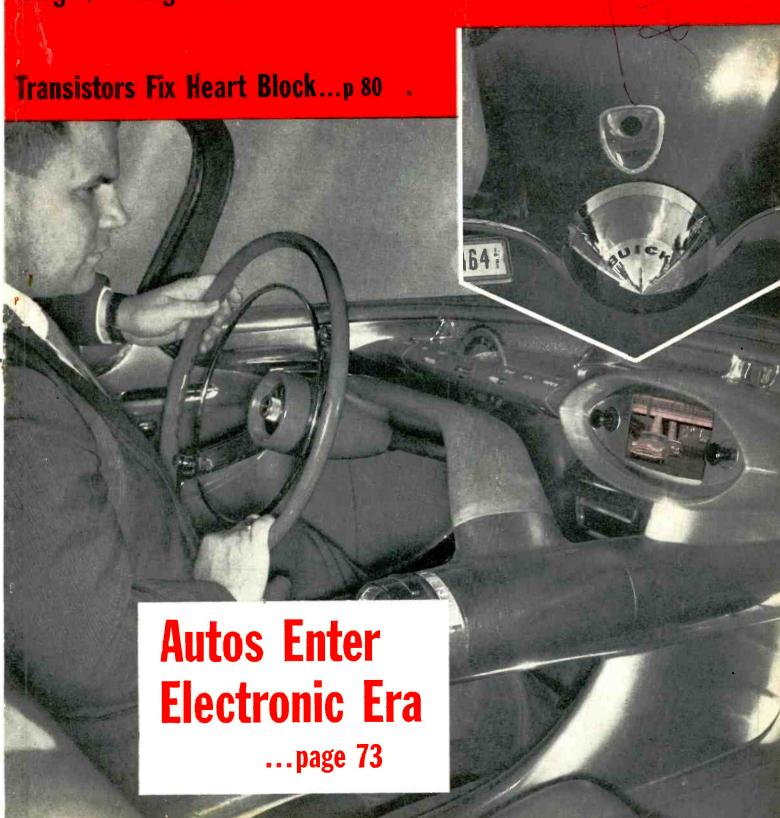
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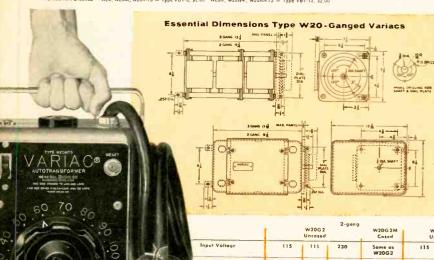
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Dial Calibrations		0.10		0.10	0-	10	0.10		0.10	7	0.10	0:10		0.10
Driving Torque (ozin.)		110-220	1	110-220	165	-330	165-330		110-220	,	110-220	165-3		165-330
Net Weight (lbs.)		431/2		48	6/	43/5	71		41		45	61		67
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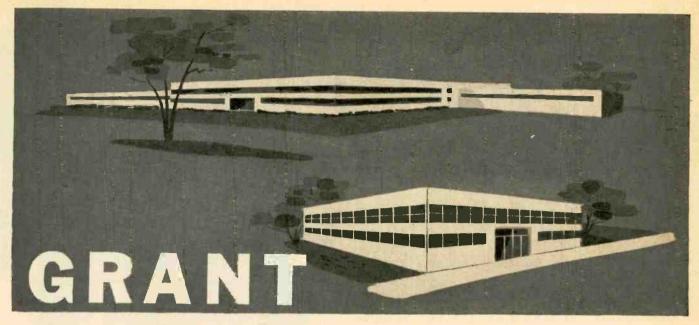
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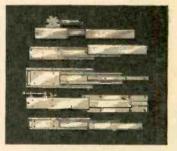
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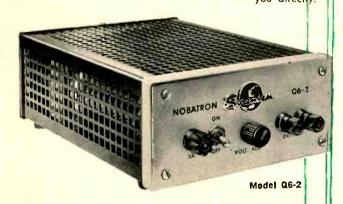
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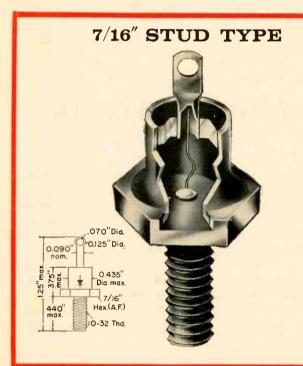
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2	1	Volts	Amps.	Amps.	μΑ	
(9)	1N253	95*	3.0	1.0*	10	
	1N254	190*	1.5	0.4*	10	
18,226	1N255	380*	1.5	0.4*	10	
	1N256	570*	0.95	0.2*	20	
1	CK846	100	3.5	1.0	2	
<b>基理</b>	CK847	200	3.5	1.0	2	
	CK848	300	3.5	1.0	2	
	CK849	400	3.5	1.0	2	
	CK850	500	3.5	1.0	2	
	CK851	600	3.5	1.0	2	

	TYPE	Peak Operating Voltage -65°C to +165°C Volts	Ave. Rectified Current 25°C 150°C mA mA		Reverse Current (Max.) at Specified PIV, 150°C mA	
	1N536 1N537	50	750	250 250	0.40	
IN540	1N538	100 200	750 750	250	0.40	
RAYTHEON	1N539 1N540	300 400	750 750	250 250	0.30 0.30	
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ARMY will start testing next spring at Laplata, Md., a "tapered aperture horn antenna" that will be 844 ft long, 506 ft wide and 253 ft high. Design, says the Army Signal Corps, is a radical break with conventional curtain antennas. It was developed by Developmental Engineering Corp. for the Army's strategic long-range communications circuits, with particular emphasis on anti-jamming characteristics.

DATA HANDLING systems on order by savings banks will be transistorized by 1960, Teleregister Corp. tells Electronics. Firm says three eastern banks that had ordered systems using tubes and magnetic drum memories have agreed to wait two years for the new equipment. Systems planned are on-line; they will process deposit and withdrawal transactions as they take place.

MANNED SPACE CAPSULE CONTRACT may be awarded after January 1, 1959, according to the National Aeronauties and Space Administration. NASA was host earlier this month to 38 firms for a discussion of preliminary specifications. They were invited to submit proposals for long-term development of a space capsule suitable for manned satellite flight.

SPACEBORNE magnetic tape recorder, small enough to be held in one hand but able to

store three million pieces of data, has been announced. Lockheed Missile Systems division, the developer, said the device could record and store vital data when a spacecraft was out of radio contact with the earth and then, on command, unload the information in one-sixth the time it takes to record it.

GOVERNMENT demand for data processing systems is growing, with strong emphasis on information storing and retrieval units. This was reported at the recent 1958 Computer Application Symposium in Chicago sponsored by the Armour Research Foundation. At the end of last year some 120 systems were reportedly in use by the U. S. Government, involving about \$30 million in annual rentals and \$9 million worth of purchased equipment. As of last June, more than 150 data systems were in the approved or advanced planning stages.

TWELVE COMPUTER CENTERS are being established for university scientists on a regional basis by the National Science Foundation. Fiscal '59 budget of NSF includes \$1.5 million for university computing facilities, and the agency expects the program to run two additional years. First center will be set up at the University of North Carolina with a \$500,000 grant for purchase of a Univac 1105.

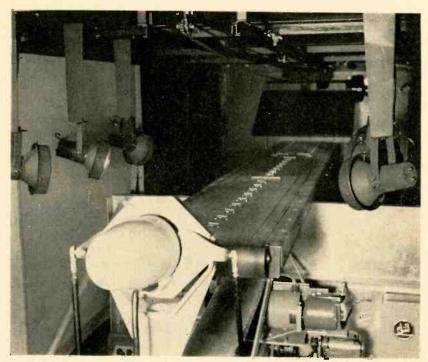


#### FIGURES OF THE WEEK

RECEIVER PRODUC	IION		
(Source: EIA)	Oct. 31, '58	Oct. 24, '58	Nov. 1, '5
Television sets, total	121,465	121,267	152,30
Radio sets, total	. 306,977	310,148	399,19
Auto sets	56,071	75,073	131,32
STOCK PRICE AVER	AGES		
(Source: Standard & Poor's)	Nov. 5, '58	Oct. 29, '58	Nov. 6, '57
Radio-tv & electronics	66.41	62.99	41.79
Radio broadcasters	77.48	73.39	50.79

#### FIGURES OF THE YEAR Totals for first nine months

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	1958	1957	Percent Change
Receiving tube sales	291,718,000	341,663,000	<b>—14.6</b>
Transistor sales	30,387,277	18,842,300	+61.3
Cathode-ray tube sales	5,844,665	7,308,552	-20.0
Television set production	3,572,189	4,589,164	-22.2
Radio set production	8,178,821	10,764,454	-24.0
TV set sales	3,468,090	4,452,041	22.1
Radio set sales (excl. auto)	4,903,676	5,840,372	16.0



Tv camera picks up model of airport runway lighting, projects to pilot in trainer

#### Tv Aids Airport Simulation

COMBINATION of flight-trainer techniques and industrial television is helping Airways Modernization Board check out proposed systems for runway and approach lighting.

Approach, landing and takcoff simulator, built for AMB by Doman Helicopter, was unveiled late last month at National Aviation facilities Experimental Center in Atlantic City, N. J.

Simulator, dubbed Dalto, is made up of three major subsystems. Curtiss-Wright P3A part-task trainer (which "flies" like a B-25) is one end of the system. The other is a 57-ft-3-in, moving belt on which various runway lighting configurations are set up. Connecting the two is a television system provided by General Precision Laboratories.

Runway lights are simulated by

raised fluorescent dots which are illuminated by ultraviolet light. Strobe beacons are simulated by a row of small neon bulbs which are flashed by a set of commutating contacts under the belt.

Belt movement is controlled by the trainer, simulating craft's ground speed. The camera (foreground in the picture) is also slaved to the trainer through three synchro channels, providing azimuth, roll and pitch. Curtiss-Wright developed the conversion kit that slaves the camera and belt to the trainer.

A translucent filter (background in the picture) simulates conditions of fog, haze and other weather. Forward visibility can be varied from 300 to 2,600 ft. Aircraft altitude of 0 to 300 ft can be simulated; if the craft is higher, the pilot

sees no picture at all.

The picture as seen by the camera is projected onto a 10-by-10-ft screen in front of the trainer, where the pilot sees it through his windscreen. The 57 ft of belt provide 17,000 ft of airspace—3,000 ft of approach, 10,500 ft of runway, and the rest black. First use will be to check out five different lighting configurations now under consideration. Actual pilot "touchdowns" and pilot opinion will both be considered in evaluating the patterns.

The Dalto system, excluding the trainer and conversion kit, sells for "under \$50,000." The conversion kit costs in the neighborhood of \$7,500.

## Soviet Discloses Lunar Probe Gear

Soviet Lunar probe instrumentation was recently disclosed by a Danish Communist newspaper which quoted Moscow Planetarium scientist Vitaliy Bronshten.

Bronshten told the paper that Soviet scientists were working energetically on a moon rocket which they expect to fire soon, that the rocket would be similar in size to the Sputnik II rocket, weighing about a half ton, and that two rocket variations were being readied.

He said one was intended to land on the moon, the other to orbit the moon and return to earth.

The Russian was quoted as enumerating these instruments:

- Gear for determining the moon's mass and conductivity of heat and electricity.
- Apparatus for investigating the moon's surface and discovering (Continued on p 12)

#### TRANSISTOR AND TUBE SALES, MONTHLY

(Source: EIA)	Sept., '58	Aug., '58	Sept., '57
Transistors, units	5,076,443	4,226,616	3,231,000
Transistors, value	\$10,811,412	\$9,975,935	\$6,993,000
Receiving tubes, units	40,061,000	30,456,000	44,382,000
Receiving tubes, value	\$33,951,000	\$25,442,000	\$35,545,000
Picture tubes, units	891,803	713,458	1,071,662
Picture tubes, value	\$17,704,289	\$14,190,878	\$20,819,036

#### **EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS**

(Source: Bur. Labor Statistics)	Aug. '58	July, '58	Aug. '57
Prod. workers, comm. equip	354,900	340,600	409,800
Av. wkly. earnings, comm	\$82.39	\$80.75	\$77.81
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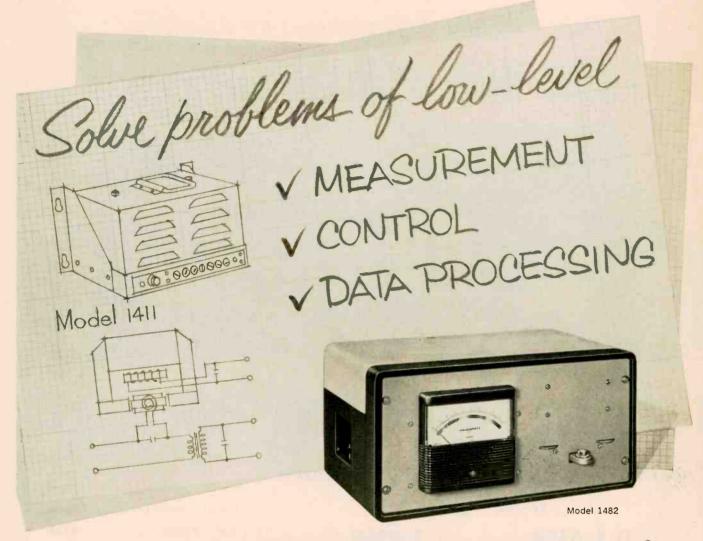


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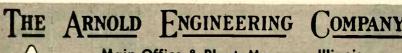
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ELECTROSTATIC printing techniques go to work for U. S. Army Signal Corps in an electronic teletype-writer demonstrated last month by the Army and developer Burroughs Corp.

The high-speed unit, dubbed Beta by Burroughs, can operate at 3,000 words a minute. Signal Corps will run it at only 750 wpm.

Beta combines keyboard sending and electrostatic recording, uses the Baudot start-stop code. Each character is electrostatically formed by a 5-by-7 matrix of wires. Paper passes between the line of 72 matrices and a grounding plate (or "anvil"), receives the 72 sets of charges making up a single line of type, then steps to an inking station. Powdered ink is picked up by the charged areas, then bonded to the paper by a heated roller.

Each character is set up in all 72 matrices at once; a coincident positioning pulse supplied to the anvil selects the head or heads which print. The charges for a whole line are deposited in considerably less time than it takes to step the paper from one line to the next (at 3,000 wpm, the machine prints 3 to 4 lines a second).

Theoretical top speed for the de-

#### WASHINGTON OUTLOOK

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE Administration, only two months old but already the center of a lusty controversy over its proposal to absorb the Army's space scientists, this week finds itself with disenchantment on another front.

The Aircraft Industries Association charges that there are "restrictive provisions on patent rights" in the new space agency law. The Association wants Congress to put NASA patent policy in line with what it regards as the Defense Department's more liberal provisions.

Space Act of 1958 setting up NASA provides that any invention which evolves from performance of work under NASA contracts—with minor exceptions—is the Government's exclusive property. On the other hand, Pentagon rules generally allow contractors to retain title to an invention, with the military services holding licensing rights.

Just last month the Pentagon liberalized its procurement regulations to provide contractors even greater protection for trade secrets—that is, "proprietary rights" to processing methods, treatment and chemical composition of materials, plant layout and tooling and other manufacturing secrets.

Pentagon concern over this problem was stressed again last week at a special Washington conference called to spur R&D effort in the critical field of molecular electronics. Maj. Gen. M. C. Demler, Air Force director of R&D, said that proposals from industry might involve proprietary ideas. He emphasized that the armed services were aware of responsibilities in protecting industry rights.

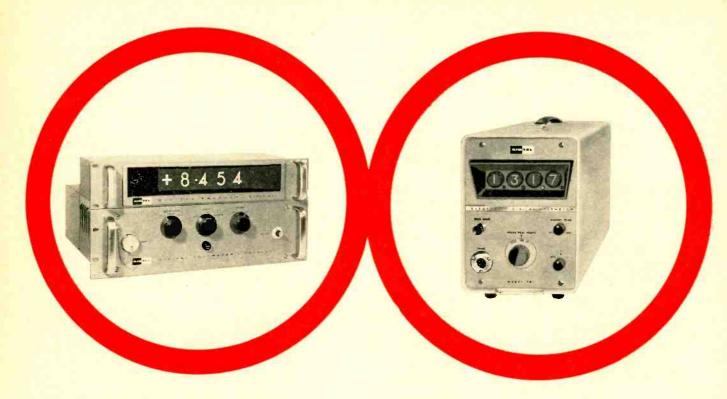
NASA is now drafting a set of procurement regulations to govern its industrial contract work. For the most part, NASA's new rules will follow policies set forth in the long-established Armed Services Procurement Regulations, including such matters as contract negotiations and administration, and allowable costs and profits.

• Long-simmering controversy over the Renegotiation Act, under which so-called "excessive" profits are retrieved from defense contractors, is now moving from the courts back to Congress.

In the rush to adjourn last August, Congress renewed the law for six months to June 1959 without hearing all of industry's proposals to revise the act. However, the lawmakers did make plans for a major study of the law next year before voting on its extension again.

Professional staffers on the Joint Congressional Committee on Internal Revenue will begin informal talks next month with industry spokesmen. Open hearings will probably start a month or so later.

Sweeping Democratic gains in the new Congress have discouraged the hopes of some defense contractors for major modifications of the law-including exemptions for incentive-type contracts, the right to appeal beyond the Tax Court, and a more definitive yardstick for determining so-called excessive profits.



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vice (if the electrostatic technique were used without external limitations of paper feed) is in the neighborhood of 500,000 wpm, the Army says. Unit can also be used as an adjunct to computers.

Character spacing is 10 to the inch, and line spacing is 5 to the vertical inch. The unit requires 1.2 kilowatts, most of which is consumed by paper-transport mechanism and heater in bonding roller.

## New Plastics Uses Coming

CHICAGO—Two years of progress in plastics materials, products and machinery were rounded up for the Society of the Plastics Industry's biennial National Plastic Exposition, which closed here today.

In the more than 300 new products shown at the exposition or discussed in conference sessions, there seemed to be something for everybody.

For electronics, Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing is completing work on a two-part foaming encapsulating epoxy designed to protect electronic gear from shock. Its density is seven lbs per cu ft.

There is also considerable activity in one-part resins for temperatures ranging from -100 C to 150 C. One resin will be extrusion-wrapped around coils, like thick tape, and then cured in place.

Dow Corning said it is working on room-temperature vulcanizing silicone rubbers for encapsulating. It's also developing solventless silicone resins with various fillers for high temperature purposes.

Plastics machinery firms came up with some new automatic transfer molding machines, vacuum molding machines for encapsulating and forming cases from sheet extruders.

Cadillac Plastics & Chemical showed a new gun for spraying-up reinforced plastics of chopped glass fiber and resin simultaneously.

Several electronics firms were represented among the exhibitors. These included manufacturers of radioisotope thickness gages, laboratory and production test and control devices, vacuum metalizers, dielectric heating and sealing machines and a few component firms.

#### MILITARY ELECTRONICS

- A terminal guidance system for Nike-Zeus anti-ICBM missile is being developed by Sylvania.
- Army has completed its Redstone missile test program with a successful 250-mi shot across the Atlantic test range. Over the past two years, 34 out of 37 launchings have been satisfactory.

Army plans to shoot a rocket directly toward the moon and create a man-made, 30-lb planet that will orbit the sun if it misses the moon, Wernher von Braun revealed. First attempt may be made in the first week in December. Chances of success are one in two.

• Airborne compass systems can now be calibrated electronically by "rotating the earth's magnetic field" around a parked aircraft. This new system may eliminate the old, costly and often inaccurate method of moving the plane in 15-degree stages around a concrete compass rose.

Developed by Sperry under the sponsorship of USAF's Wright Air Development Center, the electronic system provides calibration accurate within one-tenth degree.

Equipment needed includes an electrical console, a tripod and a simple transit modified to include a special magnetic sensing device. The total weight comes to 90 pounds.

Sperry sees a big market in the system in both military and commercial aircraft.



Geophysicist uses solar converter to power . . .

#### New Seismic Amplifier

ALL-TRANSISTOR SEISMIC amplifier system announced recently will make it easier for geophysical crews to get about while searching for oil and ore in remote regions of the world.

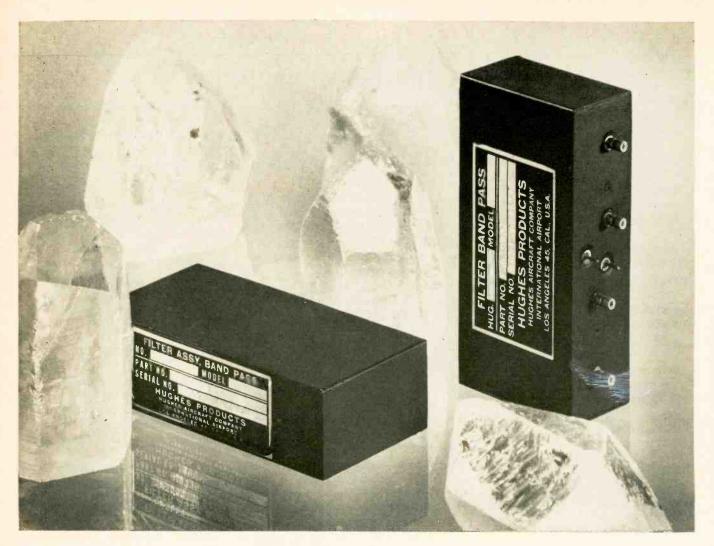
The system, made by Texas Instruments, weighs about 100 pounds. The 24-channel seismograph is packed in a 57-pound case and the power supply and battery case weighs 45 pounds.

