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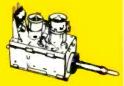
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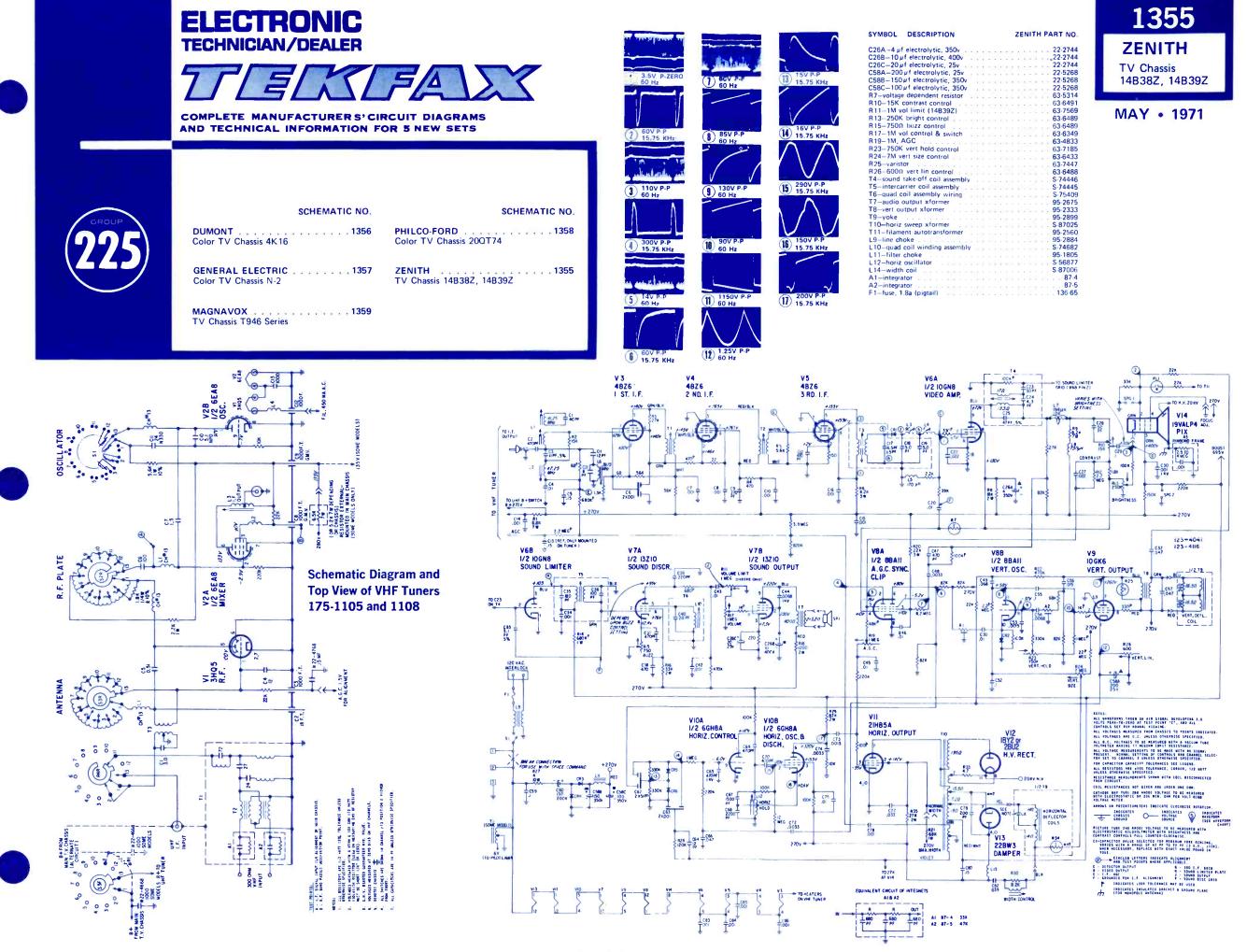
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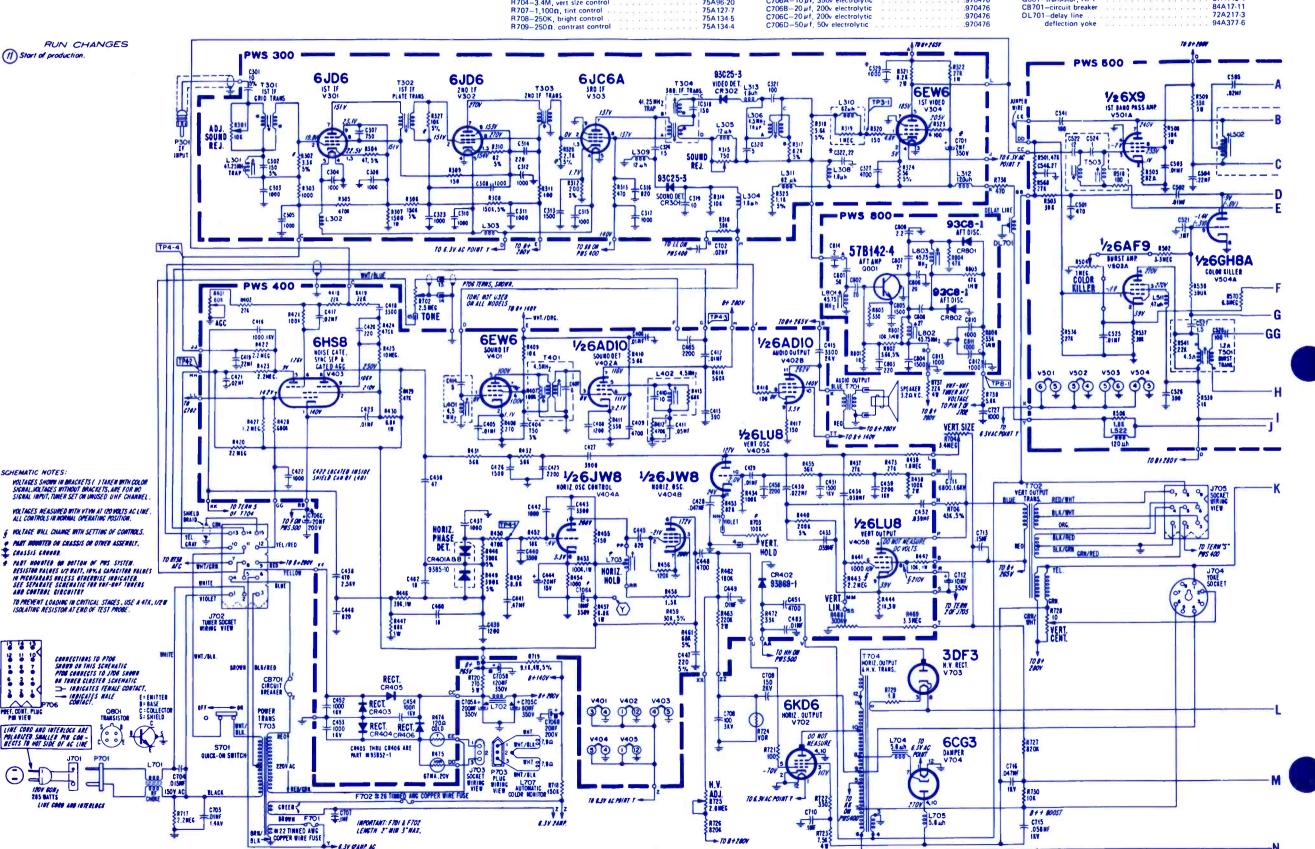


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L401-sound takeoff coil

L703-horiz oscillator coil

T401-sound IF xformer T501-burst xformer

T503-bandpass input coi

T701-audio output xforme

T702-vert output xformer

T704-horiz output xforme

T703-power xformer

M701-deflection yoke Q801-transistor, AFT

CB701-circuit breaker

DL701-delay line ... deflection yoke

L402-quad coil L502-bandpass coil L702-filter choke

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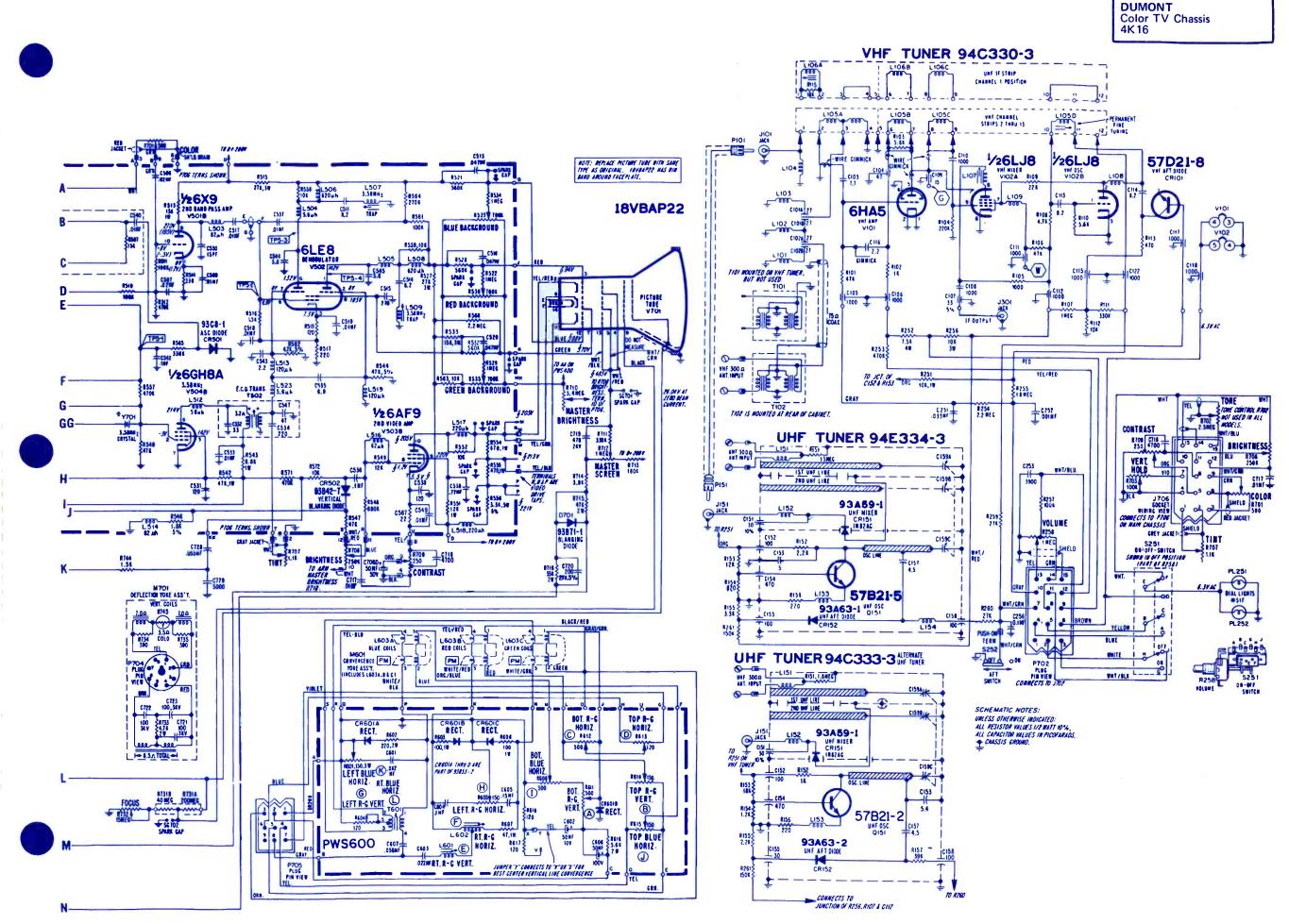
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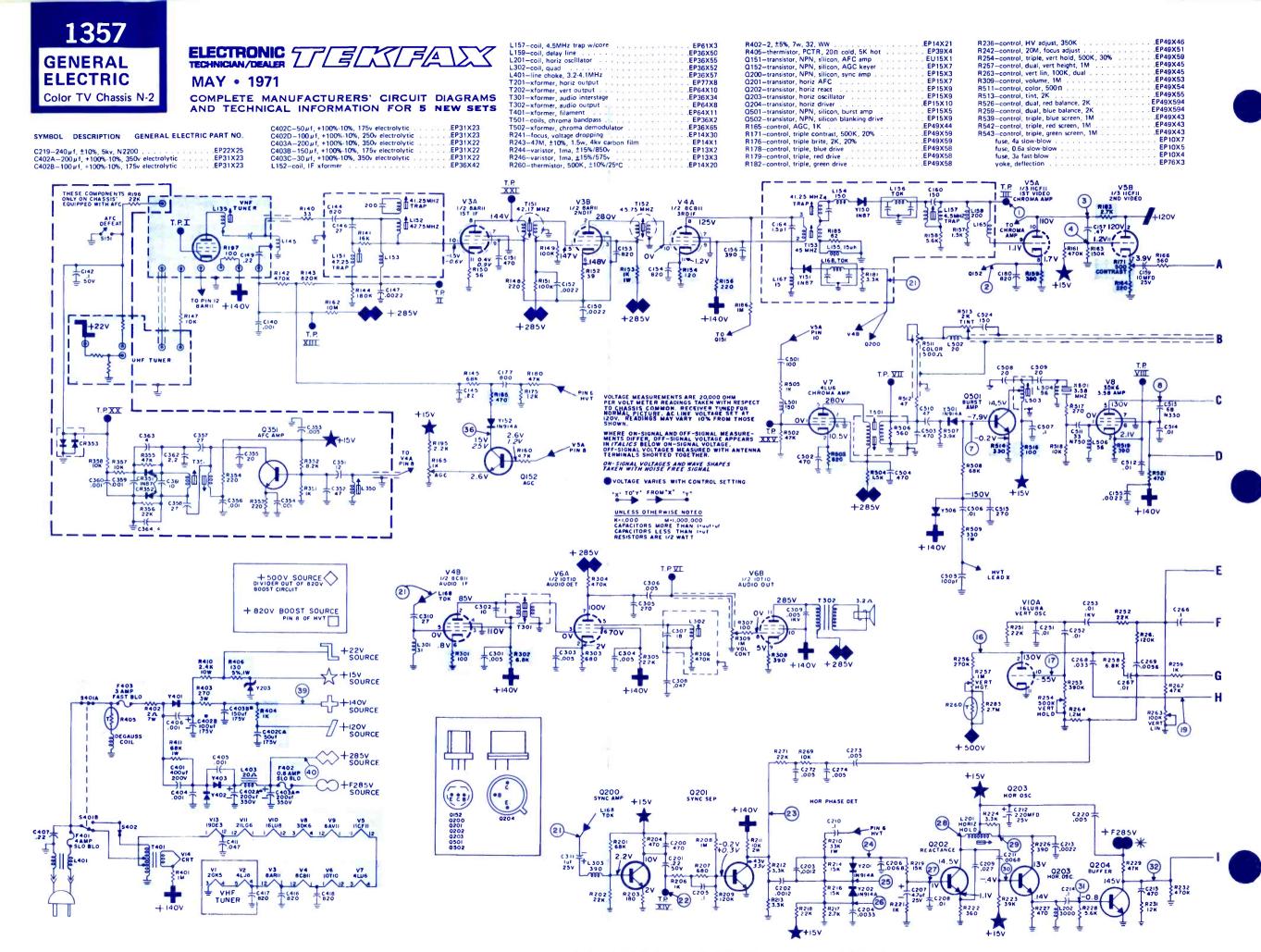
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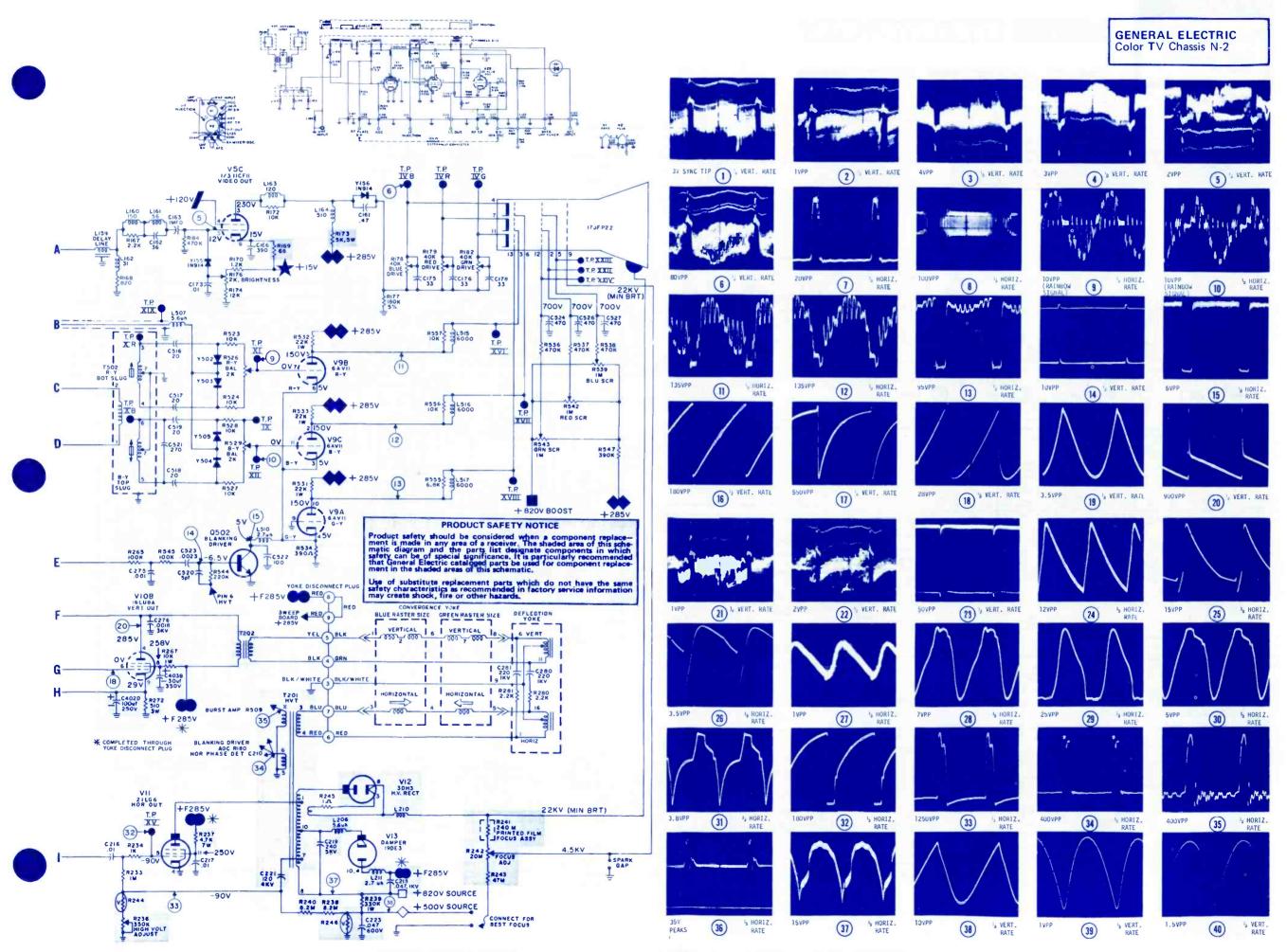
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 SYMBOL
 DESCRIPTION
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 C204A-200 µf/200v electrolytic
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 1.1M
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 C204D-50µf/200v electrolytic
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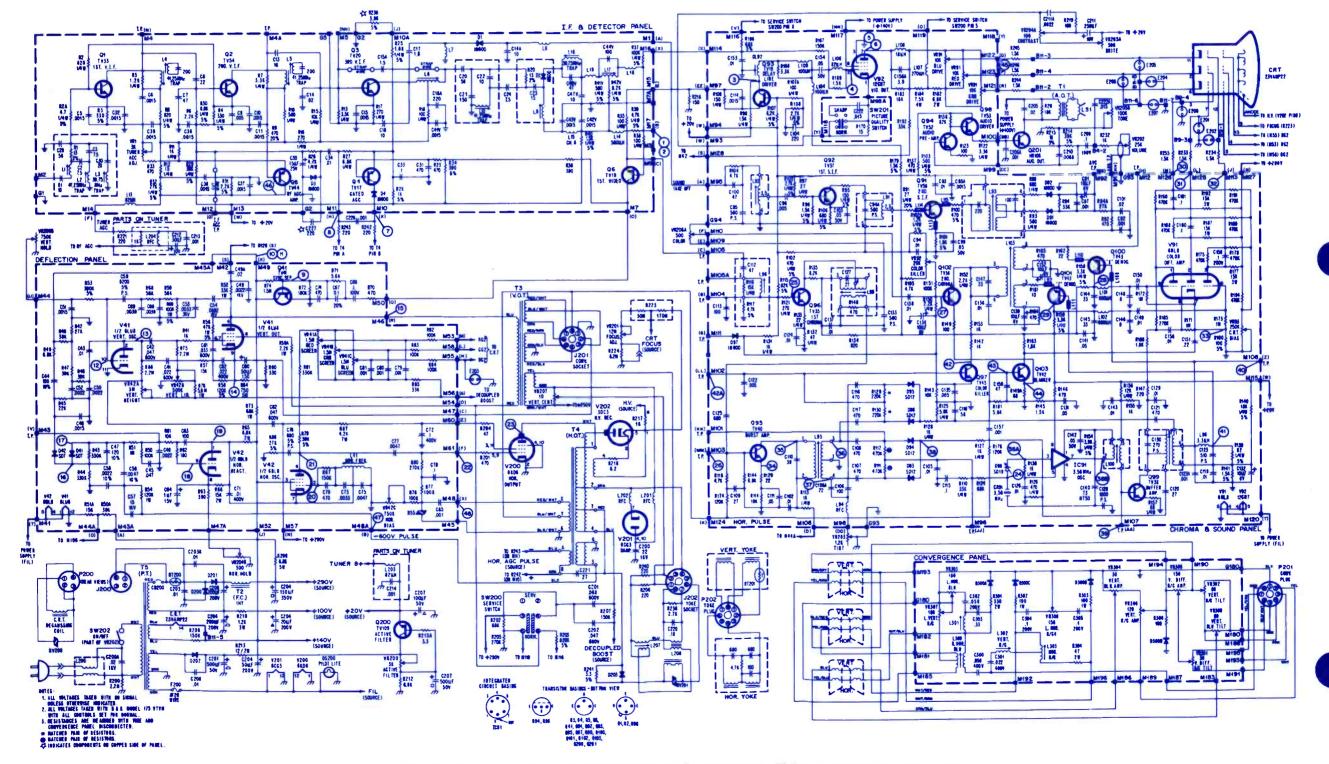
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L94-tint control					-			32-4942-1
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L99-chroma bandpass		i.	×		-			. 32-4929-1
HT200-degaussing thermistor					-		-	. 33-13/0-0
RT201-vert damping								
RV55-horiz bias								. 33-1379-2
T1-audio output xformer								.32-10119-3
T2-filter choke								.32-10095-3
T3-vert output xformer	2							.32-10080-4
T4-horiz output xformer								.32-10130-1
T5-power xformer								.32-10131-1

