changing at an extremely rapid rate, requiring constant training in order to keep abreast of new servicing requirements.

Phillip Dahlen

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## ET/D LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Comments

After reading the June Letters to the Editor, I felt I must comment on the letter sent in by T. David Thomson referring to the article entitled "Selling CCTV" (March).

After doing recording in the high school here over the past four years with video recorders, I was very upset by the cleaning techniques Thomson specified. If you read any of the operator's manuals put out by any major manufacturer, they will tell you to use only quality head cleaner-no alcohol. The major reason for this is that most commercially available alcohol contains 30% water which could cause rust if the VTR were to sit idle during the summer, such as in our program. I at one time used alcohol and found that I could run the recorder for only thirty minutes during playback without picture loss. I also found that if the recorder sat idle during the vacation it would not play back when we tried to use it again.

I also disagree with Thomson's use of linen. I use cotton swabs mainly because they are softer and easy to store. We also at one time used linen until we got a thread caught on a video head and chipped it. I do agree with Thomson on the points of degaussing and sideways motion.

I found that the rest of the article was helpful to people starting out in the business. I wish to thank you for printing it.

JAY GOLDEN

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whichever is more convenient.

I would also like to purchase another of this model, so long as it is in fair to good condition, with or without operating data.

Your magazine is read by us all in our shop, and everyone agrees its content and value are immeasurable. True, you always get a few bellyachers who complain about anything and everything, who rave madly about technicians who desire to repair and maintain older electronic test instruments and old time radios, etc. We have in our shop an old Triumph 3 scope, a DuMont 224A scope and a Reiner Electronics VTVM, all of which are in perfect mint condition. We have a thorough monthly preventive maintenance program which applies to both the older and the up-to-date test equipment. All of the equipment mentioned is over 25 years old and still serving a functional purpose. Only DuMont is still extant amidst the three manufacturers.

Just as a good carpenter maintains and cares for his tools, every technician should learn to repair and maintain his test instruments to the best of his ability without its having to be returned to the manufacturer. It is part of his bread and butter and it aids immensely in his servicing. It also helps him to satisfy his customers who are the real salary payers. No customers and poor service to them mean no business and no salary.

Most of the complainers are made up of the lazy, "don't give a damn" technicians who louse up the whole electronic repair business by their shoddy work and "Broadway prices" to match their corrupt and dishonest practices.

RAYMOND DUNN

I would like some information in trying to locate Century Electronic, Inc. I have a Century fast check Model FC2 and I have misplaced the roll chart that goes with it. I would like to find out how I can replace it. If someone could give me the address of Century Electronic, I would be very grateful.

ROBERT LAMBERT 2736 Bechelli Lane Redding, Calif. 96001

I am a subscriber of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER and have been for many years. I thoroughly enjoy reading everything in it.

I need some information, and I thought maybe you might be able to help me. I am repairing an "Ultrasonic Cleaner" Model No. C4001P, Serial No. 9389. I need a power transformer for it.

I wrote to Ultrasonic Industries at 141 Albertson Ave., New York, N.Y., but the letter came back stamped "Moved, Left No Address."

There is no number of any kind stamped on the transformer. The secondary winding is shorted. It uses an 826 tube. I have no schematic on the thing, so I have no idea what the voltages should be. If you could send me some information on a replacement transformer, I certainly would appreciate it.

JESSE PARKER

4084 34th Ave. Meridian, Miss. 39301

I need information and a schematic on Eltron, Inc.'s radio noise locator, Model No. 117, Serial N. 500. If any of your readers could furnish a copy of the information, we would duplicate and return.

Your magazine is of great benefit to all of us.

WILLIAM F. FORD

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I have been a subscriber for many years, and I want to get some information, if possible, through your magazine.

I have a Pentron Tape Recorder for which I need a schematic and the mechanical brochure. I would like to find out the name of the company that repairs their equipment and provides replacement parts, schematics and brochures on Pentron tape recorders.

I am hoping that you can find out this information for me.

ANTHONY BOCHICHIO 45 Andrews St.

Staten Island, N.Y. 10305

Sometimes I think TV Engineering Design personnel should be compelled to go out into the field and service some of the sets they've designed.

I've been in electronic servicing for 30 years, and lately I've seen such a gamut of obvious design errors that I marvel at the \$20,000 annual salaries these people draw.

Admittedly, I work in Florida where humidity and salt severely test any electronic apparatus. But other areas of the U.S. are just as humid.

I have listed some of the servicing



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- Sharp bent wire-type anode connectors—corona radiation eats up the rubber insulation in six months.
- Purity rings which literally rust together in less than a year and require disassembly to pry them apart.
- Unyielding adhesives applied to yoke and picture tube surfaces which require (shudder) pressure on the picture tube bell to pry them loose.
- Printed boards where high vertical output pulses are isolated from ground by a scant <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. of questionable insulation.
- Backs of sets which require three separate tools to remove.
- Powdered iron slugs which freeze so tightly in the coils that adjustment without damage is impossible. One hotel here bought 10 color sets and, early in the second year, had

100% flyback failure. Set manufacturers—is anyone listen-

ing?

**ROBERT M. SICKELS** 

I am in desperate need of a book on the Analab 1100R dual trace scope. If nothing else is available, just the schematics will do.

FRANK PANKOMIN

22487 Bertie Edgemont, Calif. 92518

After 10 years of TV service, I am expanding into mobile radio service.

Could you supply me with a list of sources for service literature and schematics similar to Howard W. Sams' publications for TV.

I read your magazine regularly and find it very informative and educational.

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#### Error in Article

On page 60 of the May 1970 issue of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER, it states "50 times .000208 or .0104 sec (104 msec)."

I believe that it should read 10.4 msec.

In view of the large number of articles on math for technicians, it is obvious that accuracy is a must. Technicians must be sticklers for details if they expect to master the complex monsters that they are supposed to service properly.

ARTHUR A. GAGE

#### **Thanks Given for Help**

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# **TECHNICAL DIGEST**

by Joseph Zauhar

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#### EMERSON

#### Remote Control Receiver Chassis 471917-Addition of Thermal Fuse

The Model 19P86 receiver uses remote control receiver chassis 471917, which hereafter will include the addition of a thermal fuse—Emerson Part No. 808028. The purpose of this fuse is to provide protection for the stepping relay. It is wired in series with the relay coil and is dressed snugly against the coil body so as to react to any extreme temperature rise of the coil.

Whenever servicing a Model 19P86 receiver, it is recommended that this simple modification be made in the remote receiver. Fix-kit Part No. 966529, consisting of the fuse, a 1-pt. dummy lug, nut and screw, is available from the factory at no charge.

The sketches show top and side views of the relay end of the remote chassis. Install the dummy lug as shown. Remove the two wires from Terminal A of the relay coil and



connect them to the dummy lug. Then connect the fuse from the dummy lug to Terminal A. Dress the fuse against the body of the coil to provide maximum sensitivity to coil temperature.

#### OLYMPIC

#### TV Model 9P56/9P65-Horizontal Oscillator Drift

Symptom: Horizontal oscillator drift during warm up. Correction:

- Locate C261, a 471pf capacitor adjacent to the V10 tube socket. This component should be tilted outward to position it away from the hot tube envelope.
- Locate R258, usually a 1M  $\frac{1}{2}$  w or possibly a 100K  $\frac{1}{2}$  w resistor also adjacent to the V10 tube socket. Replace this resistor with a value of 470K  $\frac{1}{2}$  w.
- Perform the following alignment tests with the chassis secured in its original cabinet mounted position. (Important: due to interactive coupling existing between deflection yoke fields and the stabilizer coil L208, chassis must be cabinet mounted.)
  - 1. With the set warmed up and tuned to a station, attach a jumper from the junction of C256 and R258 to ground and also add a second jumper across the leads of C260 to effectively short it out. The picture may now be out of sync.
  - 2. Adjust the hold control VR201C to bring picture into sync, although it may drift sideways due to the jumper at the sync input.
  - 3. If the hold control must be set at or near the end of its range to achieve the condition of zero beat,

as described in previous step, check and/or replace C259, C261, R264 and R262 to obtain a zero beat at control near center position.

- 4. Now remove jumper across C260 and adjust L208 to bring picture back to sync. Some of these coils have waxed cores which may require a few drops of cement thinner or tuner spray to dissolve wax before the slug can be moved.
- 5. Remove jumper at sync input C256 and R258, and picture should now lock in.

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- block current (good device, high-resistance reading anode-to-cathode, either direction) or
- not block current (shorted device, low-resistance reading anode-to-cathode, either direction).

Gating problems, as far as the device itself is concerned, are practically nil in this type SCR.

Outlined are the normal expected ohmmeter readings between the various elements of known good trace or retrace SCR's.



#### **GENERAL ELECTRIC**

TV Chassis P2/S2—Intermittent High Voltage

To correct this high voltage problem, the high voltage rectifier tube quite often is replaced. However, the real source of trouble may be a poor solder connection at the high voltage rectifier socket. Always check the solder connections before replacing the high voltage rectifier tube. The connections should have rounded edges.

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# **COLORFAX**

by JOSEPH ZAUHAR

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#### ADMIRAL

#### **Color TV Receivers-Deflection Yoke Adapter**

The adapter illustrated will enable you to use a bench test jig incorporating a seven lead yoke to test current color-TV chassis with four lead yokes. Plug P1 fits chassis 3H10 and



higher plus 11H12 and higher. Socket J1 fits yokes 94A-304-1, -2, -3, -4; 94A275-1 and 94A306-1.