A lightweight, 12-volt aircraft battery is sufficient since the

seismograph draws only 6 amps during most of its operating cycle. When TI introduced the system at the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' convention in San Antonio last month, sunlight provided the power.

An 8 by 15-inch silicon solar converter charged the battery. The converter charged at 250 milliamps at 12 volts. About 10 hours exposure to the sun was sufficient.

The seismograph is stable over a temperature range of -40 F to



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Development of the system was based on first-hand need. Through a subsidiary, Geophysical Service Inc., TI operates exploration crews in some 18 countries. System will be available to other prospectors.

Another transistorized system from the same firm is designed for industrial data collection and remote control of on-off devices. It consists of a receiver at a central operating point, a field selector which can read or control 100 or 1,000 locations, a common analog input for all analog output transducers, and transducers and control elements.

Stations are interrogated by dialing their code numbers. Transducer output is decoded, displayed on the receiver and may be logged. The information and the station dialed are verified before the information is displayed. Signals can be transmitted by wire or radio. Transistors are used to minimize maintenance.

#### New Unit Guards Shopping Center



ELECTRONIC SECURITY system costing \$100,000 has been activated in a \$200-million shopping center in Minneapolis.

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#### FINANCIAL ROUNDUP

• General Telephone & Electronics will be one of the giant firms of the electronics industry if the proposed merger of Sylvania and General Telephone is approved by stockholders.

GTE is the proposed name of the combined company. But the name Sylvania will not vanish from our industry. Firm will be operated as a subsidiary of GTE. Shares will be exchanged on a one-for-one basis. Sylvania stockholders would get about one-sixth interest.

Combined firm will have sales of more than \$800 million and assets in excess of \$1.8 billion. Sylvania contributes sales of about \$340 million, nearly \$250 million in assets.

A big common interest behind the merger is the growing importance of electronic telephone communications. GT is second only to the Bell System in size; Sylvania provides electronics know-how, R&D capabilities.

Another common interest is the industrial electronics market. Much of Sylvania's receiving tube sales are to industrial users and the firm is well along in research and development of other industrial products. GT has a toehold in industrial electronics through its manufacturing

subsidiary Automatic Electric and would like to expand further in this area. General Telephone's financial resources cement the mutual interests and activities of the two firms.

- Telecomputing Corp., diversified Los Angeles electronics firm, acquires a controlling interest in Frank R. Cook Co. of Denver, Colo., through an exchange of stock. The Denver firm makes batteries used as a power source in many guided and ballistic missiles. Telecomputing aims to broaden its activities in the missile field.
- Astron Corp., capacitor manufacturer of East Newark, N. J., purchases for cash all stock of Minitronics Corp. of New York City. Minitronics has been preparing to manufacture a solid tantalum capacitor. Acquisition ties in with Astron's policy of getting a bigger share of military components business through development of miniaturized and high reliability components.
- G-L Electronics, Camden, N. J., issues 75,000 shares of common stock through Woodcock, Hess, Moyer & Co. of Philadelphia. G-L makes magnetic components.

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Designers, G. R. Willet & Co., Chicago, point out that the low-voltage electrical system operating the "watchdog" required no special conduit installations. Further savings have been possible by using electronic heat detectors, eliminating water sprinkler systems.

A console in the central control room (photo) allows security personnel to keep the area under constant scrutiny at all times.

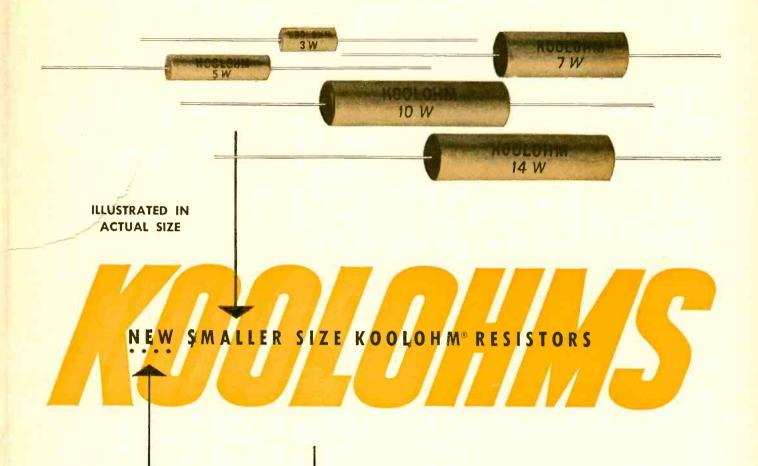
## NEREM Spotlights Design Techniques

BOSTON—In ELECTRONICS, New England is frequently a "jumping off point"—idea-wise—for devices which often go into production in other parts of the country.

Section's impact on design engineering was evident here this week in exhibits and papers at NEREM (Northeast Electronics Research and Engineering Meeting).

In second year of its graduation into circle of national shows, NEREM more than tripled size of two-day technical program with 43 papers.

Heavy emphasis this year was on computers and information theory—nearly one-third of papers were in this field; and circuit developments.



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Papers on circuits outlined design criteria for automatic phase control systems; application of a novel null-detection method on a new impedance bridge; development of a selective calling device for tactical voice communications.

An entire session on circuits was devoted to amplifiers, with reports on an auxiliary signal method of reducing plate dissipation in audioamplifiers; differential amplifiers; a chopper-stabilized transistor amplifier; and progress on climinating limitations of distributed amplifiers.

Unusual feature of session on reliability and testing was paper exploring concept of reliability insurance, provided either by insurance firm or equipment producers. W. B. Bishop of AF Cambridge Research Center said preliminary study indicates risks involved in reliability insurance are calculable with sufficient accuracy to be economically acceptable. He added that techniques used to measure and predict electronic equipment reliability are similar to insurance methods for determining magnitude of risk and appropriate premiums.

Bishop's study was concerned principally with the government as an electronics user, but he said concept could be applied equally to industrial users.

#### Gas Pipers to Buy More Gear

THE NATURAL CAS pipeline industry "now spends millions" for electronic equipment and "will be spending several times more in five years."

This prediction comes this week from F. Vinton Long, chief of the Texas Eastern Transmission Corp.'s communications section.

The firm recently unveiled its first remotely controlled gas compressor station. Situated in Linden, N. J., the station is controlled from a facility 50 miles west, in Lambertville.

"This is one of the first uses of unattended operation techniques in natural gas service," says A. J.

Shoup, TE vice president and chief engineer. He adds that his firm plans to open four more such stations next year.

The new equipment's duplex controls are designed to operate on either microwave or leased telephone lines. The electronic-electrical equipment cost \$30,000 to \$40,000, firm said.

About 15 companies, 10 considered large, are now in the natural gas piping industry.

#### Airline Installs Reserving Unit

A COAST-TO-COAST electronic seat reservation system is now in operation at Trans World Airlines.

The system links separate electronic data processing units in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles with a space inventory control unit in Kansas City. San Diego and San Francisco are tied in with the L.A. system, Milwaukee with Chicago.

The three data processors store space availability information on all TWA domestic and international flights. The system was built for TWA by Teleregister Corp., which has installed electronic reservation systems with seven airlines.

#### X-ray Amplifier



Industrial image amplifier enables x-ray inspection of devices with moving parts. Above, Picker X-Ray Corp. shows how its system would be used to inspect a gear. The television monitor permits remote viewing

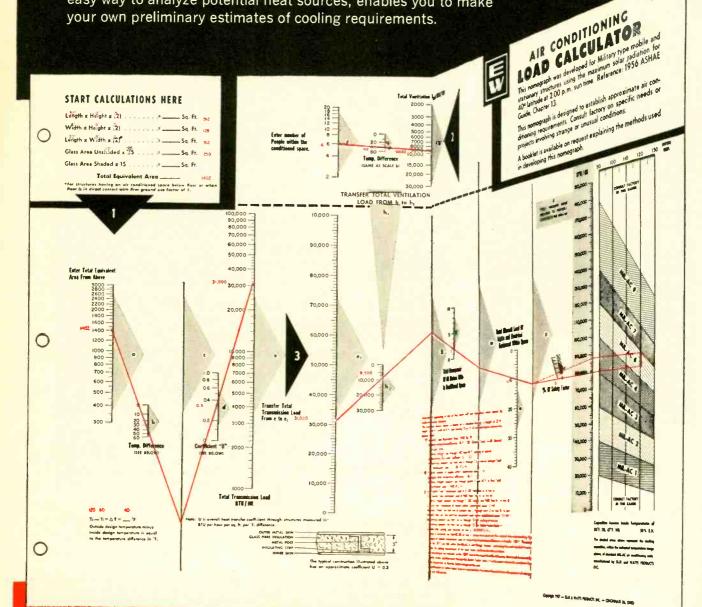
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- Nov. 19-21: Electrical Techniques in Medicine and Biology, AIEE, ISA, PGME of IRE, Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis.
- Dec. 2-4: Reliable Electrical Connections, EIA, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas.
- Dec. 2-4: Airlines Electronic Engineering Committee, Winter Meeting, AEEC, Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C.
- Dec. 3-5: Global Communications, AIEE, PGCS of IRE, Colonial Inn-Desert Ranch, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- Dec. 3-5: Eastern Joint Computer Conf., AIEE, ACM, IRE, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia.
- Dec. 4-5: Vehicular Communications, Annual Meeting, PGVC of IRE, Hotel Sherman, Chicago.
- Dec. 9-11: Mid-America Electronics Convention, MAECON, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo.
- Jan. 12-14: Reliability and Quality Control, National Symposium, PGRQC of IRE, ASQC, EIA, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia.
- Jan. 21-23: Southwest Electronic Exhibit, Arizona State Fairgrounds, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Feb. 1-6: American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Winter General Meeting, Statler Hotel, New York City.
- Feb. 12-13: Transistor & Solid-State Circuit Conf., AIEE, PGCT of IRE, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- Mar. 3-5: Western Joint Computer Conf., AIEE, ACM, IRE. Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.
- Mar. 23-26: Institute of Radio Engineers, IRE National Convention, Coliseum & Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, N. Y. C.
- Mar. 31-Apr. 2: Millimeter Waves Symposium, Polytechnic Inst. of Brooklyn, USAF, ONR, IRE, USA Signal Research, Engineering Societies Bldg., N. Y. C.
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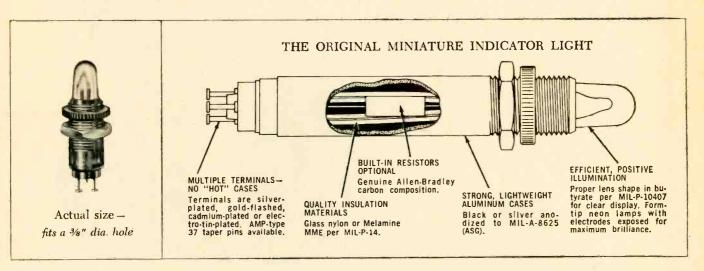
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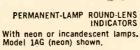


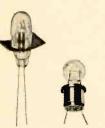
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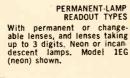
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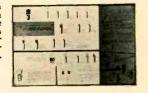
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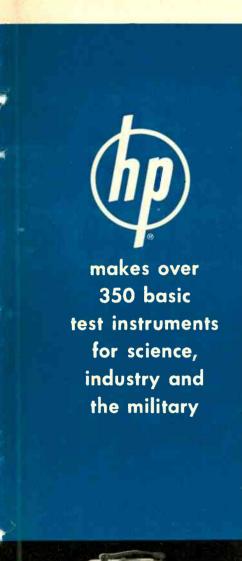
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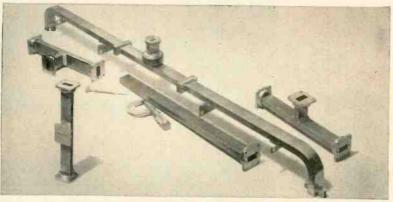
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## First commercial atomic clock ... waveguides of low permeability Monel "403" hold down signal distortion





No problem fabricating these waveguides of Monel "403" low permeability alloy, reports National. The intricate tubes carry microwaves in the Atomichron atom-regulated frequency standard.

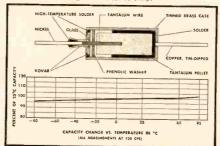
Heart of the "clock" — a cesium beam tube — Monel "403" alloy provides the tube's pole assemblies with excellent mechanical properties plus low magnetic permeability. Manufactured by National Company, Inc., 61 Sherman Street, Malden 48, Mass.

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# In financial aid to education... What Should Business Do Now?

Now that the federal government is entering the field, should business firms stop giving financial aid to our colleges and universities?

This question is now being discussed by business directors throughout the country. The discussion is prompted by the near-billion-dollar program of federal aid to education passed by Congress a few months ago. For if the federal government, with its access to billions in taxes, is assuming responsibility for the financial welfare of education, should not business get out of the way and let the government take over? This is the general way the question is being asked.

The answer is a resounding NO.

#### **What The Federal Program Does**

The new federal program makes it possible for the government to spend the imposing total of \$900 million for aid to education over the next four years. There are still many loose ends in the program. But already it's quite clear what such funds will — and will not — do to help relieve the financial plight of our colleges and universities.

First of all, the program is not going to solve any financial problems in education overnight. The program is just barely underway. So far no money has actually been allocated, and Congress has appropriated only \$40 million — less than 5% of the total.

More important, there is very little in the total program which will result in direct aid to colleges and universities. The program does set up fellowships to train college teachers. But most of the aid will eventually be channeled through the states to primary and secondary schools. The main focus of the program is education for national defense — strengthening science, mathematics and foreign languages in elementary and secondary schools, together with grants for counseling, testing and research.

The one big item for higher education is a \$295 million student loan program, which will help needy students pay tuition and other fees. But tuition rarely covers the full cost to the college of educating a student. So the net result could well be an additional financial strain on our institutions of higher learning.

For the three most pressing financial needs
— faculty salaries, scholarship grants and new
plant and equipment—colleges and universities
must still rely heavily on help from the business
community. And it would indeed be a major

misfortune if the recent actions of the government put a blight on this growing and substantial support to higher education.

In the last ten years, business has expanded its financial aid to education by more than four fold. In 1948, contributions were only \$24 million. In 1957, such aid reached an estimated \$125 million. Moreover, corporations have been putting a larger proportion of their total charitable gifts into education. In 1950, the percentage was only 17%. By pre-Sputnik 1956, the share had already increased to 34%, according to figures recently released by the Council for Financial Aid to Education.

#### Why Business Must Help

The most compelling reason for increasing business aid to higher education — at an even faster rate—is that our colleges and universities desperately need financial help. It is that simple. Private contributions to higher education must average at least \$400 million over the next ten years if our colleges are to meet rising operating costs and raise faculty salaries to decent levels. Despite the growth in business contributions, we are still well below that goal.

If our colleges cannot solve their mounting financial difficulties through voluntary help from business firms, alumni and communities—then it is to be expected that federal aid ultimately will be mobilized in a big way. In principle, if not in dollars, the 85th Congress has paved the way. Indeed, a large federal scholarship program was squeezed out of this year's legislation only in the course of last-minute compromises. And Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, has urged that the next session of Congress restore the scholarship program.

About any federal rescue operation for higher education, two things are quite clear:

(1) Such aid will come too late to prevent irreparable harm resulting from the current shortage of funds. The need for help is urgent and immediate.

(2) With federal taxes taking over half of all corporate income, any federal program in the end will be financed in large part by the business community.

#### **An Opportunity**

So, viewed narrowly, it is in the selfish interest of business firms to aid our colleges and universities now, rather than wait and be forced to pay later on. By doing so, they ensure that business will have a continuing supply of well-trained graduates. They take advantage of the tax laws for charitable contributions which mean the government in effect assumes more than half the cost of business aid to education. And they win gratitude for a voluntary and generous act.

Viewed in the broad public interest, the business community has an opportunity to perform a financial rescue mission in education which could well be the key to successful survival, not only of our present system of higher education, but also of the nation itself.

As previous editorials in this series have pointed out, a very small share of the net income of business firms — about 1% — would do the job. Certainly business must not be distracted from this opportunity by the new venture of the federal government in financial aid to education.

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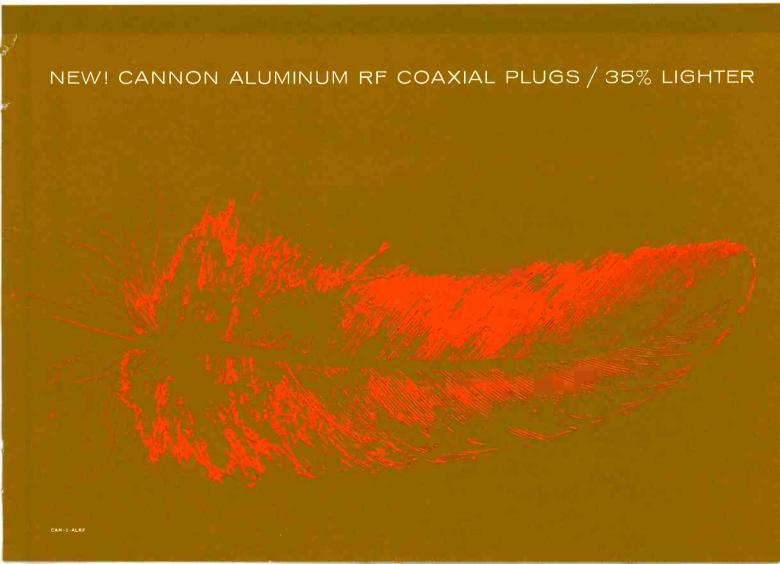
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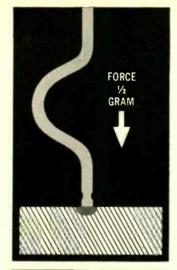
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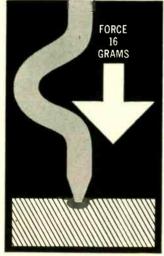
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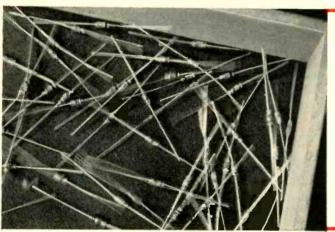


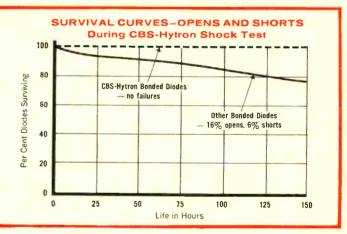
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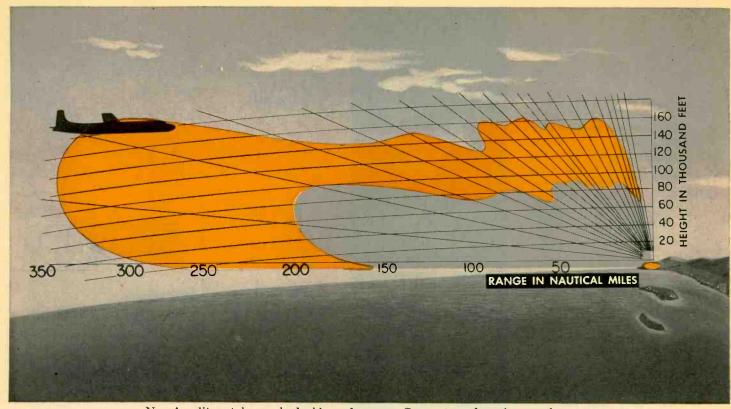
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Increased maintenance costs and the increased complexity of most military and commercial products have laid greater stress on the reliability of electrical and electronic components. What the customers want, essentially, is predictable service life without maintenance. The designer faces the problems of temperature, corrosion, material and joint strength, fatigue and many others. His answer is frequently found among the copper metals — whether or not conductivity is also needed. Here are a few design problems where reliability was vital, and where copper or a copper alloy contributed to the solution:

#### Design Problem-Radar booster tube

Raytheon's Amplitron\* is a new type of tube capable of power amplification at microwave frequencies. It boosts the output power of an existing radar installation by 8 to 14 times, and nearly doubles its range. Dependable performance is essential, whether used for military aircraft detection or commercial aircraft guidance. The design problems included extreme mechanical accuracy, durable connections, heat dissipation and vacuum retention. The solution to all of these was

oxygen-free, high-conductivity copper.