VR42—A-vert height, B-lin, C-bias										. 33-5627-3
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These waveforms were taken with the receiver AGC control adjusted for an approximate peak-to-peak output of two volts at the video detector, using an air signal. Do not reset AGC control when using color bar generator. All monochrome voltages taken with average air signal and all chroma voltages taken with a color bar generator connected to the antenna input terminals. The chroma peak-to-peak voltages were taken with the chroma control set for 0.3V peak-to-peak at center tap of chrome control or M110 and the tint control set for proper color bars (approximately mid-range), all other controls set for normal viewing. The frequencies shown are those of the waveforms.....not the sweep rate of the oscilloscope. All voltages taken with a wide band scope having a 5 MHz bandwidth similar to B&K Model 1450. Line voltage 120V.



PIN 5 L95

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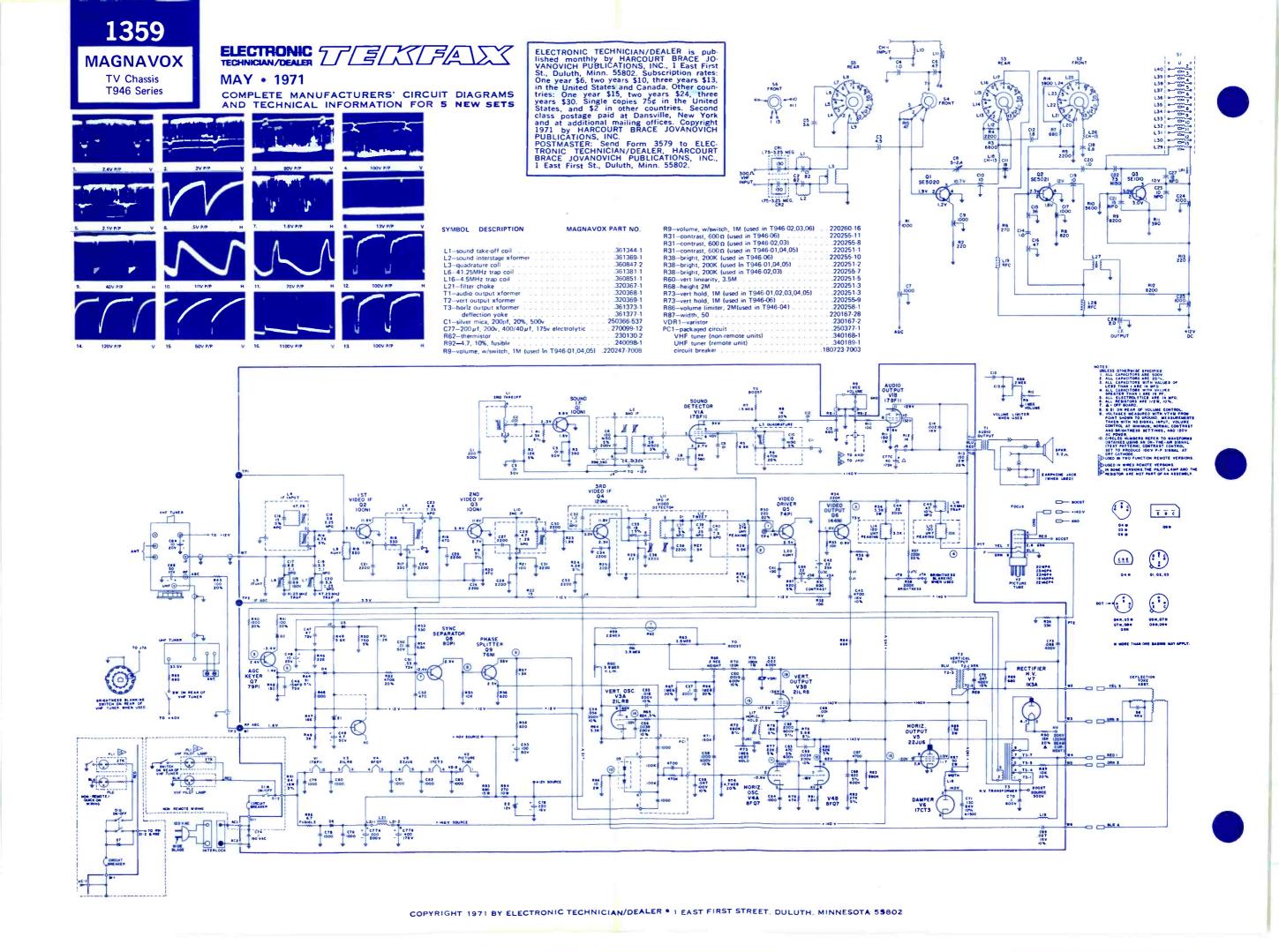
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		VV						03	3RD V.I.F.	3.1	3.75	14.5
	2 2 VOLTS P/P.	3 4.2 VOLTS P/P.	(4) 3.8 VOLTS P/P,	(5) 80V, P/P, (cont.	6 65V, P/P, MIN.	38 6 VOLTS P/P,	38A 0.8 VOLTS P/P	Q4	GATED AGC	17	16.75	21
(1) 2 VOLTS P/P. 60 HZ (MAX.	15,750 HZ (MAX.	15,750 HZ	15,750 HZ	at point of start of sync com-	CON.) 15,750 HZ PIN 7 V92	3.58 MHZ D93, D94	3.58 MHZ PIN 3 IC 91	Q5	RF AGC	8	13.2	1.2
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	(8) 13 VOLTS P/P.	9 6.6 VOLTS P/P,	10 50 VOLTS P/P.	1 50 VOLTS P/P.	(2) 85 VOLTS P/P .	388) 16 VOLTS P/P.	39 1.6 VOLTS P/P.	Q95	BURST AMP	4.8	0	39
(7) 40 VOLTS P/P, 15,750 HZ	15,750 HZ	15,750 HZ BASE OF Q41	15,750 HZ M49	60 HZ M49	60 HZ PIN 10 V41	3.58 MHZ PIN 7 IC91	3.58 MHZ M107	Q96	1ST CHROMA	.2	.92	17.5
M10	M11	DAGE OF GHT	NAM 2			PIN / ICSI	MT07	Q97	COLOR KILLER	0	1	20
								Q98	AUD DRIVER	1.8	2.4	20
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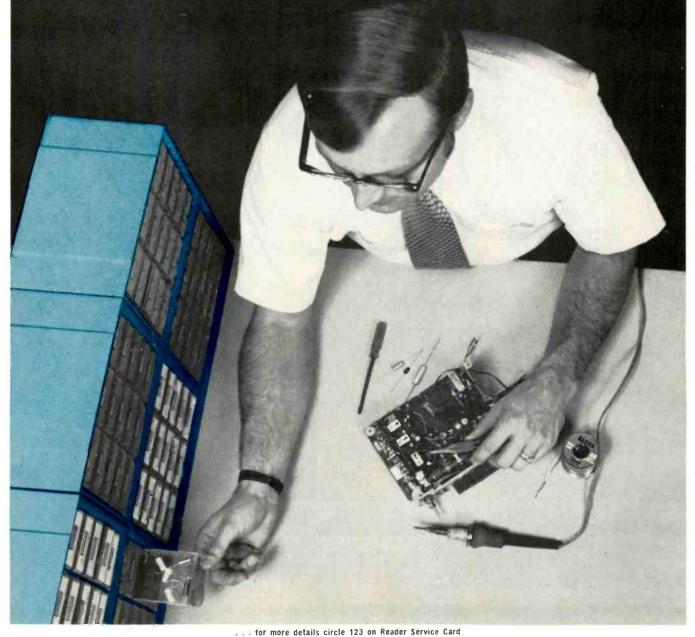
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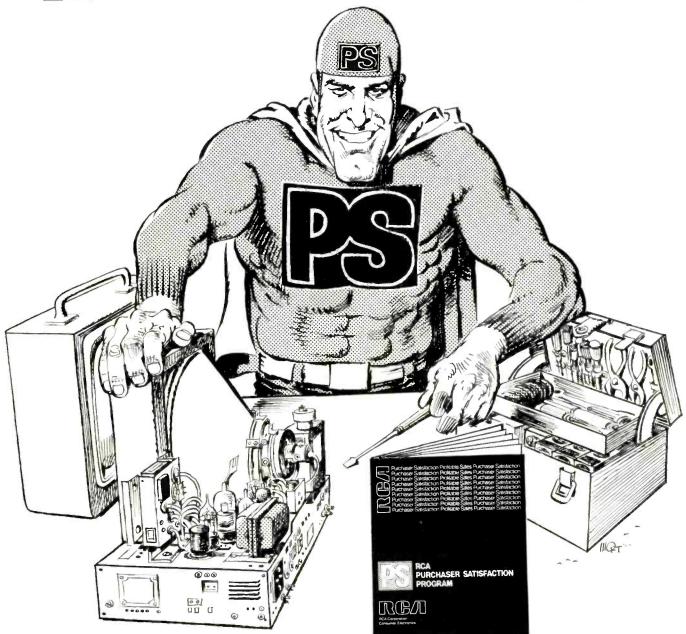
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EDITORIAL



A Return to Better Times

During the past year we have printed a number of feature articles and Editor's Memos concerned with the bad economic trends that we were either about to experience or beginning to feel. Our publication emphasized the fact that when fewer new consumer products are purchased, there is a greater demand for servicing the old ones—any decrease in sales revenue being compensated for by an increase in revenue from repairs.

