


## Sidelights of the Issue

## Reod All About It!

For a long period of time now, ELEC. TRONIC DESIGN has been expanding is news coverage to give the reader wider and better knowledge of the week-by-week happenings in the design field.
We have devoted progressively more space to news; we have published an increasing number of reports in depth on design opportunities in fields such as oceanography and anti-submarine warfare. Our news reports have tried to keep on top of the latest developments and we have tried to show in each story the significance of the event to the design engineer.
Beginning with this issue, we are inaugurating another service. By a special arrangement, we have pushed back the deadine for a number of pages in our News department, so that developments can be reported days later than was previously possible. What this means to the reader is that the copy of ELEC. TRONIC DESIGN which he reads will contain not only fresher news, but that ED's editors will have severat more days in which to dig for information and to develop stories. This, we believe, will help make our news coverage more pointed and more informative than any other publication's.

## Dust off that Computer

Too often, in electronic design, have engineers let one of their best tools gather figurative dust. The tool, of course, is the digital computer. To help overcome this oversight, ED has gotten together a roundup of digital computer applications by design engineers.
In presenting this roundup, we have tried to depart from the usual method of treating a specific application in depth. Rather, we have gotten together dozens of applications in breadth, in the hope that even those engineers who don't find their particular problems listed to think about-Designing with Digitol Computers. The article begins on p tol
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## Folding the WESCON Tent

Now that the WESCON dust has cleared and we have had time to collect our thoughts a bit, we have gotten logether two reports on the show. One appears in this issue beginning on p 8 ; the other will appear in our Sept. 14 issu:. To those of you who found time to crop by the ED booth in Los Angeles, it vas good to see you. To those of you who couldn't make it, see you at the RE Show or next year at WESCON.

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In this ever-expanding industry, a new word has begun to be bandied about with ever-increasing frequency. The word: bionics The specialists at the Wright Air Development Division define it as: "The science of systems which function after the manner of, or in a manner characteristic of or resembling living systems." ELECTRONIC DESIGN, in the Sept. 14 issue, will present a full-scale report on this new specialty in electronics. We will show how design engineers are applying the knowledge of biology and biological techniques to the design of electronic devices and systems.
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# Courier Ready for Second Launch Attempt 

## Communications Satellite Payload on Hand; <br> Try May Be Made Before End of September

$\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{s}}$SECOND attempt to orbit a Courier communications satellite is likely to be made before the end of September. Failure of the first shot has not materially slowed the project. Philco's Western Development Div., prime contractor for the payload, had readied three complete Courier satellites and has components on hand for a fourth one.
Reliability via the "Put in two of everything" method characterizes the design of Courier's electronic payload and tracking stations. The result is the most heavily instrumented satellite yet attempted, with 38 separate electronic packages crammed into the $51-\mathrm{in}$. dia. sphere. Courier's insides include:

- Five tape recorders
- Four UHF transmitters
- Four UHF receivers
- Two VHF telemetry transmitters
- Two VHF tracking beacons
- Two VHF telemetry receivers
- Two independent battery-solar cell power supplies.

On the ground, redundancy of components and methods is also specified. The tracking stations, designed by ITT Laboratories, each include four UHF and two VHF receivers. The tracking antennas, supplied by Radiation Inc., can be operated in three different modes-manual, programed scan, and automatic tracking-to maintain contact with the satellite.

## Real Time Communications Also Planned

Courier's mission of proving the feasibility of active communication satellites has two aspects. In addition to its much publicized function as a
delayed repeater or "mail" pouch satellite, Courier can also operate as a real time repeater.
As a delayed repeater, Courier provides the equivalent of twenty 100 wpm teletype channels. The five 30 ips single track tape recorders have a total storage capacity of 15 megabits. Four recorders are equipped to handle NRZ teletype signals at 15 kilobits per sec. The fifth recorder will be used in experimental voice and analog transmissions.

## Two-Way Transmissions Over UHF And VHF

Simultaneous two-way communication between Courier and the tracking station takes place both in the 100 to 150 mc band and in the 1700 to 2300 mc band. The lower frequency band is used for tracking and telemetry; the UHF band carries the actual message transmis


Courier ground station data flow. Message handling is by UHF transmission: telemetry is by VHF using a PAM/FM/FM system. Multiple receivers provide frequency and add redundancy for reliability. Between passes, the entire system can be checked out by aiming antenna at a transponder mounted on a tower some 200 feet distant. Ground station thus "talks to itself" to test all sub-systems in all operating modes.


Courier payload is characterized by redundant components for increased reliability. Simplified block diagram includes only a part of the 38 electronic packages in the vehicle. In addition to redundant transmitters and receivers, tape recorders and power supply can also sustain failure of individual units without interrupting communications


Feed system for Courier tracking antenna. Dome at front houses spinning dielectric lens which scans signal to provide error data for automatic tracking. Feed path for VHF is through the four extended arms; UHF is fed through waveguides down center of unit. Antenna and tracking gear is by Radiation, Inc., Melbourne, Fla.
sions and most of the ground-to-satellite commands. VHF transmissions are at approximately 100 w and UHF transmissions are at about 1 kw .
The two VHF receivers at the ground station operate together to provide polarization-diversity reception. The four UHF receivers operate together to provide both polarization and frefucney diversity reception.
The UHF receiving system employs a fourfold diversity combining scheme. Polarization diversity is accomplished with two predetection phase combiners; baseband combining is used for frequency diversity.

## How Courier Is Tracked

Novel design techniques are used to facilitate acquisition and tracking of Courier. The satellite is equipped with two 50 mw VHF beacons which transmit continuously between tracking stations. The horizon sector at which the satellite is epected to appear is illuminated by the ground station antenna, operating at VHF. When the satellite's beacon signal is detected, a coded

## New Developments Unveiled At WESCON

IN LOS ANGELES' Sports Arena last week, WESCON opened for thousands of exhibitors and visitors. On p 8 of this issue, ELECTRONIC DESIGN covers some of the main developments of the big event. Another, and bigger, story will be forthcoming in the Sept. 14 issue.
(picture of a KIN TEL differential amplifier at work)

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If you measure the output of thermocouples, and the thermocouples are bonded to a rocket engine or almost any other grounded object and the distance between thermocouples and amplifers is more than a few feet, you should consider the above illustration carefully. While we'll admit your thermocouples probably aren't producing square waves, nine chances out of ten you do have a problem with 60 -cycle common-mode noise. Nearly everybody does.
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Before you send us that letter...the input scope photo is a double exposure. The square wave input signal was taken with the scope connected across points 1 and 2 (see drawing below) with $5 \mathrm{mv} /$ division sensitivity. To show the nolse. the scope was connected between points 2 and 3 , and sensitivity was $1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{d} / \mathrm{l} / \mathrm{s} / \mathrm{on}$. The scope on the output was set for $1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{d} / \mathrm{l} / \mathrm{s}$ lon sensifivity and. of course, no nolse is evident.


Specifications other than common-mode rejection are equally impressive. Linearity is $0.01 \%$ of ful scale ( 10 volt) output for either polarity, $0.02 \%$ scale ( 10 volt) output for either polarity, $0.02 \%$
of full scale for plus-to-minus or minus-to-plus of full scale for plus-to-minus or minus-to-plus polarities. Equivalent input arift is less than $2 \mu v$; Input impedance is 30 megohms, output impedance less than 0.25 ohms . Standard bandwidth is less than 3 db down at 80 cps , and the amplifier settles to within $99.9 \%$ of final value within 50 milliseconds for an output change of 5 volts. Plugin input and output filters allow bandwidth options from 3 cps to 120 cps , transient response as good as 25 milliseconds. Gain is 10 to 1000 in 5 steps. A front panel vernier control provides 1 to greater than 3.3 times continuous adjustment of each gain step. Gain stability is $\pm 0.05 \%$. Output capability is 10 volts at 10 milliamps. Ampliners have integral power supplies. Enclosures include mix-amplies and ports

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command from the ground station switche, Courier from the "standby" to the "active" mode. The satellite's VHF transmitter begins to telem eter, the beacons are shut down, and Courier s UHF transmitters are warmed up.

Upon receipt of VHF signals from the satellite, the ground station places the tracking antenna into a "sector scan" mode. In this mode the dish continuously scans an azimuth sector of about 10 deg , thus maintaining some contact with the satellite at all times. About 40 sec thereafter, Courier's UHF transmitters come on the air; receipt of UHF signals automatically stops sector scanning and places the antenna in an "automatic tracking" mode.

## Spinning Lens for Automatic Tracking

A spinning dielectric lens conically scans the secondary pattern of the antenna. Rotation at 1800 rpm gives a 30 cps amplitude modulated signal which is compared by a phase demodulator against 30 cps signals from a reference generator. Demodulator output provides error signals to the servo system which keep the antenna pointed at the satellite.
The 28 -foot dish has a slew speed of 15 deg sec and an acceleration rate of $12 \mathrm{deg} / \mathrm{sec}$. Pointing accuracy is 0.5 deg. at maximum slew speed and increases to 0.25 deg at slower rates. Beam widths are 18 deg at VHF and 1.3 deg at UHF.
The antenna handles simultaneous two-way transmission between satellite and ground. A four-channel rotary joint in the antenna feed provides continuous signal paths for each of two orthogonally polarized signals for azimuth and elevation movement of the antenna. Transmission from the ground is circularly polarized.

## Tape Recorders Read Out In Reverse

With the satellite acquired and automatically tracked on UHF, message handling begins. The satellite tape recorders, loaded with messages from another station are played back in reverse. Simultaneous two-way digital transmission is thus limited to the capacity of two recorders as two units are recording while two units are read out. There is, however, enough time during a pass to permit separate readout and recording of all four tapes if necessary.

The four UHF satellite receivers feed a baseband diversity combiner which mixes the inputs and essentially accepts the signal from the one receiver having the most favorable signal-tonoise ratio. Individual receiver failure does not interrupt communication.

The four UHF satellite transmitters operate in pairs, with one pair providing redundancy in the
ent of failure. Each of the two operating reivers are tuned to slightly different frequencies and are connected to separate antennas. Each 1ransmitter has an output of 8 watts, provided hy a planar triode of the 2C39 family. The four UHF transmitting tubes are the only tubes in ( ourier.

Satellite functions, including real time or delayed message handling, are controlled by 21 different ground commands. The initial command, which prepares the satellite for message handling, is transmitted on VHF as Courier crosses the horizon. The two VHF receivers in Courier are alternately turned on for 1 sec and off for 9 sec. As soon as either unit recuives a properly modulated signal, it is locked into the circuit and the switching is discontinwed.

## Telemetry Acknowledges Commands

Commands received on either VHF or UHF are acknowledged by keying of the lowest subcarrier oscillator in the VHF telemetry system. Six additional IRIG subcarriers, each commutated five times, provide 30 telemetry channels. Battery voltage, tape positions, transmitter power, received signal strength, and temperatures are among the information telemetered. However, four channels are redundant, giving a total of 26 telemetered parameters. Two telemetry transmitters, (one a spare) are installed. Each has an output of 1.5 w . Peak frequency deviation is $\pm 6 \mathrm{kc}$.
After message handling is completed, a final command shuts down the UHF and VHF transmitters and turns on the beacons. However, if tracking is interrupted at any time during the message, the satellite automatically returns to standby and turns on the beacon transmitters.

## Power Supply Details

Total power consumption of Courier is 225 watts in the active mode and 10 watts in standby. Power is supplied by 19,152 silicon solar cells which charge two 12 amp-hr $28-v$ nickel cadmium batteries. Average output of the cells is about 70 w which permits a duty cycle exceeding 10 per cent.
The cells are wired in series strings of 84 cells each. Two independent arrays of cells can be arranged to charge either or both batteries. In the event one battery is disabled, all cells are switched to the surviving battery and satellite operation continues without interruption.
Four VHF antennas consisting of flexible steel probes are mounted around the equator of the sate llite. Each antenna is fed by a separate transmit er. UHF antennas are notched fin assemblies mointed at opposite points of the satellite along its , quator. = -


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## NEWS

## WESCON Sets A New Tone

A ban against recruiting in the exhibit hall and a conspicuous absence of gimmicks were outstanding characteristics of the largest show yet staged by WESCON.

The 987 exhibit booths in the uew Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena and heavy schedule of provocative technical sessions offered a busy four days for what was estimated would be an engineer attendance in excess of 35,000 .

As if to further emphasize the break with the past as evidenced by the ban on recruiting and special efforts to enliven technical sessions, WESCON management dispensed with opening ceremonies.

Although there was no recruiting on the convention floor, it was too early when this story was written to determine the extent to which it would be carried on outside the arena. Some hotel suites had obviously been reserved for recruiting purposes. Still WESCON officials felt that their "gentleman's agreement" ruling out recruiting would establish an important precedent for industry conventions.

Dr. Eberhardt Rechtin, Telecommunication Division Chief at Jet Propulsion Laboratories, was awarded the 1960 Achievement Award of the 7th Region of the IRE. He is currently directing construction of the U.S. deep space tracking net.

A number of technical products


Microminiature fast-switching transistor announced by TI was one of the advances shown at WESCON.
not disclosed in pre-convention ar nouncements were unveiled ol opening day. Hughes Aircraft cre ated considerable interest by show ing a "parametric transistor" in the firm's hotel suite. The development tal model, a pooling of the talen of Lenkurt Electric Co.'s Dr. Vladi mir Vodicka for the circuit design and Hughes Semiconductor's Ranic Zuleeg for the transistor, was ope ${ }_{i}$ ating as a mixer-oscillator at fou kme.

Key to the success of the tran sistor mixer-oscillator was a circui designed at Lenkurt's advanced de velopment group by Dr. Vodick last February. Basic circuit is an oscillator with the entire input in pedance of the transistor being varied for efficient amplification o the input signal. The input of the transistor is current-tuned.
"This development should help to reduce the size of microwave re ceivers, lead to pocket radios handy talkies and has many appl cations in telemetering, and fre quency diversity-with possibilitie of simultaneous operation on fun damental and harmonic frequen cies," Mr. Zuleeg told ELEC TRONIC DESIGN.
Four semiconductor manufactur ers, by announcing the availability of microtransistors in rapid succes sion, have started the bandwagor rolling. Pacific Semiconductors, Inc showed their micro- and pico-tran sistor versions as at the IRE shon in New York last March, wher they announced prototypes. Texa Instruments had silicon mesa tran sistors bearing the company nam "Micromesa." From Rheem Sem conductor came the announceme of "Microbloc," another silico mesa type. Sylvania showed "pan cake transistors," germanium alld switching units. According to Sy vania, they chose the germaniu alloy type to build because it w the most difficult. Sylvania plans market the 0.070 in . high by 0.2 in. diameter devices as a standar case size.

Sulti-layer circuit boards, a de lopment of Litton Industries, cre a major WESCON attraction. 1 or details, see story on page 20 .) Among other new products on vew were Vitramon's minute cap.icitors which the company ${ }^{c}$ laimed were the first capacitors of such small size to be encapsulated iil pre-molded cases. Vitramon said the miniature diallyl phthalate plastic cases had passed tests for reliable and superior performance imder adverse conditions
American Optical Co. made its debut in the electronics instrument market with a new recording system. Called the Trace-Master, the system has been under development at the company's Instrument Div. in Buffalo, N.Y., for two years. The system operates at an amplitude of 4 cm . The "band-amplitude" product-bandwidth times ampli-tude-is nearly six times as high as previously attainable. Each of the eight independent modules can be set up, by means of plug-in modules, for accommodation of a wide variety of inout signals.
A new line of portable oscilloscopes, completely transistorized, that operate on internal, rechargeable batteries, ac power, or lowvoltage dc, were put on view by Electro Instruments, Inc., San Diego. The instruments weigh as little as 2 lb and measure $2-3 / 4 \mathrm{x}$ $3-1 / 4 \times 5-1 / 2$ in
Spectrol had hardware samples of its Model 80 subminiature trimming potentiometer line on display Corning Glass Works' electronic components department at Bradford, Pa., came up with 5 per cent tolerance, 1- and half-watt film reistors, priced at about 6 cents each lots of 5,000 .
The Data Instruments Division of tlecomputing Corp., N. Hollywood, Calif., showed the Tranqualizer, an instrument designed for onine compensation of transducing y tems with previously determined arameters.
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| Collector Voltage, Ve8s . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 12 volis |  |  |  |  |
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| Collector Voltage, VEEO ................................ -7 volis |  |  |  |  |
| Emithor Voltage, VEBO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . -2 volts |  |  |  |  |
| Collector Current, Ic . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . -100 |  |  |  |  |
| Device Dissipation @ $25^{\circ}$ |  |  |  |  |
| ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ( $\mathbf{T}=\mathbf{2 5}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |  |  |  |  |
| Characteristics | Condition | Min. | Typ. | Max. |
| Collector Cutoff Current, Icao | $V_{C B}=-5 v$ |  |  | -3 $\quad$ a |
| Current Amplification Factor, $\mathrm{h}_{\text {fo }}$ | $V_{\text {CEE }}=-0.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{c}}=-20 \mathrm{ma}$ | 25 |  |  |
| Collector Saturation Voltage, VCE (SAT) | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{c}}=-10 \mathrm{ma}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{g}}=-1 \mathrm{ma}$ |  |  | -0.24 volt |
| Base Input Voitage, YBE | $\mathrm{I}_{C}=-10 \mathrm{ma}, \mathrm{l}_{\mathrm{B}}=-1 \mathrm{ma}$ | -0.30 |  | -0.45 volf |
| Output Capacitance, $\mathrm{Cos}_{\mathrm{ob}}$ | $V_{\text {cs }}=-5 v_{1}, I_{E}=0$ |  |  |  |
| Gain Band-Width Product, it | $V_{C E}=-5 v^{\prime}, l_{E}=7 \mathrm{ma}$ | 600 | 800 | mc |
| Hole Storage Factor, $\mathrm{K}^{\prime}$ s | $\mathrm{l}_{\mathrm{B}}=-2 \mathrm{ma}$ |  | 15 | $30 \mathrm{~m} \mu \mathrm{sec}$ |
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## NEWS

## New IBM Optical Reader|ls

## System Uses Rotating Rasters To Recognize Written Characters

DESCRIPTION of a rotating-raster characterrecognition system under development for two years by International Business Machin s Corp.'s San Jose Products Development Laboratory was one of the high points of the recent Pacific General Meeting of the AIEE in San Diego.

A round-table discussion of radiation effects, a survey of the radiation resistance of many electronic components by two Bendix researchers, and a group of three radiation-effects symposia added emphasis to this topic during the four-day conference. Electronic reactor controls, solid-state devices, radio communication systems, and computing equipment also played majo roles during the meeting. Power-source technology, with emphasis on solar converters, was also a major topic.