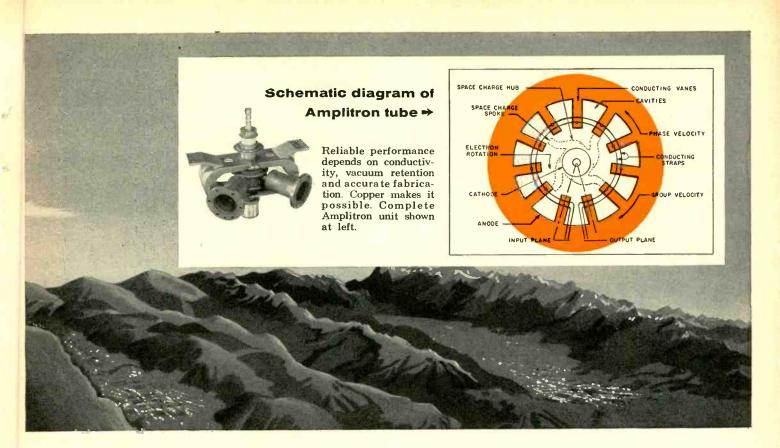
The anode cavity (diagram above) depends on very tight tolerances for proper performance. Yet in some models it can be formed out of a solid blank of copper by cold forging — with a single press stroke. Copper's malleability makes this possible. The many connections can be brazed reliably because of copper's good joining properties.

With an output above 4 megawatts, heat could be a problem. Copper's thermal conductivity handles it. The good high temperature characteristics of this copper are enhanced by its freedom from oxygen traces, eliminating oxidation, scale formation and conductivity losses. The very high (50-70%) electrical efficiency of the tube depends, of course, on copper's electrical conductivity.

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Raytheon says, "Without copper, the Amplitron would have been impossible."

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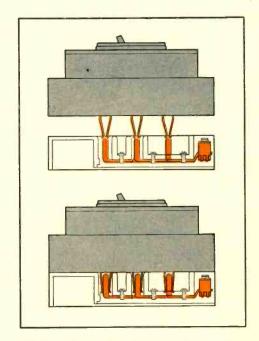
#### Design Problem-Plug-in breaker connections

Federal Pacific Electric Company's "STABreaker" circuit breakers plug right into the panelboard to permit changing units and ratings without bolting and unbolting. Dependable performance of the connectors is essential to circuit continuity and to avoid heating and false tripping. The design problems included high fatigue strength, spring qualities, easy cold working, reliable welded connections and, of course, electrical conductivity. The solution to the problem was found in Phosphor Bronze 5%. The result was an excellent electrical connection and a dependable one.



#### Design Problem - Yours

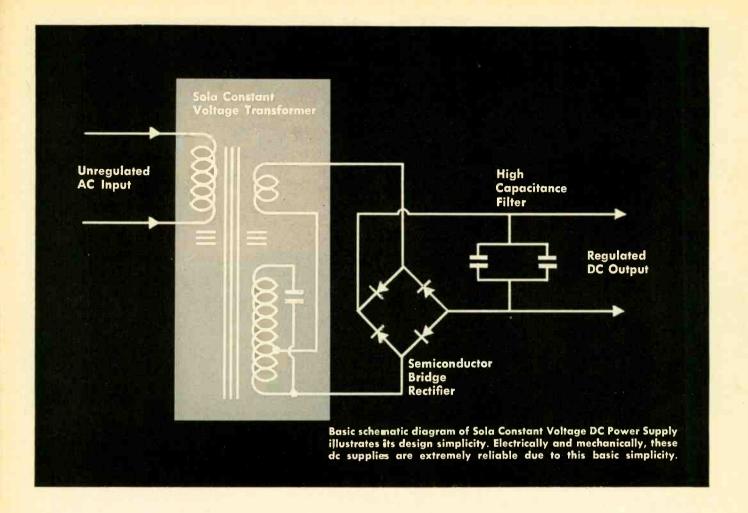
Whenever reliability determines design, the copper metals should be investigated. They have many properties besides conductivity that can help enhance the maintenance-free service life of your product. The Copper & Brass Research Association, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y., will be happy to cooperate in your investigation.



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When increased power allocations by the FCC resulted in the need for a switch to handle greater powers and higher frequencies, engineers of Thompson Products, Inc., were faced with a major redesign problem. It looked as though the higher requirements would make their new multi-position switch for 31/8" rigid coaxial line obsolete. Needed were models that could handle 55,000 watts of average RF power and could cover the full UHF band to 1000 megacycles. The problem was solved by changing to a TFE-fluorocarbon resin for the dielectric.

Both electrical and mechanical properties of TFE resins proved important in this design. The resin is used to make sheet dielectric for backing the grounded connector plate and a strong shaft for turning the switching bar. One of the biggest problems-impact cracking-was entirely eliminated. In addition to their unique UHF properties, TFE resins have a Class H temperature rating. 260°C. continuous rating permits increased operating temperatures in the switch. The extremely low dielectric constant of TFE resins is a natural for this microwave design. TFE resins have a minimum dissipation factor, unexcelled by any other solid. Characteristic curves for these electrical factors show that they remain flat with regard to both temperature (see graph) and frequency (60 cps to 3000 mc).

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# of TFE resin. A flat metal bar (not shown) switches power from top input connection to three outputs. Graph of properties shows why dielectric losses remain low regardless of operating temperatures. Switch is made by Thompson Products, Inc., Electronics Division, Cleveland, Ohio; and distributed by Andrew Corp., Chicago, III. DIELECTRIC CONSTANT AND DISSIPATION FACTOR OF TFE-fluorocarbon resins TFE-fluorocarbon resins TEMPERATURE OF TEMPERATURE OF TEMPERATURE

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## New environmental lab provides rigid in-plant testing of <u>all</u> Westinghouse electronic transformers

Westinghouse Specialty Transformer Department has established a new qualification testing laboratory in the Greenville, Pennsylvania, plant. It is fully equipped for in-plant environmental testing—humidity, altitude and temperature cycling—as well as shock and vibration testing.

Specifically designed for testing the complete line of Westinghouse MIL-T-27A electronic transformers, these facilities are also available for all other Westinghouse electronic transformers—whether for MIL-specs or non-military applications. Here is extra assurance that you get the same rugged dependability in all Westinghouse electronic transformers—regardless of use.

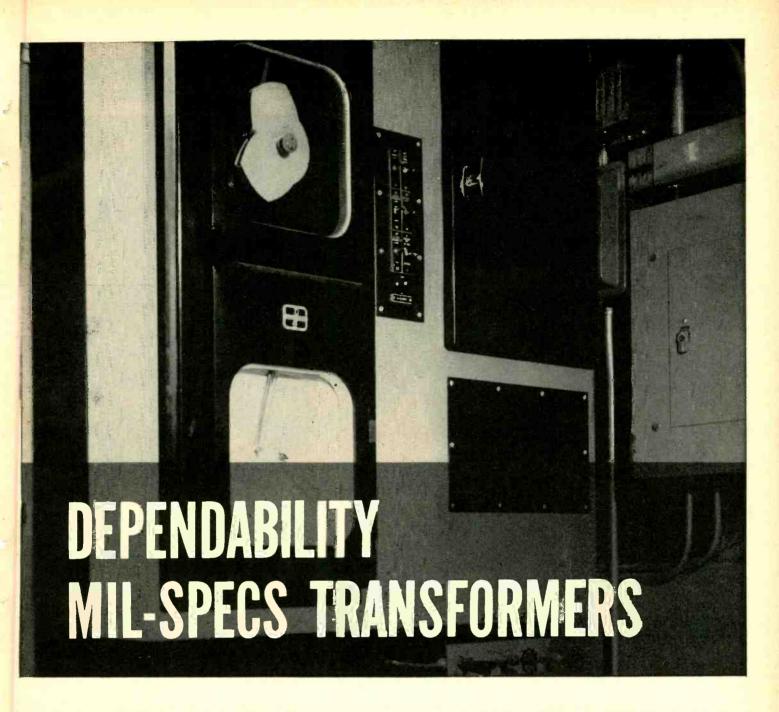
The test lab permits in-plant testing of all types of electronic transformers—hermetically sealed to open type—according to MIL-T-27A and MIL-T-9219 specifications for Grades 1 through 6. These units include the Westinghouse hermetically sealed MIL-T-27A transformers, Grades 1 and 4, and the Westmold, Westseal and molded case transformers, MIL-T-27A, Grades 2 through 6, or MIL-T-9219.

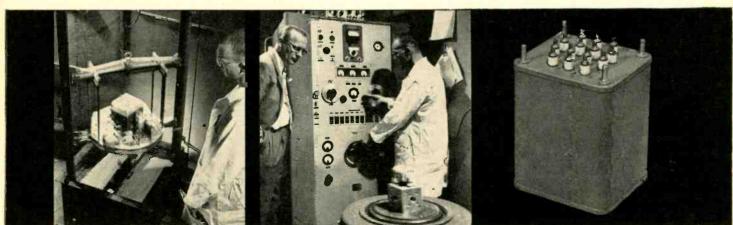
Located at the point of manufacture, this laboratory now means single responsibility by Westinghouse for design, manufacture and testing of the MIL-specs transformers—and non-military transformers—with less delays and faster delivery.

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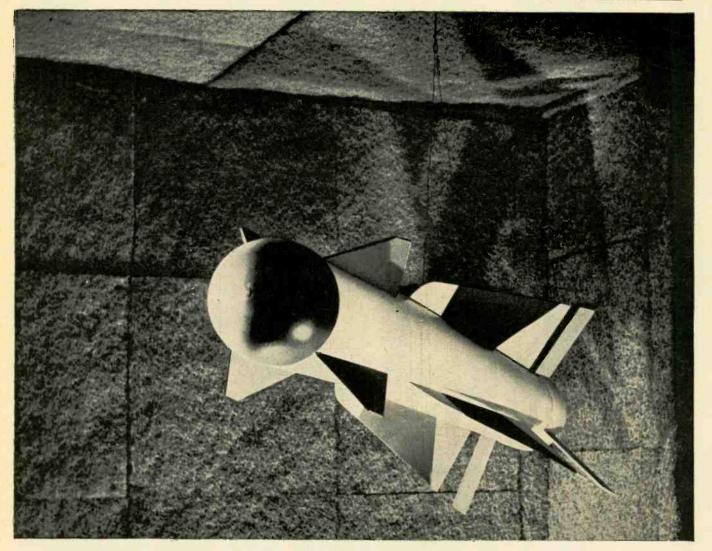


Westinghouse electronic transformers being shock-tested according to specifications of MIL-T-27A with new in-plant qualification testing equipment.

P. K. Goethe, Specialty Transformer Engineering Manager at the Greenville plant, observes shake-down run of vibration test equipment in new laboratory.

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30 CM - 1%	1000 mc	31/2"-4"	1%
60 CM	500 mc	7"-8"	2%
60 CM - 1%	500 mc	7"-8"	1%
100 CM	300 mc	10".11"	2%
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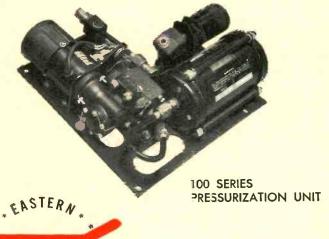
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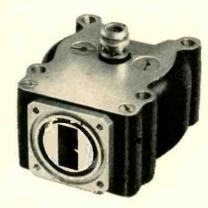
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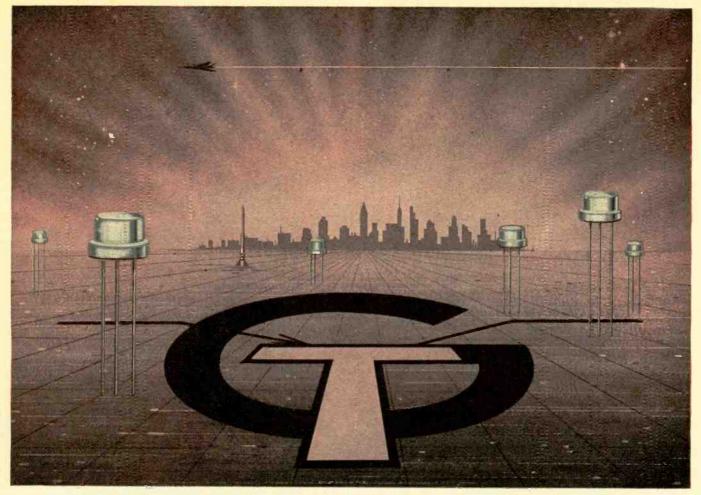
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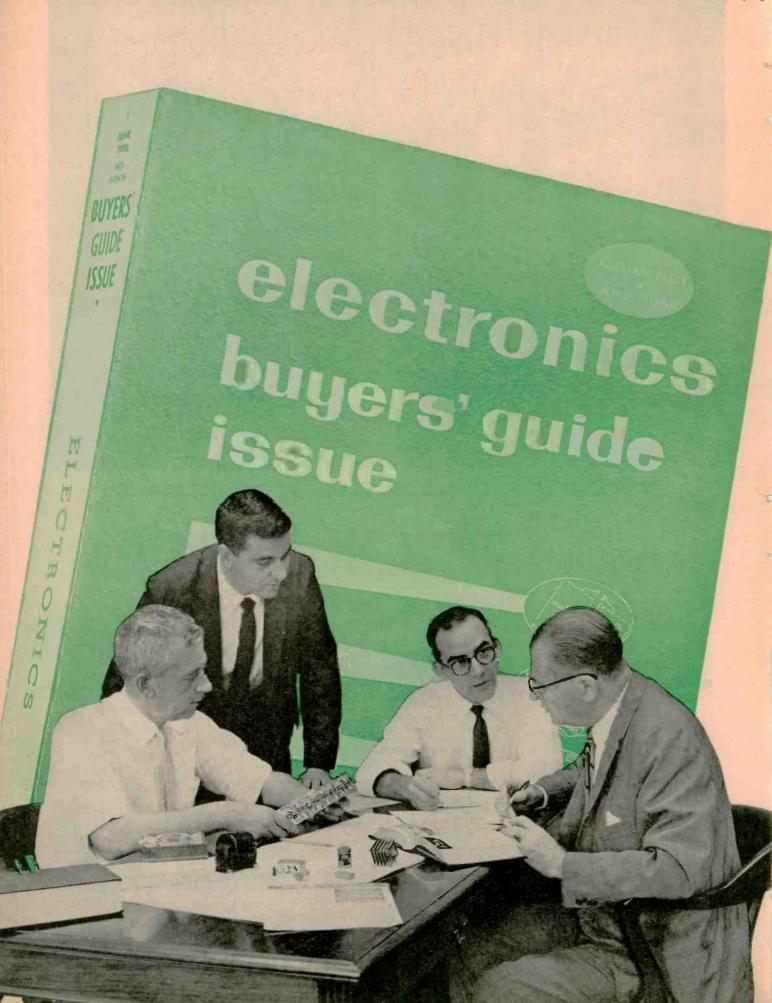


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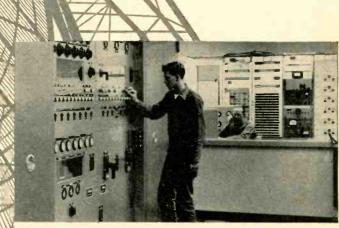
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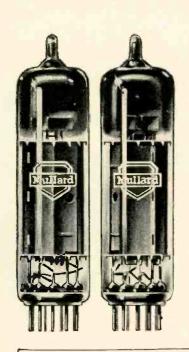
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lk (max. sig.)	2×45	m A				
R <sub>k</sub> (per valve)	270	Ω				
V <sub>in (gj-gj)r,m,s,</sub>	16	V				
R <sub>a-a</sub>	8.0	kΩ				
Pout	11	w				
D <sub>tot</sub>	0.7	%				

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Two valves in class AB push pull

Va	300	V				
V <sub>g2</sub>	300	V				
R <sub>k</sub>	130	Ω				
R <sub>a-a</sub>	8.0	kΩ				
l <sub>a(o)</sub>	2×36	m A				
l <sub>a</sub> (mag. sig.)	2×46	m A				
I <sub>g2(o)</sub>	$2\times4.0$	m A				
Ig2 (max. sig.)	2×11	m A				
V <sub>in(gI-gI)r.m.s</sub>	20	V				
Pout	17	W				
D <sub>tot</sub>	4.0	%				

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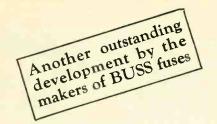
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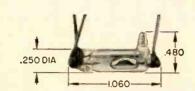
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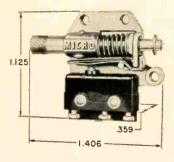
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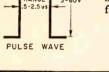
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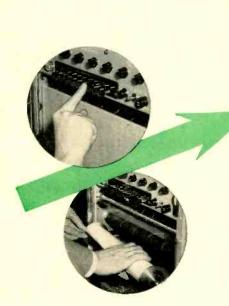
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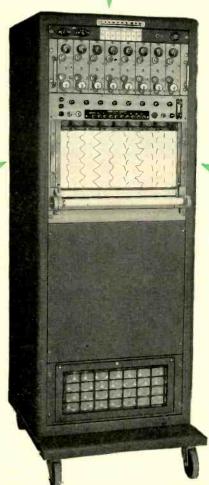
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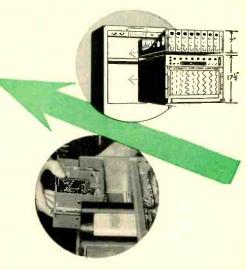
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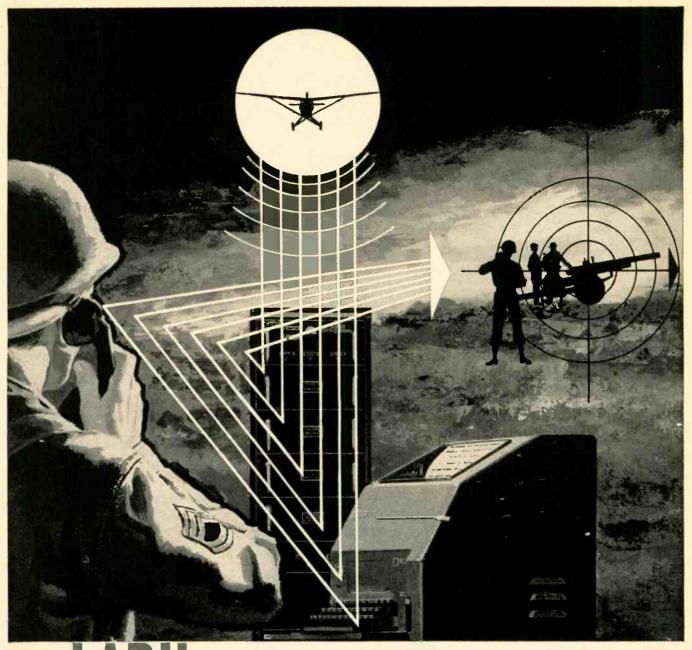






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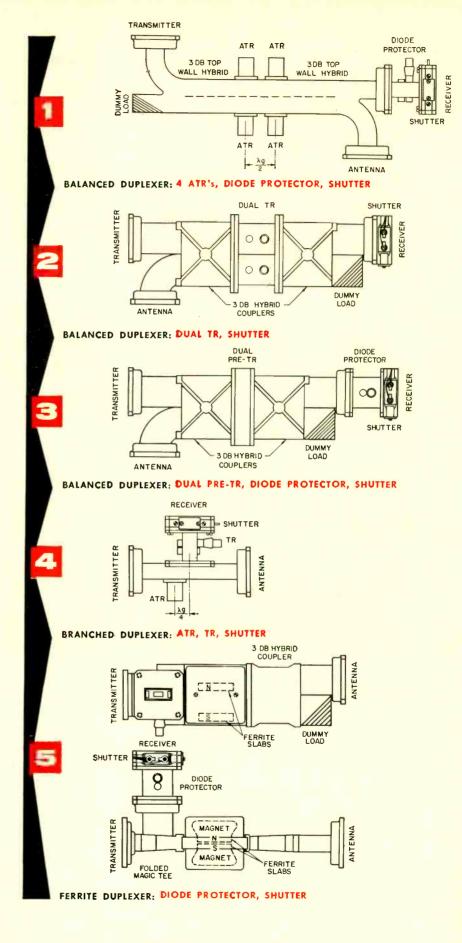
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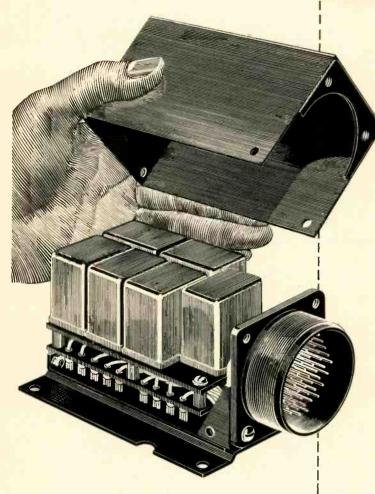


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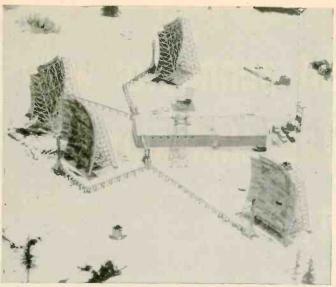
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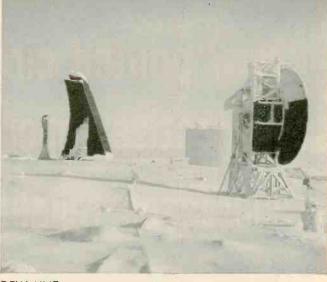
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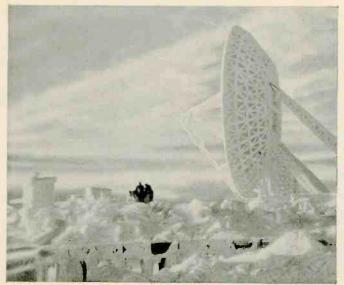


