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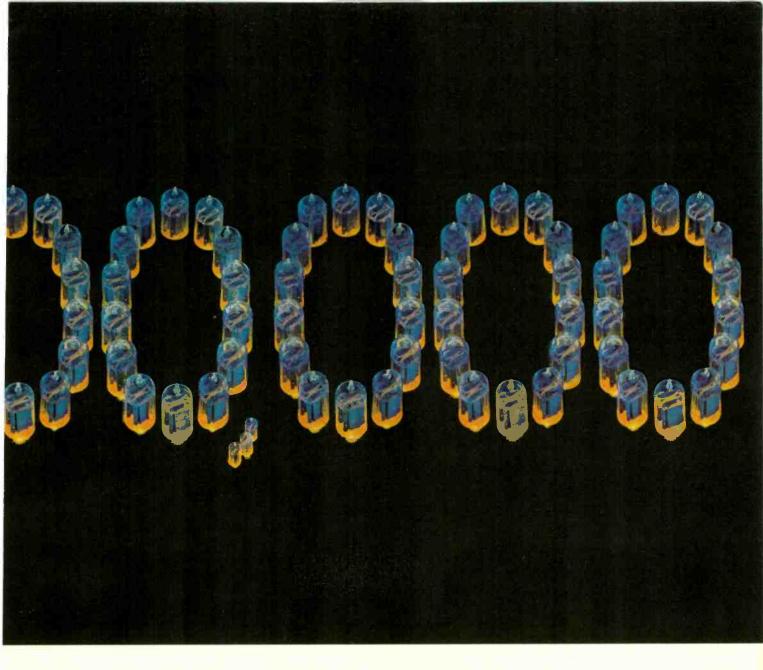


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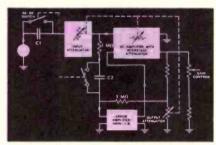
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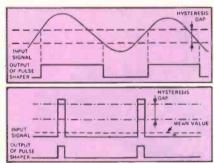
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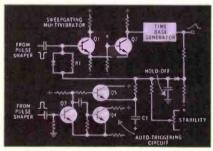
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EDITORIAL

He's Human, Too



This month's editorial does not deal directly with the current association merger situation. Although your editor is increasingly optimistic that there will definitely be a merger approved by the members of

at least significant segments of both NATESA and NEA, unfortunately copy deadlines do not always correspond with association activity and an editorial concerning the details of association merger must await another issue. (We fully expect complete coverage by our July issue so that there will be ample time for members to "digest" all available merger information well in advance of voting at the August conventions.)

There is unfortunately one fact too frequently overlooked, not only by the members of NATESA and NEA, but also by members of ISCET and even EIA (A manufacturers' association which has assumed many responsibilities overlapping those also assumed by NATESA, NEA and ISCET), plus those that do not choose to be affiliated with any association-still the majority of our readers. Far too many people in all these classifications fail to realize that the other fellow is human too and has a need for personal dignity. And as a result, some have allowed personal fears to run rampant.

Some in NATESA and NEA fear the members of ISCET, developing the notion that a group of upstart electronic technicians may somehow turn it into a treacherous union. In turn, some members of ISCET fear both NATESA and NEA, and feel that once merger is accomplished the shop owners will be in a really good position to effectively "cut the throats" of the electronic technicians.

Some members of NATESA fear NEA because its membership has not been as restrictive as NATESA's and there might be elements in NEA that would seek to destroy NATESA's past accomplishments. On the other hand, some members of NEA fear that with a merger it might be forced to accept elements of NATESA that have an

"entirely different" outlook concerning association activity, central leadership and involvement with "outside elements."

Then too, there is a feeling of distrust held by some members of NATESA, NEA and ISCET concerning the activities of some manufacturers that belong to EIA—this same distrust being reciprocated. Some EIA members cooperate well with one or more other associations in the evaluation of product serviceability, warranty programs and in-service training. Other manufacturers prefer to operate alone in such efforts, forming their own "independent" serviceability committees or only begrudgingly cooperating in any joint training programs. Thus they have "earned" the mistrust held by some members of NATESA, NEA and ISCET. Those manufacturers that prefer not to cooperate, fear being accused of favoring one "outside" association over another. or delegating any undue authority or prestige to an "outside" association of mere shop owners or service men.

And then there are the manufacturers. electronic technicians and service dealers that simply do not want to have anything to do with any association. They feel that such alignment requires too much valuable time, costs too much money, or simply delegates too much power to others. Whatever their reason, the majority of our readers still do not belong to any professional association, and many of these readers do not trust the manufacturers, electronic technicians or service dealers that do belong. In return, there are members of all these associations that consider non-members freeloaderspeople quick to reap the benefits of association activity, but slow to develop their own professional business standards.

What far too many people fail to realize is that such people as Frank Moch, Dick Glass, Ron Crow, . . . , etc. have quite a number of things in common. Those listed, and most of the many not, are married men who have families that they love dearly. Once while I was on an evening hike with Frank, he spoke to me of the fact that he had to return home early from our Wisconsin meeting to attend his grandchild's baptism. Dick and Dot Glass have very cute kids that they

enjoy bringing along to many association functions. Ron Crow loves camping with his family, and if he could also take an entire association out in the woods camping, he would, Similar personal comments can be made concerning the others.

I realize that there are many conflicting attitudes and strong feelings. but some of these have developed to such an irrational extreme that I have received complaints in the past from the supporters of some of the above mentioned officials for even printing these names together in the same paragraph—such an act lowering the stature of others. Whether or not such hate and anger is justified, these outbursts are but an insult to the intelligence of the parties issuing them. Some of us realize that we are human enough to overreact to stress, ignoring the fact that the other fellow has a similar human frailty. Then we, in turn, overreact to the other fellow's overreaction—despite generally supporting the same basic principles.

If we all look out for our own interests without any personal concern for the other fellow, and if our own egos are too big to permit us to realize that everyone else is also human and facing similar problems within our industry; then we may be forced to delegate our responsibilities to still another party, one quite ready and willing "to set things straight." Dear old Uncle Sam has his own way of "doing it right." His ways could well include federal licensing laws slightly out-of-step with the realities faced by manufacturers, electronic technicians and service dealers; regulated warranty programs that could destroy any manufacturer, electronic technician or service dealer unable to conform; training programs that will flood the industry with "experts;" and price controls that fail to acknowledge the need for an adequate return on investment, or the worth of one's skills.

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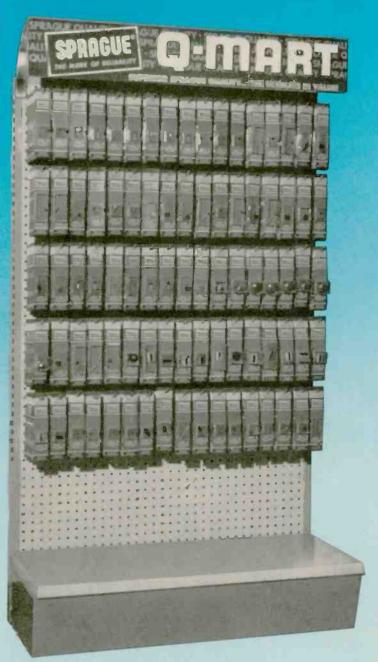
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We Must Bury Hatchet

Congratulations on your very fine editorial in your February issue. It is an extremely well put article that should help put many of us thinking deeply about our profession. You will undoubtedly have some bricks tossed at you, but this is to be expected.

What made this great country was the ability of its leaders to discuss with open minds the problems of the day. To use logical and analytical reasoning to seek a solution to the problem at hand. Even though at times intelligent people disagree, they can still rise above their own selfish desires and agree to solutions that are good for the majority.

Today—now as never before we in the consumer electronics industry need unity to survive the battle of giantism, consumerism and government harassment. We in the electronics industry must today each get a "Positive Mental Attitude" (Dr. N. V. Peale) about unity and working together, and practice the "Good Book's" teaching, "I am my brother's keeper."

We each must BURY the HATCH-ET of hate, spite, disrespect, selfishness and greed. We must, to survive, learn to give a little, admit our mistakes, quit "nit picking" and get at the more important and very serious tasks that confront our industry.

Again, let me say you and your publication need to be thanked and were brave to come out with such an admirable stand.

CHARLES R. COUCH, JR., CET PRESIDENT, NEA

Some Write to Gain Prestige

Quite often we feel editors, such as yourself, create an editorial to gain prestige in/or within a circle, but after reading your editorial in the February issue of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/ DEALER, we are convinced you would never fit in the above-mentioned category.

Realizing you knew in advance that you, as an editor, from writing such an article had much more to lose than you could possibly gain, still you dug up the bold, truthful facts and printed them like you saw them.

Having been a NATESA member the past 18 years, I realize the many accomplishments it has made for our industry. On the other hand, I have closely and enviously observed the accomplishments that NEA has attained in the short 10 years it has been in

This makes us wonder just how much could be accomplished for our industry if the efforts of both groups with their many great leaders were directed in one direction for one common cause.

In my opinion, one of the main reasons, in the fear of a combined effort of one strong National Association, is the fear of the loss of stature of some of the leaders of each association.

It is my opinion that if greater emphasis were given to the State Associations and greater recognition be given to the leaders of each state association, many of these leaders would feel more secure.

Considering the memberships of both groups in each state, all 50 should be fairly well represented in the new association.

While in Kansas City attending the recent NATESA Executive Council, we again visited the Crown Center Hotel facilities. Construction is progressing at a rapid pace. With 850 people working on the project, I guess it

I talked with Crown Center Sales Manager Bill Nuhn this week and they are to move into their new executive offices in the hotel the first weekend in

The Hotel will officially open May 8th, 1973.

The facilities will be the greatest ever for our convention. All meetings, meal functions and exhibits will be on the same floor. Sound good?

NOLAN BOONE

Appreciates February Editorial

Please accept my personal gratitude for your editorial of February. You could very well clear up more problems in our profession beating your typewriter than dozens could do pounding their gavels.

I abstained from voting at the ISCET meeting in August when you were elected because of insufficient knowledge of the candidates. Thankfully the others knew what they were doing. My belated congratulations.

Mr. Finneburgh deserves another feather in his cap for his sponsoring of the "teen room" at the last convention. While it cost as much as a booth, it didn't sell merchandise. He volunteered in advance to back it because it was needed. A function such as this is really only appreciated by the 30 or 40 children who were entertained during the day sessions, and their parents who could get their work done uninterrupted, knowing the kids were safe. I saw a beautiful quality in this giant of industry, for every few hours he and "Babe" would stroll by to see if anything was needed, ready to wipe a drippy nose if necessary. In itself, unselfishly filling this kind of need makes him an uncommon man. We of the Electronics Technicians Association of Greater New Orleans are honored to have worked with him on this project.

> MALCOLM G. McCANN, JR., CET PRESIDENT, ETA OF GNO

Comments on February Editorial

Regarding your February editorial, which discussed current merger problems between NEA and NATESA, let me make a comment or two.

First, to me the most important part of it is the fact that you and your publication had the courage to enter into the discussion of this important trade action, and to express your honest evaluation of the situation. A large problem in the electronics business has been the lack of debate and comment on the issues and problems. Without open discussion, the readers and the members of this industry cannot understand exactly what the problems are, and therefore cannot participate in the solution to them. On the other hand, to comment on them, as a publication, is to assure yourself that at least some will disagree with you. Some readers as well as some advertisers-both of which every publication must have.

I and others who have read the editorial do not agree with everything you stated. I doubt that you expected that. In particular, I felt the editorial left the reader with the feeling that the continued rift between NEA and NATESA is still merely a "Squabble."

Definition: Debate: An argument between two parties. Squabble: When you aren't one of them.

NEA was formed in 1963 because there was a definite problem within NATESA, which could not be solved from within. The same problem is evident in the present situation. Adding to the merger difficulties is a giant lack of understanding of practically all the details of the two associations. Many of the people who voted for merger at the New Orleans convention did not really understand the definition of that word and have expressed the feeling that they would not "merge" under any conditions. A majority of the members of both organizations really have no idea of the differences in ac-

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tivities; services to members; net worth; or operation of each group.

Without such an understanding, it is human nature to take the most convenient issue at hand and to choose up sides and enter a name-calling contest. That is where we are now, and it really is up to the members to take the time and to make the effort to see that their leaders are making the correct decisions as regards to merger or consolidation or the termination of the

Your editorial is a big step in the right direction.

DICK GLASS, CET EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, NEA

Backs Words with Money

It's been a long time since we've visited, but I want you to know that I think your magazine is great. It is certainly relevant to our industry and association, and there has been such a change for the best that, well, I'm getting a little tired of reading the school's copy and I would like to subscribe myself.

Personally, I think you have done a fine job with ET/D and am glad that vou are the chairman of ISCET. We are fortunate to have capable individuals in important and influential positions.

Please process my personal subscription to ET/D, and thanks for all your efforts. [Money enclosed for three-year subscription.]

> KENNETH G. BROWN, CET PRESIDENT, TSA OF IOWA

NATESA Merger 19 Years Ago

Your latest editorial relative to the NATESA/NEA merger has aroused my memory of a similar affair which occurred nearly 19 years ago in Philadelphia. Then, as now, Frank Moch was head of NATESA. Another national association, called NESDA, encompassed many local chapters throughout the Northeastern Atlantic coastal states, plus some from Missouri and Texas. Max Lobowity, head of NESDA, along with Lewis Winner, owner and publisher of SERVICE Magazine, had staged a "Color TV Symposium" at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel of Philadelphia in April 1954. It was a three-day affair.

Color TV was in its infancy and servicemen were anxious to learn more about the subject. Thus a symposium that attracted the major TV manufacturers to display their wares

and engineers to lecture the servicing technique. It was a huge success. The NESDA people had anticipated the outcome, so they billed the occasion as a "Color TV Symposium and Eastern Conference." Despite such publicity, the real purpose of this meeting was to initiate a program to merge the two national associations so that there would be a unified voice to speak for the Radio/TV Servicemen.

This humble writer had attended organizational sessions NESDA, trying to find a solution for a possible merger. In retrospect, NATESA was not receptive at the time. As I recall, Mr. Moch, who was billed as a feature speaker in one of the sessions, did not commit himself to a definite date of arrival, showing up at a breakfast meeting attended by but a small group of delegates. I cannot recollect the text of his speech, but it was in generalities. In fact, some said it was ambiguous, containing nothing even remotely pertaining to merger.

No criticism of Mr. Moch was intended here. Moreover, I think the gentleman is dedicated to the profession. The Radio/TV Service people owe him a great deal because he's always in the front line battling the adverse publicity aimed at the Radio/ TV Serviceman, from time to time fighting the discount houses that cause financial ruin to independent opera-

Back to the Eastern Conference: For some reason or another, after a successful symposium, the locals seemed to cool toward NESDA and it went out of existence some time later.

As it looks now, the success of the scheduled August NATESA/NEA merger meeting appears anything but promising. There are two barriers that must be removed before a meaningful negotiation can begin. (1) The NEA people must abandon any idea that Mr. Moch has no place in the new association. (2) Mr. Moch must realize that no mortal man is indispensable. If past performances mean anything, neither side is ready to lower the barriers, as mentioned, so long as the same personnel run the respective organizations.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Moch has been tying up his personal fortune (finances) with NATESA. This writer has no way of knowing the amount, but it must be considerable. His adversaries often accuse him of using some of his own funds to operate the association so that he can control same. Such accusation is unfair, for he has little to gain and everything to lose should the association fold.

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JESUP Project Gets Applause From Attending Technicians

JESUP, the "Joint Electronic Service Upgrading Program," got its first test at the Indianapolis Stouffers Inn, March 19-20, 1973.

While the 10 participating manufacturers (Admiral, Sony, Sylvania, Philco-Ford, General Electric, Zenith, Panasonic, Magnavox, RCA Corp. and Motorola) haven't as yet concluded their evaluation; the attending independent service technicians expressed mostly praise for the idea.



Les Nesvik, CET, leads a special session that discussed "the service call," providing hints on using a professional approach on calls.

The purpose of JESUP is to give technicians an opportunity to learn new product information about all the major brands. At the same time, they are exposed to lectures from association trade technicians and college personnel on general troubleshooting theory and procedures.

Of the 175 people participating in the Indianapolis school, 130 were practicing technicians, electronics instructors or students. This number was less than the 200 quota originally set by the all-industry committee.

According to Ron Crow, CET, who was in charge of technical evaluation and curriculum: "The individual classes at each manufacturer's training booth varied between 6 students and 20. In the future we would not be afraid to take classes as large as 30 technicians at a set-up, even though smaller numbers allow the trainer to give more personal help to the technicians, which has its benefits too."



At the Sylvania set up, Jack Berquist, Sylvania's training specialist, shows some of the technicians how to service color-TV receivers.

Instructors for the four general sessions, which all the technicians attended simultaneously, were all Certified Electronic Technicians. They were:

J. A. Wilson-Kent State University, Warren, Ohio Les Nesvik-Service Manager, Wholesale TV, Indianapolis, Ind.

Buzz Padgett-Bench Technician, Wholesale TV, Indianapolis, Ind.