The IBM rotating-raster system has been used to identify both machine and hand printed numbers according to R. W. Weeks of the Products Development Laboratory.
Identification was performed by means of statistical probabilities based on the number of times selected straight lines in an inclined TVlike raster intersected an unknown character. The raster was rotated to different angles so that various distributions of crossings were obtained for making a decision. IBM researchers used six lines in the raster, evenly spaced across a character, with six different inclinations in order to obtain 36 matrices-one for each scan line.
Each matrix consisted of 40 elements, one element for each digit, 0 through 9 for each type of possible crossing-that is zero, one, two or three. For the 36 scan lines this gave a total of 1440 individual statistics for the recognition process. These statistics were gathered by scanning a great number of machine and hand-written characters, and the numbers for each element ranged from zero to the total number of samples used. These data were normalized to a $1,000-$ sample norm and then converted to logarithms for ease in computation after a one was added to each value to eliminate zeros.
To identify an unknown character a set of 10 accumulators, one for each of the digits 0 to 9 , was used to reach a decision. For each of the 36 lines used a single value from the appropriate column of the matrix for that line was stored in each of the accumulators.
For example, referring to the table, if a pirr-


Six scan lines are shown crossing the figure 8 at iwo different inclinations. Number of crossings for each scan line at six inclinations were used in making identi fications. Box around the number is invisible to the scanner.
ficular one of the 36 lines crossed an unknown character two times, then column 2 of the matrix would be selected. This means that 0.98 would be stored in the 0 accumulator, 0.1 would be stored in the 1 accumulator, and so on through the column with 0.5 stored in the 9 accumulator. These logarithmic probability values are summed over the 36 lines, and then the accumulator with the highest total value identifies the character being sensed.
Selection of the six lines in the raster to use at each of the six angles was performed by a logical technique using an IBM 650 computer. The first line to cross a character and the last line to cross the character were determined, and the lines in between these were divided into seven equal groups. The last line in each of the first six groups was used.
In order to prevent the machine from making false decisions a reject level was set, so that the accumulator with the highest sum had to have a certain amount higher total than the next highest accumulator for a decision to be made.
With machine-printed characters no rejects were encountered, and 100 per cent recognition was obtained
Hand-written characters were obtained by having a group of college students write numerals inside of small rectangular boxes. The students were instructed to approximately fill the boxes and an example of the type of character to print was given to them. No rejects were encountered, y: per cent of characters were identified correctly, and 8 per cent errors resulted. Various terhniques for overcoming the high error rate with the hand-written characters were attempted, but little improvement could be obtained
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## NEWS

## Engineers Putting Echo To Work

Many Organizations Use Satellite For Complex Communications Tests

WITH off-again, on-again Project Echo at last in orbit, communications engineers are working overtime to obtain maximum use from the 100 -foot balloon during the few weeks that it is expected to remain aloft.
They expressed pleasure at the satellite's performance during its first ten days in orbit. It was said that the slight shifting of orbit due to pressure of the sun's rays would change tracking methods somewhat but would not alter the prognosis on Echo's life expectancy.
At last count, three separate teams were bouncing signals off Echo's aluminized mylar hide. Bell Telephone Laboratories and Jet Propulsion Laboratories, the official participants in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration project, are exchanging small talk via Echo between Holmdel, N.J. and Goldstone, Calif. Meanwhile, Philco's research division and the Rome Air Development Center have established a communications link from Rome, N.Y., to Trinidad in the Caribbean. Also hitching a free ride on Echo with NASA blessing is

Collins Radio and its Alpha Corp. sub sidiary in a hook-up between Cedas Rapids, Iowa, and Dallas.

Tiros Used in Tracking Tests
Bell and JPL scientists spent a busy fortnight before Echo was launched. First, tracking accuracy of the parabolic horn antenna and maser receiver sensitivity at Holmdel were tested by transmitting a $2,000-\mathrm{mc} \mathrm{cw}$ signal at 10 kw from the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington to Holmdel via the Tiros I weather satellite. Tracking information was supplied by the 709 computer at naSA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. which is now doing the same job in pointing the JPL and Bell Labs antennas at Echo.
About a week later, as a final check, the two organizations staged a two-way Kive telephone conversation via the moon using Echo equipment and frequencies all along the line. Only the satellite was different.
The JPL-Bell Labs experiments now being conducted with Echo include:


Control room at Holmdel during moon bounce experiments preceding Echo launch. Bill Jakes (left), Echo project engineer, and C. C. Cutler, Asst. Director of electronics and radio research at Bell Labs, talk to JPL via moon. Equip. ment and frequencies during this test are identical to Echo experiment.


Aiming data for Echo transmissions is computed by IBM 709 at Goddard Space Flight Center and relayed to terminals by land line. Tracking is further aided by beacon in satellite, and optical and radar tracking at Goldstone and Holmdel.

- Voice communications, including tests of the $\pm 30 \mathrm{kc}$ deviation fm system being used.
- Measurement of reflective properties of the sphere including polarization of reflected signals, faraday rotation and doppler shift.
- Check of propagation theory against measured results.
- Transmission of teletype and other modulation methods.


## Horn Antenna Cuts Thermal Noise

Transmissions from Holmdel to Goldstone are at 960 mc . Simultaneous transmission in the opposite direction is at 2390 mc , with power in each instance 10 kw . Signals are received at Holmdel by a $50-\mathrm{ft}$ long steerable parabolic horn antenna having a $400-\mathrm{ft}$ sq aperture. This design minimizes back and side lobes which pick up thermal noise from the earth. The resultant temperature of the antenna is about 2 K .
The horn feeds into a pair of right-and-left polarized, three-level traveling-wave maser amplifiers. The stronger of the two polarizations is selected for boosting and conversion to 70 mc by parametric amplifier converters.
Holmdel transmissions are via a 60 foot parabelic dish. At Goldstone, twin, $85-\mathrm{ft}$ diam parabr loids are used both for transmission and recejtion. The JPL receiver employs a varactor dinde parametric amplifier instead of a maser an plifier because of the lower frequency of the


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Surface passivation also prevents significant degeneration of parameters during circuit life which could introduce error or failure in the matrix. This technique also lends itself to precisely controlled manufacture, assuring excellent product uniformity.


FO200 ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ except as noted)

| symbol | Chametaristic | min. | Typical | max. | Test Conalitions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $v_{\text {F }}$ | Forward Voltoge |  |  | 1.0 V | If $=100 \mathrm{~mA}$ |
| IR | Revorse Current |  |  | 0.1 m | $V_{R}=-150 \mathrm{~V}$ |
| IR | Reverse Current ( $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |  |  | $100 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | $V_{R}=-150 \mathrm{~V}$ |
| Bv | Breakdown voltage | 200 V |  |  | $i_{R}=100 \mu A$ |
| $t_{\text {tr }}$ | Reverse Recovery |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 50.0 \\ & m_{\mu} \mathrm{sec} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 \\ I_{8}=30 & =30 \mathrm{~mA} \end{array} R_{L}=15012$ |
| $c_{0}$ | Capacitance |  |  | 5.0رn ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{R}}=0 \mathrm{~V} \quad 1=1 \mathrm{mc}$ |
| RE | Rectification Forward Vollage Yomperatura coefficient | 35\% | -1.8 mV/oc |  | 100 mc |



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## NEWS



Parabolic horn antenna at Holmdel tracks Echo with minimum thermal noise. "There seems to be little room for improvement insofar as ncise is concerned," said one Bell Labs engineer of the big horn. Maser amplifier and other receiving gear are housed in cab at the small end of the horn.
east-to-west transmission. Over-all system noise of the JPL antenna-receiver combination is about 300 K in contrast with approximately 6 K of noise for the horn-maser combination at Bell Laboratories.

## Miniature Beacons Aid Tracking

Tracking of the balloon has been greatly facilitated by the mounting of two miniature radio beacons onto the satellite. Last April, at the time of the first attempt to orbit Echo, considerable difficulty in tracking the balloon was expected. "About 80 per cent of our effort in terms of manpower and equipment involves tracking," a JPL scientist said. An engineer at Bell Labs noted that "A beacon on the satellite would make our job a darn sight easier."

The delay in a second launching attempt permitted the development of suitable beacons for the purpose by RCA. The beacons are mounted on opposite sides of the balloon and linked together by thin, printed circuit cables. Each unit consists of a $0.5-0 z$ transistorized transmitter, a miniature storage battery and an array of 70 solar cells. The components are encased in a molded foam plastic disc weighing 11 oz and 10 in . across. The beacons fit snugly against the side of the balloon and contain spring loaded whip antennas which unfold upon ejection of the balloon from its container.
Each of the solar cell arrays is sufficient to power both units. The transmitters radiate about 5 mw at 107.94 and 107.97 mc . - -

## mage-Tube Development Provides mportant Aids To Astronomers

Photoelectric image intensifiers or image tubes ave already increased telescope speeds by as mich as 30 times, and have the potential of ineasing them by a factor of 100 .
Three recent investigations using image tubes, well as development of the tubes used in two of these three projects, were sponsored by the ational Science Foundation.
Development of image tubes has been carried on by the Carnegie Institution of Washington through the Carnegie Committee on Image Tubes for Telescopes, initially with funds provided by the Carnegie Corp. and more recently under NSF grants totaling $\$ 385,000$.
One investigation used an image tube called an "electronic camera" developed with French Government funds by A. Lallemand and M. Duchesne of the Paris Observatory. Lallemand is a pioneer in image-tube development and was one of the first to point out the potential advantages of such a device. In the LallemandDuchesne tube, the electrons are focused directly on a photographic plate, rather than on a phosphor screen.


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## Peltier Cooling Uset Wi

## Holds Unit Temperature to 110 F: 64 Thermocouples in Cooling Plate

PELTIER cooling is employed in a new pack age designed to dissipate heat generated $\mathrm{b}_{\mathrm{i}}$ gyro servo components. The manufacturer claims the development can get rid of 65.3 w of heat to ambient air at 140 F .

The component holds the gyro unit temperature to 110 F . Heat is transferred via internal air to the case, from the case by conduction to a stable-platform aluminum housing, which, in turn is cooled by the new unit.

Manufactured by Airesearch Manufacturing Div. of the Garrett Corp., Los Angeles, the heat pump uses 64 thermoelectric couples formed into a cooling plate. Heat in the gyro platform housing is drawn out by the thermoelectric couples and vented overboard by a fan through a plate and fin heat exchanger.
A total of $20 \mathrm{amp}, 5.5 \mathrm{v}$ dc-110 w power in-put-is needed for the Peltier unit. According to Alfred L. Johnson, Jr., senior project engineer, and William Ferris, project design engineer, the new gyro platform cooler is first in a line of Peltier heat pumps. A more complex unit using two fans and more complex heat exchanging construction is currently on the drawing boards. "Gyro platforms must exist in a 140 C environment according to specifications," Mr. Johnson says, "but they're usually built to withstand only 140 C. No margin for error." Another unit being designed will cool down to -125 C , according to Mr. Johnson. New materials are expected to


Designers Ferris and Johnson (right) show their new cooling package using Peltier technique. Heat in gyro plafform is drawn out by thermoelectric couples and vented overboard by a fan through a plate and fin heat exchanger.
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1ermit a 50 per cent increase in efficiency of I eltier coolers within about two months, and, Mr. Johnson says, there is no reason Airesearch (i)uldn't get down to liquid nitrogen temperatures with this efficiency increase. This would provide a refrigerator system for cryogenic gyros, among other applications.
Peltier cooling uses electrons as an energy transport fluid. As electrons pass from one leg of a thermocouple to another they pass from one energy level to another. "So far as the math is concerned," Mr. Johnson says, "the system is identical to a standard Freon system. At a lower energy level, the electrons are close together like the molecules in the liquid Freon state. At the higher energy level, the electrons are farther apart, corresponding to the gaseous Freon state."
The difference in electron energy is made up by absorbing or rejecting thermal energy, pumping it from a cool source to the heat sink. Advantages of Peltier cooling include good reliability, higher heat sink temperatures, and the ease with which a given static temperature may be maintained. ■ -

## TWT's Used in Program For Space Temperature Research

The radio telescope at Bonn University Observatory in Germany will be used for an intensive investigation into the temperatures prevailing in interstellar gas.
Special dual channel amplifying equipment using two low noise type N1017 Traveling Wave Tubes in cascade in each channel, has been supplied to the university by Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd.
The radio telescope, an $83-\mathrm{ft}$ diam parabolic mirror mounted on a pyramidal tower about 60 ft high, scans the sky picking up the cosmic continuum radiation emanating from galactic and extragalactic radio sources. The signals in the neighborhood of the hydrogen line frequency $(1+20 \mathrm{mc})$ are amplified by one pair of traveling wave tubes, the other amplifying reference noise signals from a resistor at a known temperature. The outputs from the two amplifying channels ari detected, integrated and compared and the ef ctive cosmic temperature determined; from thise, data contour maps are prepared. So accu ate has the system proved in initial tests that a liscrimination of 0.1 K has been achieved.

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## MAGNETIC MATERIALS SECTION GENERAL (96) ELECTRIC

 tron plots trip lines from the tape and displays them on a cathode-ray tube whose image is focused on a photographic plate. Since any number of trips can be plotted on the tube during a single exposure, the result is a map showing traffic density. Tape data can be selected to generate traffic maps for a variety of conditions such as rush hours, truck trips only, or city-bound traffic only. The entire trip, or merely the origin and destination points can be plotted as required.Information from about 370,000 questionnaires gathered by the Chicago Area Transportation


Automobile traffic density in Chicago area as plotted by the Cartographatron. Each trip made by a vehicle is represented by a trace from its point of origin to its destination. Together, the thousands of traces provide a visual display of traffic density.

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Time, origin, destination, and other trip data derived from the questionnaires are stored in digital form on magnetic tape. The Cartographa-

Map of Auto Density Results From Data Fed Into Computer

$\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{p}}$PHOTOGRAPHIC data plotter for rapid and convenient display of automobile traffic distribution has been developed at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago. Called the Cartographatron, the instrument records on film the thousands of trips made by Chicago motorists who answered questionnaires in a recent trans portation survey.

## tte <br> Puts Theory Onto Tube



CONDITIONS ON SELECTION FACTORS

Cortographatron processes traffic data from mag netic tape to give visual display of traffic density. Decision unit is programed to select only those trips required for a particular study. Origin and destination of each trip is then plotted on the cathode-ray tube. If required, the two points can be connected by a trace.

Study is contained in 21 reels of tape which can be processed in about 3-1/2 hours. Trip records are read and displayed at a rate of approximately 48 per sec.
Only one Cartographatron has been built to date-this at a cost of $\$ 68,500$. Having completed its work in Chicago, the device will next be used for transportation studies in Pittsburgh and for air traffic studies by the Federal Aviation Agency. - -

## Signal Corps Orders Radios To Replace 3 Current Models

The Signal Corps has authorized the Speciality Electronics Development Corp., Syosset, N.Y., to produce a radio receiver to replace three existing models.

The FM receivers, which will be part of communications sets that cover the range 19.9 to 70.1 mc , were termed "interim" models by the Signal Corps. Depending on the design of the transmitter to be used in conjunction with the receivers, they ultimately may be modified or rejected. -
The receivers produced under the $\$ 600,000$ negotiated contract use transistors and tubes in circuits designed and developed by the Signal Corps. The units use modular construction and have the dimensions $5 \times 7 \times 9 \mathrm{in}$.
Designated as R745, the receivers will be part of the pack and vehicular communications apparatus PRC-12 or VRC-25. The receivers replace R105, R109 and R110, each covering a third of the band to be covered by one unit.

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| Temp. | 2 2746 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 45 | 60 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 20 |
| Range | 2N747 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 25 | 60 | 0.6 | 4.0 | 25 |
| $-65{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ 80 | 2N748 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 30 | 30 | 0.6 | 4.0 | 25 |
| $+175^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 2N748 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 45 | 10* | - | 4.0 | 60 |
|  | 2 27750 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 50 | $7 *$ | - | 4.0 | 25 |
|  | 2N751 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 20 | 4* | - | 4.0 | 12 |
|  | 2N789 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 45 | 15 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 6 |
|  | 2N790 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 45 | 25 | 1.0 | 7.0 | d |
|  | 2N791 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 45 | 40 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 11 |
|  | 2 W792 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 45 | 60 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 8 |
|  | 2N793 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 45 | 150 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 13 |

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## NEWS

## Multi-layer Printed Circuits Are Announced at WESCON

Commercially available multi-layer printed circuit boards were announced by Litton Industries, Beverly Hills, Calif. at WESCON.

Development of the multi-layered etched laminates was described at the Electronic Circuit Packaging Symposium at the University of Colorado a few days before WESCON opened. Norman J. Schuster, Litton design engineer, disclosed that the multi-layer boards are now being in cluded in a Litton airborne digital computer which has 70,000 to 80,000 parts. The use of fourlayer rather than conventional single-layer boards reduced size by over 50 per cent for regular cards and 70 per cent for the logic section of the computer, including coiling and other equipment but not power supplies or memories. Cards are now available commercially.
Getting required dimensional stability to match up thousands of contacts could not be achieved using a thermoplastic teflon base, Mr. Schuster reported. Excellent results were achieved, however, when Litton shifted to a thermosetting material.
High interbus capacitance, where bus strips must parallel each other along the cards, was one of the problems encountered. In one application, this factor was found to be an advantage because shunt capacitance to ground was added to a circuit for better filtering action.
Several boards are printed, plated and etched in the Litton process, and then bonded together. Pin-type connectors are brought of the end of the boards. Experiments showed that platedthrough holes could be used, although this has not yet been found necessary in Litton designs.

Microfilmed Missile Documents


All of the engineering documents for the entire guided missile program are stored in the cabinets above. Small space is all that is required at Redstone Arsenal Ala., to maintain this active file of 850,000 documents on microfilm in aperture cards.

## ICROBLOC RT697M

## Rheem's new solid-design silicon mesa transistor!

## WELDED HERMETIC SEAL

The MICROBLOC RT697M is the first microminiature silicon mesa transistor with a guaranteed welded hermetic seal. The glass sealing and weltion are the same techniques the industry production are the same techniques the industry has tested and perfected over the years, in the manufacture of milions of transistors. Each -a helium leak test and a, Joy bomb test-to re a vacuum-tight seal.

## RO SIZE

MICROBLOC RT697M is .063 inches flat, 211 es in diameter, weighs only $1 / 4, \mathrm{gram}$. and occupies $1 / 7$ th the volume of the standard 2N697

## ROVED ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

new Rheem transistor has a three watt power pation-50\% more than the standard 2N697. At: cooler running junctions to assure wider y margins and greater reliability. The MICROC RT697M also has a 35 volt guaranteed miniswitchback voltage with base open, controlled signal parameters and meets or exceeds every specification of the 2N697.

## ID DESIGN

ts name suggests, MICROBLOC is virtually a block - a silicon crystal embedded in an optimum
dimensioned, gas tight, hermetically sealed, welded block that is essentially all heat sink. There are no fragilely suspended internal leads or non-integrated elements, and the crystal is protected from welding mechanically the MICROBLOC RT697M design is mechanically more stable, more resistant to shock and stand at least 1500 Grevious transistor. It will withand is guaranteed to survive thermal shock and temperature cycling per MIL-S-19500B. (Additional data will be published as more stringent tests are completed.)

## APPLICATION

The MICROBLOC RT697M is tailored for highdensity applications, such as micro modules and minruture circuit boards. In addition, because of its cooler ment for standard size transistors in applications where wider safety margins and great reliability are required. (Rheem will also continue to offer its standard 2N697, TO-5 package, per MIL-S-19500/99A.)

## OTHER MICROBLOC TYPES

Rheem is now producing a complete new series of MICROBLOC silicon mesa transistors. There is a MICROBLOC type for every electrical function that can be performed by transistors up to a 1 amp . current level. For full details, see your Rheem representative. AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

## Discoverer XIV Carrying Gear For Optical Tracking Experiment

Discover XIV, whose instrument capsule was snared in mid air by a U.S. Air Force plane as it came down over the Pacific, carried an additional payload for comparative tracking tests in connection with the Navy's Transit --A navigation satellite.
The mid air catch, widely regarded as a noteworthy achievement, was overshadowed, however, by the recovery in the Soviet Union of a five-ton space vehicle carrying two dogs and other life.

A doppler transmitter package and a flashing light beacon are along for the ride and tracking stations are comparing results obtained with both doppler and optical tracking. The experiment is continuing beyond the usual lifetime of Discoverer satellites, whose value terminates with ejection of the capsule shortly after launching.
The Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins, designers of the Transit system supplied the payload for Discoverer XIV and is manning tracking stations in Florida, New Mexico and Hawaii.
The flashing lights are seen on earth with a brightness equivalent to an eighth-magnitude star and must be observed through a telescope. If optical tracking proves feasible, Transit's future value to navigation may extend to vessels unable to afford receiving and computing equipment required to make use of the system.

Project Mercury Consoles Completed


Project Mercury display console is checked over before shipment from Stromberg-Carlson-San Diego, Div. of General Dynamics Corp., to Cape Canaveral. Several control center consoles built under subcontract to Bell Telephone Labs have been delivered to the Cape and Bermuda, where another control station will be located. A Project Mercury flight controller team will monitor data about an astronaut, the capsule and the flight.

