

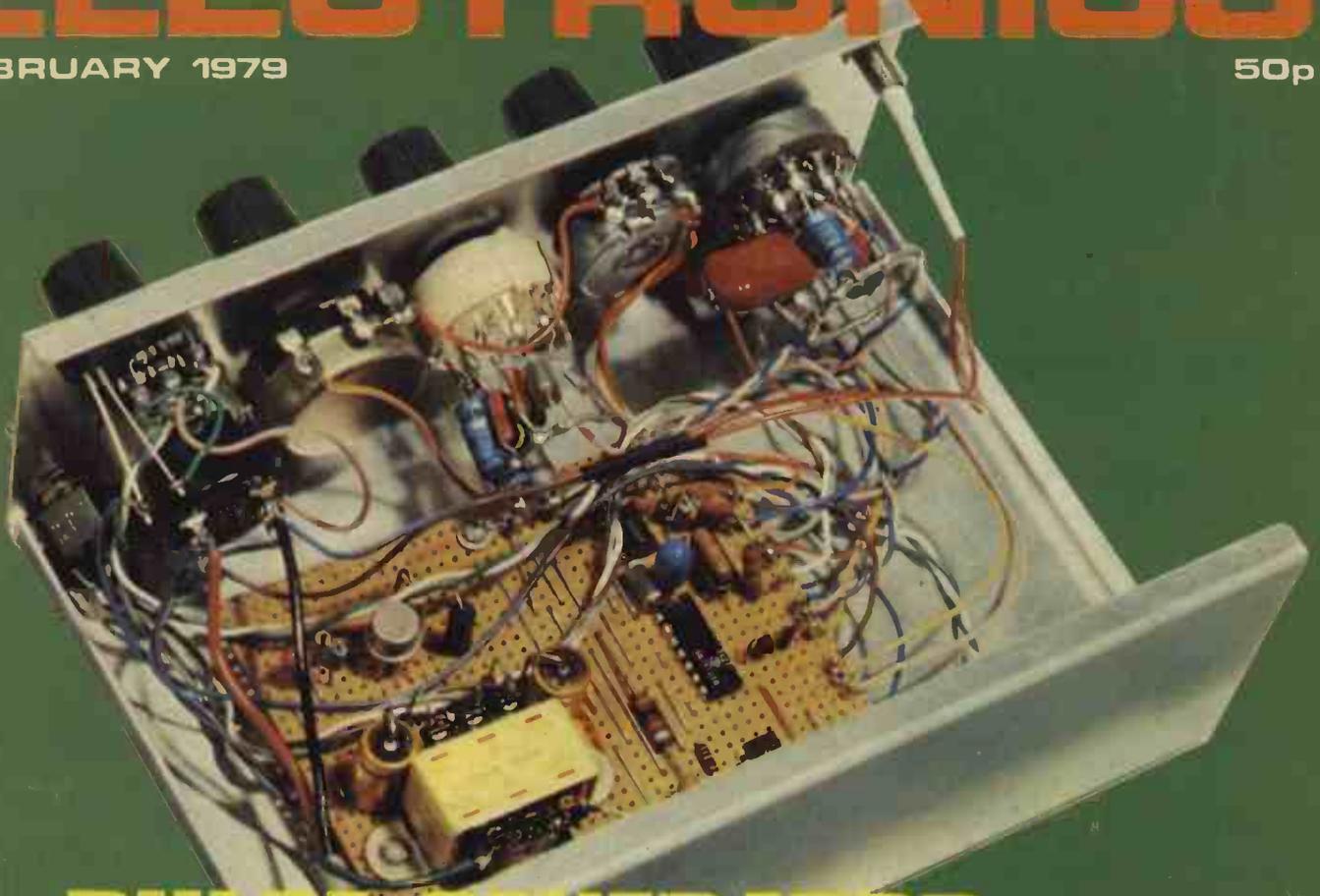
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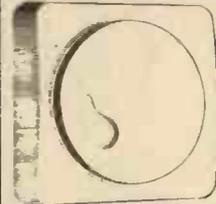
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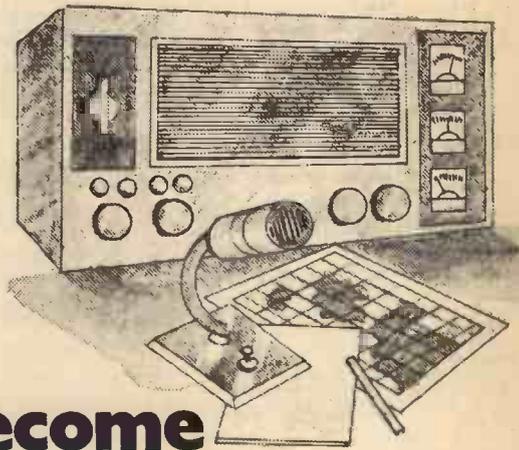
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S108	High quality electrolytics 10mF-500mF voltage range 15-50v. Our mix. 40 for	£1.00*
16204	C280 Pak. Contains 50 metal foil caps	£1.00*

### POTENTIOMETERS

Order No.	Quantity	Price
16191	6 x 470 Ohm LIN Single	40p*
S24	6 x 1 K LIN Single	40p*
S25	6 x 5 K LIN Single	40p*
16193	6 x 22 K LIN Single	40p*
16195	6 x 47 K LOG Single	40p*
16194	6 x 47 K LIN Single	40p*
S27	6 x 100 K LIN Single	40p*
S28	6 x 100 K LOG Single	40p*
S29	6 x 500 K LOG Single	40p*
S32	6 x 50 K LIN Single	40p*

### Slider 60mm TRAVEL

Order No.	Quantity	Price
S30	6 x 2.5 K LOG Single	40p*
S34	4 x 5 K LOG Dual	40p*
S36	4 x 100 K LOG Dual	40p*
S37	4 x 1.3 MEG LOG Dual	40p*
S94	6 x 220 K LIN Single	40p*
S95	6 x 100 K LOG Single	40p*
S96	6 x 500 K LIN Single	40p*
S38	Mixed slider pots - various values and sizes - our mix	only 40p*
S39	6 x Chrome slider knobs	40p*

### WIREWOUND

S90	Wirewound Pots. Linear 1 Watt rating. Mixed useful values. 5 for	£1.00*
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### CARBON TYPES

S91	Car Radio type. Dual Switched Pot P.C. mounting 100 K Lin switched 2.5 K Lin	each 60p*
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### DUAL POTS P.C. MOUNTING

6mm Shaft	Quantity	Price
S92	4 x 100 K Lin	£1.00*
S93	4 x 100 K Log	£1.00*
16173	15 Rotary Pot Assorted	40p*
16186	25 Pre-sets Assorted Values	40p*

### ZENER PAKS

No. S55	20 mixed values 400mW Zener diodes 3-10V	£1.00
No. S56	20 mixed values 400mW Zener diodes 11-33V	£1.00
No. S57	10 mixed values 1W Zener diodes 3-10V	£1.00
No. S58	10 mixed values 1W Zener diodes 11-33V	£1.00

### SILICON POWER TRANS. N.P.N.

S97	8D371 2 Amp 1.2w. 60Vceo Hfe 40-400. Case T092 with heat tab. 5 for	60p*
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S135 .1 Veroboard pak 2 pcs 45 sq. ins. approx. **£0.80**

S136 .15 Veroboard pak 2 pcs 60 sq. ins. approx. **£1.10**

16199 .1 Veroboard pak pcs 30 sq. ins. approx. **£0.50**

16200 .15 Veroboard pak pcs 30 sq. ins. approx. **£0.50**

### TOOLS

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Min. 3lbs in weight consisting of a fantastic assortment of Electronic Components - Pots, Resistors, Condensers, Switches, Relays, Board - Semiconductors, wire, hardware, Etc., etc.

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STA15 15 watts per channel amplifier kit  
Consists: 2 x AL60-1xPA100-1xSPM80  
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1xreservoir capacitor **£58.20inc VAT**  
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## TRANSISTORS

BRAND NEW - FULLY GUARANTEED

Type	Price	Type	Price	Type	Price	Type	Price
AC107	25p	BC177	12p	BF194	*9p	TIP32A	34p
AC126	14p	BC178	12p	BF195	*9p	TIP32B	35p
AC127	16p	BC179	12p	BF196	*12p	TIP32C	36p
AC128	16p	BC182	*9p	BF197	*12p	TIP41A	34p
AC128K	24p	BC182L	*9p	BF200	25p	TIP41B	35p
AC176	16p	BC183	*9p	BF229	22p	TIP41C	36p
AC176K	24p	BC183L	*9p	BFY50	18p	TIP42A	36p
AC187	16p	BC184	*9p	BFY50	12p	TIP42B	37p
AC187K	26p	BC184L	*9p	BFY51	12p	TIP42C	38p
AC188	16p	BC212	*10p	BFY52	12p	TIP2955	65p
AC188K	26p	BC212L	*10p			TIP3055	42p
AD161	80p	BC213	*10p	MPSA05	*22p	ZTX107	*6p
162MP	20p	BC213L	*10p	MPSA05	*22p	ZTX108	*6p
AF139	30p	BC214	*10p	MPSA55	*22p	ZTX109	*7p
AF239	30p	BC214L	*10p	MPSA58	*22p	ZTX300	*7p
BC107	6p	BC251	*10p	OC44	12p	ZTX301	*7p
BC108	6p	BCY70	12p	OC45	12p	ZTX302	*9p
BC109	6p	BCY71	12p	OC71	9p	ZTX500	*8p
BC118	*10p	BCY72	12p	OC72	10p	ZTX501	*10p
BC147	*8p	BD115	*40p	OC75	10p	ZTX502	*12p
BC148	*8p	BD131	*35p	OC81	14p	2N696	10p
BC149	*8p	BD132	*37p			2N697	10p
BC154	*16p	BF115	17p	TIP29A	35p	2N708	7p
BC157	*9p	BF167	15p	TIP29B	36p	2N706A	8p
BC158	*9p	BF173	20p	TIP29C	38p	2N708	8p
BC159	*9p	BF180	25p	TIP30A	36p	2N1302	12p
8C169C	*10p	BF181	25p	TIP30B	37p	2N1303	15p
8C170	*6p	BF182	25p	TIP30C	38p	2N1304	15p
8C171	*6p	BF183	25p	TIP31A	32p	2N1307	18p
8C172	*6p	BF184	25p	TIP31B	33p	2N1308	22p
8C173	*7p	BF185	25p	TIP31C	34p	2N1309	22p

### DIODES

Type	Price	Type	Price	Type	Price	Type	Price
AA119	5p	8AX16/	5p	OA85	7p	1S44	3p
AA213	4p	OA202	5p	OA90	6p		
8A100	6p			OA91	7p	IN5400	10p
BA115	5p	BY100	15p	OA97	6p	IN5401	11p
BA144	5p	BY127	*10p	OA95	7p	IN5402	12p
8A148	10p	BY120	32p	IN34	5p	IN5404	13p
BA173	10p	BY211	32p	IN60	6p	IN5406	16p
BAX13/	*6p	BY212	32p	IN914	4p	IN5407	17p
OA200	5p	BY213	30p	IN4148	4p	IN5408	19p

### LINEAR I.C.'s

TBA800	£0.75*	UA711	£0.25*	UA748	£0.28*
TBA810	£0.85*	UA703	£0.25*	72558	£0.45*
TBA820	£0.85*	741P	£0.18*	MC1310P	£1.25*
LM380	£0.80*	72741	£0.20*	76115	£1.25*
LM381	£1.25*	UA741C	£0.20*	NE555	£0.22
72709	£0.20	72747	£0.55*	5L414A	£1.80*
UA709	£0.20	748P	£0.28*		

### ZN 414 RADIO CHIP 75\*

### OPTOELECTRONICS

Displays	Price	2nd Quality Led Paks	Price
No. 1510 707 LED Display	£0.70	No. 1507 10 Assorted Colours & Size	£0.75
No. 1511 747 LED Display	£1.50	No. S122 10 x .125 Red	£0.60
No. 1512 727 Dual LED Display	£1.55	No. S123 10 x .2 Red	£0.60
<b>LED's</b>		<b>LED Clips</b>	
No. S120 .125 Bright Red	£0.09	No. 1508/125 .125 5 for	£0.12
No. S121 .2 Bright Red	£0.09	No. 1508/2 .2 5 for	£0.15
No. 1502 .125 Green	£0.12		
No. 1505 .2 Green	£0.12		
No. 1503 .125 Yellow	£0.12		
No. 1505 .2 Yellow	£0.12		
No. S82 Clear .2 Illuminating Red	£0.10		

### P.O. RELAYS

S85 - 2 Off Post Office relays 40p\*

### BATTERY HOLDERS

to take 6 x HP7's  
Order No. 202 each 10p

### EX. G.P.O./MICROWATERS

Order No. S51 4 for 50p

### CABLE CLIPS

S85 - 50 2.5mm round single pin fixing 30p

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Unused ex-equipment stabilizer board, Input 30V. D.C. Output 20V. Complete with circuit diagram.  
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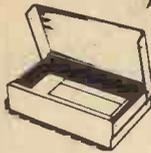
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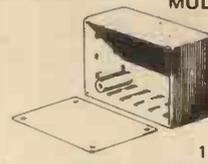
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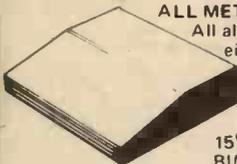
**ALL METAL BIMCASES**  
Red, Grey or Orange 14swg Aluminium removable top and bottom covers. 18 swg black mild steel chassis with fixing support brackets.  
BIM 3000 (250x167.5x68.5mm) £14.58



**MINI DESK BIMCONSOLES**  
Orange, Blue, Black or Grey ABS body incorporates 1.8mm pcb guides, stand-off bosses in base with 4 BIMFEET supplied. 1mm Grey Aluminium panel sits recessed with fixing screws into integral brass bushes.  
BIM 1005 (161 x 96 x 58mm) £2.18  
BIM 1006 (215 x 130 x 75mm) £3.05



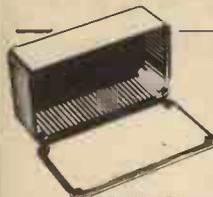
**MULTI PURPOSE BIMBOXES**  
Orange, Blue, Black or Grey ABS with 1mm Grey Aluminium recessed front cover held by screws into integral brass bushes. 1.8mm pcb guides incorporated and 4 BIMFEET supplied.  
BIM 4003 (85x56x28.5mm) £1.18  
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BIM 4005 (161x96x52.5mm) £2.19



**ALL METAL BIMCONSOLES**  
All aluminium, 2 piece desk consoles with either 15° or 30° sloping fronts, sit on 4 self-adhesive non-slip rubber feet. Ventilation slots in base and rear panel for excellent cooling.

Colour Code	Top Panel	Base
A	Off White	Blue
B	Sand	Green
C	Satin Black	Gold

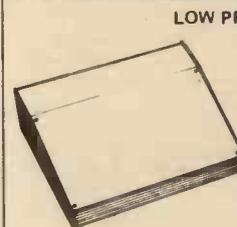
15° Sloping Panel		30° Sloping Panel		
BIM7151 (102x140x51[28] mm)	BIM7301 (102x140x76[28] mm)	£10.67		
BIM7152 (165x140x51[28] mm)	BIM7302 (165x140x76[28] mm)	£11.44		
BIM7153 (165x216x51[28] mm)	BIM7303 (165x183x102[28] mm)	£12.61		
BIM7154 (165x211x76[33] mm)	BIM7304 (254x140x76[28] mm)	£13.82		
BIM7155 (254x211x76[33] mm)	BIM7305 (254x183x102[28] mm)	£15.36		
BIM7156 (254x287x76[33] mm)	BIM7306 (254x259x102[28] mm)	£16.67		
BIM7157 (356x211x76[33] mm)	BIM7307 (356x183x102[28] mm)	£17.58		
BIM7158 (356x287x76[33] mm)	BIM7308 (356x259x102[28] mm)	£18.55		



**ABS & DIECAST BIMBOXES**  
6 sizes in ABS or Diecast Aluminium. ABS moulded in Orange, Blue, Black or Grey. Diecast Aluminium in Grey Hammettone or Natural. All boxes incorporate 1.8mm pcb guides, stand-off supports in base and have close fitting flanged lids held by screws into integral brass bushes (ABS) or tapped holes (Diecast).

	ABS	Diecast	Hammettone	Natural
(50x60x31mm)	N/A	BIM5001/11	TBA	TBA
(100x50x25mm)	BIM2002/12	£0.96	BIM5002/12	£1.46
(112x62x31mm)	BIM2003/13	£1.13	BIM5003/13	£1.78
(120x65x40mm)	BIM2004/14	£1.35	BIM5004/14	£2.24
(150x80x50mm)	BIM2005/15	£1.52	BIM5005/15	£2.84
(190x110x60mm)	BIM2006/16	£2.37	BIM5006/16	£3.94

Also available in Grey Polystyrene with no slots and self-tapping screws  
BIM 2007/17 (112x61x31mm) £1.00



## LOW PROFILE BIMCONSOLES

Orange, Blue, Black or Grey ABS body has ventilation slots as well as 1.8mm pcb guides and stand-off bosses in base. Double angle recessed front panel with 4 fixing screws into integral brass bushes. 4 BIMFEET supplied.

BIM 6005 (143 x 105 x 55.5 [31.5] mm) £2.37  
BIM 6006 (143 x 170 x 55.5 [31.5] mm) £3.08  
BIM 6007 (214 x 170 x 82.0 [31.5] mm) £4.12



## EUROCARD BIMCONSOLES

Orange, Blue, Black or Grey ABS body accepts full or ½ size Eurocards, with bosses in the base for direct fixing. 1.8mm wide pcb guides incorporated and 4 BIMFEET supplied. 1mm Grey aluminium lid sits flush with body top and held by 4 screws into integral brass bushes.

BIM 8005 (169x127x70[45] mm) £4.12  
BIM 8007 (to be announced shortly)

## BIMTOOLS



### MAINS BIMDRILLS

Small, powerful 240V hand drill complete with 2 metres of cable and 2 pin DIN plug. Accepts all tools with 1mm, 2mm or .125" dia. shanks. Drills brass, steel, aluminium and pcb's. Under 250g, off load speed 7500 rpm. Orange ABS, high impact, fully insulated body with spring return on/off switch £10.53

Mains Accessory Kit 1 includes 1mm, 2mm, .125" twist drills, 5 burrs and 2.4mm collet £2.48

Mains Kit 2 includes Mains BIMDRILL as above, 20 assorted drills, mops, burrs, grinding wheels and mounted points, 1mm, 2mm, 2.4mm and .125" collets. Complete in transparent case measuring 230x130x58mm £22.14



### 12 VOLT BIMDRILLS

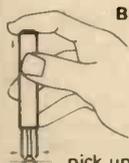
2 small, powerful drills easily hand held or used with lathe/stand adaptor. Integral on/off switch and 1 metre cable.

Mini BIMDRILL with 3 collets up to 2.4mm dia £ 8.10  
Major BIMDRILL with 4 collets up to 3mm dia £13.60

Accessory Kits 1 have appropriate drills and collets as above plus 20 assorted tools. Mini Kit 1 - £15.12, Major Kit 1 - £19.44.

Accessory Kits 2 have appropriate drills, collets plus 40 tools and mains 12V dc adaptor. Mini Kit 2 - £34.02, Major Kit 2 - £39.42.

Accessory Kits 3 as appropriate Kits 2 plus stand/lathe unit. Mini Kit 3 - £45.36, Major Kit 3 - £50.76.



### BIMDIPS

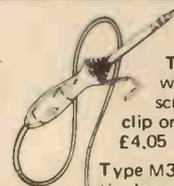
Rapidly inserts and withdraws any 4-18 pin, .3" pitch DIL package without bedding the legs. Adjustable metal jaws for MOS type devices grip the bottom of the leg for minimum strain. Will

pick up IC's from a bench, a carrier or a pcb. £13.77.

### BIMSNIPS

Precision made side cutters, spring action, ground steel fine pointed blades for intricate work.

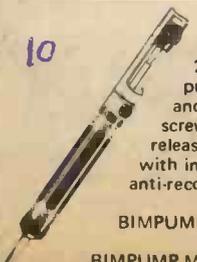
5 1/4" long £3.34



### BIMIRONS

Type 30 General Purpose 27 watt iron with long life, rapid change element, screw on tip, stainless steel shaft and clip on hook. Styled handle with neon. £4.05

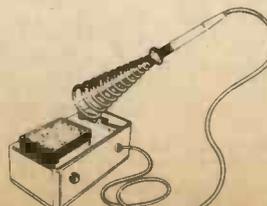
Type M3 Precision 17 watt iron, quick change tip, long life element, styled handle with clip on hook £4.43



### BIMPUMPS

2 all metal desoldering tools provide high suction power and have easily replaceable screw in Teflon tips. Primed and released by thumb operation with in-built safety guard and anti-recoil system.

BIMPUMP Major (180mm long) £7.99  
BIMPUMP Minor (150mm long) £6.80



### BIMSTATION

Type PSU6 Soldering Iron Station complete with 6V, 6 Watt miniature iron having stainless steel shaft, quick change slide on tip and long life element.

Station contains 240V/6V transformer, neon, coiled iron support and sponge iron tip cleaning pad.

New product available shortly

## BIMDICATORS

### ECONOMY QUALITY LED'S



Mixed bags of .125" and .2" dia. lens in various colours  
50 for £5.67, 100 for £10.00

### FULL SPECIFICATION LED'S

.125" or .2" with mounting clips and data  
Red - £1.67/pack of 5, Green - £2.48/pack of 5, Yellow/Amber - £3.18/pack of 5



### 33 and 34 SERIES

Front viewing (30° angle) LED indicators

BIM 33 is nickel plated, uses 3.2mm dia LED and needs 6.5mm dia. fixing hole.



BIM 34 is chromium plated, uses 5mm dia. LED and needs 8mm dia. fixing hole.

Red - £2.80/pack of 5, Green/Yellow - £3.24/pack of 5



### A SERIES

240V Neon with integral resistor... held in 8mm hole by plastic bezel.

Red, Amber, Clear or Opal lens £2/pack of 5, Green lens £3/pack of 5

Low Voltage equivalent of above with Red, Amber, Clear, Opal or Green Lens.  
6V £0.54 each, 14V £0.58 each, 28V £0.65 each

State Voltage, lens style, colour and whether tags or flying leads.



### D SERIES

LES and Midget Flanged lampholder with 13mm dia. (A) and 18mm dia (B) lens. Solder tags. 1/8" dia. hole fixing (lamps not supplied) plus chrome bezel with A lens.

Red, Amber, Clear, Green, Opal £0.66 each



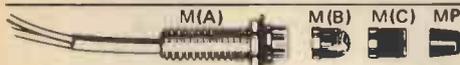
### G SERIES

T1 Midget Flanged lampholder. Lamps are available on request. 8mm fixing hole, solder tags. Front replaceable, 7.25mm dia. lens. Red, Amber, Clear, Green, Opal £0.43



### 05 SERIES

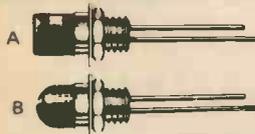
240V Neon with integral resistor. Self retaining in 13mm hole. Solder/.25" push on blades. 13mm dia. lens with 19mm dia. chrome bezel. Red and Amber £0.61 each, Green £0.78 each.



### M & MP SERIES

(M) and Polycarbonate (MP) indicators, 150mm leads, 6.4mm fixing hole Red, Amber, Clear, Green, Opal

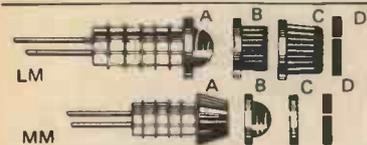
6.9mm dia. lens (M) 6V £0.65 each, 14V £0.68 each, 28V £0.79 each  
7.5mm dia. lens (MP) 6V £0.55 each, 14V £0.59 each, 28V £0.68 each



### BIM M LED SERIES

Nickel plated brass bodied LES indicator, 21mm wire wrappable leads, 6.5mm fixing hole, 2 styles, 6.8mm dia lens.

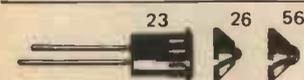
Red £0.67 each, Green £0.83 each, Amber £1.00 each



### BIM LM & MM LED SERIES

Subminiature nylon bodied LED indicators with 12mm wire wrappable leads

LM & MM push fit into 4.75mm & 4mm holes respectively. Each series has 4 lens styles in Red £0.67, Green £0.83, Yellow £1.00 each.



### BIM 23, 26 & 56 LED SERIES

Black nylon bodied LED indicators. BIM 23 has 7mm flat face, BIM 26 & 56 utilise 4 & 5mm dia LED's. Push

fit in 8mm hole. Red £0.46 each, Green £0.62 each, Yellow £0.77 each

## BIMACCESSORIES



### BIMDAPTOR

Allows pcb's to be flat mounted sandwich fashion in BIMBOXES, BIMCONSOLES, and all other enclosures having 1.5mm wide vertical guide slots. One plastic BIMDAPTOR on each corner of pcb(s) enables assembly to be simply slid into place. 54mm long, 10 slots on 5mm spacing and can be simply snapped off to length.

Packs of 25 £1.08 per pack

### BIMFEET



11mm dia, 3mm high, grey rubber self adhesive enclosure feet.

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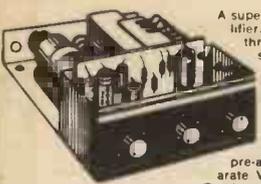
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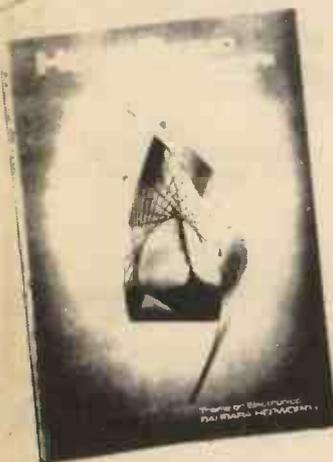
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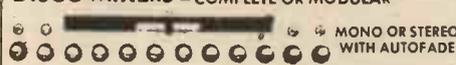
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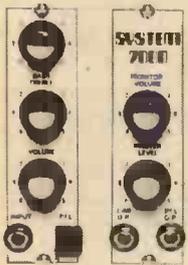
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The Prime Minister stated that the use of microelectronics would bring "some crucial job losses" but it was also pointed out that in the past the introduction of new technology had eventually given rise to an increase in jobs in particular industries. The Government Think Tank has also commented on "the contrast between the vehemence of those who claim that microelectronics will have a catastrophic effect on unemployment and the inadequacy of the analysis underlying the certainty of that prediction."

It is indeed heartening to hear such phrases as "dominant technology of the next decade" and to find ministers urging Britain to compete—fast and, what's

more, putting our money where their mouth is!

The point that saddens us is that £15 million has to be spent in making direct presentations to industry to encourage the use of microelectronics. Perhaps we are too conservative to have believed any of the predictions made a few years ago, but surely more of them should have been investigated without companies having to be pushed.

It is often said that the car mechanic is the man slowing down the introduction of electronics to our every day transport, but he will have to accept the computer controlled engine eventually so let's get on with it. Training is what is needed—or retraining as the case may be—and the reinjection of money has been welcomed by both the CBI and TUC.

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# PULSE GENERATOR

**E**LECTRONICS is a subject which is largely concerned with the generation and processing of a wide variety of electrical signals. While sine waves are still the most commonly generated waveforms, pulse waveforms are continuing to find ever-widening applications in communications and digital systems. The advent of cheap, readily available digital integrated circuits has brought with it the need for suitable test equipment which will allow the constructor to troubleshoot such digital systems under known conditions. This logic pulse generator is capable of providing waveforms of known characteristics over a wide range of frequencies and pulse widths and has the ability to slow down the operation of circuits to sub-Hertz frequencies to allow tests to be done at speeds low enough to enable functions to be verified with a conventional multimeter.

This instrument also features independent control over both pulse width and pulse frequency.

## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The wave generation system used in the pulse generator features an astable multivibrator to control the pulse repetition frequency and a monostable to determine the output pulse width. The complete circuit diagram of the pulse generator is shown in Fig. 1.

The control circuit uses a 555 timer (IC1), to produce a wavetrain of the required pulse repetition frequency. The actual frequency is determined by the values of the fixed resistors, R1/R2, the setting of the potentiometer, VR1, and the value of capacitor selected, C3 to C8. The resistors set the ratio of the maximum-to-minimum frequency coverage in the ranges, while the capacitor selected determines the actual frequency coverage. The circuit allows modest values of timing components to be used in generating very low frequency signals, without requiring values for the higher ranges which are so low as to make stray capacitances unduly significant. The performance of the astable is independent of supply voltage fluctuations and the output is a stable wavetrain with a well-defined repetition rate and an arbitrary pulse width.

The monostable circuit (IC2) uses a 74121 to set the output pulse width. The astable output drives the monostable active-high input, the active-low inputs being disabled. This configuration causes an output pulse to be produced each time a low-to-high transition occurs at the input. The width of the pulse produced is determined by the timing components, VR2, R5 and C11 to C17. The circuit thus produces two complementary outputs whose repetition frequency is set by the astable and whose pulse width is set by the timing components of IC2. A single-shot facility is provided by using S3, to disable the output of the astable. The momentary switch action may then be used to generate a trigger pulse for the monostable whenever an output pulse is required.

The two monostable outputs are used directly to provide the normal and inverted TTL output signals. Each output will drive up to 10 normalised TTL loads. In addition, the inverted TTL output is used to produce the 0-10 volt variable output. The level translator, TR1, produces 180 degrees of phase shift and drives the emitter follower, TR2. The output signal is taken from a variable tapping on the emitter load resistance, VR3. The Zener diode, D1, serves to set the maximum output level and stabilise the collector potential of TR2.

Some typical operational waveforms are illustrated in the oscillograms in (Fig. 2, 3 and 4).



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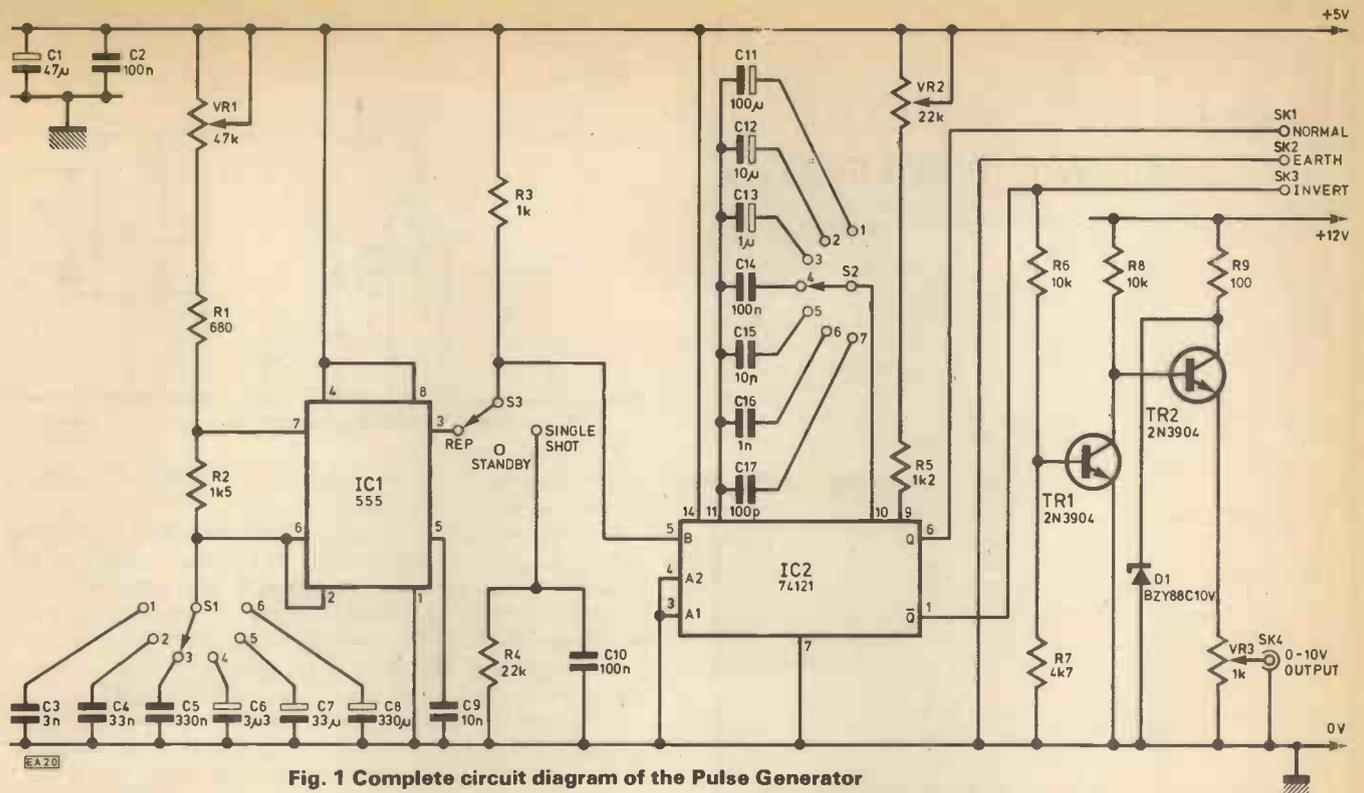


Fig. 1 Complete circuit diagram of the Pulse Generator

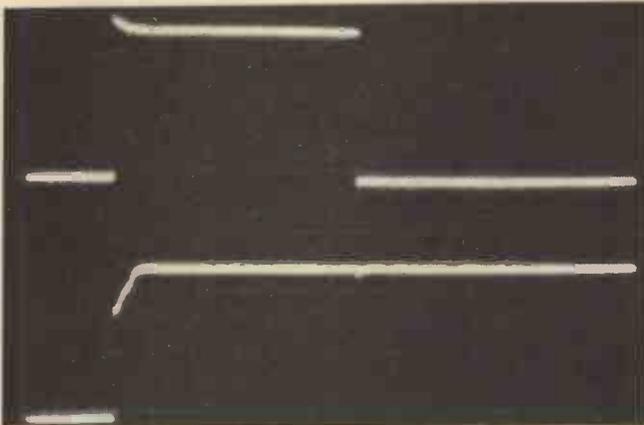


Fig. 2 Upper trace—Non inverted TTL output (IC2 pin 6)  
Lower trace—Output from the astable (IC1 pin 3)  
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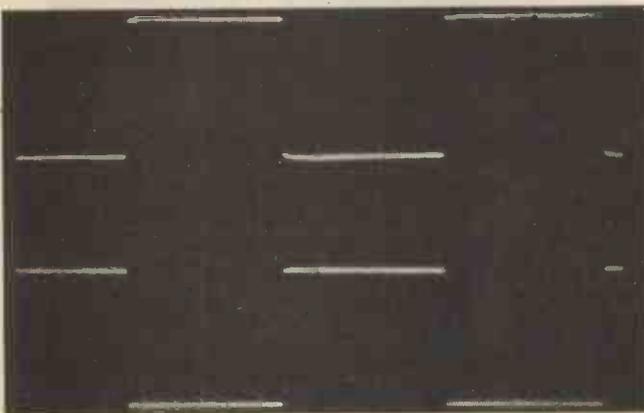


Fig. 3 Upper trace—Non inverted TTL output (IC2 pin 6)  
Lower trace—Inverted TTL output (IC2 pin 1)  
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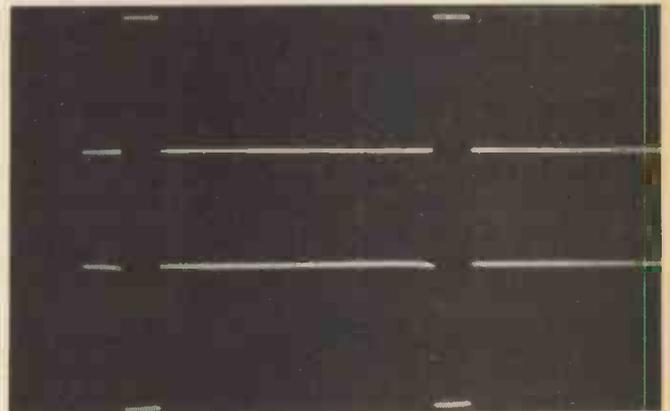


Fig. 4 Upper trace—Non inverted TTL output (IC2 pin 6)  
Lower trace—Inverted TTL output (IC2 pin 1)  
Oscilloscope setting  $10\mu\text{s}/\text{cm}$  and  $2\text{V}/\text{cm}$  (10:1 pulse at 10kHz)

### WAVEFORM MONITORING CIRCUIT

When using any form of pulse generator featuring independent control over both pulse width and repetition frequency, it is usually possible to select combinations which, between them, represent an unrealistic waveform. In practical terms this means that, whatever the front panel controls may say, it is impossible to repeat a 1ms pulse at a frequency greater than 1kHz. Indeed, in order to produce a square wave at 1kHz, a pulse width of  $500\mu\text{s}$  is required. In practical situations it was therefore felt that some form of advance warning of this condition would be a useful reminder to the user of the instrument, especially if it could be incorporated with little additional circuitry.