O. C. Brown—O. C. Brown TV, Jeffersonville, Ind. Charles Cave—Ahrens Trade School, Louisville, Ky. Frank J. Teskey-R.E.T.S. Electronics School, Indianapolis, Ind.

Forest H. Belt-Forest H. Belt and Associates, Noblesville, Ind.

Dick Glass, CET, Executive Vice President of NEA, and Coordinator of the Pilot JESUP School, made the following observations:

- 1. Student/technician reaction to the pilot training school was outstanding.
- 2. While many changes will be made in future JESUP Schools, as a result of the evaluation of this first school, the concept (which was based on two years of combined study by various trade groups) appears to be the correct approach to supplementing manufacturers' individual training programs, and increasing the capabilities of the country's independent electronic service technicians who do over 90 percent of the electronic repair work.

3. The attending technicians were subjected to as much as 11 hours of study on the first day of the school, yet the most often heard suggestion was that both students and trainers needed more time!

4. Only a few of the technician attendees, when questioned, indicated they had attended more than one or two manufacturer/distributor one-brand training sessions during the past year. The 10 brand aspect of the JESUP Program seemed to be the most appealing part of the school to attendees.



Andy Murnick of Philco-Ford uses a chassis that he can switch-in simulated troubles with.



During the JESUP School lunches, technicians, instructors, factory reps and students found time to exchange ideas and information.

The second JESUP Project is scheduled to be conducted in St. Louis, Mo., on May 22-23, 1973. Those interested in this project should contact Vince Lutz, CET, 1546 Sells Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63147, phone (314) 381-9944.

RCA Canadian Subsidiary Designing Inexpensive TV Satellite Receivers

RCA Corp. has announced that its Canadian subsidiary, RCA Ltd., has received a \$2 million contract to design a key earth station for the first satellite relay of TV directly to small village receivers.

The experiment in India calls for educational TV programs transmitted by the RCA-designed station to be relayed through a satellite to inexpensive receivers located in several hundred settlements throughout the country. It could be in operation by mid-1974.

The earth station will originate programs carrying every-

thing from birth control information to instructions on how to plant and cultivate crops. The programs will be received by the village stations and shown on TV sets located in community centers.

Besides designing the earth station, RCA will supply most of the high-technology subsystems for the facility, and will provide technical assistance and personnel training for operation and maintenance crews. The contract was signed with the government of India, with financial assistance from the Canadian International Development Agency.

The spacecraft to be used for the experiment is the United States' ATS-F communications satellite, which is due to be launched by NASA in mid-1974. ATS-F is an applications technology satellite capable of beaming a more powerful and more highly focused TV signal than present communications satellites.

Several hundred villages will be equipped with special TV receiving stations, designed to pick up signals relayed directly from the ATS-F satellite. Each receiving station will cost \$500. It will consist of a "dish" antenna, approximately 8 to 10 ft in diameter, along with the electronics necessary to convert and amplify the signal for regular TV sets located in community centers.

Mr. I. A. Mayson, Vice President of the Government and Commercial Systems Div., RCT Ltd., says that the project "has been widely discussed in national forums, including the United Nations, and it is regarded as an important pilot test of procedures and programs which could vastly accelerate the advance of national communications systems in the world."

Colorado Professional Electronics Assn. **Passes Resolution Concerning Merger**

both NEA and NATESA's general membership voted at their conventions in 1972 in New Orleans that there shall be a merger, and

WHEREAS.

the NEA Board of Directors in October in Omaha and again in January at Phoenix reaffirmed NEA's efforts toward merger, and

WHEREAS.

the NATESA Executive Council chose to ignore at their fall meeting the progress of the Merger Committee, even though they were given a copy of the NEA resolution made by the NEA Board in October and

WHEREAS.

the Executive Director of NATESA failed to attend the Merger Subcommittee meeting in December, and WHEREAS,

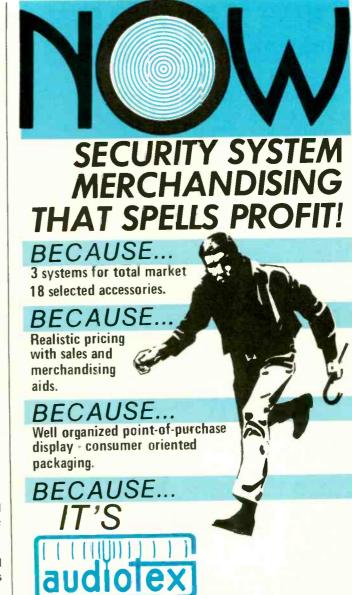
the officers of NATESA chose to have the January Subcommittee meeting in Kansas City postponed, and WHEREAS.

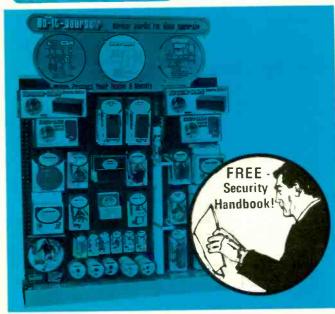
the NATESA Executive Director and the NATESA President refused to attend the Atlanta Merger Subcommittee meeting in March,

BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Colorado Professional Electronics Association does support the merger movement and is in favor of one unified National Electronics Service Association. If this is not possible, however, the Colorado Professional Electronics Association does wholeheartedly support the National Electronic Associations and it's positive and aggressive programs and does hereby reaffirm its affiliation with the National Electronics Associations.

The above resolution passed unanimously at the CPEA Board of Directors meeting, March 17, 1973.







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TESA Wisconsin Announces Plans for June Convention

TESA Milwaukee, host chapter for the 14th annual convention of TESA Wisconsin, has announced plans for a gala affair on the week end of June 9th and 10th.

Jerry Hall, past NATESA president and chairman of the convention, expressed optimistic confidence for a record breaking attendance. The theme of the meeting is "New Dimensions in Service," and one of the new dimensions is that all servicers, NEA members, CETs, as well as the regular members of TESA Wisconsin, are invited.

Arrangements have been made to conduct a CET exam on Saturday, June 9th, any time after 8:30 AM. Seminars will be presented on "Interior design and remodeling," and "Service productivity and profits." The latter will be presented by well known NARDA member, Dean Ridgely, of Green Bay, Wisc. Dean has also been a member of TESA Wisconsin for many years.

Room reservations should be made directly to the Ramada at North 12, West 26500 Golf Rd., Pewaukee, Wisc. 53072, (414) 547-0201. Reservations cannot be guaranteed after May 19th, and a deposit is requested.

Convention registrations should be made to Mrs. Hazel Horst, 2521 E. Park Place, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53211, (414) 962-4260. The fee is \$15.00 per person and covers all meals and activities. Registrations received prior to May 19th will qualify for a drawing to win a free "Whirlaway Weekend Special" at the Ramada.

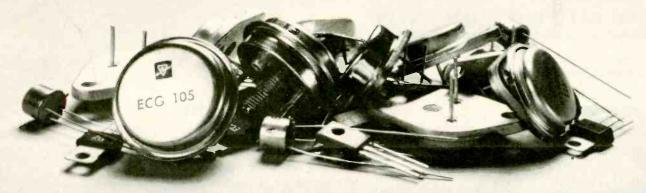


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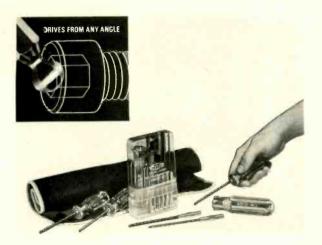
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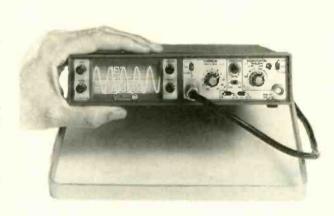
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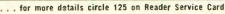












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Introducing General Electric's Modular **MA Color-TV Chassis**

by Joseph Zauhar

This chassis offers plugability features for maximum service accessibility

■ Many color-TV manufacturers are making great efforts to simplify the troubleshooting and servicing of their color-TV sets. In fact, the color-TV set featured in this article. manufactured by General Electric, was designed with the help of field-service technicians. The TV set was then given a high rating for accessibility and serviceability by an independent service review panel using the NEA (Na-

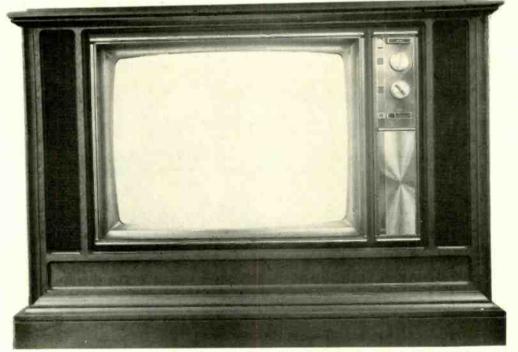
tional Electronic Associations, Inc.) rating form for the all solid-state color-TV modular chassis.

We received for lab purposes a General Electric color-TV set, Model MA9002WD, employing the MA chassis. This chassis is presently used in their new line of 25-in. (measured diagonally) receivers and is completely solid-state, except for the picture tube. It has been designed to provide maximum serviceability by employing 10 plug-in modules, plus numerous interconnecting cable plugs and instruction labels provided with the set.

Approximately 66 percent of the TV set's electrical components are located on the 10 plug-in modules. These modules, plus 17 major components and five plug-in assemblies, can be removed without using a soldering iron, leaving only 41 minor components that require solder. According to the manufacturer, approximately 95 percent of the 899 electrical components in this TV set are in effect modularized.

The modules permit practically all of the servicing required to be done in the home. However, if module replacement might involve a delay to the customer in a remote area, all of the modules are designed with full circuitboard markings and component identifications to permit conventional servicing where this approach is preferable! Too many other manufacturers attempt to prevent this dual approach to servicing.

When viewing the TV



General Electric's Model MA900WD color-TV set employing the 25MA chassis.

set from its front, the controls appear essentially the same as on the KE-II chassis assembly. They include the One Touch Auto button, push-push on/off switch and sliding VOL-UME control. However, the plastic frame has been designed to accept a 70position detent UHF tuner assembly. The UHF channels can now be selected as easily as a VHF channel.

The secondary controls which include the VERTI-CAL, BRIGHTNESS, CON-TRAST, COLOR, TINT LOCK, and TINT are mounted on a hide-away tilt-out panel. This complete bin assembly can be removed from the front of the cabinet by simply removing four screws and disconnecting six plugs.

Upon removing the back cover by removing two screws and turning four clips, the "U" shaped modular chassis really caught our eye. It is laid out in a clean uncluttered. compact fashion, with the test points on the modules being very accessible.

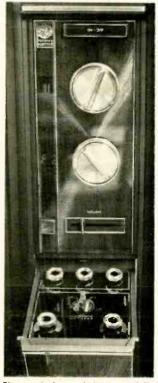
Nine of the modules plug in, and eight of these modules consist of plug-in circuit boards, Each of these eight boards has a

receptacle on one edge which matches a plug on the master board, and slide into place on a plastic guide. Each track has a retaining nib at its outer end to hold the module in place. To remove a modular board, one need only grasp the edge of the board with the fingers of hands and pull straight away from the chassis.

The ninth board plugs in, but in a different manner. This 23v regulator module is mounted on top of the power supply chassis and consists of a circuit board inside a "U" shaped heat sink.

There are a number of other important features on this chassis to simplify component removal and servicing: Major sub-assemblies, such as the high voltage system and the main power supply, are quickly detachable from the main chassis and may be completely disconnected by unplugging. Also, high-voltage transformer and high-voltage tripler are of plug-in design and no soldering is required for their replacement.

There will no longer be the need for the old grounded screwdriver spark-gap method checking for the presence of high voltage (a technique which can prove disastrous to some solid-state circuitry). This chassis contains a built-in neon high-voltage indicator that



The control panel is essentially the same as on the KE-II chassis assembly. However, the plastic frame is now designed to accept a seventy position detent UHF tuner assembly. The secondary controls are mounted on the tiltout panel.

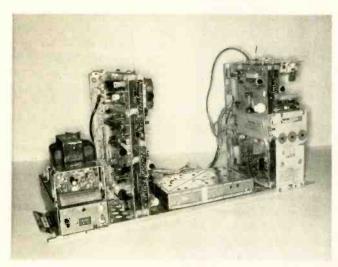
is visible from the rear of the high-voltage compartment. The indicator glows when high voltage is present, thus providing an instant check.

Other high-serviceability features include: A picture-tube socket that can be replaced by disconnecting seven plugs and removing the socket from the end of the picture tube; the VHF and UHF pilot lights which can be changed by removing a screw and grasping a small metal handle to remove both bulb and bracket; and plugs on the interconnecting cable that are designed so that they can be plugged in only one way.

As we review some of the important new circuits employed in the "MA" chassis, they can be followed in this month's Tekfax schematic No. 1469.

One Touch Color System

The improved "One Touch" control circuit has two switch positions, MAN-UAL and AUTOMATIC, as in previous TV receivers. In this chassis the AUTOMAT-IC position limits the ranges of the TINT and COLOR controls so that the customer always gets a reasonably good color pic-



The modular solid-state 25MA chassis is laid out in a clean uncluttered "U" shaped design.



Approximately 66 percent of the set's total electrical components are found on these 10 plug-in modules.

ture when he pushes the AUTO button. In this position, the button is illuminated with a neon indicator.

Power Supply

The power supply assembly is located on a subchassis which is easily removed by disconnecting four plugs and two screws from the chassis lip. This assembly contains the power transformer, main filter capacitors, and the Insta-Color stand-by filament transformer. It also accepts the plug-in Low-Voltage Regulator Module, which includes the main power-supply diodes.

The power-supply provides five de voltages and two ac voltages. The secondary winding on transformer T1201 normally provides the 6.3v ac for the picture-tube filament; while in the "Insta-Color" position the 4.0v ac for the picture-tube filament is provided by the secondary of the standby filament transformer, T1202.

A full-wave bridge rectifier, filtered by capacitor C1702A, produces the 160v dc for the high-voltage regulator B+. The voltage between Pin 9 and ground is half wave rectified by diode Y908 and

by capacitors filtered C1202 and C1203 in conwith resistor iunction R1202, which produces the -34v for the vertical module. The center tapped voltage at Pins 4 and 6 are full wave rectified by diodes Y905 and Y906, and filtered by capacitor resistor C1206A and R2106 to supply 22v to the audio module. The voltage from Pin 8 to ground is half wave rectified by diode Y907 and capacitors filtered by C1204 and C1205, and resistor R1204 to provide the 13v for the vertical circuit. The 22v rectified voltage from diodes Y905 and Y906 is regulated in a conventional manner and supplies several points in the chassis.

A dc voltage is fed to the filament winding of transformer T1202 to elevate the picture-tube filament voltage to minimize filament-to-cathode breakdown.

A 2.5a Slo-Blo fuse, F1201, in the primary of power transformer protects the entire receiver while a 1/2 a fuse, F1202, protects the primary of the standby filament transformer T1202. The highvoltage section is protected by circuit breaker CB1200.

VHF Tuner

The wafer-switch type VHF tuner used in this chassis employs three transistors and is similar to the one used in the "J" General Electric chassis, although the external connections are different.

A MOSFET is used for the RF amplifier and NPN transistors used in the oscillator and mixer stages. The impedance of the VHF input terminal is 75Ω . By using shielded cable between the antenna terminals and the tuner input, co-channel or harmonic interference on cable systems is minimized.

Video IF Module

The Video IF module contains the Video IF Amplifier, AGC Keyer and Delay, Video Detector, Video Emitter Follower, 41.25 MHz IF Amplifier, 4.5 MHz Detector and AFC Discriminator. The input circuit used in this module differs from the conventional type in that it is designed to enable the replacement of the tuner or IF module without the need for alignment.

In this chassis the out-

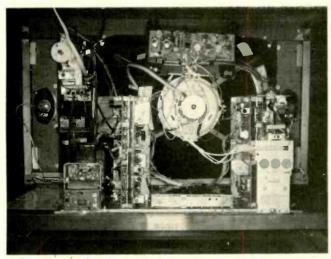
put of the tuner is a single tuned circuit broadly which has negligible effect on the IF response. The IF signal from the tuner is delivered through the link cable to the first IF amplifier input of IC201. The input impedance of this stage is essentially constant at 75Ω . The selectivity usually provided by the conventional link circuit is now furnished by the tuned circuit consisting of coils L201, L223, L224 and two traps.

The IF module is completely shielded in a rugged metal enclosure and can be removed without the aid of a soldering iron.

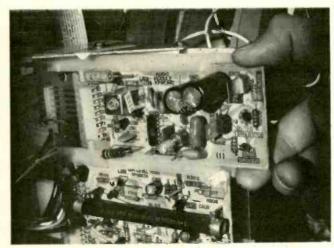
Video Low-Level Module

The circuits employed in this module perform the following functions: Lowlevel video amplification impedance matching to the delay line, video reference shift and picture-tube beam limiting.

Class A amplifier transistor Q301 provides isolation from the video IF module, along with impedance matching to the input of delay line DL301. The CONTRAST control adjusts the video output from transistor O302 before it is fed to Class A amplifier



Rear view of the color-TV set with the back cover removed showing the service controls.