As you know, there were several factors that contributed to this temporary economic situation. Not only were interest rates rising (up to $8\frac{1}{2}$ percent for GI and FHA home loans, and even higher for many other types of loans), corresponding cutbacks in federal spending were costing the jobs of many men and women involved in government contract work. Resulting public pessimism produced a marked decline in the stock market and renewed interest in the security and high earnings that could be had in savings accounts—as opposed to the desire for purchasing that new hi-fi set, color-TV set, etc., as planned.

Although government spending has not again reached its previous extravagant levels, most manufacturers that were forced to readjust to fewer government contracts have now completed the task of tightening their belts and are not laying off any more personnel. Having readjusted to this "peace time" market, some companies have found that there really is more business than anticipated, with some personnel being reemployed. Many employees not rehired have now had time to either secure better paying jobs, or at least adequately paying jobs for the time being. Even some of those still unemployed are getting tired of going without and are using a small portion of their unemployment checks to purchase that new phonograph or TV set.

Today's American consumer is just too accustomed to what at one time would have been considered luxuries. He may be frightened into "pinching pennies" for six to nine months, but then the strain becomes just too much—he feels that he simply must have that new FM radio, tape recorder or whatever—budgets can be considered some other day.

Good or bad, this is a reality, a new way of life in this country. A phobia for "keeping up with the Jones'." Maybe it has reached a point of being a sickness that government is unable to cure in a democracy such as ours. Or, maybe it is something entirely different— an example of the complete faith that the people in our country have in both our government and the free enterprise system. A healthy byproduct of the dynamic "American Incentive" for turning misfortune into good fortune.

Although we complain of a little more government "red tape" than we were faced with a decade or so ago, we can still be proud of the fact that we experience more economic freedom than can be had in any other country in the world. Although this extreme freedom might seem risky and even foolhardy to those accustomed to the government control prevalent in foreign countries, time has proven them wrong. Our freedom has permitted great economic flexibility. We are free to rapidly self-adjust as economic conditions change— not being hampered by the muddled machinery of some bureaucracy of mutually acclaimed experts.

Open those shutters and breathe in that fresh air! Listen as the merry tune of those ringing cash registers grows louder. The recession is ending! Now is the time to get out there and sell!

Within the next few weeks, our electronic industry will be holding its NEW Show in Bal Harbour, Fla. In this issue, Scotty Wallace's Publisher's Memo introduces a preview to that show—where the industry will be displaying the many new products that will assist you in refilling your cash boxes.

Phillip Dahlen

LETTERS

Reader comments concerning past feature articles, Editor's Memos, previous reader responses or other subjects of interest to the industry.

Who Made That Probe?

Judging by the number of inquiries both you and we are receiving, it might be useful if we could let your readers know clearly that the threetip probe that is so useful in troubleshooting transistor sets, as described in your November, 1970, issue of ELEC-TRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER, is the B & K probe FP-1.

These are available at all B & K distributors.

We hope that your readers will find these as useful as the author did when he unsolicitedly wrote that fine article.

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way to follow up on its purchase if they so desired.

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Keep up the good work!

HAROLD J. SCHULMAN EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT DYNASCAN CORP.

As Harold indicated, we did receive quite a number of letters—that were forwarded to B & K—asking who manufactured the probe described in the article, "Test Probe Leaves One Hand Free in Three-Handed Job." Ed.

Diversification Pays Off

In response to Joseph Humphries' letter in the March issue of ELEC-TRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER, I would like to say that in the field of electronics there never was a time when any one person could service everything. Progress has proceeded so rapidly in this line that there is still no one that can cover it alone.

In Mr. Humphries' letter, he does not give the radio-TV serviceman a technical rating. With the radios, stereo components and color-TV sets out today, I believe his rating is equal to that of any other technicians—electronic or mechanical.

As for sticking to what you know, anyone that has lived through the depression knows that it is good to have your hand in more than one trade. You answered the letter well, though I worked the problem out in a different manner. During the summer months, when radio-TV servicing slows down, I sharpen lawnmowers and saws on homemade machines. I must be doing the job well since the same customers return with more work.

I suppose that when Mr. Humphries breaks a shaft off some tool, he sends it to the manufacturer for repairs. I take it to my cellar and either weld it together or turn out a new piece in my small South Bend lathe.

PETER LEGON

Although some electronic technicians may consider it beneath their professional dignity to branch out into other fields, in certain market areas it is an economic necessity. Pride will not pay your bills. What is most important is that you have enough selfrespect to do the best job you canwhether it is in repairing defective electronic equipment or sharpening lawnmowers. Ed.

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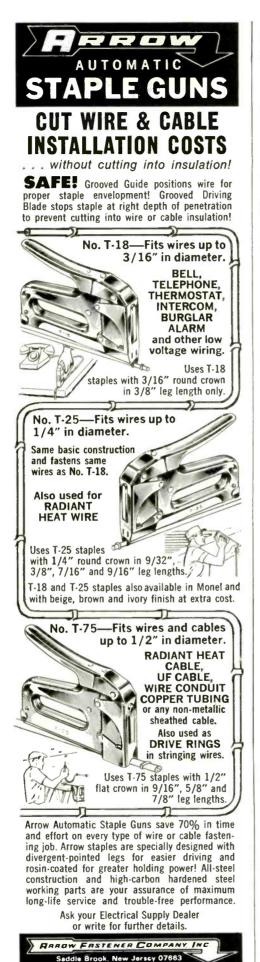
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WILLIAM PERRY Electronicus 3533 S.E. 6th St. Renton, Wash. 98055

Because of the numerous requests that have come across our desks, we are asking help in locating a source of information for any or all instruments that were manufactured by Precise Development Corp. If anyone can supply us with this information we will be more than happy to pass this information along to you, the readers. Ed.

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ALAN C. JACQUES 201 Timber Lane LaGrange Park, Ill. 60525

I have a 3-in. general-purpose bench scope I am trying to put into service. It was bought from an Army Surplus Depot and bears no manufacturer's name that I can find. It is a Model OS-34/USM-32 and the chassis plate reads: NO BSR 52688, 1508 CDU. Can anyone possibly give a hand in locating a manual or at least a schematic for this unit? THOMAS M. KING

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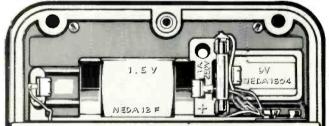
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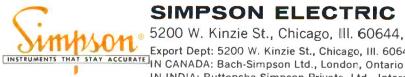
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NEW Show Report From Sunny Bal Harbour, Florida

PUBLISHER'S MEMO

Most of our readers are aware of the fact that each spring our industry holds its annual manufacturers, distributors and reps convention, known as National Electronics Week (NEW). This show gives manufacturers the opportunity to introduce their latest equipment and parts to those in attendance—who upon return will be passing this vital information along to you.

This year the show will be held in Bal Harbour, Fla., and pre-registration indicates that the attendance will surpass that of previous shows. Therefore, the electronic servicing industry can expect an exceptionally good sales outlook for the remainder of 1971. As I have reported so many times in the past, it is unfortunate that you, our readers, are unable to attend functions such as the NEW Show, since you are the key people responsible for the growth of our industry.

So that we can give you advanced coverage of what will be presented for the first time, we are eliminating our regular product coverage in this month's issue. We wish to apologize for any of the manufacturers who will be in attendance but were unable to release material to us in time to be included in this section. They will be covered in future months in our regular New Products section.

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They will display automatic turntables, component stereo systems and eight-track record/playback decks in booth No. D-113 and D-115. This will include the "Professional" Series, Models 610, 510 and MP60; the "Promotional" Series, Models 310 and 5500; and the "Minichanger" Series, Models 210/X and 1000/X.

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Cinch Manufacturing Co. 710

They plan to introduce two new types of connectors. One will be a complete line of printed-circuit edge connectors with 0.100 in. centers. In addition to these new connectors, they plan to display a new line of D-subminiature connectors with 0.025 in. square terminations for wire wrapping.

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This company will be exhibiting in booth No. K-101 and K-103. Besides displaying a complete line of skin and blister pack material, they indicate that they will exhibit a new 92-page catalog.

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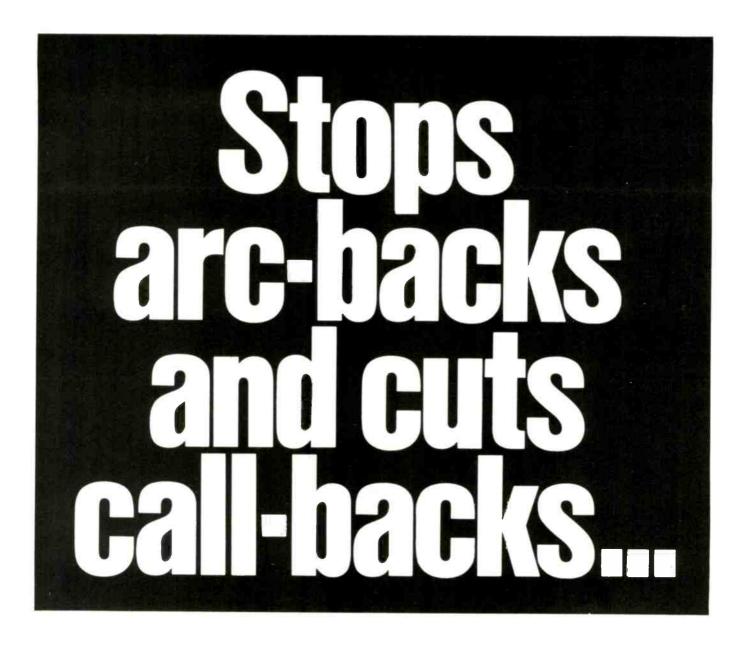
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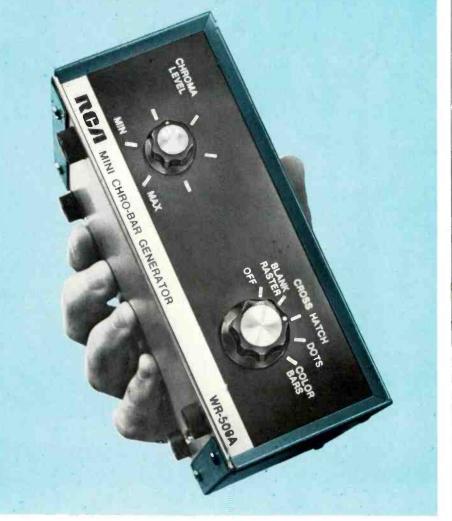
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GC Electronics

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They report that a totally new and revitalized Audiotex Electronic Accessory line will be exhibited. It is said to feature an extremely wide range of connectors, cables and adapters, as well as stereo hi-fi convenience, maintenance, expansion and replacement items.

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Occupying booth No. C-111 and C-113, receiving tubes, cathode ray tubes, semiconductors, power tubes, rechargeable batteries, silicon products, panel instruments, capacitors and variable transformers will be displayed.

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Jerrold Electronics 718

In booth No. E-108 and E-110 this company will be displaying their line of antennas. Also included will be MATV and CCTV systems plus reception aids.

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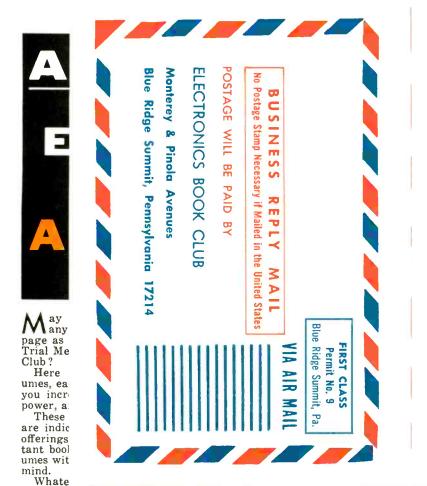
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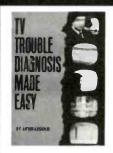
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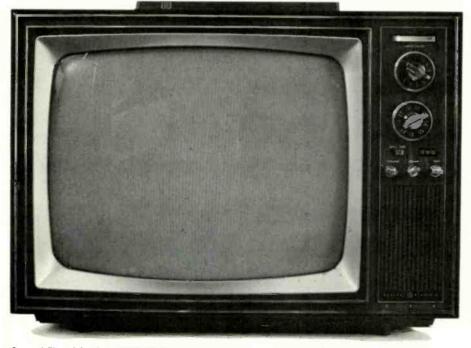
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General Electric's N-2 Color TV Chassis

by Joseph Zauhar

■ The small-screen portable color-TV set is still in popular demand and taking quite a percentage of current TV-set sales. Many of these TV sets are bought as second sets, the consumer wanting a lightweight portable small enough to be carried around. Each year, as the new TV sets are placed on the market, the electronic technician looks for a higher degree of serviceability without drastically increasing his parts inventory to service the new sets.

After examining the General



General Electric's Model WM257NWD-2 color-TV set employing the N-2 chassis.

Electric Model WM257NWD-2, with its N-2 color chassis, we feel that it supplies both of these requirements quite adequately. The TV set weighs 47 lb and features Insta-Color[®], a built-in antenna and automatic degaussing, plus a number of other important features—along with a high degree of serviceability.

After we removed the back cover of the chassis, some aspects of the TV set reminded us initially of the first Porta-Color* set reviewed a few years ago. The first thing that caught our eye was the accessibility to components. And by removing the cover, a unique flap attached to the cabinet back is also removed to provide access to the bottom components (Fig. 1).

The TV set's front panel can also be removed simply by unsoldering the antenna leads from the antenna board, removing a ground strap and then removing four screws that secure the front panel to the bottom of the chassis (Fig. 2).

The tuner is placed in a convenient position so that it can be cleaned or serviced by merely unsnapping the cover—no disassembly is necessary. The main fuses are mounted in clips on top of the highvoltage compartment (Fig. 3), thus offering greater accessibility. A specially designed high-voltage compartment (Fig. 4) simplifies the re-

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placement of the HV transformer and the HV rectifier tube. Efficiency coil adjustments are eliminated and the high voltage is adjusted by a one-screwdriver adjustment. Convergence is simplified by employing an "in-line" picture tube—as used in previous Porta-Color Chassis.

The N-2 hybrid chassis is similar to the N-1 (both are 16-in. portable color-TV sets) and contains 13 tubes and 9 transistors. When viewed from the bottom of the chassis, the identification of test points and circuit components is clearly "road-mapped" to facilitate troubleshooting and component replacement.