The circuit of Fig. 5 illuminates the l.e.d. when the duty cycle (the proportion of the cycle during which the normal output is "high") exceeds 50 per cent, a mark space ratio of 1:1. Thus, for a pulse repetition frequency of 1kHz, the l.e.d. will be illuminated when the pulse width exceeds  $500\mu\text{s}$ .

# SPECIFICATION

## OUTPUTS

Non-inverted TTL	Output impedance ("high" level) = 70 ohms
Inverted TTL	Output impedance ("low" level) = 12 ohms
	Each output will drive up to 10 normalised TTL loads, i.e. sink up to 16mA ("low") or source up to 400µA ("high").
	Rise and fall times better than 10ns unloaded.
High level output	Output impedance <math>\leq 1</math> kilohms
	Output continuously variable from 0 to 10V peak.

## RANGES

Pulse frequency	Pulse width
0.1Hz-1Hz	100ns-2µs
1Hz-10Hz	1µs-20µs
10Hz-100Hz	10µs-200µs
100Hz-1kHz	100µs-2ms
1kHz-10kHz	1ms-20ms
10kHz-100kHz	10ms-200ms
	100ms-2s

All ranges overlap by approximately 15 per cent of the maximum nominal range value at either end of the range in order to ensure both total coverage and simplicity of use.

The operational amplifier, IC3, acts as a low pass filter and comparator. The integrating components, R10 and C18, set the time constant of the filter and the mean level of the output from IC2 is compared with the potential at the junction

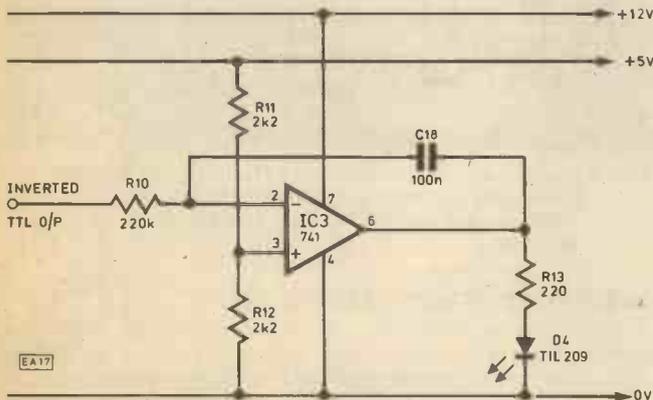


Fig. 5 Circuit diagram to illuminate the duty cycle i.e.d. when an unrealistic waveform has been selected

of R11 and R12. When the mean signal level exceeds this potential, the i.e.d. is illuminated. Making the values of R11 and R12 equal causes the i.e.d. to be illuminated at a duty cycle of 50 per cent. At very low frequencies the i.e.d. provides a direct visual indication of the waveform duty cycle.

## POWER SUPPLY

The circuit of Fig. 6 provides the necessary supply voltages for operating the pulse generator from the mains

supply. A centre-tapped transformer (T1), is used with a full-wave rectifier, D2 and D3, to build up a d.c. voltage across the reservoir capacitor, C19. This voltage is used directly to

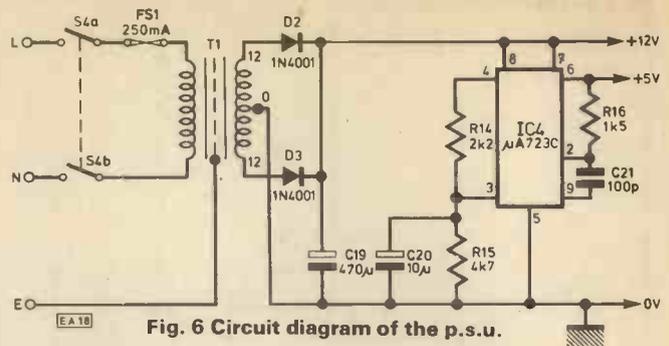


Fig. 6 Circuit diagram of the p.s.u.

provide the supply for the operational amplifier, IC3, and the variable-output buffer amplifier stages.

An integrated circuit regulator (IC4), is used to provide the 5V supply for the logic circuits. The output voltage of the regulator is set by the values of R14 and R15, with R16 selected to minimise temperature drift. The circuit has a line regulation of 0.5mV for a change of input voltage of 3V, and a load regulation of 1.5mV for a change in load current of 50mA. Frequency compensation is provided by C21.

For portable operation, the transformer and rectifier components may be omitted, and the d.c. supply (in the range 12 to 18 volts) connected across the reservoir capacitor, C19.

## CONSTRUCTION

The unit was constructed on a p.c.b. the layout of which is shown in Fig. 7 with the component overlay shown in Fig. 8. A careful check should be made that the semiconductors and integrated circuits are correctly orientated. The use of

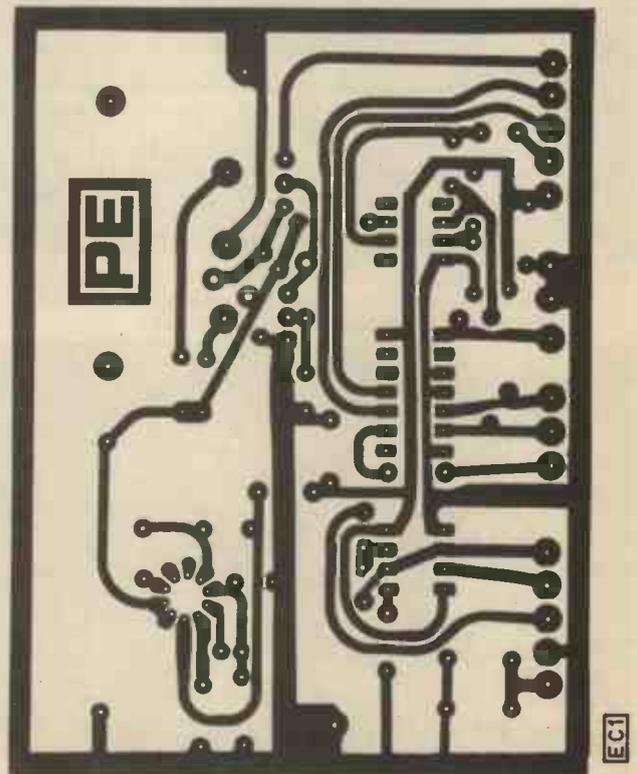


Fig. 7 P.c.b. layout for the Pulse Generator

# COMPONENTS . . .

## Resistors

R1	680
R2, R16	1k5 (2 off)
R3	1k
R4	22k
R5	1k2
R6, R8	10k (2 off)
R7, R15	4k7 (2 off)
R9	100
R10	220k
R11, R12, R14	2k2 (3 off)
R13	220
All resistors $\frac{1}{4}$ W 5% carbon	

## Capacitors

C1	47 $\mu$ elect
C2, C10, C14, C18	100n (4 off)
C3	3n polystyrene
C4	33n polystyrene
C5	330n
C6	3 $\mu$ 3 elect
C7	33 $\mu$ elect
C8	330 $\mu$ elect
C9, C15	10n (2 off)
C11	100 $\mu$ 10V elect
C12	10 $\mu$ elect
C13	1 $\mu$ elect
C16	1n polystyrene
C17, C21	100p polystyrene
C19	470 $\mu$ 25V elect
C20	10 $\mu$ 16V elect

## Potentiometers

VR1	47k log
VR2	22k lin.
VR3	1k lin. with d.p.s.t. switch

## Switches

S1	Rotary switch 2 pole 6 way
S2	Rotary switch 1 pole 12 way
S3	Sub min toggle switch, single pole c/o centre off, biased one way

## Semiconductors

D1	BZY88 C10V 400mW Zener
D2, D3	1N4001 (2 off)
D4	TIL209 l.e.d.
TR1, TR2	2N3904 (2 off)
IC1	NE555
IC2	SN74121P
IC3	741P
IC4	$\mu$ A723C

## Miscellaneous

T1	12-0-12V 50mA transformer
FS1	250mA
SK1	B.N.C. round socket
SK2, 3, 4	RS type 444-703
Control knobs	
Case	

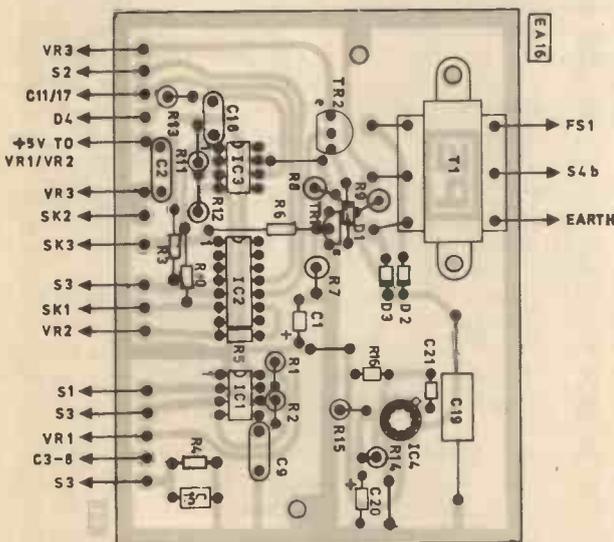


Fig. 8 Component overlay for p.c.b.

integrated circuit holders is also recommended.

The pulse generator is housed in a small aluminium case fitted with a detachable cover. The mains transformer is secured to the printed circuit board using two 4BA nuts and bolts and the board itself is supported by means of two pillars attached to the base of the case. Interconnecting

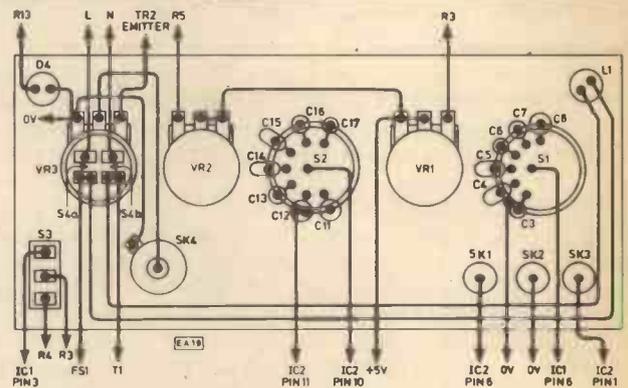


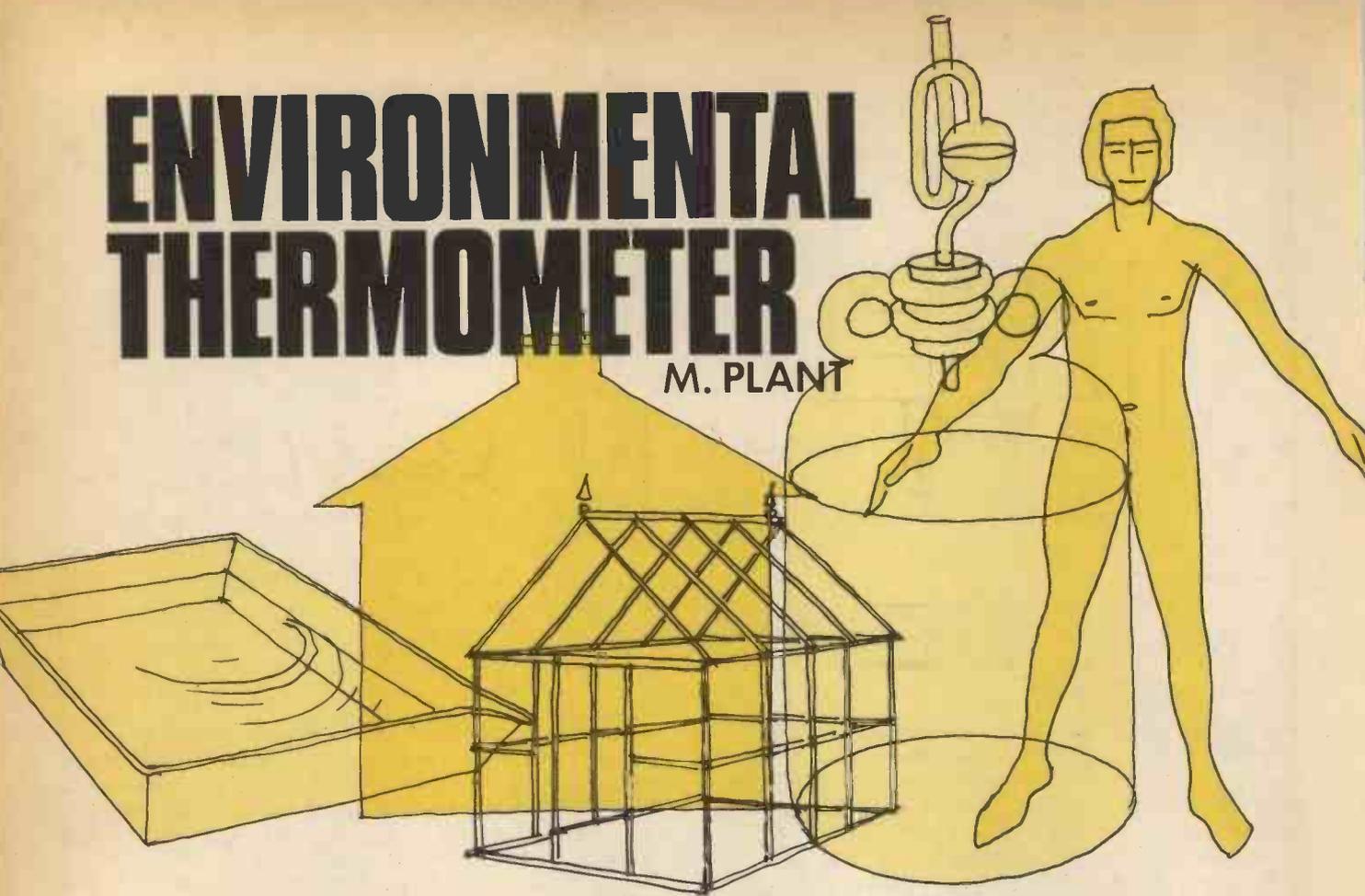
Fig. 9 Wiring diagram for front panel

wires, from the printed circuit board to the front panel, should be kept as short and as neat as possible. The use of colour coded wires is recommended as this further simplifies construction. The layout of the front panel is shown in the photograph with the corresponding internal wiring shown in Fig. 9. Capacitors C3 to C8 and C11 to C17 are mounted directly on S1 and S2 respectively. The common connection in each case consisting of a short length of 18 s.w.g. tinned copper wire formed into a circle of approximate diameter 22mm. The resulting capacitor assembly being self-supporting.

The front panel should be labelled using dry transfers and then given a light coating of clear protective lacquer. ★

# ENVIRONMENTAL THERMOMETER

M. PLANT



**T**HIS environmental thermometer which is capable of measuring temperatures from  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$  uses a moving coil meter that can be switched over three ranges ( $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) to display the temperature reading.

The thermometer is easy to calibrate since the zero setting and range controls are independent of each other. This means that once the range is set for one scale, only one calibration point is required for each of the other ranges.

## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

One of the problems to overcome when designing stable electronic circuits is the unwanted effect that changes in temperature have on the characteristics of the semiconductors being used. This effect is exploited in the thermistor although this is an unsuitable device for an electronic thermometer since the marked non-linearity of its resistance/temperature characteristics needs to be compensated for before a linear display on a meter can be obtained.

Since an ordinary silicon transistor is temperature sensitive, with the forward voltage drop of the pn junction varying linearly with the temperature (provided the current flowing through this semiconductor junction is maintained constant) it is ideal for use in a thermometer probe.

All three elements of the thermometer have linear characteristics, the pn junction temperature sensor produces a voltage which is directly proportional to temperature, the voltage amplifier has a linear transfer characteristic and the display element produces a visual reading which is proportional to the voltage fed to it from the amplifier.

## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The complete circuit diagram of the Environmental Thermometer is shown in Fig. 1. There are two main aspects of

this circuit. One is the constant current generator provided by IC2a and the other is the highly stabilised power supply provided by IC1. Once the latter is achieved, the former is automatically obtained. An integrated circuit regulator, IC1, is used for obtaining a split voltage stabilised supply for the operational amplifiers, IC2a and IC2b. The regulator i.c. is wired up to give a  $\pm 7\text{V}$  dual supply from a single ended input voltage in the range 18V to 27V. The current drawn by the circuit is only a few milliamps which the regulator can supply without the need for current buffer transistors. Thus two or three small PP3 batteries connected in series can operate the circuit for long periods. The advantage of relying on the internal reference diodes in the regulator i.c. is that they are internally temperature compensated.

The transducer pn junction (D3) may either be a silicon diode or the base-emitter junction of a silicon transistor. In the prototype probe a plastic packaged ZTX300 transistor was used to good effect since it is both small and resistant to the corrosive effects of any liquids into which it might be immersed.

In order to keep circuit interconnections as simple as possible, a dual op amp integrated circuit was used for IC2. Op amp IC2a is wired as a constant current generator with its non-inverting input placed at ground potential through R6. Due to the high gain of the op amp, the output voltage always moves sufficiently positive to maintain the inverting input at ground voltage as well. Thus the current through R5 is set at about  $7\text{V}/120\text{k}$  or  $60\mu\text{A}$  by the ground to  $-ve$  rail stabilised voltage. Since the current into pin 1 of the op amp is very small and can be neglected, all the constant current which flows through the pn junction is small enough not to cause self-heating of the junction.

The second op amp IC2b offsets the diode voltage to whatever range is selected and the second provides

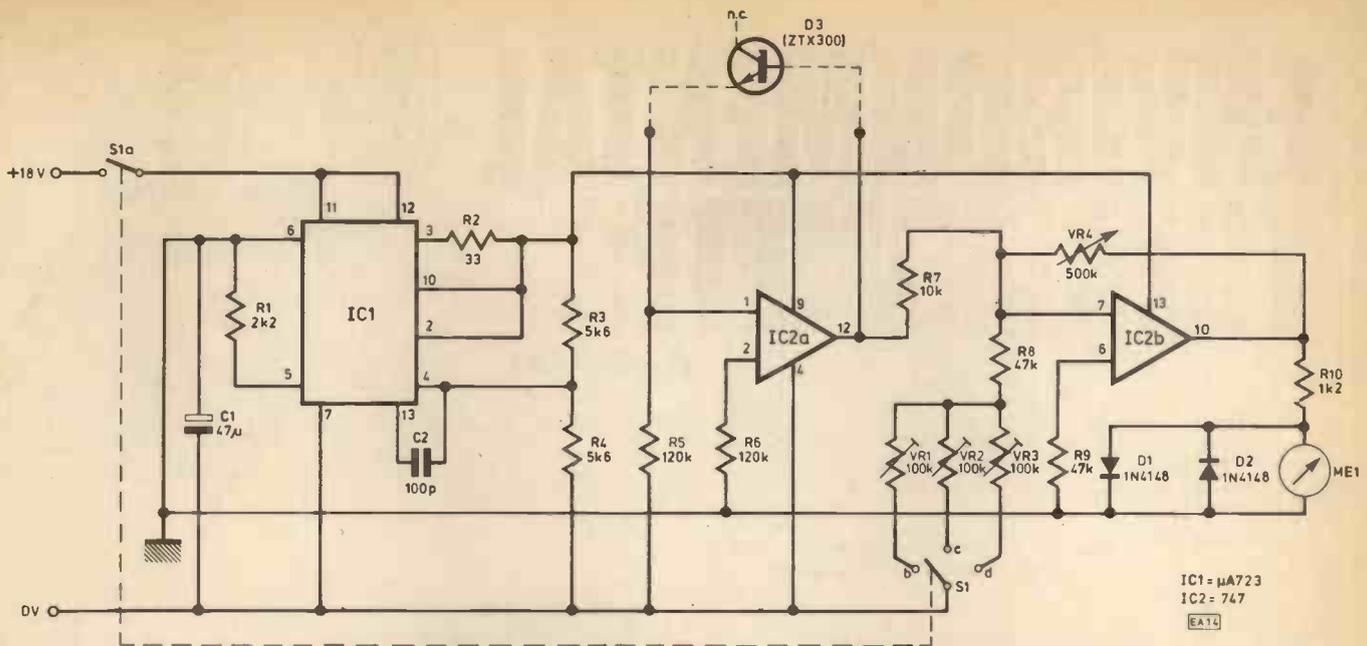


Fig. 1. Complete circuit diagram of the Environmental Thermometer

amplification of this voltage so that a deflection on the moving coil meter can be obtained. The offset is provided by the setting of the variable resistors VR1, VR2 and VR3 to give the three ranges as previously specified, and variable resistor VR4 sets the gain of the circuit to give the span of 25°C chosen for each range. The voltage gain is the ratio of VR4 to R7. Since the change of input voltage produced by the required range of 25°C is 25 x 2.2mV or 55mV, to produce an output voltage change of 2V requires a gain of 2V/55mV or about 37. This value of gain is within the ratio of 500k (max value of VR4) to R7, (i.e. 50.) Note that since the forward voltage across D3 falls with rising temperature, IC2b is connected as an inverting amplifier. The value of the series resistor R10 is chosen so that, with a maximum output at pin 10 of the op amp (i.e. 2V), only enough voltage is applied across the meter to produce full scale deflection. As the resistance and the full scale deflection current of the meter is known it is possible to work out the value of R10 using the equation

$$R10 = (2/I) - Rm \text{ (k}\Omega\text{)}$$

where I is the f.s.d. current for the meter in milliamps and Rm is its resistance in ohms. The value of Rm can usually be

neglected since it is small and the approximation  $R10 = (2/I)$  kΩ can be used. Note that the gain of the amplifier IC2b can be adjusted, so that the value of R10 is by no means critical. However, to avoid the possibility of saturating the amplifier, the maximum output voltage should be measured with a voltmeter so that it is in the range 2 to 4V.

Switch S1 is a three-pole four-way rotary switch wired so that one position is off and the other three positions select one of the three range resistors VR1, VR2 or VR3. Should more ranges be required this switch can be changed to a two-pole six-way version to accommodate two extra ranges (e.g. 45°C to 70°C and 65°C to 90°C).

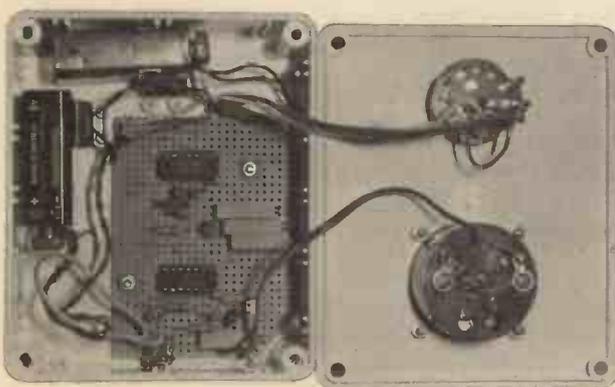
Incidentally, if the current driving the meter is different from the setting of the range switch the movement of the meter could be damaged. Therefore, diodes D1 and D2 are connected back to back across the meter to provide protection (since the diodes only conduct when the full scale deflection voltage across the meter rises above 0.6V). Most meters will tolerate two or three times their f.s.d. current.

### CONSTRUCTION

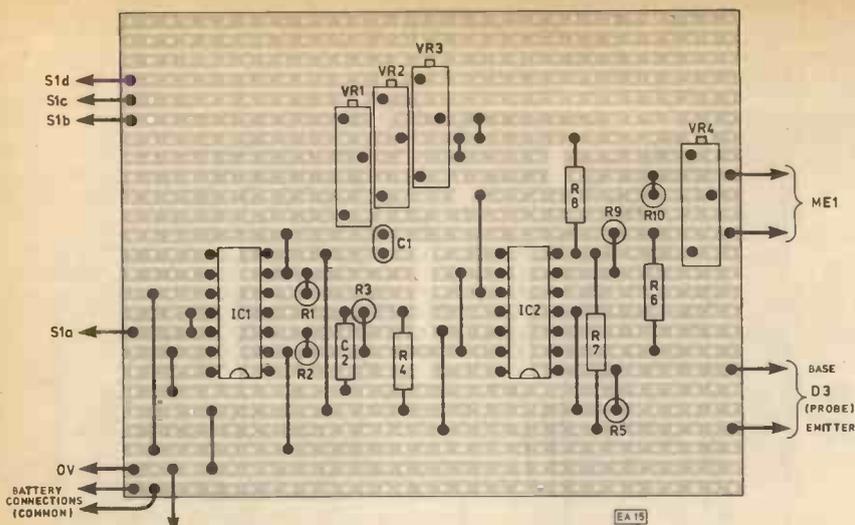
As Fig. 2 shows, all the components can be mounted on a piece of 0.1 in. matrix Veroboard. Check that solder does not bridge between the tracks unintentionally and that the tracks are drilled cleanly at the points indicated. Use holders for the i.c.s since this will make replacement of faulty devices easier, and then check the layout carefully against the circuit diagram.

External connections are required to the switch S1, the meter, the sensor and the batteries. Note that in order to keep the wiring neat, the two common leads to the batteries are connected together via a spare track on the board. A miniature jack socket was used in the prototype for connecting the pn junction sensor to the circuit.

An aluminium battery clamp is used to hold the PP3 batteries firmly in the case. Once the Veroboard has been fitted to the base of the case and the leads taken to the switch and the meter, four small holes should be drilled carefully through the side of the box so that a screwdriver can reach the variable resistors VR1, VR2, VR3 and VR4 to set the gain and the zero offset of the ranges.



Internal layout of the Environmental Thermometer



S1 (COMMON) Fig. 2. Veroboard layout for the Environmental Thermometer



## THE SENSOR

Carefully remove the collector lead from the ZTX300 transistor. Flexible insulated wire should be soldered to the base and emitter leads using sleeving to ensure that they cannot be shorted together. The wires should be passed down the body of a felt pen so that the transistor sits firmly in place at one end. The transistor should be sealed in place using Araldite to ensure that no water or other liquids can penetrate the probe.

## CALIBRATION

This is fairly straightforward since the range and offset adjustments are independent of each other. The top range (25°C to 50°C) is best set first using two cups of water at these two temperatures. A helper is needed here to ensure that these two quantities of water are well stirred and with occasional topping up, are maintained at these temperatures. An accurate ( $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ ) thermometer should be used. With the sensor at 25°C adjust VR1 to bring the meter to the (25°C) mark on the scale.

With the sensor at 50°C adjust VR4 to bring the reading to the upper end of the scale. Repeat these two adjustments until the needle swings between the upper and lower scale markings. The range is now set at 25°C and the lower point of one scale determined. Now switch the thermometer to the next lower scale (5°C to 30°C) and put the probe in the 25°C water. Adjust VR4 until the scale reading is 25°C which is four fifths of f.s.d. on the meter. This range is now set up, since the gain of the amplifier has already been determined in the first calibration, so that the lower end of this second scale corresponds to 5°C. Finally, for the lowest scale, stir some crushed ice in water and wait for the temperature to fall to 0°C. Adjust VR3 so that the needle reaches two fifths of f.s.d. The lower point of  $-15^\circ\text{C}$  could be reached during a very cold spell in this country but check your deep freeze on this scale for starters.

## SCALE READINGS

It should be obvious from the foregoing that the range chosen for the meter is entirely your own choice, subject to the gain of the op amp being sufficiently high. For example a range of 5°C not 25°C would require a gain of  $5 \times 37$  or about 200. Since the maximum gain with the components shown in the circuit is about 50, four times this gain requires VR4 to have a value of about 2 megohms. To a large extent the range chosen is determined by the graduations on the meter (25 divisions in steps of 5 for the meter was used in the prototype.)

## IMPROVED STABILITY

If greater stability against ambient temperature changes is required 748 op amps can be used in place of the 741's specified. However, these op amps require external frequency compensation by the connection of a 100pF capacitor between pins 1 and 8. Otherwise the component values remain the same as in the circuit described. ★

## COMPONENTS . . .

### Resistors

R1	2k2
R2	33
R3, R4	5k6 (2 off)
R5, R6	120k (2 off)
R7	10k
R8, R9	47k (2 off)
R10	1k2
All $\frac{1}{2}$ W 10% carbon	

### Potentiometers

VR1, VR2, VR3	100k 20 turn preset (3 off)
VR4	500k 20 turn preset

### Capacitors

C1	47 $\mu$
C2	100p

### Semiconductors

D1, D2	1N4148 (2 off)
D3	ZTX300
IC1	$\mu$ A 723
IC2	747

### Miscellaneous

S1	3 pole 4 way rotary switch
SK1	Min jack socket
PL1	Min jack plug
ME1	1mA meter
B1	PP3 battery (2 off)
Battery clips	(2 off)
Case	100 x 120 x 40mm
Veroboard	

# Market Place

Items mentioned are usually available from electronic equipment and component retailers advertising in this magazine. However, where a full address is given, enquiries and orders should then be made direct to the firm concerned. All quoted prices are those at the time of going to press.

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**David  
Shortland**

## LOGIC ANALYSIS TEST KITS

The 20 page professional products catalogue of Continental Specialties Corporation (CSC) has specifications on their following products: 550MHz Counter, 100MHz Counter, 50MHz Counter, 500MHz Prescaler; Function Generator, Pulse Generator; Digital Pulser, Logic Monitors, Logic Probes, Logical Analysis Test Kits; Breadboarding Equipment—Quick Test Sockets and Bus Strips, "Experimenter" Sockets and Bus Strips, Proto-Boards, Powered Proto-Boards, and i.c. Test Clips.

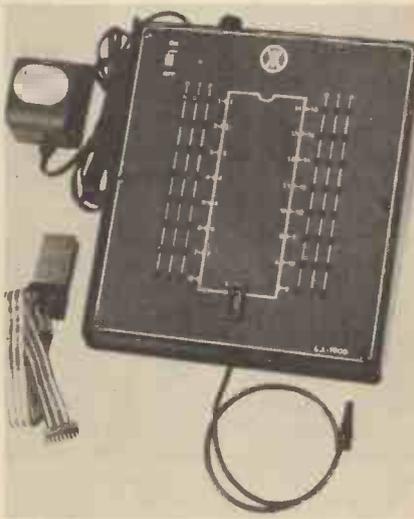


The Logical Analysis Test Kits comprise a Logic Probe, Digital Pulser, Logic Monitor, Probe Tips, Leads and Adapters, Manuals and Application Guides, all in rugged custom moulded cases. The kits are £127 and £143 plus VAT.