Parts List

C1,2	65A10-212	100pf, 4kv
R1,2	60A14-271	270Ω 10% Iw
P1	88A23-6	Plug
J1	87A84-2	Socket

To connect the "round = CRT" chassis to the "rectangular CRT" yoke, make R2 an adapter using a BP193 ada

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#### MAGNAVOX

#### Color TV Chassis T940-Color and Volume Control Drive Motor Variations

A number of T940 chassis, used with the 704054 8-Function Remote Control units, were built using 48vac motors instead of the 120vac motors listed in the T940 service manual. To make this substitution the following circuit changes were made:

- R405 was changed to 1.2K, 10w.
- A 2µf, 50v capacitor (non-polarized) was added be-

tween the blue and green motor leads of each motor. The originally specified 120v motor, however, can be used as a field replacement in these chassis provided that the 2µf capacitor is first removed.

The units equipped with these 48v motors are all identified by a label attached to the rear plate of the VHF tuner motor assembly which reads as follows: When replacing the Volume or Color control motor in this instrument, eliminate the  $2\mu f$ , 50v capacitor wired between the blue and green leads of the original motor.

These 48v motors are identified by an X following the group number. For instance, a 48v color drive motor used in a T940-02-AA chassis would be identified as 500225-3X. However, should the motor fail, you should order a replacement 500225-3 (120vac motor) as specified in the service manual. The only circuit change required to replace the 48v motor with the 120v motor is that the  $2\mu f$  capacitor on the control unit must be removed; it is not necessary to change resistor R405.

NOTE: R405 was added as a 5.6K resistor on early remote versions to reduce the torque of the motor since some problems had been experienced with shaft breakage on the capacitor type tint control. The value was later changed to 2.7K and this value is not critical when the 120v motors are used

#### ZENITH

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#### Color TV Chassis 12A13C52-Improved Brightness Stability

An additional circuit enhancing brightness stability is incorporated in the 12A13C52 chassis. Otherwise the 12A-13C52 is the same as the 12A12C52 chassis. Since part of the circuitry includes an additional transistor, the chassis number has been changed from 12A12C52 to 12A13C52.

As shown, the brightness limiter circuit includes a Brightness Limiter transistor and a Brightness Limit control which is adjusted to provide maximum brightness without picture blooming. Essentially, any change in the average picture tube current is "sensed" as a change in current through the limit control. An increase in the average beam current causes an increase in the charge on the 50µf capacitor at the base of the Brightness Limiter transistor. In turn, the Brightness Limiter transistor increases in conduction,



which results in a decrease of collector-to-emitter resistance. The base of the second video amplifier is lowered in potential, reducing base bias and therefore the gain of the stage. The result is a reduction in average picture tube beam current.

In making adjustments:

• Tune in a B/W program (or temporarily set Chroma Level controloto minimum if only color programs are available). Then set the Color Commander, Brightness and Brightness Limit controls to maximum.

- Adjust the Brightness Range control for a vertical overscan (bloom) of approximately 1 in.
- Adjust the Brightness Limit control to reduce overscan (bloom) by 34 in.
- The <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in. bloom remaining can be checked by slightly reducing the Brightness control.

#### OLYMPIC

Color TV Model CT400-Color Sync Problem

Symptom: Intermittent color sync, or no color sync. Correction: Check capacitor C621  $(0.33\mu f, 400\nu)$  located near 8JV8 (center of board); it may have opened. Also check capacitor C633  $(.01\mu f, 400\nu)$  located near L605 (top front corner of board), as it may cause reactance control drift.

#### Color TV Model CT400-No Color

Symptom: Intermittent color, or no color. Screen may appear predominantly green. Correction: Check 6GH8 tube, the 3.58MHz subcarrier and replace, if defective. Also check capacitor C635 ( $.01\mu f$ , 400v) located near the top center of the board and replace it if necessary to correct intermittent or no color condition.

#### RCA SALES CORPORATION

#### Color TV Model 14F, 14G, 14H Employing CTC15 Chassis-Power On/Off Switch

The color television receivers referenced have a pull-on, push-off type switch assembly that may experience premature failure. Original switch assemblies should be removed and approved replacements installed as outlined: (1) Remove rear cover and identify the type switch in the receiver. If the switch is the same type as the approved replacement, replace rear cover and restore operation. No further action is necessary. (2) If the original type switch is identified, it should be removed and the approved replacement (RCA Stock No. 128976) installed. (3) The switch should be replaced in the home as follows: Loosen the tuner mounting assembly, unsolder ac leads and remove original switch from the control by bending the three



retaining tabs outward. Remove spacer, pull the actuating shaft of the replacement switch to its extended position and slip over the end of the control shaft. Now, secure the switch by bending tabs inward over the switch shoulder. Resolder leads, install TMA and check switch action. Replace rear cover and restore receiver operation with no further action necessary.

The RCA Stock Number of the approved switch is 128976. It is recommended that all service technicians carry this approved type when making in-home service calls on referenced receivers.

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# ET/D TEKLAB REPORT

The killer threshold control is now placed in the plate circuit of the color killer stage and the tint control now adjusts the phase of the 3.58MHz oscillator in a manner opposite that of previous chassis

# Emerson Model 26C56 Color TV – Part II

by JOSEPH ZAUHAR

■ Last month we covered the customer features (simplified adjustments) employed on this chassis and the Automatic Fine Tuning (AFT)

circuit with a time-saving procedure for troubleshooting the IC.

We will now review the color circuits employed, along with color



The on/off switch is a multiple section slide switch mounted on the control panel with the tuner, AFT switch, tint and volume control.



Fig. 2-The Automatic Color Control circuit (ACC) in this chassis has a Color Killer control in the plate circuit of the color killer stage.

control adjustments pertaining to this new chassis.

#### AUTOMATIC COLOR CONTROL CIRCUIT (ACC)

An improved ACC circuit is employed in these models. As shown in Fig. 2, the chroma and burst signals are obtained from the plate of the first video amplifier stage. These signals are applied through an RF choke coil and capacitor C303 to the chroma takeoff coil, L301. Chroma and burst signals are amplified in the bandpass amplifier, V301B, and are then applied to the bandpass transformer, T301, the burst amplifier and the color control. The burst signal is amplified by the bandpass amplifier before it is applied to the burst amplifier.

The output of the burst amplifier consists only of the burst signal, which is fed to the burst transformer, T302. This signal is then applied to the phase detector, V305B, which compares the phase of the burst signal with that of the crystal-controlled 3.58MHz oscillator. When the phase of burst differs from that of the 3.58MHz oscillator, an error control voltage is developed across resistors R341A and R341B, which is applied to the reactance control circuit. The reactance of a control tube is designed to correct the phase of the 3.58MHz oscillator.

The burst signal applied to the burst transformer, T302, is also applied to the killer detector, V305A. The output of the killer detector develops a negative voltage across resistor R336A and R336B when burst signals are present. Since the burst signal is always present during color programs, the killer detector output is a negative voltage, which biases the color killer grid, V301A, to cutoff. At the same time the negative voltage developed by the killer detector is applied to the bandpass amplifier grid, V301B, and the second chroma amplifier grid, V302B, through ACC diodes X302 and



Fig. 3-Schematic of the low-voltage supply with a multiple section on/off switch.



Fig. 4-Schematic of the HV circuit and horizontal centering diodes.

X303. When the color signal increases, the amplitude of the burst signal also increases, resulting in a greater negative output voltage from the killer detector. When the color signal decreases in amplitude, the burst signal also decreases, resulting in a decrease in the negative voltage at the killer detector output. This variation in negative voltage biases the bandpass amplifier grids and the second chroma amplifier to either increase or decrease the gain of these stages.

During B/W transmissions, the burst signal is not present and the negative output of the killer detector drops, permitting the color killer stage to be biased into operation. The color killer develops negative voltage at its plate, which is applied to the second chroma amplifier grid circuit, the bandpass amplifier is always operating and the color circuits are shut off when the second chroma amplifier is biased to cut-off.

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In this chassis the killer threshold control is in the plate circuit of the color killer stage. This control changes the amplitude of the horizontal pulse applied to the plate of the color killer, which in turn effects the amount of negative voltage developed.

#### QUICK-ON CIRCUIT

The circuit diagram in Fig. 3 shows that the on-off switch, SW-101, is a multiple section switch. In addition, a quick-on switch, SW102, is provided to increase the inductance of the primary winding when this switch is placed in its on position. With switch SW101 in its OFF position, the number of turns in the primary winding of the power transformer is increased, thus reducing the filament winding voltage to approximately 4.5v. One section of the switch, SW101, disconnects the secondary winding from the bridge diode rectifiers to prevent any B+voltage from being applied to the receiver circuitry. At the same time, the third section of switch SW101 disconnects the pilot lights from their filament winding.

A new 3CU3 or 3CN3 HV rectifier tube is employed in this chassis. These tubes have a quick heating filament and are needed for proper operation of the quick-on feature. When making a replacement, do not use the slower heating 3A3 as a substitute.

#### COLOR CONTROL ADJUSTMENTS

The color killer threshold control should be adjusted during B/W reception. Adjust the set for optimum B/W reception, turn up the color control, and adjust the killer threshold control in a clockwise direction to eliminate false colors. Then check the AFT circuit during color programs to make certain that the adjustment of the killer threshold control is not affecting color when the TV set is operating in the AFT position. Do not advance the color killer threshold control in a clockwise direction any more than is necessary for proper ACC circuit operation.

The color tint control, R108B, shown in Fig. 2 is connected in the 3.58MHz circuit to change the phase of the oscillator output signal for proper color reproduction.

The tint control is now adjusting the phase of the 3.58MHz oscillator in a manner opposite that experienced on other chassis. Greenish flesh tones will now appear when the control is rotated in a clockwise direction.

#### DIODES FOR HORIZONTAL CENTERING

A horizontal centering diode, SI-105, is employed on this chassis. As shown in Fig. 4, a pair of red and blue leads are connected to the diode from the horizontal deflection continued on page 56

# **Master Antenna Systems**

by PHILLIP DAHLEN

Some basic principles of TV signal losses and channel separation must be understood before installing the larger, more profitable MATV systems

apartment buildings, Large schools and even some office buildings offer a lucrative market for the TV technician. Technicians looking for additional business can sell apartment owners on the fact that such systems, in this age of color-TV watching, will help make it easier to rent apartments at higher rates. With greater emphasis on educational TV, school systems are becoming more conscious of MATV systems-particularly if they choose to make use of special TV channels not available to the general public. Even office buildings require such systems if executives are to keep abreast of outside current events.