Eight of the modules are plug-in circuit boards. Each of these boards has a receptacle on one edge which matches a plug on the master board, and slides into place on plastic tracks.

Q303. transistor The video signal is then coupled to video reference shift amplifier transistor Q304. In this stage the vertical and horizontal blanking pulses are coupled through diodes Y303 and Y304 to the base of that transistor. These blanking pulses are superimposed on the video signal appearing at the collector of transistor Q304. Since the video on the base of O304 is clamped, the same is true of the collector signal. Therefore, during horizontal and vertical blanking pulse intervals, a blanking pulse is present in the signal at the collector. These pulses exceed the reference level established by the clamped video on the base of O304 by approximately 3v. This added pulse voltage therefore forward biases diode Y305, whose conduction establishes a new reference level for the video signal. This circuit simplifies customer adjustment of the BRIGHTNESS control, which in a 100 percent dc restored receiver may be difficult for the customer to understand and adjust properly.

The purpose of the CRT beam limiter is to establish a limit of CRT beam current under extreme customer misadiustment so that it does not exceed the rating of the CRT.

Horizontal pulses, having a magnitude directly proportional CRT to beam-current. appear across the parallel combination of capacitor C1703 and resistor R1703 in the ground return of the highvoltage multiplier, HVM 1600. These pulses are delivered to the video Low-Level module and processed by a voltage doubler -capacitor C341 and diodes Y340 and Y341. The resulting dc potential appearing across capacitor C342 and the CRT beam limiter control network. R340 and R341, is a function of CRT beam current.

Zener diode Y346 is employed as a threshold element. BEAM LIMITER control R340 is adjusted so that zener diode conduction is reached when the CRT beam current reaches 1.7ma. Transistor Q306, acting as an emitter follower, provides a very high input load impedance, which prevents the voltage developed across capacitor C342 from being appreciably influenced

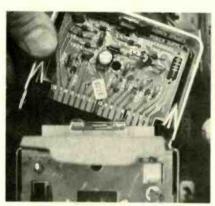
by loading after zener conduction is reached.

Chroma Module

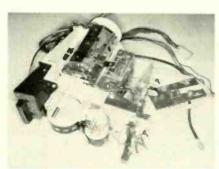
The Chroma module is a complete chroma system in one module, which receives its input signal from the emitter-follower output of the video IF module. The chroma module contains two integrated circuits. One, IC601, contains a chroma-bandpass amplifier, a reference oscillator, an ACC circuit and a color killer. The other, IC602, contains a chroma demodulator, a color summing matrix and three output amplifier stages.

RGB Module

In addition to providing a linear composite video signal to drive the picture tube to full output, the



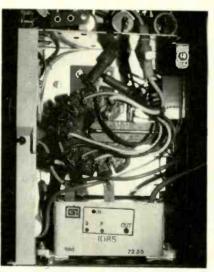
The 23v regulator module plugs in, but in a different manner, on the top of the powersupply chassis. The circuit board is inside a "U" shaped heat sink and includes all of the power supply diodes.



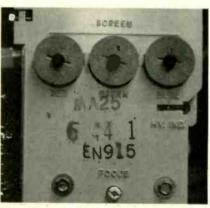
After removing the knobs, the entire tuner package is removed from the cabinet by removing six screws and disconnecting four plugs.



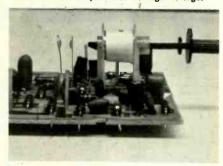
Provisions are made to accept a 75Ω coaxial cable antenna system. A 300Ω VHF input is provided via a 75Ω -to-300 Ω balun, which is connected by means of a shorting link.



The plug-in high-voltage transformer and highvoltage tripler eliminates the need for soldering, enabling more service work to be done in the home.



This chassis features a high-voltage indicator light which glows when high voltage is present. The neon bulb is located below the BLUE SCREEN control and eliminates using a meter to check for the presence of high voltage.



When the HORIZONTAL-HOLD shaft is pushed in, a shorting switch is activated, killing the sync signal and causing the picture to float for a more accurate HORIZONTAL HOLD adjustment.

RGB module also matrixes the luminance signal with the color difference signals, while maintaining the de reference level.

The positive output of Video Low-Level the module is ac coupled through capacitor C314 to the RGB module. Consequently, dc voltage variations, component tolerances and thermal changes are not coupled through the RGB module to the picture tube.

Basically, the RGB amplifiers consist of individual transistor amplifiers— Q403, Q405, Q407—connected in a common-base configuration, one each color signal. Inputs to each of the three amplifiers are direct coupled from the emitter-follower stages, transistors Q402, Q404, Q406. These stages are essentially in parallel to the luminance signal, which is ac coupled to the base element of each emitter. The BRIGHTNESS control on the Video LowLevel module is coupled through diodes and isolation resistors to the base elements of the same emitter followers.

This module provides a linear composite video signal, clamped or referenced to a dc potential during the horizontal retrace to the picture-tube cathodes. When the TVset viewer changes the dc reference potential, it produces a net change in the picture tube bias, causing a change in the displayed This brightness. BRIGHTNESS control voltage must pass through the RED, GREEN and BLUE DRIVE controls to obtain grey scale tracking.

R-Y, B-Y and G-Y signal voltages from the color demodulators are ac coupled to the bases of their respective emitterfollower stages, which places the color signal input to each stage in parallel with the luminance signal input. Matrixing of the R-Y and Y signals is accomplished in the linear passive network-consisting of capacitors C401 and C403, and resistors R409 and R410 on the RGB module, plus resistor R647 on the Chroma module.

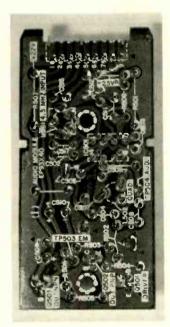
High-Voltage Regulation Circuit

High-voltage regulation is accomplished by the dc voltage supplied to the horizontal-output stage. and a conventional transistorized voltage regulator is supplied with 160v from the power supply. The regulated 130v supply is delivered to the horizontal output stage, and the regulated voltage is adjusted to produce 26.5kv at the picture tube anode with the BRIGHTNESS and CONTRAST controls set at Depending minimum. upon picture-tube requirements, the regulated B+ voltage can be between 120v and 140v to produce the 26.5kv for the picture tube requirements.

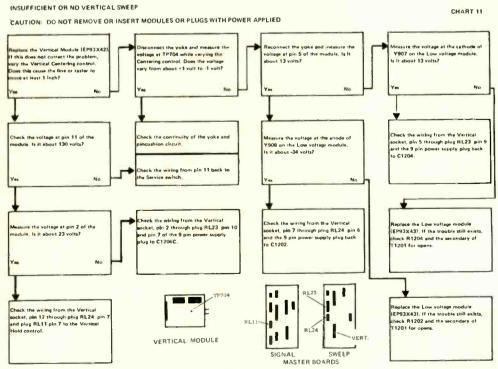
A unique protection device is used in this chassis to prevent X-ray radiation and protect the circuitry from excessive voltage on the B+ regulated line or failure of the regulator circuit. If the regulated line voltage exceeds 150v, an SCR is triggered to short circuit the power supply and open the circuit breaker, causing it to remain open until the faulty condition is repaired.

Horizontal-Output Circuit

The horizontal-output transistor, Q1701, and damper diode, Y1602, employed in this chassis provide switching to the horizontal yoke windings, which are in a conventional configuration. The collector voltage of transistor Q1701 is the regulated 130v from the low-voltage power supply and is in effect the high-voltage regulator adjusted by the HIGH VOLTAGE ADJUST control, continued on page 56



The copper pattern side of all modules—as illustrated by this sound module-employs screen printing to identify all components, test points, functions and key voltages.



For fast diagnosis of chassis problems, an in-home service troubleshooting chart is provided with the service literature.





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A Shop Built for Thieves by J. Nick Adams, CET

When Couch's Inc. began planning new quarters, the crime history of the past 36 months was a major factor in the considerations

■ The planning of a new building for a business organization is an awesome task. There are literally thousands of details and decisions from carpet to roof. Cost and efficiency must constantly be considered as limiting factors, based on the requirements of the business. But equally important was the crime history of the past 36 months! Almost a dozen break-ins [as described in the article "Smash and Snatch" beginning on page 43 of the September 1972 issue of ELECTRONIC Technician/Dealer] gave owner Charles R. Couch, Jr., plenty of food for thought—along with some additional gray hair and rapidly rising insurance rates.

Mr. Couch realized that he needed an attractive building for the display of brown goods. He also needed an efficient layout to make use of every foot of enclosed space, with the whole arrangement as burglar proof as possible. The building was designed around these factors.

There is probably no system which offers perfect protection and very few service dealers can afford to post armed guards every 10 ft. However, the integrated system described in this article strikes an excellent balance between cost and protection.

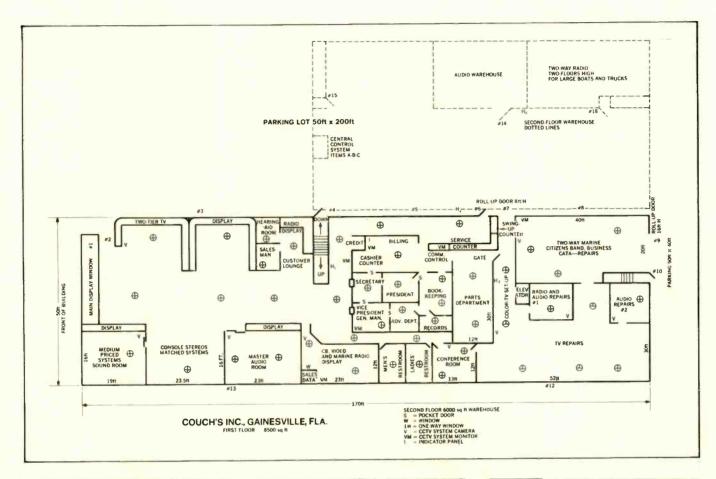
The front glass area is minimal, as shown in the photograph of the building. These are the only windows in the building. The front and service-entrance doors, along with the windows, are of Laxan plastic, rather than glass. This product of the space age is nearly unbreakable; and according to specifications, it will withstand pounding, cutting and the occasional hurled brick. While

its initial cost is higher than glass, it will reduce insurance costs considerably.

The burglar protection and alarm warning system was designed for simple operation, with all functions monitored at a central status panel. Experience with the prototype of this system indicated that if something went wrong, a major problem was locating the trouble area. An indicator panel solves this problem handily. Lights give a quick status on continuity, door opened or closed, etc.

Switch-over to an internal power source gives additional protection in case of ac interruption. This function is automatic.

Pressure switches trigger the audible alarm and alert the police station if someone attempts to break or otherwise tamper with the windows.

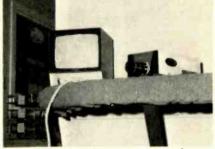




Front view of the nearly completed building shows the minimal window area.



This vast expanse of roof is completely protected by pressure switches underneath.



Typical closed-circuit camera and monitor.

This audible alarm has saved Couch's on a previous occasion [as reported in the November 1972. issue of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/ DEALER].

The noise is provided by a prerecorded tape feeding through a PA amplifier. A wide-angle dispersion horn speaker is mounted high above the building, with monitor speakers at several inside locations (refer to diagram).

The effectiveness of the alarm system dictated that it be installed during the construction of the building, not just added when everything else was finished. While under construction, Couch's employees worked closely with the architect and contractor to install various portions of the system as the building went up.

The walls of the building contain approximately 6000 ft of wire (Belden 8484 was used). This continuity wire is interlaced throughout the construction, and there is scarcely a chance that a hole could be opened without breaking the wire and triggering the alarm. Naturally, latching relays are used. Once the alarm sounds, they must be reset. A simple reconnection of the broken wire is not enough.

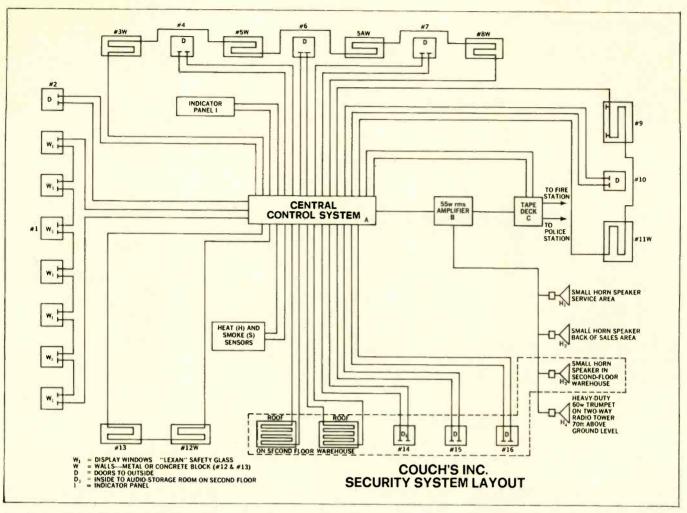
Just below the metal roof, a network of 2-in. mesh screen wire blocks any possible entry from above. Even slight pressure on the wire trips the alarm.

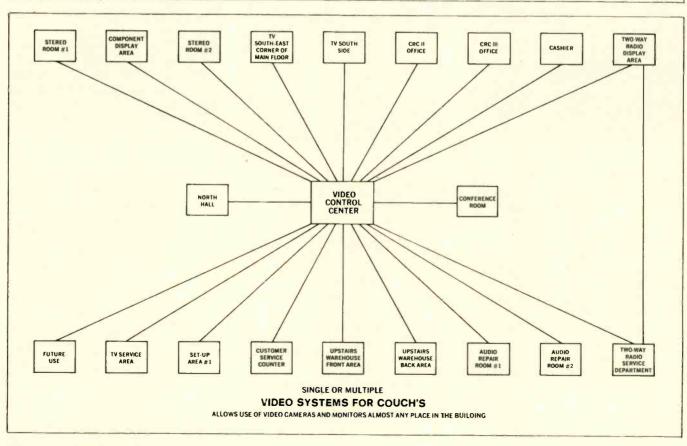
All doors have two sets of magnetic switches. One indicates if the door is ajar on the indicator panel. Another indicates entry with an audible gong, for use during working hours. At night, this switch provides continuity for the alarm system.

Smoke and heat sensors are also a part of the general alarm system. These sensors are strategically located and tied into the main status panel. There, a hook-up with the local fire department via a telephone line is contemplated.

Finally, provision has been made

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Tuner Cover Booby Traps

by Bob Cook, CET

BEWARE! or one of these TV tuner-cover booby traps will get you if you don't watch out!

■ From the rash of missing tuner covers these days, one can imagine that more and more electronic technicians have fallen into one or more of the many typical tuner booby traps. But, leaving the tuner cover off the tuner is a poor solution to the problem. This will not only introduce stray radiation, but will fill the tuner with dirt, causing a worse intermittent problem than was present before the tuner was cleaned. Be forewarned of the problems that can happen and watch for them after every tuner cleaning job. (The Standard Kollsman tuners mentioned in this article can be identified by two criteria: they have green bar channel strips with adjustable contacts and the detent spring and roller are at the front of the tuner, on one side. The Sarkes Tarzian tuners have square channel strips that snap into a plastic wafer—which has a habit of breaking—and the contacts are not adjustable. The detent for these is on the back.)

Trap No. 1

Especially prevalent on Magnavox, Admiral and others using Sarkes Tarzian tuners.

You have carefully removed some of the channel strips, cleaned and adjusted the stator springs, lubed the contacts and replaced the cover. Now you mount the whole assembly back in the cabinet and fire the TV set up to see how beautifully it tunes, now with that good cleaning job you did on it.

The TV set warms up and you not only don't get a picture; but worse, you get a strange smell and smoke begins emerging from the back of the TV set. After pulling the whole assembly back out of the TV set, you find that in removing the cover with all of its slots, slides

and snap locks, you inadvertently bent one of the center tongues, and it shorted against a plate-resistor tie

If you caught it quickly enough (nearly impossible at this point), you may not have to replace the 1/2 w resistor that found itself between 240v and ground. If you didn't catch it in time, you will have to remove most of the channel strips and replace the burned resistor.

My solution on these tuners is to carefully inspect the cover before replacing it on the tuner, and bending the tongues so that they are tight against the inside of the tuner mating surfaces. A few minutes spent on this stage may save a lot of time later. Result, no more two hour jobs after a 20 minute tuner cleaning.

Trap No. 2

Especially prevalent on RCA, Admiral, Magnavox, Philco-Ford and



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others using Standard Kollsman tuners-also possible with Sarkes Tarzian tuners.

Be sure to check the UHF response after every tuner cleaning job. Here the problem is the rear corner of the cover on the side of the UHF input jack.

This corner is easily bent when removing the cover, and it doesn't have to be distorted much to hit the hot point of the UHF jack and short it out. The result will be a weak, snowy picture on the strongest UHF stations-much like a bad UHF tuner. In fact, one of the distributors told me they sell a lot of UHF tuners for this very reason, only to find later that the tuner was okay.