Catalogue, price list, order form from CSC UK Ltd, Shire Hill Ind. Est., Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3AQ (0799 21682).

## LOGIC INTERPRETER

Introduced by the United States manufacturer Kurz-Kasch Inc. the L1-1000 Logic Interpreter automatically displays static and dynamic states of digital i.c.s in circuit. Logic high, low and transitions are accurate to plus or minus five per cent. All logic levels are current is drawn from the board under test as a fully isolated, regulated power supply accompanies the interpreter.



Singer Products are the exclusive export representatives of Kurz-Kasch and further information can be obtained from—Gil Williams, Electronic Division, Singer Products Company Inc., One World Trade Center, Suite 2365, New York, N.Y. 10048.

## DIGITAL PHOTO TACHOMETER

From Power Instruments of the USA is a touchless, digital photo tachometer, for measuring the r.p.m. of rotating objects from distances of between  $\frac{1}{4}$ in and 30in.

A piece of reflective tape is fixed on the surface of an object, and when the object is rotated a beam of light from the probe is focused on the tape path. A "target eye" lights up on the tachometer, showing when contact is made, and an r.p.m. readout is given on five  $\frac{1}{8}$ in l.e.d.s. A memory holds the reading indefinitely.

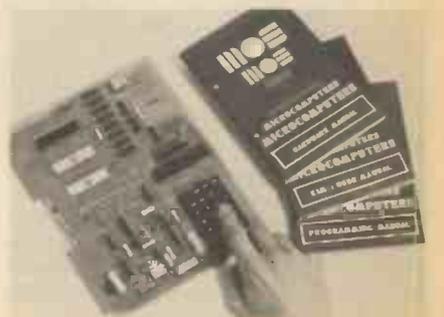


Being touchless, the tachometer can be used in places awkward to reach, and there is a 24in cord attached to the probe. The readout is quartz crystal controlled, with an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  digit up to 0.03 per cent. There is direct reading up to 30,000 r.p.m.

Powered by ordinary batteries, the model 1891 is provided with an aluminium carrying case, reflective tape and other accessories. It measures  $8\frac{1}{2}$ in  $\times$   $4\frac{1}{2}$ in  $\times$  2in and weighs  $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Optional extra accessories include measuring wheels, hand-held or permanent surface mounted to measure linear speed.

Price is £155, plus VAT and carriage, and it is available from the sole UK importers, Electronic Brokers Ltd, 49/53 Pancras Road, London NW1 2QB (01-837 7781).



Price of the KIM 1 single board microcomputer was reduced to £99.95 +VAT in December. Full details from GR Electronics Ltd., Fairoak House, Church Road, Newport, Gwent.



### PRINTOUT CALCULATOR

A new hand-held calculator incorporating its own thermal printer has been introduced by Texas Instruments.

The TI-5025 operates from a rechargeable battery and has a large vacuum fluorescent display which can be used without the printer to conserve paper.

Functions provided are addition, subtraction, multiplication and division—plus percentage key and a 4-key memory.

It operates with the simple number-entry system used with other hand-held calculators in the Texas Instruments range.

The thermal printer is quiet in operation, has few moving parts and requires no ribbons; thermal-paper rolls are available in packs of three.

The TI-5025 measures 6.7 x 3.4 x 1.8in (170 x 86 x 46mm), and is supplied complete with a charger/adaptor, thermal paper and carrying case. VAT inclusive price is £64.95.

Details from **Texas Instruments Limited, European Consumer Division, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7PA.**



### CAR CLOCK

This car clock from Speedograph is connected through the ignition system and when the ignition is off the l.e.d. display is also off, thus preventing undue battery drain. The time keeping circuit remains on. The readout which automatically dims at night reads hours and minutes with a flashing second indicator.

The unit can be mounted using either an adjustable bracket or a self adhesive pad both of which are supplied.

The clock is priced at £27.55 plus VAT and is available from many accessory shops.

### A-TO-D CONVERTORS

National Semiconductor has added two microprocessor-oriented analogue-to-digital convertor devices to its product range.

Available in both a 3½ digit version designated ADC 3511, and in a 3¾ digit version designated ADC 3711, the new devices are complementary CMOS circuits that provide addressed binary coded decimal output for digital systems.

Operating from a single isolated 5V supply, the devices are designed to convert input voltages from -2.00 to +2.00V. The sign of the input voltage is automatically determined and indicated on the sign output pin, and overflow is indicated by a Hex EEEE output reading as well as by an overflow output pin. Unipolar input voltages do not require the use of isolated supplies.

The ADC 3511 and 3711 have their conversion rates set by an internal oscillator whose frequency may be determined by an external RC network, or can be driven from an external frequency source. The timing of conversions may be controlled and monitored via the Start Conversion input and Conversion Complete output which have been included on both devices.

### STEREO MIXER

This portable four channel mic/line mixer by Soundex Limited was designed for stereo recording and features true PPM or VU metering, stereo gain control for a crossed pair of microphones and two "pan" controls for two spot microphones.



Frequency response is 20Hz to 20kHz, signal to noise ratio is 11db with 180µV from 150-600 ohms.

Optional variations are internal rechargeable cells, and XLR or jack connectors.

For further information contact **Tony Barnes, Bulgin Electronics Soundex Limited, Park Lane, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire EN10 7NQ (099 24 64455).**

### ALL THE PROJECTS IN EPI

The Libraries and Arts Department of North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council have published an Electronics Projects Index (EPI). This descriptive guide covers over 2,500 projects published by (in alphabetical order) Electronics Today International, Elektor, Everyday Electronics, Practical Electronics, Practical Wireless, Radio and Electronics Constructor, Television, and Wireless World.

Most of the coverage is from January 72 to December 77, and all amendments to October 78 are included. Price is £1.50 inc. p&p. Postal Orders and cheques should be made payable to North Tyneside M.B.C.

Copies of the index are available from: **M. L. Scaife, Central Library, Northumberland Square, North Shields, Tyne & Wear NE30 1QU. Enquiries (08945 82811).**

### FREQUENCY COUNTERS

Davis Electronics announce the introduction of their frequency counters. The basis of the design is an LSI chip which is a seven decade counter. This is extended to a full 8 digits by feeding the processed signal to a single decade counter, that is then decoded and fed to the least significant digit for display. The LSI then counts, decodes and feeds the digit drivers for the other seven digits. A further chip performs the functions of Xtal oscillator, gating dividers and driver, multiplexing signal generator, etc. Other discrete circuitry provides for signal conditioning, shaping, amplification and protection.



A pre-scaler and amplifier provide facilities for extending the 8 digit counter block to 600Mhz. This is switched in from the front panel. Also provided is switching for gate time and power. A "gate open" l.e.d. indicates when the count is active. A special Xtal in a proportionally controlled Xtal oven is also available.

Full specification and prices from distributors **Craef UK Ltd, 7 Hughendon Road, Hastings, Sussex TN34 3TG. (0424 428131).**

### ARE YOU BEING CHARGED?

Coinciding with the change of name from Ever Ready (Special Batteries) Limited, Berec (Special Batteries) Limited introduce a range of rechargeable batteries and chargers for the consumer market.



equivalents of HP2, HP11, HP7 and PP3, and three chargers, two for specific batteries and one to take the three cylindrical batteries so that it is possible to charge different sizes at the same time. The chargers will recharge a fully discharged battery in 14-16 hours.

*We are sorry to have to report a devastating fire at the Talk of The Town, Cambridge, 16 businesses were affected including that of Tempus. They are doing all they can to continue their normal service but apologise to anyone experiencing delay.*

**VERO ON VIEW**

In the interests of their products being in first class condition when they reach the home constructor, Vero are skin packaging Veroboards, Veropins and other accessories.

The full range of newly designed packs can be seen on floor standing displays which will also contain a range of boxes. Component



shops with little floor space are offered a simple wall stand with a limited range of Vero products.

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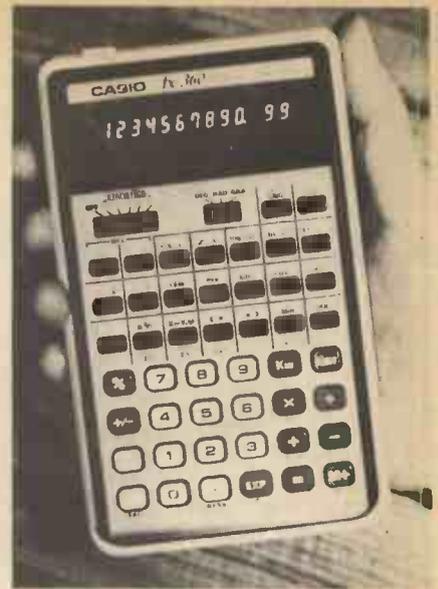
**MEMORIES THAT LAST**

The latest scientific calculator from Casio has seven non-volatile memories which are powered by separate batteries that can hold stored figures when power is switched off—overnight, or for days or weeks at a time, even while exhausted main cells are being changed.

A powerful machine with 59 built-in functions, the FX-360 also offers a choice of power supplies: normal penlight batteries, rechargeable NiCad power pack, or a.c. mains via an adaptor.

Calculation capacity is 10 digits, plus two in the exponent. Trig functions and their inverses are handled in three types of measure, in degrees, radians or gradient. Statistical scope includes standard deviations, linear regression, or fitting logarithmic curves, exponential curves or power curves.

All the usual log, trig and hyperbolic functions are provided, plus permutations/combinations, rectangular/polar conversion, and factorials. The unit also handles fractions and many types of problems involving percentages. It copes with parentheses up to eight levels, and features a random number generator.



There is one independent accumulating memory plus six constant memories. Their contents are fully protected by two silver oxide batteries when main power is switched off.

The recommended retail price of the FX-360 is £59.95 including VAT. For further information contact Casio Electronics Co Ltd, 28 Scrutton Street, London EC2A 4TY.



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# Home Computers

## ...the Microprocessor Miracle!

PART ONE — R.W.COLES

FROM their barely noticed beginnings in the early seventies, microprocessors have mushroomed to become the number-one talking point among engineers and hobbyists alike. Industry is rapidly awakening to their power and capabilities, and many professional engineers are engaged in an undignified scramble to become conversant with this at first alien new technology. Meanwhile, most electronic hobbyists have been waiting on the sidelines for a convincing demonstration of how micros can help them; only a few have actually taken the plunge and built one of the simple "evaluation-card" systems which can be programmed in machine code.

Anyone who has purchased an evaluation card has probably learnt a great deal about microprocessors, but many will be disappointed by the problems involved in getting their system to do anything really useful. Persuading a micro to perform the functions of an ordinary calculator, for example, could take weeks of programming effort. A great chance to learn about computer arithmetic perhaps, but not really very practical. Using the microprocessor to replace random logic, to act as the controller of a domestic heating system for example, can, and is, being achieved with small evaluation cards. But how many hobbyists want to build logic systems of such complexity that the microprocessor becomes a viable alternative to say TTL or CMOS? Not very many.

### ENTER THE HOME-COMPUTER

Paradoxically, the microprocessor is about to take the hobby market by storm, but it's not really the electronic hobbyist who is the main target. Armed with a high level language interpreter, surrounded by semiconductor memory, a typewriter keyboard and a television display unit, the microprocessor now forms the heart of a general purpose computer system which can be sold not only to electronic



The PET home computer together with its printer and second "external" cassette recorder



The Micros Z80 based system

enthusiasts, but to anyone who is prepared to spend a few days learning the rudiments of BASIC language. The home-computer has arrived!

Already small-business men, doctors, dentists, and hotel owners, computer programmers and of course, electronics enthusiasts, are rushing to buy one of the few systems already on the market, even though a home-computer system worth the name will cost £500 or more!

Five hundred pounds may seem like a great deal of money, but thanks to the microprocessor, you will get a computer which would have cost £10,000 and filled a fair sized room, ten years ago.

Not surprisingly, the home-computer concept originated in the United States, and its proliferation there has been extremely rapid, catching even the manufacturers off guard to begin with. In the United Kingdom, economic constraints will probably result in a slower build up, but already that build up has begun!

### WHAT IS A HOME-COMPUTER?

A home-computer (also called micro-computer or personal-computer) has no universally accepted definition. Some manufacturers may wish you to believe that their small machine-code micro with a hexadecimal keyboard is a home computer, when in my view it certainly is not. I have also heard of avant garde computer hobbyists with old IBM systems installed in their garage, and this too falls outside my definition, which is as follows:

A home-computer is a small, low cost, general purpose digital computing system which uses an LSI microprocessor chip as its CPU (Central Processor Unit) and which is capable of storing and executing programs written in a high level language such as BASIC or PASCAL.

To get a clearer idea of what I mean, let's take as an example one of the more popular home-computers currently available, the Commodore PET (left). As you can see, the



**The Tandy TRS 80 which is supplied complete with a video monitor, mains transformer and cassette recorder**

PET is a fully integrated system which requires only a mains socket for instant use. Inputs are entered via a typewriter style keyboard, and outputs are displayed on a built-in 9in CRT screen which is arranged as 25 lines of 40 characters each. To the left of the keyboard is a built-in cassette recorder.

Using standard audio cassettes, programs or data entered via the keyboard may be recorded for later use, and commercial software such as business programs or games can be entered in cassette form without recourse to any tedious typing. Inside PET there lives a 6500 8 bit microprocessor surrounded by 8K bytes of RAM, 14K bytes of ROM, cassette, keyboard, and screen interface logic, and a bidirectional input/output port which can be used for a variety of external peripherals. The 8K of RAM forms a read/write memory area into which programs or data may be entered from the keyboard or cassette. Data is retained by this memory only while the power is "ON" of course, so it is normal for PET users to save any useful RAM data as a cassette tape data-file before the end of a programming session. The 14K of ROM appears to the microprocessor very much like the RAM, but in this case programs are stored in the mask programmed ROM chips during manufacture, programs which cannot be lost or modified and which form the all important firmware operating system and BASIC language interpreter. Putting all the system software in ROM is a technique pioneered by the PET and it confers several advantages over other machines which



**The Research Machines 380Z system**



**The Apple II system**

require these facilities to be loaded into RAM from a cassette or paper tape:

- (1) ROM is cheaper than RAM. This means the economics are better because RAM is traded for ROM.
- (2) No load-delay is incurred while cassettes or paper tape are read.
- (3) The software is more reliable because ROMs, unlike cassette tapes, do not wear out. The main disadvantage is, of course, that you are stuck with the BASIC language which PET is born with, and if your fancy should later turn to PASCAL or Assembly language, there is not much you can do!

#### **WHAT DO THEY DO?**

The PET then, is a typical home-computer, but there are many variations on the theme. Some home computers require a separate VDU and keyboard but display their outputs on an ordinary television via a UHF modulator; some provide a graphics, or picture-forming facility; still others have full-colour graphics, and so on. If there is one thing that they all have in common, it is their ability to run programs written in a high level language, usually BASIC.

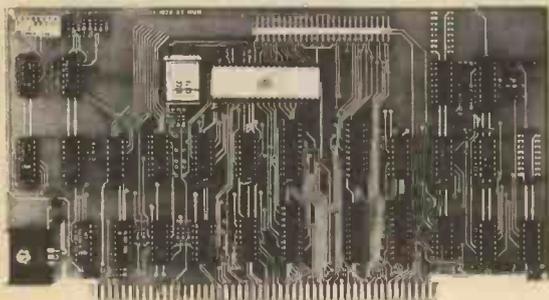
#### **BASIC**

BASIC (Beginners All Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code) has been around for a long time and was originally conceived as an aid to teaching computer science and



**The Nascom I is supplied in kit form and requires a power supply and VDU for operation**

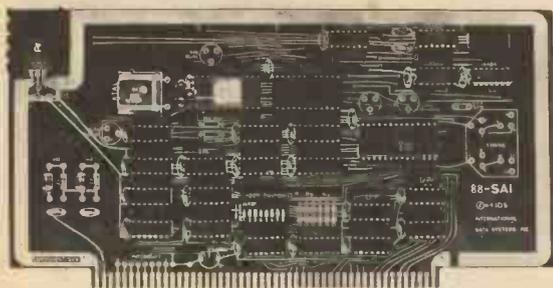
programming subjects. BASIC is an interpretive language, unlike for example FORTRAN which is compiled. Next month we will be examining home computer software in more detail and the distinction between interpreters and compilers will be discussed. For the moment all you need to remember is that interpretive languages are very easy to use, but quite slow in operation. In computer science terms this makes BASIC a less "powerful" language than say FORTRAN, but this is perhaps misleading because BASIC contains all the math, trig, and data handling functions you are likely to need, and most versions provide an arithmetic precision which is as good as, or better than, your trusty pocket calculator. For most home computer applications, the



**S100 Bus board**

slowness of BASIC programs is no real disadvantage, and anyway entering and debugging programs is actually much faster with BASIC because there is no wait while a compiler is used to process the newly entered program.

If you know anything at all about microprocessors and their instruction sets, just spend a few seconds considering the problem of producing a machine code program which will accept keyboard inputs, carry out decimal division, and print an answer. The keyboard input routine alone might take as many as 100 program lines, depending on the hardware, and a similar number might be needed to control a VDU or printer. The decimal arithmetic routine could be very tricky indeed and may need as many as 500 lines of code!



**S100 Bus board**

Now see how easy it is in BASIC. All you need to type in order to load the program is:

```
10 INPUT A, B
20 PRINT A/B
30 END
```

and to set it running you type:

```
RUN
```

followed by a pair of decimal numbers in response to the ? prompts printed by BASIC. Improving this simple program is easy. Adding another line:

```
5 PRINT "ENTER TWO DECIMAL NUMBERS A, B"
```

provides a better prompt, and changing line 20 to:

```
20 PRINT "A/B = "; A/B
```

gives an answer which is self explanatory. Changing line 30 to:

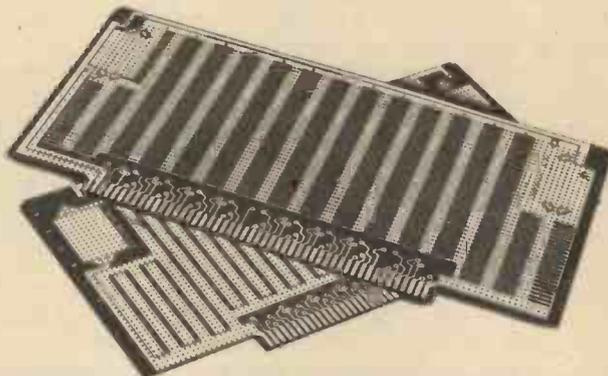
```
30 GOTO 5
```

removes the need to type RUN for each new pair of numbers, and of course, other enhancements can be added just as easily!

### TRANSPARENT

In home-computers then, the microprocessor chip together with its registers and instruction set is more or less transparent to the programmer. I say "more or less" because most home computers will allow you to dabble in machine language programming if you really must, and in fact this facility is very useful for anyone who wishes to hook their computer up to gadgets in the outside world, as many electronics hobbyists undoubtedly will.

Using a high level language, doing useful or entertaining things with a microprocessor is easy. Within a few hours of picking up a BASIC manual, you will be able to write small programs which sort lists of numbers into ascending or descending order, write amusing messages on the VDU, or calculate the surface area of a sphere given its diameter. After a few weeks of practice you will be writing programs which plot graphs or balance the household accounts or play games such as NIM with you. If your home computer has an interface port or ports, you will be able to attach all sorts of



**A Universal S100 prototyping board designed by Vero Electronics for breadboarding microprocessor systems**

external hardware to your system and control it via a program. In most cases you can still use BASIC to talk to your hardware. Home computer BASIC interpreters often have facilities to link you with peripherals, either by direct reference to memory locations using instructions such as PEEK and POKE, or by the ability to call complete machine code subroutines which you can write yourself.

### S100 BUS SYSTEM

Home-computers of the sort typified by PET are certainly the cheapest way into computing. You can learn and enjoy BASIC programming, make your system work for a living, and perhaps even connect it up to some of your own hardware. Unfortunately, there is a snag! After a few months or years, many users will want to squeeze more from their system than it can easily provide. At this point many people will wish that their system was a little more flexible and expandable, and this is where an extra investment at the start could pay dividends.

For a few hundred pounds more, it is possible to buy a home computer based on the S100 bus which will allow the later addition of all sorts of extra hardware and software so that one need never feel cramped. The S100 bus was actually introduced by the very first home-computer, the MITS Altair 8800 which appeared way back in 1975. Since then, many other home-computer designs have been

introduced which use the S100 bus, and many firms (well over 100, world-wide) manufacture circuit boards using the S100 format. The S100 bus was designed around the 8080 microprocessor chip, but since its introduction several other microprocessors, including the Z80, the 6800 and the 6500 have been built into S100 systems. In addition to microprocessor CPU cards, it is also possible to buy a bewildering variety of static and dynamic read/write memory cards, serial and parallel interface cards, floppy disc controller cards, cassette interface cards, logic analyser cards, PROM programmer cards, floating point arithmetic cards, and even speech recogniser and synthesiser cards!

I am sure from the foregoing, you will agree that the S100 bus makes for a versatile home-computer, but what is the bus and why is it so versatile?

## BUS ORGANISED

Many large computers are "bus organised" which means that all circuit cards connect to a comprehensive back-plane where all signal paths are common to each card. This means,

**Fig. 1.1. The S100 Bus connections**

pin 1	+8 Volts	pin 51	+8 Volts
pin 2	+16 Volts	pin 52	-16 Volts
pin 3	XRDY	pin 53	<u>SSW DSB</u>
pin 4	V10	pin 54	EXT CLR
pin 5	V11	pin 55	
pin 6	V12	pin 56	
pin 7	V13	pin 57	
pin 8	V14	pin 58	
pin 9	V15	pin 59	
pin 10	V16	pin 60	
pin 11	V17	pin 61	
pin 12		pin 62	
pin 13		pin 63	
pin 14		pin 64	
pin 15		pin 65	
pin 16		pin 66	
pin 17		pin 67	
pin 18	<u>STATUS DSBL</u>	pin 68	MWRITE
pin 19	C/C DSBL	pin 69	PS
pin 20	UNPROTECT	pin 70	PROTECT
pin 21	<u>SS</u>	pin 71	RUN
pin 22	<u>ADDR DSBL</u>	pin 72	PRDY
pin 23	<u>DO DSBL</u>	pin 73	<u>PINT</u>
pin 24	$\diamond_2$	pin 74	<u>PHOLD</u>
pin 25	$\emptyset_1$	pin 75	PRESET
pin 26	PHLDA	pin 76	PSYNC
pin 27	PWAIT	pin 77	PWR
pin 28	PINTE	pin 78	PDBIN
pin 29	A5	pin 79	A0
pin 30	A4	pin 80	A1
pin 31	A3	pin 81	A2
pin 32	A15	pin 82	A6
pin 33	A12	pin 83	A7
pin 34	A9	pin 84	A8
pin 35	DO1	pin 85	A13
pin 36	DO0	pin 86	A14
pin 37	A10	pin 87	A11
pin 38	DO4	pin 88	DO2
pin 39	DO5	pin 89	DO3
pin 40	DO6	pin 90	DO7
pin 41	D12	pin 91	D14
pin 42	D13	pin 92	D15
pin 43	D17	pin 93	D16
pin 44	SMI	pin 94	D11
pin 45	SOUT	pin 95	D10
pin 46	SINP	pin 96	<u>SINTA</u>
pin 47	SMEMR	pin 97	SWO
pin 48	<u>SHLTA</u>	pin 98	<u>SSTACK</u>
pin 49	<u>CLOCK</u>	pin 99	POC
pin 50	GND	pin 100	GND

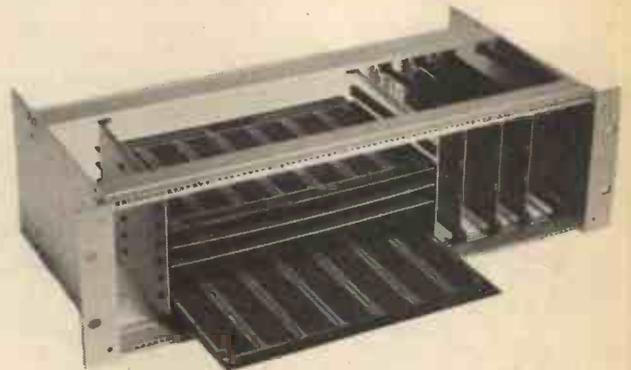
for example, that pin 1 or pin N on one edge connector is connected to pin 1 or pin N on every other edge connector on the back-plane. The bus contains address, data, control and power lines and, in general, boards may be plugged into the bus in any slot, regardless of their function. In some ways this method of interconnection is very wasteful. Not all boards need all the facilities available on the bus; some need very few, and yet every board must connect to the bus via a multi-contact (and therefore expensive) edge connector. This inefficiency is more than made up for by the resulting versatility though, and bus organised systems are the norm for large computers.

The S100 bus (Fig. 1.1) is a very successful attempt to bring the large computer bus concept into the home-computer arena, and although there are one or two minor problems with it, its very popularity shows the vision and skill of the original MITS designers. Configured around a one hundred pin edge connector, the S100 bus has a 16 bit address bus, two unidirectional 8 bit data buses, 8 status lines, 5 control lines and a host of miscellaneous functions. Power is supplied to the bus in unregulated form so that individual board regulators can be used to reduce power line noise and distribute heat throughout the case.

## BUILDING A HOME-COMPUTER

Using the S100 bus concept, you can literally design and build your own home-computer system.

To get started you need (at least) an S100 back-plane, a CPU board, a memory board, and a terminal interface board. The CPU board usually has a ROM or PROM included which contains simple monitor software to allow you to enter, modify, and run machine code programs in hexadecimal, so this minimum system is on a par with the (much cheaper)



**A suitable rack system for use with an S100 backplane. (Vero Electronics)**

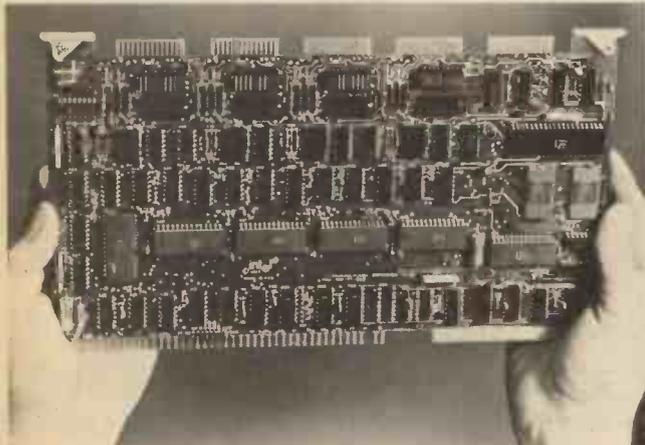
evaluation cards. System expansion can begin with a cassette interface board. This provides the ability to save programs and also the ability to load commercial software such as BASIC. This four board system is at about the same level as a PET, but of course it is much more flexible. Unfortunately, when you add in the price of a power supply, a VDU, a cassette recorder and the necessary commercial software, it is also likely to be more expensive. It really depends on how much you make up yourself from kits. S100 memory board kits are particularly common, allowing electronics hobbyists to save some money and enjoy themselves at the same time! Power supplies can also be made up inexpensively by those who know how, unregulated supplies of plus 8, plus 16 and minus 16 volts are required, but beware—the current requirements of a large system can be a surprise!

## WINNER

The basic S100 system then, is only competitive with non-bus home computers under special circumstances, but from this point on, the S100 wins all the way. Want more RAM? Just plug in extra S100 boards up to the 64K maximum. Want to program PROMs? Plug in a Bytesaver board which provides sockets for, and programs, your 2708 PROMs. With a large RAM memory, you can use any software you like, BASIC, PASCAL, ASSEMBLER, all are possible. The cassette interface board probably handles more than one recorder anyway, so you can add the ability to copy tapes and sort files for only the cost of an extra cassette recorder. When it comes to serial or parallel interfaces for your "homemade" peripherals, there is a huge choice of S100 boards to help, and there are even S100 matrix boards so that you can wire up your own "special" interfaces and plug them into your system.

Finally, when you even outgrow all of these facilities, you can take the giant step and add a floppy disc controller and a drive or two to your system, and thus gain the ability to keep hundreds of kilobytes of data available for instant access. With floppy discs in your system you can swap from BASIC to ASSEMBLER in a few seconds, and keep all your programs and data in the form of easily edited, named files. We shall be returning to the subject of floppy discs later, but a final word on "buses" is now appropriate.

While the S100 bus is by far the most popular home computer bus, it is not the only one, and by being a "no compromise" design it is expensive. Another useful bus is championed by SWTPC (South West Technical Products Corporation) in their 6800 based system. The SWTPC bus has become known as the SS50, and it is inherently less expensive to use than the S100. Several firms in the U.S.A. now produce SS50 compatible boards. Other bus systems may be encountered occasionally. Intel have a very popular series of professional computer boards known as the SBC series for example, and these do turn up in the hobby market under the name of SBC-bus boards. No doubt there will be



A typical SBC board designed by Intel

many other contenders, for the rewards of becoming a "standard" are high. A European bus standard will be particularly useful, when it finally becomes established.

## HOME-COMPUTER PERIPHERALS

A comprehensive list of possible home computer peripherals would be a very long one, but fortunately there is a short list of useful peripherals which have universal appeal, and a treatment of home-computers would not be complete without a look at these. In order of priority, these are as follows:

- (1) ASCII keyboard
- (2) VDU
- (3) Cassette system
- (4) Printer
- (5) Floppy disc system.

A practical home computer system will normally have at least the first two items on this list.

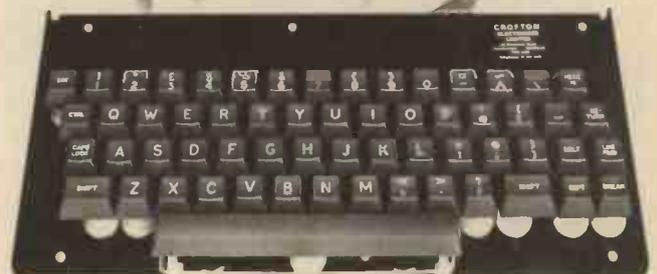
## KEYBOARDS

An ASCII keyboard is the minimum input device needed for a home computer because high level languages depend on the use of the full ASCII alphabet with punctuation and control characters (Fig. 1.2). ASCII keyboards, in the form of a full set of keys mounted on a printed circuit card, along with an encoder chip and debounce circuitry, are widely available at low cost. These keyboards usually produce a parallel 8 bit code (7 bit ASCII + 1 parity bit), and this data format can be interfaced directly with a parallel

MSD \ LSD	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	
0	0000	NUL	DLE	SP	0	@	P	\	p
1	0001	SOH	DC1	!	1	A	Q	a	q
2	0010	STX	DC2	"	2	B	R	b	r
3	0011	ETX	DC3	#	3	C	S	c	s
4	0100	EDT	DC4	\$	4	D	T	d	t
5	0101	ENG	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	u
6	0110	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f	v
7	0111	BEL	ETB	'	7	G	W	g	w
8	1000	BS	CAN	(	8	H	X	h	x
9	1001	HT	EM	)	9	I	Y	i	y
A	1010	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j	z
B	1011	VT	ESC	+	;	K	[	k	{
C	1100	FF	FS	=	<	L	\	l	
D	1101	CR	GS	-	=	M	]	m	}
E	1110	SO	RS	•	>	N	↑	n	~
F	1111	SI	VS	/	?	□	←	o	DEL

Fig. 1.2. Full ASCII alphabet with punctuation and control characters

microprocessor port if you write your own (simple) driver software. Most home computer operating systems already have driver software for a serial interface, and to make the cheap keyboards interface to this, it will be necessary to add a UART (Universal, Asynchronous, Receiver, Transmitter)



Keyboard layout

chip to the basic keyboard encoder. Home computer serial interface ports are typically of the RS232/V24 type, an international standard based on a 25 way D type connector which represents a logic one as -12 volts, and a logic zero as +12 volts. S100 serial interface cards can be programmed to operate at a range of speeds from about 10 characters per second, up to about 960 characters per second, to suit the peripheral to which they are to be connected. Fig. 1.3 shows the range of standard serial

interface speeds, along with their associated "baud rates".

For a keyboard alone, there is no point in using anything faster than 110 baud, because you can't type any faster, but

BAUD SPEED	CHARACTERS/ SECOND
110	10
300	30
600	60
1,200	120
2,400	240
4,800	480
9,600	960
19,200	1,920

**Fig. 1.3. Standard serial interface speeds and their associated "baud rates"**

keyboards are nearly always used with a printer or a VDU, and in the case of the VDU anyway, the higher baud rates can be useful.

### VDU SYSTEMS

VDU systems are the cheapest way to display home computer generated outputs, and it is possible to buy, for around £500 or less, a complete "glass-teletype" which has a keyboard and a display screen. "Glass teletypes" such as the Lyme 4000 series, are ideal for use with home computers of the S100 type. They can operate over a wide range of baud speeds, and are easily hooked up to any RS232/V24 serial port to provide full two-way communication facilities. An even cheaper alternative is to



**A Lyme 4000 VDU system**

use a simple ASCII keyboard for input, and use a standard TV set or monitor for output. In this case the home computer itself has to provide the screen refresh memory and character generator functions and, of course, there are S100 boards which can do just that. Using a TV as a VDU is also a popular ploy for the cheaper home-computer designs because it saves the cost of a special display monitor and does away with the need for UARTS and serial interface cards. Some designs have been published which describe the production of television based VDUs for less than £100, such as the PE VDU, but in general these have been parallel-load, non-keyboard designs which are only to be recommended to those who can produce their own driver software and interface arrangements.