MATV systems used in these applications can be divided into three basic parts: Antennas for receiving the desired channels; electronic equipment for amplifying and modifying such signals, as necessary, for distribution to the receivers; and the system for carrying the signals to the various TV sets that are to receive them.

Since the system must be designed to supply each TV set with the required signal, distribution system signal requirements should be calculated first in order to determine the signal strength required from the other components in the system.

#### DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

The accurate design of a distribution system requires that signal losses in each portion of the system be accounted for in order to be certain that once the system is constructed, it will supply an adequate signal to each TV set—without using unnecessarily expensive components to supply greater than required signals.

These signal levels and losses are most frequently measured in decibel

units. If losses were instead given in percentages, it would be necessary to multiply signal strength by each rate of loss encountered in order to determine the final signal present at the receiver. However, by instead using a logarithmic system of measure, total signal loss can be determined by subtraction, thus simplifying calculations.

For MATV systems, the decibel (dB) is defined as being equal to 20 E  $\log_{10} \frac{E}{1000\mu v}$  when the voltage in question is present across a 75 $\Omega$  coaxial cable, or  $20\log_{10} \frac{E}{2000\mu v}$  when the voltage is present across a 300 $\Omega$  twin lead. The term E represents the voltage present, while  $1000\mu v$  represents the standard signal voltage that should be supplied a TV set.

Fortunately, the use of decibel units does not require an understanding of the theories of logarithms, and conversion between decibels and voltages can be made simply with the use of tables, such as Table 1. [Example: If you have a 1778µv signal (5dB) and a 1dB signal loss through a cable, the remaining signal is 1585µv (4dB), 5dB — 1dB == 4dB. Exact decibelto-voltage conversions are possible since they are merely set by definition. However the voltages used in this article merely represent these conversions and are to a much higher degree of accuracy than measurements would require, or even generally permit.]

The most significant cause of undesired signal loss is the coaxial cable or twin lead used to carry the TV signal from the central system to each receiver. The signal characteristics of such wire is described in the article, "The Long and Short of MATV Cables," on page 53 of the May issue. Based on the information in that article, we can conclude that  $75\Omega$  coaxial cable is preferred for MATV use. Since the UHF and VHF antenna terminals at the back of most TV sets require signals from  $300\Omega$  twin lead, a matching transformer should be secured to the back of each set to provide  $300\Omega$  impedance UHF and VHF signals, as required, from a 75 $\Omega$  coaxial cable. A wall outlet (tap off) should also be provided near each set, from which a coaxial cable can supply the TV signal to the matching transformer (Fig. 1).

Each tap off will result in some signal distortion and generally a distribution cable should be limited to no more than 15 tap offs. Thus the number of TV sets will determine the number of distribution lines required (two typical cable arrangements as shown in Fig. 2).

The general layout for a portion of a typical MATV distribution system is shown in Fig. 3. The cable shown in this illustration has a per hundred foot signal loss of 3.0dB at VHF channel 13 and 8.0dB at UHF channel 83. The first 30-ft section of cable, therefore, has a 0.9dB VHF signal loss and a 2.4dB UHF signal loss (3.0dB  $\times$  .30, 8.0dB  $\times$  .30). The signal loss for the remaining segments of cable can be calculated in the same manner.

The four-way splitter used in this example has a 7.0dB VHF signal loss and a 7.7dB UHF signal loss.

If our example distribution system were long enough to contain 15 taps on a single cable, the signal at the first tap would overload the TV set, while the signal at the end of the cable would be too weak for the TV set to handle it. To compensate for this problem, the taps are designed to provide some isolation between the TV sets and the distribution cable-the greatest isolation being provided for the first sets, and the least for the last ones. These taps also result in some signal loss in the balance of the cable. Typical isolation losses and through-line losses are listed in Table II.

For convenience, the  $75\Omega$  coaxial cable between the tap offs and the isolation transformers have the same

signal loss characteristics as the distribution cable. This need not be the case in all MATV installations since cost, protective coverings, flexibility and appearance are also factors in cable selection.

The matching transformers used in this example have a 0.6dB signal loss at VHF channel 13 and an 8.0 dB signal loss at UHF channel 83.

Assuming that 40dB UHF and VHF signals are supplied to the distribution system, the signal supplied each TV set can be determined by subtracting signal losses. The calculations for determining the strength of signals remaining for the last TV set are shown in Table III. Similar calculations can be made to determine the signal strength at the other TV sets.

Although the  $300\Omega$  UHF signal present at the last TV set is less than the recommended  $2000\mu v$ , it differs by less than 7 percent from the recommended voltage. TV sets can adequately handle much weaker signals, and the recommended 0dB signal strength merely provides a good safety factor for future TV set and MATV system deterioration.

Fig. 4 also indicates a 24.3dB VHF signal and a 10.0dB UHF signal remaining on the stub of coaxial cable extending from the last tap. Should this stub be left without some connection at the end of its leads, the signal will reflect from the end of the cable and return toward the signal source, producing a "ghost" image that can be observed most noticeably on TV sets near the end of the cable. This signal can be absorbed, rather than reflected, by



Fig. 2-Two typical coaxial cable arrangements for an MATV distribution system.

—20 dB	100.0μν	0 dB	1000µv	20 dB	10,000µv	6.020 dB	2000 µv
—15 dB	177.8µv	1 dB	1122µv	25 dB	17,783μν	9.542 dB	3000 µv
—10 dB	316.2µv	2 dB	1259µv	30 dB	31,621µv	12.042 dB	4000 µv
—5 dB	562.4 µv	3 dB	1413µv	35 dB	56,238µv	13.980 dB	5000µv
4 dB	631.0µv	4 dB	1585µv	40 dB	100,000 µv or 0.1v	15.564 dB	6000µv
—3 dB	708.0µv	5 dB	1778µv	50 dB	.3162v	16.902 dB	7000µv
—2 dB	794.3µv	10 dB	3162µv	60 dB	1.0v	18.062 dB	8000 µv
—1 dB	891.4µv	15 dB	5624 uv	80 dB	10.0v	19.084 dB	9000 uv

connecting a  $75\Omega$  resistance to the end of the distribution cable.

In the same manner, if the coaxial cable leading to a TV set is unplugged from its tap, TV signals present at the "open" tap connection will reflect back along the distribution cable, causing "ghost" signals in adjacent TV sets. These reflected signals are virtually eliminated with the use of outlets that automatically connect a  $75\Omega$  resistor across the tap outlet when unplugging the TV set's coaxial cable.

#### ANTENNA SYSTEMS

The location of TV stations, their channel assignment and reflected TV signals all determine the type of antenna system that should be selected for an MATV installation. Like the signal distribution system, the antennas should be selected before selecting equipment for amplifying and modifying TV signals.

When all the TV signals to be received by an MATV installation originate from one general location, a single all-channel VHF-UHF antenna is generally adequate for the system. If the MATV installation is located many miles from these stations, a larger antenna having greater gain is required. When reflected TV signals are a problem, the antenna selected should have greater front-to-back sensitivity, thus reducing the percentage of undesired signals received.

In some instances, a few of the TV stations to be received may be located in a direction different than that of the other stations or located at a radically different distance, requiring greater or reduced sensitivity. Since single-channel antennas are less expensive than all-channel antennas, they should be used for receiving these exceptional TV signals. (Using an antenna rotor for this purpose is, of course, entirely unsatisfactory since TV reception on one TV set would then be dependent on the channels selected for another TV set.) These single-channel antennas are also available in a wide assortment of gains and front-toback sensitivities.

Using maps and similar aids in calculating antenna needs will only result in rough estimates. The simplest method involves climbing up on the roof with one or more antennas and a portable TV set, and seeing the results before ordering equipment. This permits the discovery of any unexpected "ghost" conditions or the presence of any unexpectedly weak or strong TV signals. TV sets in some parts of town may readily receive signals from stations over a hundred miles away with a relatively small antenna, while in other parts of town they may not be able to receive less distant stations with even the largest antennas.

#### OTHER SYSTEM COMPONENTS

Electronic equipment is available for matching the impedance of the antenna to  $75\Omega$  coaxial cable, amplifying TV signals right at the antenna to eliminate the effect of any noise developed by the lead-in wire, transferring TV signals from the channel received to a more convenient channel, transferring FM-



Fig. 3-The components and lengths of coaxial cable used in one leg of a typical MATV distribution system.



band signals from their frequency to a TV channel, adding closed-circuit TV to an antenna system, eliminating FM-signal interference and eliminating adjacent-channel interference. Despite all of these noteworthy applications, there is no equipment commercially available for improving the antenna signalsit can strengthen them but not improve them. An antenna signal, containing "ghosts" and noise in the desired TV channel, will contain the same annoyances no matter what commercially available electronic equipment is used. This equipment is merely capable of performing the functions just described.

The distribution system that was described (Fig. 4) requires 40dB VHF and UHF signals in order to provide adequate signals to the TV sets in the system. This is more power than can normally be provided by an antenna—unless the antenna is unreasonably large or located adjacent to the TV transmitters. The signal present at the antenna must be amplified to be of sufficient strength to adequately serve an MATV system.

Most TV antennas are designed to be connected to  $300\Omega$  twin-lead wire. This wire may extend from the antenna into the building where the amplifier is located (Fig. 5)—the amplifier having a  $300\Omega$  input to match the impedance of the twin lead and a  $75\Omega$  output to match the coaxial-cable impedance of the distribution system.

The 300 $\Omega$  twin lead, like the antenna, may pick up TV signals as it runs to the amplifier. These "ghost" producing signals can be eliminated by shielding the twin lead, but another solution more frequently used is the substitution of 75 $\Omega$  coaxial cable. Such cable is already shielded and can be connected to the antenna with a balun (also called a matching transformer).