If you don't make a UHF check after you clean one of these tuners, you can be sure that you are going to get a call from your customer (if you have UHF in the area) accusing you of ruining their UHF tuner, because it was okay before you worked on the TV set. This call back hurts you in more ways than one BEWARE!

Trap No. 3

This is one of the more insidious traps that occurs in Admiral, Magnavox and others using Standard Kollsman tuners.

You get a call on an intermittent sound and picture, and when you check the TV set, the tuner is so bad that you can't get a steady picture on any channel.

You give the customer an estimate for a tuner cleaning job and proceed with your usual method of cleaning the tuner. Upon completing the job you turn the TV set on to demonstrate how good a job you did for the customer, only to find that most channels have tunable

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The Picture **Tube of the Future**

by Vincent J. Lutz, CET

How many of you remember way back about 22 years ago when everyone was "buzzing" about color television? CBS and RCA each had a "system" that they were trying to get the FCC to approve as "compatible," so that the approved system could be put into production and sold to the public. Any of you who had the opportunity to view both "systems," I am sure, could see the advantages of the RCA system that the FCC finally did approve. All of us who have been in the service business for some time have been working with color picture tubes since 1954 that use the internal pole piece gun. This type of picture tube has been the standard of the industry; and as we well know, uses dot trios and requires static and dynamic convergence. The deficiencies of this tube have been something that we all have learned to live with.



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Lo and behold, we are told that 1973 will see a "break through" in picture tube design. The new tube will be lighter in weight, with a shorter neck and above all, will make the cost of a new color-TV set much cheaper. Added to these advantages is the fact that replacing a defective color-picture tube of the new style will involve little more work and set-up adjustments than black-and-white tube replacement.

There are four major manufacturers claiming that their picture tube is best, and another up-to-now unheard of tube maker also issuing claims of superiority. The four companies who will market this new version of a color-picture tube are: RCA, General Electric, Sony and Toshiba. The fifth entry into the "race" is David Sunstein, a Philadelphia engineer who developed the UNIRAY tube. As each of these tubes have major differences, requiring different circuitry (thus are not interchangeable), and as none of us has had a chance to make side by side comparisons; how may we establish a "standard?"

With the information available on each of the five tubes, an attempt shall be made to describe each of the color-picture tubes. Bear in mind that each of the companies claim that their product will afford radical improvements in color reception. and will reduce the problems of the present-day CRTs.

The first one to be discussed will be the RCA precision in-line type. The screen consists of continuous vertical phosphors instead of the conventional dot trios. RCA claims that the line screen reduces the beam-to-phosphor mis-register and improves purity and "white" uniformity performance. The splitshaped shadow mask does not require as much reduction in the outer edges, as does the dot trio mask.

To further insure beam position accuracy, the grids are planar electrodes and the beams inside the gun mounts are made to travel parallel paths. The cathodes are electrically separated to allow cathode video drive using solid state red-, blueand green-drive circuits.

The RCA deflection yoke is a PST (precision static toroid) type, which is a self-inherent convergence yoke. Thus convergence (RCA says) will be equivalent or superior to that of present day commercial TV sets, and will eliminate the need for dynamic convergence circuitry in the TV chassis. The PST yoke consists of plastic rings cemented to the ends of the core, the plastic

placed rings having precisely grooves, each holding but one turn of wire. These yokes are said to be more uniform in performance, with convergence variations being less than half that of those in saddle yokes. The new type yoke is smaller and less costly, using about 20 percent of the copper used in saddle yokes and weighing only about 11/4 lb. The PST yoke has an impedance suited for use with solid-state deflection circuits.

In this new RCA circuit, where purity and convergence are independent of the driving circuit, it becomes possible to "set-up and attach" the yoke permanently to the neck of the CRT at the tube manufacturing plant. The critical adjustments are made at the factory at the time the yoke is cemented in place and are good for the life of the CRT. It can be seen that with such a CRT, replacement will be no more difficult than that of a blackand-white CRT.

You may say: "Well, what if the CRT or the yoke goes bad? Is it necessary to replace both?" RCA's picture-tube warranty applies to both the tube and the yoke. So both will be replaced within the two-year warranty period in the event that either the tube or yoke fail. This will simplify servicing since much less

time is required to install this new RCA tube. The PST yoke has been designed to have excellent reliability by eliminating the normal failure modes associated with conventional saddle coils in the multiple solder connections. A simplified field replacement method is being developed for introduction after the twoyear warranty period to replace a defective yoke on a good tube.

What are the advantages of the RCA in-line system? It is claimed that: Lines "nest" better than dots; the effects of geometric trio distortion can be eliminated; better beamto-phosphor can be obtained; there is less effect by the earth's magnetic field; and chassis generated fields can be oriented and isolated for minimum effect. Additional advantages claimed by RCA are the fact that being about 2-in. shorter, it will make "styling" better for TVset manufacturers. It will be a more uniform product, more reliable and cost less, thus providing lower original TV pricing and lower in-field servicing cost by eliminating the convergence adjustments. It will be lighter in weight, so easier to handle, and will have compatibility to solidstate circuits. Only 15-, 17-, and 19in. versions will be made for the United States portable market. The 17- and 19-in. tubes will feature a black matrix screen to improve brightness and contrast. Black matrix guard bands separate the red, green and blue phosphor line triplets.

General Electric

General Electric has announced the second generation of its in-line color-picture tube. G.E. will not cement the yoke to the neck of the CRT. Purity and convergence (both dynamic and static) will be necessary when installing the G.E. tube, but the dynamic convergence adjustments have been reduced from 12 to only 4.

General Electric will use the vertical striped phosphor pattern, slotted mask, in-line gun structure and reflection-reducing black matrix background. The yoke is a multiple layer toroid type. The three beams are produced by three electron guns arranged side by side in a line.

Vertical oriented corrections will

not be necessary, but if raster size is incorrect, an adjustment can overcome this. Unlike RCA, which places the red beam between the green and the blue beams, G.E. places the green beam between the red and blue beams. G.E. engineers claim that this maximizes picture details and is responsible for eliminating the need for vertical adjustments. The manufacturer claims that its new in-line picture tube gives greater brightness, improved apparent picture detail, increased contrast, a reduction in vertical registration errors, improved color uniformity, lighter weight, and permits slimmer cabinet styling. At present, G.E. contemplates production of a 19-in. tube, but says that it is working to extend into larger screen sizes-up to 25-in, with a deflection angle of 110°.

Sony Trinitron

We have all had some experience with the Sony Trinitron. It too uses a vertical-striped phosphor screen, but does not use a slotted shadow mask. Instead of the vertical slots used by RCA and G.E., Sony uses an "aperture grill" or "open grill" that has continuous vertical spaces running the entire height of the grill. Because of these continuous lines and other complexities of the Trinitron, Sony spokesmen say their CRT gives a much brighter and sharper picture than other CRTs.

Toshiba

Toshiba, another Japanese manufacturer, has also announced the production of a vertical phosphor screen using a slotted mask and guns similar to the G.E. design described in this article. At the time of this writing, the details of the Toshiba yoke or method of convergence of their new CRT are not known by this author. It is mentioned only to show that the trend is to the in-line system of color picture tubes, and that there may be many different types on the market shortly.

UNIRAY

The UNIRAY tube developed by David Sunstein is not now being produced. Mr. Sunstein has stated

that if no major manufacturer will undertake the production of the tube, then he will go into the manufacturing business of the tube and a TV set that will use it.

The UNIRAY tube is said to use 300 (each) red, blue and green vertical phosphors on the face plate, and does not require the use of a shadow mask. Mr. Sunstein says that the shadow mask absorbs at least 80 percent of the beam current; so by eliminating the shadow mask, a brighter picture is obtained with considerably lower "high voltage" than any present color-TV set. A black matrix will occupy the space between each phosphor stripe, and a thin layer of aluminum is deposited over the entire phosphor area. Thus electrons can pass through the aluminum, but not light—all of which will be reflected through the front of the tube-giving a much brighter picture. (A feature also held in common with the other tubes described in this article.)

The UNIRAY tube is said to not require convergence or synchronizing circuits—part of the beam striking the phosphors being reflected back through a "window" in the back of the bell glass to accomplish the convergence and synchronization "job." No detailed circuitry or method of operation was given, so we will have to accept Mr. Sunstein's explanation. He does say that his CRT and circuitry will cut prices on color-TV sets from \$100.00 to \$150.00 per set.

Conclusion

To sum up the mechanical adjustments of the five CRTs, we can refer to the chart shown below.

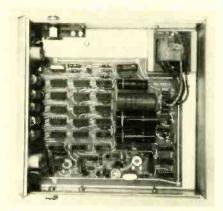
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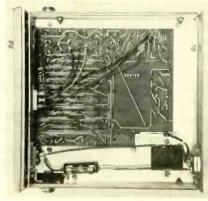
The desire on the part of manufacturers to shorten the over-all length has not stopped. General Electric says they will go from 90° deflection to 110° and on to 114° CRTs. Sony already has a 114° 17in. color tube on the market in continued on page 48

Basic Digital Circuitry

by Phillip Dahlen, CET

Part V—More on regulating the decade counters





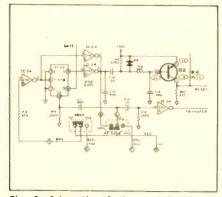


Fig. 2-Schematic of the control circuitry. Courtesy of Heath Co.

Fig. 1-Top and bottom view of Heath's IB-101 Frequency Counter circuitry.

■ This and the previous articles in this series include scope traces of virtually every circuit function in Heath's IB-101 Frequency Counter (Fig. 1) that can be photographed in a practical manner. These photographs have included everything from the wave shape of the 1MHz oscillator signal to partial photographs of a group of waveforms that were in ef-"stretched" threequarters of a mile to show the presence of resulting low-time-constant differentiated signals. This month's article continues our description of the circuitry used to regulate the decade counters while functioning at a frequency of but 1Hz.

Such an extremely lowfrequency signal requires the use of scope sweeps that require up to 5 sec. to scan the screen, or twice that long for alternate sweep coverage of dual-channel inputs--much too long a time interval to have any meaning when merely observing an electron beam tracing out the pattern.

Unfortunately, time exposure photographs long enough to record the sweeping of the entire waveform require working in nearly total darknessunless one can form a light-proof seal between the camera and scope; and that too can prove to be inconvenient (at least with the scope camera available in our lab). For us, the most practical solution was to use Telequipment's Model DM64 dual-trace memory scope.

This scope will be described in more detail in a future article, but for this month's article it is sufficient to say that with certain settings of the controls, it is possible to record on the face of the CRT the path traveled by the electron beam. This is possible with virtually all sweep rates, and the recorded path can be either automatically erased at the completion of each sweep, or held on the screen for up to an hour after the electron beam has completed its trace. All photographs in this article are of the waveforms recorded on the CRT, the entire trace having been completed several moments prior to our taking each picture. Thus we were able to use a camera shutter speed of 1/30th sec. to record waveforms that required 5 to 10 sec. to trace out on the scope.

The previous article in this series (beginning on page 30 of our February 1973 issue) was concerned with the function of circuitry used to determine the time interval during which a decade divider chain of integrated circuits counted the number of cycles present in a signal of unknown frequency. Due to the complexity of the waveforms

related to this timing function, the contents of that article was limited to only what occurred as this regulating circuitry was in its kHz mode of operation. This month's article continues our description of this regulating circuitry (Fig. 2) by showing what occurs as it functions in its Hz mode of operation. (The waveforms shown in this month's article can be more easily interpreted if they are compared with those shown in the previous article.)

In the composite photo of scope traces in Fig. 3 we note the shape of the 1Hz timing signal-originally described with Fig. 14 on page 49 of the January 1973 issue—that is applied to the input of Inverter B (IC24-13). As before with the 1kHz signal, this inverter merely amplifies the more negative portion of the applied

In addition to being your editor, the author of this article is Chairman of the International Society of Certified Electronic Technicians.

signal—the signal resulting at its output (IC24-2) thus differing from the applied signal in both polarity and waveform.

As noted in the previous article, the flip-flop circuit contained in the portion of IC22 shown in the partial schematic has two outputs (IC24-8&9) that are of opposite polarity and change state with every negative excursion of the output of Inverter B (IC24-2). During the 1 sec. that IC22-8 is negative, it allows the first circuit in the decade counter chain to function.

(This is the Gate—B signal shown in the December 1972 article.) During the 1 sec. that IC22-8 is positive, it keeps the decade circuitry from count-

The second output of this flip-flop circuit (IC22-9) is fed to the input of Inverter D (IC24-10), while the output of Inverter B is fed to the input of Inverter C (IC24-12). Their resulting outputs are combined and observed as they occur at Terminal B. (The previous article went into detail concerning how these two signals were combined.)

Fig. 3 also shows the differentiated signal, resulting from that present at Terminal B, which is applied to the base of transistor Q2. As before, this transistor amplifies only the negative portion of the applied signal, the resulting positive pulse (at Q2-C) being used to reset the decade counters to zero prior to beginning a new count.

Unlike this circuit's kHz mode of operation, when in its Hz mode the signal present at Terminal B is fed directly to Terminal C. Thus the reset and transfer signals operate at the same frequency (both at 1/2 Hz), rather than at different frequencies (one at 500Hz and the other at 10Hz) as described in the previous article. This considerably simplifies the viewing of both signals simultaneously on a scope.

In Fig. 4 and 5 of the February 1973 article we are able to view the differentiated pulses resulting from a 10Hz signal present at Terminal C when in the kHz modeit having been made apparent with the use of the delayed-sweep circuitry incorporated in Telequipment's Model D67 scope. For this month's article, however, we are using a 1/2 Hz signal to generate the $2\mu s$ and $30\mu s$ pulses. And to make a comparable 0.1-in, trace of the continued on page 44

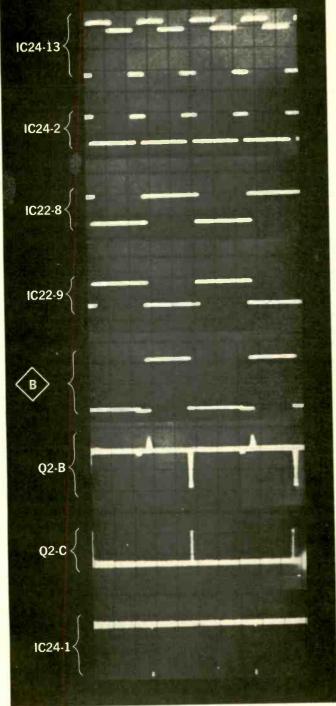


Fig. 3-Composite photo of 1Hz signals processed in the control circuitry.

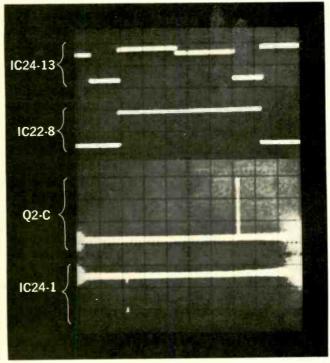


Fig. 4-Timing relationships exist between the applied 1Hz signal and the resulting gate, transfer and reset signals.

ER important as PR

A successful service dealer must be as much concerned with employee relations as with public relations

When we attended the NEA Business Management School in St. Louis some years ago, some of the courses were taught by Dr. Sokolik -head of the Business Administration Department of an Illinois college-a very bright and flexible young man. By flexible we mean that he was modern, able and willing to adapt to the changing times.

One of his sessions, in particular, remains firmly imbedded in our memory. As he stated, we are all acutely aware of the need for good Public Relations, but good Employee Relations are very frequently overlooked. We believe he has struck a vital point of good business management.

ER has taken a back seat to PR, and it is costing business dearly, was his theme. We have neither the space nor the expertise to make the case like he did; but we will try to project some of his points.

Employees, to be efficient, must be happy at work and at HOME. They must get along well with coworkers. They must like their employer and/or supervisors. They must be free from health and financial worries. They should have some ambition. If employees register on the positive side in these points, then they will be efficient, productive, and good-will ambassadors for the employer-both on and off the job.

A new employee should be introduced all around, made familiar with his surroundings, and instructed on policy. He should be made to feel he is an important entity in the organization, not a cog in a machine. An unobtrusive effort should be made to find out something of his family-his wife's and children's names, something of his hobbies. This will afford a background for establishing a camaraderie with and concern for him.

This does not mean you should

get buddy-buddy with him on social terms, though he should never be snubbed. Often times too close a relationship with anyone will breed contempt.

Never, never, refer to him as "my man." At all costs refrain from saying "My man will take care of it." "I will send my man out," or "My man is reliable." The phrase "my man" implies subservience. This can lead to rancor in a man and build to a point where he despises his employer.

Rather say "Mr. Doe will take care of it," or "Mr. Doe, one of our best technicians, will be out this afternoon." You not only build up the ego of your technicians (remember he does not want to be, nor should you, call him a serviceman), but you also improve the image of your company.

If an employee begins slipping, his production lags, or he starts making errors; something is bothering him. Don't just fire him; he is a valuable, trained employee, and to replace him is costly. In addition, firing can instill resentment among your crew, and even cause a loss of customers.