## AXIMUM RATINGS AT $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ AMBIENT (unless otherwise noted)

ollector-- Base Voltage
Dllector--Emitter Voltage (Base Open Circuit)
mitter--Base Voltage
anse $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
All units are stabilized before testing at $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

## ECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS AT $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ AMBIENT

PARAMETERS
Collector Reverse Current
D.C Forward Current Transfer Ratio Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage
A.C Common-Emitter Forward

Current Transfer Ratio
Collector Capacitance
ALL SIGNAL PARAMETERS
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Common Base Input Impedance
Common Base Voltage Feedback Ratio
Common Base Output Admittance
enlarged microbloc OUTLINE
DIMENSIONS IN INCHES
$\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{cB}}=30 \mathrm{v} \quad \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{E}}=0$
$\mathbf{I}_{\mathrm{c}}=150 \mathrm{ma} \quad \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CE}}=10 \mathrm{v}$
$\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{C}}=150 \mathrm{ma} \quad \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{B}}=15 \mathrm{ma}$
$\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{C}}=50 \mathrm{ma} \quad \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CE}}=10 \mathrm{vf}=20 \mathrm{mc}$
$\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{E}}=0 \quad \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CB}}=10 \mathrm{vf}=\mathrm{ImC}$
$\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{c}}=1 \mathrm{~mA} \quad \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{c}}=5 \mathrm{v}$
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| - | .005 | 1.0 | $\mu \mathrm{~A}$ |
| 40 | 75 | 120 | - |
| - | 0.7 | 1.5 | $v$ |
| 2.5 | 5 | - | - |
| - | 20 | 35 | $\mu \mu \mathrm{f}$ |
| 30 | 70 | - | - |
| 20 | 26 | 30 | ohms |
| $160 \times 10^{-6}$ | $250 \times 10^{-6}$ |  |  |
|  |  | 1.0 | $\mu$ mhos |

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## Helpful new booklet suggests drafting, engineering shortcuts

Just published-"DRAFTING SHORTCUTS" is a completely new booklet of helpful ideas and aids for engineers, draftsmen and students. It is well illustrated, clearly and logically written. It contains a wealth of time-saving tips to speed both routine and specialized tasks.
The ideas selected were submitted by professionals and judged by an impartial panel of widely recognized authorities on the various topics covered.
As an example, the section covering Calculating Ideas includes a simple means of locating stress points on cantilevered beams, also a simple method for retaining fundamental trigonometric relations.

In the section on Drafting Shortcuts, our editors have come up with topics like a simplified, fast and easy method for drawing gear teeth profiles and a rapid means of showing twisted wire elements.

The Engineering Data section covers new, easy-to-use shortcuts to formulas and engineering data.
There's a special section devoted to time-saving techniques on the drawing board, too. One of the suggestions on how to make life easier for the draftsman tells how to use a bent paper clip as a variable guide for making section lines.
 ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT \& DRAFTING SUPPLIES - FIELD EQUIPMENT \& DRAFTING FURNITURE

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WASHINGTON \& REPORT

## Ephraim Kahn

MORE CONTROLLED AIRSPACE is proposed by the Federal Aviation Agency. It would drop to $14,500 \mathrm{ft}$ (from the present $24,000 \mathrm{ft}$ ) the floor above which exists the "continental control area." Comments on the agency's proposal will be accepted from industry and other interested parties until 0ct. 13. The increase in traffic control has been made possible because of electronic communications and improved control systems.

COMPETITION IN NEGOTIATED BUYING, a sore point with the Defense Department since it is under intermittent fire from Congressmen for letting contracts by methods other than competitive bidding, is being given careful study. To bolster its contention that negotiated contracts are often placed only after a number of firms have had a crack at meeting the military's requirements, the Defense Department has instituted a new system of reporting on new contracts. It will show the volume of negotiated pactsbut it will also indicate the extent to which design competition, price competition, technical competition, or sole-source negotiation have figured in the deal. This breakdown will be given for "follow-on" contracts as well, which have been regarded as sole-source purchases.

DEFENSE CONTRACTING RATE WILL RISE during the rest of this year and on into 1961. The Administration and the Pentagon have agreed that some of the extra $\$ 703$ million voted by Congress to the military will be spent, not saved. Furthermore, it is apparent that the military is making plans that are based on the idea that more money will be coming their way next year, no matter which candidate wins the Presidency. There are, of course, substantial amounts that have not yet been committed. In addition, cancellations of contracts will result in a turn-back of funds which can be re-apportioned to projects that seem promising.
U.S.-CANADIAN COORDINATION of military R\&D as well as purchasing has been ordered by the Defense Department. Efforts to have the U.S. buy more in Canada, or at least to give Canadian firms (including subsidiaries of U.S. companies) a "Pair opportunity" will be increased, and the Defense Department will keep closer tabs on military contracts placed there. Heretofore, much U.S. military buying in Canada has been related to the electronic earlywarning systems that are located there. To help balance international accounts, the suggestion has been made that Canada's CL-44 transport airplanes be swapped for the two squadrons of Bomarc missiles Canada plans to acquire.

NEW MAINTENANCE POLICY for military weapons and equipment will work changes in the type of work now being done by commercial firms, but probably will not have a significant effect on total volume. The new policy requires the military to do its own tactical maintenance work, but directs the use of contractors whenever feasible at higher echelons. Objective is to assure the military has "the minimum capacity necessary to insure a ready and controlled source of technical competence and resources to meet military contingencies." Recurring and predictable maintenance workloads will clearly be the most Pruitful source of work for contractors, as a general rule. But it would appear as though new weapons systems will also provide opportunities, at least until they have become thoroughly familiar to troops. The Defense Department notes that consideration to contract maintenance is to be given "when it is desirable to augment military maintenance capability for an interim period to attain an earlier operational status for new military material being introduced."

INDUSTRIAL SECURITY PROCEDURES of the Defense Department have been modified in line with a Supreme Court decision. Employes of contractors now can, in most situations, confront and cross-examine persons who accuse them of things which might result in suspension, or denial, of the employe's right of access to classified information. Documents involved may be examined, as well. Exceptions to the right of confrontation will be made if the head of the government agency involved says there is "good and sufficient reason" to refrain from disclosing the informant's identity, and if the informant is a bona fide intelligence operative or is physically unable to appear. Hearings are held before boards which have no power to subpoena. This is expected to make it more difficult for the government to substantiate allegations since witnesses in security risk cases often are reluctant to appear voluntarily.

NEED FOR SHORTER LEAD-TIME has again been stressed by General Trudeau, chief of Army R\&D. He wants "more rapid and intensive exchanges of information between industry and the Army at every stage of development . . . new procedures for expedited development such as overlapping and telescoping phases of the R\&D cycle . . . conducting user and engineering testing concurrently or on a combined basis, and starting production engineering and tooling as early in the development cycle as possible."

ARMY'S RESEARCH NEEDS for aircraft over the next decade involve substantial problems in electronics and design. Major job for design engineers in the electronics field would be instrument packages for manned deep-penetration surveillance aircraft, as well as for drones. In addition, extensive work will have to be done on the development and testing of sensors for target acquisition, equipment for processing and interpreting the data returned by the aircraft, and avionics equipment that will meet the high standards of performance and reliability that will have to be built into future manned aircraft if they are to be sufficiently effective under combat conditions.


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## NEWS

## Transitron Plans Research Into Passive Component Field

Transitron Electronics Corp. plans to begın research on passive electronic components in a $400,000-\mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ facility now being occupied in Buston.
The company has up to now been known for its work in semiconductors, and it has not produced passive components.
Much Transitron research effort is also being directed at the thermoelectricity field. Lead telluride elements are now being sampled. Silicides are also being investigated, according to a company spokesman.
Transitron will begin marketing tunnel diodes and microtransistors later this year

## CHANGES IN

## PRICE \& AVAILABILITY

ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITORS have been increased 5 per cent in price by Astron Corp. of East Newark, N.J. and General Electric Co. of Hudson Falls, N.Y.

POWER SUPPLY, Model 3225, has been reduced in price by Power Instruments Corp. of El Segundo, Calif. This unit, originally costing $\$ 198$, is now available from stock at $\$ 160$.

CRYSTAL SILICON has been reduced 6 to 28 per cent in price by Merck \& Co., Inc. of Rahway, N.J. The 150 ohm-cm P types, were cut from $\$ 1.55$ to $\$ 1.39$ a gram. Polycrystalline billets, with a boron content of less than one part in 6-million, dropped from 61 to 44 cents a gram.

TIPERSUL, a fibrous potassium titanate insulation material for $2,000 \mathrm{~F}$ applications has been reduced in price by E. I. du Pont de Nemours \& Co., Inc. of Wilmington, Dela. The loosefibre form of the material is reduced from $\$ 16.50$ to $\$ 5.10 \mathrm{lb}$. The price for lumps and cut lumps is now $\$ 4.25$ and $\$ 4.50 \mathrm{lb}$ respectively.

## Accuracy Is Our Policy . . .

On p 24 of the June 8 issue, General Instrument Corp. was incorrectly identified as being located in Elizabeth, N.J. Its correct address is Newark, N.J.

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## Fortune Predicts 'Shakeout' For Electronics Industry

I slowdown over the next 10 years in the rate of growth of the electronics industry, resulting in a "shakeout" of vulnerable companies, is anticipated in an article in Fortune magazine.
"It is clear," says Fortune, "that the industry cannot continue to expand at the rate of the past decade, almost 15 per cent a year compounded, or three and one-half times as fast as all industrial production. On the highest projections now being made by serious economists and market researchers the industry's growth in the 1960's will not exceed 9 per cent a year. On the most conservative projections, the industry will expand by 4 per cent a year, or slightly less than the rate Fortune has projected for all industrial production."
Estimates contained in the article picture the industry growing from about $\$ 10$ billion in factory sales this year to $\$ 13-18$ billion by 1965 , and to $\$ 15.2$-19.8 billion by 1970 .
These values are based on a growth rate of the "crucial" government market estimated in the article at 3.5 to 8.7 per cent per year for the 10 -year period. The five-year average for 1955-1960 is reported to be 15 per cent.
Sales of industrial equipment, which Fortune rates as the most hopeful area of growth for the industry, are predicted to rise from about $\$ 1.8$ billion this year to $\$ 5.75$ billion by 1970 .
Because of the leveling off of the industry's growth rate and the fact that "survival requires a much broader range of attributes" than being able to develop a single innovation and riding it successfully for a while, Fortune concludes that "many companies now in the industry won't be around five or 10 years hence."

## No Need to Handle Goods In Electronic Supermarket

An electronic supermarket where the customer never handles the goods, has been demonstrated in model form to retail trade experts in London. The full-scale model incorporates an automatic method of warehousing coupled with an electronic system of order-taking. The customer has no loaded wire basket to steer around the store. She simply makes her choice, which is recorded on a card pushed into a processing machine at the cashier's desk.
While the customer pays for the goods, the cashier presses a button to set in motion the aut omatic dispensing from the warehouse. By the time the customer walks to the delivery col nter, the goods are ready to collect.

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*SHOCKLEY 4-LAYER DIODES used in typical multiple-stage ring counter circuit.

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vironmental conditions must be met, the MIL-LINE diode is available. Standard commercial 4-layer diodes are suggested for low cost, non-military ap. plications. If your circuits involve ring counters, consider Shockley 4-layer diodes for faster, more dependable operation. For application notes on ring counters, how to make flip-flops, drive relays, convert DC to AC, pulse magnetrons, or for suggestions about the use of 4-layer diodes in the circuit you are developing now...call or write your local Shockley representative or write Dept. 12-2.

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We at General Electric appreciate this respect for relay performance. Relay tasks are normally too critical to risk compromising reliability no matter what the gain-small size not excepted.

That's why performance always comes first in General Electric sealed relays. But we haven't forgotten the importance of miniaturization either. In fact, General Electric designers have pioneered in minaturized relays four times in the past ten years - Miniature (1951), Micro-miniature (1955), and 4-pole and Unimite (1959). Each relay represents an advance in performance, as well as a reduction in size.
Superior performance is no accident with General Electric sealed relays. It is the product of General Electric's advanced technology, ever improving
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## EDITORIAL

## Consider the Digital Computer

Despite the vital role they've played and the important contributions they've made to the computer art, electronic design engineers haven't taken advantage of the digital computer as a tool. The growth of the digital computer as a mighty tool for business and industry can be attributed, in large measure, to electronics designers.
Yes, with the very important exception of those who design computers, the number of electronics engineers who use a digital computer in design is surprisingly small. There are many "reasons" for their reluctance to investigate this powerful tool, but in general, the "reasons" are faulty, as shown in this issue's staff report.
The "literature" hasn't helped the engineer; it certainly hasn't stimulated him to consider using a computer. Almost every article on applying digital computers in design work has stressed a single application. Thus, an article might explore the details of a specific application of a computer in the design of pulse transformers.
Of course, such an article can have tremendous value to pulsetransformer designers. But its value to other engineers is quite limited. More often than not, others are left with the feeling that computers are useful in pulse-transformer design, ". . . but I can't use a computer in my job."
To help offset this attitude, and to encourage designers to investigate the potential of digital computers, Electronic Design presents in this issue a completely different approach. Here are listed dozens of applications of digital computers by forward-looking electronic design engineers. None of the applications is explored in depth. Rather, all are presented in breadth with the hope that they will stimulate other electronic designers to-Consider the Digital Computer.


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PARADOXICAL as it may seem, electronics designers, by and large, are not using digital computers. Electronics designers have raised the digital computer from its "electronic curiosity" status a decade ago to its current status of an indispensable tool for business and industry.
These men have sold the world on the advantages of using digital computers. But they have not sold themselves.
They have seen the computer industry grow from a sideline of major business-machine companies (like International Business Machines and Remington-Rand) to a vast, dynamic industry with a whole train of peripheral industries manufacturing input-output equipment, logic modules, core memories, external storage devices, and a variety of supporting products.

In a period of two or three years, they have seen small, relatively unheard-of-companies (like Control Data Corp.) become important forces in the industry with machines that rival some of the most powerful computers built. In recent months they've heard some of the country's major industrial giants (like Radio Corp. of America and General Electric) proclaim that they're out to capture a sizable chunk of the computer market.

Yet, by and large, electronics engineers do not use computers in their work.

## Computer Accomplishments <br> Do Not Stir Engineers

They seem unmoved by reports of the monumental accounting, operational, statistical, and other specialized problems which computers have solved for business, industry and government. They may learn, for example, that Reming-ton-Rand's Solid State 80 is keeping track of some 4 million publications issued by the Navy. Or they may learn how Remington-Rand's 1105's are helping the 1960 census.

Questioned on this score, an electronic design engineer is likely to answer: "A computer is great for paperwork. But I do creative work. A computer can't help me."

Here and there in the literature, they have seen how computers have helped civil engineers, mechanical engineers, thermodynamics engineers, optics engineers, and electrical engineers. They may have noticed that Massachusetts Institute of Technology has established a computer laboratory (with the IBM 650) for civil engineering students.

They may have read that the National Broach \& Machine Co. is using a Bendix G-15 to help design gear-shaving cutters, gear-honing tools, master gears, and broaching tools. Or they may learn that Kollmorgen Optical Corp. is using

Librascope's LGP-30 to help design lenses for precision optical systems.
Occasionally, they read about a rewarding application of digital computers by electronic design engineers. They may learn that Westing. house is using an IBM 704 to design power transformers-or that Arma is using a Burroughs 203 to design pulse transformers.
Even these dramatic examples do not seem to inspire the average electronic design engineer. "Sure, they can use computers to design trans. formers," he's likely to say, "but I design audio amplifiers. I can't use a computer."

## Why Electronics Engineers

Do Not Use Digital Computers
Though several hypotheses have been offered nobody knows for certain why so few electronics engineers have taken advantage of digital computers. The leading "reasons" engineers giv include:

1. "Computers are too darned expensive."
2. "It takes too long to program a computer By the time I write a program, I could have solved the problem."
3. "We have a computer but it's only good for payrolls."
4. "We have too few major design problems to justify renting a computer. Computers are only useful to large companies with large engineering departments."

## Eng neers Do Not Know

## Hov Quickly They Can Learn

Of course, in many cases, engineers don't know how quickly they can learn to use a computir. Using compilers like IBM's Fortran or Remington-Rand's Mathnatic, engineers have learned to use even large computers in two days. To a usable extent, these compilers translate English into computer language
Dr. J. J. Sopka, mathematics consultant at the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder, offers still another explanation of why electronics engiheers don't use computers. "They don't think heir problems all the way through," he says.
"They like to formulate a problem in stages. They'll breadboard the first stage of a problem and wait for the answers to that before they start working on the next stage."
For small-equipment designs, Dr. Sopka points vut, this can be a satisfactory approach. But it rould be an awful way to do a job with a computer. To use a computer to best advantage, it s necessary to think a problem all the way through. As much as possible, one should give the computer alternative courses based on expected results at each stage.

## Why Electronics Engineers

## hould Consider The Computer

Dr. Sopka's hypothesis on why electronics angineers do not use computers is certainly plausible and its solution is rather obvious. The ther objections are answered almost as easily. 1. It is certainly true that computers are exensive, but once installed, they often seem to ind jobs for themselves, and just as often they an pay for themselves very quickly.
2. For short, "one-shot" designs, it may not be rorth while to use a computer-especially if setp time is long compared with the manuallesign time. But even for short jobs, the optinized results which a computer can yield can rake it worth while.
Further, there are many computer-users' rganizations which have programs available to olve many specific design problems. These roups include: POOL, an association of RoyalIcBee computer users; EXCHANGE, the Bendix omputer-users' group; Remington-Rand's Univac cientific Exchange; and IBM's SHARE.
3. No computers are good "only for payrolls." iven machines which are best-suited to payroll Ind large record-keeping jobs can be used by lectronics engineers. Most forward-looking comany managements are eager to have their engiers use available machine time. (Unfortunately, his time is, in many cases, available only after am on a Sunday.)
4. Even the organization with few design roblems can use computers. Where it may not
be economical to rent a computer, it may be wise to take advantage of some of the computer service organizations. Companies like C-E-I-R (Arlington, Va.), Computer Services Inc. (Englewood, N.J.), Marc Shiowitz and Associates (Hawthorne, Calif.), William M. Wolf Co. (Boston), and General Kinetics Inc. (Arlington, Va.) provide a variety of useful services.
They will rent time on their computers; they will make available the services and advice of expert programers and other computer personnel; or they will simply take over a problem and try to solve it for a fee.
There are many, many cases where an engineer will find it well worth while to discuss his design problems with a computer manufacturer or a computer service organization.
The survey which follows illustrates how many electronics engineers have reaped the benefits of computers. It is hoped that this survey will stimulate others to consider the digital computer.


Most applications of digital computers to component design are rather new. Probably, the oldest applications-dating back four or five yearsare in motor and transformer design.

## Power-Transformer Design

The Recomp computer, manufactured by the Autonetics Div. of North American Aviation in Los Angeles, is one of the machines which has been applied to power-transformer design. In this application, the computer is fed information on transformer input-voltage, frequency, outputvoltage and power.

Recomp types out information on the required number of primary turns, the number of secondary turns, and the core area. The computation minimizes copper and iron losses.

## Power-Inductor Design

One of the most extensive applications to inductor design can be credited to David Wildfeuer, a senior engineer at American Bosch Arma Corp.'s Arma Div. in Garden City, N.Y. Mr. Wildfeuer reports that he turned to a computer "as a matter of desperation." His Components Section just couldn't cope with its staggering
workload. A Burroughs 203 solved Mr. Wildfeuer's problem.
This computer, manufactured by the Electrodata Div. of Burroughs Corp. in Pasadena, has cut design time from 30 hours per transformer or filter choke to 3 hours. Of the 3 hours, only 6 to 10 minutes are computer time; the balance of the time is spent preparing drawings.
The 203 helps Arma design power transformers for frequencies of 60 cps to 10 kc with up to four secondaries, each capable of having. any kind of resistive or reactive loading. These transformers handle power levels of up to $2,500 \mathrm{w}$ at 400 cps. The computer helps design filter chokes just as thoroughly.

## Pulse-Transformer Design

In applying the Burroughs 203 to the design of miniature pulse transformers, Arma realizes impressive savings. Using the 203 cuts the cost of designing pulse transformers from about $\$ 400$ per transformer to a dollar. It cuts the time from 40 hours to about 45 seconds.
Input to the computer, on five punched cards, includes all the design requirements. The memory stores data on magnet-wire and core-material characteristics.
Typewritten output from the computer includes: core type and size, winding schedule (order of winding primary and secondary turns), insulation type, wire size and power rating for each winding, rise and fall times, overshoot, various losses, turns ratios, as well as voltages and resistances.

## Vacuum-Tube Design

The Red Bank Div. of Bendix Aviation Corp. in Eatontown, N.J., uses the technique of polynomial curve fitting in designing vacuum tubes with the Bendix G-15. The company estimates that it saves 10 engineering man-hours in computing a tenth-order polynomial and 50 sets of data.