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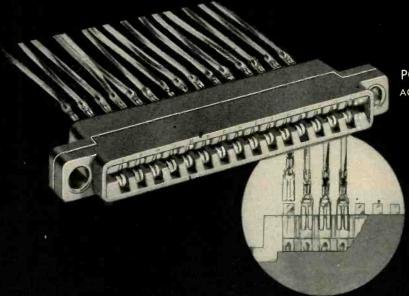
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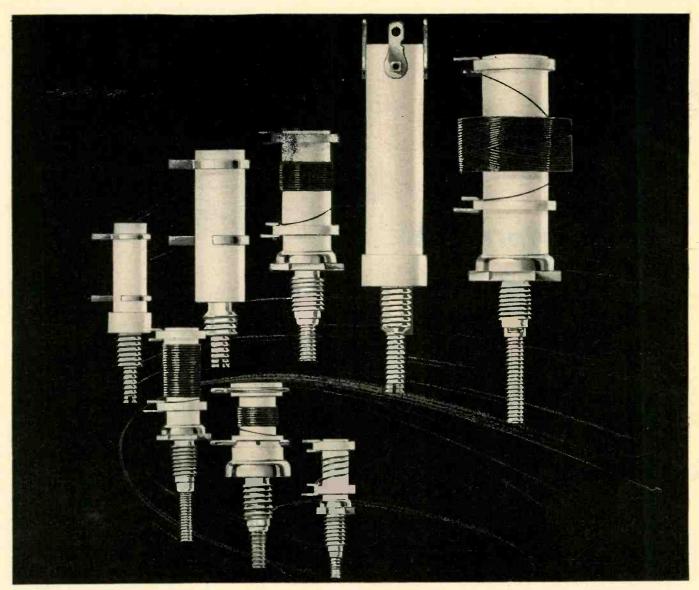
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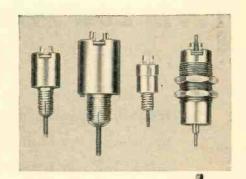
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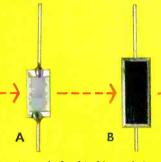






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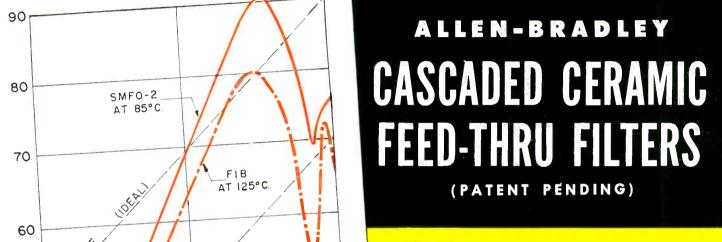
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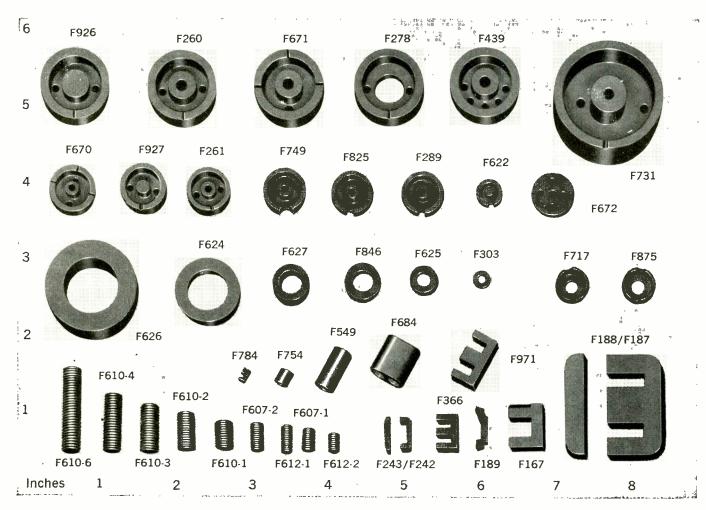
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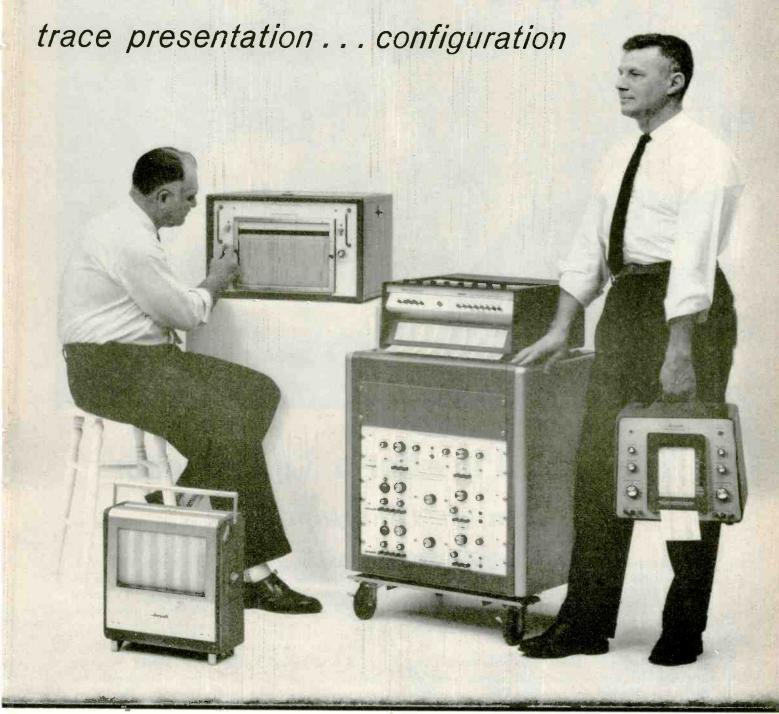
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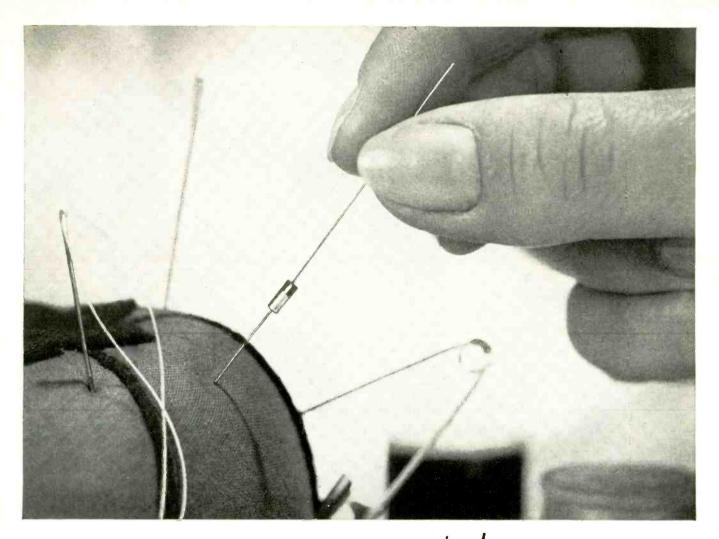
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Steering, accelerating and braking operations are all done by moving single stick in GM's Unicontrol system



Illuminated sign actuated by RCA's roadside signaling system advises driver his car is exceeding speed limit

# Electronics and the American Automobile

Current development programs directed towards the use of electronics to improve safety, performance, reliability and sales appeal of cars promise big, new market. Devices and systems discussed here represent results to date

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THIS ARTICLE summarizes known applied and experimental electronic developments related to American passenger cars.

#### **Control Systems**

GM Research has developed an electronic system, termed Unicontrol, which takes over the functions of the conventional steering wheel and those of the brake and accelerator pedals as shown in photo.

Sidewise motion of the springcentered control stick controls steering; fore and aft motion controls the engine throttle or the brakes. Intracardinal stick displacements permit various degrees of braking and accelerating during turns. A 20-degree rotation about the vertical axis in either direction puts car in reverse, an 80 degree turn puts car in park.

Stick motion operates two potentiometers either singly or jointly. One feeds a voltage to an electronic analog computer in the steering system, the other feeds a command signal to a servo system controlling either the throttle or the brakes.

The steering computer combines a potentiometer signal with one from a tachometer generator indicating car velocity and another from a detector indicating front wheel positions. The resulting signal is fed to an electrohydraulic valve which regulates flow of highpressure oil to the power piston used to turn the front wheels. Front wheel angle for a given stick displacement varies inversely as the square of the speed.

Voltages applied to the brake servo regulate hydraulic pressure in the wheel cylinders. Braking torque is directly proportional to the displacement angle of the stick. A sensing element automatically detects premature wheel slowdown and maintains proper line pressure to prevent brake lockup.

A second independent but less complicated electrical steering system is available for emergency use which is also operated through the Unicontrol stick. A foot pedal is provided to switch in auxiliary steering system and to actuate an emergency braking device.

Unicontrol can be complemented with a device called Cruisecontrol which automatically maintains road speed at any preset value. Command signals from the speed selector, car speed feedback signals from the tachometer generator and signals from a throttle position indicator are fed into an analog computer. Signals required to maintain car speed are calculated and used to operate an electrohydraulic control valve in a throttle servo.

Ford is experimenting with an electronic system which will control steering. The system replaces the conventional steering wheel and transmission shift lever with tiller controls as shown in Fig. 1.

Right or left turns are made by moving the steering control in the corresponding direction. A potentiometer wiper arm connected to the stick generates a signal which is compared with a positioning signal from a slave on the Pitman arm of the steering linkage. If the position of the wheels does not correspond to the command position, an error signal equal to the difference between the potentiometer and the slave signals is generated. The error signal is then boosted by a servo amplifier and the output applied to a torque motor which operates a hydraulic valve controlling the front wheels.

#### **Highway Guidance Systems**

RCA has demonstrated the possibility of controlling highway traffic using visual roadside signaling, radio signaling and automatic guidance techniques. The roadside system, shown in photo, consists of an array of wire loops imbedded in a highway, with associated electronic equipment buried on the shoulder.

The rectangular 20 by 6-foot loops consist of two turns of plastic insulated trench wire spaced at intervals from center to center slightly longer than an automobile. A plan-view block diagram of the system is given in Fig. 2A.

Each loop is excited by one volt at 300 kc. As a car passes the loop inductance changes, varying the phase relationship between the loop voltage and the excitation voltage. This difference is sensed by a phase detector which produces a d-c output proportional to the change in inductance of the loop. The weak detection signal is applied to a d-c amplifier whose output is used to actuate a relay



FIG. 1—Ford's control system uses two tiller sticks. Right is for steering, left controls automatic transmission

controlling the operation of roadside or in-vehicle equipment.

By adding selection circuits, the signals can be used to activate a series of lights along the edge of the highway. Thus, a car can have a visible tail of light following some 400 feet or more behind which warns following drivers they are approaching the preceding vehicle.

To provide drivers with information on the movement of cars ahead when visibility is poor, or to automatically brake the car under collision conditions, the roadside signal can be supplemented or replaced with radio signals. In addition to the equipment used with the roadside signaling system, the radio signaling system requires an elec-

tronic control unit and an antenna for each loop as shown in Fig. 2B.

#### Single Antenna Signalling

The simplest system uses antennas which extend back along the highway any desired distance. As a car passes over a loop, a roadside signaling relay is actuated. Output of the relay triggers a transistor switch in the electronic control unit, which permits a 110-kc signal to be applied to the antenna. Since the antenna is open-ended, the radiation intensity at any point is a function of the distance to the loop. If the auto is equipped with a properly tuned receiver the signals can be detected, amplified and used to operate dashboard lights, to sound a buzzer, or to control the accelerator or brakes.

Length of the radio "tail" is determined by the on time of the transistor switch. This interval can be controlled by presetting a timing device to turn off the transistor switch after a desired time lapse. Also, the interval can be controlled by the speed of the vehicle through a circuit in the electronic control which will switch off the transistor switch of the preceeding electronic control. Thus, as a car moves from one loop to the next it will successively energize the antenna associated with the loop it is over but cut off the signal to the antenna associated with the preceeding loop.

#### Chain Antenna Signalling

A more complex system involves the use of an antenna chain in which each antenna is a car length long, terminated at one end to ground and at the other end through resistive coupling to the preceeding antenna. As a car passes over a loop it triggers the transistor switch in the associated electronic control, causing a maximum r-f signal to be applied to its antenna. Before reaching the preceeding antenna; however, the signal is attenuated by the coupling to 90 to 95 percent of its original strength. This process continues down the chain of antennas until the radiated signal is too small to be detected.

Another transmission scheme is to transmit a constant carrier and modulate it with a frequency whose

**THE FRONT COVER**—An experimental rear-view road-scanner tv system developed by Universal Broadcasting for the Buick Centurion solves the blind spot problem inherent in mirror arrangements.

The trunk-mounted camera is equipped with a wide-angle lens which gives a greater field of vision than a rear-view mirror. A true image of the road behind the car is displayed on a 4 in. by 6 in, tinted screen on the dashboard receiver unit.

The electronic control unit behind the rear seat uses special locked-in stabilizing circuits designed to hold adjustment of conventional internal ty receiver controls for a year. System power requirements compare favorably with auto radio.

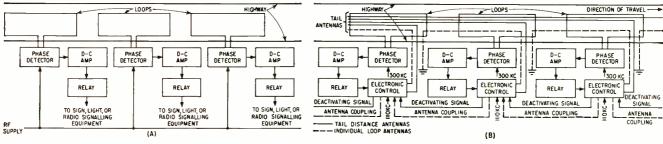


FIG. 2—Roadside signaling system layout (A) does not require aux liary equipment in cars. Radio signaling system (B) produces radio-frequency signals which operate lights or buzzers in equipped cars

amplitude is proportional to the "tail" signal transferred from loop to loop. This technique gives higher radiation intensity at the end of the "tail" and reduces sensitivity requirements of receivers.

Late last year, RCA demonstrated a form that automatic guidance could take by blind-driving an auto over a special test highway. A high-frequency current applied to a cable made of insulated trench wire imbedded in the center of the road was used as the guidance reference source. A pickup coil attached to each side of the vehicle straddled the cable and sensed the r-f radiation. By arranging the signals in voltage opposition, a differential signal was generated which registered on a meter in the dashboard; left or right deflections indicated to the driver in which direction to steer the car.

GM Research has developed an electromechanical link which eliminates driver control, as shown in Fig. 3. The guidance wire is located in a slot cut into the road surface and is excited with low-power audio frequency. Current flowing in the wire creates a circular magnetic field extending the length of the cable. Two pickup



FIG. 3—GM Research's Autoquide system takes over steering function from driver. In demonstration auto above, driver retains control of brake and accelerator

coils mounted on the front bumper are tuned to the frequency of the guidance wire excitation voltage.

In operation, the coil straddles the magnetic field around the guidance wire; therefore, the voltage across the output terminals of the pickup coils is proportional to the magnetic field strength sensed. If the car deviates laterally from the guidance wire path, voltages are induced in the coils which are different by a function of the cyclically varying magnetic fields received. Positional error is proportional to the difference in voltage magnitudes. This error signal is fed to the steering computer in the Unicontrol system and the car steered as though signals were coming from the control stick. If the signal is lost for any reason, or if the hydraulic pressure in the servo drops, a buzzer warns the driver.

In GM's experimental gas turbine car Firebird III the driver can put the car completely under electronic control by using Autoguide and Cruisecontrol together. These systems provide steering, braking and throttling control while allowing driver to retain the prerogative of overriding through an emergency foot pedal.

#### Garage Guidance System

A guidance system developed by Polarad Electronics permits drivers to maneuver in and out of a garage without striking the sides. The car is provided with a loop antenna mounted on the front part of the roof as shown in Fig. 4A. Two loop antennas, wound to produce oppositely phased inductive fields, are mounted to the garage sides near the back and the same height above the floor.

Both garage transmitting antennas are simultaneously excited by a 60-cps source and the receiving

antenna is connected to the car radio as shown in Fig. 4B. If the car moves away from the centerline between garage antennas, an audible signal is heard whose volume corresponds to the amount of lateral deviation. It is also possible to excite the garage loops with an r-f source modulated by oppositely phased a-f signals. Circuit configuration for the arrangement is shown in Fig. 4C.

#### **Warning Systems**

Bendix Research has built an experimental model of a proximity radar system which requires less power than a radio. It is capable of warning drivers that collisions are imminent with other moving vehicles or stationary objects.

Since the radar is forward-looking, the antenna is set into the front grillwork of the auto as shown in Fig. 5. An electronic control unit housing radar circuits and a computer is located directly behind the antenna. A driving condition selector and a tone generator are mounted under the dashboard.

As the equipped vehicle moves along the road, the antenna sends out a narrow-beam radiation pat-

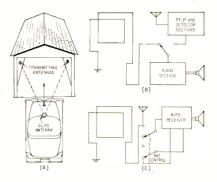
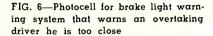


FIG. 4—Garage guidance system provides driver with audible signal if approach is skewed (A). Audio excitation requires auto's loop antenna to be connected directly to audio section of car radio (B): r-f excitation requires use of entire radio except for avc circuit (C)



FIG. 5—Small antenna of Bendix Research's radar warning system is mounted in grillwork



Signals reflected from vetern. hicles or obstacles ahead are detected by the radar circuits and fed into the computer. Relative speed and distance relationships between the vehicle and reflecting surface are calculated and the result compared against a predetermined range of parameters known to be safe. If the closure rate exceeds the safe range, the computer energizes the tone generator, producing a sequence of 400-cycle bursts of sufficient loudness to alert the driver. The computer output can also automatically halt the vehicle.

#### Antenna Beam

Although the antenna is small, beam width is adequate for adjacent lane discrimination. The system is designed to eliminate any return from an obstacle which is beyond the safe stopping distance of the vehicle. For sharp turns into driveways and at intersections the system is disabled.

When the equipped car is approaching a stalled or slowly mov-



ing vehicle which is a great distance away, the 400-cps warning signal is of low intensity, indicating a moderate degree of collision danger. As the closure distance decreases, the warning signal becomes louder, indicating a more dangerous situation. A scheme for using lights to indicate less hazardous conditions and an incessant, imperative sound to warn of critical conditions is being studied.

Ford has demonstrated a device that flashes a warning to a following motorist when he is approaching an equipped vehicle too rapidly from behind. It consists of a photocell mounted as shown in Fig. 6 and a computer. If the forward vehicle is equipped with the system, the photocell will detect the intensity of headlight illumination from the following vehicle. The computer operates on this information, calculating distance and closing velocity. When separation distance is less than a predetermined safe following distance, the brake lights on the equipped car are flashed on to alert the following driver.

Studebaker-Packard told ELECTRONICS it is presently developing a brake warning system, but gave no details. (Another warning device, about which little is known at present, is an electronic atmosphere sampler invented by a Dane. If the driver has been drinking or is under the influence of narcotics, the device shuts off the engine; if carbon monoxide is present it shuts off the engine and blows the horn.)

#### **Headlight Controllers**

A headlight dimmer that automatically turns off the high beam and turns on the low beam whenever light strikes a photocell has been designed by Polarad Electronics. When the device fails to respond properly the headlight system is automatically returned to its original condition, allowing the headlights to be controlled in the conventional manner. The driver may dim his lights at any time and leave them dim. Also, the circuit arrangement assures that once the lights have been dimmed they will not return to the high beam as a result of a momentary reduction in the intensity of light striking the photocell. See Fig. 7A.

Guide Lamp recently transistorized the Autronic Eye circuit. The new system will hold the low beam setting even if the approaching driver dims his headlights. When light is completely removed from phototube, the headlamps are returned to high beam. However, street lights are sufficient to keep system on low beams (Fig. 7B).

Chrysler is offering an electronic headlight dimmer as optional equip-

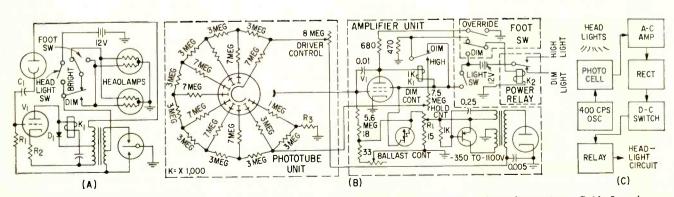


FIG. 7—Headlight dimming circuit developed by Polarad (A) is relatively insensitive to battery voltage fluctuations. Guide Lamp's new headlight dimmer (B) uses self-excited, 20-kc transistor oscillator. RCA's headlight dimmer (C) uses an a-c amplifier



FIG. 8—Demonstration model of Westinghouse's electroluminescent lighting display system

ment on all 1959 cars. Novel aspect of system is that it responds not only to white light from headlights of cars approaching in adjacent lane, but also to red light from taillights of cars in the driver's lane. The latter feature switches headlights to low beam when car ahead is close enough to be affected by glare from high beams.

Photocell output is fed to an amplifying and selection circuit housed in a box mounted under the instrument panel. Two transistors and an electron tube are used which will operate from a 12-volt car battery without a special transformer. The circuit can be adjusted to switch on low beams when approaching headlights are within a range of 900 to 1,200 feet or when tail lights of car ahead are within a range of 200 to 500 feet.