### CASSETTE SYSTEMS

While you run your home computer programs you keep them in RAM, but when you hit the OFF switch, they're gone for good unless you can save them on some permanent storage medium. By changing your RAM data into serial form, and sending out one audio tone for a logic "zero" and another for a logic "one", you can store all those precious data and programs on an audio cassette recorder, and load them back into RAM whenever you choose. There is no need to modify the cassette recorder, and the interface circuitry is fairly simple, so simple in fact that many cassette recording standards have appeared which are unfortunately not compatible. The closest thing yet to a universal cassette recording protocol is the 300 baud "Kansas City" or C.U.T.S. standard which uses 2.4kHz for a logic "one" and 1.2kHz for a logic "zero". This has proved to be usable with a wide range of cassette recorders and has shown itself to be very reliable. By no means everyone uses this standard, however, and it is unwise to buy software in cassette form without making sure it is in a format compatible with one's own system!

The use of two cassette recorders is a great improvement to any system because it allows cassette copying and file sorting. It is, for example, possible to add a second (external) cassette unit to the PET, and most S100 cassette interface cards can control more than one as supplied. If you build up your own S100 home-computer, a cassette interface will allow you to buy and use BASIC interpreters, assemblers, and other software from the wide range now advertised in cassette form.

### PRINTERS

Although I would recommend the use of a VDU rather than a bulky, noisy and unreliable teletypewriter for use with a home computer, there are always occasions when the ability to print-out a program or graph is very desirable. You can of course use a teletypewriter to provide this function, but a neater solution is to use a small stand-alone printer of the type which is now becoming available at low cost, and to only turn it on when you really need a printed copy. These



**The Tandy TRS 80 printer uses 4in wide electrostatic paper** small new printers can be purchased with either a parallel interface (which is cheaper), or with a standard RS232/V24 serial interface (which will plug straight in to most systems). The printers use a variety of print-head designs, but to me the type which use electro-sensitive aluminiumised paper shows the most promise. Often containing a microprocessor of their own, these useful peripherals can operate much faster than a traditional teletype and some can also be used as a plotter for graphics output. The PET also has its own special add-on printer, known as the 2020, which plugs straight in to the parallel port provided.

**Next month: Software.**

# PE MICROPRINTER

## PART 2

MARK SIMON



**P**ART 1 covered the principle of electrosensitive printing, character formation, and gave the circuit diagram with a description of how the interface works.

In this part the driver circuits and power supply are described, along with the software necessary to run the printer with a microcomputer system.

### ELECTRODE DRIVER

To melt the aluminium coating and produce a dot on the paper will, as you can imagine, take a fair amount of current, albeit for a short space of time. The driver circuit shown in Fig. 2.1 amplifies the output from the character generator chip sufficiently to achieve this. It operates in the following way.

When an output from the character generator chip pulses active low the BC212 level changing transistor is turned on, supplying base drive current to the BD189.

When the BD189 turns on it throws 24V across the electrode which burns the dot on the paper. *Obviously not a circuit to leave with its input stuck low!*

### THE MOTOR DRIVER

The motor driver has a similar "front end" (Fig. 2.2). The motor flip-flop  $\bar{Q}$  going active low, turns on the BC212. This causes a positive voltage to be switched to the bases of the complementary power transistors. The 2N3053 turns on, supplying power to the motor, which will hopefully run.

When the motor flip-flop  $\bar{Q}$  output returns high and the BC212 is turned off, the power transistor bases will revert to a large negative voltage. The 2N3053 will turn off and the motor will develop a large back e.m.f. This will turn on the 2N4037 which dissipates the stored energy.

### POWER SUPPLIES

The voltages required for the system are, +5V, -12V and -24V. The +5 volts is required for the interface logic. As this is all MOS, the current requirement is low (typically 70mA) and so the host microcomputer system should have the capacity to supply this. The printer motor and electrodes work off a -24V rail and require quite high values of current for short durations of time. This seems to average out at around 130mA during printing. A good transformer preferably screened, of 5VA minimum and an output of 25V or greater will be required (see Fig. 2.3). The -12V supply is required solely to produce a bias voltage (V<sub>gg</sub>) to the character generator chip. The tolerance here is not particularly tight, so a Zener diode is used to pick the requisite voltage from the -24V rail. The actual circuit was built up on Veroboard and mounted on the transformer (Fig. 2.4).

To avoid component damage the supplies must be switched in the following sequence:

**on**—First +5V, and -12V, then -24V

**off**—First -24V, and then -12V and +5V

This action can be realised by a 4-pole 3-way lever switch (PO 1000 type), or rotary wafer switch, the wiring of which is shown in Fig. 2.5.

### CIRCUIT LAYOUT

With relatively large current pulses and motor starter currents so prevalent in this circuit, protecting noise prone logic circuitry is very important. Circuit layout is obviously crucial (see Figs. 2.5 and 2.6).

The first requirement is that the larger current carrying elements of the circuit, be grouped together and kept away from the more noise prone logic devices. Inputs and outputs must be kept separate. On the layout diagram the pickup coil, reed, and other inputs enter on one side of the circuit board. Whilst the motor driver output and electrode driver outputs leave at the other end of the board. The separation of these parts of the circuit even extends to supplies. The 5V line is brought in, via capacitors, to the logic at one end of the board. The 5V supply for the drivers, comes via another wire and enters the circuit at the driver end of the board. The 0V line is also separated; in fact a low value resistor, R (10 Ohms), is inserted between the logic and driver 0V lines to enhance noise immunity.

The final anti-noise measure is to place 100n capacitors across the 0V and 5V lines about the circuit. These are shown on Fig. 2.6, which gives pin-out information for all the integrated circuits and transistors used.

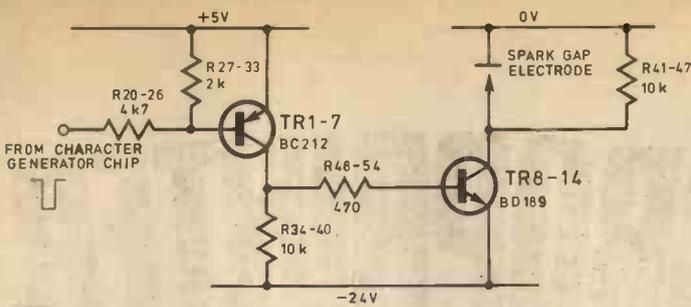


Fig. 2.1. Print electrode/head drivers

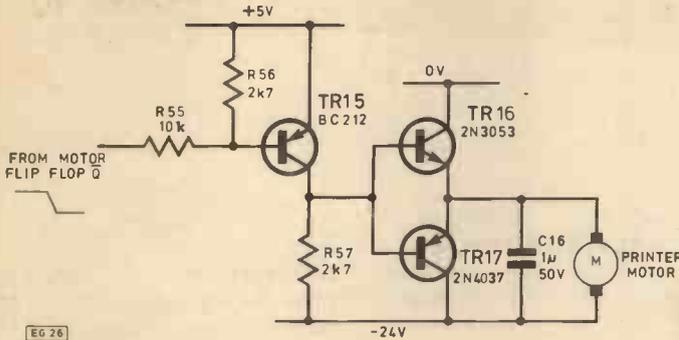


Fig. 2.2. Motor driver (-24 volt motor)

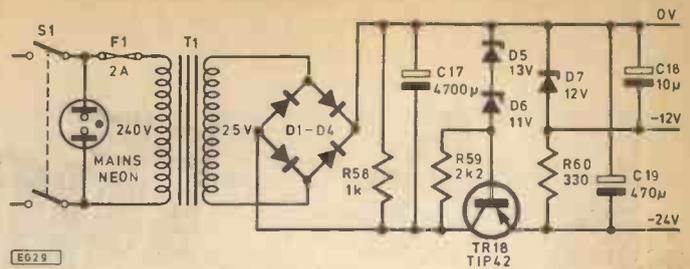


Fig. 2.3. Power supply circuit, -12V and -24V. Mains earth should connect to the transformer screen and the metal case

Fig. 2.4. Power supply construction. A strip-board can be mounted on top of the transformer using standoff pillars, and the capacitor strapped to the side

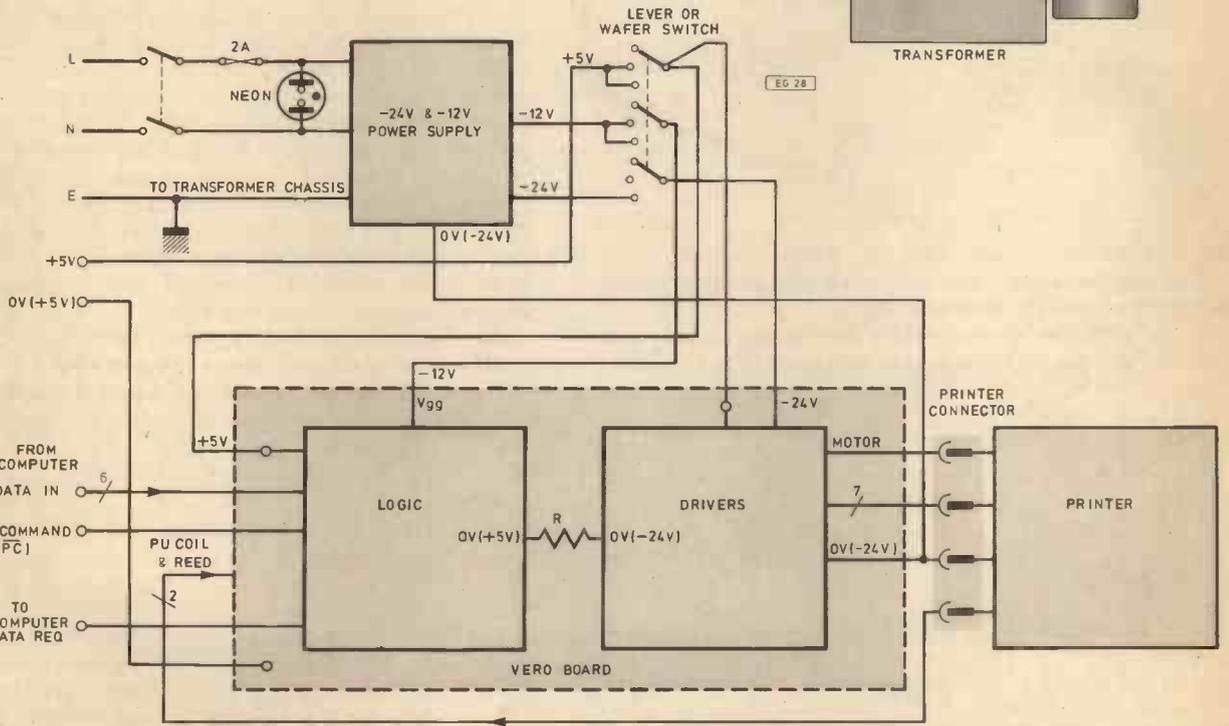
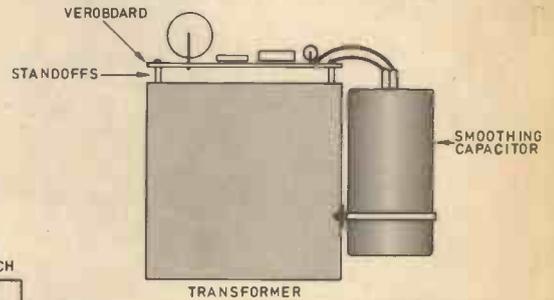


Fig. 2.5. System wiring. The supply line to which the 0V relates is shown in brackets. The two 0V systems are linked by a low value resistor

## BOXING

The main box used to house the prototype was chosen primarily because it happened to be lying about at the time of building! The circuit board was fixed to one side leaving the majority of the space free for the power supply and the cable runs. (Fig. 2.7 shows dimensions and internal layout.) The printer, its connector and its paper holder were mounted on top of the box (see Fig. 2.8).

During development lengthy printing runs were achieved

using no paper holder at all. Long lengths of printing paper were simply pulled off the roll and allowed to run through the printer. Although this worked well, it was thought that a more business-like approach was needed. Therefore the paper roll was placed on a mandrel with grooves notched at each end (Fig. 2.9). This assembly then sits in the roll holder which is screwed to the top of the box behind the printer. The paper roll holder was made from 16 gauge brass strip.



## CONSTRUCTORS NOTE

The Matsushita electrosensitive printer is available from **Datac Ltd., Tudor Road, Broadheath, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 5TN. (Telephone 061-941 2361).** Although type 245/L/40 is specified, type 245/L/20 may be supplied, preset for 40 columns.

An alternative supplier for this and most other components is **Technomatic Ltd.**

It was not mentioned in Part 1 that construction requires the use of a 15-way edge connector to link the Matsushita printer to the main control unit. This is Amphenol type 143-015-01, available from Celdis for £2.74 inclusive of handling charge. **Celdis Ltd, 37/39 Loverock Road, Reading, Berks, RG3 1ED.**

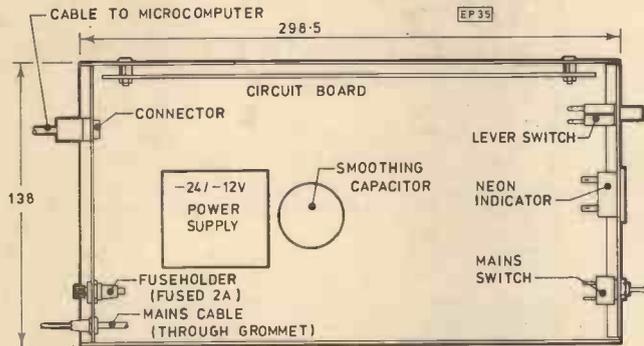


Fig. 2.7. Internal layout

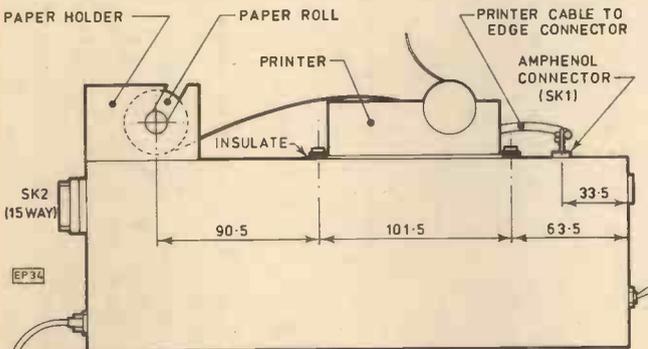


Fig. 2.8. Printer mounting. Fig. 1.1. last month showed the paper at  $-24V$  and the electrode energised at  $0V$ . The reverse is of course true, otherwise the printer casing would need to be insulated from the control box cabinet. However, some mechanical insulation from vibration is still advisable, and this can be done by sleeving the printer mounting lugs with rubber grommets

## SOFTWARE

The purpose of the software is to present data to the interface for conversion to printing pulses, whilst monitoring the status of the printer. The DUMP routine will also allow the printing of memory contents along with address information.

Although the system only uses six of the seven bits used in the Standard ASCII code, it will print all capital letters, numbers and symbols from the character set.

The only control characters required are Carriage Return, and End of Text, both of which are recognised by the software. For Carriage Return the ASCII code ODH is retained. For the End of Text character a non-standard code is used, FFH. In fact the software will terminate printing if it encounters any character byte with bit 7 set. Therefore it is important to remember that if printing text, the byte after the

## PRINTER TO MAIN UNIT CONNECTIONS

Pin No.	Signal
A	Reed
B	Pick-up coil
C	$0V$ for P/U coil & Reed
D	Motor +
E	Motor -
F	Head & Pinch Roller Common
H	N.C.
J	1st Dot
K	2nd Dot
L	3rd Dot
M	4th Dot
N	5th Dot
P	6th Dot
R	7th Dot
S	N.C.

## EXTERNAL CONNECTOR TO $\mu$ COMPUTER

Pin No.	Signal
A	DO
B	D1
C	D2
D	D3
E	D4
F	D5
H	Print command ( $\overline{PC}$ )
J	Data Request
W & X	+5V supply
M	$0V$

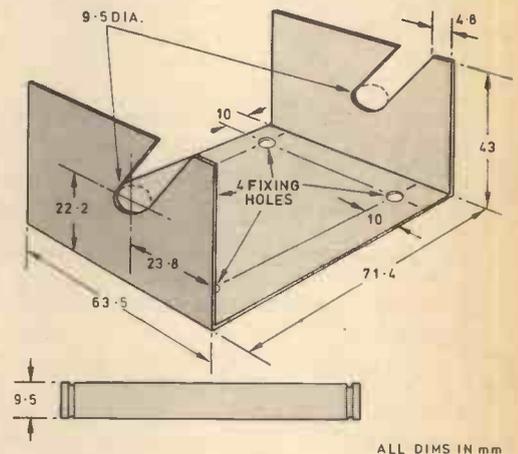


Fig. 2.9. Paper roll holder. The holder can be made of alloy sheeting. In the prototype the bobbin was made from brass rod, but a simpler solution would be to use wooden dowel, and insert screws in each end to key into the roller slots.

last character should contain FFH.

The software for the prototype is written in Z80 assembler code and the peripheral chip used is the Z80 PIO. Conversion to other microprocessor instruction sets and peripheral chips should not present too much difficulty, especially as fairly detailed flow charts are included in the article.

## INPUT OUTPUT REQUIREMENTS

The I/O requirements of the system are as follows:

**5 outputs**, latched, for DO-D5

**1 output**, latched, for PRINT COMMAND ( $\overline{PC}$ )

**1 input**, unlatched, for DATA REQUEST (DATA REQ)

In the prototype system the PIO was programmed to operate in Mode 3, the bit mode. Bit 0 to bit 6 were programmed as outputs and Bit 7 was programmed as an input (see Fig. 2.10). It may be cheaper in some cases to use two separate ports, one for input and one for output. A latched I/O device such as the Intel 8212 could be used for the outputs, and a separate simple tristate buffer part could be used for the DATA REQ input. This would require only slight alteration to the software.

### SYSTEM SOFTWARE

The majority of the software is involved with the DUMP routine. The actual PRINT routine itself is relatively small. We shall look at this routine first and then see how it fits into the DUMP programme.

### PRINT

The PRINT routine's function is to set the printer in motion and to sequentially present data to the interface at the required time. It also detects the carriage return and end of text codes and actually performs these control functions.

There are only 2 rules for its use:

- (a) The Start address of the text buffer must be in the HL register pair on entry.
- (b) That the end of text code (FFH) must be in the first memory location, after the text to be printed.

For example, say we want to print the word "HELLO", the ASCII code of which starts at memory location 2000H. Before entry to the print routine HL must be set to 2000H, and the text buffer should appear as in Fig. 2.12.

The flowchart for the PRINT routine is as Fig. 2.11 and its operation is as follows:

The peripheral chip (if used) is programmed. A down-counter (the character per line counter) is preset. This enables the processor to determine when it has filled the line.

The system activates the printer by generating a "low" to PC. It waits for DATA REQ to go active then moves the first character byte to the accumulator. Before outputting the character, bit 7 is tested. If set it is interpreted as an end of text character. If not set, it is then compared with 0DH to check if it is a carriage return. If not, then the routine decides if it is a valid character and outputs it for printing. The character per line counter is decremented and checked for 0 at this time to see if a line has been filled. After printing, the text buffer pointer (HL), is incremented to point to the next character and the process is repeated.

If a carriage return code is detected the routine calls the subroutine SPACES, which repeatedly outputs the SPACE code to the interface until the end of the current line. (When the character per line counter = 0.) A delay routine is then called to give the print-head time to return to the beginning of the next line, the routine then proceeds as before.

When the end of text character is detected the subroutine SPACES is again called, but after its completion a return code is loaded into the accumulator and PRINT is exited.

The subroutines used by PRINT are detailed in Figs. 2.13 and 2.14.

The printer system will run with the PRINT routine alone, for printing text and program listings. All the rest of the system software is used for the memory DUMP function, PRINT is called by the DUMP program as a subroutine. PRINT and its subroutines appear towards the end of the system software listing. It actually starts on line 143.

Fig. 2.10. PIO allocation

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
I/P DATA REQ	O/P PC	O/P D5	O/P D4	O/P D3	O/P D2	O/P D1	O/P D0	

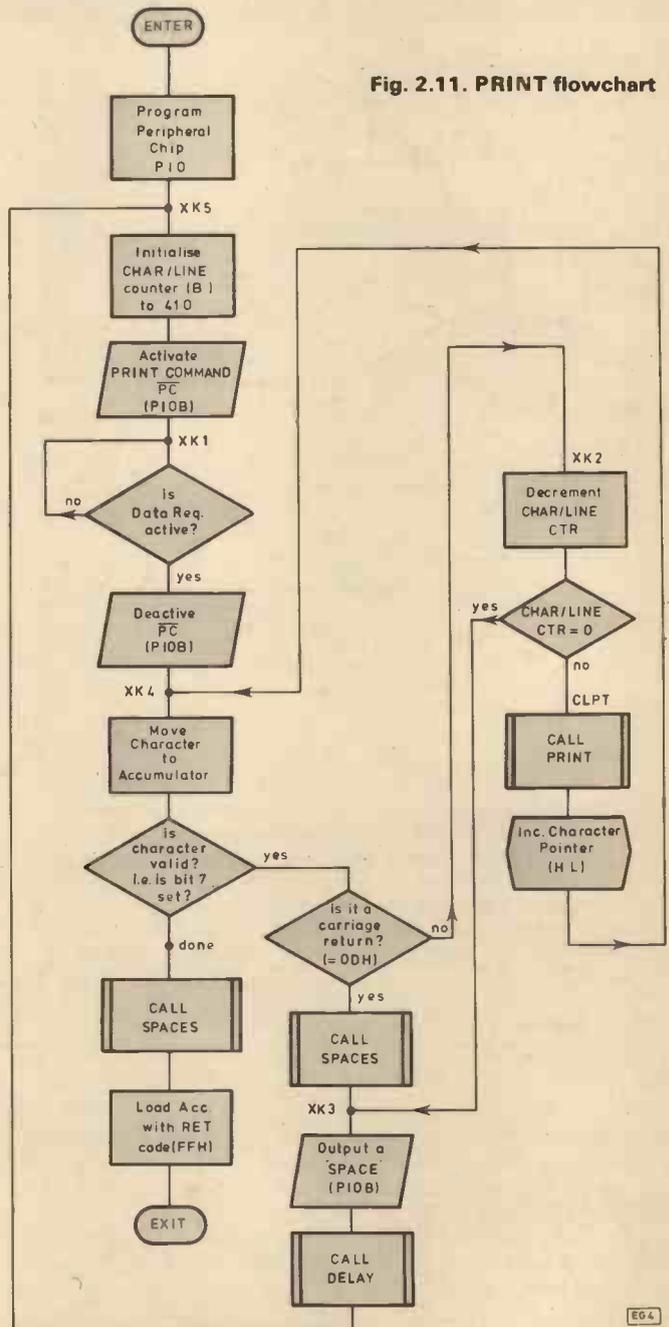
### DUMP

As previously mentioned the DUMP routine enables the user to print out the contents of areas of memory.

Firstly the hexadecimal memory address is printed, then the contents of that location and the following seven locations are printed, also in hexadecimal. The next line begins with the start address +8, followed by the contents of the next eight locations, and so on until the specified finish address is reached. Carriage return and end of text control characters are inserted automatically by the software.

The organisation of the software is as Fig. 2.15. DUMP is the controlling routine, which calls the conversion routine, the compare routine and the print line routine. This in turn calls PRINT and its associated routines, which have already been described.

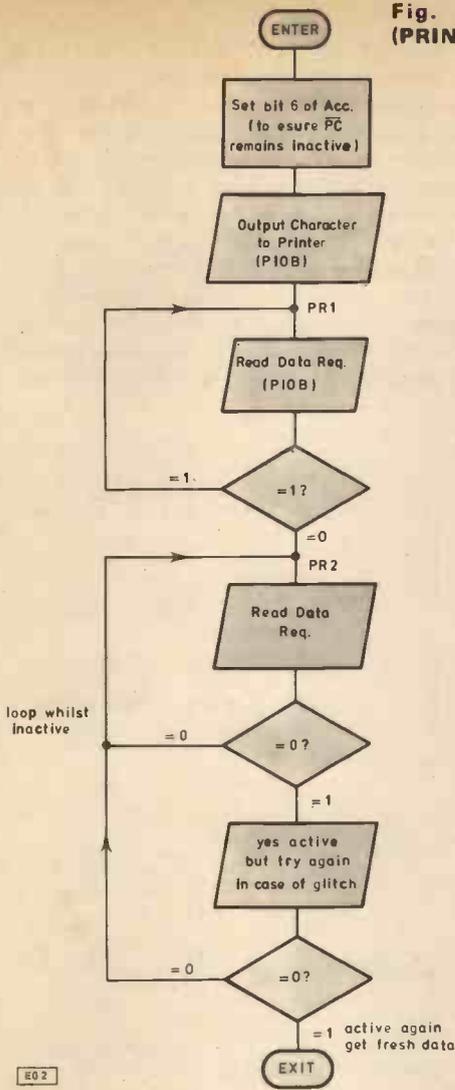
Fig. 2.11. PRINT flowchart



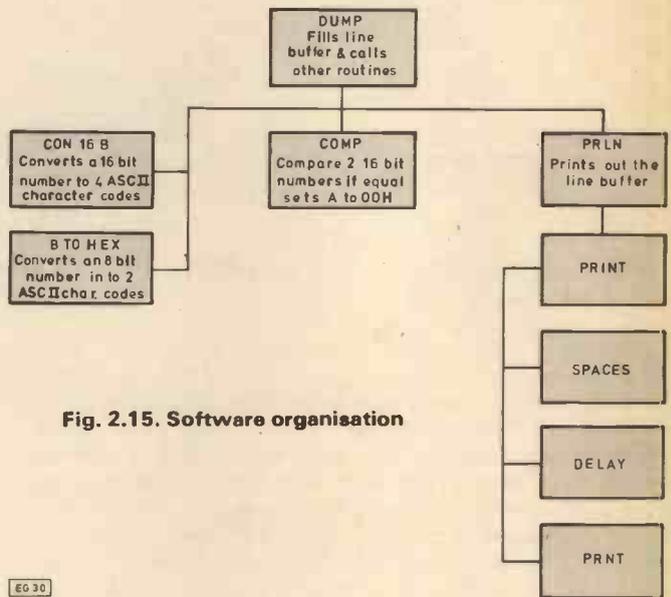
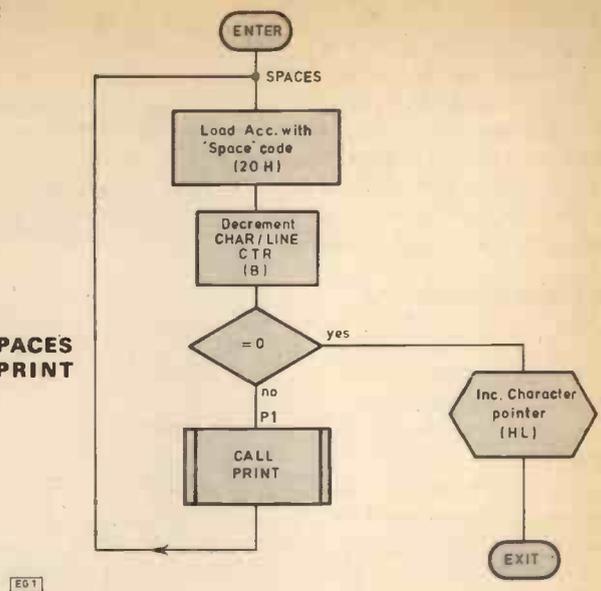
	location	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
HEX contents		08	05	0A	0A	0F	FF
		H	E	L	L	O	EOT

Fig. 2.12. Text buffer example

**Fig. 2.13. PRNT flowchart (PRINT subroutine)**

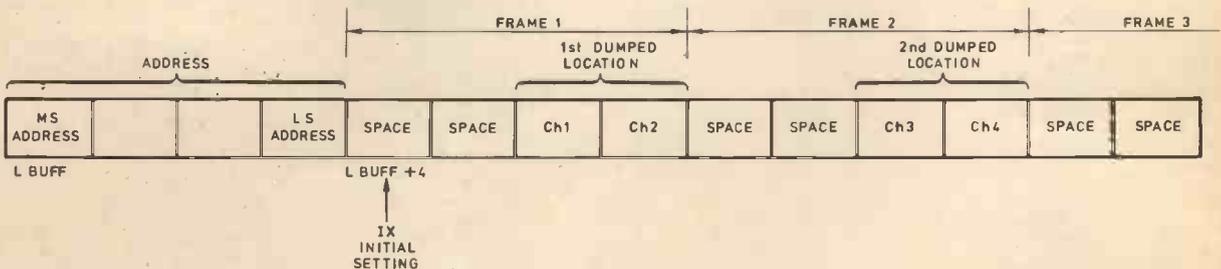


**Fig. 2.14. SPACES flowchart (PRINT subroutine)**



**Fig. 2.15. Software organisation**

**Fig. 2.16. Line buffer organisation**



**OPERATION**

DUMP operates by creating a line buffer in RAM, where it inserts the address, the spaces and the contents of the eight locations (see Fig. 2.16).

It then calls the PRINT routine to print that line. Each location and its spaces are referred to as a "frame" of four bytes. The line buffer consists of four address bytes and eight frames. It is filled in the following way:

The Start address is loaded into HL to serve as an indirect pointer (see Fig. 2.17). It is also loaded into DE where the subroutine CON16B converts it to hexadecimal and then to ASCII. The resulting four ASCII characters are placed at the beginning of the line buffer by CON16B. The line buffer pointer (IX) and the frame counter (B) are initialised. IX and C are used to place the first two spaces into the line buffer (see Fig. 2.16).