Since many of these circuits are similar to the earlier chassis, we will review only the new circuits found in this chassis. The circuits that we review can be found in this month's TEKFAX Schematic No. 1357.

DC Restoration Circuit

A dc restoration circuit clamps either the positive or negative peak voltage of a wave form to the desired voltage level. For video signals, this wave form is clamped at the blanking level, which effectively restores the black level established at the transmitter. In this chassis a simple diode/capacitor clamp circuit (containing diode Y155) is employed to accomplish the dc restoration. (As in other TV sets, we are working with a composite video signal, a signal which results from combining a blanked picture signal with the sync signal. The video signal should communicate a dc characteristic to the CRT relative to the transmitted sync pulse.)

A circuit that is capable of holding the black level of the composite video signal constant at the CRT will replace the dc component lost in the first capacitive coupling between the receiver's video detector and the CRT. The circuit shown in Fig. 5 is an example of how this dc level can be lost. There, the signal source is the transistor, C represents any coupling capacitor, and R is the load to which the signal is delivered.

The positive going pulse at the collector has a 0v base line. After it passes through the coupling capacitor, the 0v base line is shifted to near the middle of the wave form

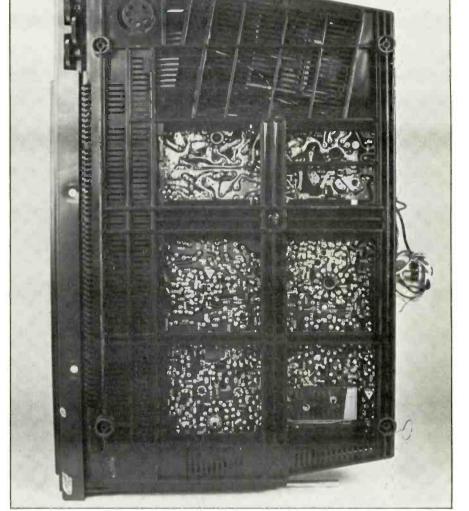
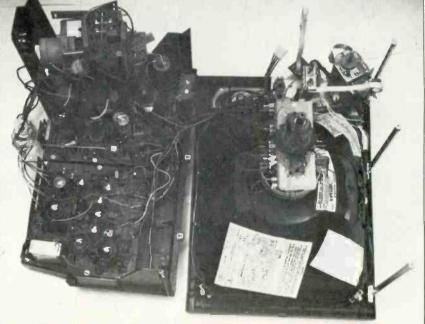


Fig. 1.—After the back cover is removed, most of the components are accessible without further disassembly of the chassis. The test points and components are clearly "road mapped" for identification.

Fig. 2—The cabinet front separates from the bottom of the cabinet for difficult jobs that require moving the picture tube.



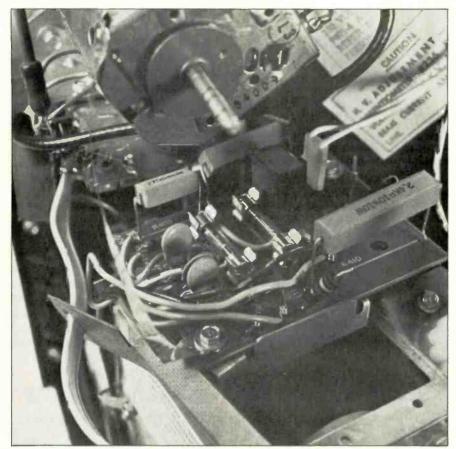
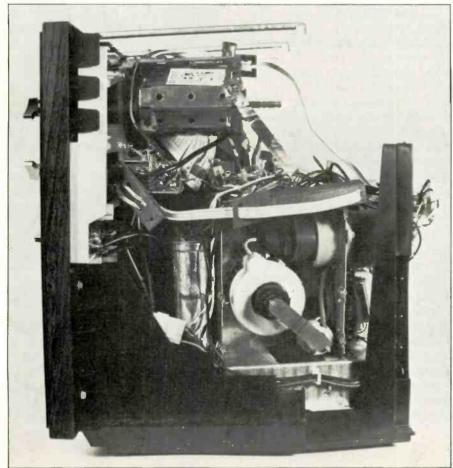


Fig. 3—The main fuses and power resistors are placed on the top of the high-voltage cage for easy access.

Fig. 4-Side view of the chassis with the hinged door and side panel removed from the highvoltage cage for easier servicing.



and the wave shape itself has now taken on a negative characteristic.

If the original positive peak represents the black level, then after the signal passes through the capacitor the positive excursion away from 0v will no longer be sufficient to produce black. If the peak-to-peak amplitude is constantly varying, a problem of maintaining black becomes compounded, and the black reference point is lost.

Fig. 6 shows what occurs when a clamping diode has been added to the basic capacitive-coupled circuit. If the signal attempts to go negative with respect to the chassis, it is clamped to the 0v level by the diode. In the circuit shown in Fig. 7, the clamping diode is reversed and the

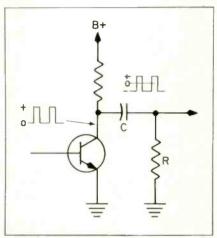


Fig. 5—The dc level can be lost with capacitor coupling.

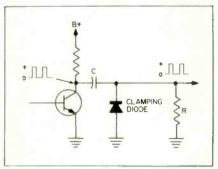
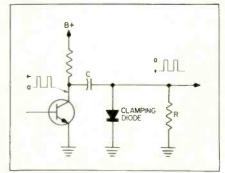


Fig. 6—A basic clamp circuit using a grounded-anode clamping diode.

Fig. 7—A basic clamp circuit using a grounded-cathode clamping diode.



clamping action occurs on the positive peaks.

A clamp circuit having off-set bias is shown in Fig. 8. There the signal is obtained from the cathode of the clamping diode and the clamping action occurs on the negative portion of the applied signal the battery offsetting the clamping level by its voltage and polarity.

The brightness control permits setting the clamped video black level

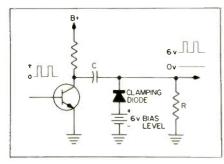


Fig. 8—A clamp circuit with a bias voltage applied to the clamp level.

so that the black in the signal is the black viewed on the CRT screen. The video information is now referenced to the clamped black level.

Brightness Limit Control

The automatic brightness limit control protects the CRT from customer misadjustments and circuit malfunctions which are related to video amplifiers. This circuit limits the CRT cathode current to 1ma.

When there is no beam current through the CRT, this tube is not the cause of any voltage drop across resistor R177. However, since diode Y156 is forward biased, the plate voltage of the video output tube (V5C) is impressed across this resistor. We now have dc coupling from the plate of V5C to the CRT. (If we measure the voltage on either side of Y156, we will find approximately 230v when the brightness and contrast controls are at their minimum settings.)

The cathode of the CRT must become less positive to turn it on and produce a picture. If we turn the brightness and contrast controls, the plate voltage of V5C becomes less positive, the CRT cathode also becomes less positive and a raster appears. (Under these conditions, approximately 200v appears at either side of Y156.) As the V5C plate voltage becomes even less, the CRT cathode current increases to Ima, developing an 180v drop in voltage across the 180K resistor (R177). A further reduction in V5C plate voltage will not effect the CRT cathode voltage, since diode Y156 then becomes reverse biased and ceases to conduct current. Although the dc coupling between the video amplifier and CRT is lost, the ac coupling continues through coupling capacitor C161.

Chroma System

We noticed a major change in the manner in which the tint control functions. In the past, the control of the tint has been accomplished by varying the phase of the 3.58MHz subcarrier, while now it is achieved by changing the phase of the chroma signal.

In this circuit, the chroma amplifier signal is applied to a 500Ω potentiometer (R511) which controls the amplitude of the chrominance signal applied to the tint control (R513). This signal then passes through the variable phase shift that affects the tint.

Vertical-Output Stage

An understanding of the verticaloutput stage is very important and most technicians realize how critical this stage is in a color-TV set. At times constant height and linearity adjustments are required.

In this chassis, advanced design concepts are employed to automatically correct for the aging characteristics and maintain satisfactory deflection throughout the life of the tube. The vertical circuit is oscillatory, but more commonly known as a ramp (sawtooth) generator system.

This output stage is a conventional pentode power amplifier, Class A operating and receiving its bias from an R-C cathode network. The output signal is applied through a transformer, which matches the impedance of the output tube (V10B) to the impedance of the yoke. The control grid receives three signals: a degenerate feedback signal coupled from the plate through a low-pass filter consisting of resistor R261, capacitor C269 and other components in the grid system; the generator ramp voltage coupled from the vertical oscillator tube (V10A); and the vertical-sync pulse from the sync separator.

The feedback loop includes linearity control and automatic correction for tube aging. By degenerative, we mean that the out-of-phase signal tends to oppose the original signal present at the grid. This signal must be substantially attenuated or else the feedback signal would significantly attenuate the drive signal to the amplifier. Also, the feedback signal is changed by the low-pass nature of the feedback loop. The automatic correction feature results as the feedback signal diminishesthe ramp generator signal then receives less opposition and the amplifier is driven harder. As a result of this circuit function, constant raster size is maintained throughout the life of the vertical output tube.

High-Voltage Hold-Down Circuit

High-voltage regulation is achieved by the hold-down circuit, which is somewhat similar to a shunt-type regulator. The hold-down circuit establishes the operating point of the horizontal-output stage and alters this operating point according to variations in the amplitude of the horizontal flyback pulse.

The operation of this circuit is very simple. The flyback pulse is capacity coupled (through capacitor C221) to a voltage-dependent resistor (R224), which is connected to ground through a potentiometer (R236). In this application, the VDR functions somewhat like a diode.

Current flow through the VDR is started by the high-voltage positive which charges capacitor pulse. C221. The discharge and charge cycles are the same, but since the voltage across the capacitor is less than that of the flyback pulse, the VDR offers more resistance-resulting in a voltage drop across the VDR and potentiometer. This voltage is used as the horizontal-output stage bias voltage. The charging current into the capacitor is regulated by potentiometer R236, permitting the adjustment of the bias voltage.

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Mastering the TVAntenna System Market--Part II

by Lon Cantor

During this decade industry experts anticipate a boom in the construction of Master Antenna TV systems. Will you be there to collect a share of the profits?

Last month's article provided some background information indicating why an MATV boom is now anticipated. It offered some helpful hints concerning effective techniques for selling MATV systems and general pointers concerning MATV system design. The article then went into considerable detail to describe various MATV distribution systems and techniques for calculating signal losses in such systems. But MATV distribution systems must obtain high-quality TV signals from somewhere—and that is what this month's article is about.

Head Ends

The first step in designing a head end is to make an on-site survey. Use a battery-powered field-strength meter, a UHF dipole antenna and a VHF dipole antenna. Take this equipment to the roof and measure each sound and picture carrier. Then, fill out a form such as the one shown in Fig. 2.

When making the signal survey, be sure you know the direction from which each channel is being telecast. Do not guess. Use a compass and an aerial map or a station coverage map to pinpoint each channel. "Walk the roof" as much as possible to find the best spot for each antenna. Also, if one or more channels are weak, try changing the elevation of the dipole antennas for maximum signal pick-up.

Once the on-side survey is completed, you can proceed to select antennas. MATV antennas are a lot like antennas for home TV set use. In fact, some installers actually use home antennas for small systems. However, special, ruggedized MATV

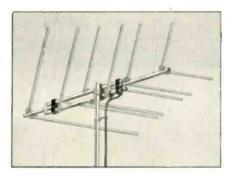


Fig. 1—Ruggedized MATV antennas are generally preferred for larger installations.

antennas such as that shown in Fig. 1 are preferred. Basically, the differences between home antennas and MATV antennas are as follows:

• Because a single antenna or group of antennas serve a large number of TV sets, you can afford to spend more on the antennas.

• You cannot use a rotor in an MATV system. Therefore, you have to point antennas in each direction from which you want to receive TV or FM stations. Single-channel antennas are practical in many MATV systems.

• MATV systems are generally sold with service policies. Since antennas are exposed to the elements, they are vulnerable. Therefore, it generally pays to use the best of mounting gear, lead-in wire and accessories, plus ruggedized antennas.

Types of Amplifiers

Two basic types of amplifiers are used in MATV head ends—broadband and single channel. Broadband amplifiers are preferable for most systems, since they cost less and are

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Fig. 2-Recommended TV signal survey form.

easier to install and service. In very large systems, single-channel amplifiers have been used because they provide more output per channel. However, recently developed broadband amplifiers can provide almost as much output per channel as single-channel amplifiers. In spite of this development, single-channel amplifiers are still preferable where there are problems—such as widely fluctuating single strength.

With mixing filters, it is possible to use single-channel antennas with broadband amplifiers (Fig. 3) or broadband antennas with singlechannel amplifiers (Fig. 4).

Whichever type of head end you use, an important consideration is signal balancing. All signals should come out of the head end at about the same level—except that it is often desirable to run UHF channels with about 6dB more signal strength than the VHF channels to overcome increased system signal losses in the UHF band.

There are several ways that you can adjust signals to their proper level:

• Use mast mounted preamplifiers for weak channels.

• Use equalizing mixing filters or fixed attenuators to attenuate strong channels.

• Adjust amplifier gain for the desired output per channel. [Even broadband amplifiers permit separate adjustment of low-band VHF (channels 2 through 6), high-band VHF (channels 7 through 13) and UHF (channels 14 through 83) signals.] When using single-channel amplifiers, you can adjust the gain of each channel individually.

Choosing Head End Amplifiers

Head end amplifiers have one very important job—they provide enough signal output to overcome the distribution system losses. Therefore, before you can choose an amplifier, you must calculate total distribution system losses—as described in last month's article.

There are two important characteristics of head end amplifiers gain and output capability. Let us look at a typical situation to cover this more fully. Suppose you have a total distribution system loss of 41dB. Suppose also that Channel

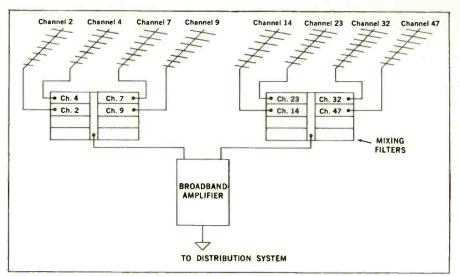


Fig. 3—The output of several single-channel antennas can be combined with mixing filters and applied to a single broadband amplifier.

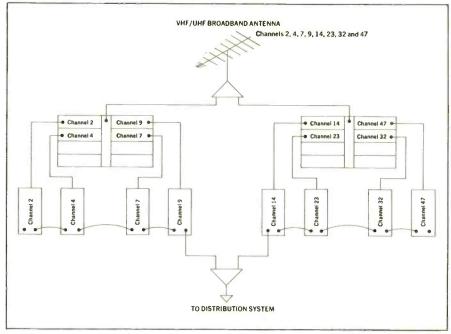


Fig. 4---With the use of mixing filters, the output of a single broadband antenna can be applied to several single-channel amplifiers.

47, the highest channel in the system, was received with -3dBm signal strength during your on-site survey. The UHF antenna you chose provides a gain of 14dB, which gives you +11dBm input to the amplifier. This indicates that you need an amplifier that provides 30dB gain (11dBm input, added to 30dB gain = 41dBm output).

Now let us look at another example. We are still working with the same signal (-3dBm at Channel 47) and the same antenna (14dB gain), but our distribution system loss is 60dB. It is, therefore, easy

to calculate that we need an amplifier with 49dB gain (11dBm input, added to 49dB gain = 60dBm output).