## Potentiometer Tap Selection

Nonlinear-potentiometer design is another fruitful application of digital computers. In one application of Librascope's LGP-30, the Link Div. of General Precision Inc. in Binghamton, N.Y., determines tap points for a linear potentiometer and shunting resistances necessary to provide straight-line approximations of nonlinear functions.
Before the potentiometer-tapping program is inserted in the computer, a nonlinear function is graphically approximated with a set of straightline segments. The coordinates of the points of intersection of the straight lines are entered into the computer as raw data.

The LGP-30 calculates the tap points of the
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Taylor laminated plastics, also known as reinforced plastics, are thermoset-ting-type materials formed by impregnating paper, cotton cloth, asbestos, glass cloth, nylon or other base materials with synthetic resins and fusing them into sheets, rods, tubes and special shapes under heat and pressure. These materials exhibit a valuable combination of characteristics, including high electrical insulation resistance, structural strength, strength-to-weight ratio, and resistance to chemical reaction; also adaptability to fabricating operations.

## Types of laminated plastics mode by Taylor

 There are four basic types of Taylor laminated plastics commonly specified and used throughout industry today. They are as follows:

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Molamine Laminates. Glass cloth or cotton fabric impregnated with melamine formaldehyde resin. Taylor melamine laminates have superior mechanical strength and are especially desirable for their arc-resistant qualities. Good flame and heat resistance, good resistance to the corrosive effects of alkalis and most other common solvents, besides other favorable characteristics. Typical applications include arc barriers, switchboard panels, and circuit-breaker parts in electrical installations.

sillcone Laminates. Continuous-filament woven glass fabric impregnated with a silicone resin. These laminates combine high heat resistance (up to $500^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. continuous) with excellent electrical and mechanical properties. They are primarily used in high-temperature electrical applications and high-frequency radio equipment.

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linear potentiometer in terms of degrees of wiper rotation as well as shunt and padder resistances necessary for the straight-line approximation of the original nonlinear function.

## Nonlinear-Potentiometer Design

Spectrol Electronics Corp. of San Gabriel, Calif., uses an IBM 610 to design nonlinear potentiometers. For both single and multitum potentiometers, Spectrol engineers prepare input information in the form of $x$ and $y$ coordinates or equations describing the parameters of a given nonlinear function. With the help of previously programmed general equations, the 610 computes manufacturing directions in terms of winding-equipment settings, cam angles, and radii.

The manufacturing directions are automati cally printed on a form which is sent to production. At the same time, punched tape is prepared to store information for repeat requirements Using the 610 reduces quote time for comples potentiometers from weeks to days, and in emergencies, to a few hours. Computations that formerly took four to six days now require only minutes.

## Solenoid Design

Royal McBee Corp. of Port Chester, N.Y., use the LGP-30 (which it markets for Librascop Corp.) to evaluate solenoid designs. Information fed to the computer on punched paper tape in


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The LGP-30 delivers information on the steady-state operation of the solenoid in terms of the total resistance, steady-state current, steadystate flux, generated force, inductance and time constant. The entire program shows the chronological operation of the solenoid through closure and opening. When $0.1-\mathrm{msec}$ time increments are used over a closure time of about 10 msec , the entire computation on the LGP-30 requires only about 90 min .

## सम्समан: Hitity <br> etwork Design

There are few areas where digital computers are used more fruitfully than in network design and analysis and, more specifically, in filter design. Here, at least, there is a significant trend away from manual computation. The valuable paperwork which even small machines can deliver in a relatively short time can often save thousands of engineering hours.

## Passive-Network Design

At North Hills Electric Co. of Mineola, N.Y., Philip R. Geffe used an IBM 650 to analyze and synthesize a variety of passive networks. Using punched-card input, he inserted network formulas and likely element values. The output, also on punched cards, yielded information including network element values, attenuation in db and envelope delay. One year of part-time computer isage yielded at least 10 years worth of engiheering hand-calculated data.
Engineering consultants Marc Schiowitz and Issociates of Hawthorne, Calif., have a computer program for National Cash Register's NCR-304 0 analyze steady-state linear passive networks. The program uses an iterative technique intead of the usual equation-solving methods. It s supposed to cut down computing time for nany types of networks.
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neers feed the computer information on a filter's load and its various attenuation frequencies. The machine gives the attenuation frequencies and values of all the elements in the filters.

## Filter Design

In one of the most extensive applications to filter design, Kenneth Smith of Lenkurt Electric Co. in San Carlos, Calif., uses an IBM 650 for a whole series of designs. Though Lenkurt's 650 is devoted principally to factory accounting, the engineering department has used it to great ad. vantage in designing bandpass filters for tele phone and telegraph carrier systems.

Before the computer was installed at Lenkurt all filter calculations were performed on a des calculator. Solving equations for a single band pass filter required about 20 man-hours. Now the same equations, involving roughly $10,00 x$ computations are worked in five minutes by the IBM 650. In peak periods, when a design grou may be developing as many as 12 filters a week the saving can amount to 239 engineering man hours a week. Lenkurt's use of the 650 is w illustrated in the following typical problems. Problem 1. Estimate the attenuation of an image parameter filter prior to design. Computer inpu includes: (1) cutoff frequencies, (2) infinite-poin frequencies, (3) filter half-sections to be considered, (4) frequencies of the desired estimate of a tenuation.
Computer output includes: (1) frequencies desired estimate of attenuation, (2) corresponding estimate of attenuation. Average machine time- 18 minutes. Time required by a desk cal culator to do the same job-4 hours.
Problem 2. Design an image parameter filte from the best estimate in problem 1. Computa input: (1) cutoff frequencies, (2) infinite-poin frequencies, (3) filter half-sections in prope order.

Computer output: element values of each filte half-section. Machine time-6 minutes. Desk cal culator time would have been 20 hours including a double check for accuracy.
Problem 3. Combine the half-section elemen values and write an analysis program for the ner step. Computer input: element values of ead filter half-section from problem 2, and elemen Josses.

Computer output: element values of the com bined composite filter and an input program fo
th Bell Telephone Laboratories analysis deck Bl-2002. Average 650 time-3 minutes. Desk cal ulator to do the same job-4 hours.
Problem 4. Analyze response of the filters of pri blem 3 with lossy elements using the analysis deck BL-2002. Computer input: the program from problem 3 and the frequencies of desired response.
Computer output: (1) attenuation in $\mathrm{db},(2)$ phase angle in degrees, (3) insertion loss ratio as a complex number, (4) input impedance and admittance. Computer time -30 minutes. Problem is not practical with a desk calculator. It would have been necessary to build a model and test (about 20 hours).
Problem 5. Prepare a table for frequency-difference tuning of all meshes of a filter. Computer input: (1) design-center frequency of each mesh, (i) frequency tolerance of each mesh, (3) design capacity of each mesh.
Computer output: (1) upper frequency limit and upper padder-capacity value for each internal frequency difference from design center, (2) lower frequency limit and lower padder values for each internal frequency difference. Average machine time-24 minutes. Desk-calculator time would have been 20 hours.
Mr. Smith comments that Lenkurt's engineers used 396 hours of 650 time during 1959. He estimates that the same job by desk calculator would have required 20,160 man-hours.
Other companies using computer in filter-network design have realized similar savings.
Vitro Laboratories of West Orange, N.J., saved three man-months on two problems. Vitro engineers used the Bendix G-15 whose input included measured gains and outputs and values for assumed design parameters. The G-15 provided information for plotting slopes, intercepts, ind additional design parameters resulting from the solutions of simultaneous equations.

One of the broadest areas of application for igital computers lies in circuit design and analyCet even here, the computer scarcely sees ull xploitation. Relatively few circuit designers ave taken even partial advantage of this poweril $t \mathrm{ol}$. Where the computers have been used,


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The Recomp computer has been used for cal culating complex impedances. In such applica tions, the machine receives as input, values of resistance, capacitance and inductance of a complex network and the input frequency. Recomp calculates the total impedance, equivalent series and parallel resistance, and reactance and phase angle at a given frequency, as well as other resonant frequencies.

## Equivalent Circuit Analysis

At Bell Telephone Laboratories, V. R. Saari uses an IBM 650 and an IBM 704 in a variety of circuit design and analysis applications. In one application, he found equivalent circuits to fit measured black-box data. He fed the computer an analysis program based on the type of circuit whose characteristics could reasonably approximate those of the black box. He also in serted several sets of likely element and parame ter values as well as measured data on the blact box to be characterized.
The computer listed electrical characteristic to approximate the circuit in the black box and reorganized the measured data into a form mord suitable for examination and comparison with the computed characteristics. The set of element and parameter values which resulted in circuii characteristics most closely approximating tha measured data was chosen as the best one 1 describe the black box.

Mr. Saari also used these computers in analyz ing networks of various types. As input, he used measured data tabulated against frequency fo active devices and other components for whid valid equivalent circuits were not available. He also inputted values for lumped-constant ne works and other parameter values such as chas acteristic impedance and length of transmissia lines and operating temperature.
The computer yielded information on: (1) fol ward and reverse currents, voltage- and powe transfer ratios of a cascade of active devices ( lumped-constant networks, or transmission lines (2) input and output impedances of such cas cades; (3) derivatives with respect to the varion
el ment and parameter values, hence reasonable to erances; and (4) total current or power drain $b!$ the network.

## Araplifier Analysis

In still another application, Mr. Saari used the 650 or the 704 to determine whether or not parasitics were under control in an amplifier. He pringramed the computer to yield the electrical characteristics of an amplifier circuit or a cascade of amplifiers.
Mr. Saari also used the 650 or 704 to check the final design of an amplifier and calculate its sensitivity to changes in circuit-element or transistor parameters.

## Microwave Circuił Design

At the high-frequency end of the spectrum, Leo Young of Westinghouse Electric Corp. in Baltimore teamed up a Smith chart and an IBM 650. Using the Smith chart, he first estimated the parameters of a microwave bandpass filter. He then used the 650 to analyze the preliminary design. He varied the parameters till the computer showed the new performance to be acceptable. This was his first approach to the design.
Finally, however, he programed the 650 to vary the circuit parameters till the optimum design was reached. The computer made trial and error adjustments, interpolations, and extrapolations automatically. The 650 calculated vswr, reflection coefficient, insertion loss, maximum voltage and phase difference as a function of frequency. It also made calculations for component tolerances and circuit losses.

## Transisforized-Inverter Design

Bendix Aviation Corp.'s Computer Div. in Los Angeles used the Bendix G-15 to design transistorized inverters for the Bendix G-20 computer. Information fed to the G-15 included end-of-life transistor parameter values, maximum expected temperature (with a safety factor), input voltage and tolerance, special bias, maximum collector currents, and calculated resistor values and tolerances. The G-15 typed out values of resistor couplings for the transistor inverters and listed the driving currents required.
After the initial program was set up, the G-15 required about two minutes to provide a curve. Previously, using a desk calculator, 45 to 60 min utes were required.

## Blocking-Oscillator Design

The Bendix G-15 was also used to design transis orized blocking oscillators and inductive integrators for the Bendix G-20. In the blockingos ifllator program input to the machine included me asured values of transistor and transformer

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parameters. The input bias voltage was used as the running parameter.
The G-15 calculated the output pulse width of the oscillator and provided 70 curves in three quarters of an hour. It used to take a design engineer and a desk calculator an hour and a half for a single curve.
In designing inductive integrators, Bendix engineers fed the G-15 measured values of transistor parameters and the required timing resistance. They used clamp voltage as the running parameter. The computer provided a time delay curve in five minutes. A desk-calculator designengineer team used to require an hour and a half per curve.

## Power-Supply Design

One of the popular computer applications is power-supply design and analysis. IBM has a program which treats selected polyphase and single-phase circuits. It operates not only on passive parameters but also on overlapping diode currents and non-sinusoidal input voltages. Including laboratory test and redesign, the program can help an engineer design as many as five complete power supplies in a month.

## Flip-Flop Design

At the Ramo-Wooldridge Div. of Thompson Ramo Wooldridge in Los Angeles, three engineers, Tom Connolly, Bob Mellott, and Mel Gillies, used an IBM 704 to design the flip-flops for the RW-31, RW-400, and RW-41 computers. They wrote Kirchhoff equations describing the flip-flops and used thése to find the optimum value of the components which were critical to the dc stability of the circuits. They made approximations for transistor parameters, component variation, and voltage variation. The 704 gave optimum component values for various voltage levels, for leakage-current levels, and for standard resistor values (about 1,000 different cases).
Hand computation, Schmoo plots, and trial-and-error methods for flip-flop design used to require several weeks to a month. Using the 704 to compute and print out the solutions for more thorough analysis required only 20 minutes.

## Nonlinear-Circuir Analysis

At the University of Illinois, L. D. Fosdick used a computer to calculate equilibrium node


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voltages and branch currents in circuits with nonlinear elements. The circuits included resistors, diodes and transistors.

##   <br> omputer Design

Few areas of design seem more appropriate for the digital computer than that of designing digital computers. The cynics of a decade ago who quipped that the "giant electronic brains" would soon be fathering "baby electronic brains" were not far off. An ironical twist, however, lies in the fact that the progeny is often more powerful than the parent.

One example of this comes from the Datamatic Div. of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. in Newton Highlands, Mass., where engineers used the Datamatic 1000 to design the new Honeywell 800. Using the Datamatic 1000 obviated about 10,000 circuit diagrams that otherwise would have been required in manufacturing the Honeywell 800.
The Datamatic 1000 prepared wiring lists fixing the origin and termination for each of 60,000 wires, as well as the route each was to follow. In addition, tables of wire position, recorded on
magnetic tape, helped engineers check for noise pickup. The computer also checked the new machine's logic for timing errors.

## Wiring-List Preparation

At IBM in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., many programs written for the IBM 704 and 705 have been used to help design new computers. With one program, a computer prepares back-panel wiring lists which describe how the components are to be interconnected in the new machine to implement the logic and to minimize interwire noise and the amount of wire used.
In a paper presented at the AIEE Winter Gen eral Meeting early this year, IBM's G. W. Alt man, L. A. DeCampo, and C. R. Warburton indicated that minimizing interwire noise, a monotonous and error-prone job, used to require two engineering man-weeks. Judgment, rather than computation, was the criterion.
Now, the average time for the first run of a panel is six hours from the start of key punching to the delivery of a completed panel-wiring list. The list printed out by the computer contains in formation about wire types, wire connections lengths and routing.

The back-panel wiring program has produced almost 3,000 panels for IBM's Poughkeepsie Product Development Group.
In a similar application, Marc Shiowitz and Associates of Hawthorne, Calif., use the Alwac III-E to generate detailed and complete wiring lists from logical design. In this service offered
$1 y$ MSA, wiring lists can be generated within a cay after a logical design is completed. When (i) sign changes are required the wiring lists can be updated immediately.
MSA's program, using Boolean equations for input, can mechanize multi-level diode or transistor logic. It allows for the use of any standardized set of digital building blocks. The service fee for computer-generated wiring lists is less than the cost of schematics or the cost of a mannally prepared list.

## Automatic Logic Design

Eugen I. Bosch of Litton Industries in Beverly Hills, Calif., used-not a computer-but inexpensive peripheral equipment to design largescale computers at Litton's Tactical Systems Laboratory. Automating the logic was accomplished with off-line equipment like sorters, collators and tabulators.

An actual computer was used only to simulate the operation of the new computer before the logic was actually wired up as final hardware. Using the off-line equipment, Mr. Bosch had the handwritten logic punched on cards, then tabulated in two versions: (1) logical equations representing the inputs to active circuits, (2) a list showing all places where the output of each circuit must go.
When the logic was ready for wiring, another card deck was prepared from a logic deck. It contained one card for each circuit required to mechanize the logic. Circuit and space allocation was accomplished by manually merging this deck with pre-punched cards which represented the available circuit boards and computer-frame locations.
The merged deck was used to generate wiring lists automatically. Final printout included a logic listing (a neat alphabetized copy of the handwritten logic), and a tabulation showing the total current each signal was to supply.

## Circuit-Loading Calculation

A large general-purpose computer helped engineers at Ramo-Wooldridge design the large RIV-400 computer as well as other RW computers. From logical equations the computer prepared wiring lists for chassis and logic card assembly. It determined loading of each flip-flop and of other circuits and advised the logical designer of required changes in logic. In addition to this, the computer produced necessary checkout and maintenance information for the finished equipment.
in a paper delivered before the Association for Computing Machinery, Ramo-Wooldridge en fineers John P. Malbrain and Anthony V. Banes reported that using the computer to de-

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The National Bureau of Standards, also, has used a computer to help design new ones. Approximately 20,000 punched cards contained information from which logical design was converted into detailed wiring plans.
Boolean equations were first checked for internal consistency, then, using additional data describing the physical location of the principal building blocks in the system, the computer automatically assigned minor components to optimum physical locations. The computer calculated optimum wire routing and prepared the topological diagram of the wiring tree showing the location of each node and its connection with other nodes in the tree.
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In propagation studies and in antenna design, the digital computer has not only saved time and money, it has performed tasks which would not have even been attempted without its aid.

## Ionospheric-Scatter Analysis

At the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder, Gregg Merrill of the Central Radio Propagation Laboratory used an IBM 650 for a problem which could not have been approached by manual methods. He used the computer to analyze antenna radiation patterns in the lower ionosphere and fresnel zones for antennas elevated over spherical earth. The fresnel zone had


Translating Russian to English at NBS is the job of Mrs. Ida Rhodes who is developing automatic translation techniques to allow a computer to do the job.
never before been calculated over spherical earth.

Card input to the 650 represented tropospheric refraction, spherical divergence, parallax, surface refractivity, linear lapse rate, antenna height and frequency.

Output from the 650 gave the ground-voltage interference pattern between the direct wave and ground-reflected wave. Matching the direct wave and reflected wave gave the smooth pattern needed (to within 3 mm in 1200 km ), over the frequency range of 30 to 55 mc . With help from the 650, Mr. Merrill established a theoretical pattern which helped him set up experiments.

He was able to determine optimum antenna height, size of the fresnel zone, near and far edges, near and far quarter-wave contours, angles of illumination through the fresnel zone, and the elevation of the zero-phase surface of the earth. Machine time on the 650 was about 400 hours.

## Lightning-Flash Analysis

Using the same 650, John Kemper of the NBS Central Radio Propagation Laboratory analyzed the attenuation and phase delay due to propagation. He used the 650 to perform Fourier analyses of pulses from lightning flashes 1,000 and $2,000 \mathrm{~km}$ away.

Scope waveforms of the pulses were filmed, then transferred to a curve tracer which yielded the $x$ and $y$ coordinates of the waveform envelope. Mr. Kemper punched these coordinates on cards. Output from the computer represented the frequency spectrum, phase, and amplitude of the lightning pulses. These were plotted directly.

Subtracting the pulse of the near lightning flash from that of the far one showed the attenuation and phase change due to propagation. About an hour was required to trace one waveform and enter it into the 650. Eight hours of computation would have been required with a desk calculator.

NBS has used digital computers in other areas

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of radio-propagation research, too. These have included analyses of specular reflection of ionized meteor trails, world-wide prediction of transmission loss over ionospheric and tropospheric propagation paths and preparation of a number of maps of ionospheric and tropospheric characteristics.

Similar studies have been conducted by Stanford Research Institute of Menlo Park, Calif. SRI used an IBM 704 to determine the reliability of multi-path communications. The computer analyzed propagation parameters and geographic factors for a world-wide communications system. SRI has also used computers to develop data for antenna design and to prepare antenna radiation patterns.

## Antenna Design

The Mattern Div. of Land-Air, Inc. in Chicago used a Bendix G-15 for aircraft-antenna design, for transmission-line design, and for calculating high-frequency cable attenuation and loss. In these problems, the G-15 analyzed not only cabletest parameters, but transmission-line physical parameters, antenna physical characteristics, and test results.

Information from the computer included equivalent impedance, reflection coefficient, antenna vswr, proportions of antenna dimensions, transmission-line length and transmission characteristics. In one instance, the G-15 provided a seven man-hour calculation in 23 minutes.

Engineers at Bendix Radio in Baltimore use the Bendix G-15 to design radar antennas. Information fed to the computer includes: (1) for the central section design-elevation range, distance from feed to antenna at a reference point, strength of incident beam, basic pattern desired; (2) calculation of power pattern using the central section-the polar coordinates of the antenna, strength of the incident beam, wavelength of the radiation, range of angles to be investigated. In addition, if integration is performed over the whole antenna, previously calculated Cartesian coordinates are given for various points.

The G-15 provides: (1) for the central section design-distances from feed to antenna and angles of the parabolic cross sections at specified intervals along the central section; (2) power pat-tern-this gives the relative strength of the reflected beam at various angles.