Even during the winter, heat from the outside air can cause the metal molecules in the twin lead or coaxial cable to vibrate, thus generating noise. This noise is of very weak signal strength and will not be a problem unless the TV signal transmitted through the wire is not much stronger than the "snow" producing noise.

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		Isolation	Through-Line Loss
T	VHF	29.0 dB	0.75 dB
Туре Т	UHF	34.0 dB	0.25 dB
Type 2	VHF	21.0 dB	1.0 dB
	UHF	26.5 dB	0.5 <b>d</b> B
Туре З	VHF	14.0 dB	1.5 dB
	UHF	22.0 dB	0.7 dB
	VHF	11.0 dB	2.5 dB
Type 4	UHE	18.0 dB	0.75 dB

Table III—Signal Loss to Last TV Set UHF VHF 40 dB signal supplied 40 db — 2.4 dB 30-ft coaxial cable 0.9 d₿ 37.6 dB 39.1 dB four-way splitter - 7.0 dB – 7.7 dB 32.1 dB 29.9 dB 40-ft coaxial cable - 1.2 dB — 3.2 dB 30.9 dB 26.7 dB tap through-line loss 0.5 dB – 1.0 dB 25.7 dB dB 30.4 20-ft coaxial cable — 1.6 dB - 0.6 dB 29.8 dB 24.1 dB - 0.5 dB tap through-line loss 29.3 dB 23.1 dB — 0.75 dB 25-ft coaxial cable — 2.0 dB 28.55 dB 21.1 dB - 0.7 tap through-line loss dB — 1.5 dB 27.85 dB 19.6 dB 1.2 dB - 3.2 dB 40-ft coaxial cable 26.65 dB 16.4 dB — 0.7 dB — 1.5 dB tap through-line loss 25.95 dB 14.9 dB 30-ft coaxial cable 0.9 dB – 2.4 dB 25.05 dB 12.5 dB -18.0 dB —11.0 dB tap isolation 7.05 dB 1.5 dB 0.15 dB – 0.4 dB 5-ft coaxial cable 6.9 1.1 dB dB — 1.5 dB matching transformer 0.6 dB — 0.4 dB 6.3 dB signal present at last TV set





Fig. 5—In some MATV systems a  $300\Omega$  twin lead transmits signals from the antenna to an amplifier inside the building.



Fig. 7—TV signals from two antenna systems can be combined with a multiplexer for further amplification through a common amplifier.

A preamplifier attached directly to the antenna (Fig. 6) can be used to amplify antenna signals before they pass through the lead in. In this manner, these TV signals can be made significantly stronger than the noise. The noise, then being weaker in comparison to the signal, is no longer noticed. (A 34dB signal-tonoise ratio (S/N ratio) is defined as a "fine" picture, while a 44dB ratio is defined as an "excellent" picture.)

When some TV channels are received from one direction with one antenna and others are received from another direction with a second antenna, the output signals from both may be combined with a

Fig. 6—Stray signals can be reduced by substituting a  $75\Omega$  coaxial cable for unshielded  $300\Omega$  twin lead (their impedances being matched with a balun or matching transformer), while noise can be reduced by using a preamplifier to increase the antenna signal before it is transmitted through the coaxial cable.

multiplexer (Fig. 7) for further amplification through a common amplifier. Such a circuit should function properly, provided the two antenna systems are not receiving the same TV channels or some adjacent TV channels.

Proper handling of adjacent TV channel problems requires an understanding of FCC channel allocations. Each TV channel is assigned a 6MHz bandwidth with the picture carrier, color subcarrier and sound subcarrier assigned certain frequencies within that channel (Fig. 8).

TV sets must have broadly tuned circuits in order to receive the entire 6MHz bandwidth of a TV channel. However, such circuits are unable to eliminate signals from adjacent TV channels, and for this reason the FCC has had a policy of not assigning adjacent channels to two stations in the same geographical area. Channels 4 and 5, plus 6 and 7, are the only exceptions since there is a 4MHz separation between Channels 4 and 5 (Fig. 9) and even a larger separation between the other pair of channels. (Even with a 4MHz separation, many TV sets in portions of such cities as Minneapolis are unable to adequately separate these two channels.)

#### Table IV-Forbidden **Conversions from UHF Channels to VHF Channels** (Because of Harmonic Distortions) 14, 15, 16 ..... to 5 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 ..... to 6 23, 24, 25, 51, 52 53, 54, 55, 81, 82 83 ..... to 7 25, 26, 27, 28, 55 56, 57, 58, 59 ..... to 8 14, 28, 29, 30, 31 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 ..... to 9 16, 17, 31, 32, 33 34, 63, 64, 65, 66 67 ..... to 10 19, 34, 35, 36, 37 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 to 11 21, 22, 37, 38, 39 40, 71, 72, 73, 74 75 ..... to 12 29, 40, 41, 42, 43 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 ..... to 13

Although most electronic equipment for improving channel separation and otherwise modifying TV signals are designed along the same basic principles and have impedances that match  $75\Omega$  coaxial cable, there is little uniformity in component terminology. Some manufacturers show two or more components used in a signal modification requiring but one component built by another manufacturer. However, the basic principles involved are shown in Fig. 10.

Assume that the left antenna receives Channels 3 and 5 from one city while the right one receives FM plus Channels 2 and 7 from another city. Since the audio portion of Channel 2 would normally interfere with Channel 3, the Channel 2 signal is isolated and the audio portion attenuated (reduced) so that it is 6 to 10dB below its associated picture carrier—thus adequately reducing adjacent channel interference.

The FM and Channel 7 signals present in the right preamplifier alone do not interfere, but interference may result in Channel 7 when these signals are combined with Channel 5. When a 77MHz signal from Channel 5 is combined with a strong 100MHz FM signal, they can produce a 177MHz harmonic signal corresponding to signals in Channel 7. Virtually all VHF tuners used in today's TV sets contain FM traps to prevent such interference on Channel 7 and other channels. However, if the undesired harmonic signal has already been produced in the MATV system, it will pass through the tuner's FM traps as Channel 7 signals. To eliminate such interference, the splitter separates the FM frequencies as well as Channels 2 and 7.

A TV camera has been included in this system to display information concerning local weather conditions, alternately scanning a clock and an assortment of weather instruments. Its video output is modulated by the camera to appear on Channel 10.

Music to accompany this weather data can be obtained from an FM station. Some units are available that can be tuned to the desired FM station and then convert the resulting IF signal directly to the desired TV sound frequency in Channel 10. Converting the IF signal directly eliminates a number of unnecessary circuits—the IF detector, audio amplifier, audio FM modulator, etc.

Other units are available for converting UHF channels to VHF channels. But if there are a number of local VHF stations included in the MATV system, this may not be very convenient since harmonic dis-

Fig. 8—Each TV channel is assigned a 6MHz bandwidth with the picture carrier, color subcarrier and sound subcarrier assigned certain frequencies within that channel.



tortion prohibits certain UHF-to-VHF channel conversions (note the list of forbidden conversions given in Table IV). Now that all new TV sets are required to have UHF tuners, and there are more UHF stations on the air every year, most MATV systems are now being designed to handle UHF signals at the frequencies received.

Still other units are available for converting VHF signals from one channel to another. This may be desirable should the antenna system be capable of receiving the same assigned channels from two stations in different geographical areas. It would then, of course, be necessary to convert the signals from one station to another channel.

Some MATV systems are designed to receive TV channels that cannot be received by standard TV sets. These would include the sub channels and channels 7A and 13A. Stations transmitting on such channels provide non-public programs, such as possibly educational programs for use in schools.

All of these TV channels are then combined in a multiplexer (Fig. 10) for additional amplification through



Fig. 9-Frequencies that the FCC has assigned the various TV channels.

Fig. 10—MATV components used to generate, modify and amplify signals for distribution to TV receivers.



a common amplifier. (More sophisticated MATV systems use a single amplifier for each channel received. This offers more flexibility in filtering, less harmonic distortion, the control of individual channel gain and the use of AGC circuits not possible with broadband amplifiers, but it also costs significantly more.)

The video signal level of each channel at the input of the broadband distribution amplifier should be approximately equal (within 6 to 10dB) in order to provide equal quality reception on each channel. Separate channel attenuation or preamplification may in some instances be required to equalize these signals.

Gain and output capacity are two basic factors that must be considered when selecting the distribution amplifier. If the amplified input signals exceed the amplifier's output capacity, sync clipping and crossmodulation may occur—resulting in interference between channels, jittery pictures and/or horizontal tearing.

The amplifier must have sufficient gain to meet the signal needs of the distribution system. The amount of gain required for the desired output can be easily calculated once the strength of the input signal is known. If there is an input of -12 dB (251 $\mu$ v) and the distribution system requires 40dB (0.10v), the amplifier must provide about 52dB of gain [40dB - (- 12dB) = 52dB]. On the other hand, if there is an input of +2dB (1259 $\mu$ v), the amplifier must provide about 38dB of gain (40dB - 2dB = 38dB). Problems will result if a 50dB amplifier is used to amplify a 20dB  $(1000\mu v)$  input signal, since it would attempt to produce a 70dB (3.16v) output (50dB + 20dB)while the amplifier is not rated for handling output signals greater than 50dB (0.32v).

#### CONCLUSION

There is a great assortment of components to choose from when designing an MATV system. The selection of components too sophisticated for the job will make a bid for installing such a system unrealistically high and will probably not result in a sale—or a financial loss if *continued on page 75* 



This woman needn't worry about being out on the highway alone when experiencing an engine breakdown for she is able to radio for help. Courtesy of EIA.

# FCC Allocates CB Emergency Channel

#### by PHILLIP DAHLEN

Be prepared to service a more rapidly growing market as the general public seeks the protection of an emergency mobile communications system

■ Last month we described the installation of a powerful transceiver capable of providing communications with amateur radio operators in all parts of the world. Such units have provided critically needed information during natural disasters. They, or at least two-way radios of similar design, form the basis for some rather complex communications systems. These are generally considered the "big money" jobs.