RCA's Semiconductor Division has developed a dimming system using semiconductor devices and a relay. A block diagram of the system is shown in Fig. 7C. A 2N109 transistor is used as a phase



FIG. 9—Electroluminescent radio dial developed for use in American Motor's Rambler

shift oscillator and provides a 400cps signal to either a cadmium sulphide or cadmium selenimide photocell in a voltage divider circuit.

The photocell acts as a variable coupling device whose amplitude modulates the oscillator signal. The composite waveform is then fed to a high-gain, narrow-bandwidth, a-c amplifier composed of one or two R-C coupled 2N217 transistors. The signal is then rectified by a point-contact 1N38A diode and applied to a d-c switch employing a 2N561 transistor. When the photocell is made to conduct by the presence of headlight glare, the signal level becomes high enough to actuate the d-c switch which energizes the relay, switching on low beams.

Delco Radio's electronic light control built for Firebird III automatically actuates various sections of the lighting system, depending on external ambient light intensity. Three externally mounted lightsensitive pickups control the low and high beam headlamps, the parking and tail lights, and also vary the intensity of the instrument panel lighting. The light sensitive cells are regulated to measure real daylight and are not activated by momentary light changes when shadows pass over the car.

#### Interior Lighting

Electroluminescent lamps will probably begin to replace conventional incandescent bulbs used in dashboard, dome and courtesy lighting by 1960.

Westinghouse's Rayescent lamp is made by coating a thin glass plate with a transparent, electrically conductive film. Over this is spread a layer of phospher imbedded plastic which is then capped with an aluminum overlay. When the two conducting layers are excited the phosphor emits light. Westinghouse has also developed a method for applying the phosphors to a plastic, nylon or steel-mesh base which allows the lamp to be bent into any desired shape.

The application of such lamps has been extended by devising an electroluminescent display system which presents glowing letters and numbers as shown in Fig. 8. The characters are selected by digital techniques and are bright enough for daylight use.

Sylvania's Panelescent lamp is made by firing a layer of solid ceramic material similar to white porcelain onto a vitreous-enameled steel electrode which has been cut to final form. Another layer of ceramic material, in which is suspended the light producing electroluminescent phosphor, is then applied over the solid ceramic coating. The two ceramic layers serve as the dielectric. A transparent conducting layer, serving as the second electrode, is then applied and over this is placed a layer of glass. Electrical connections can be made to any point on the two electrodes. Only use of electroluminescent technique in autos to date has been the Panelescent radio dial in American Motor's Rambler shown in Fig. 9.



FIG. 10—Pen-shaped "ultrasonic key" opens door of GM's Firebird III from 15 feet away

Sylvania has also developed an electroluminescent display system which converts electrical or optical signals into dots of light. The image created can be held or erased at will. The device could be used to display speedometer and clock dial readings in digital form.

AC Spark Plug has developed an electroluminescent instrument panel for Firebird III. Figures used on the speedometer, tachometer, clock, preset timer, and fuel gage are silhouetted against an electroluminescent band which moves up and down.

#### Ultrasonic Key

GM Research has developed an ignition "key" which can also be used to open locked doors on the Firebird III as shown in Fig. 10. When vibrated within a 10 to 15 foot radius of the vehicle the key emits an ultrasonic signal which is detected by microphones concealed externally on the car's body. The

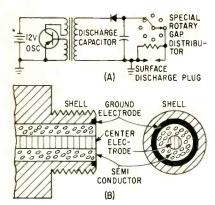


FIG. 11—Electric Auto-Lite's low-voltage, high-frequency ignition system uses transistor oscillator circuit (A) and surface-discharge spark plug (B)

signal is then fed through an amplifier to a door actuating mechanism.

#### **Ignition Systems**

Electric Auto-Lite has developed an ignition system which uses a transistorized excitation circuit and a surface-discharge spark plug. A schematic of the ignition system is shown in Fig. 11A.

The transistor oscillator generates a high-frequency, low-voltage current which is stepped up to 500 to 5,000 volts, converted to d-c, and applied across the center and ground electrodes of the surface discharge plug shown in Fig. 11B. The spark arcs from the center to the ground electrode along the surface of the plug and ionizes the semiconductor materials in its path.

High-voltage capacitor discharge systems of 20 to 25 kv have also been built and tested. ELECTRONICS hears that a Denver firm intends to develop a practical ignition system of this design using transistors.

Clevite Transistor Products is experimenting with an ignition

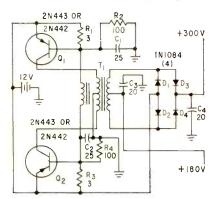


FIG. 12—Each switching transistor in Delco Radio's 120-watt d-c to d-c converter uses a 7 in. by 7 in. by  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. aluminum heat sink

system using the Harkness method of banging barium titanates to produce a discharge. Commonwealth Engineering has a new ignition system which eliminates breaker points. Sarkes Tarzian is developing a transistorized ignition system using silicon rectifiers.

#### Converters

A 120-volt d-c to d-c converter for 12-volt auto systems has been developed by Delco Radio. A schematic is given in Fig. 12. This company has also developed a converter for use with car tv sets which develops a square-wave voltage at a frequency of approximately 200 cps, using a pair of high-power transistors. The square wave is converted into 245 v d-c by a silicondiode bridge rectifier.

Delco-Remy has developed a silicon diode full-wave rectifier for converting a-c from their 12-volt three-phase automobile generator into d-c required to charge the battery. Sylvania has developed a d-c to d-c converter especially for supplying voltage and frequency requirements of electroluminescent panels. Unit reportedly delivers 200 v at 250 cps.

A d-c to d-c transistor oscillator power converter is being developed by National Union Electric specifically for use with gas-discharge-tube instruments and indicators in motor vehicles. This power supply will provide a means for varying the duty cycle and thereby controlling the brillance of the display.

#### Fuel Controllers

Delco-Remy has developed an electronic governor for maintaining the speed of the auxiliary engine driving the 12-v a-c generator in Firebird III. The device compares the output of a tachometer generator with a reference voltage indicating speed and uses the difference voltage to control the throttle valve in the engine's carburetor.

Bendix's Electrojector system for automatically sensing engine fuel requirements as driving conditions vary was described in ELECTRONICS, (Feb. 57, p 192).

#### **Voltage Regulators**

Delco-Remy recently announced the development of a new a-c to d-c

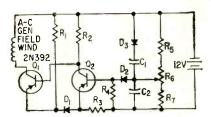


FIG. 13—Completely transistorized voltage regulator circuit developed by Delco-Remy to handle output of new acgenerator

voltage regulator designed to operate with a new 12-volt a-c generator. Power rectifier outputs have been controlled to within  $\pm 0.1$  volt in an installation. A schematic is given in Fig. 13.

#### Electronic Horn

GM Research has developed an electronic horn which consists of a continuous-belt tape recorder, a horn-type speaker and a control switch. The recorder runs whenever the ignition switch is on but feeds the speaker only when the horn control switch is depressed. Any warning sound can be recorded on the tape and changed as desired. Power requirements compare favorably with those of an auto radio.

#### **Rear-View Mirror Positioners**

A device for automatically flipping a day-night rear-view mirror to the night position when glare from headlights of following vehicles becomes excessive is being marketed by Instrument Research. This unit was described in ELECTRONICS (July 57, p 196).

Although circuit details are not yet available, Instrument Research indicates a transistorized mirror positioner which will eliminate the need for a high-voltage B+ supply has been developed. Huppower Division of the Hupp Corporation will

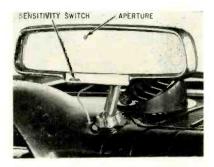


FIG. 14—Photocell in Chrysler's automatic mirror positioner is mounted behind mirror aperture

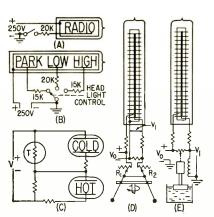


FIG. 15—Glow discharge bulbs used for single tell-tale instrument-panel word (A) multiple tell-tale word (B), temperature indicating system (C) speedometer (D) and fuel gage (E)

undertake production and distribution of the device.

Chrysler is offering an automatic rear-view mirror positioning device as optional equipment on 1959 cars. The electronic unit is mounted to the rear of the mirror, located above the dashboard as shown in Fig. 14. An aperture in the mirror's surface allows light to impinge on a photocell mounted behind. Current generated by the photocell is amplified by subminiature electron tubes and applied to the coil of an electromagnet. When glare from headlights of following cars is excessive, the current increases sufficiently to energize the electromagnet, pulling the mirror up to the night position.

#### **Temperature Controls**

Harrison Radiator has developed an electronic control which automatically maintains heating, air conditioning and defrosting temperatures at any desired level. Three thermistors sense the temperature of the passenger compartment and outside ambient air, and generate signals corresponding to

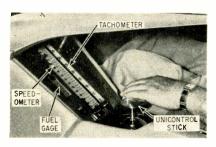


FIG. 16—Electronically controlled instrument panel in Firebird IIP

these thermal levels. The signals are sent to an electronic control circuit which regulates the proportions of recirculating air, hot air from the radiator and incoming atmospheric air required to assure correct heating, air conditioning and defrosting temperatures.

#### Indicators and Instruments

National Union Electric has developed gas-discharge devices consisting of a collection of variously formed metallic elements sealed within a glass bulb which is evacuated and filled with a suitable discharge gas. Simple tell-tale illuminated signals or instructions can be formed as shown in Fig. 15A. This arrangement is especially useful when a single word or group of short words are simultaneously illuminated. Multiple tell-tales can be made up as shown in Fig. 15B. Here two or more words oriented in an in-line configuration are read through the same frame opening and are illuminated one at a time.

A typical tell-tale system is shown in Fig. 15C. When temperature surrounding the thermistor is low, its resistance is high and a large voltage drop appears across it. This drop is sufficient to cause the COLD tell-tale to illuminate, however, the HoT tell-tale cannot light because the voltage drop across the resistor is too low. If the thermistor is heated, its resistance decreases appreciably extinguishing the COLD tell-tale and raising the voltage across the resistor sufficiently to light the HoT tell-tale.

Analog readout systems can also be designed in which the length of illumination in a tubular bulb is proportional to current flow. A simple speedometer can be built as shown in Fig. 15D. A fly-ball governor coupled to the transmission controls the amount of supply voltage  $V_0$  applied the tube by positioning variable resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . As the speed of the governor increases, the resistance across the glow discharge circuit decreases. Since excitation voltage  $V_1$  becomes larger as the governor rotates faster, the bar is illuminated lengthwise in direct proportion to the car's speed.

If pulsating d-c is used as supply voltage  $V_0$ , a moving core in an inductance coil can be used as



FIG. 17—Entire chassis of back-seat auto tv developed by Delco Radio can be removed and used conventionally

a fuel-level indicator as shown in Fig. 15E. Since voltage  $V_1$  is highest when the core is fully inserted in the coil and lowest when core is withdrawn, the bar of light will expand proportional to float level.

AC Spark Plug has developed electronic indicators for the Firebird III control panel shown in Fig. 16. Outputs from the car speed, engine speed and fuel-level transducers are converted by transistor amplifiers into electrical signals which position gage mechanisms in the instrument panel. Each gage mechanism consists of two drums about which is wrapped a tape. Half the tape is made of electroluminescent material which gives off colored light when excited by a-c. As the drums are positioned by the command signal from the amplifier, the colored band of light on the tape -red for the speedometer, orange for the tachometer and blue for the fuel gage—is moved up or down behind a transparent, calibrated scale.

A transistorized tachometer which does not require a "sender," and can be mounted under or in the dashboard has been developed by Radson Engineering. This unit was described in ELECTRONICS (Aug. 15, 1958, p. 92).

#### Rear Seat TV Receiver

Delco Radio has developed a portable tv receiver for Oldsmobile which has been experimentally installed in a car as shown in Fig. 17. Tube heaters are directly connected to the car battery; a small d-c to d-c converter in the trunk supplies the plate voltage. Built in relays automatically connect the heater and power supply circuits for proper operation off 117-v lines when unit is removed.



Dog with artificially induced heart block exhibited typical sluggishness until normal circulation was restored by pulse amplifier

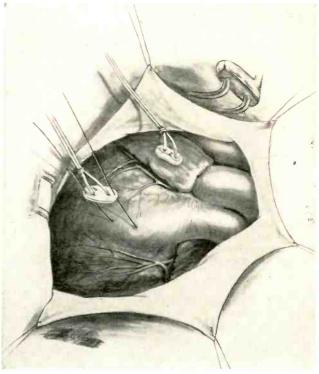


FIG. 1—Pair of electrodes supported on flat polyethylene insulator sewn to right auricle (top). Pair is being sewn to ventricle (bottom)

### Two-Transistor Amplifier

S EVERANCE of the beat-rate control link between chambers of the heart results in an affliction known as heart block. The pulse amplifier and output devices described here have corrected this condition in dogs and are being used for emergency treatment of human patients.<sup>1</sup>

In normal hearts, the auricle produces an electrical impulse which is carried by the nervous system to the ventricle. The impulse stimulates the ventrical causing it to contract with sufficient force to pump blood throughout the circulation system. If the nervous pathway between chambers is broken, the ventricle beats at a natural rhythm which is not rapid enough to supply the body with an adaquate amount of blood.

To bypass the block and reestablish normal beat rhythm, pickup electrodes are sewn to the auricle and ventricle, the control pulse from the auricle is amplified, and the resulting output used to stimulate the ventricle to contract. Electrodes are constructed of stainless steel mesh one cm<sup>2</sup> in area and are attached to the outer wall of the chambers as shown in Fig. 1.

#### Pulse Amplifier

The pulse amplifier shown in Fig. 2 is used to provide adequate stimulating voltage to the ventricle. Input from the auricle is a 10-millivolt pulse having the waveform shown in Fig. 3. To insure

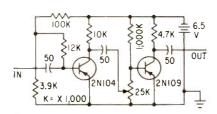


FIG. 2—Pulse amplifier circuit. Power is supplied by 6.5-v mercury cell connected to circuit by spring clips. Battery must be taken out to deenergize circuit

continuous coordinated beating of the ventricle and auricle, the amplifier must supply an output pulse with a minimum peak voltage of 500 millivolts. This condition was met by designing the circuit to have a maximum gain of 200 when operating from a 5,000-ohm source and supplying a 1,000-ohm load. Use of a-c coupling permits acceptance of pulses with plus or minus polarity.

Body tissue between the input and output electrodes exhibits an extremely low resistance; therefore, a certain fraction of the output signal is fed back to the amplifier input. Since the output of the amplifier has the same polarity as the input, a feedback signal will add to the input signal and increase the gain. If the magnitude of the feedback exceeds the signal generated by the auricle, the amplifier becomes unstable and oscillates.

Feedback amplitude is deter-

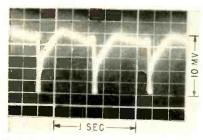


FIG. 3—Reverse polarity oscillograph of output pulses from right auricle of dog

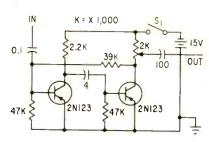


FIG. 4—Pulse output circuit. Power is supplied by miniature 15-v battery



Pulse amplifier. Gain control in center of unit can be screwdriver adjusted

Pulse amplifier reestablishes proper circulation of blood in heart-block patients by driving ventricle at heat rate dictated by auricle. Command pulses picked up by electrodes on auricle are amplified 200 times without waveform distortion. Output pulses applied to ventricle electrodes produce normal pumping rhythm. Supplementary output circuit boosts voltage to overcome scar-tissue resistance developed under ventricle electrodes

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### Corrects Heart Block

mined by the gain of the amplifier, input and output impedance of the amplifier, and resistance of body tissue and the electrodes. In practice the gain control is set to zero, input and output leads connected to the amplifier and the gain increased until amplification is sufficient to cause contraction of the ventricle.

Because tissue resistance is constantly changing and cannot be controlled, no advantage would be realized by including a gain compensation circuit.

#### Pulse Output Circuit

If the scar tissue developed under the output electrodes over a period of time introduces too much load resistance, the ventricle will not respond to the largest pulse available from the amplifier. To overcome this condition, the pulse output circuit shown in Fig. 4 is used in conjunction with the amplifier to increase the stimulating

voltage. Tandem operation is arranged by connecting the output of the pulse amplifier to the input of the pulse output circuit.

When triggered by a positive pulse similar to that shown in Fig. 3, the pulse output circuit produces a constant-voltage, positive-going pulse having a maximum amplitude of 15 volts and a duration of 0.1 sec. An input of 2.5 mv or more applied by the auricle to the input of the amplifier is sufficient to trigger the pulse output circuit. The pulse from the auricle must be positive with respect to the grounded electrode.

#### **Noise Sources**

Although shielded cables are used between the amplifier and the body surface, noise from local power lines, nearby electrical machinery and the like is introduced by way of the unshielded stainless-steel wires in the body cavity. To minimize pickup, the unshielded

wires should be made as short as possible particularly in the region where they leave the body cavity and connect to the shielded cables. Since the pulse amplifier and pulse output circuit are battery operated and well shielded, the only internally produced spurious voltage present is thermal noise with amplitudes in the microvolt region.

#### **Special Connection**

Because the stainless steel leads existing at the skin surface will not solder to the wire strands in shielded cables used with the amplifier, a special method of junctioning is required. This technique consists of wrapping the stainless steel wire around a thicker copper wire, silver-soldering them together, and then soft soldering the copper wire to the copper strands in the shielded cables.

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### Staggered Rep Rate Fills

OVING TARGET indicator systems, discriminate against stationary targets so that moving targets, which are masked by land masses in a normal system, can be detected. The system has an inherent deficiency which results in zero response to certain radial target velocities. The critical radial velocities are called blind speeds. For instance, in an X-band radar with a prf of 5,500 cps, blind speeds will occur in a progression at 160, 320 knots, etc. In some radar applications, these blind speeds appear at velocities of interest. Blind speeds can be changed to other velocities by changing the basic prf of the radar. Here, however, the limitation of second-time targets enters the picture. A technique that relocates the blind speeds is a staggered prf of alternate periods  $T_1$ and  $T_2$ .

#### System Transform

The transfer characteristic of an mti system can be derived from the equation,  $e_o(t) = e_i(t) - e_i(t-T)$  where  $e_o(t)$  is mti output,  $e_i(t)$  is mti input, and T is repetition interval of the radar. If  $e_i(t)$  has a radial Doppler envelope of  $\sin 2\pi ft$  the equation becomes  $e_o(t) = \sin 2\pi ft - \sin \{2\pi f \ (t-T)\}$ . It can be rewritten as  $e_o(t) = 2\sin \pi ft \cos [2\pi f \ (t-T/2)]$ .

With a time average of  $e_o(t)$ , the first term determines the frequency response. This is the comb filter characteristic as shown in Fig. 1. The characteristic is zero to zero

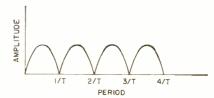


FIG. 1-Velocity response of simple mti

frequency and all multiples of 1/T. To change the variable f to velocity,  $\sin \pi f T = \sin \pi v \ (2Tf_{\circ}/c)$  where v is radial velocity,  $f_{\circ}$  is transmitter frequency and c is the velocity of light. Blind velocities are then

$$V_o = \frac{VC}{2TL}$$

Staggered prf can be visualized as a combination of the output of two mti radars, each having a blind speed corresponding to its prf. The first over-all blind speed will occur when the *n*th null of the first radar velocity response coincides with the *m*th null of the second.

The rms signal response of a staggered prf system is given by the equation  $v_{\phi}(\text{rms}) = \sqrt{\sin^2 \frac{(\omega_d T_1/2)}{(\omega_d T_1/2)}}$  where  $\omega_d$  equals  $2v\omega_o/c$ ,  $T_1$  is the shorter repetition interval,  $T_2$  is the longer repetition interval and  $\omega_o$  is transmitted radian frequency. Letting  $v_o' = 2\pi c/T_p\omega_o$  where  $T_p = T_1 + T_2$ ,  $R = T_1/T_p$ , and  $1 - R = T_2/T_p$  the previous equation becomes:

$$V_{\phi} \text{ (rms)} = \sqrt{\sin^2\left(2\pi \frac{V}{V_o'}R\right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\left[2\pi \frac{V}{V_o}(1-R)\right]}}$$

A plot of this response for two

stagger ratios 2/3 and 7/8 is shown in Fig. 2. The curves are normalized with respect to  $T_{\nu}/2$ .

#### Velocity Response

The stagger ratio determines the location of the first blind speed. However, another factor must be considered. As the ratio  $T_{\parallel}/T_{\parallel}$  approaches unity, not only does the first blind speed move out to a higher velocity, but variations in the response curve become greater.

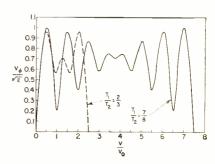


FIG. 2—Response of a staggered prf mti for stagger ratios of  $^2\!\%$  and  $^7\!\%$ 

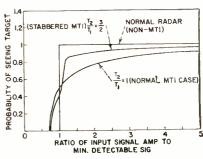
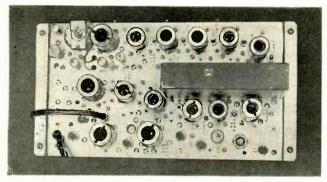
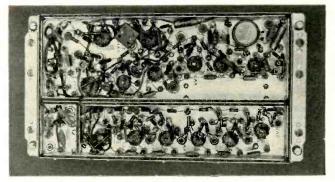


FIG. 3—Probability of seeing a target on normal radar, normal mti and staggered prf mti systems





Prf staggering switch relocates blind speeds in mti system. Short lead dress is constant with military and h-f specifications

### Radar Blind Spots

A compromise between the first desired blind speed and the magnitude of the velocity response ripples that can be tolerated must be made.