Unfortunately, however, we could choose an amplifier (or combination amplifier and pre-amplifier) with 49dB gain and the system still might not work. This is because we have not yet considered output capability. Drive any amplifier too hard and you get distortion. Acceptable distortion in an MATV amplifier is less than 0.5 percent. Therefore, manufacturers generally specify output capability in terms of how

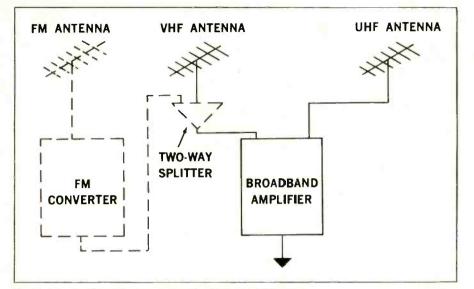


Fig. 5-FM or audio converters can be added to any MATV system.

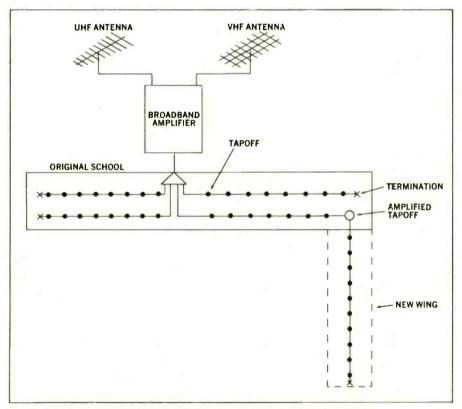


Fig. 6-By using an amplified tapoff, the MATV system can grow with the school.

much signal the unit can deliver with less than -46dB of crossmodulation, which is equal to 0.5 percent distortion. An amplifier can provide 50dB gain, but if its output capability is only 50dBm per channel, it cannot possibly serve a distribution system having a 60dB loss.

Therefore, you must choose your amplifier or amplifiers on the basis of both their gain and output capability.

Amplified Accessories

Unfortunately there is a limit to how much signal you can get out of an amplifier. Today's single-channel amplifiers can deliver up to 70dBm, while the best broadband models can provide 60dBm output per channel. What happens if distribution system losses exceed the capabilities of the amplifier?

The answer is to use cable-powered amplified accessories. In last month's article, Fig. 6 showed a typical system using "line stretchers" to extend long trunklines. These amplifiers are compact and require no ac power. They operate on 17v ac, fed to them from the head end amplifier on the same coaxial cable that carries the signal.

A variation of this is the amplified tapoff, which looks like an ordinary tapoff but also serves the function of a line stretcher. Other amplified accessories include amplified splitters and bridges.

Fig. 6 is a layout diagram for a school that has added a new wing. By substituting an amplified tapoff for the tap originally installed at the end of the trunkline, the installer has been able to expand the system to include the new wing at minimal cost.

Background Music and Paging

Your sales can be increased by upgrading new and existing MATV systems to include background music or paging. These additions are quite inexpensive-it is not necessary to have an FM receiver or even an additional amplifier in each room. The TV set does the job. Fig. 5 shows how an FM converter or an audio converter can be added to the head end of any MATV system. The audio converter works from a microphone, phonograph, tape recorder or any other audio source. The FM converter works in conjunction with a built-in FM tuner. Both units convert their inputs to TV channel frequencies, usually on a channel adjacent to one occupied by a TV station. The audio or FM is used to modulate the sound carrier of the unused frequency. When a TV set connected to any tapoff in the system is tuned to that channel, it displays a blank screen and reproduces the sound.

Adding CCTV

Schools often use CCTV to originate their own instructional TV programs. Apartments, hotels and motels use CCTV to watch doors, elevators, swimming pools, etc. It is easy to add CCTV to any well designed MATV system. All you need is a modulator capable of accepting video and audio inputs and produccontinued on page 74

Color Television Reception Part II--The Color-TV Receiver

by William Spero

Basically, all color-TV receivers are similar and most of those in production today are of the hybrid variety—a mixture of tubes and semiconductors

A color-TV receiver has a few additional circuits that the normal B/W-TV receiver is lacking. This can be more clearly seen with the block diagram in Fig. 1. (To illustrate, a Sylvania D-12 "Gibraltar" chassis has been chosen, which contains 9 tubes, 23 transistors, 28 diodes and 1 integrated circuit. The VHF and UHF tuners also use solid-state components.) The labeled portion of this diagram corresponds to that required for a conventional B/W-TV set. It consists of the tuner section, vertical- and horizontalsweep circuitry, the IF and audio sections, video output and picture tube. The power supplies are straightforward and almost identical for both color- and B/W-TV sets.

RF signals for all the channels are received by the antenna, which couples this energy into the VHF or UHF tuner. For this article we will cover the signals received when the TV set is tuned to Channel 4.

Fig. 2 shows a graph representing the relative strength of the RF signals present in that channel. The channel boundaries are from 66 to 72MHz. The picture carrier (video) is at 67.25MHz. The sound carrier is at 71.75MHz. Since the sound is frequency modulated and has a ± 25 kHz bandwidth, we have a 225kHz upper guard band (i.e., 72MHz — 71.75MHz = 250kHz, 250kHz — 25kHz = 225kHz). It can also be shown that there is a lower guard band of 475kHz on the lower side of the FM sideband.

Notice that the upper picture sideband is 4MHz away from the picture carrier. In TV, vestigial sideband transmission is used, which means that the entire upper video sideband is transmitted along with only part of the lower video sideband. In the video transmitter, 2.75MHz of the lower sideband is suppressed. This, of course, reduces the total spectrum space required for each channel and allows more VHF TV channels to exist in any one geographical area. This can be done since only one sideband is needed to transmit all of the video information. While it would be desirable to eliminate the entire lower sideband, we cannot do this due to the difficulty of building suitable filters that would prevent undesirable phase shift distortion.

When the RF signal for Channel 4 is beat against the Channel 4 oscillator, in the mixer stage of the tuner, an intermediate frequency is obtained. The resultant is a 6MHz band of frequencies between 41 and 47MHz. (For Channel 4 the receiver oscillator is at 113MHz, the

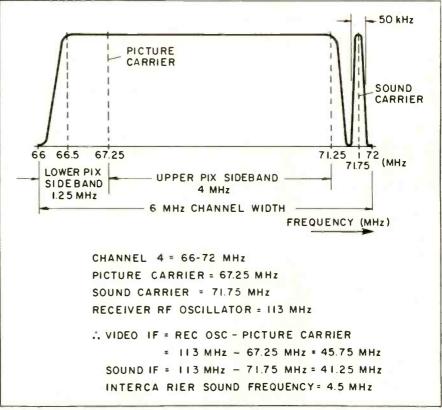
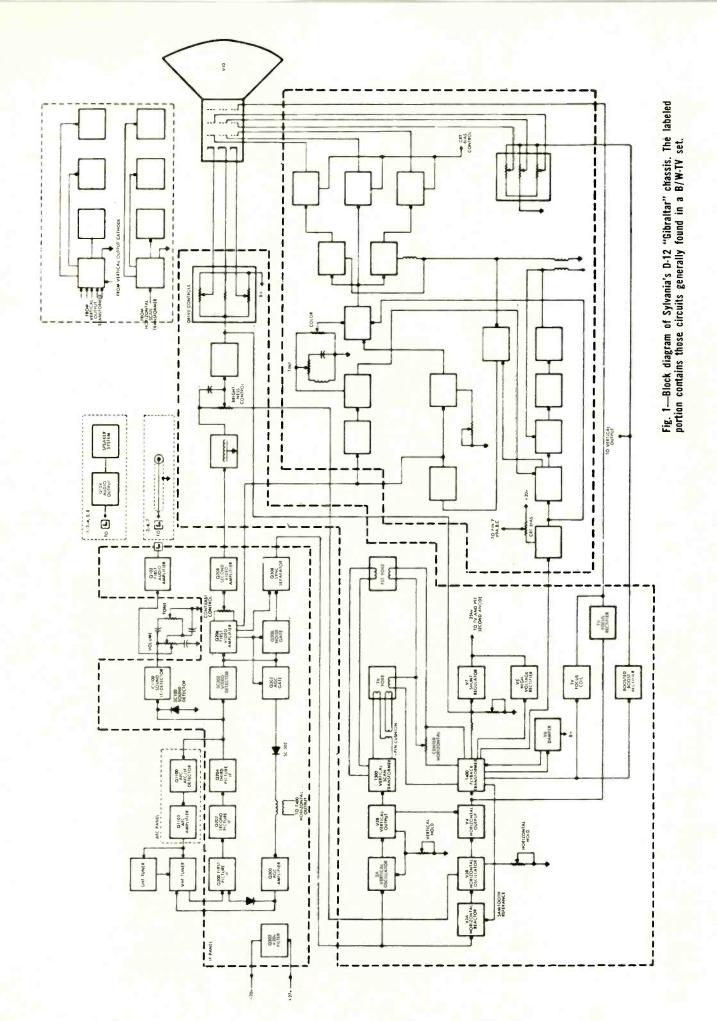


Fig. 2-Graph representing the RF signals that make up Channel 4.



resulting video intermediate frequency is 45.75MHz and the sound intermediate frequency is 41.25MHz.) We therefore have a frequency distribution as shown in the lower part of Fig. 3. These curves are idealized and not the actual response observed when sweeping an IF circuit in a receiver. Notice that in the mixing process there is a frequency inversion.

Fig. 4 shows the actual response curve that you will most likely observe when the front end of the receiver is swept (a scope being connected at the collector of the first picture IF transistor). This band of frequencies (41 to 47MHz) is coupled to the first picture IF stage for further processing; and the first, second and third IF stages are stagger tuned to maintain the necessary bandwidth. The center frequency is 44MHz.

It is in the IF stages that the video IF and trap alignment is controlled. Fig. 5 shows the resulting overall response from the tuner mixer to the video output stage obtained by injecting a sweep signal into the base of the mixer transistor (a scope being connected to the emitter of the first video amplifier transistor after the 4.5MHz trap). By adjusting the IF coils and traps, the IF response is shaped like that shown.

Proper IF alignment is much more important for color-TV reception than it is for B/W-TV reception. Fig. 6 shows the color carrier and sidebands in their proper frequency perspective. The color information consists of a burst frequency (nine cycles of a 3.58MHz signal) positioned at the "back porch" of the horizontal blanking pulse. The sidebands are located ± 0.5 MHz away from the 3.58MHz carrier. The total chroma information, therefore, is contained in a 1MHz bandwidth. If we subtract the three discrete frequencies (i.e., 3.08MHz lower sideband, 4.08MHz upper sideband and 3.58MHz subcarrier) from the 45.75MHz video carrier, we obtain the intermediate frequencies corresponding to these chroma frequencies, or 42.67MHz, 41.67MHz and 42.17MHz. The position of these frequencies on the

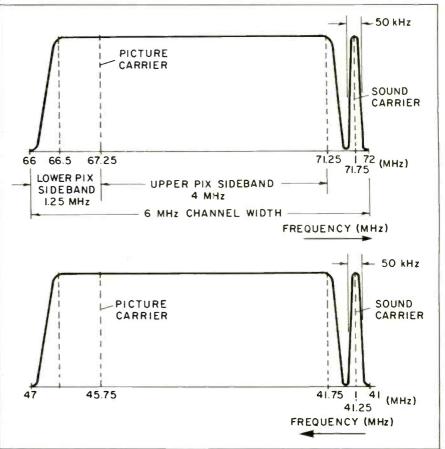


Fig. 3----When a 113MHz TV-set oscillator signal is beat against the RF signals present in Channel 4, these intermediate frequency signals result.

IF response curve is very important for color reception.

From the curve in Fig. 6 it is obvious that a poor high-frequency response at 3.58MHz (the upper picture sideband attenuated) would reduce the amplitude of the color sidebands. Since all of our color information is transmitted in the 1MHz band about the 3.58MHz subcarrier-a portion of this information would be lost. This could greatly reduce the response of the TV set to color information. One would like an IF bandwidth as close to 4MHz wide as possible. This is probably the most severe requirement of a color-TV receiver.

At this point, one might ask, "If the foregoing statement is true then why not place the 45.75MHz video carrier and the 42.17MHz color subcarrier at the 100 percent point on the IF curve rather than at the 50 percent point as shown in Fig. 5? In answering that question, let us refer back to Fig. 2. It was previously mentioned that the pres-

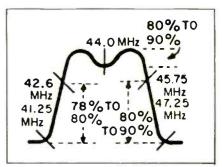


Fig. 4—The response curve that will most likely be observed when the front-end circuits of the color-TV set are swept.

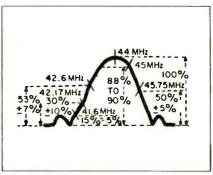


Fig. 5—The overall frequency response of a color-TV set from the tuner mixer to the video output stage.

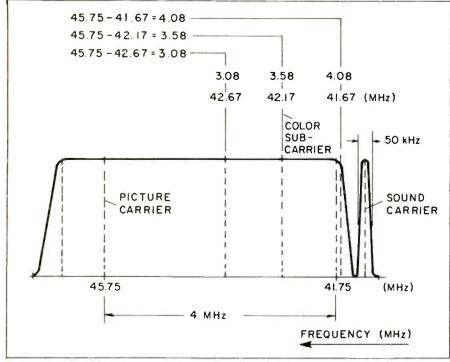


Fig. 6-The color carrier and sidebands in their proper frequency perspective.

ent state of the art utilizes vestigial sideband transmission. That is, the entire upper sideband is transmitted, but only a part of the lower video sideband. In other words, 1.25MHz of the lower sideband and the first 1.25MHz of the upper sideband consists of a group of frequencies with greater energy transmitted than the frequencies from 1.25MHz (in the upper sideband) to 4.0MHz. Remember, a 2.75MHz group of frequencies in the lower sideband is suppressed.

By placing the video carrier at 50 percent of the IF curve (Fig. 5), those frequencies with greater energy transmitted (above 45.75MHz) come out lower than the 50 percent mark on the IF curve. Those frequencies with less energy transnitted (below 45.75MHz) come out higher than the 50 percent mark on the IF response curve. The net result is a nearly flat response to these frequencies in the IF section of the color-TV set.

Video Detector and Amplifier Section

The output of the third picture IF stage (Fig. 1) is coupled through an IF transformer to the video detector diode, SC202. The 41.25MHz sound carrier is trapped out before

the video detector. A 4.5MHz trap after the video detector attenuates any sound IF still present at the input of the first video amplifier, Q206.

The composite video signal at the collector of transistor Q206 is coupled via the contrast control to the second video amplifier, Q208. Transistor Q208 amplifies the monochrome signal and ac couples it to the grid of the video output tube, V1 (the box shown to the right of the brightness control—Fig. 1).

A positive pulse (about 1300v p-p) from the vertical output stage is coupled to the plate of tube V1 (video output) to produce blanking during the vertical retrace intervals. The video output from the plate of this tube (V1) is dc coupled to the cathodes of the three-gun cathode ray tube.

Sound Section

The sound section (Fig. 1) employs a sound-detector diode (SC-100), integrated-circuit IF/discriminator/sound, first audio amplifier (Q102) and audio output amplifier (Q104).

The picture IF stages employ an intercarrier (combined sound and IF) system through the third stage.

The output of this stage is coupled to the separate sound detector diode, SC100, for 4.5MHz sound IF detection. This avoids interference in the video detector and amplifiers.

The 4.5MHz sound IF is filtered through a low-pass filter to remove all 40MHz IF frequencies. It is then coupled to the input of the integrated-circuit network (IC100). This network provides amplification of the 4.5MHz IF frequency, FM limiting, FM detection and one stage of audio signal amplification. The resulting audio signal is then coupled to the input of transistor Q102. This amplified audio signal is applied to the audio output transistor (Q104) and then to the speaker system.