There is, however, another class of two-way equipment, which, though not as sophisticated, represents a much larger sales and service market—Class D Citizens Band communications equipment.

The Electronic Industries Assn. reports that the use of this band has experienced a phenomenal growth (note Table I). Moreover, recent changes in FCC regulations have opened the door for an even greater rate of expansion. So now is the time to prepare for a "piece of the action."

Effective July 24, the FCC has reserved CB Channel 9 exclusively for emergency communication use. This means that any U.S. citizen, age 18 or over, however lacking in electronics background, can purchase a two-way radio for the purpose of protecting him or his family (plus many other uses of course) should trouble develop on the highway or anywhere else where a telephone is not readily available.

The FCC has established priorities when allocating Channel 9 for this use, recognizing that a situation that may not be considered an emergency under some circumstances will be an emergency under others. First priority is given to communications dealing with an existing situation dangerous to life or property, then communications dealing with a potentially hazardous situa-



Fortunately the first one to arrive at the scene of this accident was equipped with CB Channel 9 emergency communications equipment. Courtesy of EIA.

tion, then road assistance for a disabled vehicle on a street or highway, and finally to street directions.

The FCC was very specific in specifying that this channel will be restricted exclusively for this use. After emergency communications have been established on that channel, it may be continued on the same channel if absolutely necessary. But whenever possible, both parties should switch to another channel once contact has been made in order to free the channel for other emergency contacts.

As indicated in the EIA Fact Sheet, there are now more than 2000 volunteer organizations, plus many fire departments and police stations, monitoring Channel 9 and ready to accept emergency calls any time of the day. However, the FCC makes it clear that none of these groups can consider Channel 9 exclusively theirs for emergency use. It is available to everyone with a licensed CB transceiver.

In some states two-way communi-

cations are not legal while hunting, the authorities feeling that this leads to unsportsmanlike practices. However, this does not mean that a CB transceiver should not be brought along just in case an emergency requires calling for help—a hunter becoming ill, injured or lost.

CB transceivers can also be used on boats for emergency communications (in addition to more casual communications, of course). There is, however, both a plus and a minus factor concerning the use of this band for such communications. There is a Marine Band available for use on boats, and this band is monitored by the Coast Guard for providing emergency assistance. The Coast Guard is too busy monitoring this band to install CB equipment and attempt to monitor that band as well-so they will not be there to respond directly to your CB call for help. On the other hand, the Marine Band is already overcrowded and at times more jammed than the nonemergency portion of the CB band. For this reason, it is quite possible that a distress call received by a CB operator will be forwarded to the Coast Guard by telephone before it is possible to make direct contact on the Marine Band.

Car owners will be the first to respond to the added protection resulting from a CB installation, and auto installations will constitute the bulk of future CB transceiver sales and maintenance. These CB units can do much more than help assure the driver that communication is available when there is an accident or breakdown. As a personal example: There have been a number of times when I have driven my car across country accompanied by someone driving another vehicle. From personal experience I can say that it can become rather frightening when you are driving the second car, following some distance behind on a super highway and then remember that your car has a smaller gas tank than that of the other driver. It is also no fun when driving through

a strange city and having to wait for a red light, as the car ahead continues on, making a turn some distance down the road. If nothing else, you can at least use the CB transceiver to yell "stop" to the other driver.

It is hoped that this month's article has made you aware of a "golden opportunity" that has resulted from the recent change in FCC regulations. Let's take advantage of this situation by selling, installing and maintaining CB equipment.

We plan on providing additional information in future articles, but in the meantime please feel free to contact us if we can be of any additional help.

Station attendant receiving Channel 9 road service request. Courtesy of EIA.

#### Table I-Citizens Two-Way Radio

EIA Fact Sheet

- More than 3,500,000 5-w CB two-way radios have been purchased by Americans for business and personal use.
- 1,359,355 CB licenses have been granted by the FCC.
- 1 out of every 60 cars on the road today already is equipped with a CB radio.
- An estimated 1,800,000 emergencies were reported last year via CB radio.
- An estimated 72% of the emergencies handled involved automotive accidents or other automotive emergencies.
- Over 2000 volunteer organizations provide 24-hour-a-day monitoring to accept emergency calls on Channel 9.
- An estimated 500 police and fire departments now monitor CB radio for emergencies.
- 73% of the licenses issued last year were for personal communications uses.
- Typical personal communications uses include: Marine pleasure craft

Hunting, fishing, camping Personal safety, vehicles Volunteers, civil defense and fire Shut-ins, chronic medical problems Home to vehicle communications

- 27% of the licenses issued last year were for business-professional communications uses.
- Major users were: Farm, 15.3% Civic/municipal, 16.1% Service business, 15.7% Medical, 6.0% Manufacturing business, 2.4% Miscellaneous-construction, sales, etc., 44.5%



# Servicing Solid-State Stereo

by NORMAN H. CROWHURST

Part III—Varying line voltages and defective power supply components must also be considered when servicing this equipment.

■ Problems appearing in the output circuit of many solid-state amplifiers may actually result from improper bias voltages. These voltages may vary as a result of changes in the line voltage or, if the amplifier uses a regulated power supply, a defect in one of its components.

#### SUPPLY VOLTAGE FLUCTUATION

The working voltage of the large electrolytic capacitors in rectified supply circuits must include a tolerance above the normal working voltage or they would leak and overheat if the equipment happened to be operated in a location where the line voltage was abnormally high. However, it is not always economically feasible to construct the unit with electrolytic capacitors rated for voltages much in excess of the legal limit for line voltage variation-they are physically larger and more costly. Such a choice would also allow the dc supply voltage to rise and probably endanger other components in the unit.

In some parts of the country the legal range of line voltage fluctuations is  $\pm 6$  percent, which means that a nominal supply voltage of 117v could vary from 110v to 124v. But in other areas a larger voltage swing is possible, often as great as 10 percent, which makes it possible for a nominal 117v to vary between 105v and 129v. And variations between 100v and 135v are not by any means impossible.

In old tube circuits such variations had their greatest effect on available output power. Changes in the supply voltage usually caused a variation in output power that was about three times the variation in supply voltage. Thus an amplifier rated at 50w from a 117v power line could vary from 35w to 65w when the line voltage varied from 105v to 129v.

The output of transistorized equipment usually changes with the square root of the supply voltage the same change in line voltage causing a 100w amplifier to vary its output from 80w to 120w. (This is a much smaller variation than that experienced with the tube circuits.) And the use of current-limiting circuits can reduce the variation in output to between 90w and 110w from a 100w amplifier.

This is not the only effect of varying line voltage. Running at a low voltage will limit the output power, but it will usually also ensure that everything is running cool. Running at a high voltage can result in exceeding the voltage rating of some components, destroying them.

The power supplied amplifier output circuits usually has little or no voltage regulation. Any filtering usually comes from a very large capacitor connected across the rectifier output. On the other hand, the power supplied earlier stages of amplification is regulated and filtered to remove ripple—usually with at least a series resistor and shunt capacitors in an R-C circuit.

If excess line voltage is suspected as the cause of component failure, the balance of the circuit should be checked thoroughly for defective components—particularly those that may not prevent the circuit from functioning but normally provide some protection to other components.

#### **REGULATED POWER SUPPLIES**

Some of the problems in highquality stereo-amplifier systems can result from unwanted coupling through the power-supply circuits. The voltage supplied to earlier stages of amplification will vary according to the output-signal level.

The simplest circuit for reducing such problems is an adaption of the basic R-C filter network, using a transistor (Q1) to multiply the effective time constant (Fig. 1). This proves satisfactory for many systems, but feedback coupling may still occur when a low-frequency response must be achieved in highquality systems.

This is due to the fact that this circuit is still basically an R-C circuit with an equivalent time constant of about 3.75 sec, due to the 7.5K resistor in series with the 500mfd capacitor. Even this slow change in voltage supplied the earlier stages can cause problems wherever critical potentials are required. (Note that the regulated voltage supplied the earlier stages changes slower than that supplied the output circuit.)

This time constant can be reduced by including a zener diode (D3) in



Fig. 1—Some of the simpler power supplies provide regulated voltage only to the earlier amplifier stages, supplying the output stage with only capacitor filtered voltage direct from the diode rectifiers.

the transistor's base-bias circuit (Fig. 2). There is, however, still a small time constant remaining due to the  $47\Omega$  resistor and 100mfd capacitor used in biasing the transistor's base.

These output voltage fluctuations can be even further reduced with a circuit (Fig. 3) incorporating dc amplification. In this circuit, the current for biasing the zener diode is kept more constant since it is obtained from the regulated portion of the power supply. This differs from the other power supply circuit where the current for biasing the zener diode is obtained from an unregulated source where the applied voltage is subject to wide variations, even without output load current changes.

Comparison between the zener voltage and the "potted-down" output voltage controls the collector current in transistor Q2, which in turn controls the bias of the base of transistor Q1.

The dc voltage from diodes D1 and D2 is filtered with a 5000mfd capacitor, while additional filtering is provided by an R-C circuit for the current biasing the collector of transistor Q2 and the base of transistor Q1.

This circuit achieves precise control of the regulated voltage, which does not vary with average output load current. And it can be adjusted to any desired voltage (within a limited range) by means of the potentiometer.

#### POWER SUPPLY FAILURE

Failure of the transistor in Fig. 1 will not directly disable the output circuit, but it may indirectly cause more damage by causing the earlier amplifier stages to operate with either too high a voltage, or with no voltage at all—while the output stage continues to receive its normal supply.

What happens under these conditions depends somewhat on the mode of coupling used between the earlier amplifier stage and the output stage. Some modern circuits are direct coupled; and supplying the earlier stages with full voltage, because the regulating transistor has become short circuited, may apply a higher voltage across one output transistor, with a lower voltage de-



Fig. 2—A zener diode may be added to the circuit to reduce any voltage changes as the output load current varies with program content.