Get at the root of his troubles, but this must be done diplomatically. Individuals differ. Some can be called into the office for a man-toman talk. Sometimes a supervisor may have a clue to the problem. Taking a man fishing for a day is a great common denominator. It is almost uncanny how some men, under the spell of the quiet outdoors, will voluntarily loosen up and tell their troubles.

With most men, don't pry, don't become too persistent. Some employers have the knack of becoming sort of a father confessor. But whatever the method employed, the first step is to determine what is bothering the employee.

He may be sick, need an operation, or just need to get away from it all for a couple of days—just as you do occasionally. His daughter may need her teeth, or his son an eye, straightened; and he cannot see his way financially clear. Someone may be pressing him for repayment of a debt. A child may be doing poorly in school, or running with the wrong crowd. He may have wife, or in-law trouble.

True, you are not a trained counselor, but you can evaluate the matter in an unbiased manner. Here being on a first-name basis with the family helps. Sometimes just to share knowledge of the problem with a confidant relieves the bearer of half the load. This is the secret of many ministers' success.

He may have the idea that he is doing all the work and you are getting a lion's share of the compensation. A few minutes of time, shooting square with facts and figures, should suffice.

Sometimes the focal point may be a feud, a prank, or an injustice, real or imagined. He may believe he is getting all the undesirable jobs. He may despise the type of work he is given, but covet another at which he is particularly good. All these are in your sphere of action. You CAN do something about them.

These are some of the tenets propounded by Dr. Sokolik. Strict adherence to them could materially increase production in many businesses and increase profits substantially. Aren't they worth reading over?

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Customers Expect Good Business Manners

How manners are practiced determines how often each and every customer will return when he or she needs our services

by Ernest Fair

■ As youngsters, we were all taught a liberal quantity of those rules of human behavior called Good Manners-the code of conduct which all of us expect of others and grant to them in return.

Just as there are good manners in social life, so are there good manners in a service shop operation. Good manners therein are as important as those at any social function. How well they are practiced determines how often each and every customer will return when he or she needs our services. Good manners truly make a good service business.

Most of the rules of good manners expected of us by our customers are simple and easy to follow. Here are the more important of these:

Always practice courtesy for there is never a time when we should act otherwise. No matter how unpleasant the customer, nor how badly we feel at that particular moment, exercising courtesy and consideration is an absolute necessity during every moment of our business life.

Use a gentle tone of voice, even when vigorously pressing a point. Few indeed are the customers who appreciate the loud shout in a conversation. No one likes to be bullied -a loud shout and harsh voice leaves that impression.

Be attentive and understanding. When a customer is telling us something, he or she expects us to listen and absorb what is being said. Dividing our attention with someone or something else while handling a customer is discourtesy of the first order.

Avoid slang when talking with customers. Some people resent slang words of any type-they make little

impression on the others. Learn to use small words (avoid the big ones) for small words more effectively get the ideas across to the cus-

Be quick to meet customers. One of the surest ways of creating an unpleasant reaction is to let them stand around waiting while busying oneself with something else. Even when we are busy, it pays to say "Hello" and assure the customer that he or she will be taken care of in just a moment.

Keep yourself neat and clean. The individual with dirty fingernails or unkempt appearance can never leave a good impression with any customer. He or she goes out of the way to be rude to every customer.

Don't overdress for in doing so one creates the impression of bad manners in trying to look better than the customers.

Respect the customer's wishes for even though one may be certain a statement or request is utterly wrong, remember that he or she believes otherwise. The customer's beliefs are the important ones in all business matters—if they are met, the customer is satisfied and that is our big purpose.

Speak clearly and distinctly for not only is it bad manners to mumble our words or release them from a corner of our mouth, such talking is extremely difficult to follow. Slow and distinct pronunciation of every word is not only good manners but a much more effective way of conveying a point.

Make the first impression pleasant for initial impressions are usually lasting. Show every customer that you have a sincere desire to please him or her as an individual. It is very important to look the customer directly in the eye and provide perfect attention.

Avoid chewing gum and smoking in the presence of customers, particularly while attending to their specific needs. These habits may or may not be all right, but we cannot afford to offend many of our customers who view them with distaste.

Eliminate familiarity from all dealings with customers. It never pays to "kid" customers no matter how well we know them. Every customer should be treated with maximum courtesy and respect during each and every moment of business contact.

Be responsive in waiting on every type of customer. Chiefly, that involves learning to be a good listener. It is good manners and it helps to make our business liked by the people who will want to come back again and again.

Practice being tactful for that is another foundation stone of good business manners. We can be certain that when an individual comes into the shop that he or she expects service, and they are a great deal touchier than they are in their other daily contacts.

Let every customer feel important by each word and action taken in handling his or her needs. The successful individual is always the one whose sense of good manners is so acute that it leaves every person with the impression that he or she is the most important individual to conduct business with that day.

Never laugh at a customer. If he or she mispronounces a name or title, do not laugh at their mistake, as they are certain to be offended and it is always bad manners to show off our knowledge before others who have less acquaintance in our particular field.

Avoid exaggeration. Exaggeration, like flattery, is apparent to the simplest person. It is always bad manners. It always leaves the impression with the customer that one considers him or her a simple soul who can be swayed with such talk.

TEST INSTRUMENT REPORT

Philips' Model PM3232 Scope

by Phillip Dahlen

This true dual-beam instrument is not limited by the switching circuitry required for many other two-channel scopes



Philips' Model PM3232 Scope. For more details circle 900 on the Reader Service Card,

We have printed quite a number of articles advocating the use of dual-trace triggered-sweep scopes for more effective servicing. However, virtually all such scopes covered thus far have performed this dual-trace function with the use of internal switching circuitry-alternately applying one signal and then another to the CRT's vertical deflection circuitry, and generally switching between these two input signals at either the scope's horizontal-sweep frequency or some other much higher frequency. Thus the waveforms observed only appear as if they were both simultaneously present on the scope screen. For many applications, such a compromise is quite satisfactory, while for others it is not.

The manufacturer states a number of major advantages to dualbeam scopes as opposed to switched dual-trace instruments: Because waveforms are not chopped or switched, they are generally brighter and there is virtually no possibility of phase-relationship error. Dualbeam instruments are especially useful in digital-pulse work, as well as in other fields in which the time relationships between waveforms are critical.

In addition to being a true dualbeam instrument, it is said to offer universal triggering facilities, including automatic level, dc coupling and automatic TV line/frame selection. Its maximum sensitivity is reportedly 2mv/cm over its entire 10MHz bandwidth.

The dual-trace inputs are said to have the loading effect of a 1M resistor in parallel with a 20pf capacitor. A switch for each channel determines ac or dc coupling, and vertical sensitivity is adjustable with a 12 position switch, plus variable control—the switched positions ranging from 2mv/cm to 10v/cm. Each channel, of course, has its own vertical-positioning control; and a beam switch may be used for observing only Channel A or Channel B inputs.

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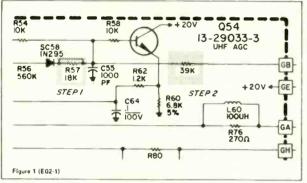
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Color-TV Chassis E02-1.-2.-Vertical Jitter

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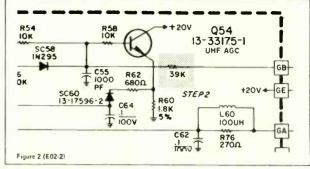
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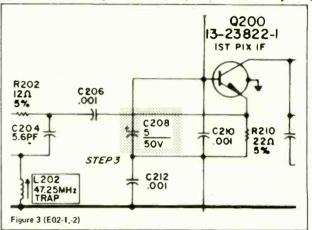
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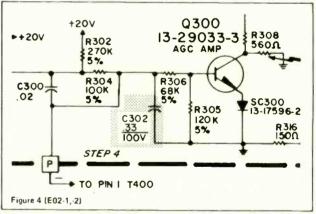
SC58 (on EO2-1-2 tuner panel) as shown in Fig. 1 and 2.



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and replace it with a .33 \mu f, 100v capacitor as shown in



Color-TV Model CL2498 Entertainment Center-Wrong Speakers Installed

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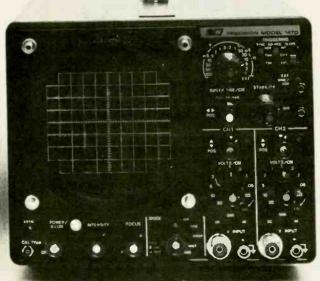
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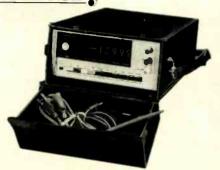
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 2μ s pulse (as in Fig. 4 of previous article) would require that we "stretch" the 1/2 Hz waveform roughly 391/2 miles -50 times as far as it was necessary to "stretch" the 10Hz waveform shown in Fig. 4 of the previous article. Such drastic trace expansion is well beyond the capability of the Telequipment Model D64 scope, and we are unable to satisfactorily photograph the pulses differentiated from the 1/2 Hz signal that are applied to IC22-10 (the flip-flop circuit) and IC24-14 (Inverter A). However, the output of Inverter A (IC24-1) can be photographed. And since it does occur in the same frequency range as the other signals in Fig. 3, it has been added as the bottom scope trace.

We are primarily interested in the 1Hz signal applied to the time-regulating circuit and the resulting gate, transfer and reset signals. The relationship of these signals is shown in the composite photograph in Fig. 4, which in many ways looks very similar to the corresponding composite illustration in Fig. 11 of the February issue, produced while the circuit was in its kHz mode. (The major apparent difference in these waveforms is actually the result of an error made by your editor in preparing the composite illustrations for Fig. 8 and 11 of the February article. There the scope traces for IC24-13 were inadvertently flipped from left to right. The basic timing relationship with the other waveforms is correct, but the sequence of voltages within the top waveforms should have been the

same as in the actual scope photograph used for IC24-13 in Fig. 3 of the February article.) However, instead of covering a frequency range of 1kHz to 10Hz, the waveforms shown in Fig. 4 of this month's article merely cover a frequency range of 1Hz to ½ Hz.

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From Fig. 4 we note (just as we did from Fig. 11 in the previous article) that immediately after the count has been completed (right after the gate signal becomes positive) a negative transfer pulse allows the buffer-storage circuitry to accept a new count. And upon accepting that count, the reset signal (Q2-C) returns the decade counters to zero.

Unlike the previous article in this series, we were unable to show the pulse applied to IC22-10, which resets the flip-flop circuit. However, with the timeregulating circuit in its Hz mode of operation, this pulse merely performs a redundant function, since for all practical purposes the resetting pulse would be coincidental with the next negative excursion of the output of Inverter B (IC24-2),which serves to return the flipflop circuit to its previous

Although future articles in this series will be concerned with the Buffer-Storage 1 and Decoder-Driver circuits in Heath's IB-101 Frequency Counter, this is the last article in this series for which we plan to use scope traces to illustrate circuit function. This is due to the fact that the remaining circuits perform switching functions more readily observed and studied with the use of LED displays than with a scope.

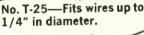


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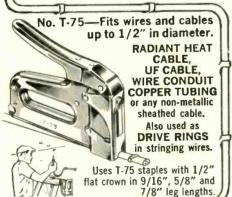


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continued from page 33 ringing ghosts on the right side of the objects in the picture. Since you don't know who was in the TV set last, or how the picture was before the tuner became so dirty that it wouldn't work, you assume that along with a tuner cleaning the customer's TV set is in dire need of an IF alignment job. Right?

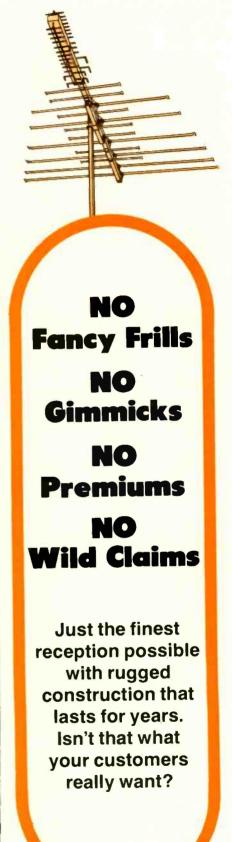
probably but more Maybe. wrong. Take off the cover and try again. If the ghosts disappear, look for the small tongue at the front end of the tuner nearest the IF cable jack. This is very easy to bend while trying to put the cover back on the tuner, and if you bend it just right, it will short out the IF output cable jack. Surprisingly enough, you will get a fairly good picture with good color, but with those tunable ringing ghosts. This has resulted in many chassis being pulled for alignment only to find the real culprit while attempting to align the TV set.

Conclusion

Considering the BOOBY TRAPS that tuner covers can get you to fall into, it might seem expedient to just leave them off and avoid all the pitfalls, but that is the mark of a sloppy electronic technician; and worse yet, if you carry it away with you, that makes you a thief in the eyes of the electronic technician that follows you. And if he tells that customer that their last technician stole their cover, you can be sure that you'll be on their list. Be forewarned of the traps and be careful when you reassemble those covers.

One of these days, someone is going to get Sarkes Tarzian and Standard Kollsman to design their covers with no internal tangs on the cover to give us problems. Zenith, with its Video Guard, proved that it could be done.

There are many other pet peeves with tuners and tuner assemblies, such as: mounting the UHF tuner directly under the VHF tuner so that you have a major disassembly job to even get the VHF cover off; tuner assemblies requiring six to eight serews to be removed with a 2-ft nut driver to remove them from the cabinet, when Sylvania proved that one screw will do the job if you engineer a couple of hooks on the top.





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Miss Mary Delgato, an employee at Couch's, wonders if the six CET's can figure out how to wire the alarm system.



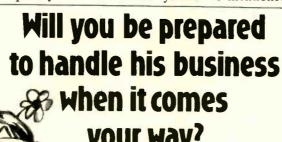
Back aisles can easily be monitored by a closed-circuit TV camera.

One addition to the system might be ultrasonic detection. Such systems [described in the article "Electronic Security" beginning on page 42 of both the October and December 1972 issues of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER] would provide additional safety and offer the advantage of being very hard to locate and defeat. However, such installations are rather critical.

Details concerning other systems currently in use by other readers would certainly be welcome.



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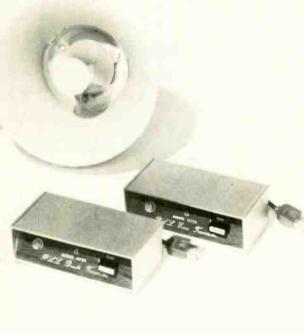
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Japan that is 3 lb lighter and 5 in. shorter than the present Trinitron. Sony has said that it will definitely produce such a tube for the American market this year, but has not announced what sizes they will be. Sony also said that the 114° tube will cost more than the present color tube, but just how much more, they cannot say at this time. Presently Sony has the highest-priced color tube on the world market.

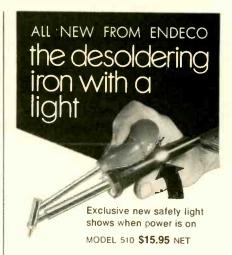
One thing appears certain: Every manufacturer claims that his tube is superior and will do a better job. We, the servicing dealer and electronic technician, will have to find out and prove which is best for ourselves. Surely every one cannot be "the best." It can be seen that an intensive and hard fought battle is shaping up for manufacturers to capture for themselves the larger share of the color-picture tube market, which last year totaled almost \$475,000,000.00.

The following information was not received in time to be included in the author's article, but is being added since GTE Sylvania is a principal supplier of picture tubes in the original equipment market and has been very active in the new in-line tube technology. GTE Sylvania developed and demonstrated large neck three-gun in-line tubes in 1970 and has contributed considerably on its present refinement. Large neck in-line appears to be applicable to all screen sizes 13-in. to 25-in. Subsequently, they have in the past year developed a small-neck, single-gun in-line product to serve a broader segment of the future small-screen set market.

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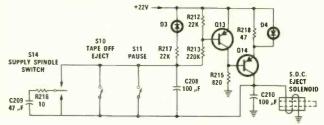
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The YZD572 cassette recorder has a special circuit that senses the end of the tape or that the power is OFF and ejects the tape cassette. When the cassette is ejected at the end of a tape, the instrument is turned OFF.

The schematic shows the simple circuit used for the



automatic cassette eject function. A solenoid (S.D.C.) ejects the cassette when energized by the conduction of transistor Q14.

Tape-motion-sensing switch S14 is part of the tape-supply spindle. When the tape is moving, the movable wiper of S14 alternately closes the contacts of the switch—much like the brushes and commutator of a dc motor. When the tape motion stops, switch \$14 can be open or touching either contact. When the tape is moving, transistor Q13 conducts because increased base current is available. The base current for Q13 serves as charging current for capacitor C208.