Sweep Circuitry

The sweep circuitry used in this color-TV set is the same as that incorporated in a conventional B/W-TV receiver. The high-voltage section is also the same as in a B/W-TV set except for perhaps the regulator circuit and high-voltage protection circuitry, which is needed because of the 24kv required for the CRT second anode. The protection circuitry consists of interconnected bias networks.

When there is high-voltage regulator failure or circuit misadjustment, the following conditions generally occur:

- Horizontal-output drive is reduced.
- CRT conduction is decreased by negative biasing the final video amplifier.
- There is over-voltage protection for the flyback, CRT and high-voltage components.

The high-voltage regulator is required to prevent changes in CRT brightness.

Another circuit not found in a conventional B/W-TV set is the 20v filter (Q302). Not shown in this month's article, this is a unique transistorized filter circuit which reduces the ripple voltage in the 20v B + line that feeds the sync separator, IF amplifier, video amplifier, AGC and sound circuits. All of these circuits, by the way, utilize transistors.

The Microwave Oven----

A New Field in Servicing

by Lew Christy

Many simple electronic gadgets and household products are being put on the market annually. An exception to this is the all-electronic microwave oven, which is by no means a simple gadget. This is an instrument which must be handled and serviced with utmost care and above all, safety.

■ In this article we will cover the installation of a microwave oven, the theory of its operation, check-out procedures in case of failure and safety precautions for the servicing technician and the consumer. Basically, most all household-type microwave ovens are the same. The unit presented in this article is a Model R-5500, manufactured by Sharp Electronics Corp.

INSTALLATION

All microwave ovens are equipped with a grounded three-prong plug. Be sure to use a properly grounded adapter, if necessary, but *do not* defeat the purpose of the plug. The proper load carrying capacity of the oven itself is at least 15a. Do not overload the circuit by using other appliances on this same outlet. For proper ventilation, place the oven at least 6 in. away from the nearest wall. It should not be installed in areas where heat and steam are generated—such as from gas heaters and ranges.

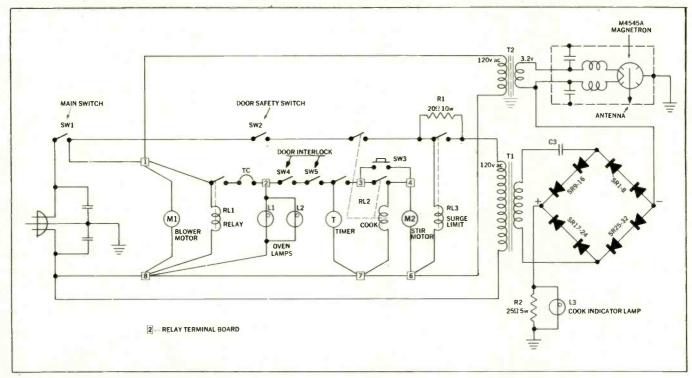
Post-Installation Checkout

After the oven has been properly installed, depress the main switch to its ON position (the blower motor should start). After about 8 sec, the oven lamps will automatically light. Place a glass of water inside the oven, close the door and depress the cook switch. The water should boil in about 3 min. This being the case, the oven is now ready for household use.

Precautionary Measures

Never operate a microwave oven when it is empty. It is always advisable to place a glass of water inside the oven when cooking small amounts of food, since such a procedure will prolong the life of the magnetron tube.

Be sure that the oven is cleaned frequently with a mild soap (oil stains are apt to cause a loss of power). Never slam the oven door or place any objects on the door. Damage to the sealer plate around the door will cause leakage of micro-



Schematic of Sharp Microwave Oven, Model R-5500.

waves--a hazardous situation.

Always wait a few minutes before turning OFF the main switch once the cooking is finished, so that the blower will have time to cool down the magnetron. Clean the air filter at least once a month, and never place objects on the exterior of the oven body.

THEORY OF OPERATION

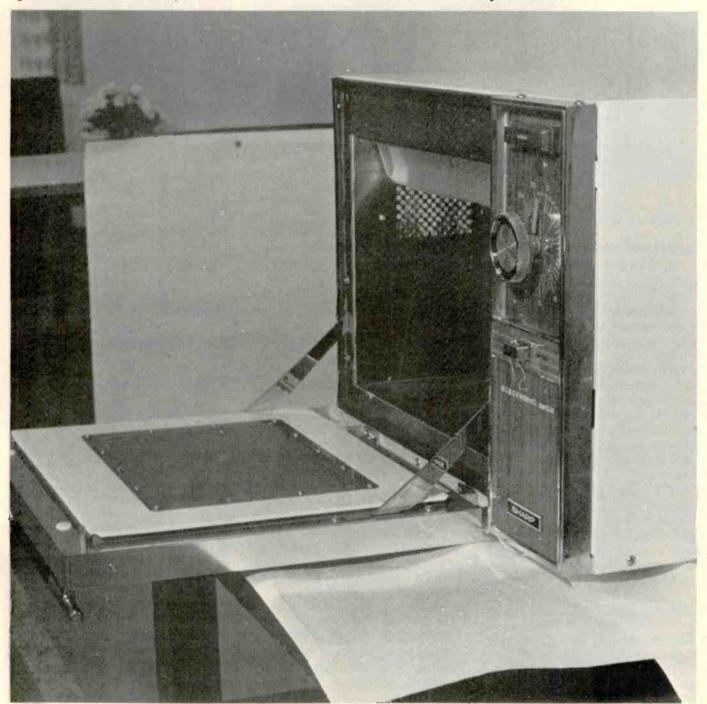
With the aid of the schematic diagram shown in this article, we can follow the step-by-step procedure that takes place while the microwave oven is in operation.

Stand-by Condition

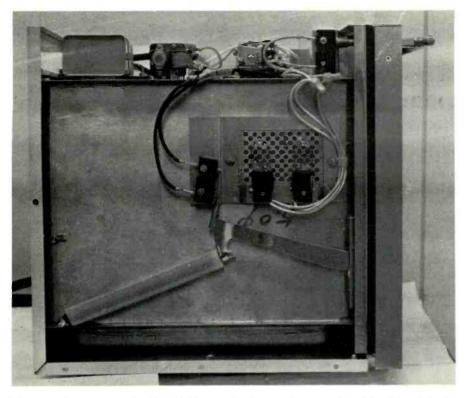
When the main ON-OFF switch (SW1) is pressed to the ON position, the power is applied to the following components and circuits:

• AC line voltage is applied to the blower motor (M1), thus circulating the flow of air around the magnetron. • Simultaneously, power is supplied to the input of the heater transformer (T2), which delivers a secondary voltage of 3.2v to the filaments of the magnetron.

• As power is also delivered to the coil of the delay relay (RL1), the contacts will close after an 8 sec pause, and voltage is applied to the oven lamps (L1, L2) through the thermo-cutout (TC), thus lighting the lamps. The oven is now in standby condition.



Door of oven showing sealer (white outer square) and sealer frame (dark center square) used to keep the microwaves within the oven. Courtesy of Shorp Electronics Corp.



Cooking Operation

Place food in the oven, close the door and set the timer to the necessary position. Through the door interlock switches (SW4, SW5) and timer contacts, power is applied to the contact points of the cook relay (RL2). When the cook switch (SW3) is depressed, the cook relay is self-maintained and the following components are placed in operation: • The line voltage is damped by the 20Ω resistor (R1) at the input of high-voltage transformer T1.

• The stirrer motor (M2) begins operation.

• The surge-limiting relay (RL3) operates, and its contact points are closed. Resistor R1 is short circuited and normal voltage is supplied to transformer T1. The rectified high voltage from the secondary windings of T1 is supplied to the magnetron, which begins to emit microwaves to heat the food. The stirrer rotates slowly and displaces the microwaves being transmitted through the builtin antenna of the magnetron.

The magnetron anode current flows through a 25Ω 5w resistor (R2). The resulting voltage drop lights the cook indicator lamp (L3).

Completion of Cook Cycle

When the timer has completed its cycle and returns to the "O" position, the timer contacts will open and thus release the cook relay (RL2). The stirrer motor (M2) stops, and the surge-limiting relay (RL3) is released, the voltage supplied to transformer T1 is cut off, high voltage ceases and the magnetron stops emitting microwaves. At the same time, the cook indicator lamp (L3) goes off and cooking ceases.

When the timer returns to the "O" position, the timer motor will continue to run and the signal bell will continue to ring, indicating that the cook cycle is completed. This bell will continue to ring until the timer is manually turned past "O" to the OFF position. Also, opening the door will cut off the power to the timer motor and stop the bell, until the door is closed again.

Opening Door While Cooking

The door interlock and door safety switches (SW2, SW4, SW5) are automatically turned OFF as the oven door is opened. The supply voltage to transformer T1 is also cut OFF,



Illustration of how a child can easily push a safety pin through oven grille while the oven is in operation, exposing herself to serious danger.

discontinuing the operation of the magnetron. The cook relay (RL2) is simultaneously released, also cutting power to the stirrer motor (M2).

To continue the cooking, close the door and reset the cook switch to complete the preset timing cycle.

Thermo-Cutout Period (overload protection)

If the temperature of the magnetron becomes higher than the normal operating temperature while cooking, the following actions will proceed to take place:

• The thermo-cutout device (TC) opens up and the oven lamps (L1, L2) will turn OFF.

• During the same instant, the cook relay (RL2) is released, the stirrer motor stops and the timer ceases to function.

COMMON CAUSES OF FAILURE

The following checklist is helpful for electronic technicians that are not yet experienced in servicing microwave ovens.

Oven is "dead" when main switch is depressed:

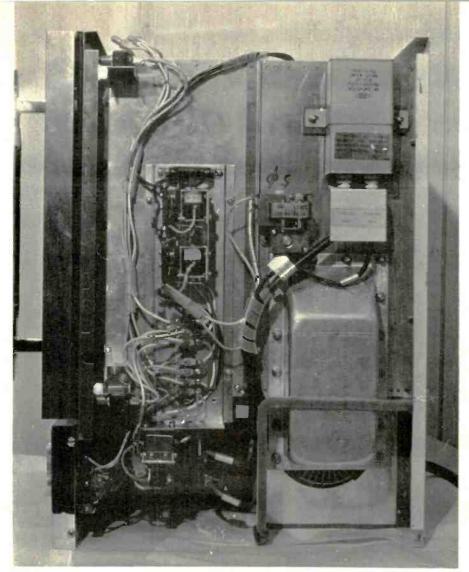
Defective switch (SW1).

Oven does not operate when cook switch is depressed, blower is operating, but oven lamps are not lit:

Open relay coil (RL1).

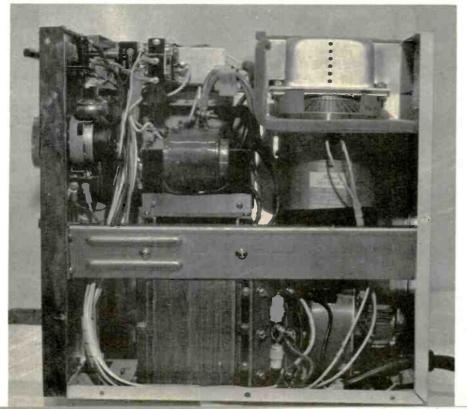
Thermo-cutout is open. If it opens below 220° F, it is defective. If it opens at a higher temperature, the magnetron cooling system (M1) is not working properly.

Blower and oven lamps work nor-



Top view of oven-magnetron is located at lower right corner, covered by wave guide. Stirrer motor (M2) is located near center, between wave guide and high-voltage capacitor (C3). Courtesy of Sharp Electronics Corp.

Right side of oven-blower motor (M1) is shown at lower right hand corner, to its left is the highvoltage transformer (T1). The heater transformer (T2) rests on top of the other transformer. Courtesy of Sharp Electronics Corp.



mally, but oven does not work when cook switch is depressed (stirrer does not work either):

Defective switches SW3, SW4 or SW5.

Blower, oven lamps and stirrer function normally, but oven does not work when cook switch is depressed: Open relay coil (RL2).

Both stirrer and timer function normally, the cook relay works, but the oven will not heat (cook indicator lamp not lit):

Defective door switch (SW2).

Defective contact points on relay (RL2).

Open relay coil (RL3).

Open transformer (T1) secondary winding.

Defective diode bank (SR1-8, SR9-16, SR17-24, SR25-32).

Poor contact at high-voltage capacitor (C3).

✓ Open transformer (T2) secondary winding or magnetron filament.
 ✓ Anode resistor (R2) and lamp (L3) open.

Cook indicator lamp (L3) lights, but oven does not heat:

Shorted magnetron.

Transformer (T2) secondary shorted to ground (in this case, the anode current is considerably higher than normal).

Cook indicator lamp very dim, heating is very weak:

One of the diodes (SR1 through SR32) is defective (in this case the anode current is less than normal).
 Defective magnetron.

Delective magnetron.

When main switch is depressed, the oven works normally, but when the cook switch is depressed, it blows the line fuse or opens the circuit breaker at the electrical junction box:

Input to capacitor (C3) grounded.

Shorted transformer (T1) secondary windings.

While cooking, oven lamps suddenly go off and cooking stops:

 \square Defective blower motor (M1). When the magnetron is over heated because of this motor's failure, the thermo-cutout will open.

Cooks food unevenly:

Defective stirrer motor (M2). It may be stopping or slowing down intermittently, causing erratic displacement of the microwaves emitted. Cooking does not stop when door is opened (DANGER!!):

✓ Door interlock switches (SW4, SW5) and door safety switch (SW2) are defective.

Both cook relay (RL2) and surge-limit relay (RL3) contacts are fused together at the same time, and the door safety switch is defective.

Conditions such as those just noted are highly improbable, as all three switches have to be defective at the same time, or both relays and the safety switch must be defective in order to produce this extremely dangerous condition. But, such happenings are not impossible!!

USE CAUTION

Never cook frozen foods in a microwave oven. Why? In cooking a frozen turkey (for example), the center will become cooked first and build up internal pressures, possibly causing it to explode!

Never place a metal container in the oven as it will cause an arcing condition that can eventually damage the magnetron.

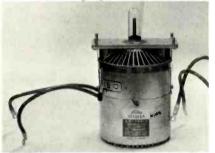
Some microwave ovens are equipped with a glass door and others are built with a perforated metal panel in the door. The small perforated holes are of a specific size so that the microwaves cannot penetrate through these openings. However, should a child stick a straight pin or other metal object through the small holes, this pin or object will act as a receiving antenna! The microwaves will then travel through this object to the outside of the oven door and may harm anyone within its range!!

This is one of the reasons why an oven of this type should be inaccessible to children. A child can place a pin through the door without the mother's knowledge, until she turns on the oven. Or, should a child curiously stick a pin through these holes while the oven is in operation, this child could receive very serious or even *fatal* burns. As a preventive measure, especially with children in the family, this oven door should always be safety checked before the oven is put into operation.

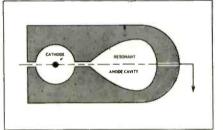
If you should sell microwave ovens, this precaution should be mentioned to the purchaser, since most consumer instruction books supplied with such products do not even mention this hazard!

THE MAGNETRON

The M4545A/B-type magnetron used in many household microwave ovens is fundamentally a diode with cylindrical electrodes placed in a uniform magnetic field with the lines of magnetic force parallel to the axis of the elements. It consists of a cathode and resonant anode cavity. Consequently, a magnetron tube of this type does not require tuned tank circuits, as would be found in a high-power UHF trans-



M4545A Magnetron Tube (note cooling fins). Courtesy of Sharp Electronics Corp.



Exploded View of Magnetron Split-anode magnetrons are constructed with a cavity resonator built into the tube structure. The assembly is a solid block of copper, which assists in heat dissipation. At extremely high frequencies, its operation is improved by subdividing the anode structure into 4 to 16 or more segments—the resonant cavities for each anode being coupled to the common cathode region by slots of critical dimensions.