Fig. 3—In a more sophisticated regulator circuit the current supplied the zener diode is regulated, improving zener voltage tolerances.

veloping across the other. This could breakdown and destroy the transistor receiving the excess voltage.

On the other hand, if the regulating transistor "blows," developing an open circuit, the earlier amplifier stages will receive no supply voltage, while the full voltage may appear across one of the output transistors. However, this may not damage it since there will be no signal from the earlier stages.

Many circuits still use a transformer for coupling the drive stage to the output stage. Under these conditions, a change in the voltage applied to the earlier stage will not jeopardize the output stage in any way. Only the stages that may themselves be over-run by the higher supply voltage are in danger.

The circuit shown in Fig. 2 will behave in a manner similar to that

of the circuit shown in Fig. 1. However, if the transistor becomes short circuited, its base may conduct enough current to destroy the zener diode. Replacing the transistor without replacing the zener diode (D3) will result in a higher supply output voltage, and no voltage control. The circuit will then behave as a modified version of the circuit shown in Fig. 1. For this reason, the zener diode (D3) should be checked as well as the transistor.

The circuit shown in Fig. 3 offers much better protection. The only component in this circuit that is apt to be damaged from excess input voltage is the main regulator transistor (Q1). Whether it becomes open- or short-circuited, nothing else should be seriously endangered in the regulator circuit. Of course, *continued on page 56* 

# How I Stayed in the TV Business

by R. L. WARNER

# Retired TV repairman remains active in the industry by rebuilding picture tubes

■ Having reached the age of 71, I am just a little too old to make TV house calls any more. I had wanted to retire, but my Social Security benefits were not adequate to meet my needs. I just had to seek some other form of work to supplement my income.

An ad in ELECTRONIC TECHNI-CIAN/DEALER told of the money that could be made rebuilding picture tubes, so I wrote the company for more details. The brochure that I received described in detail the equipment used for rebuilding picture tubes, and I also received an invitation to Chicago for a complete and thorough demonstration.

I was so impressed with the equipment that I saw and the results that it could produce that I immediately purchased a rebuilding unit and stayed on in Chicago for training.



Warner displaying his tube rebuilding equipment.

Once a unit was delivered to my shop, I tinkered with it for a week or two to refresh my memory—then I started into business. I must admit that I was really scared, but I made my way through okay. And how surprised I was with the amount of business that I was soon handling!

Since then I have been successfully rebuilding both black-andwhite and color picture tubes, wholesaling my tubes to the TV repairmen in my area. They all say that they are very pleased with my work.

With this unit I am even able to rebuild the 20mm Japanese tubes as well as radar and scope picture tubes. I find black-and-white tubes simple to rebuild and color tubes just as easy.

My small shop, about the size of a garage, is located in the rear of my home. By operating there I have no additional overhead.

When first deciding to go into this business, I figured that if I were to rebuild and sell only six picture tubes a week, I would have a nice income of about \$150.00 weekly. And with this, plus my Social Security, I would get along quite well financially. Well, things have gone much better than that and the demand for my picture tubes is quite heavy.

I have a young friend who would very much like to join me in my venture. I have decided to bring him here to Sacramento and have him work with me. This will take quite a load off my hands—for as I had stated previously, I am retired.

Once I have trained my new helper, I will then be our good-will man, contacting the various shops in our area and talking with them about our excellent rebuilt tubes. I plan to call on TV shops and introduce myself—telling them that I am a picture-tube rebuilder, and that if they will give me a dud I will rebuild it free of charge to demonstrate my work. I will then take the dud to my shop and rebuild it (it only costs me about \$1.50 to rebuild a black-andwhite tube or about \$5.50 to rebuild a color tube). Then I will bring the tube back to the prospective customer, while at the same time offering him one of my tube price sheets.

When the prospective customer has seen the quality and performance of my finished product and then compares my price sheet with those of other wholesalers, he will eventually decide to buy his picture tubes from me—no matter how stubborn he may be.

Recently I ran into a little problem and called the manufacturer. Although I was told on the phone how to solve the problem, to my amazement a company representative flew out to offer his personal assistance, arriving at our airport 11:55 one Sunday morning. When we reached my place, the representative said, "Let's go to work." Well, we worked from 1:00 in the afternoon to 2:00 the following morning.

During this time the company representative showed me how to overcome my problem and, while he was doing this, he rebuilt three more picture tubes for me! This is the reason I have written of my experiences. I felt it something that I must do to show my appreciation.

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**ET/D TEST LAB REPORT** 

# Sencore's BE156 DC Bias Supply and its 39G26 Link Detector

by PHILLIP DAHLEN

Two test instrument accessories have been designed to assist in making TV set tuner-IF alignments

• Sencore has developed a threeoutput bias supply and an IF link detector which can be of considerable value for tuner and first IF stage alignment.

#### **BIAS SUPPLY**

Many of today's TV tuners require a constant voltage for biasing the AGC (automatic gain control) and AFC (automatic frequency control) circuits before they or the first IF can be aligned with maximum accuracy.

Generally there is no need to know exactly the bias voltage supplied, since it generally is varied over a given range by associate circuitry; and the amount of current at the applied voltage is too low to be of any consequence.

It would be economically unreasonable to build a high-power bias supply when only a negligible amount of current is required. Likewise, there is no need to pay extra to obtain voltages with precision accuracy when slightly different (though stable) voltages will have no apparent effect when aligning the tuner and first IF.

After examining the unit, it was felt that it adequately performs the job required of it. Remember, it is a bias supply and not a power supply. Even at the -75v setting, it will be unable to supply enough power to operate many transistor radios-in our attempt the maximum voltage available dropping to a mere 5v. From Table I it can be seen that the voltages indicated by the knobs do not exactly correspond to voltages obtained from the bias supply. But again, they are obtained with the degree of accuracy required for the job-and that should be the reason for purchasing the unit in the first place. Its three outputs can be varied continuously between -25v and +25v with respect to a common ground, while one of the three

Sencore's Model BE156 dc bias supply. For more details circle 900 on Reader Service Card.



can also be varied between 0v and -75v—an unusual degree of flexibility.

Three outputs are obtained from the circuit shown in Fig. 1. There the transformer's secondary voltage is rectified by a diode (CR1) and then filtered by an R-C type circuit (R1, R2, C1 and C2). The resulting 100vdc is supplied to a resistance voltage divider (R3, R4 and R5) where voltages can be measured at +25v, 0v, -25v and -75v with respect to the common-output lead.

		Table	I—Bias Supply Outpu (115yac applied)	ut Voltage		
Lead A 25v position Setting Readin	Lead A +25v position g Setting Reading	Lead B —25v position Setting Reading	Lead B + 25v position Setting Reading	Lead C —75v position Setting Reading	Lead C —25v position Setting Reading	Lead C +25v position Setting Reading
0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0
1 1.6	1 2.0	1 1.0	1 1.0	6 6.1	2 2.3	2 1.9
2 2.4	2 3.0	2 1.8	2 1.8	15 15.8	5 5.6	5 4.3
3 3.3	3 4.3	3 2.8	3 2.8	30 32.3	10 11.6	10 9.1
4 4.7	4 6.0	4 3.8	4 3.8	45 49.5	15 17.9	15 13.9
5 6.5	5 8,4	5 5.2	5 5.1	60 64.8	20 23.4	20 18.3
8 9.6	8 12.3	8 7.8	8 7.6	75 78.4	25 28.2	25 22.1
15 14.0	15 18.0	15 13.2	15 13.4			
20 17.8	20 22.8	20 19.3	20 19.3			
25 21.0	25 26.8	25 23.6	25 23.8			

Switch S2 determines whether the maximum voltage at output A is +25v or -25v; switch S3 determines whether the maximum voltage at output B is +25v or -25v; and switch S4 determines whether the maximum voltage at output C is +25v, -25v or -75v. Three potentiometers (R6, R7 and R8) also function as voltage dividers to vary the output voltage between 0v and the maximum voltage selected. These potentiometers are calibrated to indicate the approximate output voltage resulting from each knob setting.

We found the circuit well designed to prevent damage from overload; and no harm was done when we overloaded it in an attempt to power a portable radio or when we left it on all night.

#### **IF LINK DETECTOR**

The link section, for which the Sencore detector probe is intended, consists of the TV set mixer coil, the cable connecting the output of the tuner to the input of the IF strip, the first IF transformer, and the traps associated with the input circuit of the first IF stage.

The link section of the TV set must have a broader frequency response than the following stages of the IF section, since anything not passing through the link section cannot be amplified by the remaining IF section. For this reason it is best to align the link section first in order to obtain the best possible response from the TV set.

Unfortunately some scopes do not have adequate sensitivity for observing signals present at the first IF-particularly those in TV sets incorporating low-impedance semiconductors. In order to overcome this problem, Sencore incorporated a voltage multiplier circuit (Fig. 2) in this probe. Circuits of this type were described in detail some time back in the "Semiconductors From A to Z" series of articles; but in simplified terms we might say that each diode-capacitor pair functions as a sort of "electronic pump," each pair increasing the rectified voltage developed as a result of the applied high-frequency ac-signal voltage.

Designed to eliminate the need





Fig. 2—Link detector circuit.



for any home built detector probes, loading assemblies or amplified detector probes, the voltage-quadrupler detection system is reportedly unable to introduce distortion as would an amplifier-type probe.

The voltage gain that does result (with a corresponding loss in scope signal current) can bring the IF signal up to a sufficient level for viewing on a scope that might otherwise lack adequate sensitivity. Since there is virtually no scope signalinput current drain, the loss of any available input current is of no consequence.

The earlier semiconductor article showed how the output voltage from a voltage-multiplier circuit is dependent on the frequency of the applied ac voltage. This is probably one of the reasons Sencore advises on the side of the detector to "use for IF link alignment only."

#### **EMERSON 26C56...**

continued from page 39 circuitry. Horizontal positioning can be obtained in either direction by cutting the red or blue leads. These leads will be found at the rear of the chassis adjacent to the horizontal output tube.