With the central section alone, only elevation angles can be investigated. But this is useful as a preliminary check for gross errors in design. For a finer check, the reflection from the whole antenna can be integrated, making it possible to find a power pattern at any combination of elevation and azimuth angles.
This involves double integration of a complex function. It is performed by summing approximately 150 vectors.
In general, the computer's design required about one or two per cent of the manual computation time. Investigation of azimuth patterns was not even attempted before the computer was turned to this task. Now the power at any point can be computed in about eight minutes. Beyond this advantage is the time saved in producing and testing scale models.

##  <br> imulation Studies

"Simulation" is more of a design or analysis technique than an area of design. Hence, it can encompass design and analysis of systems, circuits, and even active components. As with systems studies, it is very difficult to estimate cost or time savings.

## Guidance-System Simulation

C-E-I-R of Arlington, Va., used an IBM 709 to simulate the electronic guidance system for the Titan ICBM. The basic problem in this application was to simulate missile flight under rapidly changing conditions. Information fed to the 709 included system equations and system logic.
The computer's output simulated the performance of Titan under the various conditions to be expected after the missile is launched.

## Helicopter-Simulator Simulation

In Falls Church, Va., Melpar, Inc., a subsidiary of Westinghouse Air Brake Co., used an IBM 704 to simulate, digitally, an analog simulator for the $\mathrm{H}-37 \mathrm{~A}$ helicopter trainer. The digital simulation was used to determine if the helicopter simulator would have the same "performance characteristics," and "flying qualities" as the actual helicopter.
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tem trainer of which the H-37A is a part. Information supplied to the 704 or stored in its memory represented performance of the helicopter rotor over its entire range, pilot actions like throttle position, collective pitch, stick position and cyclic stick position.
The computer provided answers in terms of the results of pilot action such as forward velocity, heading altitude, rate of climb, fuel flow, engine rpm, and hydraulic pressure.

## Signal-Environment Simulation

W. G. James of American Machine and Foundry Co. in Alexandria, Va., used an IBM 704 to simulate the electromagnetic environment of an airborne receiver for a large deployment of electromagnetic emitters. The program simulated emitter characteristics like antenna-gain patterns and scanning cycles of such propagation phenomena as atmospheric absorption and tropospheric refraction.
Mr. James used the 704 to simulate models of all transmitter parameters and propagation phenomena which could significantly affect signal strength.

The printed out simulation results included the set-by-set signal contribution to the environment (or the mean and standard deviation of the total number of pulsed or cw signals as a function of signal level), and the cumulative prf count and duty cycle of the signal environment.

## Landing-Approach Simulation

Wolf Research and Development Corp. of Boston used the Bendix G-15 for an error analysis of the equations used in the Volscan AN/ FSQ-7 (XD-1), an aircraft landing-approach control system. The exact values of the solutions were computed for a grid covering the area of interest.
These values were compared with approximations developed by the use of nonlinear potentiometers in Volscan. Error values at the grid points were typed out. Functions used for the nonlinear potentiometers were adjusted and recomputed to give a better error curve.
Input information included sample points in the nonlinear curve, and the exact analytical solution in two dimensions. In the final solution, errors developed by the nonlinear potentiometers were shown to be excessive. The Volscan cir-

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Wiring list at Litton's Electronic Equipments Div. makes it easy to wire new computers, obviates wiring diagrams.
cuitry was redesigned to use resolvers which gave an exact solution of the problem.

## Guidance-Computer Simulation

Engineers at Space Technology Laboratories, Inc. in Los Angeles used an IBM 709 to simulate a number of different airborne missile-guidance computers. Output media included magnetic tape, printer output, punched cards and paper tape. In some instances, paper tapes were sent to the ballistic missile launch site and used for pre-launch checkout. These tapes, in some cases, became part of the missile flight itself.
The simulation process included, basically, a compiler which produced a bit-by-bit, instruc-tion-by-instruction simulation of what the airborne guidance system would produce. Input to the 709, on cards, then magnetic tape, consisted of Boolean equations describing the logic in the guidance computer.
In such computer-design applications at STL, the 709 produced specifications ranging from functional logic through wiring lists. In simulation work, the computer could produce functional descriptions or discrete instructions like those of the guidance computer being simulated.
In one application, a logic checkout program saved months of time and roughly half the normal checkout effort required. The computer runs necessary for the logic checkout were completed in three days.

Using a bit-by-bit simulation, STL engineers found errors that might not have been found otherwise. These errors could have caused malfunctions during a launch. Set against the cost of an unsuccessful launch and the loss of a missile, the cost of the simulation becomes extremely slight.
STL used the logic compiler with the 709 to check out guidance computers used in the Able stries of booster vehicles and in the Titan and Minuteman ICBMs. Projects which benefited n ost from the program were those where the

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compiler was used in early development stages. However, even when the compiler was used after test models had been built, it provided valuable information and further verified the computer design. In one instance, the simulation showed several design errors which had not been caught during test-model checkout.

## Circuit Simulation

Engineering consultants Marc Shiowitz and Associates have a computer program which, given a specific circuit with fixed parameters, generates a routine to simulate the circuit. A driving-signal-generating sub-routine is an integral part of the program.
Using this program, the computer calculates the voltages at nodes, the currents in branches, the charge within transistor base regions and temperatures at junctions as functions of time.
Models used in the simulation, such as models of transistors, diodes, driving functions, etc., may be changed without altering the program.
MSA has a subsidiary program which, given a fixed circuit with parameters variable over a specific range and a formula for figure of merit, generates a routine to seek that allowable combination of parameters which provides the best figure of merit.

## Logic Simulation

At Ramo-Wooldridge, Tom Connoly developed a logical simulation compiler to generate machine instructions for the IBM 709 which was to evaluate any consistent set of Boolean equations. The logical simulation generator automatically generated instructions to simulate the airborne, RW-33 computer.

## Lathritatat (adyydad <br> eliability Control

In reliability analyses and in quality control, the digital computer has proven its value-not only in statistical evaluations-but even in de-


No longer needed are these hundreds of blueprints for some 10,000 circuit drawings. Wiring tables, recorded on magnetic tape, replace drawings in production of the Honeywell-800 data processor.
termining the reliability of proposed circuit designs or in weighing the cost of given levels of reliability.

## Circuit-Reliability Analysis

At General Precision Laboratory of Pleasantville, N.Y., engineers used a Librascope LGP-30 to check the reliability of already designed circuits and to redesign them when necessary to improve performance or to alter input-output specifications.

GPL's Herbert A. Seidman and Philip L. Hillman described one such application-a fourtransistor flip-flop-at a meeting of the Association of Environmental Engineers. The circuit uses a basic two-transistor flip-flop with a transistorized inverting amplifier at each output.

To begin the analysis, an engineer writes separate, independent, nodal equations to satisfy the circuit. In these equations, the currents are expressed in terms of voltages across resistors. The engineer then establishes the criteria for circuit stability.

The basic equations describing the circuit and giving component values are then inserted in the LGP-30. The computer then makes a run for each set of data with different values of transistor characteristics. It assigns a value to each resistor and voltage in the circuit. Each run differs from others by a variation of one or more of the parameters involved.
The effects of aging, high temperature, fluctuations in power supplies, initial spread of transistor and other component parameters are considered. To reduce the number of machine operations the effects of several parameter changes can be lumped into a single, properlyweighted, hypothetical parameter.

If the computer finds a circuit inadequately reliable, it can "suggest" improvements by introducing modifications of component values.

## Cost vs. Reliability Analysis

C-E-I-R has a program for the IBM 704 computer which determines minimum component cost for a required system reliability. Input includes cost vs tolerance information, the theoretical structure of the system expressed as a complex mathematical function, and the system reliability requirements.
The printed output gives the optimum mix of component specifications to achieve a specified reliability level at minimum cost.

## Quality-Control Analysis

Autonetic's Recomp computer has been used for quality-control analysis too. In this application, Recomp computes maximum and minimum parameter limits for a product like transistors.
To determine quality acceptance limits for a lot of transistors, for example, the resistance between transistor elements is measured for each transistor in a sample lot. Measured resistance values are tabulated by number of transistors per resistance range.
The mean value of resistance for the sample lot is calculated by Recomp which finally expresses the maximum and minimum limits of acceptable transistor resistance.

## Transistor Life Test Evaluation

At Lenkurt Electric Co., Kenneth Smith used the IBM 650 to evaluate the results of transistor life tests. Input to the machine included transistor parameters and performance readings of critical parameters. The computer gave informa-
ton in terms of the mean, mid-mean, median, and standard deviations.
In this application, one hour of machine time pur month replaced 40 hours of desk-calculator tine.

##  iㅐ률 Design

In systems design, probably more than in any other field, the designer is less likely to know how much time or money he has saved by using a computer. The savings are real. But they are more difficult to measure than, say, the savings in a component design.

Instrumentation-System Design
A particularly interesting application of the Burroughs 205 was one by Stanford Research Institute of Menlo Park, Calif. SRI used the 205 to investigate the information transfer requirements for an instrumentation system. The system included position location, simulation, evaluation, and display, and considered fluctuating demands of a variety of servicing procedures and processing times.

## Communications System Design

Page Communications Engineers of Washington, D.C., used a Bendix G-15 for a variety of related communications studies. They used the G-15 for research and for designing communications system, for radio wave propagation analysis, and for antenna analysis.
Information fed to the computer included: the noise probability density function, received signal intensities, two components at right angles, antenna dimensions, and transcendental equations for the binary error rate for amplitudemodulated, digital transmission systems using diversity techniques.
The G-15 provided information on the distribution of the signal-to-noise ratio for radio relay systems in cascade, diversity advantages which could be realized from polarization, antenna power patterns, and optimum threshold for minimum binary error rate. PCE estimates that these four solutions saved, respectively, one manyeir, 30 man-weeks, 60 hours per set of antenna patterns and 40 hours.

## Servo-System Analysis

An application by Douglas Aircraft Co. of Sarta Monica, Calif., shows how a machine, de-

| TYPE |  | SIZE | CAPACITANCE (uuf) | DCVW | TC | MAX CASE SIZE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Uuf for uuf, the smallest, most stable axial lead capacitor you can buy. Probably $1 / 3$ smaller than you're used to. After load life tests at $125^{\circ}$ with $150 \%$ of rated voltage, average change in capacitance is less than $0.4 \%$ for 1,000 hrs. less than $0.6 \%$ for $10,000 \mathrm{hrs}$. They exceed all requirements of MIL-C-11272A. |  | CY10 <br> CY15 <br> cy20 <br> CY30 | 1 to 150  <br> 151 to 240  <br>    <br>    <br> 151 to 510  <br> 511 to 1,200  <br> 511 to  <br> 3,300   <br> 3,301 to 5,100 <br> 3,301   <br> 6,201 to 6,200 | 500 <br> 300 <br> 500 <br> 300 <br> 500 <br> 300 <br> 500 300 | $\begin{aligned} & 140 \pm 25 \mathrm{ppm} \mathrm{c}^{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{C} \text {. } \\ & \text { from } 55^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \text { to } \\ & +125^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \text { at } \\ & 100 \mathrm{kc} \text { or } 1 \mathrm{mc} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11 / 32 \times 11 / 64 \times 5 / 64 \\ & 15 / 32 \times 17 / 64 \times 1 / 64 \\ & 47 / 64 \times 27 / 64 \times 9 / 44 \\ & 49 / 6 \times 3 / 4 \times 9 / 44 \end{aligned}$ |
| Medium-power transmitting style |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CY60 } \\ & \text { Cy70 } \end{aligned}$ | Up to 56,000 <br> Up to 150,000 | Ratings to 4000 peak volts 6000 peak volts | $\begin{aligned} & 140 \pm\left. 25 \mathrm{ppm}\right\|^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \\ & \text { from }-555^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \text { to } \\ & +125^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \text { at } \\ & 100 \mathrm{kc} \text { or } 1 \mathrm{mc} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \times 11 / 8 \times 5 / 8 \\ & 11 / 2 \times 13 / 4 \times 3 / 4 \end{aligned}$ |
| CY Fusion sealed. Sim lar to CY. but with glass encapsulation fusion sealed to ca pacitor and leads to make seal tight against moisture and corrosives. Insures reliable performance under extreme environmental conditions. Guaranleed four times better than MIL specs for moisture resistance. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CYF10 } \\ & \text { CYF15 } \end{aligned}$ | 1 to 150 <br> 151 to 240 <br> 151 to 510 <br> 511 to 1,200 | $\begin{aligned} & 500 \\ & 300 \\ & 500 \\ & 300 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 140 \pm 25 \mathrm{ppm} \mathrm{~m}^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \\ & \text { from }-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \text { to } \\ & +125^{\circ} \mathrm{at} \\ & 100 \mathrm{kc} \text { or } 1 \mathrm{mc} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11 / 22 \times 1 / 6 \times 5 / 64 \\ & 18 / 12 \times 1 / 64 \times 1 / 64 \end{aligned}$ |
| W,WL Wafers with or without leads. Smallest high tor available. Up uuf in .061 sa in Electrodes sealed to dielectric sheets in such a way that sea cannot be broken without destroying capacitor. Meets the performance requirements of MIL-C-11272A. |  | W. WL5 <br> W, WL4 <br> W, WL3 <br> W, WL2 <br> W, WL1 | 1 to 560 <br> 561 to 1,000 <br> 1,001 to 2,700 <br> 2,701 to 4,300 <br> 4,301 to 10,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 300 \\ & 300 \\ & 300 \\ & 300 \\ & 300 \end{aligned}$ | $140 \pm 25 \mathrm{ppm} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. from $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. at 100 kc or 1 mc | $.281 \times .218 \times .090$ <br> $.281 \times .312 \times .090$ <br> $.531 \times .312 \times .090$ <br> $.531 \times .453 \times .090$ <br> $531 \times .812 \times .090$ |
| High temperature dielectric and radiation tolerant metal elec. trodes with tab leads. Dielectric strength is twice rated voltage applied from one to five seconds. Insulation re sistance in ohm x farads is 100 at $175^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ., 25$ at $250^{\circ}$ C., 1 at $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and .05 at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. | 耧 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { HI1 } \\ & \text { HT2 } \\ & \text { HHT } \end{aligned}$ | 1 to 1,000 1,001 to 3,000 3,001 to 10,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 300 \\ & 300 \\ & 300 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0-250^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .115 \pm 25 \\ & 0-300^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .140 \pm 35 \\ & 0-350^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .160 \pm 45 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \times 3 / 0 \times 1 / x_{0} 0 \\ & 1 / 2 \times 3 / 0 \times 11_{6} \\ & 1 / 2 \times 1 \times 3 / 6 \end{aligned}$ |

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## Designing <br> With <br> Digital Computers

signed basically for process control application; can be used very successfully in design work. The machine, Ramo-Wooldridge's RW-300, was used by Douglas for closed-loop control of the testing of short-life, high-tolerance, airborne servo systems.
In this application, the RW-300 receives its input from a function generator. An $x-y$ plotter at the computer output plots amplitude ratio and phase angle as functions of frequency. At each frequency, the computer samples the output amplitude and performs a Fourier analysis, computing the fundamental frequency of the usually distorted output, and from this, the amplitude ratio and phase angle. In addition, the computer takes the logarithm of the amplitude ratio so the plot can be printed on a decibel scale.
Gain-margin tests are made by automatically increasing loop gain until oscillations occur. The oscillation frequency, calculated by the computer, is recorded on the frequency-response graph. In this application, the RW-300 cut testing time from 90 minutes for each servo system to less than three minutes. In addition, it enabled Douglas designers to make more elaborate tests, and to scan and check more parameters.

## Flight-Data Analysis

Space Technology Laboratories of Los Angeles used a computer to design a computer-entry


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rocessing machine. The processor takes flight cita from ballistic missile and space flights (such a. pulse-coded telemetry data from ICBM flights) and prepares the data for entry into an li3M 709. The system is flexible enough so it can be used at the receiving end of a data-carryirg telephone link.

Computer applications by electronics designers are far from limited to those which can be encompassed by a few broad categories.

- Stanford Research Institute, for example, used a Remington-Rand 1103A to design magnetic characters for an automatic check-reading system. This led to the adoption of magnetic character reading as the standard for the American Bankers' Association.
- Engineers at Daystrom Electric in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., use an IBM-610 to calculate underwater acoustic Ray diagrams, (Ray diagrams show the path of sound waves through water under different conditions of pressure, temperature, and salinity.)
Daystrom engineers feel that, in 20 minutes with the 610, they can prepare Ray diagrams that would require at least a week of manual computation.
- The GPL Division of General Precision Inc. has used an LGP-30 for a wide variety of design applications. These include: (1) exploring the characteristics of filters for frequency trackers of doppler-radar navigation systems, (2) studies of the altitude-hole effect and its relation to antenna design in doppler systems, (3) space-navigation studies and error calculations and (4) calculations of the effects of frequency modulation in a carrier.
- The Link Div. of General Precision Inc. used an LGP-30 to prepare punched tapes to load a digital function generator, a storage bank for binary data. Input to the LGP-30 included selected points along a curve or family of curves. The LGP-30 converted the decimal numbers defining the selected points to their binary equivalents. The binary equivalents were puriched out on tape according to a prescribed fornat. It is estimated that the computer cut the time in preparing loading tapes by a factor of $30 .=$

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## Computer-Prepared Tables Enable Design of Ultra-Flat Networks

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RECENT ADVANCES in predistortion theory provide practical design data for ultra-flat networks. The design data included in the tables in this article have not been available before to
the extent that they are available here. The uniformly predistorted element values have been given elsewhere, but in limited fashion. The tables here offer a wider range of designs and they allow easy, accurate interpolation. In the lossy-L case, the design procedure has not been possible previously in any straightforward fashion.


People who work in modern network theorl says author Philip Geffe, have trouble convinc. ing engineers that network synthesis is a pras tical discipline. This article, with compute: prepared design tables, shows one way moder methods can solve problems which are hopeless by conventional means.

Calculations, performed on an IBM 650, have been spot-checked with hand computations Where appropriate, the results have been con pared with the Weinberg tables, and no disagreements found.
Rounding off of last figures was done in such a way that rounding off again to three figures would give the correct result. Thus, a number such as 1.25493 was rounded off to 1.254 rather than to 1.255 , since the correct 3 -figure roundoff would be 1.25 .

## Theoretical Limits <br> Restrict Network Choice

In critical applications it is often necessary to design selective networks in which the passband attenuation is constant within a small percentage tolerance. Severe theoretical limits on realizability greatly restrict the choice of networks which will be practical from the user's point of view.

For example, the highly selective EllipticFunction filter ${ }^{1}$ is, in general, not realizable in a ladder network ${ }^{2}$ when we choose extremely small values of pass-band ripple together with a rapid transition from pass band to stop band.

If, in taking account of this, we choose the Tschebyscheff response (with equal ripples in the pass band, and a monotonic stop band), we find that arbitrary values of pass-band ripple always lead to ladder realizability.

But a further difficulty appears. The poles of the complex response function for this type of filter lie so close to the axis of real frequencies in the $S$-plane that both high- $Q$ elements and close element-value tolerances are required for precision applications. These networks, there fore, require bulky, expensive materials, and manufacturing reproducibility is poor.

When an ultra-flat pass band is the prime requirement, we must choose networks whose response poles are remote from the $j \omega$-axis. In addition, we must accurately compensate for the use of low- $Q$ elements.

## Ultra-Flat Response Shapes Suggest Butterworth Networks

These restrictions lead immediately to the choice of the Butterworth family of response

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sl apes. These responses have been fully described in the literature. ${ }^{3,5}$ Our discussion is restricted to the normalization which employs a 1-लhm source, and the $3-\mathrm{db}$ point occurs at one rallian per second ( $\omega_{c}=1$ ).
Selectivity is sacrificed to obtain the ultra-flat property. Since the response is maximally flat, the pass-band flatness not only exceeds any previvusly assigned tolerance in some interval which contains the origin, but the interval is larger, for the networks chosen, than it would be for any other network using the same number of reactive elements.
Because of their poor selectivity, the use of these networks is almost completely restricted to the application discussed above. One exception to this rule, however, is their use in the narrow-band case, where the inherent low- $Q$ requirement of the network is desirable

## Physical Forms of the Network <br> With Loss and Without

Fig. la shows a 5 -pole low-pass network which, with lossless elements, can realize the $j$-pole Butterworth shape if the element values are correctly chosen. In Fig. lb, the incidental dissipation of the reactive elements is shown by inserting conductances in parallel with the
capacitors, and resistance in series with the inductors.