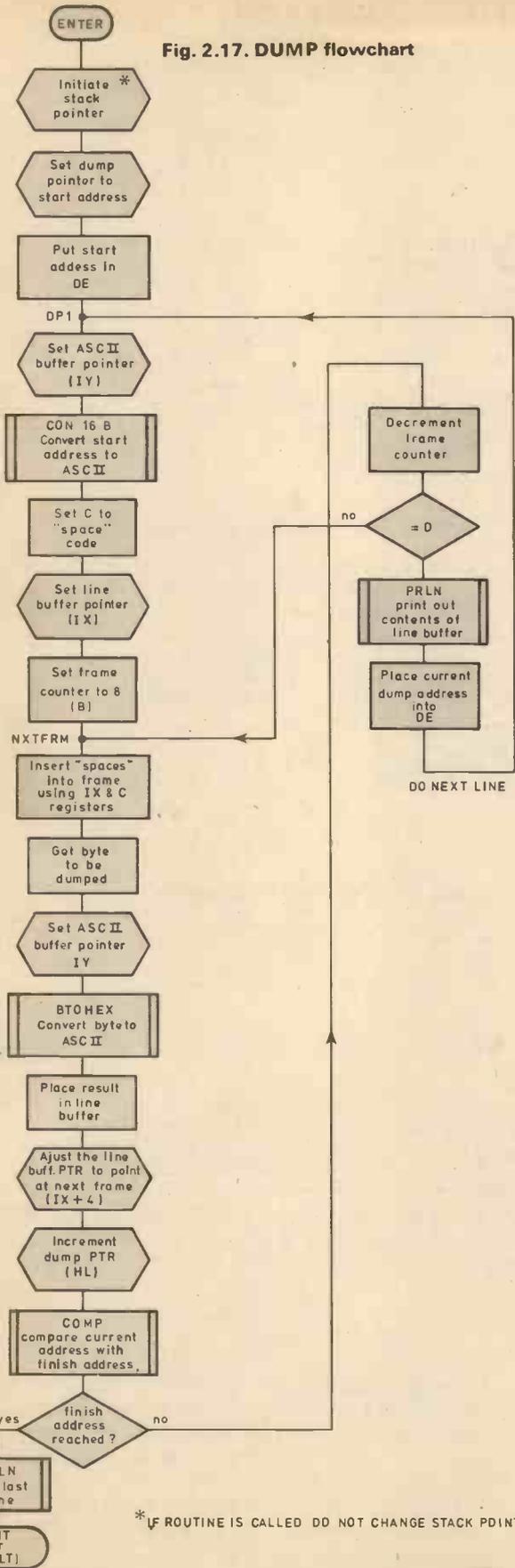


Fig. 2.17. DUMP flowchart

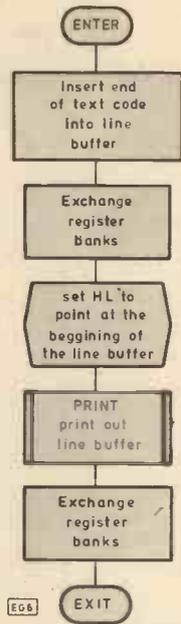


Fig. 2.18. PRLN flowchart

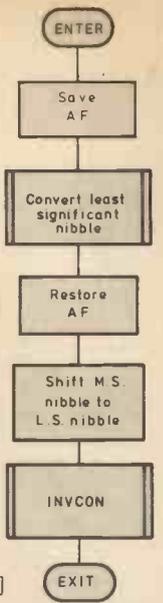


Fig. 2.19. BROHEX flowchart

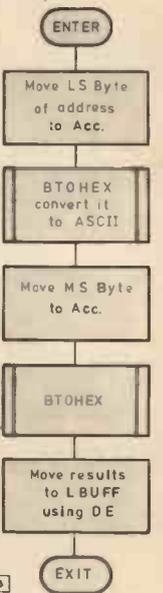


Fig. 2.20. CON16B flowchart

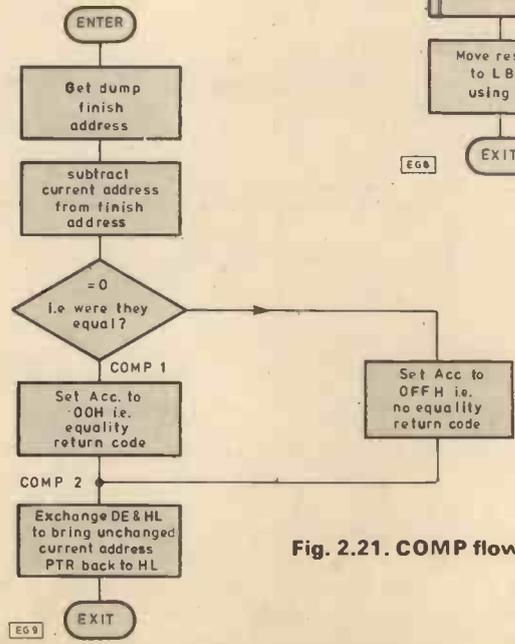


Fig. 2.21. COMP flowchart

# SOFTWARE LISTING FOR Z80 WORKING

LOC	OBJ CODE	STMT	SOURCE	DX2 LISTING STATEMENT	PAGE. 0001	LOC	OBJ CODE	STMT	SOURCE	DX2 LISTING STATEMENT
		0001		; DUMP IS THE CONTROL ROUTINE FOR A MEMORY				0110		;
		0002		; DUMP TO A MATSUSHITA PRINTER.				0111		;
		0003		;				0112		; COMP; THIS ROUTINE LOOKS FOR EQUALITY BETWEEN
1750		0004	DPG	1750H ;				0113		; THE DUMP POINTER DPTR; AND THE END OF DUMP
1750	310035	0005	LD	SP,3500H ;+++ DELETE IF CALLED				0114		; ADDRESS DPFIN.
1753	2A2821	0006	LD	HL,(DPST) ;SET DUMP PTR				0115		;
1756	ED582821	0007	LD	DE,(DPST) ;READY FOR CONVERSION				0116		;
175A	FD212F21	0008	DP1:	LD IY,ASCIB+3 ;SET ASCIB PTR				0117	COMP:	;
175E	CDC717	0009	CALL	CON16B ;DPST TO ASCII		17E0	ED582A21	0119	LD	DE,(DPFIN) ;GET FINISH ADDRESS
		0010		;		17E4	ER	0119	EX	DE,HL ;
		0011		;		17E5	AF	0120	XOR	A ;CLEAR CARRY
1761	0E20	0012	LD	C,20H ;ASCII 'SPACE' CODE		17E6	ED52	0121	SBC	HL,DE ;DPFIN-DPTR
1763	DD210421	0013	LD	IX,LBUFF+4 ;SET LBUFF PTR		17E8	2804	0122	JR	Z,COMP1-1 ;JUMP IF DPFIN=DPTR
1767	0608	0014	LD	B,8 ;SET FRAME CTR		17EA	3EFF	0123	LD	A,OFFH ;NO EQUALITY RET CODE
1769	DD7100	0015	NXTFRM:	LD (IX+0),C ;INSERT SPACES INTO		17EC	1801	0124	JR	COMP2-1 ;
176C	DD7101	0016	LD	(IX+1),C ; LINE BUFFER		17EE	AF	0125	COMP1:	XOR
		0017		;		17EF	EB	0126	COMP2:	EX
		0018		;		17F0	C9	0127	RET	DE,HL ;
		0019	LD	A,(HL) ;GET DUMP BYTE				0128		;
1770	FD212D21	0020	LD	IY,ASCIB+1 ;SET ASCIB PTR				0129		;
1774	CDAA17	0021	CALL	BTOMEX ;CONVERT TO ASCII				0130		;
1777	ED582C21	0022	LD	DE,(ASCIB) ;RESULT TO DE				0131	OE	;
177B	DD7302	0023	LD	(IX+2),E ;& THEN TO				0132		; PRINT IS THE ROUTINE THAT ACTUALLY CONTROLS
177E	DD7203	0024	LD	(IX+3),D ;LBUFF				0133		; THE MATSUSHITA PRINTER.
		0025		;				0134		; THE I/O HARDWARE USED IS THE Z80 PROGRAMMABLE
		0026		; THE ASCII CONVERSIONS OF THE DUMP BYTE ARE				0135		; INTERFACE CIRCUIT, THE P.I.D., THE FIRST SECTION
		0027		; NOW IN THE LINE BUFFER.				0136		; OF CODE DEALS WITH PROGRAMMING THIS DEVICE.
		0028		;				0137		;
1781	110400	0029	LD	DE,4 ;ADJUST LBUFF PTR TO				0138		;
1784	DD19	0030	ADD	IX,DE ;POINT AT NEXT FRAME.				0139		;
1786	23	0031	INC	HL ;INC DPTR.				0140		; PROG PID. MODE 3, B0-B5=DATA 0/PS,B6=PRINT COMM
1787	CDE017	0032	CALL	COMP ;COMPARE WITH DPFIN				0141		; B7=DATA REQUEST I/P.
178A	A7	0033	AND	A ;TEST RET CODE				0142		;
178E	2809	0034	JR	Z,FINISH-1 ;IF=0, JUMP OUT		17F1	3EFF	0143	PRINT:	LD
178D	10DA	0035	DJNZ	NXTFRM-1 ;DO NEXT FRAME		17F3	D303	0144	OUT	(PIOB),A ;
		0036		;		17F5	3E80	0145	LD	A,80H ;I/O CONTROL
		0037		;		17F7	D303	0146	OUT	(PIOB),A ;
		0038		; PRINT OUT THE CONTENTS OF THE LINE BUFFER.		17F9	3E03	0147	LD	A,03H ;DISABLE PID INTERRUPTS
		0039		;		17FB	D303	0148	OUT	(PIOB),A ;
		0040		;		17FD	3EE0	0149	LD	A,0E0H ;INIT SE 0/PS, PC=1
178F	CD9A17	0041	CALL	PRLN ;		17FF	D301	0151	OUT	(PIOB),A ;DO-D5 = 20H = SPACE.
		0042		;				0152		;
1792	E5	0043	PUSH	HL ;COPY HL TO DE		1801	0629	0153	KK5:	LD
1793	D1	0044	POP	DE ;		1803	3EA0	0154	LD	A,0A0H ;ACTIVATE P.C.
1794	18C4	0045	JR	DP1-1 ;DO NEXT LINE		1805	D301	0155	OUT	(PIOB),A ;
		0046		;		1807	D801	0156	IN	A,(PIOB) ;IS DATA REQ ACTIVE?
		0047		;		1809	C87F	0157	BIT	7,A ;
1796	CD9A17	0049	FINISH:	CALL PRLN ;		180B	28FA	0158	JR	Z,KK1-1 ;NO, JUMP BACK
		0050		;		180D	C87F	0159	SET	6,A ;YES, DEACTIVATE P.C.
1799	76	0051	HALT	+++PUT RET IF CALLED		180F	D301	0160	OUT	(PIOB),A ;
		0052		;				0161		;
		0053		;				0162		;
		0054		;		1811	7E	0163	KK4:	LD
179A	3EFF	0055	PRLN:	LD A,OFFH ;INSERT FINISH CODE		1812	C87F	0164	BIT	7,A ;VALID CHAR?
179C	DD7700	0056	LD	(IX+0),A ;		1814	201A	0165	JP	NZ,DONE-1 ;NO, MSB SET JP OUT
		0057		;		1816	FE0D	0166	CF	0DH ;IS CHAR CR?
179F	08	0058	EX	AF,AF' ;		1818	2005	0167	JR	NZ,KK2-1 ;JP IF NOT CR
17A0	D9	0059	EXX	;		181A	CD3618	0168	CALL	SPACES ;IF CR, FILL UP LINE
17A1	210021	0060	LD	HL,LBUFF ;SET PTR		181D	1802	0169	JR	KK3-1 ;
17A4	CDF117	0061	CALL	PRINT ;PRINT OUT LBUFF		181F	1009	0170	KK2:	DJNZ
17A7	D9	0062	EXX	;		1821	3EE0	0171	KK3:	LD
17A8	08	0063	EX	AF,AF' ;		1823	D301	0172	OUT	(PIOB),A ;
17A9	C9	0064	RET	;				0173		;
		0065		;		1825	CD5B18	0174	CALL	DELAY ;IF 0 DELAY
		0066		;		1828	18D7	0175	JR	KK5-1 ;DO NEXT LINE
		0067		; BTOMEX CONVERTS THE CONTENTS OF A INTO 2 ASCII				0176		;
		0068		; CHARACTERS.				0177		;
		0069		;		182A	CD4418	0178	CLPT:	CALL
17AA	F5	0070	BTOMEX:	PUSH AF ;SAVE AF		182D	23	0179	INC	HL ;
17AB	CDB717	0072	CALL	INVC0N ;CONVERT LS4 BITS		182E	18E1	0180	JR	KK4-1 ;GET NEXT CHAR
17AE	F1	0073	POP	AF ;RESTORE				0181		;
17AF	1F	0074	RRA	;				0182		;
17B0	1F	0075	RRA	;		1830	CD3618	0183	DONE:	CALL
17B1	1F	0076	RRA	;		1833	3EFF	0184	LD	A,OFFH ;FILL UP LINE
17B2	1F	0077	RRA	;		1835	C9	0185	RET	;
17B3	CDB717	0078	CALL	INVC0N ;MS4BITS TO LS4BITS				0186		;
17B6	C9	0079	RET	;				0187		;
		0080		;		1836	3E20	0188	SPACES:	LD
		0081		;		1838	1005	0189	DJNZ	P1-1 ;
17B7	E60F	0082	INVC0N:	AND 0FH ;MASK OUT MS 4BITS		183A	23	0190	INC	HL ;INC TEXT PTR
17B9	FE0A	0083	CP	10 ;0 - 9 ?		183E	C9	0192	RET	;
17BB	3802	0084	JR	C,INVI-1 ;IF YES JUMP		183F	CD4418	0193	P1:	CALL
17BD	C607	0085	ADD	A,7 ;ADJUST FOR A - F		1842	18F2	0194	JR	SPACES-1 ;
17BF	C630	0086	ADD	A,30H ;CON TO ASCII				0195		;
17C1	FD7700	0087	LD	(IX+0),A ;STORE IN ASCIBUFF				0196		;
17C4	FD2B	0088	DEC	IY ;ADJUST POINTER				0197	PRINT:	SET
17C6	C9	0089	RET	;		1844	C87F	0197	PRINT:	SET
		0090	OE	;		1846	D301	0198	OUT	(PIOB),A ;ENSURE P.C. STAYS=1
		0091		;		1848	D801	0199	PR1:	IN
		0092		;		184A	C87F	0200	BIT	7,A ;
		0093		; SUB ROUTINES		184C	20FA	0201	JR	NZ,PR1-1 ;IF DATA REQ=1 LOOP
		0094		;		184E	D801	0202	PR2:	IN
		0095		;		1850	C87F	0203	BIT	7,A ;
		0096		; CON16B CONVERTS THE NUMBER IN DE TO 4 ASCII		1852	28FA	0204	JR	Z,PR2-1 ;LOOP WHILST INACTIVE
		0097		; CHARACTERS.		1854	D801	0205	IN	A,(PIOB) ;ACTIVE BUT RECHECK
		0098		;		1856	C87F	0206	BIT	7,A ;IN CASE OF GLITCH
		0099		;		1858	28FA	0207	JR	Z,PR2-1 ;IF GLITCH JP BACK
		0099	CON16B:	LD A,E ;LSBYTE TO A		185A	C9	0208	RET	;
		0100	LD	A,E ;LSBYTE TO A				0209		;
17C7	7B	0101	LD	A,E ;LSBYTE TO A				0210		;
17C8	CDAA17	0102	CALL	BTOMEX ;CONVERT		185B	1640	0211	DELAY:	LD
17CB	7A	0103	LD	A,D ;MSBYTE TO A		185D	1E7D	0212	LP2:	LD
17CC	CDAA17	0104	CALL	BTOMEX ;CONVERT		185F	1D	0213	LP1:	DEC
		0105	LD	DE,(ASCIB) ;MOVE RESULTS TO LBUFF		1860	20FD	0214	JR	NZ,LP1-1 ;
17CD	ED582C21	0106	LD	(LBUFF),DE ;		1862	15	0215	DEC	D ;
17D7	ED582E21	0107	LD	DE,(ASCIB+2) ;		1863	20F8	0216	JR	NZ,LP2-1 ;
17DB	ED582E21	0108	LD	(LBUFF+2),DE ;		1865	C9	0217	RET	;
17DF	C9	0109	RET	;				0218		;
				;				0219		;

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                                DX2 LISTING
LOC  OBJ CODE  STMT SOURCE STATEMENT

                                0220 ; RESEVED RAM LOCATIONS
2100 0221 LBUFF: DEFS 210AH
2100 0222 DPST:  DEFS 40 ;LINE BUFFER
2120 0223 DPST:  DEFS 2 ;DUMP START ADDRESS
212A 0224 DPFIN: DEFS 2 ;DUMP FINISH ADDRESS
212C 0225 ASCIB: DEFS 4 ;CONVERSION BUFFER
0226 ;
0227 PIOB: EQU 01H ;PORT ADDRESS
0228 PIOBC: EQU PIOB+2 ;CONTROL ADDRESS
0229 ;
0230 ;
0231 END

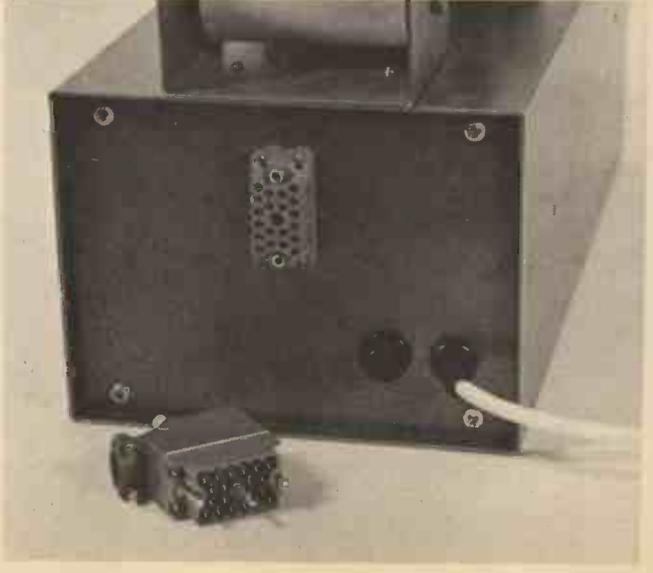
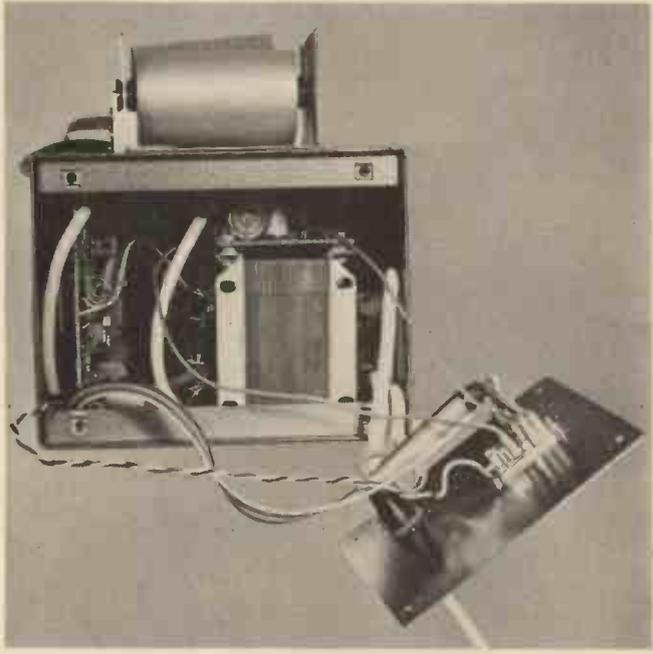
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CROSS REFERENCE                DX2 LISTING
SYMBOL  VAL  DEFN  REFS

ASCIB  212C 0225 0008 0020 0022 0105 0107
BTOHEX 17AA 0070 0021 0101 0103
CLPT   182A 0178 0170
COMP   17E0 0117 0032
COMP1  17EE 0125 0122
COMP2  17EF 0126 0124
CON16B 17C7 0099 0009
DELAY  105B 0211 0174 0191
DONE   1830 0183 0163
DPI    175A 0008 0045
DPFIN  212A 0224 0118
DPST   2120 0223 0006 0007
FINISH 1796 0049 0034
INVI   178F 0086 0084
INVC0N 1787 0082 0072 0073
LBUFF  2100 0222 0013 0060 0106 0108
LP1    185F 0213 0214
LP2    185D 0212 0216
NKTFRM 1769 0015 0035
P1     183F 0193 0189
PIOB   0001 0227 0150 0155 0156 0160 0172 0198 0199 0202 0205 0228
PIOBC  0003 0228 0144 0146 0148
PR1    1848 0199 0201
PR2    184E 0202 0204 0207
PRINT  17F1 0143 0061
PRLN   179A 0055 0041 0049
PRNT   1844 0197 0178 0193
SPACES 1836 0189 0168 0183 0194
XK1    1807 0156 0138
XK2    181F 0170 0167
XK3    1821 0171 0169
XK4    1811 0163 0189
XK5    1801 0153 0175
      17F1 0138

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The first DUMP byte is then "fetched" from the start address by use of HL. It is then converted to ASCII characters using BTOHEX and placed in the line buffer using DE and IX. The first frame is now complete.

HL is now incremented to point at the next DUMP byte, but before being used it is compared with the DUMP finish address using the COMP routine. On returning from COMP the Accumulator is tested for the equality code OOH, if A = FFH there is no equality and the routine loops back to fill the next frame.

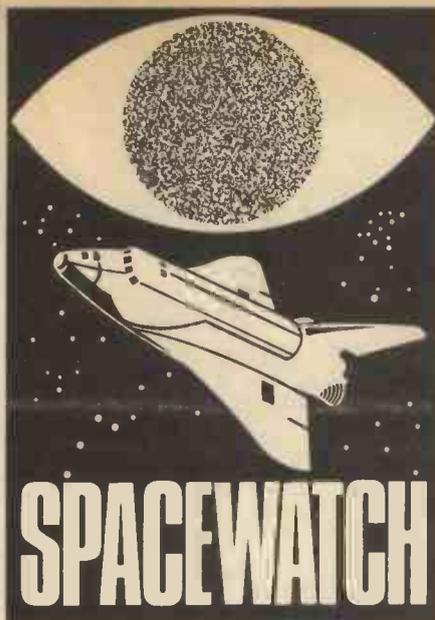
When all eight frames have been filled and the frame counter is at zero, the routine PRLN is called. PRLN inserts the end of text code at the end of the line buffer and causes the Processor to exchange register banks. It then calls the previously described PRINT routine to print the line buffer contents.

On returning from PRLN the next DUMP address is copied from HL to DE. The routine then loops back and starts converting the new address in DE and creating a new line of data.

DUMP is exited only when the current DUMP address held in HL and the DUMP finish address are found to be equal by the COMP routine. On return from COMP the accumulator contains OOH (equality code), when this is detected PRLN is called to print out the last line after which the program is exited (or halted).

The flowchart of subroutines PRLN, BTOHEX, CON16B and COMP are described in Figs. 2.18, 2.19, 2.20, 2.21, respectively. The full system software is listed.

This software section completes the description of the system. All that is now required are a few pointers along the stoney path of testing, and a few do's and don'ts about the printer itself. These will appear in Part 3 next month.



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### HEAO-2

The second High Energy Astronomical Observatory was successfully launched on November 13 1978. Its primary task is to investigate X-ray sources. This is a wide area for it includes stellar objects such as Pulsars, Quasars, Super Novae and Radio galaxies. The large glancing incidence X-ray telescope is the largest telescope that has so far orbited the Earth.

HEAO-1 which was launched in August 1977 was designed to be operational for six months. This period has been exceeded by many months and it is still active. During the time up to the launch of HEAO-2 it had added upwards of a thousand more X-ray sources to the 200 or so known at that date.

It must be remembered that the pioneer work on X-ray sources have been done by Ariel-1 and Ariel-5 and the teams working in the British Isles were responsible for this important branch of astronomy getting into the "big time".

The progress that follows such pioneer work does appear sometimes to overshadow what has gone before. The benefits however are the best tribute to the right thinking of the pioneers. HEAO-2 is to add to the extensive search; the sensitivity of the experiments means that it will be possible to look still deeper into space for data to help solve some of the problems facing astrophysicists.

One of the problems of HEAO-2 is that it is necessary to lock on to an object for a long period in order to obtain positive results, consequently the attitude control has had to be improved. The gas jet system has been supplemented with reaction wheels. This will give a pointing accuracy of about one arc-second.

The mirrors employed vary in diameter from 30mm to 560mm. There are three star dissectors used as star trackers which update the gyros during the pointing action. The total length of the telescope is 4.7 metres. A high resolution imager digitally records the central

field of the telescope which is about 25 arc-minutes at the central portion. This operates on the photo-multiplier principle. An incident X-ray photon triggers the emission of an electron and after successive impinging on other plates, its charge is detected. The detected result provides information as to position and features of the object. It is arranged that the imager can work in conjunction with two types of spectrometer.

### PROPORTIONAL COUNTER

Another experiment is a proportional counter. This is co-aligned with the telescope but independent of it. The counter covers a wider range of energies received from X-ray sources. In this case the range is 0.2 to 20keV and the instrument will scan much the same area as the main telescope.

There are three other focal plane experiments. One of these, the crystal spectrometer, will be used to provide spacial as well as spectral information about extended X-ray sources. In this category would come supernovae remnants. The mode of operation can be controlled to variable resolution. Four different apertures can be used and this instrument has its own proportional counters. It is possible with this instrument to obtain information on the chemical composition of the source.

### WIDE FIELD IMAGER

Another instrument is the wide field imager using a pair of counters. Each counter is divided into small regions which observe a portion of the source. The final image resolution is about one arc-minute. There is a further instrument which is a solid state spectrometer. This is capable of observing the whole spectrum over a range of 0.4 to 4KeV. The important part of this instrument is the silicon-germanium crystal. This is cooled by solid methane and ammonia.

The Telescope is orbiting at 537km with an inclination of 23.5 degrees. The vehicle is 6.7m long and 2.4m in diameter with a weight of 3,175kg. The designed life is for 12 months, though no doubt it will follow previous histories and be operational for much longer. To keep up the continuity of observations another vehicle HEAO-3 is planned.

### ANOTHER GOONHILLY

Goonhilly 4 is the first part of the United Kingdom's contribution to Eutelsat. In 1977 the U.K. became a participant in the 17 country Eutelsat. The system is based on the 11/14GHz communication satellite which is called ECS. At present there is a test satellite in orbit which is called OTS2. Since May 1978 it has been in a geo-stationary orbit at 10 degrees above Gabon. The degree is a line of longitude passing near Oslo through middle Europe by Hamburg, Lake Constance, Milan, Sardinia and Tunis.

The terminal is a joint venture of the Post Office, The Department of Industry and Marconi Communication Systems Ltd. The station was designed and built by Marconi's at a cost of some 3.5m and has already been in operation sending 14GHz signals to the satellite and receiving them back at 11GHz.

The aerial is a 19 metre dish with a Cassegrain feed a gain of 66dB at 14.14GHz and a gain of 65dB at a frequency of 10.95 to 11.8GHz. A special feature of the aerial system is that it allows identical frequencies to be transmitted at the same time one polarised horizontally and the other polarised vertically. There is therefore a saving of spectrum space. Part of the preliminary tests are to discover if meteorological conditions will adversely affect performance of those two modes.

The 14GHz transmitter is installed in a building below the dish and feeds the aerial through a waveguide system and horn. The r.f. amplifier consists of a five cavity klystron and gives a power of 1.6kW with a gain of 32dB at a bandwidth of 90MHz. This is fed from 14GHz signals. The convertor can operate on two modes 140MHz which can carry 120Mbits of digital information or 70MHz carrying 60Mbits of digital or f.m. video information.

In addition to dual polarisation further economies are to be obtained by means of digital speech interpolation. This equipment has been designed by Cambridge Consultants. It is a distributed microprocessor system which employs seven Texas Instruments TMS9900S devices. This was such an advanced design that a special simulator had to be built to test it. Simulation of activity in speech is equivalent to 240 terrestrial channels.

The EUTELSAT system is developing to handle European telephony and television programmes during the decade of 1980/90.

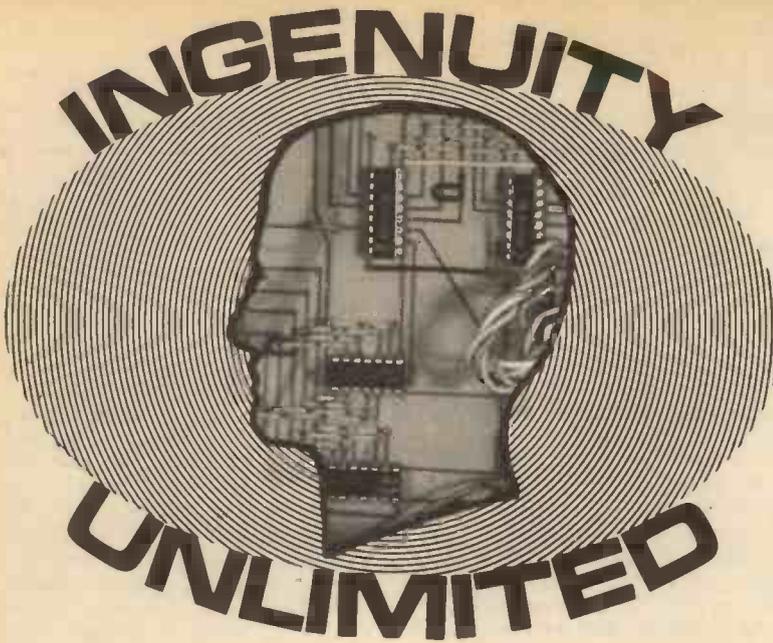
### GENERAL DESIGN

The general design of the satellite will be similar to the OTS2. The main differences are that ECS will have twelve 80MHz transponders instead of six different band widths. It will not have attitude control. It will therefore be seen from Earth moving daily in a figure of eight path between 3.5 degrees north and 3.5 degrees south. It will have three spot beam aerials instead of the five on OTS2 and is designed for a 7 year life. The satellite will carry sufficient batteries to power five transponders during an eclipse and is now expected to be launched by the ARIANE launcher instead of the U.S. Thor Delta.

The twelve transponders are accommodated within the frequency band of 500MHz. Six of these are vertically polarised and six are horizontally polarised. The output of the solar panels is capable of powering 9 of the transponders. Each of these transponders terminates in a travelling-wave-tube amplifier output of 20 watts. By the mid 80's it is expected that 15 earth stations will be operational.

### ICE SHEETS SLOW UP MOON

Christopher Doake of the British Antarctic Survey suggests that the ice sheets floating in the Arctic are responsible for slowing down the Moon and thus cause it to recede. The bending of the ice sheets by about one metre must dissipate something like  $2 \times 10^{12}$  watts over the 26,000 km "hinge line" where the ice is 500 metres thick. Doake says that extensive glaciation occurs in the periods that precede turning points, that is, when the Earth increases its spin velocity.



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## VERSATILE TIMER

**T**HIS timer was designed for a full scale range of 60 minutes but by using an output of a lower order than  $2^{14}$ , of the divider, a shorter time can be more accurately achieved. Alternately C1 could be changed for a different range altogether.

IC1c and IC1d form a timing oscillator feeding a fourteen stage binary divider IC2. The output of the divider gates a 1kHz oscillator, IC1a and IC1b, which in turn powers a crystal mike insert as a bleeper. With the VR1 potentiometer of

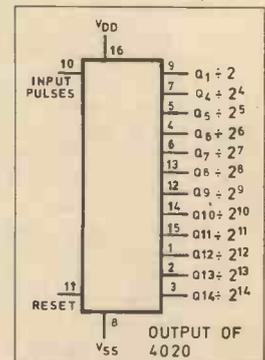
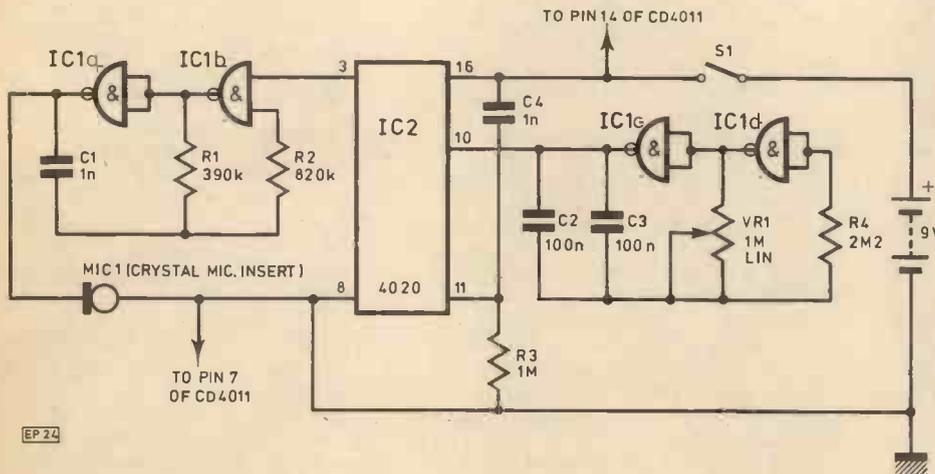
the timing oscillator on maximum and output Q14 of the IC2 feeding the 1kHz oscillator, the bleeper comes on 60 minutes after closing the switch (R3 and C4 form an initialising circuit resetting the divider at the instant of turn on).

The current consumption is in the order of  $500\mu\text{A}$  when timing and  $1\text{mA}$  when bleeping.

VR1 should be calibrated to suit the timing range chosen. Comparing the inset with the full scale time, it can be seen that

if Q14 is chosen the maximum time is 60 minutes, if Q13 is chosen the maximum time is 30 minutes and if Q12 is chosen the maximum time is 15 minutes etc. By changing C2/C3 to suit the application, the timer has many uses. Examples are as a parking meter, egg timer etc.

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IC1 = 4011

## 6-12V CONVERTOR

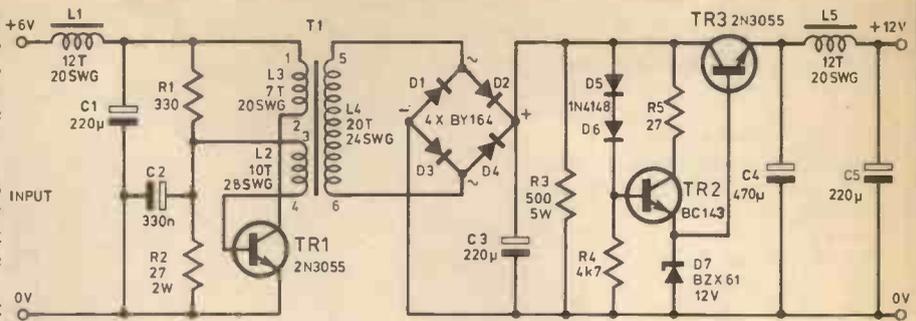
**M**ANY imported cars used to have a 6 volt electrical system. Unfortunately, most British car accessories, notably, radio/cassette recorders, require a 12 volt power supply, which makes it impossible to use them in one of the older imported vehicles.

The unit described overcomes this problem by producing a 12 volt supply from a 6 volt battery, at an output current rating of about 0.5 amps, which should be adequate for most car accessories.

The complete circuit diagram. It consists of two main parts—an oscillator which drives a step-up transformer, then a rectifier and regulator circuit.

Transistor TR1 and its associated components form an audio frequency oscillator which operates at about 15kHz, although the exact frequency depends upon the load current. Resistor R1 provides d.c. bias to the transistor base and oscillation is achieved by positive feedback derived from winding L2 on the transformer. The output waveform is almost a square wave, which is stepped up to about 32 volts peak-to-peak in the transformer secondary before being rectified by diodes D1-D4. This produces a voltage of about 15 volts d.c. before the regulator circuit, with less than 0.1 volt peak-to-peak ripple. The transformer inductors should be pile wound on an FX2243 bobbin and enclosed in the pot core.

A simple series regulator circuit is all



that is required to produce a constant 12 volt output. The base voltage of the series transistor TR3 is controlled by the 12 volt Zener diode D7. Transistor TR3 base current and the Zener current are supplied from transistor TR2, which together with D5, D6, R4 and R5 form a constant current source. This was used in place of the conventional resistor in this position since it prevents the Zener current from rising excessively in the "no load" condition. It also allows a smaller rating Zener diode to be used. The inclusion of R3 limits the rectifier output to about 35 volts when the regulator is not supplying any current.

Inductors L1 and L5 eliminate r.f. interference from the 6 and 12 volt supplies and should be wound on ferrite core.

The connections shown are for a car with a 6 volt, negative earth system. The diecast box can be bolted directly onto the chassis and the internal connection made between the box and the 6 volt negative supply. If a + 12 volt supply is required, the negative output lead may also be connected directly to chassis.

For a 6 volt positive earth system, the only change is that the internal chassis connection must be connected to the 6 volt positive supply.

Because the output is electrically isolated from the input, either one of the output leads may be connected to chassis so providing either a positive or negative 12 volt supply.