To position the picture to the right (as viewed from the front), cut the blue leads; for left positioning, cut the red leads.

#### **PRODUCTION CHANGES**

- In the brightness control circuit, R330 has been changed from 150K to 120K for increased brightness.
- In the second chroma amplifier circuit, R330 has been changed from 1K to 390R.
- To provide additional protection against internal tube shorts, fuse links have been added to the filament circuits on PC2 and PC3. The links are of No. 28 solid tinned copper wire with fiberglass sleeving. On PC2, the filament supply is applied to Pin 6 of V204, then through the fuse wire to the other heaters on PC2.

#### SOLID STATE ....

continued from page 52 the circuits supplied by the regulated voltage are subject to the same dangers as those supplied by the powersupply circuits shown in Fig. 1 and 2.

#### UNUSUAL VOLTAGE SURGES

So much for faults that occur during the "normal" operation of a solid-state amplifier system. Another factor to consider is the possibility of abnormally high supply voltages resulting from power-line surges of relatively short duration.

In any circuit using a zener diode as a voltage reference, the regulator circuit will attempt to hold the voltage constant, which means that the



The momentary surge current into the electrolytic capacitors may as 125vac to conform to the new standard line voltage. A new power transformer, 730169, is used in place of the 730157 transformer used with 120vac line voltage.

amount to several amperes-possiseries regulator transistor will be seriously over-run with excess bias voltages, and thus much more likely to be damaged. Protecting against such a possi-

On PC3, the filament supply has

been moved from Pin 5 of V310

to Pin 3 of V307. From there it

is applied to the other heaters on

PC3 through the fuse wire.

• The power source is now shown

bility poses certain difficulties. If

bly more than the normal working load of the power supply. The rectifier diodes may not have a high enough power rating to handle this excess current in combination with the surge voltage. However, it would be less costly for the diodes to be destroyed by such a surge than other components exposed to excess dc voltage.

A simple, low-cost component for protecting the diode is the oldfashioned fuse. By making the electrolytic capacitors leak enough current to blow the fuse before the rectifier diodes are destroyed, all that needs replacing is an inexpensive fuse.

However, before replacing the fuse it is a sound practice to attempt to determine why the fuse blew. Even though it only blew to provide protection against over voltage from the power line, it is best to check and make certain that some other component, such as a zener diode or transistor, was not damaged at the same time. 🔳



Fig. 4-Large electrolytic capacitors and fuses may be used for protecting power supply circuits against short-term, line-voltage surges that might otherwise cause serious component damage.

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#### STEREO RECEIVER

701

#### 100w power output at a moderate price

The Model 202 "Futura Series" stereo receiver is rated 100w power output and reportedly features muting, tape monitoring facilities, and mono/stereo modes of operation. Specifications indicate that the unit incorporates FET and IC components,



illuminated program selector and dial pointer, Baxandall feedback circuit for bass and treble to assure well-balanced sound at all volume levels, and a fourway speaker selector. The main unit is said to measure 23% in. wide by 8 in. high by 16 in. deep, and it weighs 32½ lb. Under \$250. Fisher Radio.

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to prevent damage to tape and equipment by automatically stopping the tape when it runs out. A VU battery level meter reportedly indicates recording levels, while the three-position "Easy-Matic" recording level control insures against overloading and permits recording without adjusting the recording level. Specifications indicate that other features include speaker monitoring while recording, capstan drive to allow the tap to run at a continuous speed for distortion-free sound, and a safety-lock cord button that guards against accidental erasing and recording. Retail price \$99.95. Panasonic.

#### MICROPHONE

Front-to-back rejection ratio of 25dB

The Ultra-Cardioid Dynamic Microphone features a 25dB front-toback rejection ratio that reportedly



minimizes reverberation and microphone placement problems. Specifications indicate that it has a sintered phosphor bronze acoustic filter. The effects of "pop," "blast," and wind are said to be reduced by a grille assembly of stainless steel mesh that encloses a foam filter and a fine magnetic screen which prevents dust and magnetic particles from reaching the diaphragm. The microphone is said to have a unidirectional polar pattern and a frequency response of 40 to 15,000Hz. The adjustment of a connection per-



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recorders. The radio section of the receiver reportedly includes five wavebands, AFC control and electronic FM tuning. The cabinet is said to feature sliding dials set against a black background, with wood veneer or white ground lacquer finish. Price \$410 without speakers. Siemens.

#### ELECTRONIC CROSSOVER 705

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A stereo electronic crossover, the SF-700, is designed to supply complete Hi-Fi control through its ability to match amplifiers, speaker systems and room acoustics. Four knobs on its front panel reportedly control the cut-off characteristics near each crossover frequency. Specifications indicate that they supply an attenuation of 6dB/ octave, 12dB/octave, or 18dB/octave at four positions: low, mid-low, mid-

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knob reportedly provides a choice of 1kHz, 2kHz, 4kHz, 6kHz, or 8kHz and off. The input impedance is rated at 100K at 1kHz, and the output impedance is less than  $200\Omega$  at 1kHz. Price \$179.95. Pioneer.

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into any of the amplifiers by mounting an accessory module on the NT or NXT chassis. This gives the NT models five microphone inputs and the NXT units seven microphone inputs. On the front panel of each amplifier, a special notch filter is said to be calibrated from 35 to 100Hz to suppress undesirable low-frequency signals, such as hum and rumble. There is also an independent speech filter which is said to improve clarity of speech and to eliminate undesirable bass frequencies. Both lines of amplifiers are equipped with a protective circuitry designed to shut down power immediately in case of overload from speaker mismatch or short circuit. Bogen.

#### STEREO TAPE PLAYER

Response of 50 to 10,000Hz and 5w output power

An eight-track stereo home tape player, Model WHP-100, can reportedly be used as a self-contained sound system or adapted as a tape deck with other amplifiers and tuners. The tape player is said to be equipped with output jacks for conversion to a tape deck. Specifications indicate that it also has two satellite speakers and an illuminated indicator light which gives the exact location of each channel. The low-noise, ten-transistor stereo tape player has a reported frequency



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#### PORTABLE CASSETTE RECORDERS

712

AC/DC operation with automatic record level

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Four additions to a line of portable ac/dc cassette recorders reportedly have automatic record level circuitry,



and two have built-in AM/FM radio. Deluxe Models 4500 (without radio) and 4510 (with radio) are said to accept rechargeable nickel cadmium batteries. Model 4500 priced at \$79.95, and Model 4510, \$99.95. Models 4400 and 4410, which have single function knob controls, list at \$49.95 and \$79.95, respectively. Storage space for the microphone and power cord is in the back of the units. Wollensak.

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Exhibitors at the highly successful NEW Show climaxed their activities by electing a new slate to the Board of Directors of Electronic Industry Show Corp. The election was the first under a new set of by-laws calling for the exhibitors to elect directors rather than the sponsoring trade associations to appoint members of the Board. Of the thirteen directors elected, nine are incumbents, three have previously served on the board, and one—Vincent Hook is a newcomer.

Hook, executive vice-president and general manager of C & G Electronics Company, Tacoma, Wash., is a past president and director of the Northwest Chapter of the National Electronic Distributors Assn., and has served as president and director of Electronic Distributors Research Institute.

Returning to the Show Board are James L. Nichols, president of Mallory Distributor Products; Edward M. Rothenstein, executive vice-president of Philmore Manufacturing; and Arthur I. Rabb, president, United Technical Publications.

Incumbents reelected to the Board include James S. Silverman, Electronic Expeditors; Robert C. Trinkle, Trinkle Sales, Inc.; John N. Leedom, Wholesale Electronics Supply; James C. Neustadt, Burstein-Applebee; Glenn E. Ronk, Sola Electric; Clyde J. Schultz, Switchcraft; Philip E. Gustafson, Hughes-Peters; Robert B. Morris, Specialty Distributing, and Roy Vetzner, Vaco Products.

Hereafter all directors will be elected for three-year terms, with one-third retiring each year. The new Board of Directors will meet in August in California to make plans for the 1971 NEW Show, scheduled to be held the week of June 1 in Bal Harbour, Fla.

#### Consumer Protection Plan for Zenith Color TV Purchasers

Zenith Radio Corp. announced a new "consumer protection plan" for purchasers of the company's color TV sets, starting with the 1971 line of models. The major objective of the plan is to assure that in-warranty service is performed at no cost to the consumer for parts or labor during the first 90 days of set ownership. The plan, including its warranty provisions, offers:

- Service labor required during the 90-day warranty period will be performed without charge to the set owner, and replacement of any parts required during the warranty period will be performed without charge to the set owner.
- Replacement of a color TV picture tube that becomes defective within two years of the color set's original consumer purchase will be made without charge for the tube.
- Replacement or repair of any other parts that become defective within one year of the set's initial installation will be made without charge for the components.

Under the plan, 90-day in-home service is provided at no charge for consoles and large screen table models, 20in diagonal and larger. Portable and Compact Table Model receivers (14- through 19-in. diagonal screen sizes) brought into the dealer or his servicing contractor by the owner will be serviced at no cost during the first 90 days of set ownership.

An integral part of Zenith's plan is the provision for inwarranty service through the local Zenith dealer, where the set was purchased, or his independent servicing contractor.

"Strengthening the dealer's after-sale responsibility for the product is the key element which can make the most important single contribution to efficient and responsible service in any warranty program," said W. C. Fisher, president of the Zenith Sales Co. division.

#### U.S. Consumer Electronic Sales Figures for First Quarter of 1970

Total U.S. sales of consumer electronic products, including imports, have been released by the Electronic Industries Assn.'s Marketing Services Dept. The EIA report reflects the size of the U.S. market in units for monochrome and color TV sets, radios, tape recorders and players for the first three months of 1970, along with comparisons for the same period in 1969.