#### Radar Transmitter

Before modifying an existing radar with the staggered prf technique any possible radar and mti degradation must be investigated. The effects of a staggered prf on functioning of the radar transmitter, mti response to clutter fluctuations, cancellation loss due to scanning modulation, mti response to targets in the clear and complexity of radar will be discussed.

In general, the range of the radar will determine how staggering is accomplished. If a loss in range time can be tolerated then a stagger ratio can be taken with the existing T as the mean of the two periods. Average power transmitted will be the same as for the mean period.

If range time is a problem then the existing repetition interval can become  $T_1$  the smaller of the two periods. A loss in transmitted power will result.

#### Frequency Shifts

It is necessary that no pulse-topulse transmitter frequency shift vist in an mti radar. A shift prouces a pulse-to-pulse change in the phase detector output, degrading cancellation. The high voltage charge in the pulse forming network must remain a constant for the firing times associated with  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . Allowable pulse-to-pulse frequency shift is given by:

Cancellation Ratio = 
$$\frac{0.187}{\Delta f_o \ \hat{o}}$$

where  $\Delta f_o$  is change in transmitter frequency and  $\delta$  is pulse width. With a 0.5- $\mu$ sec pulse, a frequency shift of only 3.7 kc can be tolerated for a cancellation ratio of 40 db.

#### Clutter Response

Clutter signals are the radar returns from land masses, trees, buildings, and similar objects. Variations in these signals resulting

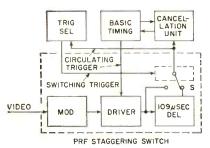


FIG. 4—Block diagram of prf staggering switch and trigger selector

from perturbations such as wind are called clutter fluctuations. The frequency or velocity spectrum of clutter fluctuations consists mainly of low velocities. Clutter fluctuations appear on the mti velocity response curve as narrow spectrums about zero velocity and all side bands of the transmitted pulse.

At first sight the staggered system appears to have a greater response to clutter fluctuation than

a normal mti, since where the clutter spectrum appears for  $T_1$  there is a gain in the response for  $T_2$ . This is not strictly true, because on one sweep the clutter response depends upon the velocity characteristic of the  $T_1$  period while on the next sweep the clutter response depends upon the velocity characteristic of the  $T_2$  period. These are then summed in the indicator. Therefore, the clutter fluctuation response of the staggered system should be no worse than that of a mti operating at the mean prf.

Another approach is to assume that the clutter fluctuations may have all velocities with equal probability. The rms response is

$$V_{\phi(rms)} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\beta}} \int_0^\beta (V_{\phi(rms)})^2 dx,$$

where x is normalized velocity and  $\beta$  is clutter velocity. When  $\beta$  approaches infinity,  $V_{\phi \text{clutter}}$  is equal to one. This is the same rms expected response as a simple mti.

#### **Cancellation Loss**

When a radar antenna scans past a target, the signal returns from the target are amplitude modulated by the antenna azimuth pattern. If the a-m is below the limit level in the phase detector it will degrade cancellation.

The allowable cancellation ratio (CR) is given by the equation,

$$CR = -10 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{6.183 (1 + r^2)}{(P_{BW}^2) (1 + r)^2} \right]$$

where  $P_{BW}$  is the number of pulses per beam width and  $r = T_2/T_1 =$ 

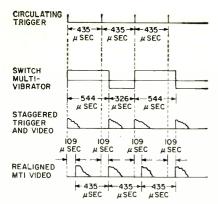


FIG. 5-Staggered prf timing diagram

(1-R)/R. The equation is based on the assumption that  $\sin x/x$  one way antenna pattern is obtained,  $P_{BW} > 4$ , the target returns have not been limited prior to phase detection, the target is a large number of antenna aperture diameters away from the antenna, and the signal echo phase angle is that required for maximum phase detection output. If this condition is not met, the cancellation ratio will be higher.

The cancellation degradation due to scanning modulation caused by the 3/5 stagger ratio is a fraction of a db more than that of a simple mti operating at the mean prf. For example, with  $P_{\scriptscriptstyle BW}=20$ , the allowable CR in a single period mti is 21.08 db. and the allowable CR in a staggered prf, mti for r=5/3 is 20.86 db.

#### Targets In The Clear

One method of assessing the effect of staggered mti on targets in the clear is to determine the probability of detecting these targets. Assuming an equal probability of all velocities occurring, the probability that a target return exceeds a given first level is determined. The results are compared with a normal radar and a simple mti.

The probability distribution curve is plotted in Fig. 3 as a function of the ratio of input signal to minimum detectable signal, where the minimum detectable signal was taken as some arbitrary level A. The probability distribution for the staggered case lies between that for the simple mti and the normal systems. It is greater than the simple mti for the higher ratio values because there are fewer velocities that the staggered system is actually blind to.

For smaller input ratios the

probability curve is lower than that for the simple mti. This can be explained by the fact that around optimum velocity points,  $v_{\circ}/2$  in the simple mti, the simple mti has a slightly higher gain.

To modify an existing radar for staggered prf a unit similar to a cancellation unit must be added and some modification of the existing timing unit is necessary.

#### Radar Complexity

In a particular application it was desired to have the first blind speed at 300 knots for an X-band radar with a basic prf of 2,300 cps. Since a loss in range time could be tolerated, a stagger ratio of 3/5 was chosen with 2,300 cps as the mean prf. With this ratio, the alternate periods are 324 and 545  $\mu$ sec. The blind speeds associated with each repetition period are 100 and 60 knots respectively giving the first over-all velocity null at 300 knots.

In designing the staggered triggers some means must be made for realigning the returning video so that it can be processed in a video cancellation unit. A prf staggering switch that performs both of these functions is shown in Fig. 4.

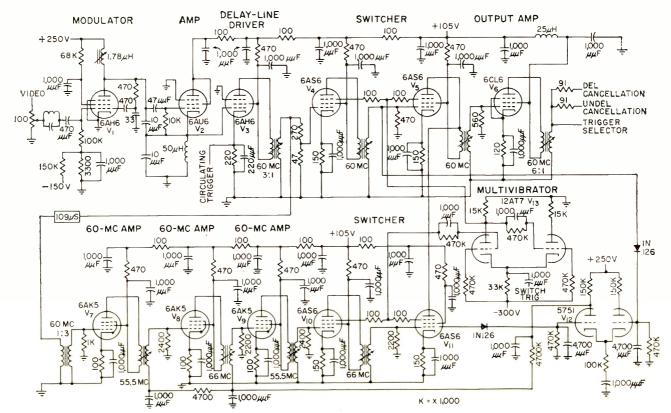


FIG. 6—The prf staggering switch realigns the returning video so that it can be processed in the video cancellation unit

The prf staggering switch consists basically of a 109-µsec delay line that is alternately switched in and out of the unit. The radar mti video, modulates the carrier at the input to the unit and, after being either delayed 109 µsec or not, depending on switch condition, is sent directly to the cancellation unit.

Referring to the block diagram of Fig. 4 and the timing diagram Fig. 5, the basic, stable 2,300-cps trigger is established by slaving the system repetition rate to the 435  $\mu$ sec delay line in the canceller. A circulating trigger is derived from the basic oscillator and fed to the prf staggering switch every 435  $\mu$ sec to a-m the carrier prior to being passed through the delayed or undelayed channel.

#### Staggering Operation

Assume that the channel is in the undelayed position. The first circulating trigger is applied through the undelayed channel and then to the trigger selection unit. The trigger selector produces an output which is used as a switching trigger for the switch tube in the prf staggering switch and also as the radar modulating trigger.

Therefore, after the first trigger is sent through the undelayed channel, the switch is moved to the delayed position. The next circulating trigger to be selected by the trigger selection unit is applied through the delayed channel. After this second circulating trigger, the switch is moved back to the undelayed position and the process is repeated. Staggered prf triggers are therefore generated with alternate repetition intervals of 326 and 544 µsec.

The function of the trigger selector unit is to detect the triggers at the output of the staggering switch and use them to generate the switching trigger and the system trigger. It must discriminate against the trigger that occurs  $109 \mu sec$  after the undelayed trigger.

As mentioned previously, the radar video must be realigned prior to the actual cancellation process. Realignment is also performed by the prf staggering switch. A circulating trigger that has been delayed 109  $\mu$ sec, flips the switch to the undelayed position and one that

comes through undelayed tips the switch to the delayed position. Video returns from a delayed trigger therefore are undelayed, and those from an undelayed trigger are delayed. This realigns the video.

#### Staggering Switch Circuit

Referring to the schematic diagram of the prf staggering switch Fig. 6, the mti video frequency modulates the 60-mc carrier by a reactance tube  $V_1$ . The carrier is amplitude modulated by the circulating trigger at delay line driver  $V_3$ 

is switched to the delayed position, the first circulating trigger comes through 109  $\mu$ sec later. This is a superfluous trigger and the selector unit must reject it. If the recovery time of the blocking oscillator is adjusted so it will not fire on the extraneous 109  $\mu$ sec pulse, it will not fire reliably on the 324  $\mu$ sec pulse. To eliminate the superfluous trigger the blocking oscillator was designed with a fast recovery time and the recovery waveform phaseshifted and applied to the parallel triggering tube and the previous

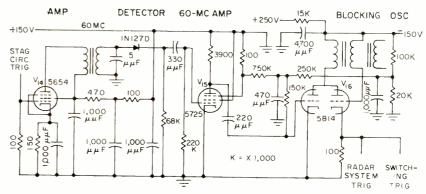


FIG. 7—Fast recovery time of blocking oscillator in trigger selector circuit eliminates unwanted trigger

and sent to both the 109- $\mu sec$  line and, after being attenuated, to the undelayed channel. The delayed signal is amplified by three 60-mc amplifiers  $V_3$ ,  $V_8$  and  $V_9$ . Actual switching or channel selection is accomplished by the multivibrator  $V_{13}$ , the undelayed channel switch tubes  $V_4$  and  $V_5$  and the delayed channel switch tubes  $V_{\scriptscriptstyle 10}$  and  $V_{\scriptscriptstyle 11}$ . Twin switch tubes are required in each channel to insure that the feed through signal is greater than 50 db down. To minimize cancellation deterioration, age is used to equalize the gains of both channels.

The second switch tubes for each channel  $V_5$  and  $V_{11}$  have a common load which is fed to the output tube  $V_6$ . The output carrier is sent to the delayed and undelayed channels of the cancellation unit and to the trigger selector unit. In the trigger selector unit, Fig. 7,  $V_{13}$  amplifies the 60-mc amplitude-modulated carrier from the prf staggering switch. The circulating trigger is diode detected, amplified in video amplifier  $V_{15}$  and fires the blocking oscillator  $V_{16}$ .

When the prf staggering switch

stage  $V_{\rm m}$ . The phase shift is adjusted so the 109- $\mu$ sec trigger does not fire the blocking oscillator.

#### **Test Results**

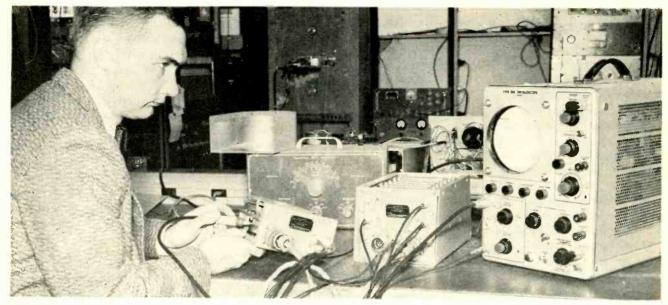
A video cancellation figure of 30 db for a 0.4  $\mu$ sec pulse was obtained by keeping interchannel leakage in the prf staggering switch to -100 db. Individually shielding the delayed and undelayed channels kept the leakage down to this level.

A qualitative test of the effect of staggered prf on clutter, made by comparing the clutter response of the staggered system with a simple mti operating at the mean prf showed little difference. This was done by disabling the switch in the prf staggering switch so that only the undelayed channel was energized. The video cancellation achieved was 30 db.

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Transistorized power converter in center unit supplies drive motor of miniaturized tape recorder mechanism at left

### **Boosting Power**

Precise control of transistor instantaneous voltage and current produces operating efficiencies that approach the ideal. Since peak power dissipation in a single transistor occurs in the middle of a transition between on and off states, transition time is kept small

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EFFICIENCIES exceeding 98 percent have been obtained from two power transistors used to drive a 400-cps synchronous motor of a portable tape transport. High efficiency is obtained by carefully controlling the instantaneous voltage and current through the transistor.

Power may be lost in a transistor when it is conducting, when it is off, or during the transition between the on and off states. The thermal time constant of even a large power transistor may be around 50  $\mu$ sec or less, so the instantaneous power dissipation must be carefully controlled for optimum transistor protection.

If a pair of transistors is employed to switch a purely resistive load, the peak power dissipation of one transistor will occur in the middle of each transition and will have a value one-half the total average power delivered to the load by both transistors. The dissipation averaged over the period of a single transition will be one-third the power delivered to the load. Thus if the transition time is not small compared to the thermal time constant, the power handling capabilities of a pair of transistors with a resistive load is limited to three times the transistor rating.

In most cases where the tran-

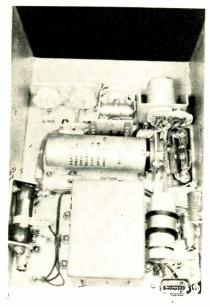
sistors see a resistive load, the average dissipation is principally a result of transition loss. If the load presented to the transistors is reactive, the losses may become much greater, but with the proper reactance and the proper drive much improvement may be realized.

#### Instantaneous Power Loss

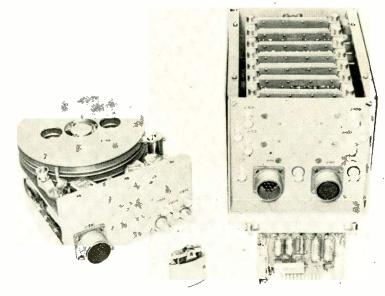
The instantaneous power lost is given by the instantaneous product of the voltage across the transistor and the current through it. During the conduction period the dissipated power is small because the

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Pair of power transistors is at upper left



System comprises transport (left), and recording amplifiers and power converter (right)

## Transistor Efficiency

voltage is essentially zero. In order that the instantaneous power lost during the transition be small, it is necessary that the current passing through the transistor be small.

This can be accomplished by the simple expedient of cutting the transistor current off quickly while slowing down the voltage change during the transitions. The quick cut off may be obtained from an external source, and the voltage control during transition may be achieved by the addition of a capacitor. This serves to reverse the voltage across the transformer much the same as does the timing capacitor of a vibrator supply.

#### Circuit Operation

A typical circuit is shown in Fig. 1. The two power transistors are operated with grounded collectors. They supply their own base power through a tertiary winding on the output transformer. Without the synchronizing pulses the circuit would be free running at a frequency below 400 cps.

Negative synchronizing pulses at 800 cps are applied to the base of  $Q_3$  to produce positive pulses at the bases of  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ , thus cutting

them off quickly. The reversal of voltage across the output transformer is controlled by  $C_1$  and the 1N93 diodes to prevent an overswing when both transistors are cut off. The 800-cps signal is derived from a precision oscillator to maintain constant motor speed.

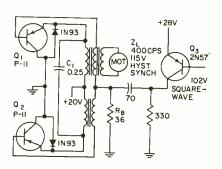


FIG. 1—Simplified schematic of transistor power converter

In the circuit analysis, neglect the reactive component of the motor load and consider the transformer losses to be included as part of the load. In Fig. 2A are shown the voltage across and the current through one of the transistors in the ideal case. It is important that the current be zero before the voltage across the transistor has any appreciable value.

The difference in the currents of the two transistors is shown in Fig. 2B. Neglecting the current flowing through the capacitor, this is the current which is effectively flowing in the transformer primary. It has two principal components, a magnetizing current which might be described as a symmetrical sawtooth, and the load current.

#### **Magnetizing Current**

To ensure proper circuit operation, the magnetizing current must be large enough to store energy in the transformer sufficient to reverse the voltage stored in it during the transitions. A large magnetizing current, however, will increase the transistor losses during the conduction period. The average conduction losses are proportional to  $i_{\scriptscriptstyle L}{}^{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$  +  $i_{\scriptscriptstyle M}{}^{\scriptscriptstyle 2}/3$ , where  $i_{\scriptscriptstyle L}$  is the load current and  $i_{\scriptscriptstyle M}$  is the peak magnetizing current, which must be at least equal to the load current. In this type of operation, conduction losses are increased by a factor of at least 4/3.

A magnetizing current value of twice the load current is not exces-

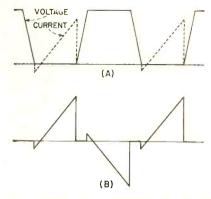


FIG. 2—Ideal waveforms (A) of current and voltage of single transistor, and difference of the currents (B) flowing, through transistors of Fig. 1

sive. At the end of a transition neither transistor is conducting, and an overswing of the transformer voltage is prevented by the conduction of one of the diodes. At the end of the synchronizing pulse one of the transistors will be put in a conducting condition. In the early portion of the cycle it is likely that the transistor will be conducting in the reverse direction. An alloyed-junction transistor may conduct in the reverse direction even in common-collector or common-emitter service.

Conduction in the reverse direction is not normally intended, but since the semiconductor is essentially symmetrical it will function as a reverse transistor. Relatively large currents can be passed by a pnp transistor with both emitter and base negative with respect to the collector. In this case the emitter and collector exchange roles, and a small current from base to collector will enable a large current from collector to emitter. The reverse current is clearly observable in the oscillogram of Fig. 3A, which shows the emitter current for a transistor connected in the circuit of Fig. 1.

#### Circuit Design

There are a few practical considerations about this circuit. The common - collector arrangement simplifies mounting problems. The base drive is supplied during conduction by the transistors themselves. A certain fraction of the power output must be supplied as base input, and the actual circuit

configuration cannot affect the overall electrical performance to any great degree. The self-excitation feature of the circuit is not a necessity, but it is easier to obtain the proper base drive this way.

The circuit design is straightforward. Starting with the required power output, the motor in this case, including transformer losses, requires 24 w. With a 20-v supply, the load current referred to one-half the primary will be 1.2 amp. With a peak magnetizing current of 1.5 times the load current or 1.8 amp, the peak transistor current is 3 amp.

From the characteristics of the transistor, a peak base current of 0.4 amp and a base-to-emitter voltage of 2.5 v is required. If we allow 5.5 v reverse base-to-emitter voltage when the transistor is in the off condition, the base-to-base voltage is 8 v more than the emitter-to-emitter voltage. With a 20-v supply the latter is 40 v and the turns ratio of the emitter winding to base winding is 40/48.

#### Component Valves

At the end of the cycle the voltage across  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle B}$  is the difference between the voltage across half the base winding and the forward base-to-collector voltage. This is 24-2.5=21.5 v. The current through  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle B}$  will be the sum of the 0.4-amp forward base current and 0.2 amp

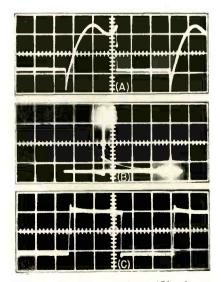


FIG. 3—Current waveform (A) of one transistor when load is not purely resistive, and transistor voltage as a function of current (B) and of time (C) for circuit of Fig. 1

to be supplied by the synchronizing pulse. Thus  $R_B = 36$  ohms.

The value of the timing capacitor is not critical and may be determined experimentally. It may also be calculated by examining the transient response of the circuit when the conducting transistor is turned off. Then  $C = Gt/[2 \log_e(K+1)/(K-1)]$ , where G is the load conductance referred to one-half the transformer primary, t is the duration of a transition and K is the ratio of the peak magnetizing current to the load current.

In the example given G=0.06 mho,  $t=62.5~\mu \rm sec$  and K is taken as 1.5. Substituting these values in the equation, C becomes 0.96  $\mu \rm f$ , the capacitance referred to one-half the primary. Then  $C_1$  is 0.24  $\mu \rm f$ .

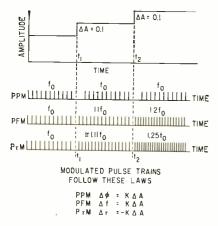
Similarly the inductance of one-half the primary is calculated from L=T/2KG, where T is the period each transistor conducts. In the given case T is 1,250  $\mu$ sec and L then becomes 8.33 mh. The total inductance from emitter to emitter is therefore 33.3 mh.

Since it is not possible to cut off transistors instantaneously, perfectly ideal conditions cannot be achieved. Relatively large values of t/T, on the order of 5 or 10 percent, will make practical circuit conditions approach the ideal.

#### Ideal Operation

The degree to which the ideal may be approached is shown in Fig. 3B. If the transistor loss were zero, a plot of transistor voltage against current would be two straight lines. In Fig. 3B the current is shown on the horizontal axis and the voltage on the vertical axis. There is a time when the peak dissipation is approximately 1.5 w or about 6.5 percent of the load power, but the average dissipation is much lower. The section of reverse current is also observable. Transistor current and voltage as functions of time are shown in Fig. 3A and C with the motor as the load.