In the synthesis of such networks, we encounter a step which requires factoring a polynomial of high degree. This can only be done approximately, and leads to enormously high computation costs.

When the load resistance, $R$, is open circuited, however, factoring degenerates into a trivial calculation, and we may proceed without difficulty. In the case of most desirable response shapes (e.g., Butterworth, Tschebyscheff, Elliptic-Function), the load resistor must be considerably larger, or smaller, than the source resistor; else the network will not be realizable at all. For these reasons, the tables given here are calculated for an open-circuit load.

In Fig. 1c, we show a 5-pole network in which allowance has been made for losses in the inductors only. ${ }^{6}$ This feature corresponds closely with practical problems in which the physical capacitors are relatively lossless as compared with the inductors. In building the physical network, therefore, it is not necessary to wire physical resistors across the capacitors since uniform dissipation is not needed throughout the network, and the power losses in the filter are greatly reduced. The lossy- $L$ designs, however, may

(c)

Fig. 1. A 5-pole, low-pass network: (a) as a lossless network; (b) as a uniformly lossy network in which dissipation of the reactive elements is represented by conductances in parallel with capacitors and resistors in series with inductors. Here, $r_{i}=d L_{i}, g_{i}=d C_{i}$ (c) as a lossy-L network in which losses are concentrated in resistors in series with the inductors. Here, $r_{i}=d L_{i}$
only be used in low-pass networks.
Fig. 2a shows a typical network whose normalized design may be taken directly from the tables. When the number of reactances is even, the first element is always a series inductor, L1.


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When an odd number of reactances is used, the first element is a shunt capacitor, C1.
Incidental dissipation is not represented in Fig. 2, but various forms of the networks are shown there. Thus Fig. 2 employs a current source instead of a voltage source, and follows from Fig. 2a by reciprocity. In this case, the response function is not E2/E1 as in Fig. 2a, but E2/II
Fig. 2c shows the network which is dual to that in Fig. 2a, and whose transfer function is 12/E1. Element values are numerically equal to those of Fig. la, but are read in henries instead of farads, and vice versa. Fig. 2d follows from Fig. 2c by reciprocity and is dual to Fig. 2b. It is important to note that the tables are labeled for the network form shown in Fig. 2a.

## How to Use the

Network Design Tables
In each table of element values, the first column gives the dissipation factor $d$. If, say, a low-pass 5-pole Butterworth network is desired
with coil Q's of 10 , then we use the lossy- $L$. tables, and enter the row of Table 13 for which $d=1 / Q=0.10$. This gives the design of Fig. 3a. It is important to realize that this network does not have the desired response. This is obtained only by adding the indicated losses, as shown in Fig. 3b.

Tables 1 through 9 are for networks in which all the reactive elements have the same $Q$. Tables 10 through 18 are for the lossy- $L$ case, in which all capacitors are lossless. In the first nine tables, the column headed $\alpha$ gives the flat loss, in decibels.

Thus the lossy-L tables may be used only for low-pass filters, but the tables for uniform dissipation may be used for either. For instance, if paper capacitors, with a $Q$ of 50 , are to be used with coils of the same $Q$, then $d=0.02$ uniformly throughout the network, and Tables 1 through 9 would be used.
If a bandpass filter were desired, it would be necessary to use tables for uniform predistortion ${ }^{\overline{7}, 8}$ and then to effect the usual low-pass to


Fig. 2. Typical networks whose normalized design may be taken directly from the table: (a) uses a voltage source; (b) uses a current source; (c) and (d) are duals of (a) and (b).

| d | Table 157 -Pole |  |  |  |  |  | Lossy-L Networks |  |  |  | Table 108 -Pole |  |  | $\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | $L_{7}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{8}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | $L_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | $L_{4}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | $\mathrm{L}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{7}$ | d | $L_{1}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | L3 | $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | $L_{5}$ |  |  |  |
| 0 | . 2225 | . 6560 | 1.054 | 1.397 | 1.659 | 1.799 | 1.558 | 0 | . 1951 | . 5776 | . 9371 | 1.259 | 1.528 | 1.729 | 1.824 | 1.561 |
| . 02 | . 2255 | . 6688 | 1.053 | 1.449 | 1.602 | 1.913 | 1.417 | . 02 | . 1982 | . 5829 | . 9613 | 1.243 | 1.602 | 1.648 | 1.963 | 1.398 |
| . 04 | . 2286 | . 6822 | 1.051 | 1.504 | 1.546 | 2.038 | 1.288 | . 04 | . 2014 | . 5884 | . 9868 | 1.227 | 1.680 | 1.569 | 2.116 | 1.249 |
| . 06 | . 2318 | . 6960 | 1.048 | 1.564 | 1.490 | 2.173 | 1.167 | . 06 | . 2047 | . 5939 | 1.014 | 1.211 | 1.764 | 1.493 | 2.285 | 1.113 |
| . 08 | . 2351 | . 7104 | 1.045 | 1.627 | 1.436 | 2.322 | 1.056 | . 08 | . 2081 | . 5996 | 1.042 | 1.194 | 1.856 | 1.419 | 2.472 | . 9894 |
| . 10 | . 2384 | . 7255 | 1.043 | 1.694 | 1.382 | 2.484 | . 9532 | . 10 | . 2116 | . 6053 | 1.071 | 1.178 | 1.954 | 1.347 | 2.681 | . 8768 |
| . 12 | . 2419 | . 7412 | 1.039 | 1.766 | 1.330 | 2.664 | . 8581 | . 12 | . 2152 | . 6111 | 1.102 | 1.160 | 2.061 | 1.278 | 2.914 | . 7743 |
| . 14 | . 2454 | . 7575 | 1.036 | 1.842 | 1.278 | 2.862 | . 7703 | . 14 | . 2190 | . 6170 | 1.134 | 1.143 | 2.177 | 1.211 | 3.178 | . 6810 |
| . 16 | . 2491 | . 7746 | 1.032 | 1.924 | 1.228 | 3.083 | . 6892 | .16 | . 2229 | . 6231 | 1.169 | 1.124 | 2.302 | 1.147 | 3.477 | . 5962 |
| . 18 | . 2529 | . 7924 | 1.028 | 2.013 | 1.178 | 3.330 | . 6144 | . 18 | . 2270 | . 6292 | 1.206 | 1.107 | 2.440 | 1.084 | 3.819 | . 5191 |
| . 20 | . 2568 | . 8110 | 1.024 | 2.108 | 1.130 | 3.609 | . 5454 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Table 17 9.Pole |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | le 1810 | Pool |  |  |  |
| $d$ | $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | $L_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | 4 | $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | $L_{6}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{7}$ | $L_{8}$ | C9 | $L_{1}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | $L_{3}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | Ls | $\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | L7 |
| 0 | . 1736 | . 5155 | . 8414 | 1.141 | 1.404 | 1.620 | 1.777 | 1.842 | 1,563 | . 1564 | . 4654 | . 7626 | 1.04] | 1.292 | 1.510 | 1.687 |
| . 02 | . 1761 | . 5253 | . 8432 | 1.18 i | 1.371 | 1.716 | 1.672 | 2.006 | 1.377 | . 1589 | . 4704 | . 7812 | 1.034 | 1.348 | 1.457 | 1.807 |
| . 06 | . 1786 | .5354 5460 | . 8450 | 1.221 | 1.338 | 1.821 | 1.571 | 2.189 | 1.211 | . 1614 | . 4754 | . 80006 | 1.027 | 1.408 | 1.404 | 1.939 |
| .06 .08 | . 1812 | . 5460 | 8467 8483 | 1.264 1.316 | 1.304 1 | 1.934 <br> 2058 | 1.474 | 2.393 | 1.061 | . 1641 | .4806 | . 3209 | 1.019 | 1.472 | 1.353 | 2.084 |
| . 08 | . 1839 | . 5570 | . 8483 | 1.316 | 1.271 | 2.058 | 1.383 | 2.623 | . 9261 | . 1669 | . 4859 | . 8422 | 1.011 | 1.541 | 1.302 | 2.245 |
| . 10 | . 1866 | . 5684 | . 8497 | 1.359 | 1.238 | 2.193 | 1.294 | 2.884 | . 8054 | . 1697 | . 4913 | . 8603 | 1.003 | 1.614 | 1.251 | 2.423 |
| . 12 | . 1894 | . 5802 | . 8510 | 1.412 | 1.204 | 2.342 | 1.211 | 3.180 | . 6971 | . 1726 | . 4969 | . 8880 | . 9949 | 1.694 | 1.201 | 2.62] |
| 14 .16 | 1924 1954 | .5926 .6054 | .8522 8533 | 1.467 1.527 | 1.171 1.137 | 2.505 | 1.132 | 3.521 3.917 | $\begin{array}{r}\text {. } \\ 51301 \\ \hline 132\end{array}$ | . 1757 | . 5024 | . 3127 | . 9861 | 1.780 | 1.152 | 2.842 |

## Q of Network Elements Must Be Considered

In all cases, it should be apparent from Fig. lb that the $Q$ of series coils must be proportional to


Fig. 3. A low-pass, 5-pole Butter worth network with coil Q's of 10 designed with the aid of Table 13. The lossless network (which does not have the desired response) is shown at (a). Adding the indicated losses for the propet response gives the network in (b)
bandpass transformation. The bandpass proce dure, then, is summarized in the following ster 1 :

## Design Procedure

## For Bandpass Networks

Step 1. The normalized low-pass network (frcm Tables 1 through 9 ) is scaled to a cutuf frequency which is equal to the desir $3-\mathrm{db}$ bandwidth of the bandpass filter:

$$
\begin{aligned}
L^{\prime} & =\frac{L}{2 \pi\left(f_{2}-f_{1}\right)} \\
C^{\prime} & =\frac{C}{2 \pi\left(f_{2}-f_{1}\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

where the unprimed $L$ and $C$ indicate the tabulated values.
Step 2. The scaled low-pass reactances are reso nated to the desired center frequency, $f$ by inserting the appropriate capacitors series with the scaled low-pass inductor and inserting appropriate inductors in par allel with the scaled low-pass capacitors
Step 3. After the correct amount of dissipatio has been added to all the reactive branche the bandpass filter will have a bandwidtl at any given attenuation, which is equal t the bandwidth of the scaled low-pass filte which was obtained in Step 1.
Step 4. All impedances are multiplied by the desired factor. Thus, in a filter to be driven by a 600 -ohm source, all impedances would be multiplied by 600 .

requency, and the $Q$ of shunt coils must be inversely proportional to frequency. Thus, in highprecision applications, we must use components which substantially meet these requirements.
If high- $Q$ inductors are available, a design for low element- $Q$ can be chosen, and resistors can he wired in series with the series elements, and in parallel with the shunt elements. If element $Q$ is limited, then series coils should be chosen whose $Q$-curves show maximum $Q$ at a relatively high frequency. For the shunt coils, the frequency of $Q_{\max }$ should be low.
In bandpass filters, it is essential that the $Q$ of the resonant branches be carefully considered. This number, which we call $Q_{B}$, is the net $Q$ of the branch coil and capacitor together, measured at the center frequency, $f_{0}$. If the capacitors are nearly lossless, it is substantially the $Q$ of the inductor alone. In either case, it must meet the requirement

$$
Q_{B}=Q_{p} Q_{\epsilon}
$$

(3)
where $Q_{p}$ is the normalized low-pass $Q$, i.e., $Q_{\nu}=1 / d$, where $d$ is the number tabulated here. This figure is always evaluated at the 3 -db loss frequency. $Q_{c}$ is the circuit- $Q$ which is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{c}=\frac{f_{0}}{f_{2}-f_{1}}, f_{n}=\sqrt{f_{1} f_{2}} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $f_{1}$ and $f_{2}$ are the 3 - db frequencies of the desired bandpass filter.
The value of $Q_{B}$ can be measured accurately by using a Wheatstone bridge with an ac signal whose frequency coincides exactly with the tuning frequency of the $L C$ branch. At resonance, the branch is entirely resistive. Once this resistance is known, the $Q$ can be calculated from an accurate knowledge of the element values. The result can be made accurate within one percent if due care is exercised. - -

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## In this article，author John Dent describes a 3－db directional coupler which employs stripline techniques and provides directivity in excess of 20 db over a 30 per cent frequency band．The unit demonstrates excellent power division char acteristics and contains no critical dimensions or construc－ tion practices．

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$E^{2}$MPLOYING stripline techniques in the design E of clirectional couplers has led to a class of device that is compact and lightweight．This，to－ gether with the lack of an external termination， results in a unit well suited to airborne and mis－ sile applications．Fig． 1 illustrates one possible configuration of this device．
Radio－frequency power entering at $A$ is divided equally between lines $A B$ and $A C$ by virtue of the symmetry of the directional coupler design．The resulting fields at $B$ and $C$ are equal in phase and amplitude．The result is that no power is dissi－ pated in resistor $R$ when matched loads are con－ nected to the output terminals．However，by choosing the proper circuit components，a high de－ gree of isolation between terminations（or sources）
connected to terminals $Z O B$ and $Z O C$ will exist for power entering at either terminal．Experimen－ tal results of two units，operating about the 1100 － mc and $3000-\mathrm{mc}$ frequency bands，are shown in Figs． 2 and 3 respectively．
To obtain isolation，two possible paths of propa－ gation are provided between $B$ and $C$ for power entering at terminals $Z O B$ or $Z O C$ ．These paths must offer equal impedances to the signal，and they must be separated by 180 deg at resonance．
By making the line lengths from $A$ to $B$ and $A$ to）$C 1 / 4$－wavelength long，and by choosing the proper line impedance and resistor value，an equal power split and proper impedance match－ ing exist．
A signal entering at terminal $Z O B$ is split equally at junction $B$ ，and travels toward junction $C$ via the resistor and the $1 / 2$－wavelength long path，$B$ to $A$ to $C$ ．At junction $C$ ，the two parts of the signal are of equal amplitude and 180 deg


Fig．1．The stripline directional coupler with a $3-\mathrm{db}$ insertion loss shown here is designed about a simple path－length difference．
out of phase，if the path length through the re sistor is considered to be negligible，and complete cancellation occurs．This makes junction $C$ a volt tage－null point with zero impedance．As a result． no power will be transmitted to terminal ZOC，


Fig．2．Experimental stripline directional coupler achieved directivity of 20 db over a 33 per cent frequency band at $1,100 \mathrm{mc}$ ，with an insertion loss of 3 db ．


Fig．3．A second stripline directional coupler，operating at a frequency of about 3,00 mc ，achieved a $20-\mathrm{db}$ directivity of 20 db over a 36 per cent frequency band．

Fig. 4. Construction of the stripline directional coupler, as shown in this c.ploded view, is simplicity itself.

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and the power will be equally divided between the resistor and the termination (or source) connected to terminal ZOA.
By making impedance $Z O A=Z O B=Z O C$, the impedance of lines $A B$ and $A C$ for proper impeedance matching can be determined from the quarter-wave transformer expression:
$Z A B=Z A C=\sqrt{(2 Z O A)(Z O C)}$

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=\sqrt{(2 \mathrm{ZOA})(\mathrm{ZOB})}=\sqrt{2(\mathrm{ZOA})(1)}
$$

The impedance of the resistor is determined readily since junction $C$ appears as a point of minimum impedance for signals entering at terminal ZOB. Conversely, junction $B$ appears as a point of minimum impedance for signals entering at terminal ZOC. This minimum impedance at $C$ is reflected along the $1 / 4$-wavelength transformer, line $\Lambda C$, as an open circuit at junction $A$. The path impedance toward junction A from junction $B$ is, therefore, the impedance ZOA transposed along the $1 / 4$-wavelength transformer, line $A B$ as 2 ZOA .
Ky making the value of the resistor equal to ?ZOA, an equal power split can exist at junction $B$ for power entering at $Z O B$ and at junction $C$ for power entering at ZOC (a requirement for mavimum isolation), and proper impedance matching will exist.
Io determine if the design could be realized in pratice, units were constructed using the techniques shown in Fig. 4. The configuration was lan 1 -cut in register on both sides of a copper-clad leflen fiberglass boarcl $1 / 16$-in. thick, with $3 / 16$ -


Fig. 5. The high frequency unit, minus the housing, comprises the stripline mounted in register on both sides of a 3 -in. sq. of copper-clad teflon fiberglass.
in. ground place spacing. The strip widths for the desired impedance were determined from reference 1. The resistors employed are of the evaporated film type designed for microwave use. The higher frequency unit, less its housing, is shown in Fig. 5.

With proper choice of dielectric materials, highfrequency resistors and connectors, this unit can be readily adapted to a wide variety of multiplexing and coupling applications, both commercial and military.

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Fig. 1. Generalized transisior circuit.


Fig. 2. Flow graph for generalized transistor circuit of Fig. 1.


Fig. 3. Electrical equivalent of generalized circuit derived from flow graph of Fig. 2.

# Flow Graph Speeds Transistor Circuit Analysis 

What's going on electrically in a transistor circuit can be determined readily, and without looking up equations, from a flow graph. This application of flow graphs, presented by T. R. Nesbit, enables the designer to easily keep track of resistive parameters, hybrid parameters, voltages and currents.

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THE FLOW GRAPH is a useful device for tying together the equivalent circuit, the characteristic curves and the definitions of the various $h$-parameters of a transistor.

Fig. 1 defines what is meant by $v_{i}, i_{i}, v_{o}$, and $i_{o}$ without reference to the type of circuit connection.

The flow graph, Fig. 2, illustrates all the relevant equations. Note the distinction between dependent and independent variables. To determine $y$ in the equation $y=a x+b$, one must allocate a value to $x$. With the flow graph, one must allocate a value to the independent variables $\boldsymbol{i}_{i}$ and $v_{o}$ to evaluate the dependent variables $v_{i}$ and $i_{0}$.

Allocating a zero value gives the definitions.

For example, if $\varepsilon_{v}=0$, then $v_{o}$ contributes nothing along the $h_{r}$ path to $v_{i}$ (Fig. 2), so that $v_{s}$ is equal to $i_{i} \cdot h_{i}$. In conventional form, $h_{i}=v_{i} / i_{i}$ ] $v_{n}=0$.
When the independent variables are not zero the system equations can be written from the flow graph. For example:

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v_{i}=\left[h_{i} \cdot i_{i}+h_{t} \cdot v_{o}\right]
$$

Because generators in an equivalent circuit represent dependent variables, it is easy to construct an equivalent circuit from the flow graph, as in Fig. 3.

When drawing a graph, one intuitively puts the independent variable on the $X$ axis. The commonemitter characteristic curves therefore are plotted as in Fig. 4, with the second independent variable. input (base) current as a parameter. Similarly the input characteristic would be plotted as base
voltage ( $X$ axis) vs base current ( $Y$ axis) with col lector voltage as a parameter.

The $T$ equivalent-circuit parameters for the common emitter connection are shown in Fig. and the flow graph in Fig. 6. The flow graph wit the path $i_{c}$ to $v_{c e}$ inverted is shown in Fig. 7.

Comparison of the flow graph Fig. 7 and Fig. shows that the arrangement of input and outpu variables is the same. Therefore to express $h_{r}$ if terms of the equivalent-circuit parameters, not where it appears in the flow graph, in Fig. 2, and write down, from flow graph rules, (see ED, Deq 9, 1959, p 32) an expression for the same path if Fig. 7; by implication, the "unused" independen variable, $i_{i}$ or $i_{b}$ is set equal to zero in both case There is one loop, so $h_{r}$ is evaluated as:

$$
h_{r}=\frac{1}{r_{d}} \cdot r_{e}\left[\frac{1}{1+r_{e} / r_{d}}\right]=\frac{r_{e}}{r_{d}+r_{e}}
$$



Fig. 4. Common emitter characteristic curves.


Fig. 5. Common emitter equivalent $T$ circuit.


Fig. 6. Flow graph for equivalent $T$ circuit of Fig. 5.


Fig. 7. Equivalent $T$ flow graph with $i_{c^{-}}$ 10- $\mathrm{v}_{c e}$ path inverted.

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Considerations In Selecting Mica Capacitors

Mica Capacitors may have identical capacitance and voltage rating on their name plates, yet one may be up to a hundred times larger than another-why? It is the purpose of this article to discuss how the dc voltage rating, rf voltage rating, rf current rating, corona starting voltage, and pulse application affects size and physical configuration of mica capacitors. Examples will be given showing typical Sangamo types that are used to account for these electrical environmental variations.