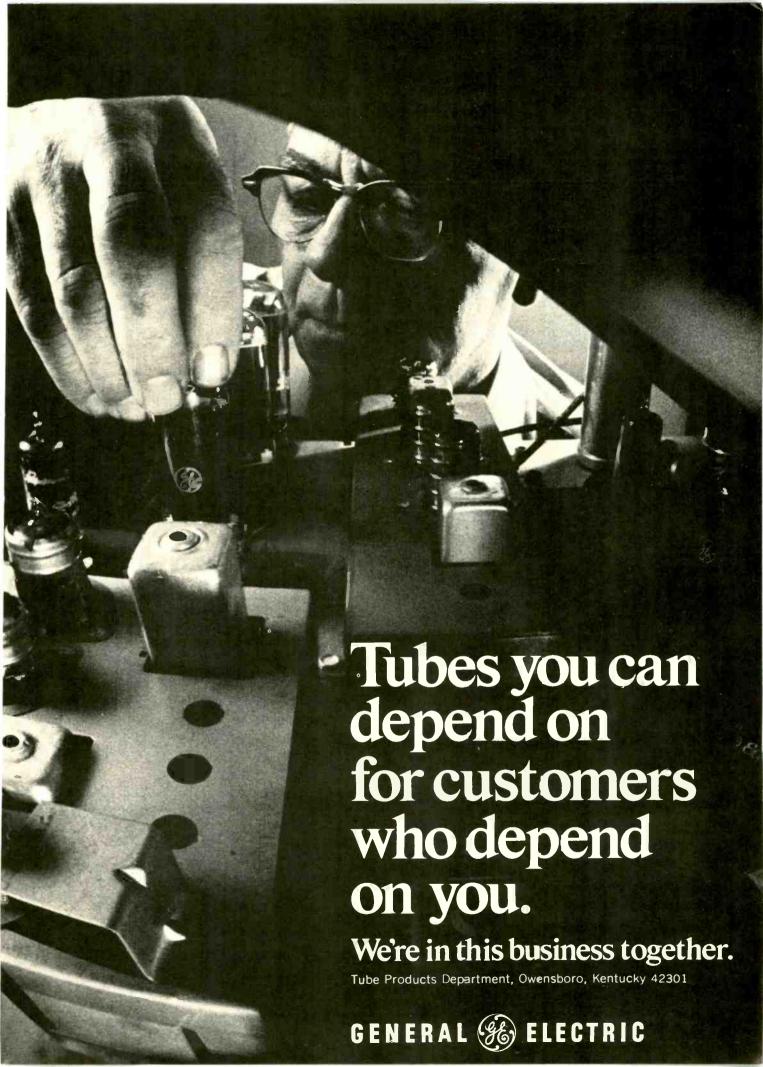
Capacitor C208 never reaches a full charge because the tape-motion sensing switch (S14) alternately connects C209 across C208 and then discharges it. This action assures continuous base bias for Q13 while the tape is in motion. When the tape stops, S14 no longer cycles and capacitor C208 assumes full charge. With C208 fully charged, Q13 has no base current and is cut off. When Q13 is not conducting, transistor Q14 conducts and energizes a solenoid. As the cassette is ejected, \$10 (discharge switch) closes and discharges C208. This prevents the cartridge from being ejected if it, or another, is immediately reinserted. Diode D3 forms an alternate discharge path for C208.

The cassette is also ejected when the power is switched off because the emitter voltage of transistor Q13 decays much faster than the base voltage, due to the charge on capacitor C208. Thus Q13 switches OFF within one second after the power is removed and the solenoid is energized to eject the cassette before the 22v power supply decays below a useful level.

A pause button (switch S11) is provided to allow the user to stop the tape motion without triggering the eject circuit. Obviously, the cassette will not automatically eject when the power is turned off as long as the pause button is ON.

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R1315, on the high-voltage regulator module.

The high-voltage transformer used in this chassis supplies a fifth-harmonic tuned pulse from the highvoltage winding to the five-diode high-voltage tripler. The negative portion of the pulse, which occurs during retrace, is heavily clamped by the clamp circuit diode Y1661, capacitor C1661 and resistor R1661 to improve the high-voltage regulation at low beam currents.

A high-voltage indicator neon bulb, NE-1600, is inductively coupled to the input lead of the highvoltage tripler and glows when the horizontal circuits are operating.

A resistive focus divider, R1662, provides the focus voltage for the pictube. Horizontal pulses, at the ground end of R1662, appear across capacitor C1703 and resistor R1703 with a magnitude directly proportional to the picture-tube beam current.

Diode Y1141 scan rectifies the pulse output of transformer T1700 Terminal 5 to attain the -21v power supply for the 1F, Video Low-Level and RGB amplifier modules.

Summary

We feel that the manufacturer did an excellent job in designing this chassis not only for maximum accessibility but also for maximum serviceability. The features employed are what most independent electronic technicians would suggest to make home servicing of the color-TV set easier.

General Electric's "module caddy" service kit is also a major step towards "one-call" home service. It includes the modules and most of the major components required for servicing this TV set. If you should want to repair the module, the tie points, component identification and full circuit board markings permit conventional servicing.

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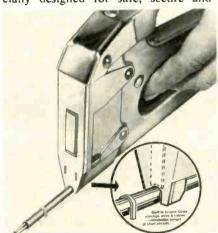
messages for two types of emergencies, and up to six separate parties may be contacted on each channel. The dialer is packaged in a locked, tamper-resistant cabinet measuring 12 in. wide by 101/2 in. deep by 41/2 in. high. Mountain West Alarm Supply Co.

STAPLE GUN

704

Designed to fasten lowvoltage wire up to 1/4 in.

The Model T-18 staple gun is specially designed for safe, secure and



neat fastening of any inside or outside low-voltage wire, up to 1/4 in. in diameter. The tapered striking edge reportedly gets into close corners, and the grooved guide positions wire for proper staple envelopment. The automatic safety stop reportedly halts the staple at a proper height to prevent damage to the wire. Arrow.

SOLDERING TIP

705

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qualities: heat transfer, durability and thermal load in watts. These tips are exclusively used on the company's solid-state, constant-temperature probe, the Loner soldering instrument. Edsyn.

HEAD DEMAGNETIZER

706

Removes residual magnetism from heads, capstans and guides

The Model QM-202 head demagnetizer is designed to remove all residual magnetism from recording heads, capstans and guides. The unit generates a controlled 60Hz magnetic field which is reportedly strong enough to



effectively demagnetize without producing additional residual magnetism. It reportedly features a flexible probe which will flex to reach usually inaccessible recorder/player parts. The magnetic field radiates from the tip of this probe, which is designed to contact sensitive areas without danger of physical damage. A sensitive microswitch is activated by finger tip pressure when the unit is picked up and deactivated when it is released. Nortronics Co.

ANTENNA

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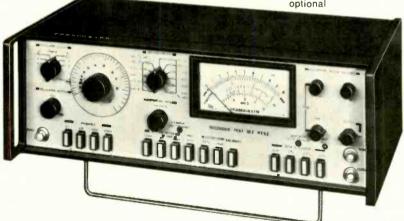
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these yagi antennas are especially designed for areas where the viewer is located between several TV stations with signals coming from different directions. The antennas reportedly feature a 6MHz wideband response to ensure good color reception even at channel band-edges. Gain is typically 7dB over that of a tuned dipole, and the double-fold 300Ω driven element provides an exact match to the downlead and to mixing networks or preamplifiers. These yagi designs are said to provide typical front-to-back ratios as high as 16dB and beam widths that



range from 56° to 65°, depending upon the channel required. Rugged

construction and deluxe gold finish are combined in the antennas to maintain reliable performance and good appearance over the years. Blonder-Tongue Laboratories, Inc.

SCOPE

708

A compact, lightweight, solid-state instrument

The Model LBO-310, 3 in. solidstate scope is designed to offer 20mv p-p/div vertical sensitivity with a maximum input at 600v (dc/ac p-p).



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TOOL CASE

709

Moderately large assortment of hand tools and specialized equipment

A attache-style tool case, Model TC-200/ST, is designed for the electronic technician who has frequent need of a moderately large assortment of hand tools and specialized equipment for his work. The case contains a generous assortment of screwdrivers, nutdrivers, pliers, cutters, stripper/cutter, etc., all mounted in see-thru plastic pockets on a removable pallet of heavy gauge vinyl located in the lid of the case. Construction features of the case reportedly include a solid-wood frame with dovetailed corners, locking brass-finished hardware and a continued on page 60

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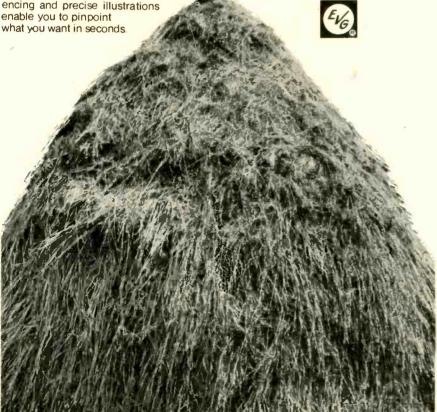
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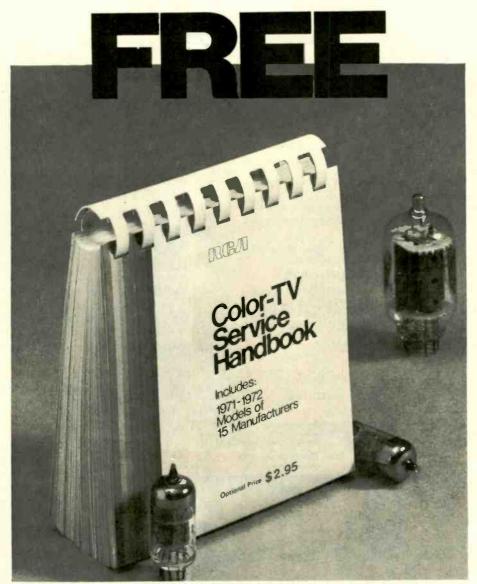
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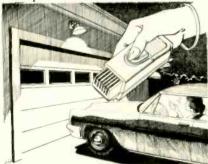
for fast, easy size selection. They also make excellent heat sinks. GC Electronics.

REMOTE CONTROL UNIT

712

A security and safety product

The Sonic-Raylight is an outdoor remote control light that is used outdoors as a garage or door light and is said to be ideal for the porch or walkway. The unit reportedly consists of an all-aluminum, weather-proof receiver box and socket, plus a convenient pocket-size remote control hand

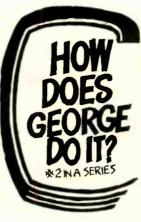


unit. Each socket reportedly powers a lamp rated at up to 150w. Acting as both a security and safety product for the home, the unit may reportedly be controlled from the owner's car, within a 75-ft. distance. Signal Science, Inc.

VHF/UHF LINE AMPLIFIERS 713

Offers more flexibility when designing MATV systems

A solid-state, line-powered, line amplifier is designed to overcome problems resulting from high loss systems caused by long trunk lines and remote antenna installations. The line amplifier is designed to add signal gain where it is needed most, in the continued on page 62





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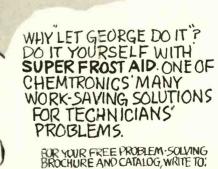
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trunk line. The Model LE-215 reportedly amplifies VHF signals +15dB and passes UHF signals with negligible loss. It is also said to feature a



built-in 3dB tilt compensator to correct for the unlinear attenuation characteristics of coaxial cable. The high input level, excellent VSWR and low noise figure are said to allow a large number of these to be cascaded, if necessary, to overcome extra high losses. Winegard Co.

GROUNDED OUTLET TESTER

Simplified tester checks for faulty wiring circuits

A simplified tester, Model GT-20, is designed to check for faulty wiring circuits in a matter of seconds. Simply plug the tester into your outlet and observe the indicator lights on the device. The amber lights will show the presence or absence of power. Reverse



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STANDBY-POWER SYSTEMS 715

Instantaneously provides up to 1000w of ac power

A solid-state standby power system, Model 660-112, is designed as a standby emergency ac power source for radio communications, CATV, microwave, amateur radio and citizens band

radio equipment. If normal ac line power is interrupted or fails, the unit reportedly transfers to system power in 20 ms. When the normal ac power returns, it is said to transfer the load to incoming ac and disconnects the emergency power. The charger then reportedly turns on to its highcharge position until the batteries are recharged, then automatically switches to its maintenance "sensing" position to keep the batteries in full-charge condition. The pilot light and ammeter are located in the front operating panel. The light indicates that ac incoming power is available to the system. The ammeter shows the operat-



ing charge rate of the charging system. The system is said to have forced-air cooling and the cabinet is designed to be both attractive and functional, measuring 51/4 in. high by 161/4 in. wide by 121/4 in. deep. The unit is supplied with brackets for mounting in a standard 19 in. rack or panel. Terado



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FM/AM/FM STEREO RADIO 716

Radio has four amplifiers for discrete four-channel sound

The Hastings Model RE-7740 is said to be a new "Series-44" home entertainment system combining an FM/ AM/FM Stereo radio with four amplifiers for discrete four-channel sound, supplied complete with four



speaker enclosures. air-suspension The unit reportedly features Quadruplex circuitry for matrix records and also provides four-channel sound presence from two-channel sources. There are said to be two jacks for four-channel headphones, one for the front channels or stereo, and the other for rear channels. Panasonic.

TELEPHONE ANSWERING 717 DEVICE

Designed for use in the home

The Metrotec electronic phone answerer is designed for home use and incorporates operating and design features particularly suited to the general



consumer. It is shipped with pre-recorded answering messages for an authoritative, attention commanding sound and to aid microphone shy users. But there is also provision for home recording of personal messages

with a built-in condenser microphone. All functions are activated by pushbuttons for simple and fool-proof operation. The device can reportedly record up to 30 messages on a special cassette and a "Message Waiting" indicator light is illuminated whenever a call has been taped. The answerer is factory set to answer after three rings, but may be adjusted by the user to answer after as many as five rings. Another feature is the phone answerer's reported ability to act as an "electronic bulletin board," for in-home messages. The ac-powered device reportedly meets all applicable telephone company regulations. Computer-type logic circuitry is used instead of moving parts for switching functions. The unit measures 9 in. by 10 in. by 23/4 in. BSR-Metrotec.

VIDEOCASSETTE TEST TAPE

Provides proper adjustment of videocassette players

An inexpensive, accurate videocassette test tape is supplied for the proper adjustment of videocassette players and TV receivers. The tape is specifically designed for use with Wollensak, Sony, Panasonic, Concord, continued on next page

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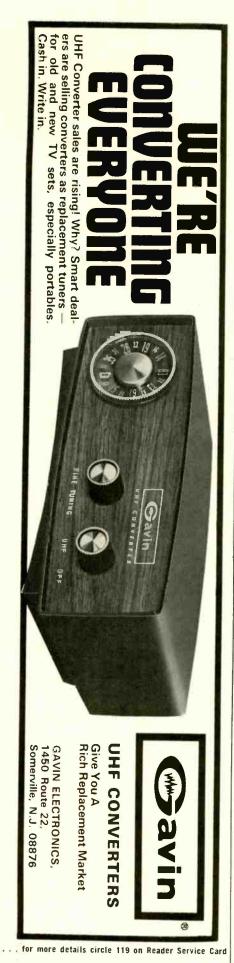
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and J.V.C. videocassette recorders with 3/4 U format systems. It is described by the manufacturer as "a must for anyone involved in set-up and performance of a videocassette system." Each test tape is said to be a high quality, carefully prepared, master recording with every element planned to allow a step-by-step adjustment procedure. The videocassette test tape reportedly consists of: Registration Pattern-RETMA, Color Bars (Split field), Dots, Cross Hatch and Dots, Cross Hatch only, and Color Bars (full field). The videocassette player can also be adjusted for tracking and skew. A lkHz audio tone, at zero level VU, is recorded throughout the entire tape to make adjustment of the TV receiver for inner carrier separation. Magnetic Video Corp.

RECORD CHANGER

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Offers many features of the higher priced units

A Model 1214 record changer is designed which offers many features of the higher priced units. The unit reportedly features a high-torque constant-speed motor, 6% pitch-control,



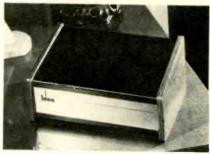
silicone-damped cue-control and elevator-action changer spindle. The lowmass counterbalanced tonearm has low-friction pivot bearings and can reportedly track at as low as 11/4 grams. United Audio.

INTRUSION/FIRE ALARM 720 SYSTEM

Solid-state control center operating on 12v dc

A Model Y-2000-A burglar and fire alarm system is designed to be installed almost anywhere without difficulty or special tools, and operates on 12v dc. When an intrusion is attempted, the magnetic closure contacts are latched, sounding the alarm siren. Within the system is a special circuit for fire detection, sounding the siren if the temperature exceeds sensor limits (135°F). The protection system is available with additional switches or sensors (two of each included per

package). The system is completely self-contained and reportedly has a heavy speaker horn, solid-state control center, two heavy-duty 6v batteries,



security shunt lock (ON/OFF) with two keys, package of mounting hardware, door or window decal, 150 ft of black and yellow conductor wire, instruction sheet and guarantee. Idea Systems.

FM/AM DIGITAL CLOCK RADIO

Receives government weather broadcasts in many cities

The Model C4332 FM/AM Digital Clock radio is designed to provide all desired clock radio functions: wakeup-to-music, or wake-up-music and alarm. It is said to also have the capability to receive continuous government weather broadcasts in many cities. All of these controls, plus AM/



FM selector, are top-mounted for convenience. Also reportedly featured is the Snooz-Alarm clock, a 24-hour wake up system and an electronic tone alarm with adjustable loudness. The cabinet is made of easy-to-clean polystyrene and a walnut-grain finish. General Electric.