Due to the magnetizing current, conduction losses of the transistor are increased by a 7/4 factor. With a saturation resistance between 0.05 and 0.2 ohm, the conduction loss will lie between 0.25 and 1 percent of the load power for each transistor.



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FIG. 1—Waveforms illustrate differences between the three forms of modulation

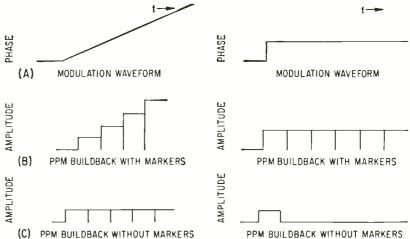


FIG. 2—Waveforms in (C) are close derivatives of (A). Left set shows ppm by linear waveform, right set by step waveform

# Using Markerless Pulse Trains to Communicate

Three types of markerless pulse train modulation are compared. Circuitry for demodulating a markerless pulse train, containing low frequency audio information as a time interval variation between pulses, is described

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PULSE MODULATION for communication purposes often involves time sharing of a single transmission channel by several sets of pulse trains<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>.

Pulses of a particular train occur within time limits set by marker pulses. These marker pulses are used in the demodulation process to direct each pulse into its proper channel and to reconstruct the original waveform'.

Occasionally a communications problem arises which requires single-channel pulse modulation, and consequently marker pulses are theoretically not needed.

#### **Pulse Train Types**

Markerless pulse trains can be generated from three types of pulsetrain modulations: pulse-frequency

modulation-pfm; pulse phase or position modulation - ppm; and pulse period or interval modulation — $p_{\tau}m$ . The pulse train modulations are analogous to the corresponding continuous-wave types of modulation. In fact, a continuous-wave may be clipped, differentiated, and applied to a blocking oscillator to obtain these pulse-modulated trains. If the modulation is reduced to zero, the c-w becomes a single-frequency carrier and the pulses are emitted at a constant rate designated the average sampling frequency. This frequency must be greater than twice the highest modulation frequency to be transmitted.

For example, an audio channel has a 5-kc upper frequency limit the pulse sampling rate must be greater than 10 kc. Period modulation of c-w is unconventional but the pulse train equivalent is useful in the build-back process which will be described.

#### Characteristics

The type of pulse modulation is identified by the property of the pulse train which varies proportionally with the modulating signal. Equations for the modulator characteristics of the three types are

$$\begin{array}{lll}
\text{ppm} & \Delta \phi = K_{mp} \ \Delta A_m & (1) \\
\text{pfm} & \Delta f = K_{mf} \ \Delta A_m & (2) \\
\text{p}\tau m & \Delta \tau = K_m \tau \ \Delta A_m & (3)
\end{array}$$

where  $\Delta \phi$  is the change in phase,  $\Delta f$  the change in frequency,  $\Delta \tau$  the change in period,  $\Delta A_{\rm in}$  the audio

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modulating signal amplitude and

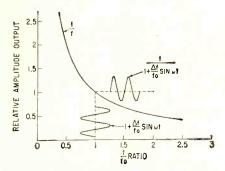


FIG. 3 Nonlinear distortion results when a pfm signal with large recurrence-frequency derivation is demodulated by a prm demodulator

 $K_m(p, f, \tau)$  the modulator gain constants.

Markerless ppm and pfm trains are formed from phase- and frequency-modulated cw's as mentioned above. A p-m train can be formed from a free-running multivibrator whose grid discharge voltage is varied by the modulating signal. The trailing edge of the rectangular waveform at the plate will jitter in p<sub>7</sub>m fashion. The freerunning period of the multivibrator will be the average sampling period. A positive modulation will reduce the magnitude of the (negative) grid bias and thus reduce the discharge time, and thereby the period between successive pulses.

The modulation characteristic of this type modulator is negative. For this reason a negative sign is used with  $K_{m\tau}$ .

Application of the two-step modulation waveform shown in Fig. 1 illustrates the differences between the three forms of modulation. The pulse repetition frequency of both pfm and prm changes in discrete steps. Due to the inverse relationship between frequency and period, the frequency shift is different. Step modulation in ppm causes a phase shift of the pulses but the average pulse repetition frequency remains unchanged.

The step modulated pulse trains of Fig. 1 show that the time interval between pulses is determined by the modulating signal amplitude for both pfm and prm. Hence a separate set of marker pulses is not needed to reproduce or build back the step modulating signal. Each pulse serves as a marker for the

next pulse. The same considerations apply to pfm and p $\tau$ m pulses modulated by complex waveforms.

This is not the case however for ppm. When each pulse of a phase-modulated train is used as a marker for the succeeding pulse, the demodulated output obtained by a build-back process based on pulse interval measurements is a differentiated form of the modulating signal. The waveforms shown in Fig. 2C are nearly the derivatives of Fig. 2A. Such a system exhibits high-pass filter characteristics.

Buildback of a ppm train with markers is usually accomplished by converting the marker-to-pulse intervals to a new set of duration-modulated pulses. The pdm pulses are converted to pulse-amplitude modulation and then to a replica of the original amplitude.

#### P<sub>T</sub>m Demodulation of Pfm

Corresponding to the definition of modulation type, demodulation type is designated by that characteristic of the input pulse train which when varied produces a proportional variation in the output amplitude. A p-m demodulator follows the law

$$\Delta A_d = K_d \Delta \tau \tag{4}$$

where:  $\Delta A_a$  is the amplitude of the demodulated signal increment,  $\Delta \tau$  is the change in pulse repetition period and  $K_a$  is the demodulator gain constant.

Equating Eq. 3 and 4

$$\Delta A_d = -K_m \tau K_d \Delta A_m \tag{5}$$

which within the bandpass of  $K_{m\tau} \times K_a$  is independent of frequency.

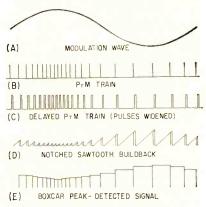


FIG. 4 Sequence of waveforms in the buildback process for  $p\tau m$  modulation wave (A), pulse-period modulated train (B), delayed  $p\tau m$  train (pulses widened) (C), notched saw-tocth build back (D) and boxcar peak-detected signal (E)

For pfm applied to a p<sub>7</sub>m demodulator with period expressed in terms of frequency and combining Eq. 2 and 4

$$\Delta A_d = -K_{mf}K_d\Delta A_m/f^2 \qquad (6)$$

Where f is the average sampling frequency if  $\Delta A_a$  and  $\Delta A_m$  are small.

Fig. 3 shows the nonlinear distortion that results when a pfm signal with relatively large recurrence frequency deviation is demodulated by a p $\tau$ m demodulator. When the percentage deviation,  $\Delta f/f_o$ , is small, linear demodulation of pfm occurs. Conversely, p $\tau$ m applied to a pfm demodulator would be

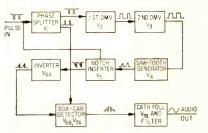


FIG. 5 Block diagram of a pulse period demodulator

limited to small period deviations for linear operation. In both cases signal polarity is reversed.

#### Prm Buildback Process

Fig. 4 shows the sequence of waveforms in the build-back process for  $p_{\tau}m$ . A sinusoidal modulation waveform is shown in (A). The corresponding  $p_{\tau}m$  pulse train is shown in (B).

The first step to be taken in building back the audio content from (B) is to generate another train of pulses (C) which are delayed with respect to (B) by some convenient time interval, for example 10 to 20 µsec, to provide time for resetting the boxcar detector. This delay is constant and involves no loss of modulation content. For convenience, the delayed pulses are widened, by forming them with a delay multivibrator so that they remain constant in both width and amplitude. The maximum width adjustment must be such that no two adjacent pulses touch when the intervals between the pulses of (B) and the interval deviation are minimum.

The varying time intervals be-

tween the pulses of (C) are then converted to linear saw-tooth waveforms of constant rate-of-rise, as shown in (D). Peak amplitudes of (D) are proportional to the intervals between pulses in (C). By peak-detecting the saw-tooth waveform (E), a stepped waveform resembling the original modulation signal is obtained.

This stepped waveform is then passed through a low-pass filter which smooths it into a replica of the original modulation waveform. The light vertical lines in waveforms (D) and (E) represent notches which are discussed later.

Increased demodulation sensitivity in the p<sub>7</sub>m buildback process can be obtained without additional amplifying stages by increasing the saw-tooth rate-of-rise. When the minimum interval deviation of the pulse train is significantly less than the average sampling period, say by 25 percent, then delaying the start of each saw-tooth a fixed amount after each sampling instant permits an increased rate-of-rise without increasing the saw-tooth generator B-supply voltage.

#### P<sub>T</sub>m Demodulator

The demodulator was designed for operation at a 2,500 pps average sampling rate. It has a sensitivity,  $K_d = A_d/\Delta \tau$ , of 0.33 v/ $\mu sec$ and is capable of generating up to 40-v rms sinusoidal signals over a frequency range of 16 to 800 cps. It uses both sweep delay and sweep clipping to increase gain.

The p<sub>7</sub>m demodulator block diagram and schematic are shown in Fig. 5 and 6. An input p<sub>7</sub>m train of negative 10-µsec pulses is applied to the grid of the phase-splitter,  $V_1$ .

Negative 10-μsec pulses from the cathode of  $V_1$  are applied to delay multivibrators  $V_z$  and  $V_z$ . The first multivibrator generates a positive 20- $\mu$ sec pulse. The second multivibrator is triggered by the trailing edge of this pulse and generates a positive 120µsec rectangular pulse. This waveform is applied to the saw-tooth generator  $V_i$ . The saw-tooth is generated during the negative portion of the waveform. when  $V_{\scriptscriptstyle A}$  is cut off. Therefore, the saw-tooth starts 140 µsec after the occurrence of the 10-µsec negative pulse and ends 30 µsec after the

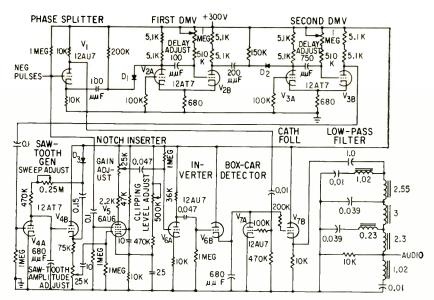


FIG. 6 Pulse period demodulator circuit for markerless pulse trains

occurrence of the next 10 µsec input pulse.

Bootstrap feedback through  $V_{iB}$ linearizes the saw-tooth waveform. The output saw-tooth, taken from the saw-tooth amplitude potentiometer, is positive going. It is fed to the control grid of  $V_5$ , which interrupts or notches the saw-tooth voltage for the duration of an input pulse. The notching is accomplished by applying the negative pulse from the cathode of  $V_i$  to the suppressor grid of  $V_{a}$ .

In addition,  $V_5$  removes most of the saw-tooth waveform which is below the minimum peak amplitude that occurs for a given maximum percentage of prm. Amplitude clipping is achieved by biasing  $V_5$  to cut off at the unwanted level of the saw-tooth waveform appearing on the control grid.

The resultant notched saw-tooth appears inverted at the plate of  $V_{z}$ . The waveform is reinverted by  $V_{e4}$ to a positive-going notched sawtooth and applied to the boxcar detector  $V_{6B}$ ,  $V_{7A}$ . The detector samples the waveform at chosen intervals and maintains the sampled amplitude until the succeeding sample is taken. Output of the boxcar detector is a sequence of ascending and descending steps.

Cathode-follower  $V_{\scriptscriptstyle 6B}$  has a cathode d-c return path only through the plate of  $V_{74}$ . During the time the saw-tooth notch drives the grid of  $V_{aB}$  down, a positive pulse from  $V_1$  is applied to the grid of  $V_{74}$ . The

grid of  $V_{7A}$  is normally biased off by grid rectification. Thus, when the positive pulse occurs, plate conduction takes place. Since  $V_{6B}$  is cut off during the notch interval, the capacitor in the cathode of  $V_{\scriptscriptstyle 0B}$ discharges through  $V_{7A}$  almost to ground potential. The notch pulse and the discharging pulse occur simultaneously since both are derived from the input pulse.

The saw-tooth applied to the grid of  $V_{\scriptscriptstyle 6B}$ , however, continues for an additional 20 µsec to recharge the cathode capacitor through  $V_{nn}$  to the peak voltage of the saw-tooth. This voltage is maintained across the capacitor until the next discharge pulse occurs. The result is a staircase waveform which closely approximates the original modula-The staircase tion waveform. waveform is fed to a cathode-follower which drives an m-derived low-pass filter. The filter smooths the staircase waveform and removes the high-frequency sampling pulse rates. A replica of the original modulation signal is obtained.

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### Tones Find Data in

Companion digital timing generator and magnetic-tape search unit give automatic, high-speed access to selected data from multichannel magnetictape instrumentation systems. Tone modulated recording and signal integration recovery techniques permit reliable operation regardless of tape defects

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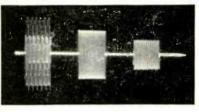
AGNETIC TAPE data process-IVI ing systems currently in use require fast access, easily controlled search equipment for effi-The searcher cient operation. described here was specifically designed to take full advantage of controlled search features of highperformance tape recorders.

The searcher consists of two separate and electrically unrelated assemblies. One, the digital timing generator, operates during recording periods and generates, displays and records on a magnetic tape channel precise digital records of elapsed time. The other, the magnetic tape search unit, operates during data reduction periods and provides automatic location and controlled playback of data sequences selected on the basis of elapsed time addresses previously recorded by the timing generator.

#### Digital Timing Generator

Time is recorded on a single channel of the multichannel magnetic tape and the signal is made up of 24 sequential tone bursts at one of two different frequencies. One frequency corresponds to the binary digit ONE the other to ZERO (see Fig. 1A and 1B). Time is in hours, minutes, and seconds, and is recorded in binary-coded decimal form. In addition to the 24 tone bursts or bits, 6 other bits are generated as identification markers and control bits.

(B)



(A)



MINUTES-SECONDS1 DIRECTION OF TAPE TRAVEL 0010 0011 1010 START STOP **ARRITRARY** TIMING NUMBER MARKER INFORMATION | MARKER TIMING WORD (C)

FIG. 1—Binary zero in searcher system is represented by single amplitude tone burst shown at right in (A). Center shows binary one while left shows start-stop marker. Actual tone burst of zero-zero-one chain is shown left to right in (B). Word format used by digital timing generator is shown in (C)

Format of the timing word shown in Fig. 1C consists of three parts: the start marker, composed of a ZERO, a ZERO and a ONE formed simultaneously, and a ONE; a binary-coded decimal representation of time in 24-time bit form; and the stop marker which is the mirror image of the start marker. Mirror imaging enables search in both directions.

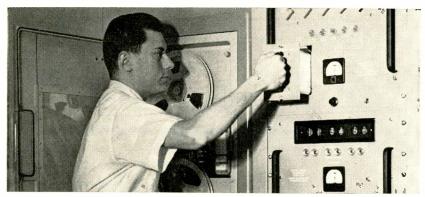
Frequency and duration of the tone bursts are direct functions of tape speed as shown in Table I. This relationship keeps the bit length on the tape constant regardless of the tape speed; therefore, the magnetic tape search unit can be operated at any desired playback speed and is independent of the recording speed used.

Time information continuously displayed on the timing generator is in synchronism with the time recorded on the magnetic tape. A horizontal array display is used consisting of six illuminated indicators capable of reading out in Arabic numerals.

#### Generator Circuit

A block diagram of the digital timing generator is shown in Fig. 2. Timing indices are derived from an 800 pps square wave generated by a tuning-fork oscillator and a The 800 pps Schmitt trigger. square wave is frequency divided by complement-type flip-flops into square waves of 400, 200, 100, 50, 25 and 12½ pps. These square waves serve as digit sync pulses and are

## High-Speed Tape Systems



Engineer inserts 60- and 30-ips speed playback band-pass filter into magnetic tape search unit. Digital timing generator is below search unit



Digital timing generator generates reference time base, records time in hours, minutes and seconds on magnetic tape and displays time information in Arabic numerals

used to control the rate at which the time bits are recorded on magnetic tape. A tape speed switch permits selection of the correct digit sync bit rate.

#### Basic Time Pulse

In addition to serving as the digit bit rate at one particular tape speed, the 100 pps from the frequency divider is reduced to 1 pps by two decade dividers. This 1 pps pulse is used to advance the digital clock one step each second and also serves as the basic time pulse for the rate at which a complete time word of 30 bits is recorded. Record or word rate is also controlled directly from the tape speed selector switch. One of the four different word rates shown in Table I can be selected depending on the tape speed used.

The digital clock consists of six multideck stepping switches connected to count in hours, minutes, and seconds, or in seconds only. Functionally, the step switches actuate the count to the visual display and transfer the count in binary-coded decimal form to a magnetic-core shift register. Time information is accepted in parallel by the shift register and is read out serially, low order-bit first.

Word rate is selected from tapoffs at various positions on the unit-seconds step switch or wordrate counter. This switch, in conjunction with the tape speed selector switch, controls the rate of the read-in driver which feeds time information to the digital clock which then transfers it to the shift register.

Information in the shift register is shifted out serially at a given digit bit rate by the read out driver.

A Schmitt trigger is used as a gate control to distinguish between the binary one and zero and to flip the one and zero gates off or on. The gates control Wien bridge oscillators used to convert the ones and zeros in the time signal into frequency bursts. Since the carrier frequencies are also a function of the tape speed, the tape speed selector switch is used to insert correct R-C values corresponding to a particular tape speed.

#### Magnetic Tape Search Unit

The magnetic tape search unit operates during data reduction pe-

riods on time information previously recorded on tape by the digital timing generator. This unit provides for automatic search and controlled playback of data sequences selected on the basis of manually set time addresses and displays to the operator the time addresses associated with the data being searched or played back.

During automatic search and playback operations, the magnetic tape search unit controls the tape transport mechanism. Normally, the start and stop times, which represent the beginning and end of a desired data sequence, are manually set into the start and stop selector switches.

When the tape drive mechanism is started, the search unit scans the tape at high speed in the proper direction until the start time

Table I—Frequency and Duration of Tone Burst to Tape Speed Relationship

Tape Speed in Ips	Digit Rate in Bits Per Sec	Carrier Freq for one in Kc	Carrier Freq for zero in Ke	Timing Word Repetition Period in Sec	Arbitrary Digits Available Between Timing Words
120 (Search only) 60 30 15 7½ 334 11%	800 400 200 100 50 25 12.5	30 15 7.5 3.75 1.87 0.937 0.469	20 10 5 2.5 1.25 0.625 0.312	1 1 1 2 5 10	370 170 70 70 95 95

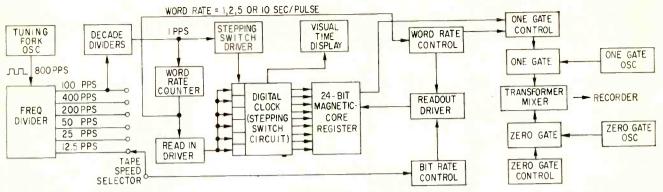


FIG. 2—Block diagram of digital timing generator. The generator is self-timed permitting search and playback decoding to be dependent only upon the time signals

is located on the tape. At this point, tape speed is automatically reduced to desired playback speed and selected data read from the tape for processing by other equipments. Upon reaching the desired stop time, the tape halts and waits for another operation instruction. Time information read from the magnetic tape is continuously displayed during search and playback.

#### Search Circuit

A block diagram of the magnetic tape search unit is shown in Fig. 3. Time information read from the magnetic tape consists of a serial composite of signals of one of two frequencies corresponding directly to the binary digits ONE and ZERO. These frequencies are amplified and then separated by m-derived passband filters into separate channels. Pass-band filters insure system re-

liability since they only accept information recorded by the timing generator. Separate playback passband filters are inserted for each given playback speed.

Each carrier signal is detected by rectification and level selection. The detector employs a signal integration technique, which results, within limits, in reliable operation even in the presence of tape defects or drop outs. Detector outputs are then shaped into square waves which trigger the ZERO or ONE decoder flip-flops. The output from the decoder flip-flops is the binary-coded decimal representation of the time address as originally produced by the digital timing generator.

Start time, set manually into the start time selector switch, is transferred in binary-coded decimal form to a magnetic-core shift register. The output of the ONE flip-

flop, which is the tape time in serial form, is compared serially with the information that was manually stored in the shift register of the serial comparator.

#### Final Location

If the number in the output of the decoder, which represents tape time, is greater than the number stored in the shift register, a control signal is sent to the tape transport mechanism which reverses the direction of the tape motion. If, however, the decoder output is less than the number stored in the shift register, the tape continues in a forward direction until the location of the desired data sequence is indicated by equality comparison. The tape speed is then reduced to playback speed, and the filters are switched automatically from the search to the playback filter.

During playback, the stop time, previously inserted manually into the stop time selector switches, is transferred into the shift register and compared continuously with the binary-coded decimal output from the decoder flip-flop. When the output from the decoder is equal to the desired stop time, the tape transport mechanism halts and the search units wait for another pair of search addresses.