DC Voltage Rating - Many electronic applications require that a mica capacitor be used in a circuit of moderate to high-voltage dc with a slight ac voltage superimposed on it. Because mica exhibits a very low dissipation factor, very little heat is generated due to the small amount of ac. Of primary concern is the dc voltage stress. Mica has a very high dielectric-strength capability. Hence, required capacity can be contained in a package that is significantly small such as Sangamo's Types D, DR, KR, CR, H and A. (Figure 1)
Fig. 1


RF Voltage and Current Rating - Like the small mica capacitors described above, capacitors of a larger size are frequently required to operate with a comparable dc voltage across their terminals. However, in transmitting rf oscillator tank circuits, radio frequency is predominant and the primary requirement is the ability to handle a large magnitude of rf current. It is therefore necessary to use a capacitor that can dissipate the heat generated

by the rf field. Because these factors are so important, transmitting capacitors are rated in rms current and peak working volts. They are usually potted in a material that has a high thermal conductivity and packaged to have a large surface area. Sangamo's Types E, F, and G are ex-
amples of high rf current application capacitors. Figure 2 shows, for example, the relative size and current-carrying ability of Types G1, G2, G3, G4 and G5.

Corona Starting Voltage - Corona can occur in any capacitor where the conditions are right. Capacitor manufacturers are aware of this and design accordingly. Where amplitude and frequency of ac voltage across the capacitor are relatively low, a wax impregnant can be used. How ever, when voltage is low and frequency is high, a liquid impregnant is used. The difference is due to the physical nature of the impregnant. The wax, when cooling, leaves holes and promotes corona, while a liquid impregnant is homogeneous. A typical example of a liquid impregnated capacitor that is used for miniaturization, low distributed inductance, and high frequency applications is the Sangamo Button ${ }^{\circledR}$ Capacitor. (Figure 3)

Fig. 3


Type M-23


Type M-63


Type M-72

Pulse Application - Unfortunately there are no industry standards on capacitor ratings for pulse applications. Design and testing of these capacitors follow individual specifications at the present time. Applications involving highfrequency pulse operation should be reviewed carefully with regard to corona and peak stresses. These two factors are very closely related to life expectancy of the capacitor. With the growth of pulse circuitry, users and manufacturers must begin to develop meaningful specifications, standards, and test procedures for pulse capacitors. Figure 4 shows typical examples of Sangamo Capacitors designed for pulse applications. The Type N-87 is a multiple-section Sangamo mica capacitor designed for packaging with other components in a hermetically sealed, oil-filled enclosure.

Fig. 4


Type $\mathrm{N}-38$

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|  |  | MINIATURIZED | NON-MINIATURIZED |
| Miniaturization <br> (wt. In grams) | 1.0 | 0.5 to 2 | 2 to 10 |
| Stability of Inductance <br> with temp. -55 to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $\pm 2 \%$ | $\pm 10 \%$ | $\pm 2 \%$ |
| with applied current <br> (zero to 90 MA) | $-1 \%$ | $-30 \%$ | NIL |
| with applied voltage <br> (test or signal) | G000 | POOR | GOOD |

-Utilizing closed magnetic circuits such as toroids, cup-cores, etc.
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| 1311.1 | 1 | $18 \pm 10 \%$ | 2.5 | 50 | 25 | 1.8 | 315 | BRN | GRY | BLK |
| 1311－2 | 1 | $22 \pm 10 \%$ | 2.5 | 50 | 24 | 2.0 | 300 | RED | RED | BLK |
| 1311－3 | 1 | $27 \pm 10 \%$ | 2.5 | 50 | 20 | 2.8 | 255 | RED | VLT | BLK |
| 1321.1 | 1 | $33 \pm 10 \%$ | 2.5 | 50 | 19 | 2.5 | 270 | ORG | ORG | BLK |
| 1321－2 | 1 | $39 \pm 10 \%$ | 2.5 | 50 | 18 | 3.0 | 245 | ORG | WHT | BLK |
| 1321－3 | 1 | $47 \pm 10 \%$ | 2.5 | 50 | 17 | 3.5 | 225 | YEL | VLT | BLK |
| 1321.4 | 1 | $56 \pm 10 \%$ | 2.5 | 50 | 15 | 4.2 | 205 | GRN | BLU | BLK |
| 1321－5 | 1 | $68 \pm 10 \%$ | 2.5 | 50 | 14 | 5.0 | 190 | BLU | GRY | BLK |
| 1321.6 | 1 | $82 \pm 10 \%$ | 2.5 | 50 | 12 | 5.5 | 180 | GRY | RED | BLK |
| 1321.7 | 1 | $100 \pm 10 \%$ | 2.5 | 50 | 11 | 6.0 | 170 | BRN | BLK | BRN |
| 1321.8 | 1 | $120 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 50 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 160 | BRN | RED | BRN |
| 1321.9 | 1 | $150 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 50 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 150 | BRN | GRN | BRN |
| 1321.10 | 1 | $180 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 50 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 140 | BRN | GRY | BRN |
| 1321．11 | 1 | $220 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 50 | 6.6 | 10.0 | 130 | RED | RED | BRN |
| 1331.1 | 1 | $270 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 45 | 4.0 | 6.8 | 165 | RED | VLT | BRN |
| 1331－2 | 1 | $330 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 45 | 3.6 | 7.4 | 155 | ORG | ORG | BRN |
| 1331.3 | 1 | $390 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 45 | 3.4 | 10.6 | 130 | ORG | WHT | BRN |
| 1331.4 | 1 | $470 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 45 | 3.1 | 11.5 | 125 | YEL | VLT | BRN |
| 1331.5 | 1 | $560 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 55 | 2.9 | 15.2 | 110 | GRN | BLU | BRN |
| 1331.6 | 1 | $680 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 50 | 2.6 | 17.0 | 105 | BLU | GRY | BRN |
| 1331.7 | 1 | $820 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 50 | 2.4 | 19.0 | 100 | GRY | RED | BRN |
| 1331－8 | 1 | $1000 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.79 | 45 | 2.2 | 21.3 | 90 | BRN | BLK | RED |
| NEWEST MINI－STAB TYPES 2 AND 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1312.1 | 2 | $1200 \pm 10 \%$ | 25 | 60 | 2.2 | 21.0 | 110 | BRN | RED | RED |
| 1312.2 | 2 | $1500 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 60 | 2.1 | 24.0 | 105 | BRN | GRN | RED |
| 1312.3 | 2 | $1800 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 65 | 1.9 | 27.0 | 100 | BRN | GRY | RED |
| 1312.4 | 2 | $2200 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 70 | 1.7 | 30.0 | 95 | RED | RED | RED |
| 1312.5 | 2 | $2700 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 70 | 1.6 | 33.0 | 90 | RED | VLT | RED |
| 1312.6 | 2 | $3300 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 70 | 1.4 | 37.0 | 85 | ORG | ORG | RED |
| 1313.1 | 3 | $3900 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 75 | 1.5 | 44.0 | 90 | ORG | WHT | RED |
| 1313.2 | 3 | $4700 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 80 | 1.4 | 49.0 | 85 | YEL | VLT | RED |
| 1313.3 | 3 | $5600 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 80 | 1.2 | 54.0 | 80 | GRN | BLU | RED |
| 1313.4 | 3 | $6800 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 80 | 1.1 | 60.0 | 75 | 日LU | GRY | RED |
| 1313.5 | 3 | $8200 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 80 | 1.0 | 67.0 | 70 | GRY | RED | RED |
| 1313.6 | 3 | $10000 \pm 10 \%$ | ． 25 | 80 | 0.9 | 75.0 | 70 | BRN | BLK | ORG |

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National Radio Co., Inc., National Co., Inc., Dept. ED, Malden, Mass.
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## Silicon Diodes

Are rated at 750 mo


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## DC Power Supply

## For photo multiplier tubes

This de power supply provides an output of -55 to $-1,000 \mathrm{v}$ Its principal use is powering an RCA 6655-A photo multiplier tube. The supply operates from an input of $115 \mathrm{v} \pm 10 \%$ at $60-\mathrm{cps}$ or from the firm's model 193.5 multivibrator switch. Ripple does not exceed 0.1\% peak-to-peak.
Lumen, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O Box 905. Joliet, Ill

Pyrotechnic Free Gyro 524
For one-time missile use


Type PHM pyrotechnic free gyro is for one-time use in short range missiles. Measuring $4.5 \times 2.75 \mathrm{in}$. and weighing about 800 g , the unit stands 100 g shock. It has 2 deg of freedom. Active gyro life is 3 min with an average drift of 1 deg per min.
Greenleaf Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 7814 Maplewood Industrial Court, St. Louis 17, Mo.

## Power Connectors

For 25- or $\mathbf{2 5 0}$-amp duty
These single-conductor plugs and receptacles with $25-$ and 250 amp ratings incorporate a fishtail plug design and provide simplified, quick assembly. All current carrying parts are of brass, goldplated for stable electrical contact and resistance to corrosion.
The Superior Electric Co., Dept. ED, Bristol, Conn.
Price \& Availability: Price ranges from $\$ 1.30$ to $\$ 5.50$. Delivery is from stock.

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Essex Electronics Div., Nytronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 550 Spring. field Ave., Berkeley Heights, NJ.

## Signal Generator

401
For measuring reflection coefficients
Model X775A sweep signal generator, with automatic gain control, provides a means of measuring the reflection coefficient of microwave components by direct oscilloscope presentations. The rf power source of the instrument is an electronically-swept permanent magnet type backward-wave-oscillator tube. A built-in amplifier can be used with an external detector to provide a reference source that is flat within $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{db}$ over the range of 8.2 to 12.4 kmc . Dial settings are provided for the upper and lower frequencies; dial accuracy is $\pm 1 \%$.
FXR, Inc., Dept. ED, 25-26 50th
St., Woodside 77, N. Y.

## Trimmer

392

## Potentiometers

Range is 10 ohms to 65 K
The W4 series trimmer potentiometers are offered in resistance values of 10 ohms to 65 K . The units are miniature. They are rated at 1 w up to 70 C , derating to 0 at 200 C .

Atohm Electronics, Dept. ED 7648 San Fernando Road, Sun Val ley, Calif.
Price \& Availability: $\$ 7.50$ to $\$ 12$
ea in quantities of 1 to 24; from stock.
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With choice of two diode types
Having standard and reverse polarity double-diffused diodes, this silicon rectifier stack can be urnished with style 40 or style jl diodes. Bridge assemblies using the style 40 are rated up to 180 amp, single phase, and 270 amp three phase. Bridge assemblies up to 260 amp , single phase, and using the style 51 diodes are rated 390 amp , three phase. The design used permits rapid adaptation to any current configuration.
Syntron Co., Dept. ED, 283 Lexington Ave., Homer City, Pa. Availability: Delivery time is two to three weeks.

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voltage steps
LA 50.03 A , LA $50.03 \mathrm{AM}-2,4,8,16$ and 0.4 volt vernier LA100.03A, LA100.03AM-2, 4, 8, 16 and 0.4 volt vernier
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## Size:

LA 50-03A $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{H} \times 19^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W} \times 143 / 8^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{D}$
LA $100-03 \mathrm{~A} 7^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{H} \times 19^{\prime} \mathrm{W} \times 143 / 8^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{D}$

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## MODEL

LT 1095, LT-1095M LT 2095, LT-2095M

## voltage bands

$0.8,8-16,16-24,24-32$
$0.8,8-16,16-24,24.32$
Regulation: Line Better than 0.15 per cent or 20 millivolts (whichever is greater). For input variations from 105125 VAC. Load Better than 0.15 per cent or 20 millivolts (whichever is greater). For load variations from 0 to full load.
AC Input: 105-125 VAC, 50-400 CPS.
Ripple and Noise: Less than 1 millivolt rms.
Ambient Temperature: $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$-continuous duty.
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Remote Sensing: Provision is made for remote sensing to minimize effect of power output leads on DC regulation, output impedance and transient response.

## Size:

LT $109531 / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{H} \times 19^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W} \times 143 / 8^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{D}$
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New Series of Indium Antimonide Infrared Detectors by Radiation
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## Indium Antimonide Infrared Detectors

Photovoltaic detector, Model J -02, operates at liquid nitrogen temperature and exhibits high sensitivity from the visible region to 5.7 mi crons. Because of its very small area ( $0.1 \times 0.1 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ), fast response, and sensitivity, the J-02 detector permits the design of infrared systems with high optical gain, high resolution, and very rapid scanning rates. Impedance is approximately 50,000 ohms. The J-02 is efficiently coupled to both transistor and vacuum tube preamplifiers. Linear arrays of detection elements can be fabricated for special applications.

PHOTOCONDUCTIVE detector, Model PC-02, operates at the dry ice point with sensitivity from the visible region to 6 microns. The PC-02 is conveniently coupled to both transistor and vacuum tube amplifiers. Standard detector area is $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$; other detector areas available from $0.5 \times 0.5 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ to $2 \times 2 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$. Time constant less than one microsecond.

PHOTOELECTROMAGNETIC (PEM)
detector, Model A-04, operates at

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | PEM | Photoconductive | PHOTOVOLTAIC |
| Operating Temperature | $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $-196{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| NEP* ( $500^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$ ), watts | $3.3 \times 10^{-9}$ | $1.5 \times 10^{-10}$ | $7 \times 10^{-12}$ |
| NEP* (5 microns), watts | $1 \times 10^{-9}$ | $3 \times 10^{-11}$ | $1.4 \times 10^{-12}$ |
| Spectral Cutoff, microns | 6.9 | 6.1 | 5.7 |
| Sensitive Area, mm- | $1 \times 1$ | $1 \times 1$ | $0.1 \times 0.1$ |
| Time Constant. microseconds | <1 | $<1$ | $<1$ |
| Typical Resistance, ohms | 5 | 100 | 50.000 |

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ambient temperatures and does not require bias supply. Sensitive from the visible to seven microns with a time constant of less than one microsecond. Standard detector element is $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$, and other sizes from $0.5 \times 0.5 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ to $2 \times 1 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ can be furnished. Normally used with an input transformer for efficient coupling to transistor or vacuum tube amplifiers. Housed in a hermetically sealed, ruggedized package, the A-04 is supplied with a magnesium oxide window. Other window materials, such as sapphire or arsenic trisulphide, are also available.

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SPECIFICATIONS

## NEW PRODUCTS

DC Power Supplies

Panel height is 3.5 in .


The QR power supplies have a panel height of 3.5 in . The units have an ammeter and a voltmeter accurate to $2 \%$ of full scale. A 10 -turn potentiometer provides resolution of one part in 10,000 . Model QR-36-4, shown, has an output of 0 to 36 v at 0 to 4 amp , which may be used as negative or positive and may be floated up to 500 v above or below ground. Input is 105 to 125 v at 55 to 65 cps . Ripple is 1 mv rms , static load regulation is $\pm 0.01 \%$ or $\pm 1 \mathrm{mv}$, static or dynamic line regulation is $\pm 0.03 \%$ or 3 mv . Maximum load transient response time is $25 \mu \mathrm{sec}$.

NJE Corp., Dept. ED, 20 Boright Ave., Kenilworth, N.J.
Price: Model QR-36-4 is priced at \$485 ea.

## Triode



Type $7545 / \mathrm{XD}-45$ forced-air-cooled triode is for use in pulsed service as an amplifier and modulator switch tube. It will switch 180 amp at $25,000 \mathrm{v}$ with a duty of 0.002 . Peak power handling capacity is 3.4 megawatts. Additional ratings up to 0.06 duty are provided. Plate voltage is 25 kv de in pulse applications, 8 kv de in civ applications.

Central Electronic Manufacturers, Dept. ED, 2 Richwood Place, Denville, N.J.
Price \& Availability: $\$ 380$ ea; 30-day delivery time.

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Size 8 Servo Motor
Device is viscous damped


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John Oster Manufacturing Co., Avionic Div., Dept. ED, Racine, Wis.
Availability: Delivery, from stock, is about 30 days.

AC Servo Amplifier
382
For aircraft and missile use


Developed for $115-\mathrm{v}, 400-\mathrm{cps}$ servo systems sed on aircraft and missiles, this solid-state mplifier drives standard size 11 or smaller $40-\mathrm{v}$ enter-tapped servo motors. It can also be used operate $40-\mathrm{v}$ motors in larger frame sizes here the 3.5 -w output is adequate. The unit has gain stability of $\pm 2 \mathrm{db}$ over an operating (mperature of -55 to +102 C and operates rith only slightly reduced gain at +125 C . Noral power gain is 90 db max with no feedback r 70 db min with feedback.
United Control Corp., Dept. ED, 4540 Union by Place, Seattle 5, Wash.
Division

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\text { Price \& Availability: } \$ 250 \text { ea in quantities to } 10
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## NEW PRODUCTS

## DC Voltmeter

## Rated at 200,000

Model M200DC Kilovoltmeter is rated at 200.000 v dc and is constructed in two pieces for remote metering. Composed of a high-voltage multiplier resistor in a tall bakelite tube and an indicating instrument in a small metal cabinet at ground potential, the device has an input resistance of $2,000 \mathrm{meg}$. It takes an overload of $150 \%$. The indicating instrument is $4.5-\mathrm{in}$. sq.

Peschel Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, Towners, Patterson, N. Y.
Price d Availability: Made on order only; delivered 60 days after receipt or order. Price per unit is $\$ 800$.

## Attenuator

383
For operation from de to 4 kmc


Model A 101, 10-w coaxial power attenuator is designed for operation from dc to 4 kmc . It can be supplied in attenuation values from 0 to 60 db . The attenuator accuracy of pads up to 30 db , including absolute accuracy and variation of attenuator as a function of frequency is 0.5 db ; the accuracy of pads from 30 to 60 db is 0.75 db . The units are calibrated at 1.2 kmc and 2.8 kmc and can be supplied with type N , TNC, C, and BNC connectors. The vswr of units having type N connectors is 1.3 max from dc to 4 kmc .

R L C Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 805 Mamaroneck, N. Y.
Price \& Availability: $\$ 115$ to $\$ 170$; delivery from stock to 30 days.

## Ultrasonic Immersible Transducers

 567End fitting and bulkhead type
This line of both end-fitting and bulkhead type, immersible ultrasonic transducers can be used to add ultrasonic cleaning stages to existing tanks or vapor degreasers. They are designed for use with most cleaning solutions, solvents and detergents, mild acids and caustics at temperatures to 180 F . The transducers are produced in three standard sizes with a rated input power of 60,125 , and


Multi-Turn $-3,5,10,20$

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## Linear Displacement Transducers

Trim-Tite ${ }^{3}$
Microminiature Trimmers

Rotary \&
Rectilinear Trimmer FilmPots ${ }^{*}$


Linear displacement transducers - with or without spring-loaded return stroke - are available in all sizes, from $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ to $6^{\prime \prime}$ strokes. Smallest in the line is only $121 / 44^{\prime \prime} \times 13 / 22^{\prime \prime} \times 11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
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Fairchild FilmPots© use a continuous film of evaporated


The complete line of multi-turns consists of two diam-enters- $-7 / \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}$ and $17 / 8^{\prime \prime}$-with four models in each diameter $-3-5-10$ - and 20-turns. All have a linearity of $\pm 0.25$ to
$+.05 \%$ over a temperature range of $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+105^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. $\pm .05 \%$ over a temperature range of $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+105^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$,
standard. Hi-temp. units available on special order. Power rating: 2.5 watts at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. This design lends Itself to multi-tapping and multi-ganging.
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Rotary Film Pots ${ }^{*}$ (left) are available in $7 / \mathbf{a}^{\prime \prime}$ to $2^{\prime \prime \prime}$ diamotters. They can be supplied in ganged assemblies and can also be ganged with similar size Fairchild wirewound pots.
Rectilinear FilmPote trimmers (right) come in two sizes Precise adjustments are made by a $281 / 2$ turn screw Resistance ranges: 50 to 25K?; Up to 50K? on special order.
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250 w , respectively; they can be used either individually or in combination.

National Ultrasonic Corp., Dept. ED, 111 Montgomery Ave., Irvington 11, N.J.
Price \& Availability: Delivered 7 days after order received; prices range from $\$ 115$ to $\$ 6.25$ for various models.