Magnetron Characteristics		
TypeM4545AOperating frequency2450MHMagnetic fieldPermanCooling methodForced aMaximum RatingsHeater voltageAnode voltage3.2v acAnode voltage4.5kvAnode Current340maWarm-up Time5 to 8 se	z (±50MHz) ent magnet air cooling	
Heater current		

mitter. Operating at $2450MHz \pm 50MHz$, this frequency is determined primarily by the tube dimensions and by the electric and magnetic field intensities.

The intensity of the magnetic field is electronically adjusted so that, under static conditions, electrons leaving the cathode move in curved paths, which just fail to reach the anode. All electrons are therefore (in theory) deflected back to the cathode, and there is no anode current.

To best define the magnetron, it is, in reality, a vacuum tube rectifier in which the flow of ions from the heated cathode to the anode is controlled by a magnetic field that is externally applied. The ions run perpendicular to the electric field by which they are propelled, producing very short radio waves as they graze the resonant cavity.

It is not possible to check the magnetron tube for emission or defects unless your shop is equipped with special testing instruments. However, this is not feasible for many shops due to the high cost of these instruments. The most reliable method of determining whether you have a defective magnetron is by checking for proper bias and filament voltages. If these voltages range within the manufacturer's specifications and the oven tends to cook too slowly or not cook at all, then the magnetron is defective. These are the two "dead giveaways" in determining whether a magnetron should be replaced or not.

If replacement should be necessary, four hex nuts must be removed from the mounting plate that is lo-

cated at the top inside of the magnetron oven. The tube is then gently lifted from the top of the oven (after the body enclosure has been removed). The tube is fitted in a vertical position, near top center of oven with anode facing downward. The overall length of the magnetron is about 6 in. 🔳

TEST INSTRUMENT REPORT

B & K Model 179 Solid-State FET-VOM

by Phillip Dahlen

A handy instrument for both the shop and the field

■ For many electronic technicians there is time available for servicing consumer electronic products (where there is money to be made), but little time to keep their own test instruments in good operating condition. Probably one of the worst offenses falls in the area of test instrument battery replacement.

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DC Current:

0 to $30\mu a/300\mu a/1.0ma/3.0ma/10ma/30ma/100ma/300ma$ With a 300mv terminal voltage drop, and $\pm 3\%$ full-scale accuracy. AC Voltage:

- 0 to 0.3/1.0/3.0/10/30/100/300/1000v rms
- 0 to 0.84/2.8/8.4/28/84/280/840/2800v p-p

-25.5dBm to +62dBm (0dBm = 1mw across 600 Ω) With a 10M input resistance; an input capacitance of approximately 50pf at the 0.3v range, approximately 35pf at other ranges and approximately 80pf in the test cord; $\pm 4\%$ full-scale accuracy at 60Hz; and a response of ± 0.5 dB from 25Hz to 1MHz at the 0.3v ac range, ± 1 dB from 20Hz to 3MHz on the other ranges; and 600v ac (rms for sine waves) maximum overvoltage on the 0.3v ac scale.

AC Current:

0 to $30\mu a/300\mu a/1.0ma/3.0ma/10ma/30ma/100ma/300ma$ (rms) With a 300mv ac terminal voltage drop, and 4% full-scale accuracy at 60Hz.

Resistance:

 $R\times1/\times100/\times1K/\times10K$ / $\times100K$ / $\times1M$ With 10 Ω center value on the $R\times1$ scale and $\pm3\%$ of scale length accuracy.

Meter Sensitivity

80µa dc

Operating Temperature Range

 $+ 32^{\circ} \text{ to} + 104^{\circ}\text{F}$

Dimensions

5 in. W by 75% in. H by 43% in. D (excluding handle)

Weight

3 lb, 8 oz

Accessories

Shielded test lead Instruction manual

GUEST AUTHOR

How a Manufacturer Can Help or Hinder the Distribution/Service Dealer

by William Carlson

Nothing happens, we used to say, until a sale is made. Perhaps the most vital part of our business economy is the hunt for sales. We are structured to search and sell almost like an army. Each manufacturer —at home base—supplies the product, the advertising, the promotions, the competitive pricing, the descriptive material and the services to a variety of fire bases—called distributors—which maintain reasonable control over their areas. The distributor has established his base with his service, the quality of his product lines, the honesty of his pricing, and the selection of his products. And beyond the fire base, there are squads of electronic service dealers . . . the real hunters . . . whose personal technical expertise actually makes the final sale. Like an army . . . and often just as loused up.

■ We at Cornell-Dubilier Electronics can be honestly critical of the shortcomings of manufacturers. We have been one for a long time (some 60 years). In general, the manufacturer has failed to simplify his product line for the "after market," communicates to his distributor spasmodically and inconsistently, is light-handed with delivery promises, unconcerned with the financial burden he may place on his distributors by loading them with slow movers, and, in general, makes the big mistake of considering the sale to his distributor his final act the end of the sale.

I cannot think of any manufacturer who is guilty of the above on all counts. Maybe some of you can. But we are all, from time to time, in part responsible for these offenses. It is an imperfect world.

If nothing happens until a sale is made, nothing happens until we start talking. Communications is vi-



William Carlson just recently became director of the Marketing Communications Dept., which is responsible for all advertising, sales promotion, publicity, cataloging, public relations and internal communications for all divisions of Federal Pacific Electric. These are: Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Div., Low Voltage Distribution Systems Div., Power Equipment Systems Div., Environmental Conditioning Systems Div. and Circuit Protective Systems Div. For the past seven years Mr. Carlson was manager of Advertising and Sales Promotion for Cornell-Dubilier Electronics. Prior to that, he was for three years advertising manager for General Instrument, and for 10 years with the Semi-conductor Div. of Raytheon.

tal to the chain reaction that keeps us all in bread. There is a difference between communications and direction. All the written policies in the world will not correct the misunderstandings in the world. Communications is a dialog. The helpful company communicates. When simplifying a product line, you do not do the job by studying plant profit and loss. You do it by finding out what is actually in demand and what selection will make the service dealer's job easier and the distributor's inventory investment less. This is done by asking . . . by sharing the problem . . . and talking.

When producing literature, it is important to make it material that will be useful to the distributor, for his customers, and for the dealer's customers. When introducing a new product, or redesigning one, the manufacturer must ask . . . is the size right? Will the color help you sell it? What can be done to help you sell it?

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MAGNAVOX

Remote Receiver Model 704058-Station Skipping

Adjustment of the horizontal hold, remote sensitivity and high voltage are all important to proper operation of the remote receiver and in some cases misadjustment can result in channel skipping. In such cases the following checks are suggested:

• Check the horizontal hold to insure that the horizontal sync locks-in on all stations. Note: If the horizontal oscillator is running off frequency due to a change in value of resistor R533, this can cause channel skipping. Check resistor R533 (174K, 5%, $\frac{1}{2}$ w) and if necessary replace it with a Magnavox part No. 230190-1745.

• Check the setting of the search sensitivity control and if the control is set too low this can cause skipping.

• Check the high voltage and adjust the High-Voltage control as necessary to provide 24.5kv as outlined in the service manual.

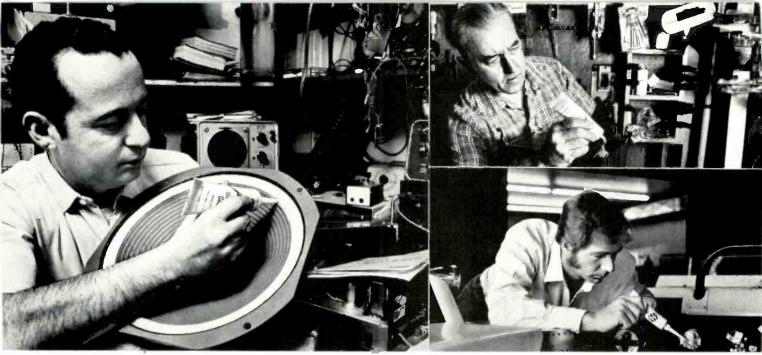
During the normal operation of a TV set having a 704058 remote control receiver, the collector of transistor Q1, the coincidence gate transistor located on the AFT board of the TV chassis, and the base circuit of transistor Q20, the sync gate driver transistor located on the remote receiver chassis, receive their operating voltages from a $\pm 60v$ pulse supplied from the horizontal output transformer. When the tuner is off-channel, transistor Q1 will be cut off because sync pulses are not present to bias it into conduction. During this time the voltage at the base of transistor Q20 is sufficient to cause it to saturate. When a station is tuned in, the sync pulses provide the saturation bias for transistor Q1. When transistor Q1 saturates, the forward bias voltage to transistor Q20 is reduced to below cut-off.

If the high voltage adjustment is set to increase the high voltage appreciably above its normal value, the loading on the horizontal output circuit will be reduced and the amplitude of the pulse voltages in the horizontal output circuit will increase. This increase in pulse voltage can be sufficient to keep the forward bias of transistor Q20 from being reduced to cut-off value, resulting in the remote receiver search circuit not recognizing that a station has been located.

If you encounter a problem of "station skipping" and all other conditions, including the adjustment of the AGC, Horizontal Hold and Remote Sensitivity controls seem normal, check the value of the high voltage and readjust as necessary.

Chassis T936—High Voltage Adjustment

The high voltage adjustment on this chassis is located directly behind the vertical height control and is adjustable by inserting a screwdriver through the hollow shaft of the height control. Although these two adjustments are concentric, the controls are not physically connected and there is a narrow space between them. In compliance with current safety standards that the high voltage adjustment be made inaccessible to the customer, a fishpaper barrier has been installed in the space between the two controls in current production. Therefore, to adjust high voltage in instruments using this chassis, the back must be removed, and *continued on page 61*



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the fishpaper tilted to one side before a screwdriver can be inserted into the high voltage control. You are reminded that this adjustment should be made only while monitoring the anode voltage at the CRT.

GENERAL ELECTRIC

Color TV Chassis C-1—Focus Tracking Network—Arc and Raster Bloom

In the C-1 chassis receivers, arcing in the Focus-Tracking Network Spark Gap on capacitor 7C278 can be caused by problems in any of the following: video amplifier, CRT, HV rectifier, focus and focus tracking (see this month's TEKFAX Schematic No. 1353).

Since the focus-tracking network is in series with the high-voltage rectifier and the focus rectifier, any unusually large current through these circuits will cause a large voltage drop across the focus-tracking resistors and cause the spark gap to arc continuously. This lowers the CRT second anode voltage so that the raster blooms.

Use the following steps, in the sequence given, to determine which circuit is causing the arcing. If the arcing does not stop by applying the first step, replace the CRT socket, etc., so that the set is in operating condition before proceeding to the next step. Follow the same procedure with succeeding steps.

- Disconnect the CRT socket. If the arcing stops, the trouble is caused by wrong CRT bias voltages. This can be confirmed by checking the CRT cathode-to-controlgrid voltages. The grids are normally —100 to —150v with respect to the cathodes. If this voltage should change to —50v or less, heavy current will flow through the focus-tracking resistors 7R283 and 7R284. Since the video amplifier is dc coupled from the video detector to the CRT, incorrect CRT bias voltages could be caused by any of the following: plate-to-cathode short in tube V5a; V5a cathode-to-chassis short; shorted capacitor 4C179; shorted transistor Q304; shorted transistor Q301; open resistor 3R169.
- Remove the HV rectifier tube, V13, and position the plate cap so that there is no danger of an arc from the cap to chassis ground. If the spark gap arcing stops with the rectifier tube out, check the rectifier tube, its filament winding on 7T252 and the CRT.
- Disconnect 7Y256 Focus Rectifier cathode from the focus circuit. If this stops the arcing, check the focus rectifier and the focus circuit components 7C279, 7T263, 7R281 and 7R286.
- Check Focus Tracking resistors 7R283 and 7R284. This can be most easily done by measuring the resistance between the focus rectifier anode and the plate cap of the horizontal output tube, V10. The resistance should be 860K.
- Replace the spark gap capacitor.

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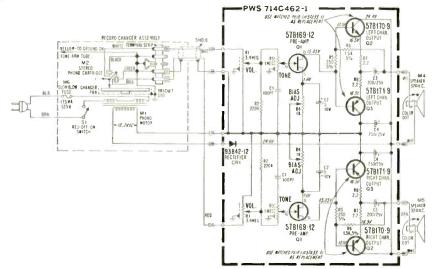
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Amplifier Chassis 2J2/4J2-Circuit Description

No stabilizing diodes or thermistors are said to be required to protect the complimentary symmetry output transistors incorporated in this phonograph amplifier. It is said

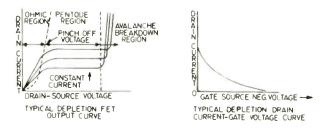
to be protected by the characteristic constant-current circuit design of the FET bias-resistor R4, the bias adjustment for the FET source, is correctly set for a 5ma idling current through the FET and resistor R5. The same current, plus a few microamps of base current, flows through resistor R6 and the 32Ω speaker back to B+. Resistors R5 and R6 and the speaker also form the forward biasing divider network for output transistors Q2 and Q3.

The 5ma current from the FET through the biasing network is much greater than the base current of the output transistors and even if the output transistors heat up with a resulting decrease in their base current, there would not be any appreciable change in the output transistor base



bias voltage. The stable base bias voltage prevents thermal problems from occurring. Because of the negative temperature characteristic of the N channel FET, any chassis temperature increase will automatically reduce the forward bias of the output transistors, stabilizing the amplifier by reducing the base and collector currents.

Another advantage of the new circuit design is that the drain current of the FET is essentially constant for all practical variations of line and power-supply voltages. Therefore, little dc filtering is required for the B+ supply. With the correct bias setting, noise and hum components in the power source are not readily noticeable in the speaker output.



Besides regulating the applied current, the FET matches the circuit's impedance with the high impedance of the phonograph's low-capacity cartridge.

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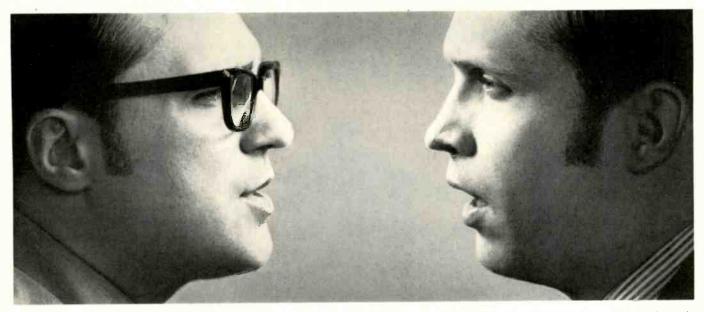
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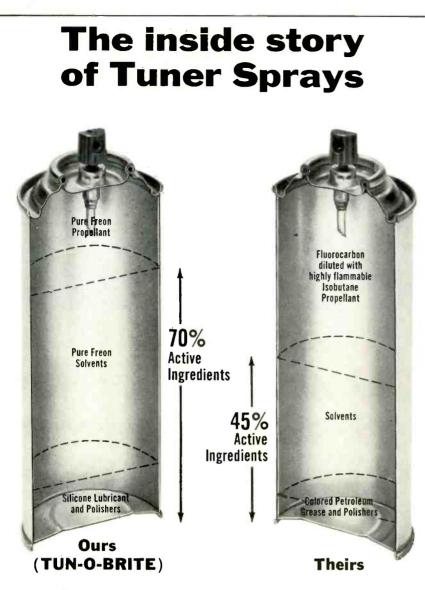
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Kay-Townes Antenna Co. 720

A complete line of MATV equipment will be exhibited, including distribution amplifiers, antenna-mounted booster, high-gain tandem amplifier boosters, wall tap-offs, drop taps, splitters, couplers, FM traps and other related equipment.