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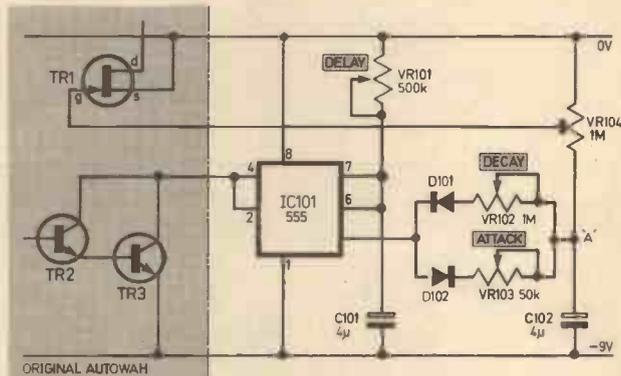
## ENVELOPE SHAPER

**A** simple modification to the Autowah circuit (PE March '77) will add an envelope shaping facility and a more interesting Wah-Wah sound. This requires the replacement of the ramp generator (C7, VR2, VR3, R9 and R10) with a trapezoid waveform generator.

A pulse at the base of TR2, due to a signal at the input, causes TR3 to conduct and the voltage at pins 4 and 2 of the 555 to fall to the -ve rail. This resets and re-triggers the 555 monostable. The output of the 555—pin 3—goes high—toward 0V—and C102 charges through D102 and VR103 at a rate dependent on the setting of VR103.

After a period of time, dependent on VR101, pin 3 goes low—and C102 discharges through D101 and VR102 at a rate dependent on VR102.

Thus at the beginning of each note a trapezoid waveform will appear at point "A" with attack, delay and decay lines fully controllable. This voltage controls the VCA/VCF built around IC11 via VR104 and TR1.



VR104 should be adjusted for flat compromise between no signal at the output when the control voltage is low (-ve rail) and maximum signal when the control voltage is high—with the circuit in the VCA mode. D101 and D102 can be any g.p. silicon diodes.

The timing components (C101, VR101, VR102, VR103, C102) can be altered for those used in the prototype if desired. If

the control pulse breaks through onto the output this can be cured with 0.22µF capacitor across the output. Finally, a piece of advice about usage; the delay period must be long enough to allow the attack phase to occur, otherwise no control voltage will be generated.

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## HEADS OR TAILS?

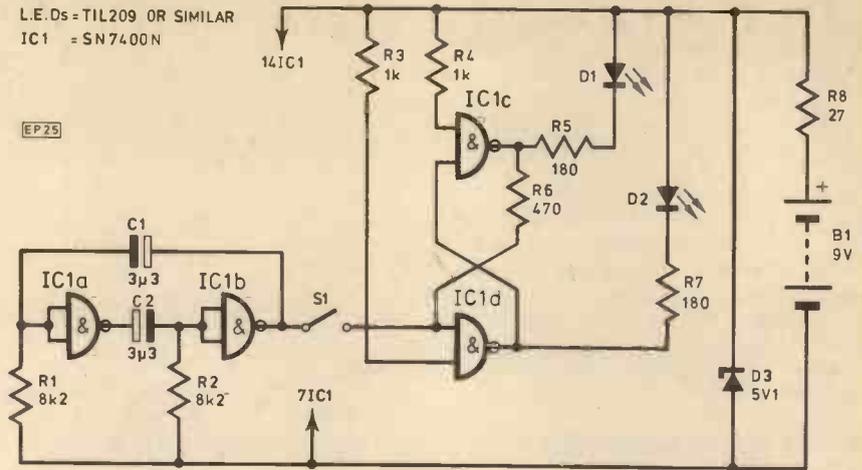
**T**HIS is a variation on "heads or tails".

By using l.e.d.s instead of small bulbs, the whole circuit can be constructed from a single integrated circuit, without the need for a separate transistor clock.

The circuit is shown where IC1a and IC1b form an astable or free-running multivibrator, which clocks the bistable or memory made up of IC1c and IC1d. When S1 is closed, the coin is in the "spinning" mode, in which the square wave output from the multivibrator switches the bistable, and hence the two l.e.d.s, alternately. When S1 is opened, the coin has "landed" and the bistable remains in the state it was last in, and the corresponding l.e.d. will light up indicating the visible side of the coin (heads or tails).

The whole can be constructed inside a tin, provided that a small enough battery is used (PP3 or similar), the "Spin" switch being a miniature push-to-make switch.

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## NOVELTY DOOR-BELL

**T**HIS simple novelty doorbell produces an adjustable range of sounds which will surprise even the most travelled doorbell ringer.

The circuit shown below comprises a number of distinct sections: TR2 forms the on/off controller; TR3 and TR4 form a ramp generator; TR5 to TR8 form a voltage controlled oscillator (VCO) and TR9 and TR10 form an audio amplifier.

When the pushbutton S1 is pressed, C1 charges via R1. The voltage across C1 is

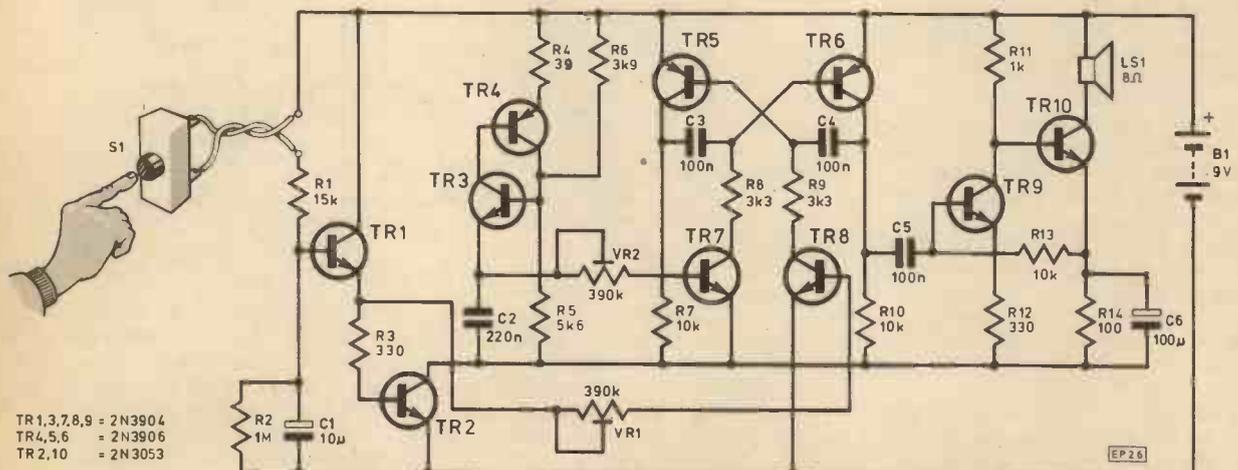
followed by the emitter of TR1. As this voltage rises, TR2 turns on which energises the remainder of the circuit. The ramp generator, running at about 20Hz modulates the VCO on one input, while the voltage on TR1 emitter controls the other input. The VCO output is amplified and passed to the loudspeaker.

When S1 is released, the circuit remains active for a few seconds while C1 discharges through R2. VR2 adjusts the ramp modulation, while VR1 adjusts the

rise and fall of frequency as the button is pressed and released. The range of frequencies produced is quite wide, hence the sound of the bell is difficult to mask (or ignore).

The standby current is infinitely small, and with normal use a PP9 battery will last several years.

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# Semiconductor UPDATE...

FEATURING MC68488, MC3448, ICL8211, ICL8212

R. W. Coles

## ON THE BUSES

Wouldn't it be nice to gather together an ad hoc collection of test equipment such as voltmeters, counters and signal generators, to connect them all together, daisy-chain fashion, and then be able to control the whole collection with the aid of, say, a microcomputer so that the result is a tightly controlled measuring system.

Imagine it, to test a radio receiver, the microcomputer sends out commands to set the frequency and output level of the signal generator, the voltage range of the voltmeter, and the timebase of the counter. While moving automatically through a measuring sequence, the microcomputer accepts output data from the measuring instruments and prints it out in the form of a fully formatted test report. Pipe dream? No, if you like you can do all of this right now, provided that your test instruments are fitted with IEEE488 bus interfaces.

The IEEE488 bus started life at Hewlett Packard as the HP-IB, and it turned out to be such a sound, well engineered design that it has now become accepted as an international standard, adopted by many instrument makers.

In essence the IEEE488 bus consists of an 8 bit wide bi-directional data bus and a further 8 bits of control and handshake data. Instruments connected to the bus are allocated individual addresses, and they may act as "talkers" or "listeners" as determined by the bus controller which could be a programmable calculator or a microcomputer.

Data transfer on the bus can be from any device activated as a talker to any (reasonable) number of devices activated as listeners, and data can be moved at up to two megabytes per second!

Individual instruments can act as talkers and listeners (to receive range commands and transmit measured data for example) and the bus controller can carry out "polling" operations to determine which devices need service.

Not that the bus is restricted only to sophisticated measuring systems, you can connect together a voltmeter talker and a printer listener to form a simple and controllerless system, and if further proof of the usefulness of the IEEE488 is necessary, the Commodore PET microcomputer comes equipped with an interface as a standard feature.

## BUS CHIP

Now, to get to the point of my story, Motorola have introduced an IEEE488 bus interface in a single 40 pin package, coded **MC68488**.

The new chip is a version of the GPIA (General Purpose Interface Adapter), and is a member of the MC6800 microprocessor family.

One side of the interface hooks up to the microprocessor data bus and control lines such as R/W and RESET, and the other side drives the IEEE488 bus via bi-directional Tri-state drivers such as the **MC3448** (which is designed for the job).

The MC68488 handles many of the complex bus protocol functions automatically, but some others do require extra effort from the microprocessor, under software control.

With a little imagination, you can use the MC68488 with other microprocessors, so come on, if you want to transfer data at a rapid rate, send it by bus!

## POSITIVE REGULATOR —

### THYRISTOR BOOST

## MICRO-POWER

No, not another microprocessor news item (sighs of relief!), but a pair of new low consumption voltage regulator building blocks which are optimised for use at very low voltages and/or currents where their fixed voltage (e.g. LM309) cousins fear to tread.

The new devices are made by Intersil and are coded **ICL8211** and **ICL8212**. Both are bipolar monolithic integrated circuits in 8 pin mini-d.i.p. packages, and both can be used in some interesting and diverse applications such as positive and negative voltage regulators, constant current sources, overvoltage crowbar circuits and power failure detectors.

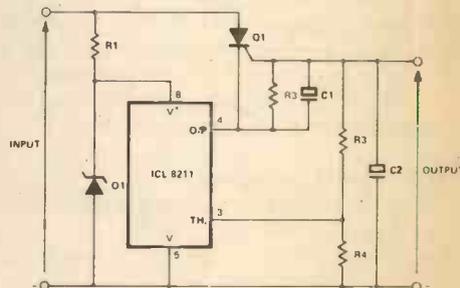
The ICL8211 contains a low voltage (1.15 Volt) reference circuit, a differential error amplifier with a feedback reference input, a current limited common emitter output amplifier, and p.n.p. hysteresis transistor.

The ICL8212 is similar except that the common emitter stage is not current limited.

The new devices are really intended for the unusual, rather than the run-of-the mill, applications, particularly those where low consumption is essential.

## APPLICATIONS

One application which caught my eye was the use of the ICL8212 as a programmable "Zener". This circuit uses two resistors and a capacitor in addition to the i.c., but by varying the ratio of the resistors, any "Zener" voltage from 2 to 30V can be selected, and a particular advantage is the extremely low "knee" current of less than 300 micro-amps.



Another application using an 8211, and shown here, is interesting for its use of an external thyristor as an n.p.n.-p.n.p. transistor structure, operating in a linear mode and providing increased output current in a positive voltage regulator circuit.

A unique feature of this circuit is that the cathode of the thyristor is acting as the control terminal, and the gate as the output terminal!

The only problem with this circuit is that manufacturers' data sheets for thyristors do not cover this strange mode of operation, and no gain figures will be given for the p.n.p. portion of the structure which is utilised here. This of course, need not hinder the experimenter!

# GUITAR SOUND MULTIPROCESSOR

## Part 3

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In part two we dealt with the clock system and the input and output filters. In this the VU driver, power supply board and the pushbutton switch control module will be described together with chassis design details and enclosure.

### PUSHBUTTON CONTROL MODULE

In the stacked pushbutton control module there are three boards, the top being the input filter, the second is the clock board, and the third is the output filter (see photos Part 2). The boards are separated from each other by means of eight 2.5cm p.v.c. spacers and from the bottom plate by four 1cm p.v.c. spacers. The whole module is fastened to the bottom plate by means of four 85mm steel wires threaded for 6BA self-locking nuts. The front panel is fastened to the bottom plate by the necks of the five jack sockets.

The centres of the pushbuttons are about 30mm apart in both horizontal and vertical directions.

### OPTIONAL VU DRIVER

Fig. 14 shows the complete VU driver circuit. The 748 is an op-amp packaged into a TO99 round metal can, with leads bent into an 8 pin d.i.l. configuration. C75 is provided to damp the movement of the meter.

The 748 is a similar device to the 741 op-amp except it has external frequency compensation for improved high frequency gain.

The power for this circuit is taken from the 0 and +15V d.c. rails only. Input is taken directly from the output of the first low pass filter.

Calibration is achieved by means of VR11.

Due to the simplicity of this optional unit it was constructed on a piece of 0.1in matrix Veroboard (45mm x 25mm) and fastened to the main board as can be seen in the photograph (page 1251—Part One).

### LED STATUS INDICATOR SYSTEM

Fig. 15 shows the complete circuit diagram of the l.e.d. status indicator system. The spare connections on the main front panel slider switches are used for this purpose. Note that the l.e.d. status indicators are independent of the remote control.

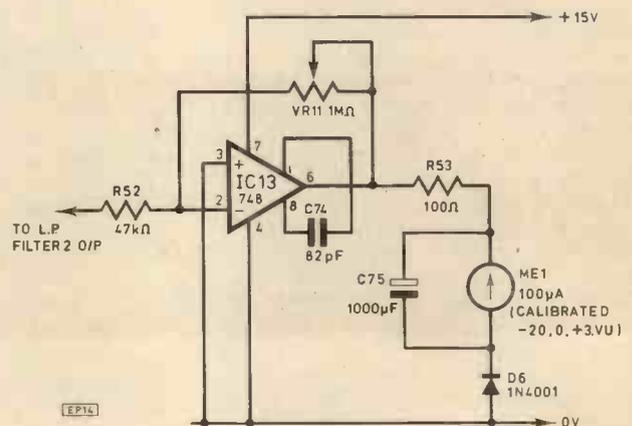
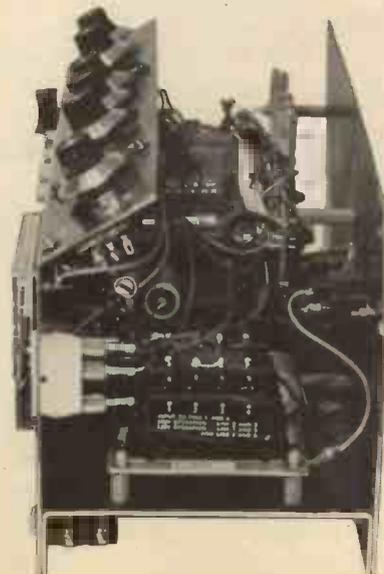


Fig. 14. VU driver circuit



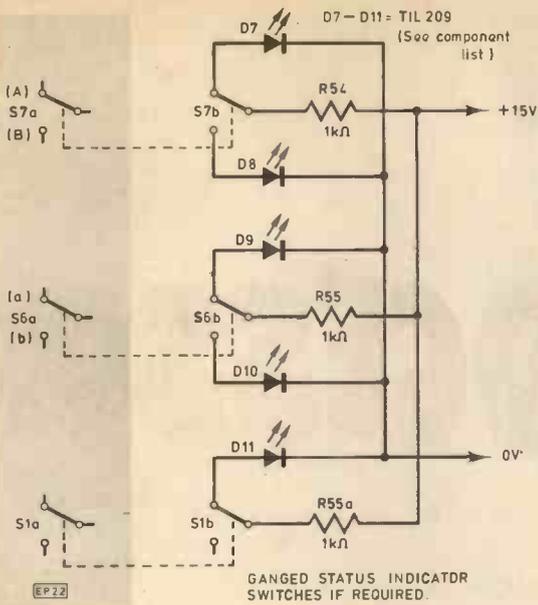


Fig. 15. L.e.d. status indicator

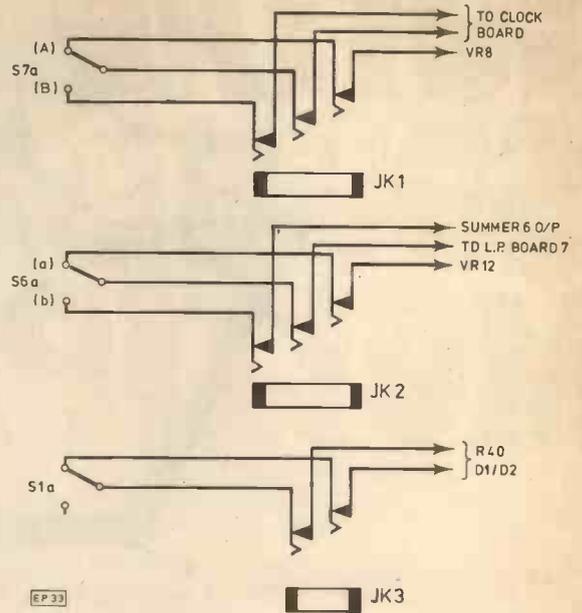
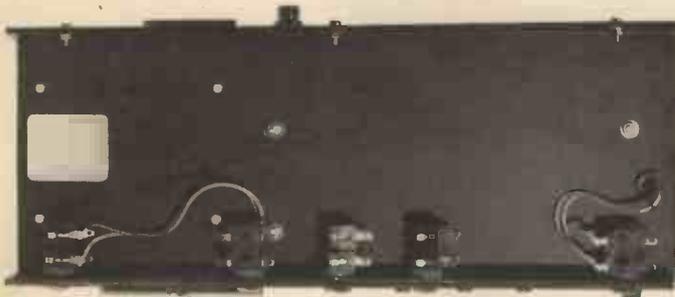


Fig. 16. Wiring for optional remote control jacks



The l.e.d.s are very useful if the processor is used in a live performance situation where the ambient light is often very low. Here the upper switch positions are denoted by green and the bottom by red l.e.d.s. The fuzz effect however has a yellow l.e.d. for the on position.

### REMOTE CONTROL

Fig. 16 shows a complete circuit diagram of the remote control system. It employs three, two and three pole chassis mounting  $\frac{1}{4}$  in jack sockets. Consequently when a jack plug is inserted into the socket it automatically bypasses the slider switch on the front panel, thus preparing the unit for optional footswitch operation.

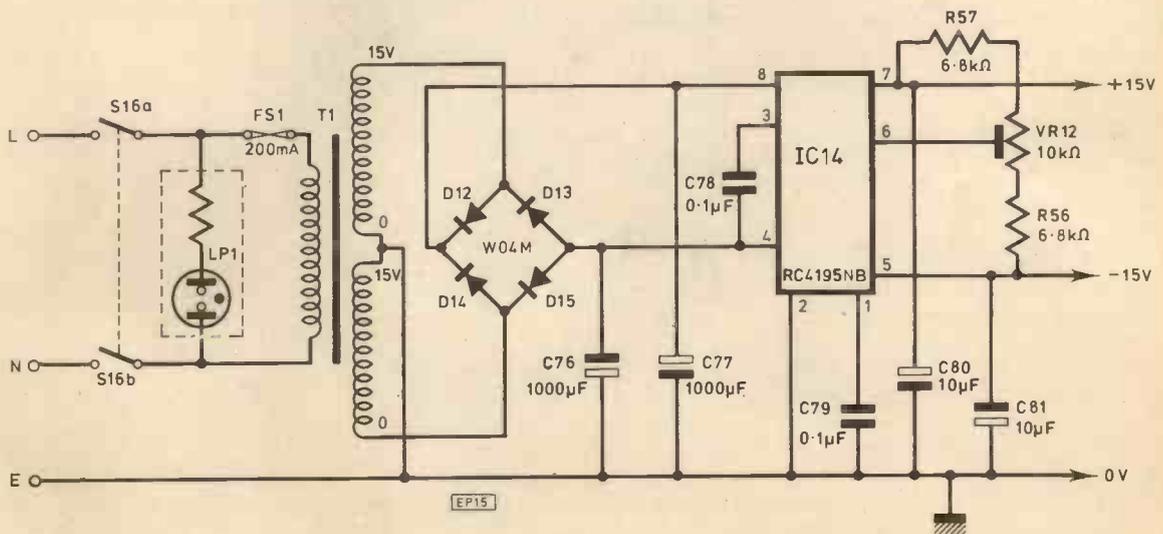
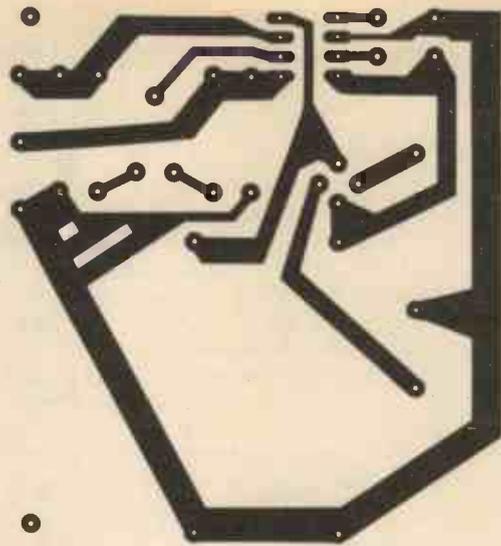
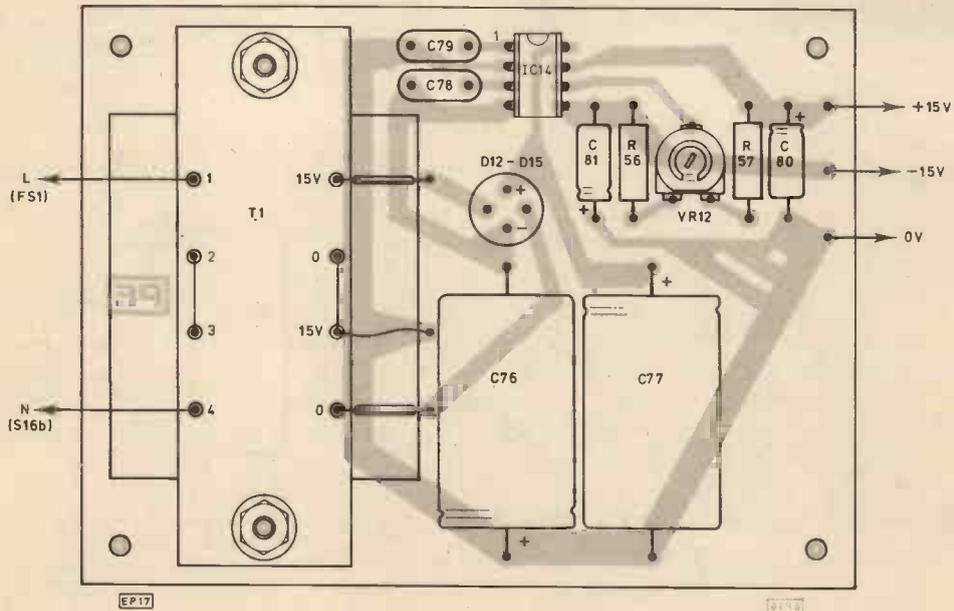


Fig. 17. Circuit of power supply unit



EP16

Fig. 18. P.s.u. printed circuit board



EP17

EP18

Fig. 19. P.s.u. board layout



Prototype board based entirely on RS components

This feature will prove to be essential for guitar work.

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### POWER SUPPLY

The complete circuit diagram of the power supply board is shown in Fig. 17. This employs a RS transformer, and monolithic voltage regulator. The prototype multiprocessor included an RS board; however an alternative p.c. layout is given in Fig. 18 with component and wiring details in Fig. 19.

The power supply is stabilised and regulated providing +15V, 0V, -15V d.c. The whole p.c.b. is mounted on four 1cm p.v.c. spacers on the right-hand side of the base plate as can be seen. The mains is switched on and off by means of an illuminated rocker switch.

Power is fed to the unit via a Euroconnector and then a 200mA fuse, both auxiliary devices are mounted on the rear panel.

### CHASSIS AND CASE CONSTRUCTION

Fig. 20 shows the dimensions of the individual metal plates required to construct the chassis unit for the guitar sound multiprocessor. All the aluminium used was 1.5mm thick. Basically all that is required is the main base plate (C), rear panel (B) and front panel (A) which has been bent to cater for the sloping front panel design. All the metal surfaces were sprayed with gloss paint and the artwork was carried out in Letraset which was later sprayed with lacquer in order to protect it.

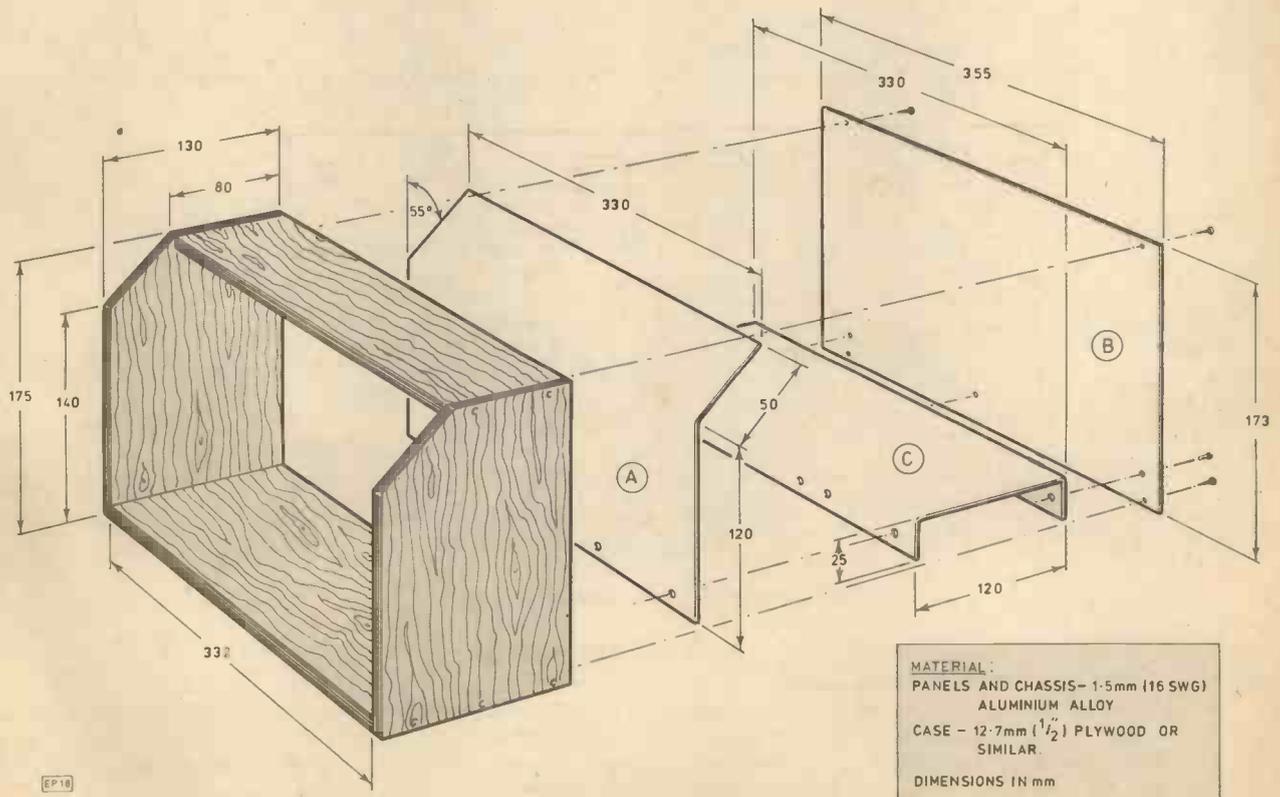


Fig. 20. Exploded diagram of chassis and case

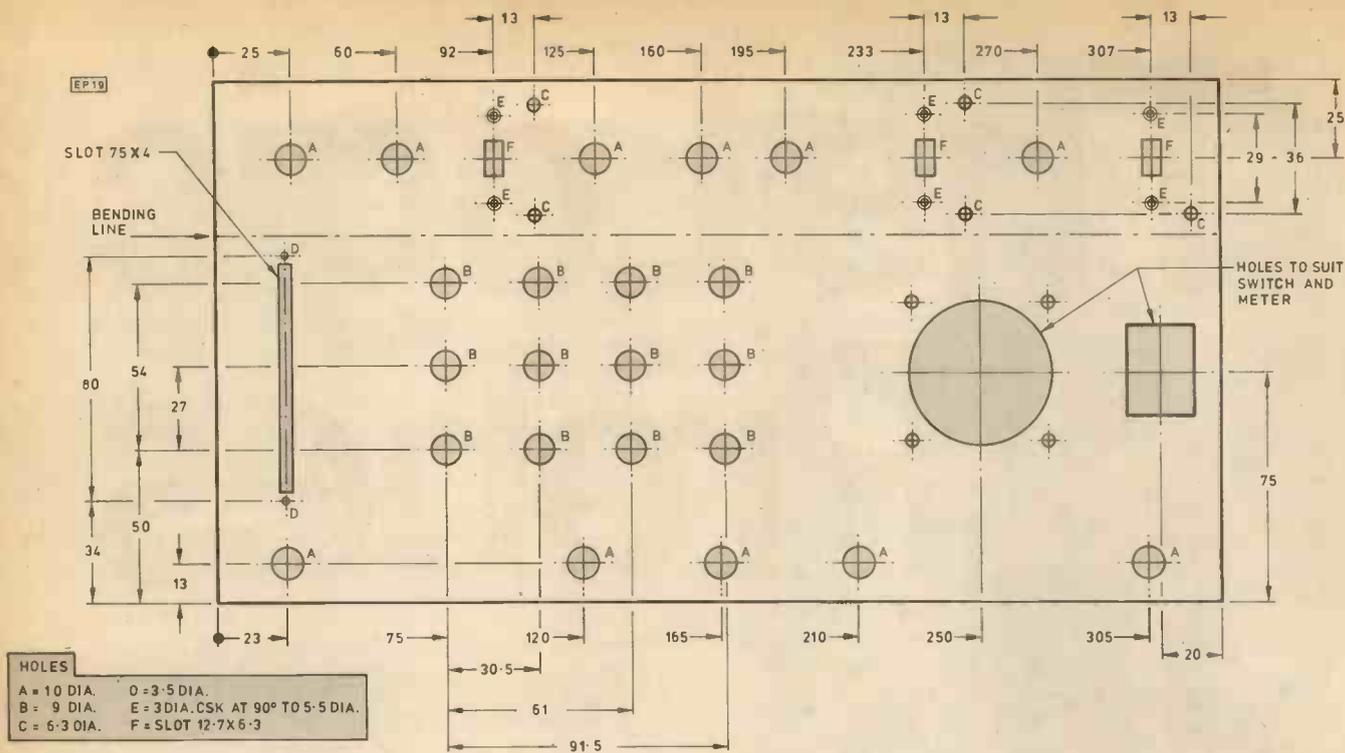


Fig. 21. Cutting details of front panel

**Switch positions and o'clock settings of potentiometers for sounds indicated**

Control	Rotary	Fuzz	Flanging	Phaser/Vibrato	Reverb	Computer Voice	Repeat Echo	Vibrato/Reverb
1	9	Min	9	Min	Min	9	10	9
2	5	Min	1	Min	6	Min	Min	Min
3	Down	Down	Up	Up	Down	Up	Up	Min
4	12	Min	Min	Min	11.30	12	Min	12
5	12 (delay 4mS)	Min (delay 4mS)	12 (delay 4mS)	12 (delay 4mS)	Min (delay 43mS)	12 (delay 9mS)	9 (delay 43mS)	4 (delay 4mS)
6	9	Min	10	6	Min	5.30	9	9
7	Down	Down	Down	Up	Down	Up	Up	Up
8	Min	5.30	Min	Min	Min	12	Min	Min
9	Up	Down	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up

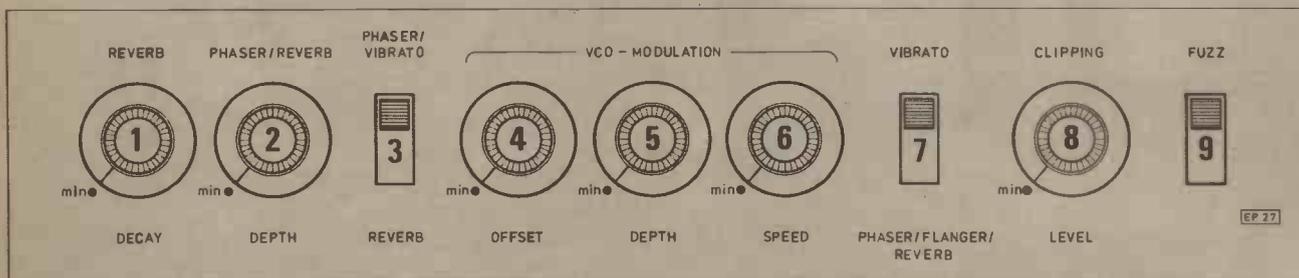


Table 2 and numbered related controls

Drilling details for the front panel are given in Fig. 21 but these should be modified as component sizes dictate.

Fig. 20 shows the dimensions of the case components which were comprised of 1/2 in plywood covered in plastic Vinyl Rexine. When gluing on the plastic use "Evostick" because it allows you to move the plastic into position before it sets.

It's a good idea to attach a carrying handle to the case for safety and ease in transportation.

**SETTING UP**

This instrument is experimental in nature so when using it let your imagination be your guide. However, Table 2 gives you a rough idea of what can be achieved with the processor.