Impedance Analyzer
378
For precision measurements


Model W-2 impedance analyzer is designed for precision measurement of polar parameters, phase angle and ohmic values of impedance. It computes and directly indicates phase angle as well as its sin, cos, and tan, power factor, Q , and D. Measurements can be made at the actual operating voltage and frequency of the component being tested. Accuracy is $1^{17}$ from 60 cps to 12 kc , impedance measurements can be made to 1 meg .
Western Electronic Products Co., Dept. ED, 2420 N. Lake Ave., Altadena, Calif.
Price \& Availability: Price is $\$ 135$ fob Altadena, Calif., with immediate availability.

## Resistive Heating Devices

## For continuous use ot 450 F

These electric heating elements or power resistors use silicone rubber and fiberglass cloth insulation and are capable of continuous operaton at temperatures above 450 F . Width is 1 in ., over-all lengths are 1.5 to 12 in ., and thickness is 0.12 in . or less. Resistance per unit of length is 1.27 to 1,800 ohms per in. of heated length. Resistance tolerance is $\pm 7 \%$. Units cemented to metal dissipate up to 25 w per sq in.

Electro-Flex Heat, Inc., Dept. ED, 83 Woodbine St., Hartford 6, Conn.
Price \& Availability: Available for 1.5-1ay delivcry, units with lugs are priced at $\$ 0.33$ ca plus $\$ 0.07-1 / 3$ per in. of length (in quantities of 200 or more). Units with leads are priced at \$0.42 ea plus $\$ 0.07-1 / 3$ per in. of length.

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## MINIATURE ACCELEROMETER





## Servo Motor-Generator

Model R830-26 servo motor-generator is a si $\%$ 11 unit. It has 0 -deg phase shift and a signal-1). noise ratio of $290: 1$. It is designed primarily as a low-inertia rate generator, but can also be us d to replace most size 15 units in high-gain applications. The motor section operates on $115 \mathrm{v}, 410$ cps and draws 53 ma . The generator section requires an excitation of 115 v at 400 cps and 65 n a.
Genueral Precision Inc., Kearfott Div., Dept, ED, 1150 McBride Ave., Little Falls, N.J.

## Power Supply

For servos and transistorized amplifiers


An output of 29 v dc at 300 ma , filtered and unregulated, and two isolated ac outputs rated at 4 w and 0.5 w respectively are provided b! the model H3900-01 power supply. The di source is suitable for transistorized amplifier and small servos. Input is $115 \mathrm{v}, 400 \mathrm{cps}$. The device can be used to circumvent noise and severe transient voltages in $28-\mathrm{v}$ dc lines of aircraft and missiles. Units, weighing 28 oz , are potted and sealed.
Kearfott Div., General Precision Inc., Dept.

* A new Model Y A will shortly be available with the same performance but a substantial reduction in both weight and size.


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## Magnetic Amplifiers

664

## Servo-motor type

These servo-motor, magnetic amplifiers mee full Mil specs for temperature, shock, and vibra tion. Model 224, typical of the series, drives standard 3.5 w , size 11 servo motor from 115 at 400 cps . Less than 1 ma dc is required for full motor torque.

Acromag, Inc., Dept. ED, 22515 Telegrapl Road, Southfield, Mich.
Price \& Availability: Model 224 is priced at $\$ 148$ delivery is from stock.

High-Torque AC Motors

Units weigh 10 oz



These Rotorac motors, having a typical weight of 10 oz , are capable of delivering a $6 \mathrm{lb}-\mathrm{in}$. at 20 rpm from a $115-\mathrm{v}, 60-\mathrm{cps}$ source at 0.75 amp . The units have rapid starting and stopping characteristics, and are not damaged by stalls.
Airborne Accessories Corp., Dept. ED, 1414 Chestnut Ave., Hillside 5, N. J.
Price \& Availability: Units are available from stock, and are priced from $\$ 25$ to $\$ 40$ each in yuantities of 100 .

Microwave Monitor And Alarm 357

This alarm and fault-finding system will monitor as many as 480 functions in a microwave system. The system, Model MA-1, indicates station condition, over-all system conditions, and individual function condition of up to 20 functions at any of 24 remote reporting stations. Faults are indicated at a master alarm station, illustrated. Such functions as tower lights, illegal entry, operation of emergency power unit or auxiliary rf, units, high temperature or low pressure could be indicated.
Motorola, Inc., Communications and Industial Electronics Div., Dept. ED, 4501 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago 51, Ill.

Handles 480 functions

## General Electric RTV*

## liquid silicone rubber



General Electric silicone rubber used extensively by Aerojet-General Corp. for the Titan ICBM's propulsion-system wiring harness. Breakouts and junctions molded from C.E RTV, wiring is silicone insulated jacketing is high-strength G-E silicone rubber - all chosen for their stable insulating properties, resistance to temperature extremes and weathering, and stability in storage for many years.

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## GENERAL ELECTRIC <br> Silicone Products Department, Waterford, New York

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## NEW PRODUCTS

## Instrument Wire

Has 1 to 6 mil insulation
This instrument wire has Teflon-insulated walls measuring from 1 to 6 mil . Silver-plated copper conductors from AWG 28 to 36 are available. The wire is rated for 300 v at temperatures from -90 to +250 C. Any length can be furnished.
Tensolite Insulated Wire Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 1000 N. Division St., Peekskill, N.Y.

## Precision Band-Pass Filters

Available for 90,150 and 180 cps


The Series F bandpass filters, available in 90 -, 150 - and 180 -cps models, have bandwidths of 8 , 11 and 12 cps respectively a 1 db down. Insertion loss, input and load impedances are the same for the three units. The instruments are designed for navigational aids, instrument landing systems. receivers, control units, monitors and associated test instruments. Units are hermetically sealed in $3 \times 3-1 / 2 \times 3-13 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. metal cases. Ambient temperature range is -20 to +60 C .
Barker \& Williamson, Inc., Dept. EID, Bristol, Pa.
Availability: Units are made to order and can can be delivered in 30 days.

## Image Orthicon Tube

Field mesh improves image
Type GL-799, designed to replace the standard 58.0 , uses a field mesh in the scanning section to improve beam landing by creating a more uniform electric field in back of the target. The tube is interchangeable, electrically and physically, with the 58.20 , but differs slightly in construction and operation. Spectral response is close to that of the human eye.

General Electric Co., Dept. ED, Schenectady 5. N. Y.

Price \& Availability: The tube is available in sample quantities at a user price of $\$ 1,300$.


7 he U.S. Weather Bureau used a Honeywell Model 906B Visicorder Oscillograph to record directly this diary of a thunderstorm as it passed near the observation station on M1. Washburn in Yellowstone National Park.
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Byron Phillips, U. S. Weather Bureau Scientist, monitors thunderstorm data as it is recorded by the Honeywell Model 906 Visicorder.

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G. L. Collins Corp., 2820 E. Jullett St., Long Beach, Calif.
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Premier Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, New Broad St., Port Chester, N.Y.

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Cambridge Thermionic Corp., Dept. ED, 445 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass.
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Acme Electric Corp., Dept. ED, Cuba, N.Y. Price \& Availability: Units are priced at $\$ 125$ and are furnished from stock.

## Toggle Switch



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Wood Electric Corp., Dept. ED, 244 Broad St., Lynn. Mass.
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Allied Control Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 2 E. End Ave., New York, N.Y.

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Micro Switch, Dept. ED, Freeport, Ill. Price: $\$ 32.50$.

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The DoAll Co., Dept. ED, 254 N. Laurel Ave., Des Plaines, Ill.

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James Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 4050 N. Rockwell St., Chicago 18, Ill.

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Saga Laboratories, 3 Huron Drive, Natick. Mass.
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## Instrument Catalog

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This 48-page catalog, No. 604, describes and illustrates the company's complete line of noise and field intensity meters, impulse generators, power density meters, modulation meters, coaxial attenuators and terminations, crystal mixers and microwave components. Line drawings and tabular data are included. Empire Devices Products Corp., Amsterdam, N. Y.

## Telemeters

262
This 52-page bulletin, No. M1715, describes the company's Metameter telemeters. Included are principles of operation, application to various measurands, and electrical quantities. Computer control, pump control, remote control, selective calling, and Metaphone are also illustrated. Bristol Co., Waterbury 20, Conn.

## Magnetic Shielding

263
Bulletin No. F-1 gives design and performance data of magnetic alloy shields for high gain input transformers and electron beam tubes. Charts show shielding efficiency of single and multiple layer rectangular as well as cylindrical shielding containers of several magnetic alloys. Magnetic Metals Co., Hayes Ave. at 21st St., Camden 1, N. J.

## Resistor

A new type of glass-enclosed resistor is described in data sheet No. CE-2.02. Illustrated in the bulletin are the $1 / 8$ watt and the $1 / 4$ watt NF-60 and NF-65. Resistance range is 100 ohms to 360 K ; voltage ratings are 250 and 300 v . Write on company letterhead to Corning Glass Works, Electronic Components, Dept. ED, Bradford, Pa.

## Transformer Kit

264
This catalog page gives complete technical specifications of model C-2650 microminiature transformer kit. The kit is complete with 10 precision transformers, case, technical manual and test data. James Electronics Inc., 4050 N. Rockwell St., Chicago 18, Ill.

## Power Supplies

265
Information and specifications on dc-dc converters, dc-ac inverters and ac-dc power supplies for laboratory, airbome, mobile, communications and automation applications are given in this four-page brochure. Output and dimensions are covered. Electrodynamic Instrument Corp., 1841 Old Spanish Trail, Houston 25, Tex.

## Trimming Potentiometers

266
Two 1/2-in., square, high-performance trimming potentiometers are featured in this four-page bulletin. Photographs, outline drawings, power input charts, electrical and mechanical specifications, standard coil data, and a list of available modifications tell the complete product story. Helipot Division of Beckman Instruments, Inc., 2500 Fullerton Road, Fullerton, Calif.

## Rotary Switch

267
Manufactured to BUShips and MIL specifications, this rotary multipole switch is the subject of two-page bulletin No. 19. Included are dimensional drawings, special-assemblage drawings, technical data, and a photograph of the switch. Electro Switch Corp., King Ave., Weymouth (Boston 88), Mass.

## Frequency Discriminator

268
Details of a $115-\mathrm{v}, 400$-cycle, 0 to 5 v dc frequency discriminator appear in this data sheet. Specifications, outline drawings, a schematic diagram, signal frequency graph, and a description of operation and applications are included. Magnetic Research Corp., 3160 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.

## Infrared Source

269
This data sheet describes a miniature infrared source for calibrating the seeking head of infrared guided missiles and other sensitive elements in the 200 to 600 C temperature range. Construction, operation and specifications of the infrared source and temperature controller are included. Perkin-Elmer Corp., Norwalk, Conn.

## Application Notes

This four-page index of some 40 "Application Notes" issued by the firm over the past months contains abstracts of a variety of subjects for users of electronic measuring instruments. The "Application Notes" themselves describe electronic theory, measurements, and applications of the firm's instruments. Typical topics covered are traveling wave amplifiers, solid-state devices, masers, various frequency, microwave and current measurements, and applications for oscilloscopes and oscillators. Hewlett-Packard Co., 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif.

## Complex Ratio Bridge

Terhnical specifications, a detailed circuitry description and a simplified block diagram of a complex ratio bridge appear in this four-page, illustrated brochure. Also shown are schematics of typical applications involving transformers, resolvers, transducers, and synchros. Gertsch Products, Inc., 3211 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.

## Trimmer Potentiometers <br> 272

Technical descriptions, outline drawings, performance data, a power rating curve, price and availability data are included in this two-page, color bulletin on trimmer potentiometers. Fairchild Controls Corp., Components Div., 225 Park Ave., Hicksville, L.I., N.Y.

## Chart Drives

273
This catalog describes chart drives that offer quick, easy chart speed changing, savings in chart paper costs, and an ability to match chart speed to test requirements. Included are instructions for ordering proper models and photographs of unit installed. Barry Controls Inc., Insco Co. Div., Hollis St., Groton, Mass.

AC Motors
274
This six-page, two-color catalog presents information on horsepower, torque, speed, duty cycle, weight and size of the firm's ac motors. These motors, designed for electro-mechanical linear and rotary actuators, servos, pumps and valves, have qualified for Mil specifications. Lear Inc., P.J. Box 688, Grand Rapids 2, Mich.

## Solid-State Circuits

275
The firm's capabilities in solid-state circuits is illustrated in this four-page, two-color brochure. In addition to specifications and characteristics of major circuits, the brochure outlines the design and development capabilities of the company. Pennon Electronics, Inc., 7500 S. Garfield, Bell Gardens, Calif.

## Precision Bearings

276
"How to Reduce Cost and Eliminate Overdesign in the Selection of Precision Miniature Bearings" is a four-page, illustrated catalog that describes how sintered bronze bearings have been designed to replace miniature precision ball bearings in a variety of applications. Included in catalog No. 60-04 are MIL specs, design features, available styles and sizes, specifications, applications, and installation procedures. Northfield Precision Instrument Corp., 4400 Austin Blvd., Island Park, L.I., N.Y.

## Trimmer Capacitors

277
Seven models of direct-traverse, trimmer capacitors with pan terminals and five models with wire terminals are described in reference sheet CE-4.01. In addition to a picture and diagrams of the trimmers, the sheet covers dimensions capacitance range, core and shaft plating material, and finish of the models. Corning Glass Works, Electronic Components Dept., Bradford, Pa.

## Instrument Cases

278
Brochure No. 403-G gives details of a comprehensive line of instrument cases, covering features, sizes and colors. This 12-page, color, booklet describes the standard hardware that may be obtained when ordering the predesigned cases. TA Manufacturing Corp., 4607 Alger St. Los Angeles 39, Calif.

## Pulse Switch

279
An adjustable industrial pulse switch is described in this two-page data sheet, No. 173. In contains photographs, dimensional drawings, characteristics and pricing information. Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Micro Switch Div., Freeport, Ill.

## Resistance Thermometers by REC



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Specifications, illustrations and technical data for silicon, intermediate-power transistors, types 2N1047, 2N1048, 2N1049 and 2N1050, are included in this one-page data sheet. Silicon Transistor Corp., Carle Place, L.I., N.Y.

## Mil-Spec Knobs

281
Illustrations and dimensional drawings of Mil-Spec knobs are included in this two-page bulletin, No. 59-3A. These knobs are available in five sizes, six styles, three shaft diameters and three finishes. National Radio Co., Inc., 37 Washington St., Melrose 76, Mass.

## Oscilloscope

282
A transistorized, battery-operated, portable oscilloscope is featured in this fourpage pamphlet. Specifications, photos, block diagram, and performance details of the 3 - in. instrument are provided. Tektronix, Inc., P.O. Box 500, Beaverton, Ore.

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## Power Supply Transformers

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## Screws and Bolts

The advantages of Holtite Nylok screws are explained in this eight-page booklet. Included is a graph of manufacturing standards. Continental Screw Co., New Bedford, Mass.


## Digital Voltmeter

286
Performance characteristics of a digital oltmeter designed for military applications are covered in eight-page bulletin 19-77. History, design and construction, and environmental design goals for the voltmeter are included. Kin Tel, Div. of Cohu Electronics, 5725 Kearny Villa Koad, San Diego 12, Calif.

## Teflon Terminals

This 18 -page catalog, No. Tll0, provides engineering and technical data such as voltage and capacitance micromicrofarad ratings on the firm's subminiature Teflon terminals. Tri-Point Plastics Inc., 175 I.U. Willets Road, Albertson, L.I., N.Y.

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## Silicon Diode

288
Type FD200, diffused silicon diode having ultra-fast recovery and ultra-high conductance, is described in data sheet No. SL-110/1. This two-page bulletin is illustrated with performance graphs and a test circuit diagram. Fairchild Semiconductor Corp., 4300 Redwood Highway, San Rafael, Calif.

## Silicon Rectifier Handbook

289
Illustrations, specifications and dimensional drawings on the firm's entire line of silicon, power rectifiers are included in this 42-page handbook. Extensive technical data on the selection and application of the products is outlined. The company's national network of representatives and a customer price list are covered. Standard Rectifier Corp., 620 E. Dyer Road, Santa Ana, Calif.

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ASW: How To Meet The Challenge
Although our consulting group has been in the ASW field for nearly a decade, your article covered several developments we had not seen mentioned before. Your work in delineating the ASW field in such a thorough manner is appreciated.
In my opinion, careful consideration must be given to the division of responsibility in the Department of the Navy. For example, BuShips is responsible for sonar, and BuWeapons for fire control. Without perfect coordination and the freest flow of information, we will not get the perfect ASIV system in the shortest possible time, at the lowest possible cost, when sonar is the detection means in an ASIV fire control system. Perhaps joint responsibility is the answer, as demonstrated by BuShips and the AEC in the atomic submarine program.

Since we are committed for many years to come to supplying our bases overseas by water, we are forced to strengthen our ASW posture. It is discouraging and alarming to have to vote to be on the submarine in an ASW battle. N. A. Denman -

Manager. Basic \& Experimental Physics Engineering Services Falmouth, Mass.

- The last line of the letter refers to a question the authors of the ASW article asked frequently: "In a battle between a submarine and an antisubmarine task force, would you rather be in the task force or in the submarine?" Unanimously, the answer was, "The sub."


## From the Navy

You will appreciate the fact that I cannot comment on our technical advantages and disadvantages in the anti-submarine warfare field without immediately prejudicing classified information. In this technical connection 1 find the largest void in the article is its failure to mention the participation of the National Security Industrial Association in the ASW technical field.

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## LETTERS

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From the Senate
My reaction to the article on anti-submarine warfare is that it is informative and timely. On the Senate floor, during the debate on the Defense Appropriations bill, I again urged greater emphasis on anti-submarine warfare capability. The following is quoted from my Senate statement:
"Anti-submarine warfare capability should be increased on a high-priority basis.
"I recommend an increase of $\$ 465$ million over and above the budget request for building up our capability in this field, and introduce an amendment for that purpose.
"This money would provide additional attack submarines, specialized aircraft. sonobuoys, torpedoes, mines, depth charges, and a wide range of electronic equipment.'

Stuart Symington
United States Senator

Sonar Is the Key
Those of us involved in helping to solve the ASW problem feel that one reason the problem exists is that very little money and effort have been put into its solution. "Very little" is used in a relative sense as compared to the kind of money that has developed radar to its present state and has given the warning networks which exist today.
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It would be interesting to know the identity of the "ASW officer" who speaks with authority on a topic too frequently obscure to the design engineer. Are his views based on post-World War II experience in the ASW field?

Arthur S. Kramer
Staff Engineer
Grumman Aircraft Corp. Bethpage, N. Y.

- The officer referred to in "An ASW Officer Speaks" is Robert Shaw, currently with DuMont, a division of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp. Mr. Shaw spent 11 years with the fleet in ASW operations. This included time spent in actual ASW problems during the World War II, simulated submarine attacks with the latest postuar equipment available, and a tour of duty as Sonar Proiect Officer at the Surface Anti-Subma, ine Detachment in Key West cevaluating new electronic ASW equipment.


## Inhale! Exhale!

In the otherwise fine article on speech making ("So You've Got to Make a Speech," ED, June 8, p 166) there are two points I would like to comment on.
Although it was widely reported in the press at the time that the American hockey team was helped by inhaling oxygen at Squaw Valley, it is doubtful if it really accounted for their victory. In the first place, the body does not store oxygen for any apr reciable length of time, especially during violent activity. The most convincing argument against the efficacy of oxygen inhalation is that another team (Canada's, I believe) inhaled from what they believed were tanks of oxygen prior to a game which they subsequently won. Later it was revealed that the valves to the oxygen tanks had never been opened and the team members had actually inhaled air. A compliment to the clean air of the Sierra Nevada perhaps, but not to $\mathrm{O}_{2}$.
The second comment is more of an opinion. Breathing deeply 10 or 15 times before delivering a speech is more likely to induce dizziness than clarity, at least in my experience.
Following the Olympics of 1932, held in Los Angeles, the victory of the Japanese swimmers was attributed to their use of oxygen before each event. As in the case of the American hockey team, I believe that the effects were more psychological than physiological, the Japanese being motivated-as was, probably, our hockey teamby nationalistic fervor and the good athlete's desire to win.

Richard G. Gould
Menlo Park, Calif.

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According to Cameron G. Pierce, president of Ling Electronics, the course covers sine, complex and random wave vibration in theory and prac tice.
Moderator of the session will be John C Jordan, research engineer for Ling and a grad uate of the Georgia Institute of Technology.
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