Leader Instruments 721

Exhibiting at booth No. D-114 and D-116, this manufacturer will display its new Model LSW-330 Sweep/ Marker Generator for circuit alignment of chroma, sound and video IF's. It is said to also feature a 10.7MHz sweep for use with FM receiver IF circuits, plus two TV RF channels (4 and 10). In addition to this new generator, the company will be displaying its new line of scopes.

Lectrotech, Inc.

They will be displaying a new sweep marker generator, Model SMG-39. This instrument is designed to provide intensity markers (using the scope Z axis to modify the brightness of the characteristic curve at spots corresponding to the marker frequency) horizontal or vertical pulse-type markers also being available from the instrument when wanted.

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Mallory Distributor Products Co. 723

In booth No. C-101 and C-103 will be this company's line of new products such as the cassette recorders, recording tapes, professional and standard cassette tapes, intrusion alarms and accessories, and aluminum electrolytic capacitors—type TCG.

Midland Communications Co. 724

An automatic high/low policeband scanner and a new model CB 23 channel unit containing a two-channel scanner represent a few examples of the company's full line of consumer goods that will be displayed in booths B-119 through B-125 and C-118 through C-124 at the show.

Oxford Speaker Co.

Having confirmed space in one of the conference suites, they plan on having on display a representative group of speakers, paging horns, automotive kits and related accessories. *continued on page 66*

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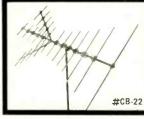
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In announcing the Sodr-X-Traction System, the manufacturer indicated that it is a portable, self-contained, bench-top unit designed to remove all previously known solder joint configurations as well as those found in the latest designs of micro-electronic equipment.

RCA Electronic Components 727

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RCA Parts and Accessories 728

The Permacolor outdoor TV antennas, indoor TV antennas, rotators, antenna systems accessories and exact replacement parts will be displayed in booth No. F-109, F-111 and F-113. Also included will be TV service aids and car tape stereos.

RMS Electronics, Inc.

Several models of stereo headphones will be on display at booth No. B-106 and B-108. Also displayed will be a complete section of TV antenna equipment and accessories in peg-hang blister packs.

Rohn Manufacturing Co. 730

Not introducing any specific new product, they will display many items from their line of TV towers, accessories and hardware at booth No. B-107, B-109, C-106 and C-108.

Sencore, Inc.

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This manufacturer will be displaying the latest in test equipment in booth No. A-110 and A-112. The CG159 Color Generator and the FE160 Field Effect Meter will be among the seven new products introduced.

Simpson Electric Co.

This company will be exhibiting at Booth B-110. Among products to be featured will be a new Digital Multimeter Model 460; the new Series 6 of the 260 line; and a new 31/2-in. Edgewise Model 3623.

Sonar Radio Corp.

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Occupying booth No. L-108 the VHF-FM marine transceiver, Model 2308, will be shown. Also included in the display are the VHF-FM marine radio telephone, Model FM-1803, the Model 3601 FM transceiver, Model PS2923 ac power supply and the Model 2101 business radio.

South River Metal Products Co. 734

Occupying two exhibit booths, No. C-110 and C-112, they plan on introducing: New designs in TV/FM antenna mountings and accessories appropriate for areas using telescoping masts and tower installations; new designs in eave mounts and roof mounts; and a complete line of antenna mounting kits, which contain all mountings and accessories necessary for a TV/ FM antenna installation—except for the antenna.

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Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

Not introducing any specific new product at the show this year, they will concentrate on their broad product lines of TV picture tubes, receiving tubes and ECG replacement semiconductors. These will be displayed in booths B-101 and B-103.

Tech Spray

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This company will be displaying its product line—chemical tools for the technician—in booth No. G-104.

Telematic

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At booth No. G-105 and G-106 in addition to their complete line of service aids and replacement parts, the Econo Jig, Model EJ-190, will be demonstrated using a current production color chassis. Also featured will be the CR-400 and CR-450 isolation brighteners and the complete line of color test jig adaptors for color-TV sets.

Triplett Corp.

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Located in booths A-111 and A-113, the instrument to be introduced will include a 3½-digit VOM for portable or panel mounted use— Model 8035. Also introduced will be the Model 6028 digital VOM and a Model 990 Industrial Maintenance Analyzer.

Utah Electronics

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The first public showing of their allnew display pack program covers replacement type automotive, publicaddress and hi-fi speakers. The second major presentation will be a whole new series of bookshelf speaker systems, including models in all the popular sizes and price ranges—called the "Musique Series." These, plus other speaker systems, will be displayed in booth No. C-121 and C-123.

Vaco Products Co.

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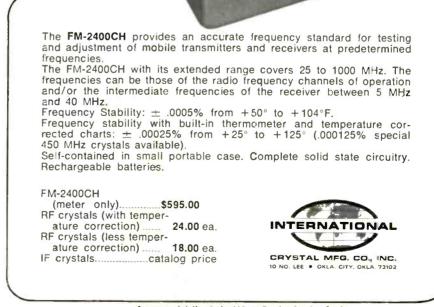
Featured at booth No. C-100 and C-102 will be the new Torque Commander line of miniature, mobile tool sets, with or without the Torque Commander handle. Also included will be other kits from this line as well as dealer displays.

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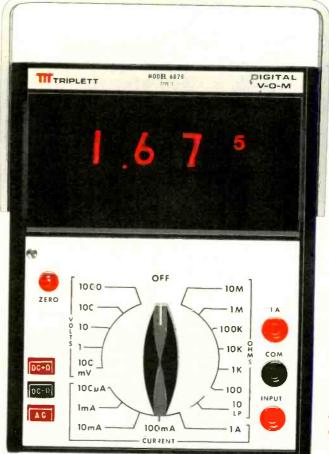




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Vikoa, Inc.

Occupying booth No. M-100, they will feature a complete line of MATV amplifiers for the UHF and VHF bands. A complete line of wire and cable products will be displayed along with distributor products and associated hardware.

Weller Electric Corp.

Exhibiting in booth No. A-102, one of the featured items will be the new vacuum desoldering/resoldering tool, Model DS40. Also introduced at the show will be a new automatic glue gun kit.

Wen Products, Inc.

At booth No. A-100 this company will show their Pro-Power line, reportedly featuring insulated, unitized construction.

744 Workman Electronic Products, Inc.

This company will display their line of color TV replacement parts, electronic chemicals, circuit breakers and their new line of color TV controls at booth No. D-107 and E-106. Also included will be imported consumer items for Hi-Fi and stereos.

Xcelite Inc.

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This manufacturer will be exhibiting in booth No. D-112. They say that, "Xcelite will introduce some tools that will have all the uniqueness, acceptance, and built-in quality that has been the trademark of Xcelite through the years."

Zenith Radio Corp.

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They plan on exhibiting their line of replacement parts and accessories —including their Chromacolor picture tubes, receiving tubes, blank cassette tapes, antennas, wire, rotors, batteries and exact replacement parts.

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When bright scenes are present on the TV screen, the high-voltage current demands increase and the amplitude of the flyback pulse is reduced because of additional flybacktransformer loading. This reduced flyback-pulse amplitude causes capacitor C221 to charge to a lower voltage, making the horizontal-output-tube grid voltage less negative. When this happens, more current flows through the horizontal output tube and tends to bring the highvoltage pulse back to its original amplitude.

Conclusion

After examining the chassis, we concluded that it has a great amount of serviceability within the scope of a marketable piece of merchandise. We also found it to produce a good, stable color picture.

The convergence procedure was simplified by employing the "in-line" gun system (Fig. 9), as in the past. However, it required familiarizing ourselves with a system which is

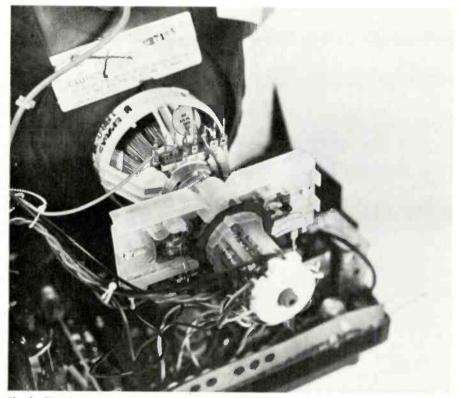
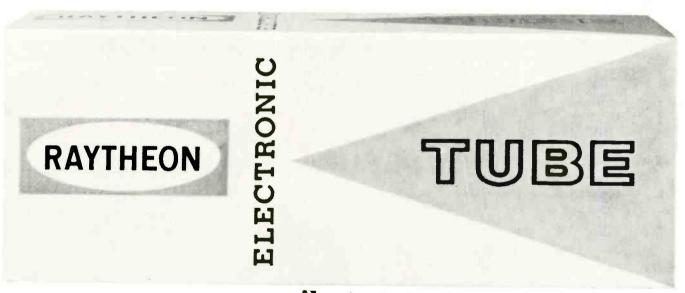


Fig. 9-The picture tube "in-line" gun system is employed to simplify convergence.

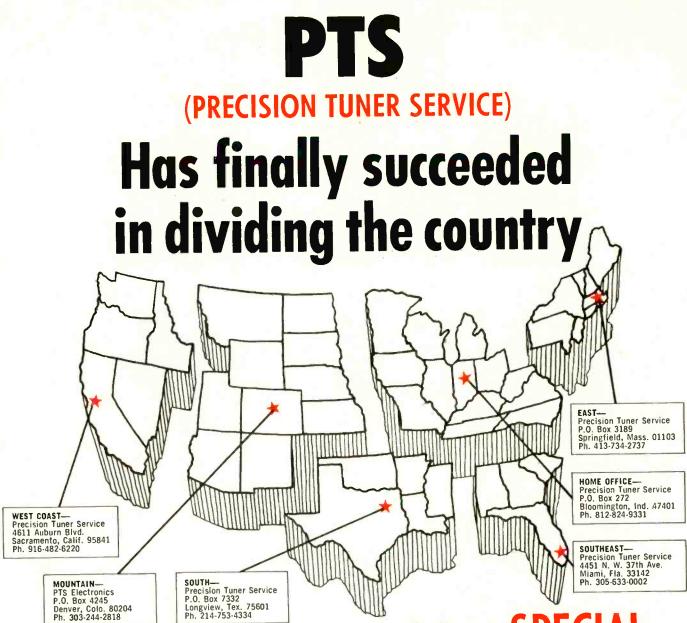
quite different from the conventional ones currently on the market.

Before servicing this chassis, it is important to remember that it is a line connected receiver, and safety precautions should be used by employing a power-line isolation transformer.



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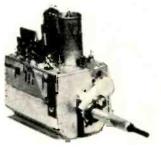
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BOOK REVIEWS

TV TROUBLE DIAGNOSIS MADE EASY by Art Margolis. Published by Tab Books, 256 pages, hardbound \$7.95, paperbound \$4.95.

This book should prove quite helpful for the beginning electronic technician who has had some background in electronics but who has not yet done much servicing. The first chapter of this book contains photographs (in black and white) of virtually every defective color-TV set picture that will be encountered. Along with these pictures, the text tells the reader what portion of the book will explain the symptom shown.

Additional chapters in the book cover such topics as a block diagram analysis of a typical TV receiver, "eyeball" tests, dc voltage testing of tube circuits and solid-state circuits, antenna systems, tuner repair, localizing IF amplifier problems, servicing the video detector and contrast control, troubleshooting AGC and noise gate controls, sync problems before the separator, sync output amplifiers, troubleshooting the ratio detector, sound bar problems, color IF troubleshooting, color killer circuit defects, X and Z demodulators, aligning the color sync, vertical sweep systems, troubleshooting convergence circuits, problems in various portions of the high-voltage system, defective zener diodes in power supplies, the principles of color-TV picture tube operation, and color picture alignment.

The author does not deal with specific TV set circuits. This information would be of little help when dealing with another TV set. Instead, the author describes in detail the principles related to the function of the various tube and transistor circuits normally encountered in a color TV set and how a malfunction of these circuits will produce certain undesirable results.

MONOCHROME RCA TV SER-VICE MANUAL by Carl H. Babcoke. Published by Tab Books, 176 pages plus a 36-page foldout section, hardbound \$7.95, paperbound \$4.95.

The publisher of this book has printed, or is about to print, a series of manuals covering nearly every brand of TV set that a technician might encounter when servicing. Several of *continued on page 75*

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ing a TV-channel output. The modulator can be added to the head end in the same way as a background music converter (Fig. 5).

Sometimes it is desirable to originate CCTV programs away from the head end. Schools, for example, often want the capability of originating in any classroom. This is not difficult if the system uses backmatched taps. The best way to handle this is to use a sub-channel modulator in the classroom and then convert this signal up to an unused TV channel at the head end.

Choosing Cable

Coaxial cable, a very important but often neglected system component, is used to link the entire MATV system together. Two basic cable types are used for MATV work—RG-59 types (about ¹/₄ in. diameter) and RG-11 types (about ¹/₂ in. diameter). RG-11 provides lower signal loss but is more expensive and harder to handle. Therefore, RG-59 type is preferred for all but the largest MATV systems or where coaxial cable must be run outdoors.

Some coaxial cables use a solid dielectric, while others use foam. Since foam dielectrics cause less signal loss, they are generally preferred.

Coaxial cable jackets should be made of non-contaminating poly-vinyl.

Cable installation is difficult and time consuming. Therefore, before you start pulling cable, you should check it thoroughly. The four most important aspects of cable performance are:

• Signal loss—typically 14dB per 100 ft.

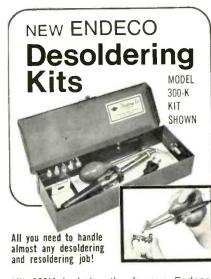
• Return loss—which indicate the quality of the cable in terms of discontinuities or mismatches.

• Frequency response—some cables attenuate UHF signals severely.

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The MATV business may sound somewhat complex, but designing and installing systems actually takes a lot less know-how than repairing TV sets. What's more, MATV is a lot more profitable. ■

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the cost savings are very real. But it is not logical for a replacement part —purchased by the component, by the dozen or even hundreds—to be so narrowly specified! The cost *loss* is so very real.

There is no way to "Ivory-Tower" the solution to a problem such as this. It can only be resolved by efficient communications between the manufacturer, distributor and service dealer . . . all links of the chain that turns the wheel. ■

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these manuals have been reviewed in past issues of ELECTRONIC TECHNI-CIAN/DEALER and more will be reviewed as space permits.

This manual is said to cover 33 RCA B/W TV set models from 1964 to the present—Chassis KCS136 to KCS178. When checking through the contents page we found direct reference made to the following models: KCS136, 136M, 142, 143, 144, 144B, 149, 151A, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 168, 169, 171, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177 and 178.

Beginning with a section on tuner repair, the manual continues with such subjects as IF repair, video amplifier servicing, AGC and sync troubleshooting, sound circuit repairs, vertical sweep servicing, horizontal sweep repairs, power supply troubleshooting and service notes for nearly every TV set model previously mentioned.

The book is said to be based on factory-issued data and includes fieldchange modifications to help solve special problems or update existing early-run chassis. We feel that it should prove helpful to electronic technicians that service these receivers.



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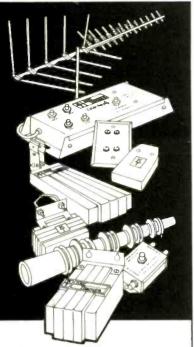
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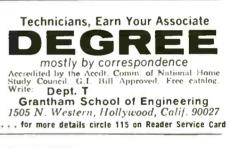
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