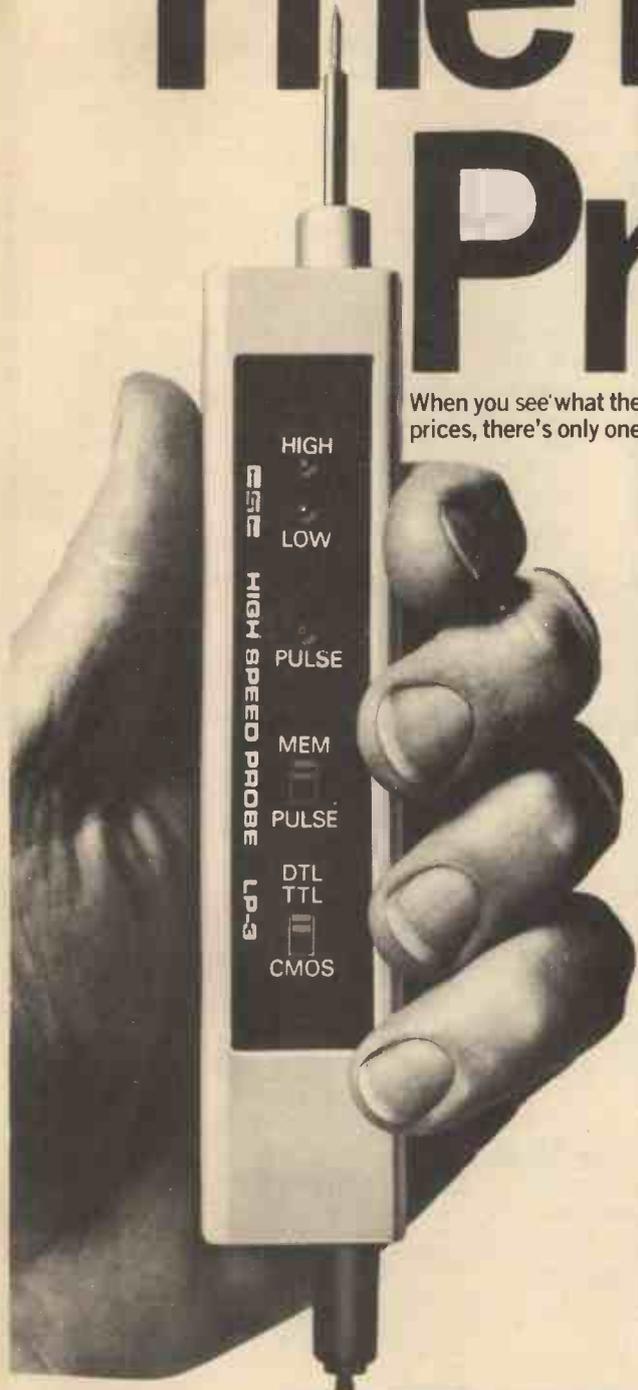
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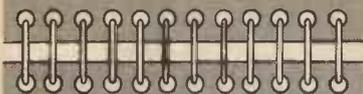
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# INDUSTRY NOTEBOOK

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## International

Electronics has always been an international industry. But never on such a vast scale as we are witnessing today or over such a variety of electronic products. Countries who had little or no capability in electronics are now becoming substantial producers.

At first, these "backward" countries were being used as low-cost labour areas for assembly work. They are now climbing the learning curve. Soon they, too, will be designing.

The process is being accelerated by technology transfer, especially in defence electronics. Few countries today, when procuring defence equipment, are content to let an overseas supplier provide everything. They want a share of the work themselves.

If they need, say, 1,000 military radios they will take the first 100 from the supplying country and set up a local assembly plant to build the balance of 900 radios, largely from kits but embodying as much as possible that can be built or acquired locally. This is very true of the Middle East.

But for commercial or other reasons it is also happening in the advanced electronics countries. Who could have imagined only a few years ago that one day the chairman of a substantial UK operation would be a Mr. Kenichero Hiyama, overseeing the production of radio and TV equipment carrying famous brand names such as Bush and Murphy. Mr. Hiyama is the Japanese chairman of Rank-Toshiba, the first joint Anglo-Japanese company of which 70 per cent is owned by the Rank Organisation, 30 per cent by Toshiba.

The company will plough in an extra £3 million investment to strengthen the existing Rank plants at Plymouth and Redruth with the target of a production rate of 350,000 colour sets and 100,000 monochromes a year.

We can expect further Japanese penetration in the years ahead. The advantage of a joint company is clear. At least, from the British viewpoint, production is maintained, even increased, in the UK and products will be exported under the Toshiba brand name to other European countries.

Thorn Consumer Electronics is expressing a willingness to learn from others. Half a dozen union men and four senior managers have been to Japan to see for themselves the conditions and work methods of their main competitors.

## Technology Transfer

Technology transfer has also been in the news. The biggest single new outlet for UK expertise looks like being China. At the time of writing no substantial new orders had been announced as definite but there were high hopes of substantial contracts for defence and other equipment. It is almost certain that China will want to build, for example, Harrier jump-jets and aero engines under a technology transfer agreement. Defence electronics will follow.

Nearer home, Racal has done a deal with Spain in which the Spaniards will build Racal-designed VHF military manpack radios in a factory near Madrid. A condition of tender was that bulk manufacture would take place in Spain. Refusal means no business. Acceptance of the condition still brings in Racal some £6 million, well worth having and, as there was plenty of competition for the contract, if Racal didn't win someone else would.

Discussing this type of deal with industry leaders I was told that high technology companies are confident they have the inventive muscle to stay ahead of the game. That by the time a technologically retarded country had mastered the present generation of equipment the advanced companies would already be in production of the next generation. As for example, in the giant Togliattigrad car assembly plant in the Soviet Union, designed by Italian Fiat but behind in technology compared with Fiat's present developments at Turin, or the production of ITT connectors in Poland which are technologically a generation behind those produced by ITT in Western Europe or the United States.

Nonetheless, the gap is bound to narrow and there are plenty of examples of intelligent pupils who have outclassed their masters, prime example being the Japanese who were non-starters in many fields a short 30 years ago but are now fearsome competitors, not least in electronics.

## Single Chip

The single-chip revolution is now well under way. I have quoted several examples in recent months and almost daily some complicated function or other is revealed as not only technically feasible on a single piece of silicon but with production samples available.

I remember the mixed feelings I had

when I looked into the guts of the first Racal 99 Series frequency counters, based on a Ferranti chip, when they appeared some three years ago. There was the box with practically nothing in it. Of course they worked beautifully but when you are laying out a few hundred pounds you expect to see something substantial inside for your hard-earned cash.

I was reminded of this early experience, almost shocked disbelief, when Hewlett-Packard announced their new 100MHz 5315A counter-timer which includes computing facilities from a microprocessor.

Only nine years ago the equivalent H-P product of that era had a dozen p.c.b.s packed with TTL circuits to perform the logic functions alone. The same work is now done by a couple of chips. In all, the new instrument contains just nine i.c.s. The 5315A, selling at about £500 and a low-cost sister instrument at about £230 have been introduced to meet fierce competition in the counter market.

Look to Philips, too, for intensification of competition in the instrument market. Philips was anything but a leader even five years ago.

Since catching the instrument bug Philips has made considerable inroads, especially with oscilloscopes. The 1978 sales of instrument products in the UK were 50 per cent higher than in 1977 and in the instrument business this is indeed fast growth.

## Prestel

The Post Office Prestel viewdata service is proving an exciting prospect for overseas administrations as well as at home. It could be a big export hit. West Germany, the Netherlands, Hong Kong and the USA (in agreement with a US company) have already signed, or are in process of doing so. The seventeenth country in which live demonstrations have been given is the Soviet Union with a presentation in Moscow.

Post Office researchers are now busy devising new ways of getting viewdata on the screen in different alphabets such as Arabic, Greek, Hebrew and the phonetic Japanese script known as Katakana.

There are great hopes that the British system will be adopted as the world standard, thus enhancing further export prospects.

## GEC/Fairchild

The GEC/Fairchild joint venture in the UK for the production of VLSI circuits appears to be on schedule with production still forecast for 1980. INMOS, a possible competitor backed by the National Enterprise Board, will pose no threat according to Fairchild chairman Wilf Corrigan who has gone so far as to forecast INMOS as "doomed" and "too late".

Well, time will tell, but as regular readers will remember I tend to agree that INMOS chances are slim if only because it has no established marketing outlets and no previous track record of its own.



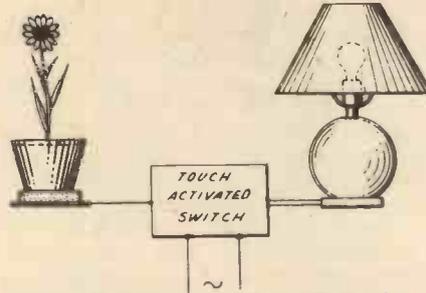
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## ORGANIC TOUCH SWITCH

BP 1520625, from Harold Barkan of New York, describes a simple idea in lengthy prose which is characteristic of patents originating from the USA. The interest value of the simple idea does however justify the effort of cutting through the verbiage. The object is to modify a touch control switch so that it is actuated by touching a living plant!

Barkan has made the simple, but apparently novel, observation that if the touch sensitive element of an electrical touch switch (e.g. of the type used to control domestic lighting) is electrically connected



to the roots of a pot plant, then the plant itself will serve as the touch sensitive element.

Bearing in mind the high fluid content of a living plant, this is readily understandable. Barkan maintains that even cut flowers or fruit and vegetables in a bowl are sufficiently electrically conductive to function in the same manner.

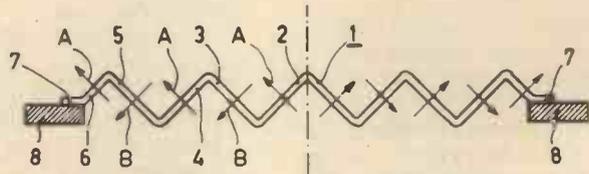
The simplest approach recommended is merely to extend the touch sensitive element of an off-the-shelf touch sensitive switch. A length of wire connects with an electrode buried under the earth in which the plant grows. According to the inventor, a light or other load connected to the switch terminals can then be switched on and off merely by gently stroking the plant leaves or flowers.

## PIEZOELECTRIC TRANSDUCER

Audio designers are turning towards piezo-electric powered loudspeakers and several modern high fidelity speakers now incorporate piezo horns as their HF units or "tweeters". In BP 1 489 351, Philips patent a loudspeaker which is based on a diaphragm formed entirely from piezo-electric material and, in principle, appears adaptable to larger and wider bandwidth units than previously.

The Philips transducer has a circular diaphragm formed from a foil of polyvinylidene fluoride, a material which has piezo-electric properties. The diaphragm foil has metal electrodes vacuum deposited on each major surface and is circularly corrugated, so that its surface is covered with concentric rings of V-shaped cross-section. The opposite walls or flanks of each ring are oppositely polarised. Thus in Fig. 1 the flanks 2, 4 and 6 are

Fig.1



polarised in one direction (arrows A) and the flanks 3 and 5 are polarised in the opposite direction (arrows B). In Fig. 2 the flanks 20, 22 and 24 are polarised in the direction of the arrows P and flanks 21 and 23 in the direction of arrows Q. The diaphragm is polarised by electrodes 30 and 31 of the polarising device (Fig. 3).

When an alternating voltage audio signal is applied to the surface electrodes (not shown in the diagrams), all the flanks of the diaphragm behave in characteristic piezo-

electric manner and change in length. But as the flank pairs are oppositely polarised the action of all the flanks is concerted, and the diaphragm as a whole moves in an axial direction. It thus behaves in the manner of a conventional loudspeaker cone driven electromagnetically by a moving coil. So, the applied audio signal is converted directly into mechanical energy. This suggests that the unit will have high efficiency in terms of sound level transduced from audio signal input.

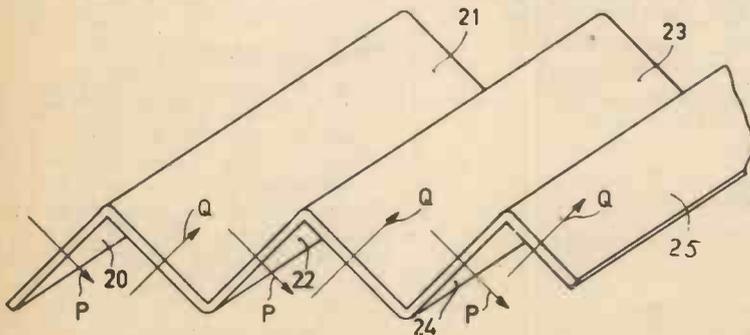


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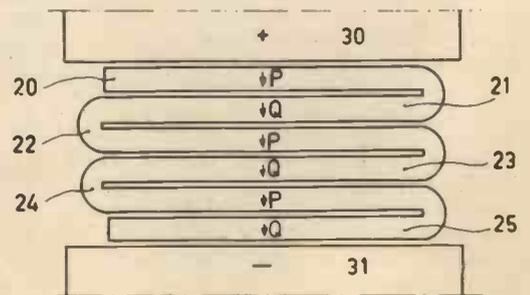
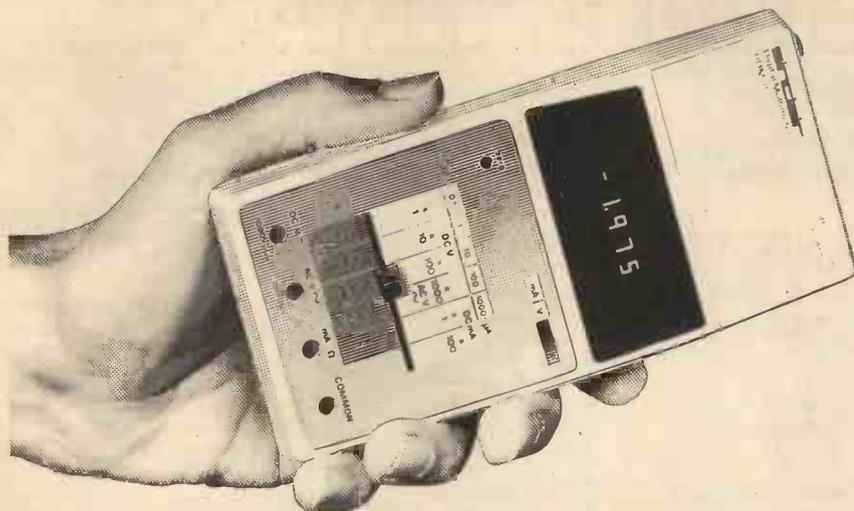


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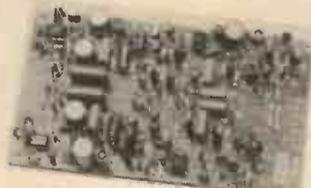
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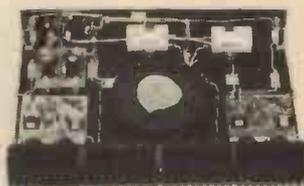
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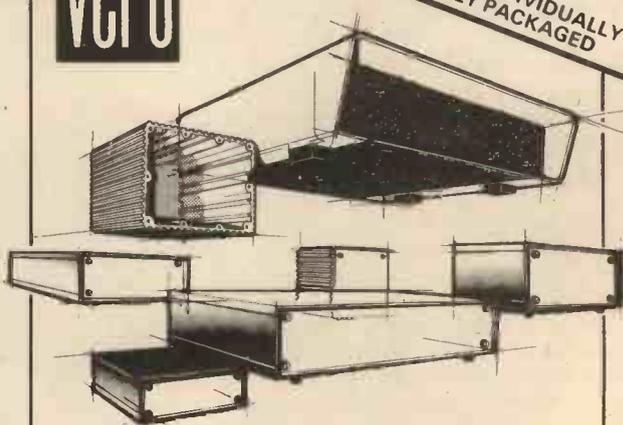
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## ADDING TO SC/MP INSTRUCTION SET

THE CIRCUIT to be described takes advantage of unassigned op-codes in the SC/MP instruction set and uses them to provide 16 one-byte subroutine calls so that effectively 16 one-byte user-defined instructions are added to the instruction set. This feature is especially useful for SC/MP systems since normally seven bytes are needed to set up a subroutine call and this overhead tends to discourage their liberal use.

The existing SC/MP instruction set is shown in Table 1; the first hex digit of each instruction appears down the left-hand edge of the table, and the second hex digit along the top. The circuit, shown in Fig. 1, takes advantage of the fact that the whole of row 2 is blank. When one of these codes is encountered as an instruction the circuit generates an interrupt; an interrupt service routine then determines which of the codes caused the interrupt and jumps to a different section of program for each one.

## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

Operation of the circuit is as follows: the SC/MP micro signals when an instruction will be on the data bus by preceding it with a high level on DB5 during the NADS signal. This status signal, called IFLAG, is latched into the D-type latch whose Q output consequently goes high. If during the following instruction-fetch an instruction X'20—X'2F appears on the data bus, the upper four data lines DB7—DB4 will be at '0010' and the output of the 8-input NAND gate will go low.

This output will thus go low when an instruction X'20—X'2F occurs, and not if one of these bytes occurs as an operand to another instruction. This low signal is clocked into a second D-type latch by the NRDS pulse, thus taking SC/MP's SENSE-A input high. Provided that interrupts are enabled in the micro this will generate an interrupt before the next instruction. The net effect of this circuit is that all the op-codes X'20—X'2F behave as if they were the XPPC 3 instruction (X'3F). With more complicated decoding circuitry other gaps in the instruction-set table could be utilized for user-defined instructions.

The circuit was used with a Science of Cambridge MK 14; the earlier MK 14 kits do

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E		XOR					XOR @					DAD					DAD @			
		0	1	2	3		XRI	1	2	3		0	1	2	3		DAI	1	2	3
F		ADD					ADD @					CAD					CAD @			
		0	1	2	3		ADI	1	2	3		0	1	2	3		CAI	1	2	3

ONE BYTE

TWO BYTE

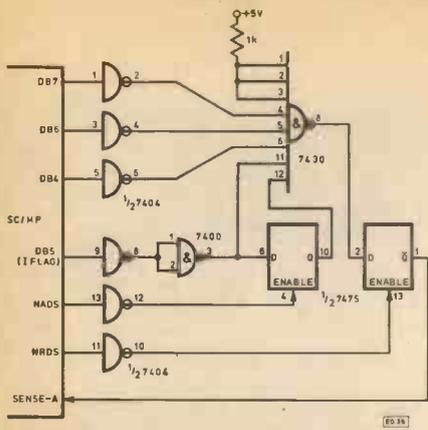
Table 1. Assignment of the 256 possible codes to instructions in the SC/MP instruction set

not disable the ROMs during NADS so there is a conflict between the contents of the ROMs and status signals such as IFLAG. Fortunately the remedy is simple, and can be implemented using two spare gates in the circuit. It involves breaking a track on the underside of the MK14 circuit board, as shown in Fig. 2(a), and inserting the circuit shown in Fig. 2(b) between the points labelled A and B. MK14 boards which are issue III or later incorporate this modification. In the prototype the circuit, which comprises four packages, was built on a small square of veroboard con-

nected to the underside of the MK14 circuit board by a length of ribbon cable.

## NEW INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Obviously the assignment of operations to the new op-codes depends on the user's particular application. The program of Fig. 3 shows how the codes can be assigned to different functions: X'20 changes the state of the three flag outputs and X'21 writes a segment pattern to the display, where P1 is assumed to point to the display; the segment pattern to be



**Fig. 1. Circuit which generates an interrupt when one of the codes X'20-X'F occurs as an instruction**

displayed is taken from the subsequent byte. The remaining codes, X'22-X'2F, are undefined in this example and they behave as NOPs.

The program operates as follows: the address of the user's program minus one is stored at OF1E (high byte) and OF1F (low byte). Instead of starting execution at the beginning of the user's program, one enters at SETUP. This then points P3 to the user's program, enables interrupts, and jumps to the user's program with an XPPC 3. When one of the codes X'20-X'2F is encountered in the user's program an interrupt is generated and this causes a jump to the interrupt service routine, ISR, with the address of the code saved in P3. Thus the value of the code that caused the interrupt can be discovered by loading it using P3-relative addressing. In this example X'20 causes a jump to SRO which inverts the three flag outputs. The code X'21 picks up the second byte and stores it using P1-relative auto-indexed addressing. The user's program at OF80 demonstrates the use of the two new op-codes. It loops around loading P1 with the display address, displaying 'HO' in the rightmost two display positions with two X'21 instructions, and toggling the flags with an X'20 instruction.

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0000          .=OF1D
OF1E OF1F P3: ASAVE:  .=-+1          ;FOR A-REGISTER
OF1E OF1F P3:         .DBYTE UPROG-1 ;FOR JUMP

OF20 COFD  SETUP: LD      P3          ;GET ADDRESS OF
OF21 37     XPAH  3          ;USER'S PROGRAM.
OF23 COFB  LD      P3+1
OF25 33     XPAL  3
OF26 COFE  RETURN: LD     ASAVE       ;RESTORE A-REG.
OF28 05     TEN   ASAVE            ;ENABLE INTERRUPTS
OF29 3F     XPPC  3          ;JUMP TO USER'S PROG.
OF2A C8F2  ISR:  ST      ASAVE       ;SAVE A-REG
OF2C C300  LD      (3)          ;GET 'OP-CODE'
OF2E B420  XRI    X'20         ;IS IT 20?
OF30 9806  JZ      SRO          ;
OF32 8401  XRI    X'01         ;IS IT 21?
OF34 9808  XRI    SRI          ;
OF36 90E2  JMP     RETURN      ;IGNORE OTHERS

; X'20 CHANGES FLAGS
OF38 06     SRO:  CSA          ;INVERT FLAG BITS
OF39 E407  XRI    7
OF3B 07     CAS
OF3C 90E8  JMP     RETURN

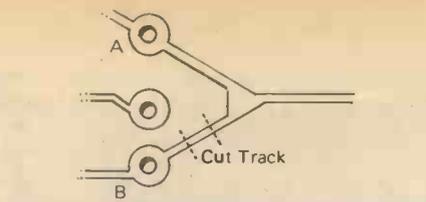
; X'21 DISPLAYS SEGMENT CODE IN NEXT BYTE
OF3E C701  SRI:  LD      @1(3)      ;BUMP P3
OF40 C300  LD      (3)          ;GET SEGMENT CODE
OF42 CD01  ST      @1(1)        ;DISPLAY IT
OF44 90D4  JMP     RETURN

; TEST PROGRAM TO ILLUSTRATE USE
0000 0000  DISP     .=OF80 0000 ;DISPLAY ADDRESS
OF46 0000  UPROG:  LDI    H(DISP)   ;POINT P1 TO
OF48 C400  XPAH  .1          ;DISPLAY ADDRESS.
OF49 31     LDI    L(DISP)
OF4B 31     XPAL  1
OF4D 213F  .BYTE  X'21,X'3F      ;DISPLAY '0'
OF4E 2176  .BYTE  X'21,X'76     ;DISPLAY 'H'
OF4F 20     .BYTE  X'20         ;TOGGLE FLAGS
OF50 90F3  JMP     UPROG        ;LOOP AROUND

0000 .END

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**Fig. 3. Program for SC/MP which with the circuit of Fig. 1 extends the instruction set**



**(a) The track lying between IC8 and IC3 on the underside of the board should be cut as shown**

### SC/MP XPAL O INSTRUCTION

A program in the *Micro-Bus August 1978* demonstrated how a computed goto could be achieved with the M6800 by making use of the great variety of branch-on-condition instructions provided. The following letter, received from N. Feilden of Suffolk, shows how to take advantage of an undocumented SC/MP instruction to achieve a similar effect.

"Hands up all those SC/MP users who have used the instruction XPAL O (X'30). For those who have not, it exchanges the accumulator value with the lower half of the program counter. It thus effects a jump to the location AC+1 with the address from which it came in the accumulator. A subroutine call is thus available anywhere within a 256-byte page without having to set up one of the other pointers. XPAL O can also be used to achieve a computed goto, which makes up for not being able to use the extension register as a displacement in jump instructions. Of course all sorts of wonderful things can be done by writing programs which rewrite themselves, but not in ROM."

The program segment in Fig. 4 shows how a computed goto can be implemented; it jumps to one of four possible addresses for values in the accumulator of 0 to 3.

The corresponding higher-byte instruction XPAH O (X'34) also works but is less useful for obvious reasons. In a larger system it might be useful as a page selector.

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; COMPUTED GO TO
; INDEX IN ACCUMULATOR
OF34 01     XAE
OF35 02     CCL
OF36 40     LDE
OF37 70     ACE
OF38 F43A  ADI    L(HERE)      ;DOUBLE INDEX
OF3A 30     HERE: JMP     LO     ;ADD TO PC
OF3B 90CC  XPAL  LO           ;PUT IN PC
OF3D 901A  JMP     L1
OF3F 9028  JMP     L2
OF41 L4:    JMP     L2          ;ROUTINES

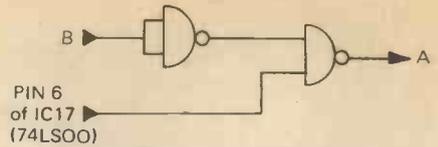
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**Fig. 4. Program segment for SC/MP jumps to one of four different labels depending on the value in the accumulator**

### ANALOGUE INFORMATION

If the properties of our environment such as temperature, pressure, light intensity, sound level, frequency, and position, are to be made accessible to a microprocessor system, they must first be converted into the digital form it understands. A new multi-input Analogue-to-Digital (or A/D) conversion chip known as the Data Acquisition System has recently become available, and its incorporation into a microprocessor system would make possible such applications as temperature sensing for household and industrial heating control, interfacing to joysticks for micro-based games and simulations, digitisation of speech waveforms for computer speech recognition and reproduction, and, in general, many machine control and interface applications.

1/2 7400



**(b) Two gates should be wired between the points shown**

**Fig. 2 (above). Modification needed to MK14 kits**

### ADC0817 DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM

National Semiconductor's ADC0817 Data Acquisition System or DAS is a single 40-pin chip incorporating an 8-bit successive approximation A/D converter and a 16-channel analogue multiplexer. It is thus ideal for applications where information must be coordinated from a number of different analogue sources. It was originally designed for the automotive market and is currently being used in the instrument panel circuitry of General Motors' latest Cadillac. The ADC0817 has an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  bit; the ADC0816 is a prime version of the same part with an accuracy of  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  bit. The multiplexer section is separate from the A/D conversion stage so that it is possible to insert circuitry, such as sample-and-hold, between the two. The ADC0817 is available from Marshall's for £15.63 (inc. VAT).

### INTERFACE CIRCUIT

The DAS can be interfaced directly to an M6800 microprocessor system bus as shown in Fig. 5; it is addressed as a single memory location (\$4000 in this case) and selected by the SELECT input. The required input channel is chosen by writing the channel number to the DAS; the lower four data lines are latched into the multiplexer on the rising edge of the WRITE pulse at the ALE (Address Latch Enable) input. The conversion is begun when the rising edge of the WRITE pulse occurs at the START input. When the conversion is complete EOC is taken high by the DAS and this generates an interrupt on the M6800's IRQ line. Note that EOC is also high for 1-8 clock periods after the rising edge of the START pulse, but this will be ignored. If there are other peripherals generating interrupts in the microprocessor system the EOC flag will have to be taken to the data bus via a tri-state buffer, enabled by a separate address from the DAS, so that it can be interrogated by the micro to determine the source of the interrupt.

The data outputs from the DAS are normally in a high-impedance state, but reading from the DAS takes TSC (Tri-State Control) high and puts the result of the A/D conversion on to the micro's data bus. The DAS is clocked by the M6800's  $\phi_2$  signal; the maximum clock rate permitted is 1.2MHz, giving a conversion time of about 60 microseconds. The circuit should work equally well with micros such as SC/MP and the 8080 which provide NRDS and NWDS signals; these should be inverted to give the READ and WRITE signals in the circuit of Fig. 5.

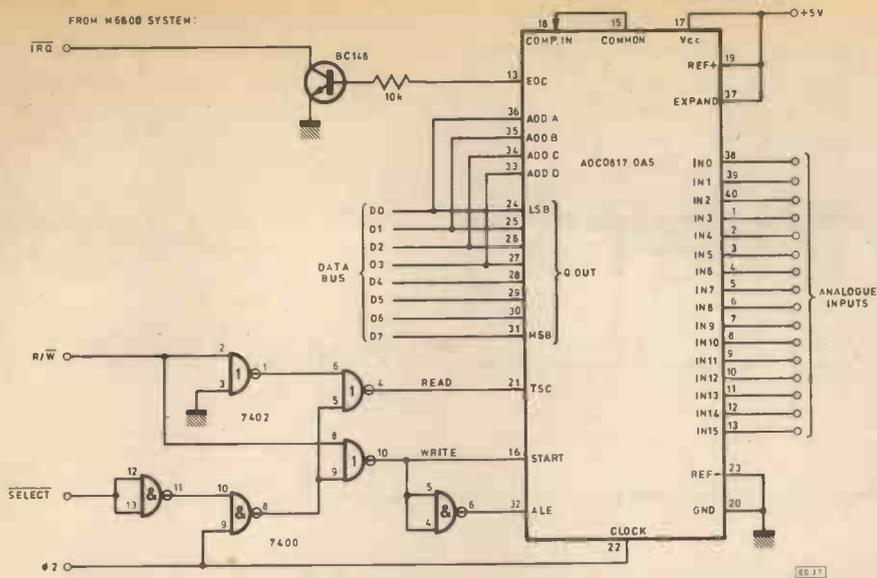


Fig. 5. Interface between a Data Acquisition System chip and an M6800 system

### DAS PROGRAMS

A complete program for the M6800 to drive the DAS circuit just described is given in Fig. 6. The program was developed on a Motorola D2 kit, and gives continuously-updated hexadecimal display of the conversion value, reading from 00 to FF for input voltages of from 0V to +5V. The program

makes use of two display routines in the D2 kit's JBUG monitor and these will have to be provided if the program is to be used with other systems. The first part of the program from \$0000 to \$000E puts the address of the interrupt service routine ISR at \$A000; on interrupts the monitor uses this as a jump address. The first conversion is started by

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NAM DAS
* DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM CHIP INTERFACE
4000 DAS EQU $8000
0000 INPUT EQU 0 INPUT CHANNEL (0 - F)
A000 * IN D2 KIT MONITOR:
E0FE IRQVEC EQU $A000 INTERRUPT VECTOR
E31C DISPLA EQU $E0FE DISPLAY ROUTINE
A00C REGST5 EQU $E31C CONVERT HEX TO 2 DIGITS
* INITIALISE DAS FOR FIRST CONVERSION
0000 ORG 0
0000 CE 0010 MAIN LDI $ISR
0003 FF A000 STZ IRQVEC
0005 86 00 LDA A $INPUT
0008 87 0000 STA A DAS SELECT INPUT
000B 0E CLI
000C 7E E0FE JMP DISPLA WAIT FOR INTERRUPT
* DISPLAY INPUT IN HEX (00 - FF)
0010 ORG $0010
0010 86 0000 TSR LDA A DAS
0013 8D E31C JSR REGST5
0016 86 00 LDA A $INPUT
0018 87 0000 STA A DAS START NEW CONVERSION
001B 3B RTI

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Fig. 6. Program using interrupts to give a continuous display determined by the voltage at one input of the Data Acquisition System chip

writing the required channel number, 0 in this case, to the DAS; the program then jumps to the display loop in the monitor. This continuously displays the contents of the display buffer \$A00C—\$A011. On interrupts the ISR changes the contents of this buffer so that the latest A/D conversion result is displayed.

The interrupt service routine in Fig. 6 picks up the result of the conversion in accumulator A and the jumps to the subroutine REGST5 in the monitor which separates this into two 4-bit nibbles and puts them into the display buffer for display.

# News Briefs

## '78 AUDIO WRITER IS PE CONTRIBUTOR

THE 1978 Audio Writer Award, sponsored by BASF United Kingdom, has been made to Barry Fox who writes under the pen name of Adrian Hope. Barry's pen name may be known to regular readers but if we tell you that since March 1974 Barry has regularly contributed to P.E. with his column *Patents Review*, he will then be known to all. We have also published a number of special features by him and our next issue carries his article *Binaural Stereo Patents*.

The presentation of a silver tuning fork on mahogany base and a cheque for £300 was made by Charles Mackerras the international conductor. We are sure readers will join us in thanking Barry for his valuable contributions; he is shown below with the award, flanked by Henry Pattinson of BASF (left) and Charles Mackerras.



## NEW OLDE MAGAZINE

IF THE days when you could buy little "lozenge" tins containing cat's whiskers and crystals does more for your imagination than today's conductive foam packs containing I.s.i. chips, then this is the journal for you.

For the first time a magazine is to be launched exclusively for the vintage enthusiast. *Sounds Vintage* will be published bi-monthly, to cater for those interested in a wide field of subjects relating to the sounds of yesterday.

Among the areas covered will be vintage wireless equipment, gramophones and cylinder machines, records and cylinders, vintage amplifiers, pre-war literature. There will also be stories of the pioneers and of companies involved in the manufacture of the hardware and software since the early days.

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# STEREO MIXER

J. P. MACAULAY

Will mix line and dynamic microphone inputs for a stereo image

**M**ANY readers must possess a hi-fi cassette or reel to reel tape recorder which is not used to it's full creative capacity for want of a good mixer. With a mixer one can produce one's own jingles or mix the output from several microphones to better capture the sound of a live performance. Alternatively announcements can be recorded onto a music tape without the tell tale clicks and pops that result from the microphone being plugged in and out.