VIDEO TIMER

722

721

Superimposes numerical indications on monitor

A new video timer reportedly superimposes clear, high-definition numerical indications directly on the monitor in a TV system. The Model G-77 video timer accepts input from any video source, such as a camera or VTR. A precise time reference is provided by a crystal-controlled oscillator and the time information is then superimposed on the video signal, which may be displayed on a monitor

or recorded on tape. The unit is said to be compatible with all popular CCTV and VTR systems, including color, B/W, 2:1 and random interlace, without equipment modifications.

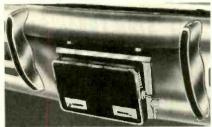


The user can control horizontal and vertical position of the numerals, size of the numerals, mat intensity and several other useful functions. Portions of the display are independently on/ OFF switchable, with hold, start and reset functions also provided. Important operating modes are all selectable through front panel controls. Gyyr Products.

AUTO BURGLAR ALARM

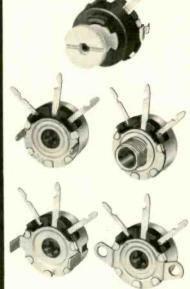
Bolts to license-plate holder

A new self-contained automobile burglar alarm has been designed that can reportedly be installed by anyone in less than 5 min. Called Carguard, the alarm simply bolts to the license plate holder on the front or back of any car. The unit includes a motion sensing circuit triggered by two silicon activated mercury switches. When activated, any movement of the car reportedly sets off a piercing 115dB alarm. The self-contained unit is said to operate from two Mallory Duracells with two separate circuits, each of which includes an alarm horn, a



mercury switch and a power supply. To avoid false alarms, the sensitivity is usually set to a moderate level so that only someone attempting to enter the car or to remove something will set it off. A built-in logic circuit shuts the alarm off after about 30 seconds, but if the car is touched again, the alarm blasts continuously. The auto alarm can only be turned off with a key and when the owner leaves the car, he arms the unit by turning the key to the ON position. Omnico.

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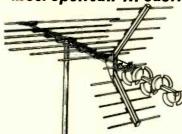
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ner in which Mr. Moch administers the affairs of NATESA, no one can deny that it is a successful organization. Any corporation or organization that operates successfully must have a good director or president. He (they) must have wide latitude of authority in order to attain its objectives. Perhaps Mr. Moch is using his own money on behalf of NATESA business because, on occasions, there is no time to call a board meeting and decisions must be made immediately. Of course, he is taking a chance that he may not get reimbursement. Because of such accounting practices, he may find himself on the horns of a dilemma today. However, his counterpart (NEA or whatever) should not take undue advantage of a man's awkward predicament to deny him the hard-earned money incurred on association properties. So equitable compensation should be made where necessarv.

TOM GING

Clarify Digital Articles

I've just found the time to read your excellent articles "Basic Digital Circuitry" in the November and December issues. I've learned a lot, but I am puzzled by one point. I would appreciate it if you would clear this up for

What puzzles me is this: If J, the output of Gate C is in the "1" condition at Time T₁₀ (as shown in Fig. 2 on page 47 of the December issue) how can the negative excursion of C cause the fourth flip-flop to change from the "1" condition to "0"? Would not the "1" applied to pin #7 of the fourth flip-flop inhibit change just as the remaining positive potential on output K is slated to inhibit the second flip-flop from changing (at Time T₁₀) from "0" to the "1" condition?

W. M. S. RILEY

Only when the second and third flip-flop circuits are both in a "I" condition can the output of Gate C also be in a "I" condition—from shortly after T6 to shortly after T8, and not during T10 as indicated in your letter. Only during that time interval may a negative excursion from the first flipflop circuit switch the fourth flip-flop circuit to a "I" condition.

However, once switched to a "1" condition, the fourth flip-flop cannot be inhibited from switching back to its original "0" condition with the next negative excursion from the first flipflop circuit, as occurs at time T10.

When in a "I" condition, the fourth flip-flop circuit prevents the second flip-flop circuit from being switched from a "0" condition to a "1" condition. And at time T10, the fourth flipflop circuit does not switch into a "0" condition fast enough to allow the second flip-flop to switch to a "1" condition with the negative excursion from the first flip-flop circuit. Ed.

What We need is a New Union

Some of the brightest men I've ever met have been Electronic Technicians. After 19 years in this business it seems bewildering why we are the vassels of the public whim, whipping boy of the press and still we "collectively" cannot see the wisdom of solidarity in our action.

I dropped out of NATESA this year because I've got a "CHRONIC" desire to be a CET. Still I can easily feel resentment that just CET after one's name does not insure that he could ramrod a TV shop for 19 years as I've done.

I believe Mr. Finneburgh has our best interests at heart. We are by our nature self-made men and "mavericks." At this time it would be appropriate, I think, to appoint Mr. Finneburgh as the temporary head of a new National "UNION," not association. What we need is the type of clout the Teamsters have—only power matters in America!

The public is cruel. How many of us know of old time technicians who retire without a pot by the window!

TOM DAVENPORT

Fool-Hardy Daredevil Method

Your January 1973 feature article, "New Color Picture Tube Replacement Technique," is a fool-hardy, daredevil method—without gloves and safety mask-and the most dangerous unsafe method published. It does not denote skill and understanding of the force and damage done by an imploding kinescope.

You must show pictures of force and damage done by imbedded glass from a kinescope implosion. Safety begins here in ET/D.

LEO J. DARAUS

So many electronic technicians ignore these basic safety procedures that we failed to even note that these precautions were not shown in the photographs supplied us by the manufacturer. This was not the first letter bringing the fact to our attention. We would like to hear from our other readers concerning this matter. Have any encountered implosion of the newer tubes and taken pictures of the damage done? How many do take these safety precautions? Ed.

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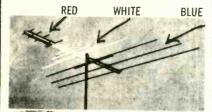
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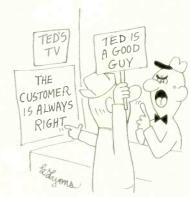
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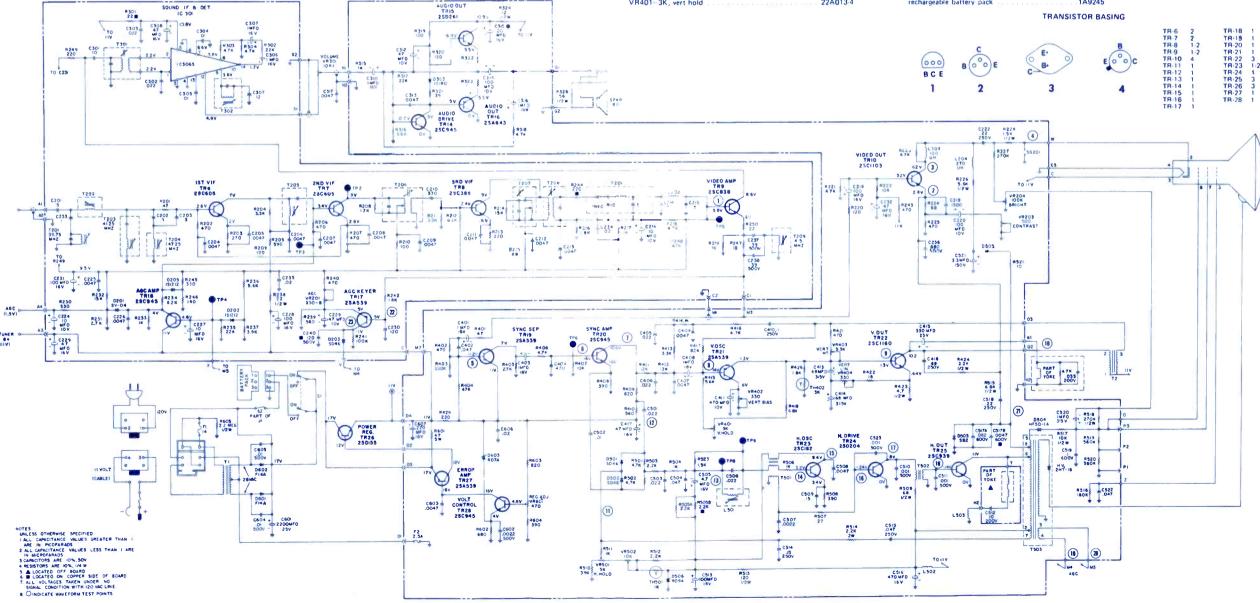






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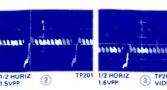
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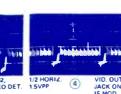




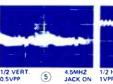
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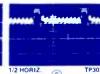