Total TV sales in the first quarter reached 2,652,479 sets in 1970 vs. 3,363,678 sets in 1969, down 21.1%. Color TV's share reached 1,160,419 sets. Some 1.8 million sets of first-quarter sales were produced in this country. U.S. manufacturers also imported some 429,000 sets for merchandising under their own labels; foreign-label TV sets amounted to some 421,424 units, or about 15% of the total TV market.

The total home radio market in the first quarter (excluding TV and photograph combinations and auto radios) amounted to 7.6 million units compared to 8.3 million units in the same period in 1969. U.S. manufacturers produced 0.6 million units and imported 1.3 million units for sale under their own labels. Foreign labels, with 5.7 million radios imported, accounted for 75% of the sales vs. 67% in the first quarter of 1969.

Total U.S. sales of auto radios in the first quarter at 2.8 million units matched the 3.3 million units sold in the same 1969 period.

The FM share of radio sales continued to increase. Some 5.0 million radios were sold in the first quarter as compared to 4.1 million in the same period in 1969. Home radio sales share (excluding radio-TV-phonograph combinations) jumped to some 60% compared to about 44% in the same period in 1969 and only 40% in the first quarter of 1968.

Total U.S. phonograph sales in the first quarter totaled 1.1 million units compared to 1.5 million in the same period in 1969.

Magnetic tape continued to be the fastest growing consumer electronic product in the first quarter. Tape recorders, including reel-to-reel and cassette equipment, totaled 1.6 million units compared to 1.2 million in the same 1969 period. Tape player imports totaled 1.4 million units compared to only 801,000 units in the 1969 first quarter. U.S. product figures in this category are not available.

#### Magnavox Introduces Home Study Color TV Service Course

Magnavox has announced a home-study color TV service course. Entitled "Color TV  $\ldots$  An Introduction to Servicing," the 16-lesson course is designed to provide the basic training for persons considering TV service as a vocation.

Magnavox National Service Manager Ray Yeranko explains that this training program is unique because students must be sponsored by a servicing dealer or service contractor and be given access to shop facilities, equipment and Magnavox products in order to carry out specific lesson assignments. In this way, each student is given the opportunity to become familiar with Magnavox Color TV service procedures as he studies his lesson materials.

Lesson quizzes must be completed and sent to Magnavox for grading by its Service Training Department. After the student completes the course at a pace he has established, he is presented with a certificate qualifying him for advanced studies at any one of the seven Magnavox Service Training Centers.

It is expected that dealers who have been hard pressed for more qualified service technicians will include in their recruitment plans the hiring of young men from their local high schools as part-time employees. Such men taking the Magnavox home study course could, after a reasonable time, relieve the employer's more experienced technicians of less complex servicing assignments. Further information can be obtained from the Service Training Dept., 1700 Magnavox Way, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804.

## ICS Announces New FCC License Course

International Correspondence Schools (ICS), a division of INTEXT, Sctanton, Pa., has announced the release of a new FCC license course: The Commercial Radiotelephone License Course. Students can enroll either in one or more divisions of the course or in the whole course.

Division 1 is relatively short and covers preparation for the Third Class Radiotelephone License, with or without Broadcast Endorsement (FCC Elements 1, 2, and 9). An optional section of Division 1 is preparation for the Radio Amateur Novice License. Division 2 covers FCC Element 3, for the FCC Second Class Radiotelephone License examination.

Division 3 covers preparation for the FCC First Class Radiotelephone License (Element 4). A separate text also covers study for the Radar endorsement. The course is covered by the ICS Double Warranty.

All three divisions include self-check review exams which permit the student or trainee to test his own knowledge with FCC-style questions—answers are provided separately as a guide to technical or specialized areas.

Study material and texts have been written by such well known experts in the communications-broadcasting field as Dr. Charles R. Ammerman, Thomas R. Haskett, Charles T. Morgan, Edward M. Noll, William Ornstein, and Leo G. Sands. Further information can be obtained by contacting Joseph Risse, ICS, Scranton, Pa. 18515.



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el is said to offer de to 50MHz range, an internal room-temperature crystal oscillator, and overall stability better than 2  $\times$  10<sup>-6</sup> per month. Sensitivity is rated at 10mv up to 20MHz, 20mv



to 35MHz, and 30mv to 50MHz. Measurement parameters include frequency, single and multiple period, frequency ratio, time interval and count. Six- or seven-digit resolution can reportedly be obtained in the 1192-B at a cost of \$100 per additional digit. A BCD output option is also offered for \$50. Measurements up to 500MHz are said to be possible by adding the optional 1157-B Scaler to the 1192-B. The basic 1192 counter has been type-accepted by the FCC for AM frequency monitoring; the 1192-Z has received similar approval for FM use (including VHF TV). Price \$575 in the U.S. General Radio.

#### PANEL METER

#### With dc sensitivity from 100µa up to 5a

A 11/2-in. square panel meter, Model 2018, is said to be completely shielded and reportedly will not interact with other meters or be affected by stray magnetic fields. The meter is rated in sensitivity from 100 µa up to 5a, and, as a self-contained dc voltmeter, up to 300v dc. The meter can be used behind the panel with a die cast metal bezel (2018/B) or with painted fronts. Hoyt.



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#### VIDEO TAPE RECORDER SYSTEM

Selection of ten speeds and manual control

A variable-speed time-lapse video tape recorder, Model VTL 310, has been developed for use in traffic control, time and motion study, and scientific observation. The tape recorder reportedly offers the choice of selecting speeds of 1:1, 2:1, 3:1, 5:1, 7:1, 9:1, 11:1, 15:1, 29:1 and 61:1. A manual control for single frame recording is designed to advance frames

one at a time during playback. Individual frames may reportedly be "held" for either closer analysis or for photography. The VTL 310 is said to operate on a 12v dc battery through



use of an HK-MP-14 inverter. Recording or playback may be made from an automobile battery, or from any mobile power source. Other features are said to include: twin rotary heads made of a hot pressed ferrite for longer recording life, wide frequency range of over 3MHz to deliver more than 300 lines in horiz resolution, and guaranteed tape compatibility from one VTL 310 to another. Specifications indicate that the unit also offers a 42dB signal-to-noise ratio, measures 22 7/16 in. by 105/8 in. by 1534 in. and weighs 72 lb. Price less than \$4000. Odetics.

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Ranges from  $6\Omega$  through 15K in assorted mountings

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#### TV CAMERA

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The TVC-500 TV camera develops monochrome pictures in video or in RF signal at a switch-selected output. Video is viewed on a monitor, but, when the camera is switched to RF output, the pictures are displayed on a standard TV receiver. With a screwdriver adjustment, the operator can reportedly select the output frequency, covering channels 2 through 6. Complete within itself, the camera is said to contain synchronizing circuits and an RF modulator. Specifications indicate that the output level on a composite signal is 1.4v P-P, while the video level output is 1v P-P. RF output is said to be greater than 29.5dBmv (30mv) with a 75 $\Omega$  output impedance. Horizontal resolution

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Automatic volume control prevents distortion from over-modulation

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#### PANEL METERS

Shallow design for panel space limitations

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and microammeter versions with front panel or bezel mounting are reportedly being manufactured. Also, a wide assortment of scale ranges, scale divisions, ohm/volt capability, resistance and special features are provided. All GS panel meters are said to utilize self-shielded Bar-Ring magnets in all dc meters. Specifications indicate that



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#### EDITING KIT

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400

A new 48-page condensed catalog is being published which describes the manufacturer's line of microwave tubes. The catalog gives specifications on more than 200 magnetrons, klystrons, crossed field amplifiers, traveling wave tubes, and backward wave oscillators operating at various frequency bands and power levels. Many of the tubes are illustrated. In addition to the usual table of contents, the catalog also contains an index to aid in locating specific tube type numbers. Within the various product sections, tubes are conveniently listed by operating band. Raytheon.

#### Microphones

401

A 24-page illustrated catalog has been published which describes the manufacturer's complete line of microphones and accessory equipment. The catalog contains specifications and prices of professional, recording, broadcast and PA cardioid dynamic microphones; standard and transistorized mobile communications and base station communications microphones; tape recording and general purpose mikes; paging and PA microphones; and stands, cartridges and accessories. A section on "how to choose a microphone" is also contained in the catalog. Turner.

#### **Product Guide**

402

A 70-page, full color, 1970-71 "Cross Reference and Product Guide" contains a comprehensive listing of the manufacturer's replacement products, including transistors, capacitors, heat exchangers, silicon controlled rectifiers and diodes. The catalog also includes a complete cross reference guide. Products are listed in tabular form by product category. Illustrations of the various case styles are presented on each page for reference. Following this is an alpha-numeric index of all products listed. The complete cross reference is divided into major device categories. Transistor, rectifier, capacitor and heat exchanger types used in professional service jobs are listed in numerical sequence and cross referenced for replacement. International Rectifier.

#### Ad Guide

#### 403

A booklet that will be helpful to retail dealers in their local advertising efforts is entitled "Retail Advertising Guide for Dealers." The 10-page guide offers pointers on the selection of ad media, including newspapers, radio, TV, direct mail and transit ads. It tells how to prepare ads for each medium. The guide gives hints on creating ads which contain the underlying theme of selling product benefits. In addition, the guide lists a number of sample promotion ideas from which a retailer might generate his own ideas. Jerrold.

#### Microphones

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A free booklet is offered on the fundamentals of microphones, including characteristics of each type. The text includes information on microphone placement, feedback, limiting factors, impedances, techniques and applications. Stanford International.

#### Electronic Chemical Catalog 405

The 1970 edition of "Chemical Products Exclusively for the Electronic Industry" is an eight-page catalog devoted to aerosol and bottled chemicals used to speed electronic servicing. Included are a variety of lubricants and cleaners for tuners, contacts, tape decks, record players, relays, tube sockets and other contact devices and moving parts used in electronic equipment. The catalog also features circuit component coolers, insulating sprays, glues, rubber drive restorers, record cleaners, and TV and radio cement. Chemtronics.

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