## CIRCUIT

The circuit of a simple but effective mixer is shown in Fig. 1. Here the input signals are fed into a virtual earth amplifier which will accept both line and dynamic microphone inputs.

Line inputs enter the circuit via the resistors R1, R2 and R3. These form an attenuator with the input pots, VR1, VR2 and VR3.

Microphone inputs are fed directly to the "live" ends of the input pots and the sensitivity here for full output is some 3-5mV. The signals at the slider of the pots is fed to the virtual earth via the resistors R4, R5 and R6.

C1 both isolates the virtual earth amplifier from any d.c. present at the input and defines the -3dB point in the bass region at 10Hz. The virtual earth amplifier employs two transistors in what might be, to some readers, a novel circuit.

TR1 operates in the common emitter mode with a low collector current of about 100 $\mu$ A to minimise noise. The collector of load resistor R9 however is bootstrapped to the emitter of TR2, a *p.n.p.* device. Due to this bootstrapping the voltage gain open loop is around 1,000 times and independent of line variations.

Minimum noise is produced when the base of TR1 sees an input impedance of 600 ohms. This can be conveniently arranged by judicious selection of feedback resistor, R7, so that the virtual earth impedance between the base of TR1 and earth approaches that figure.

R7 and R8 provide overall feedback at both a.c. and d.c. and of course the bias current required by TR1. The gain of this stage has purposely been kept down to 20dB to provide the low noise conditions already described and a reasonable input impedance. In consequence further amplification is required to bring the signal up to a usable level, 350mV.

## SECOND STAGE

This is done by the next stage built around TR3. Again the virtual earth mode is used to define the gain of the stage.

Feedback is applied, and base bias, by the potential

divider R12, R13. The gain is defined by the ratio of R12 to R11. C4 blocks the d.c. from the emitter of TR2.

To maintain stability hefty decoupling is applied to both stages by R15, R16, C3 and C5.

The signal from the collector of TR3 is fed to the master volume control VR4 and from thence to the record input of the tape recorder, via R20. Headphone monitoring is provided on a large number of tape recorders although one can only listen to the actual recording as it is being made on three head machines.

Those that do provide a headphone monitoring facility are usually of inadequate volume to properly hear all the nuances of the recording. This is the reason for the inclusion of such a facility in this mixer. A separate board is used for this part of the circuit and those who would rather rely on the built-in monitoring provided by their recorders can omit this altogether without detriment to the performance of the mixer.

## POWER OUTPUT STAGE

A dual audio amplifier i.c. is used, National Semiconductor's LM377. In this application a heatsink is not required, a relief to anybody that has struggled to solder small pieces of tinplate to the pins of the i.c. whilst praying that the device is not overheating!

Reference to Fig. 1 will show that this stage is again operated in the virtual earth mode. The signal being applied to the inverting input via the d.c. blocking capacitor C8 and R17. Overall feedback is provided by R18.

The bias pin of the i.c. is connected to the non inverting inputs and tied to a.c. earth by C7. (The numbers in brackets refer to the corresponding pins on the other channel.)

## Specification

**S/N Ratio -76dB unweighted. 350mV output at master volume control.**

**Max. output before clipping, 3-6V r.m.s.**

**Harmonic distortion—none audible up to max. output!**

**Frequency response -3dB 10Hz-30kHz.**

**Line sensitivity 100mV.**

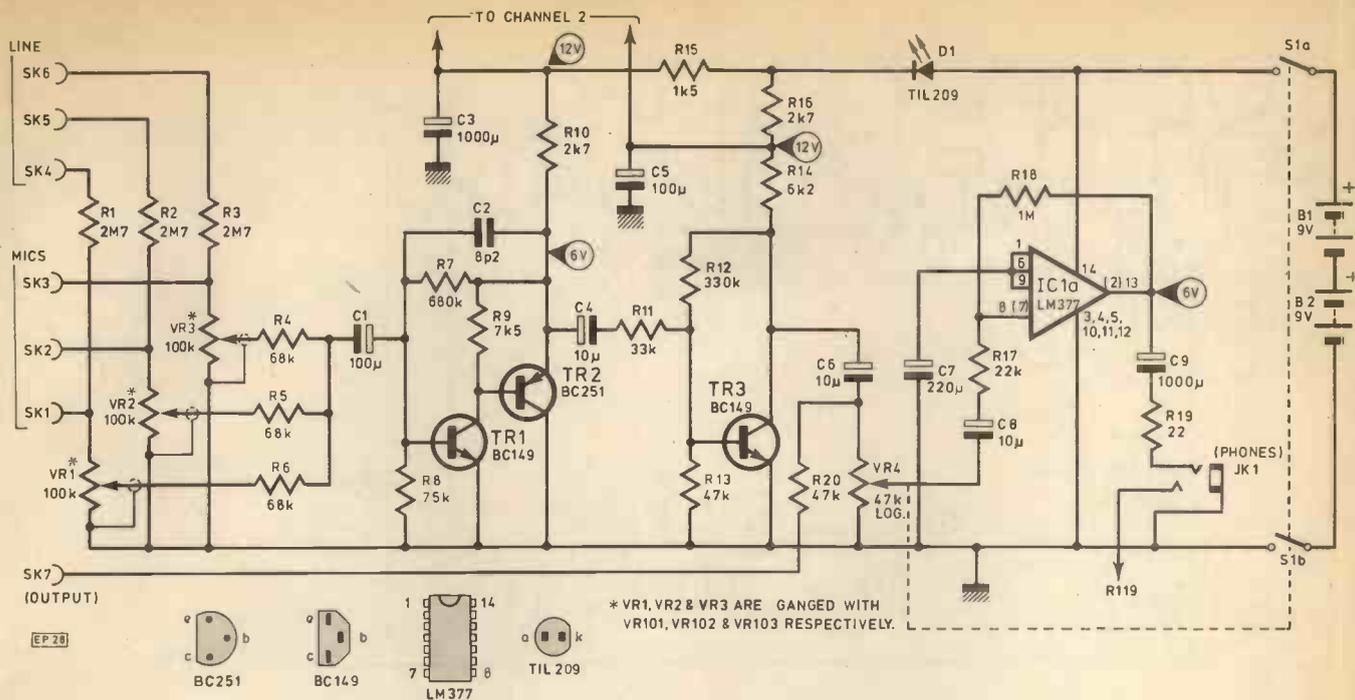


Fig. 1. Circuit of one channel of mixer

The output signal is fed to the headphones by both C9 and R19. One of the design considerations was portability. To enable the unit to be used in difficult locations, that is when only one mains socket is available, the unit is battery operated. This is no hardship however since the current consumption is quite low, the prototype takes only 12mA under quiescent conditions and around 30mA when the headphones are being driven hard. Two PP9s provide many hours of continuous use. Larger capacity batteries can be easily accommodated in the chassis space available.

### CONSTRUCTION

Construction begins with the wiring of the boards. The layout of both is shown (Figs. 2-3). Little comment is required on this although care must be exercised to ensure that the semiconductors and electrolytics are correctly orientated.

The boards are lifted clear of the case by means of 6BA screws and nuts and the constructor must ensure that the breaks in the Veroboard tracks near these are properly made or the circuit will not function.

## COMPONENTS

### Resistors (2 required except where asterisked)

R1, R101	2M7
R2, R102	2M7
R3, R103	2M7
R4, R104	68k
R5, R105	68k
R6, R106	68k
R7, R107	680k
R8, R108	75k
R9, R109	7k5
R10, R110	2k7
R11, R111	33k
R12, R112	330k
R13, R113	47k
R14, R114	6k2
*R15	1k5
*R16	2k7
R17, R117	22k
R18, R118	1M
R19, R119	22
R20, R120	47k
All ½W carbon 10%	

### Potentiometers

VR1, VR101	100k lin. dual gang
VR2, VR102	100k lin. dual gang
VR3, VR103	100k lin. dual gang
VR4, VR104	47k log. + d.p. switch

### Semiconductors

TR1, TR101	BC149
TR2, TR102	BC251
TR3, TR103	BC149
*IC1	LM377
*D1	TIL209

### Capacitors

C1, C101	100µ elect. 10V
C2, C102	8p2 silver mica
C3, C103	1,000µ elect. 25V
C4, C104	10µ elect. 25V
C5, C105	100µ elect. 16V
C6, C106	10µ elect. 16V
C7, C107	220µ elect. 16V
C8, C108	10µ elect. 16V
C9, C109	1,000µ 25V

### Miscellaneous

Stereo headphone jack socket, 14 phone sockets  
Aluminium case 11 x 7½ x 3½in  
4 knobs, 5 x 2½in Veroboard, 1¼ x 2in Veroboard

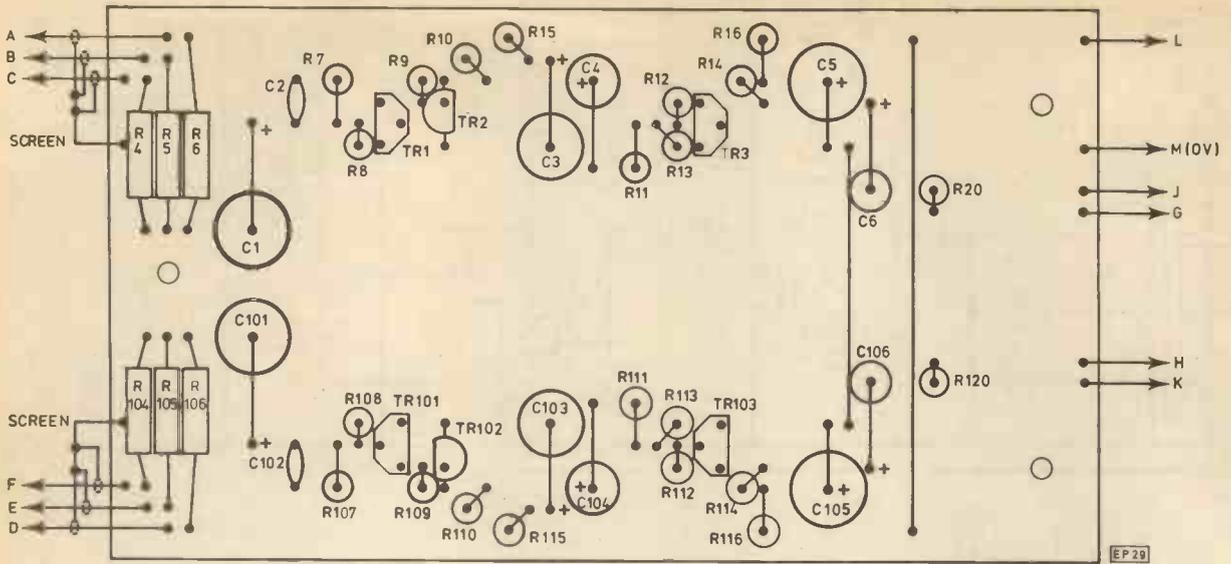
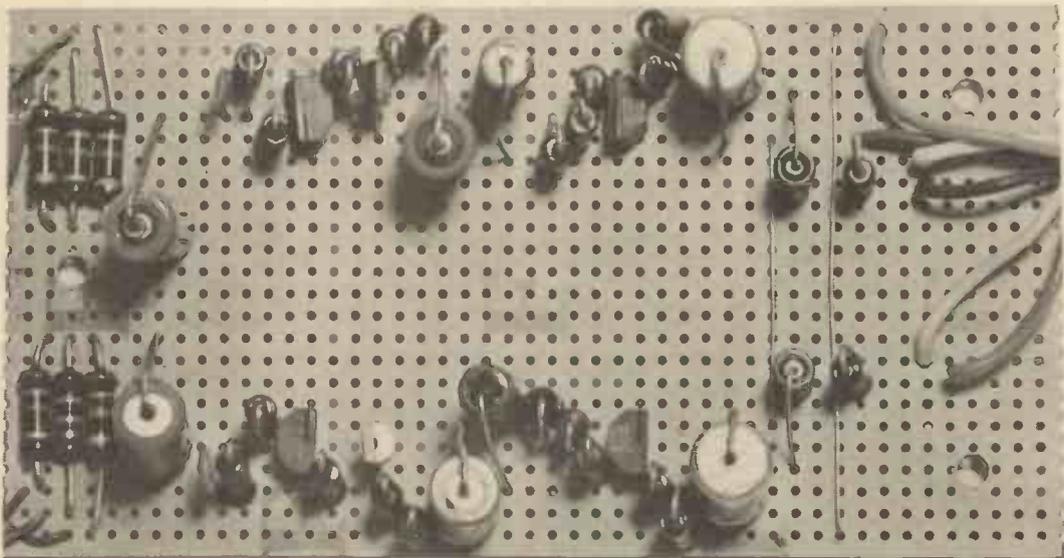


Fig. 2. Main board showing two channel transistor assembly



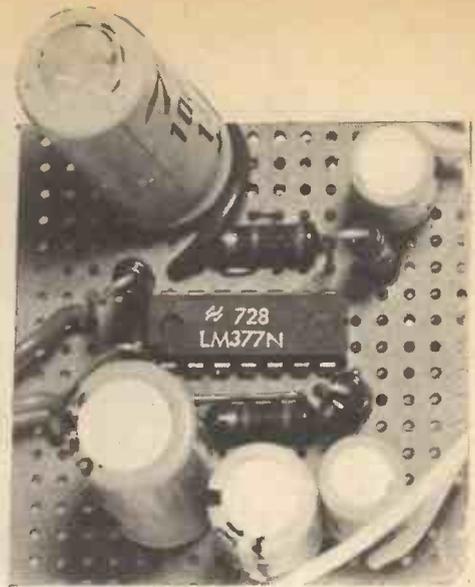
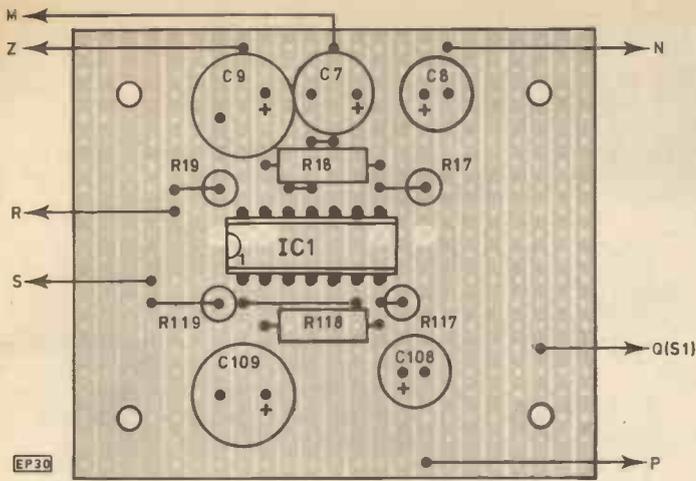
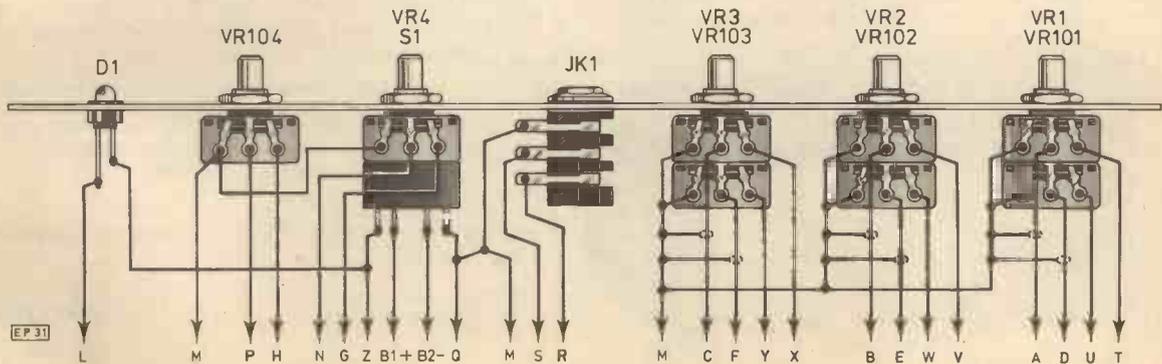
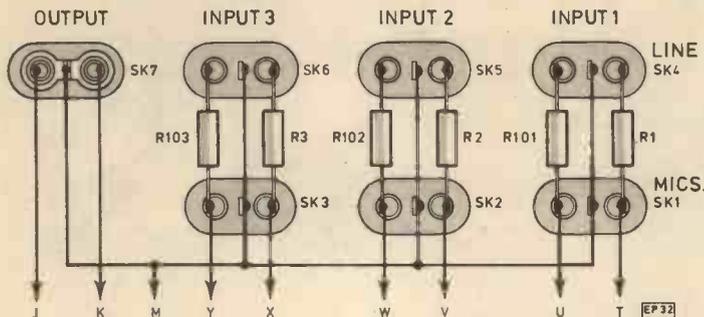
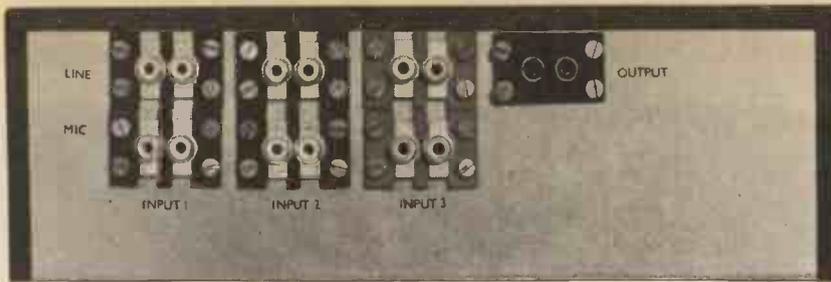


Fig. 3. I.c. power stage



(Left). Chassis interior showing board placement (Below). Wiring to control panel components. All lettered flying leads refer to the main board and the headphone amplifier board





Showing phono socket assembly at rear panel for line and microphone inputs and mixer output. Note that the attenuator resistors are wired directly at the input sockets for all channels

### CASE

No case drilling details are shown as photographs make this quite straight forward. Readers will notice that rotary pots are used instead of the more usual slide types. The reason for this is that the latter tend to be more prone to the ingress of dirt and in consequence become sticky and noisy in use.

Needless to say, dual slide pots could be used but the layout of the case must be altered to suit. In practise, rotary controls are as simple and accurate as the linear slide type.

Linear pots are used at the input because they are better matched than logarithmic types, usually to within 1dB. Due to the inherently close tolerance between tracks of the input pots, overall balance is obtained by the manipulation of the master volume controls.

### LEGENDS

Legends are applied to the case with Letraset "magic lettering". These are clearly indicated for the front and rear panels in the photographs.

This should be fixed with either a proprietary varnish spray or alternatively clear nail varnish. The choice of control knob is, of course, a matter of personal choice although experience shows that a knob with a large diameter, say 1in, with a pointer is best. Push on types are less bothersome than the grub screw fitting types, and tend to be less expensive.

Once the case has been drilled the boards should have the necessary flying leads soldered in place and then mounted in

their respective positions. The pots, i.e.d. and sockets are then mounted. Finally the flying leads are connected to their destinations. At this point the wiring should be thoroughly checked. When satisfied that all is well connect the batteries, headphones and signal sources. Switch on and check the action of the controls. A final check that the voltages shown in Fig. 1 are present  $\pm 1V$  and the mixer is ready for use. ★



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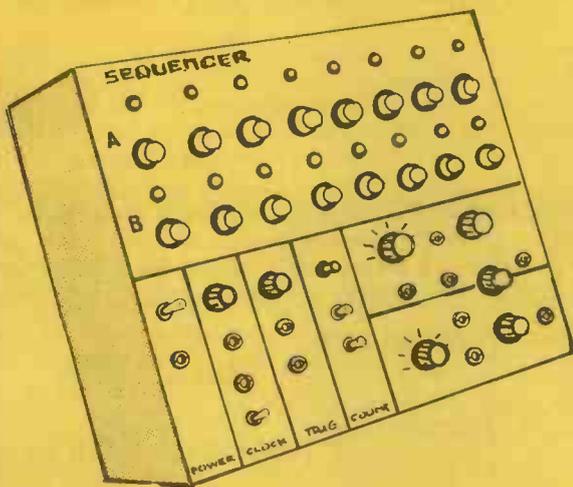
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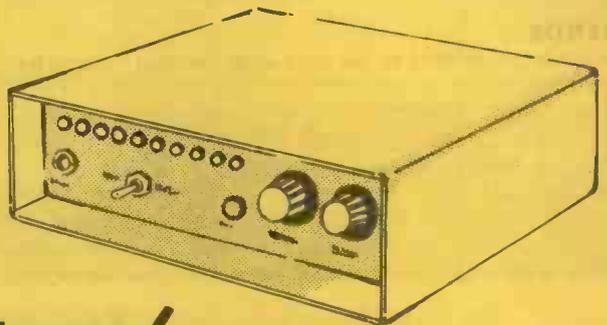


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**T**HE problem with books about microprocessors is that the author either concentrates on one specific device and loses readers not interested in it, or else, as in many books on the subject currently available, devotes part of the book to a discussion of different devices being manufactured; this usually turns out to be a very expensive way of buying the manufacturers' data.

In this book Mr Graham overcomes this problem by giving programming examples in a high-level language, namely PL/M, and one section is devoted to describing its features. The routines given to illustrate the techniques presented in the remainder of the book can thus be converted from PL/M to any specific assembly language.

The subjects covered include: floating-point arithmetic, input, and output; pseudo-random number generators; manipulation and use of data structures including arrays, strings, stacks, queues, deques, chains, and trees; and finally, searching, hashing, indexing, and sorting methods. Within these sections the book covers the topics clearly, if a little briefly, and the use of data structures is illustrated with a number of clear diagrams.

Though prior familiarity with a high-level language like PL/1, on which PL/M is based, might be an advantage in understanding the examples, the book should be a valuable source for the microprocessor programmer. D.J.D.

## COMPETITION

**T**HE free entry competition we ran at Breadboard attracted a large entry and guesses at the number of projects published in P.E. from the December 1976 issue to December 1978 inclusive ranged from 2 to 2,000. The correct answer was 94. No one guessed this figure correctly but we had many with 93 and 95.

The winner eventually selected was Mr B Wallington of Chatham. He receives a P.E. VDU System (presented by Technomatic), and a year's supply of P.E.

The ten runners up were: A. C. Walkland (Liverpool), J. Green (London W.14), J. D. Parker (Buckhurst Hill), M. Davis (Nuneaton), P. D. Bond (South Godstone), J. Jones (Birmingham), Yan Lee (Tipton), M. Browne (Fleet), M. W. Keen (Bridgend), J. N. Jones (Basingstoke), each will receive a year's supply of P.E.

Two extra runners up prizes have been awarded to Mr. C Wysocki (London W9) and Dr. R. D. Bailey for their original "slogans". These were: "I think P.E. is to electronics magazines what St Michael is to underwear", and "I think P.E. is worth your trouble and my money". Well Dr. Bailey you can save your money for the next year, your copies will be sent by us. Our thanks to all those who participated, especially the staff of other magazines for their constructive comments!

## BREADBOARD EXHIBITION

**T**O all our readers who visited our stand at Breadboard, we are sorry that our technical staff were prevented from being there to demonstrate equipment and answer queries. This was due to an N.U.J. dispute within the I.P.C. Magazines Group. Thankfully the dispute has not affected P.E.s publication dates and is now over.

## POINTS ARISING

### R.C. MOTOR CONTROL (DECEMBER 1978)

The left hand side of Link-2 shown on the component overlay should connect to the junction of R13 and D5. This requires an extra p.c.b. pad at R13, and a longer link to clear the track running underneath.

# readout

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### Of Bees And Keys

Sir—Congratulations to you and the authors on the CHAMP project. This ranks as perhaps the most exciting project to have been published in "Practical Electronics" for years. I have just had a very absorbing time in programming CHAMP to play the "Flight Of The Bumble Bee" (over 800 notes) using less than 512 program instructions, and look forward to other equally challenging problems.

The only criticism I have is that the authors use a keyboard which is apparently not readily obtainable. Readers may be interested to know that a good, robust, cheap hex keyboard can be obtained from Chiltmead Ltd, Arthur Rd, Reading. It is, however, somewhat too large to fit into the space allocated, but can nevertheless be accommodated by repositioning a few of the switches. The keyboard encoder and digit drivers can be mounted on a piece of Veroboard under the sloping panel at its top. The ground and 5V leads can then run to the terminals at the

front, and the ribbon cable to the main board need only be 16 wires, which is more convenient than 18. This cable can run through a rectangular hole in the chassis symmetrically placed with respect to the other cable hole. This arrangement seems to me to be neater than that described in the original article.

W. Gough  
Cardiff.

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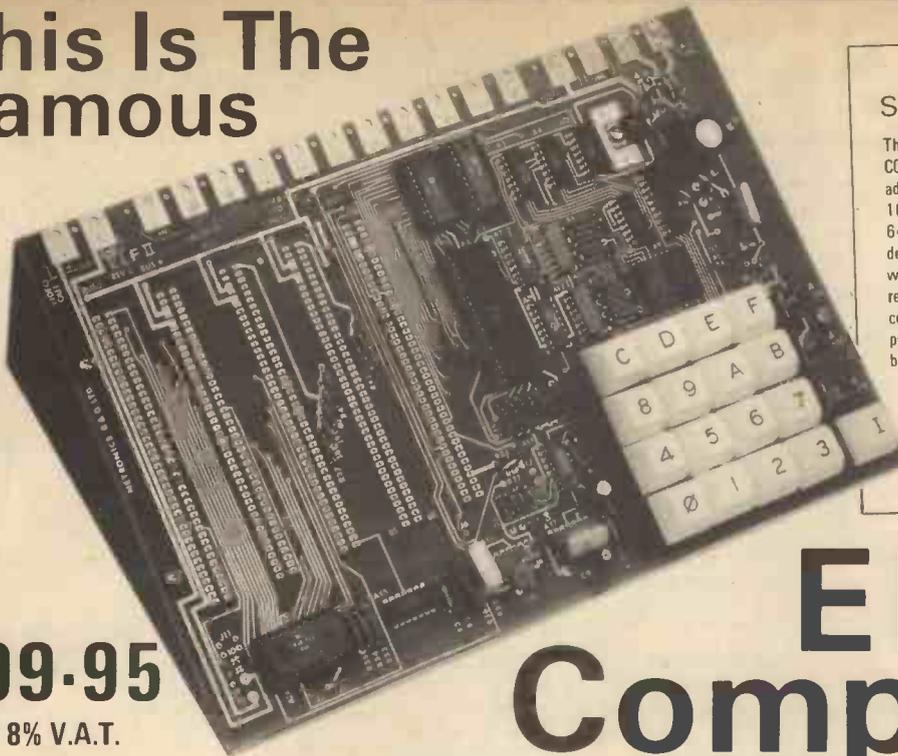
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2N697	0.31	2N2219A	0.39	2N398	0.18	2N4063	0.20	2N5248	0.44	40411	0.82	BC2149	0.17	BC549C	0.15	BD244B	0.67	BF183	0.44	BF950	0.27	MJE521	0.70		
2N698	0.49	2N2220	0.39	2N3440	0.75	2N4074	2.65	2N5294	0.44	40594	0.87	BC147	0.13	BC182B	0.13	BC2141	0.18	BC557	0.14	BD245A	0.89	BF184	0.41	BF951	0.27
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2N920	0.35	2N2906	0.25	2N3712	2.20	2N4349	2.88	2N5489	0.44	AC187K	0.65	BC182	0.13	BC184C	0.13	BC202	0.37	BD140	0.43	BD537	0.74	BF257	0.35	BQ210	2.70
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2N1950A	0.40	2N3093	0.17	2N4058	0.22	2N5194	0.80	40382	0.55	BC109B	0.17	BC179B	0.25	BC213LA	0.17	BC547A	0.17	BD242A	0.55	BF178	0.27	BF835	0.30	MJE295	1.35
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CA3030A	2.20	LM3848	1.85				
CA3030B	2.90	LM3858	1.50	MMS5314	4.60	TA0100	2.00
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CA3045	1.55	LM3881N	1.00	NE555	0.33	TA0100	2.00
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CA3048	2.45	LM702C	0.81	NE558N	1.98	TA0100	2.00
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CA3080A	2.10	LM7104	0.49	NE582	4.50	TA0100	2.00
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CA3088B	1.87	LM7101A	0.64	NE586	1.78	TA0100	2.00
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CA3140	1.04	LM741	0.70	SAS570	2.70	TA0100	1.30
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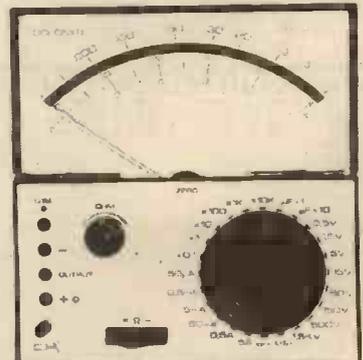
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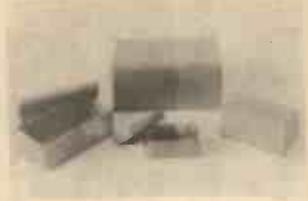
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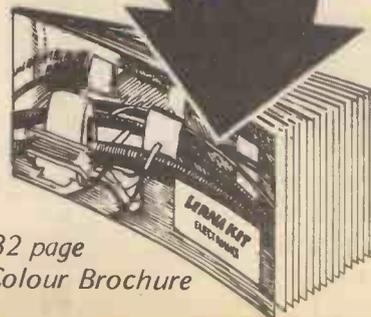
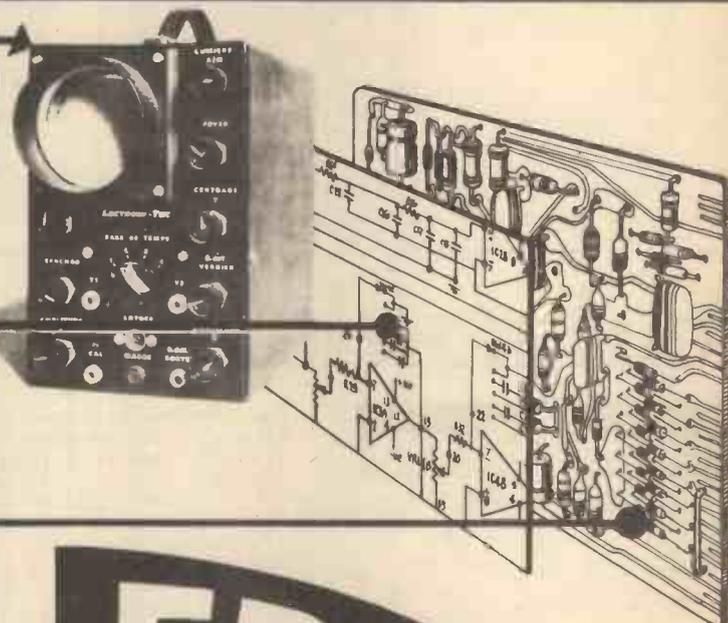
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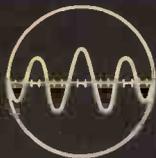


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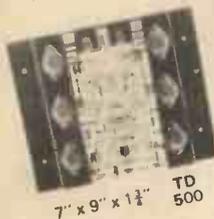
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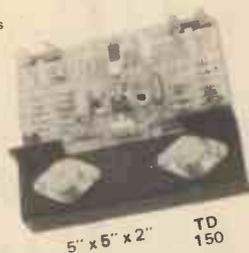
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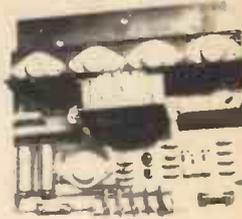
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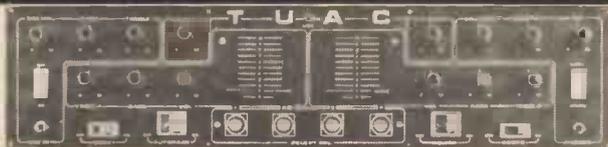
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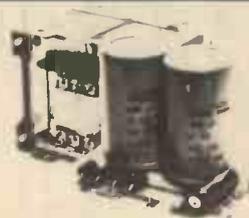
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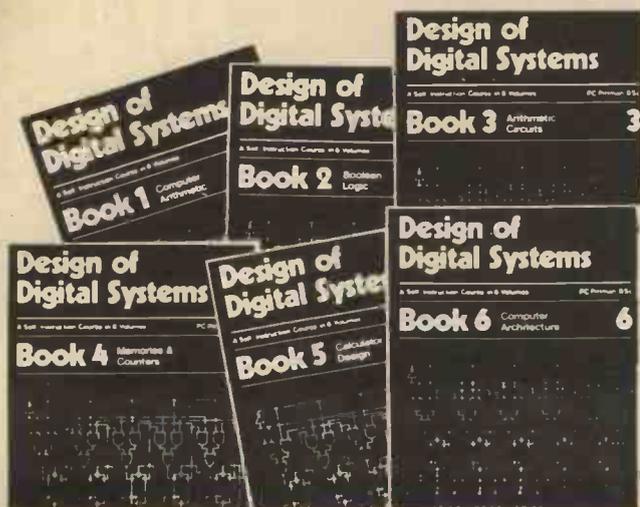
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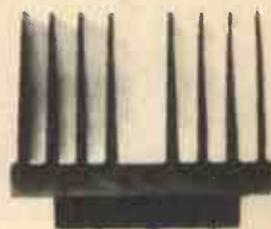
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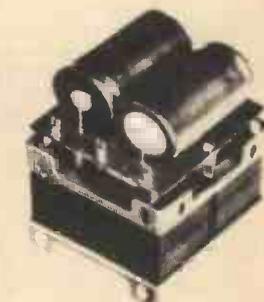
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