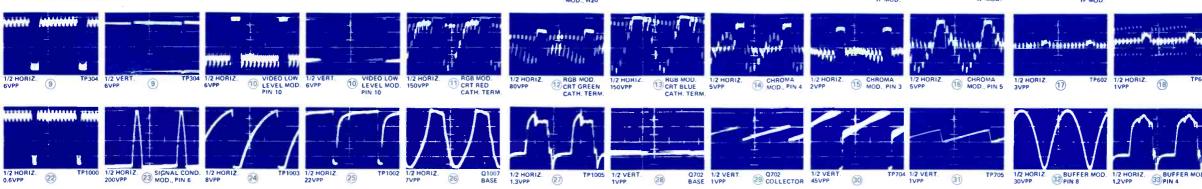


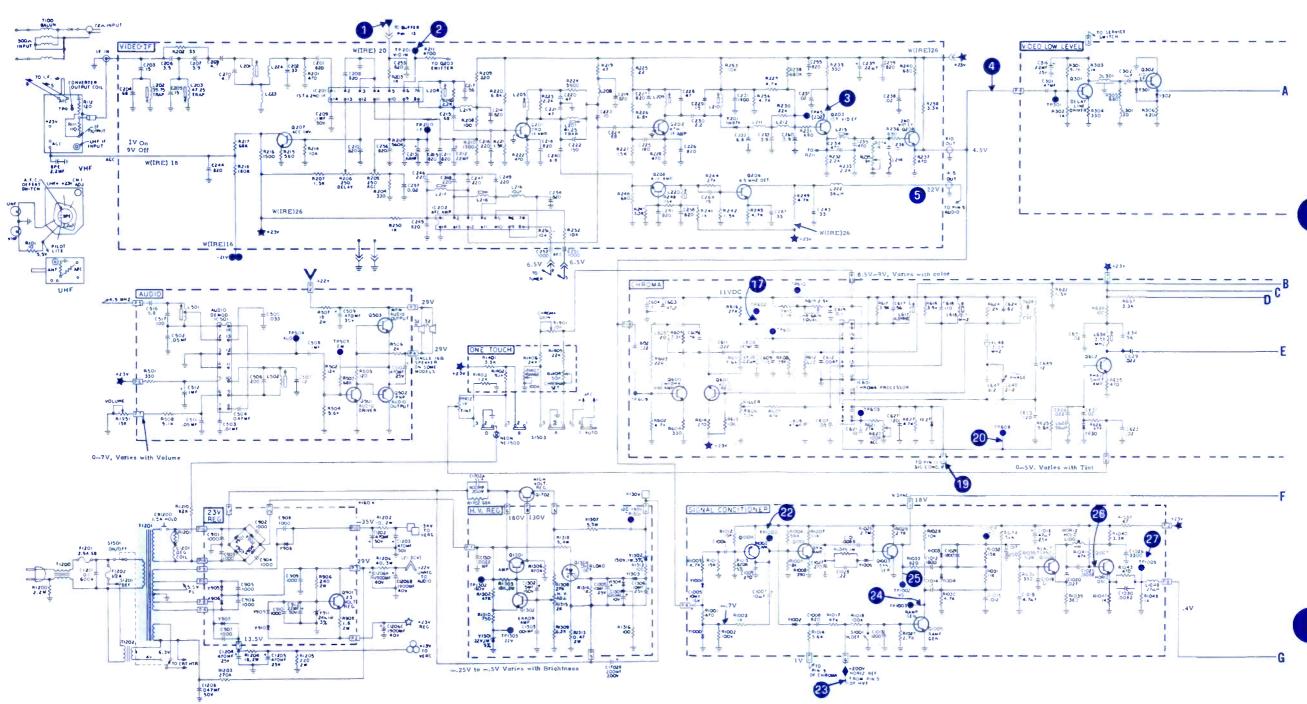


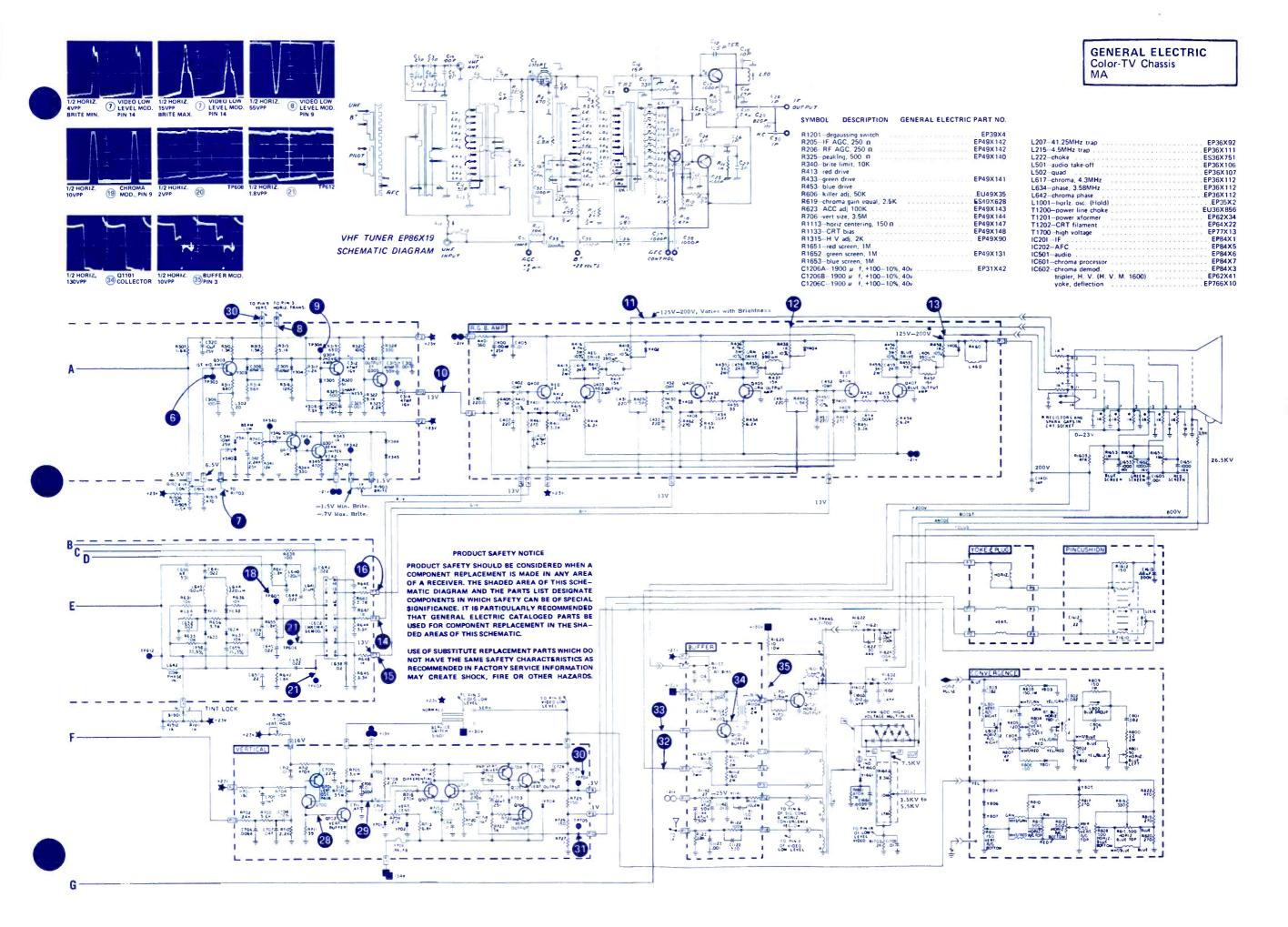








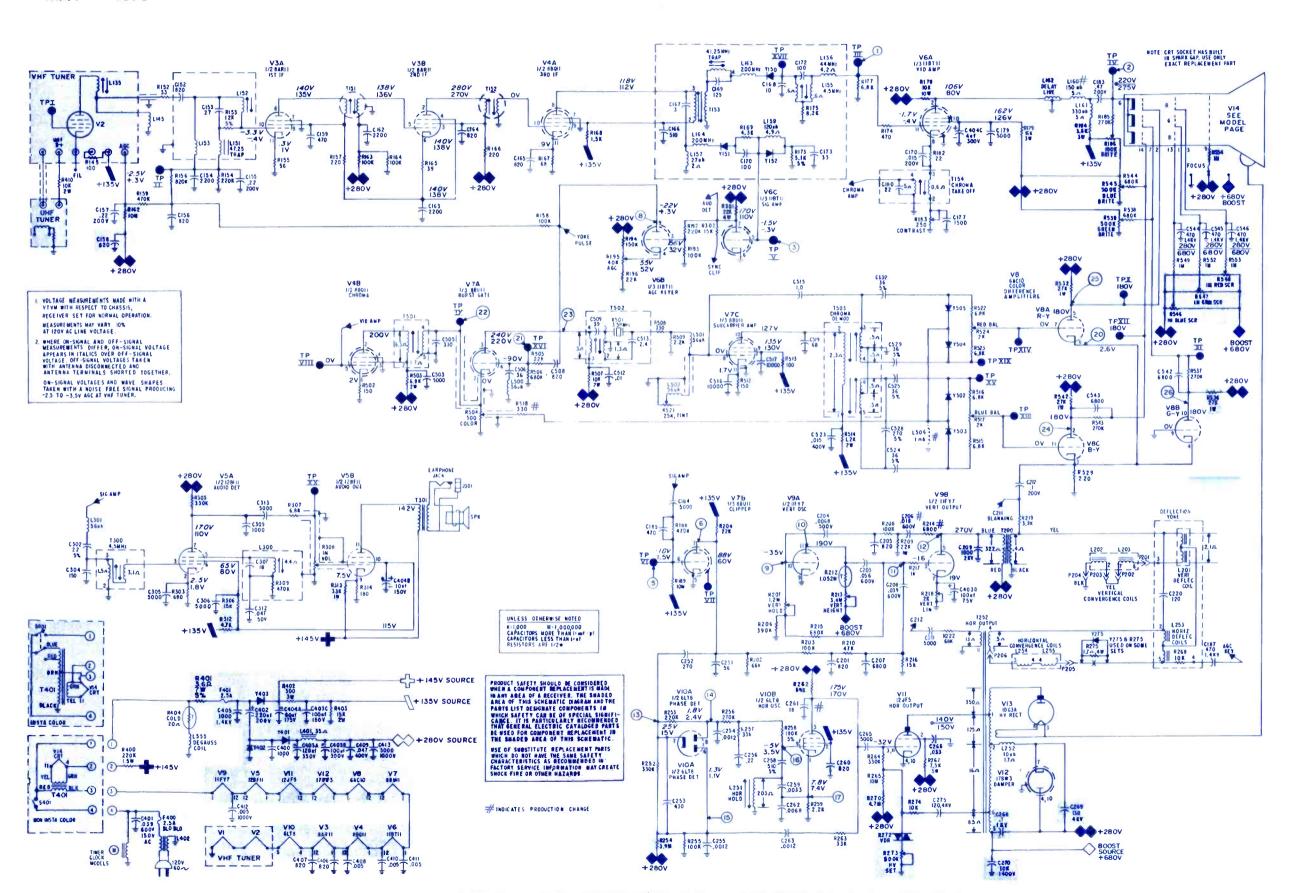




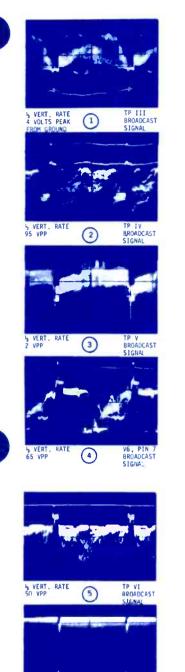
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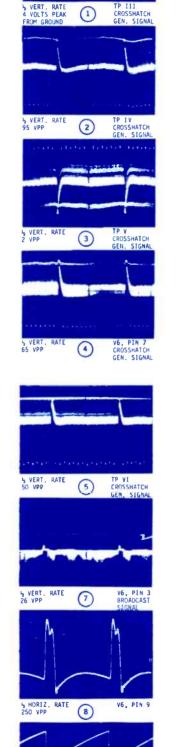


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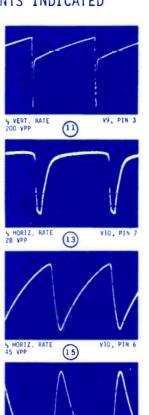
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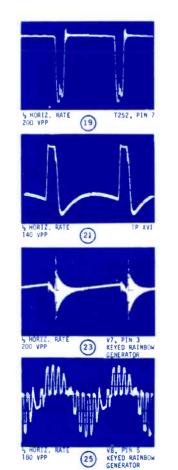
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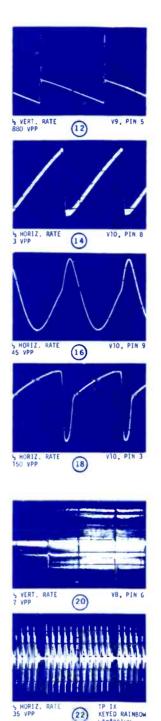
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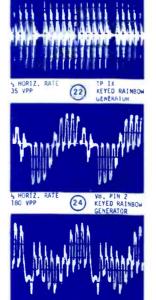
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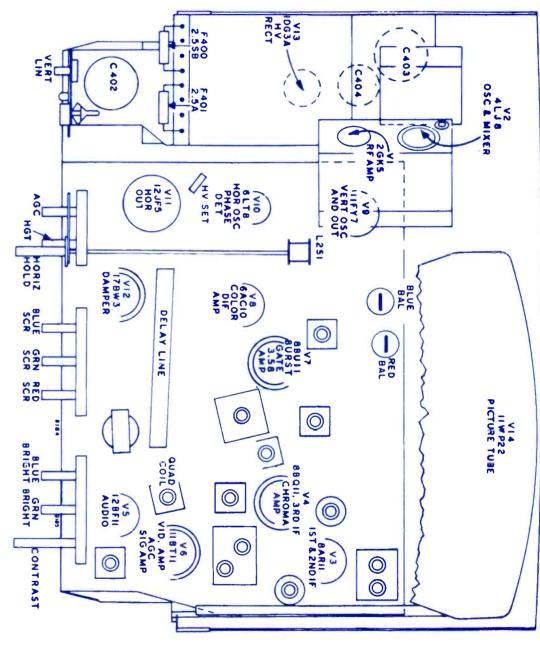


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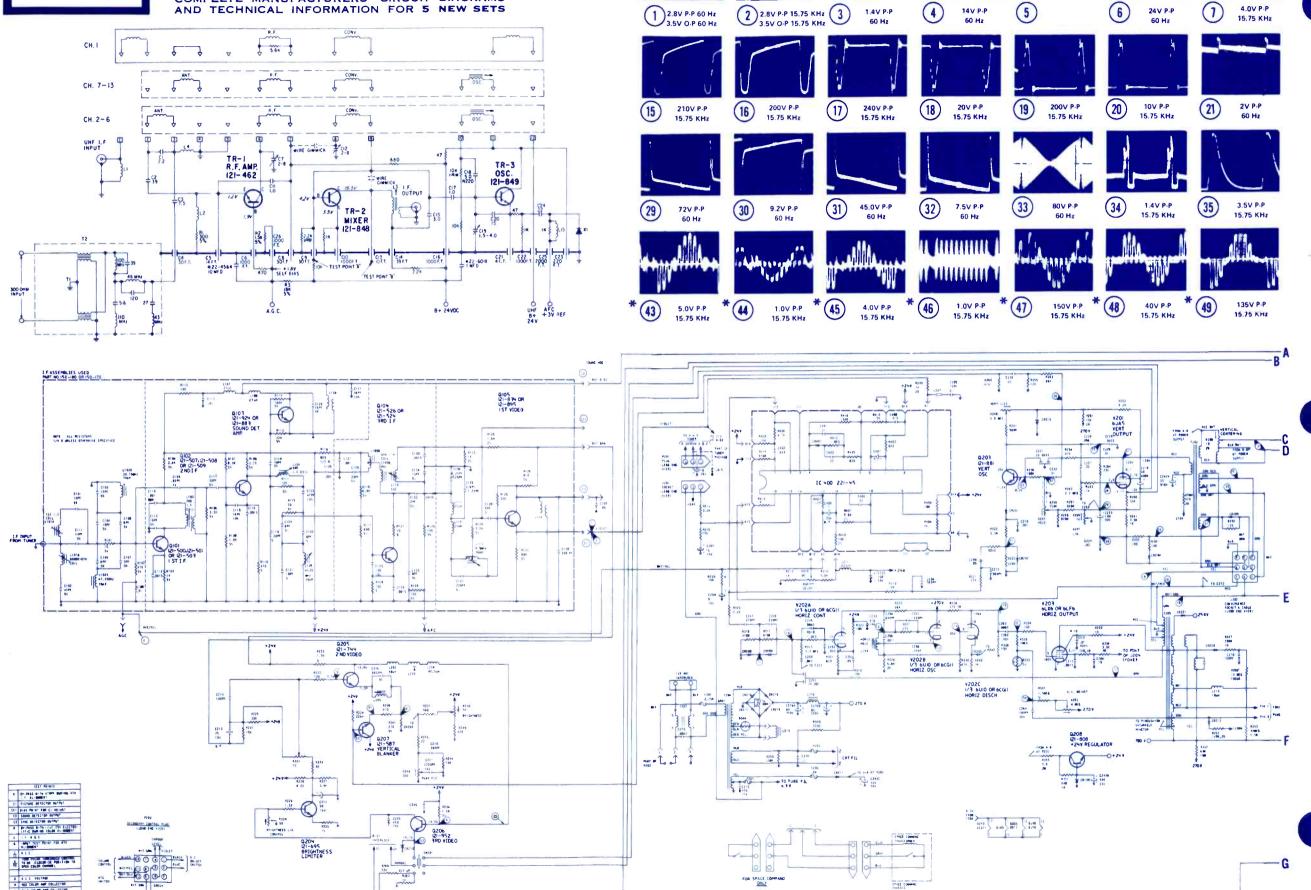
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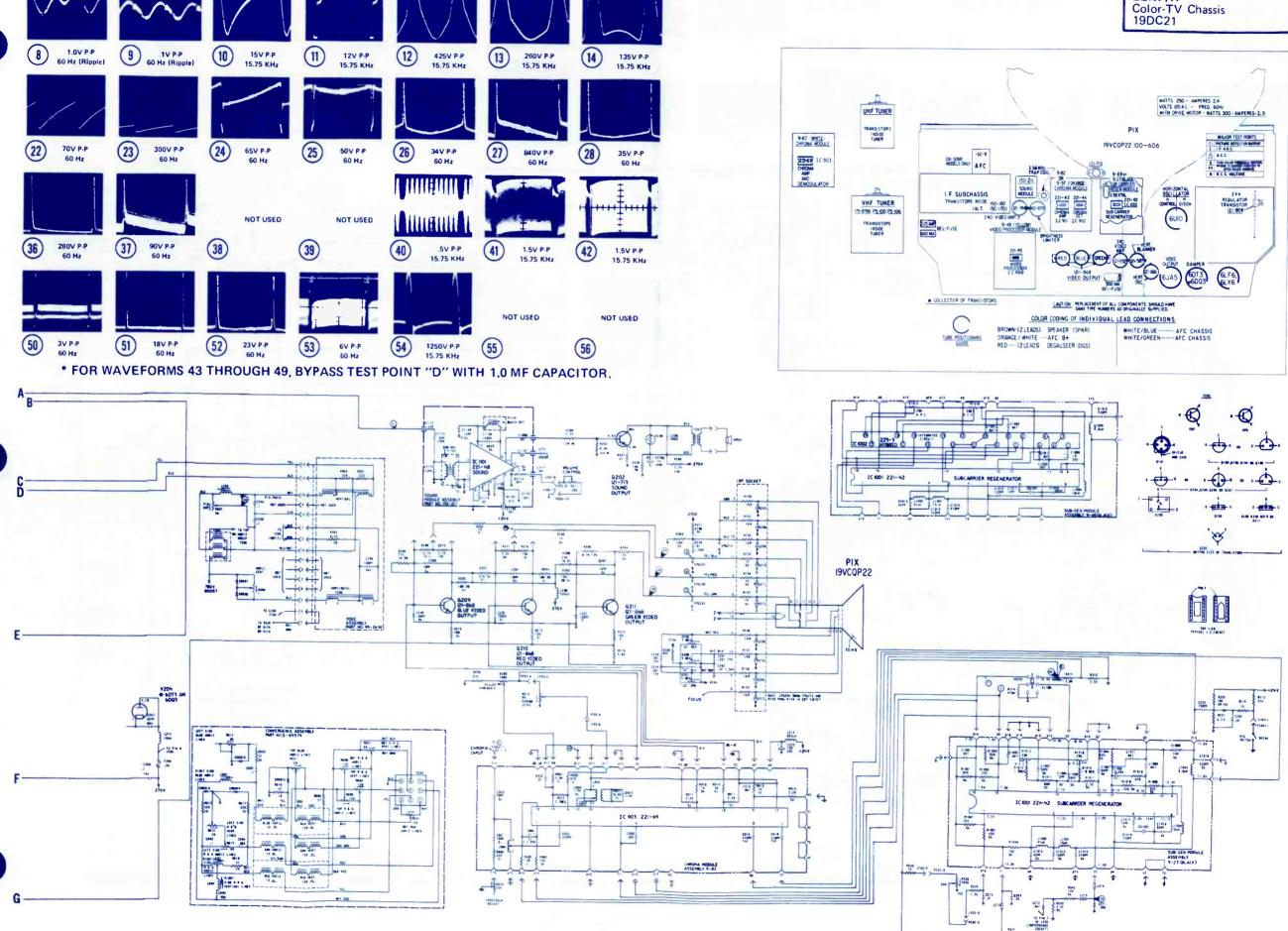
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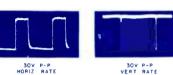




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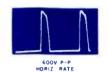


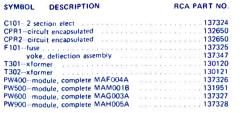
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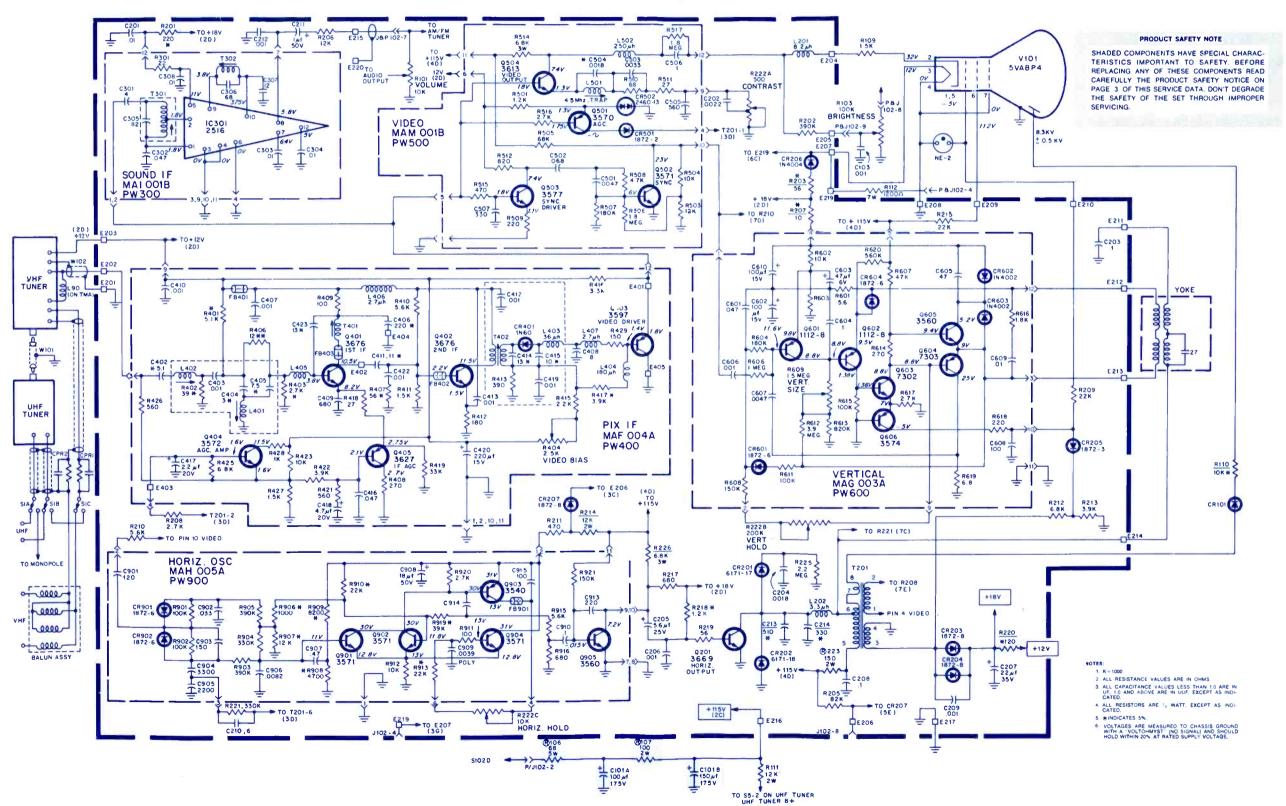












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