While the information from the register is being shifted out serially for comparison, the time information from the decoder is shifted into the register. When completely filled with the time information from the tape, the register transfers the information in parallel to a thyratron-relay tree converter which actuates the decimal time display. This action permits con-

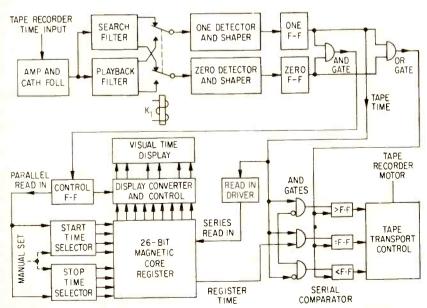


FIG. 3—Block diagram of magnetic tape search unit. Start and stop markers permit the search unit to detect the beginning and end of a series of time bits

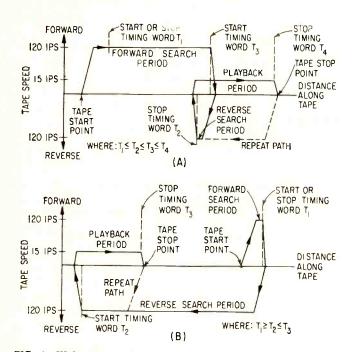


FIG. 4—With segment ahead of pickup (A), tape is read in forward direction. Cycle for segment behind pickup is as in (B)

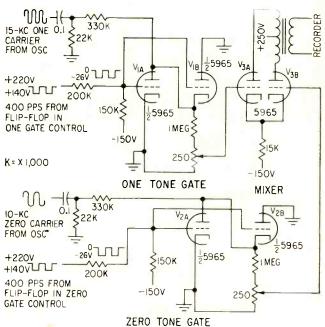


FIG. 5—Tone gate and mixer circuits. Tone bursts from dual triode  $V_{\tilde{*}}$  are mixed by output transformer common secondary

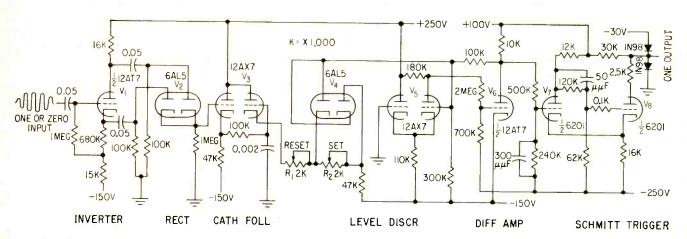


FIG. 6—Detector circuit. Difference between level setting of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  establishes hysteresis or backlash in the detector

tinual display of time during search and playback.

To prevent overshooting of the tape transport when the timing word is reached, the sequence of operation shown in Fig. 4 is used.

#### **Component Circuits**

A clamped bistable multivibrator used in conjunction with multiple diode gating accomplishes all required digital functions. A type 5965 vacuum tube is used exclusively with the 1N98 germanium diode for clamping, and a 1N67A diode is used for gating.

The ONE-ZERO gates and mixer are shown in Fig. 5. Each Wien bridge oscillator produces a continuous output which is applied to

gates  $V_i$  and  $V_z$ . Each gate is a dual triode arranged symmetrically to suppress any pedestal effect. Gating voltages from either the ONE flipflop or ZERO flip-flop are applied between grids and cathodes. During ON gating, the triodes are cut-off; during OFF gating, the triodes are conducting. Bias voltages and gate signal amplitude are adjusted by precision resistors to make the two tube currents identical; therefore, the quiscent output voltage level remains constant. Tone bursts are mixed through the dual triode  $V_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$ and the output transformer.

Recovery of the time signal is accomplished during playback by the detector circuit shown in Fig. 6. After the two tone-modulated

frequencies are amplified and separated by pass-band filters into separate channels, each signal is fed to its respective detector. Inverter amplifier  $V_1$  couples the signal to full-wave rectifier  $V_2$ . Filter smoothing of the rectified signal is done with an R-C network which is coupled directly to d-c level discriminator  $V_4$  and  $V_5$  by second cathode follower  $V_3$ .

The discriminator is a precise amplitude detector whose set and reset levels are predetermined by potentiometers  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . Discriminator output is fed directly into a difference feedback amplifier, made up of  $V_4$  and  $V_7$  which is d-c coupled to  $V_8$ , Schmitt trigger that is used for shaping.

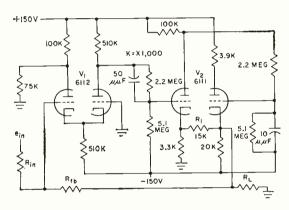
# D-C Amplifiers for Control Systems

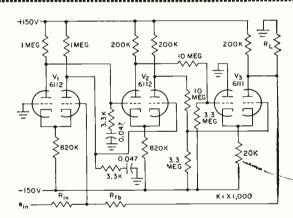
Typical direct-coupled, high-gain amplifier systems which boost gain and equalize d-c and low-frequency signals are described. Circuits and sample applications provide desired performance characteristics for control systems

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TWO-TUBE POWER-SUMMING AMPLIFIER—First stage in a three stage, subminiature, two-tube d-c amplifier is common cathode coupled; the second is a conventional gain stage and the third is a current limited cathode follower. Open-loop gain is greater than 2,000 and the maximum voltage swing is  $\pm~10v$  into a 2,000-ohm load. The minimum closed-loop gain  $R_{fb}/R_{in}$  should be 0.1 and the maximum should be 50 for good stability. Zero drift referred to the amplifier input is less than 20mv with constant power-supply voltages.

Circuit is best suited for laboratory applications where it is necessary to drive a 2,000-ohm electrohydraulic servo-valve coil, or for straight resistance summing of several input signals. Use of positive feedback to obtain open-loop gain may require selection of  $R_1$ 





BALANCED DIFFERENTIAL OPERATIONAL AMPLIFIER—Using three stages with subminiature dual triodes, this amplifier has low drift characteristics because all stages are common-cathode coupled.

The plate and cathode power supplies of  $\pm$  150 v permit the output to operate above and below zero potential. Open-loop gain is greater than 5.000 into a 10.000-ohm load and good stability and summing accuracy is possible with closed-loop gains of 0.1 to 100. Zero drift referred to the amplifier input is less than 20 mv after temperature cycling of -40 to +185 F.

The amplifier is well suited for essentially no-load, one-megohm or higher, applications where ±50-v swing is required and space is a premium. Other applications include integrating or differentiating in airborne or ground based electronic control systems. Phase lag of 5 deg at 20 cps with closed-loop gain of 10 limits applications to low-frequency control systems

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Principal applications for the amplifier are in airborne or ground based electronic systems. In these systems it is necessary to amplify d-c or low-frequency signals, isolate transducers or other sensors, change scale factors or shift the operating mean potential of d-c signals

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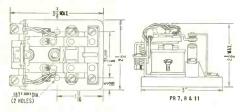
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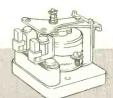
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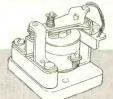
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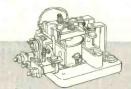
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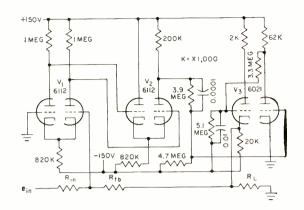


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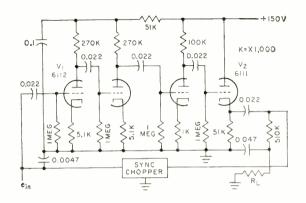
THREE-TUBE 400-CPS SUMMING & POWER AMPLIFIER—The four-stage d-c amplifier has two differential double-triode gain stages, a conventional single-triode gain stage and a cathode-follower output stage.

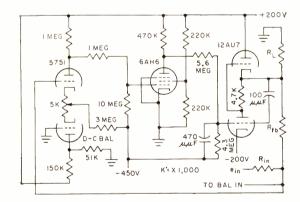
The open-loop gain is greater than 5.000, and the voltage swing is  $\pm$  10 v into a 1.500-ohm load and  $\pm$  25 v into a 5.000-ohm load. Internal equalization allows the amplifier to have less than 5 deg phase shift from d-c to 400 cps.

Amplifier is applicable to 60 or 400-cps control systems where several signals must be summed and amplified in a precise manner. It is also used for broadband equalization where the load impedance is lower than 25,000 ohms and the phase lag must be held to a minimum

MODULATED 400-CPS CARRIER D-C AMPLIFIER—This amplifier uses a 400-cps electromechanical chopper and an a-c amplifier. The chopper modulates the incoming d-c signal; the resulting a-c signal is amplified and then demodulated by the chopper. The circuit has three gain stages and a cathode-follower output stage with a d-c to d-c conversion gain of greater than 5,000.

A dpdt or synchronous chopper is required for stability. Circuit is suitable for high-gain, low-level d-c amplifier applications, such as strain gage or thermocouple signals, where amplifier drift must be minimized, regulated power supplies are not available and d-c balancing is not desirable





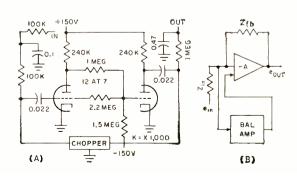
OPERATIONAL D-C AMPLIFIER FOR ANALOG COMPUTERS—Amplifier has an open-loop gain greater than 15,000. It has a differential double-triode input stage and a pentode second stage. Third stage is a dual-triode cascade amplifier acting as cathode-follower. The output swings  $\pm\,100$  v into a 20,000-ohm load. Usable signal frequency is d-c to 20 kc at unity closed-loop gain.

Amplifier is well suited for control systems or analog computer applications because of broad passband and large control-system response characteristics. Amplifier may be used with all passive equalization networks to obtain desired response

BALANCING D-C AMPLIFIER—A d-c amplifier (A) with a gain of 300 uses one dual triode, a two stage a-c amplifier and an electromechanical chopper. When used with an operational amplifier (B), the amplifier produces a d-c gain of  $3\times10^{\circ}$ .

An R-C filter with  $\tau$ =0.47 must filter the output as the primary purpose of the balancing amplifier is to detect slow changes at the operational-amplifier summing point, amplify the drift voltage and supply an opposite-polarity signal to the second input grid of the operational amplifier. Action is similar to a null-seeking servo mechanism in that any low-frequency variation of the summing point voltage is always driven back to zero.

Long-term drift of the operational amplifier is reduced from 20 mv, referred to the input grid, without balancing amplifier, to less than 0.2 mv. Operational amplifier should use balancing d-c amplifier for long period integration or low drift summing with large closed-loop gain



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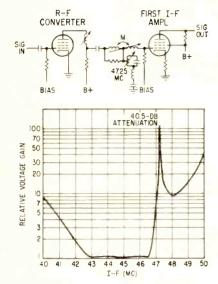


FIG. 1-Trap increases carrier slope

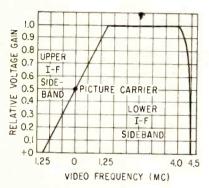


FIG. 2—Linear plot shows standard vestigal sideband signal

RECENTLY, high-attenuation series traps have been incorporated in monochrome tv receivers. Their purpose is to suppress adjacent-channel interference in 40-mc i-f amplifiers.

Although these traps have accomplished their purpose, they have had some undesirable effects. The use of bifilar T traps is suggested to accomplish the same function without some of the drawbacks.

The series traps now in use have reduced frequency response between 45.75 and 47 mc. This reduction causes a serious increase in slope at the picture carrier frequency of 45.75 mc, as shown in Fig. 1.

The increased slope causes poorer picture detail and accentuates preshoot and overshoot. In addition, white snowballs trailing black noise

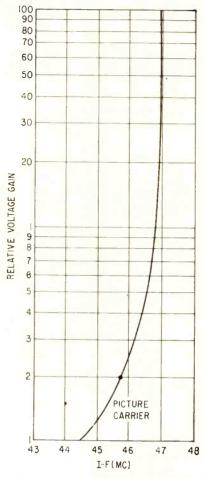


FIG. 3—Logarithmic plot of standard vestigal sideband signal

pulses have resulted.

The original idea of vestigalsideband transmission has been kept in mind in using these traps. The sum of the upper and lower sidebands have been made equal to unity for the video frequency range from zero to 1.25 mc. However, the presence of the quadrature component in unsymmetrical sideband detection has been neglected.

To achieve bandwidth at the expense of increasing the quadrature component, it was established that the picture carrier should be at the 50-percent point on the i-f slope of the passband. (Linear and logarithmic plots of standard vestigal sideband signals are shown in Fig. 2 and 3.) This was found to result in best overall performance.

However, under this condition,

maximum tolerable quadrature component exists. Therefore, it appears that further increase in the quadrature component will degrade the picture.

#### Basic Theory

Amplitude of the quadrature component varies directly as the difference in amplitude of the sidebands. This difference, in turn, is directly proportional to the slope at the picture carrier for the linear portion of the response. This can be seen from the expansion for the quadrature component.

 $e_{\rm q}=(B_{\rm 1}-B_{\rm 2})$  sin  $(2\pi$  ft  $-\theta)$  where  $B_{\rm 1}$  is amplitude of lower sideband,  $B_{\rm 2}$  is amplitude of upper sideband, f is modulating frequency and  $\theta$  is angle between sidebands and carrier.

Amplitude of the quadrature component is also dependent on amplitude of the picture carrier and percentage modulation. Considering the relationship between quadrature component and reproduction of a unit function, the smaller the value of  $\theta_0$ , the more exact is the transient response of a unit step function.

Where cochannel sound reception fades, it becomes necessary to tune the picture carrier down the i-f response curve to increase sound sensitivity. In such cases, there will be a smaller effect on picture performance for i-f amplifiers with a minimum slope at the picture carrier. (Minimum slope is defined as 0.4 v/mc.)

#### Bifilar T Trap

General picture tuning will also be improved with minimum slope, because of the balance of varying amounts of the quadrature component and the extreme change of picture carrier level.

To achieve high attenuation at 47.25 mc (the adjacent lower channel sound carrier) and still retain minimum slope at the picture carrier frequency, use of bifilar T traps becomes desirable. Such a trap is shown in Fig. 4.

Overall i-f response may then ap-

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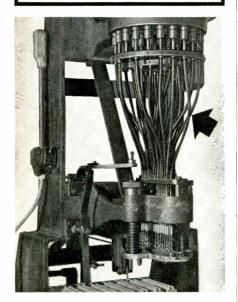
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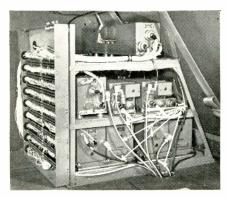
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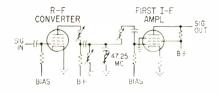
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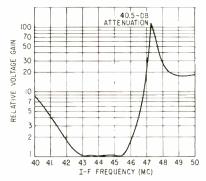


FIG. 4—Bifilar T trap at 47.25 mc results in minimum slope

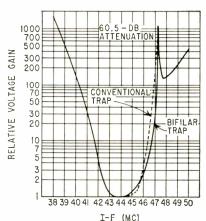


FIG. 5-Comparison shows improvement in slope with bifilar T trap

proach the vestigal-sideband requirement with minimum slope at the picture carrier frequency. Yet this arrangement maintains 60 db attenuation at 47.25 mc. It is believed that this cannot be obtained with present-day low-impedance high-Q series traps.

Slopes using the traps of Fig. 1 and 4 are shown in Fig. 5.

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#### Trigger Stabilizes Frequency Divider

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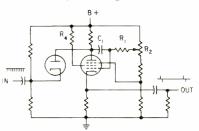


FIG. 1—Conventional phantastron frequency divider is triggered by pulse train with triggers of only one polarity

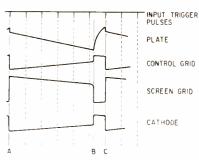
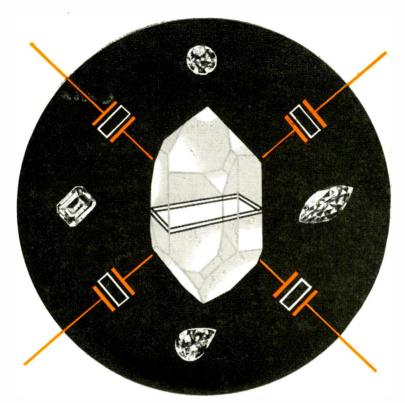
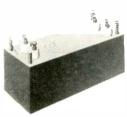


FIG. 2—Points A and C in conventional divider are fixed, but point B is unstable, particularly at low frequencies

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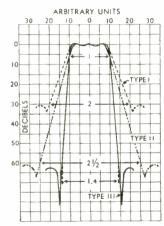
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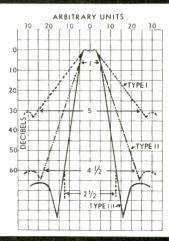
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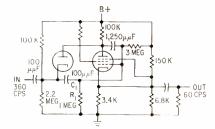


FIG. 3—Modified phantastron is triggered by train with both positive and negative pulses

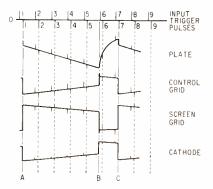


FIG. 4—With pulse train containing both positive and negative pulses, point B is fixed

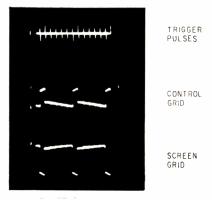


FIG. 5—Phantastron operating with 360cps train containing pulses of both polarities develops waveforms shown in photograph

and the waveforms are shown in Fig. 2. The beginning and end of a cycle (A and C) are fixed by two negative trigger pulses.

Point B in Fig. 2, however, is not fixed. Its location is determined by circuit parameters, including  $C_1$ ,  $R_1$  and power-supply voltage. If the circuit is operating near the a-c power frequency, this frequency can also affect the location of point B.

#### Improved Circuit

A double-triggering method is proposed to make point *B* more stable. An input trigger is used that has both positive and negative pulses. In the usual frequency-divider chain, such a trigger can

be gotten by differentiating the cathode or screen grid voltage from the previous stage.

In the circuit in Fig. 3, the trigger pulse train is fed to the plate through the diode and the control grid through an r-c coupling circuit  $(C_1 \text{ and } R_1)$ .

In Fig. 4, negative trigger pulses 1 and 7 fix points A and C, respectively. As control grid voltage nears cutoff, positive pulse 6 helps the tube to switch. This positive pulse fixes point B.

In most cases, variable resistor  $R_2$  in Fig. 1 can be eliminated.

This circuit divides 360 cps to obtain 60 cps, and its waveforms are shown in Fig. 5.

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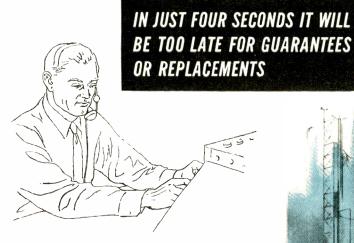
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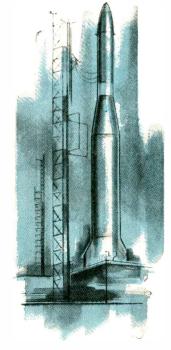
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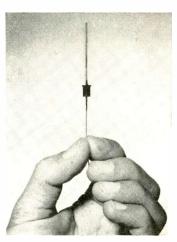
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#### Oscillators Measure Broadcast Frequency

EXTENSION of the commercial broadcast spectrum upwards toward 1,000 mc and increase of frequency assignments in the vhf and uhf regions are aggravating certain technical problems in broadcasting.

To avoid mutual interference, the FCC assigns each broadcaster a specific carrier frequency and carefully specifies accuracy. Accuracy is customarily stated as plus or minus a certain number of cycles around the specified frequency.

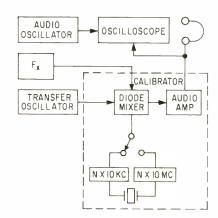


FIG. 1—Transfer ocillator output with transmitter frequency provide sum and difference frequencies that can be beat against harmonic series. Transmitter frequency can then be corrected

To achieve specified accuracy, the brodeaster must refer his frequency to a frequency or time standard whose accuracy is appreciably better. For the a-m, f-m and tv bands, periodic reference to a national frequency standard such as WWV is required, as well as continuous comparison to a frequency-deviation monitor having at least twice

the accuracy of the transmitter. A basic system for checking transmitter frequency is shown in Fig. 1. Either of two crystal-controlled harmonic series can be injected into a diode. One is spaced at 10-mc intervals extending upwards of 1,000 mc; the other at 10-kc intervals upwards of 10 mc. The unknown frequency,  $F_x$ , is injected into the same mixer diode.  $F_x$  can be set equal to any harmonic of either harmonic series by adjust-

#### Sum or Difference

ing for zero beat in the phones.

Above 10 mc, however, the only values of  $F_x$  are exact multiples of 10 mc, of which there are very few.

To apply the necessary resolution of the 10-kc harmonic series to the region above 10 mc, the frequency under measurement must be considered as the sum or difference of two frequencies. One is a multiple of 10 mc; the other a multiple of 10 kc but less than 10 mc.

For example, if 193.24 mc is modulated with either 3.24 or 6.76 mc, one of the frequencies generated will be an exact multiple of 10 mc. It will therefore be at zero beat with one of the 10-mc harmonics.

The transfer oscillator in Fig. 1 can be set accurately by means of the 10-kc harmonic series. By injecting both  $F_x$  and this accurately calibrated transfer frequency into the diode, sum and difference frequencies will be generated. Switch-

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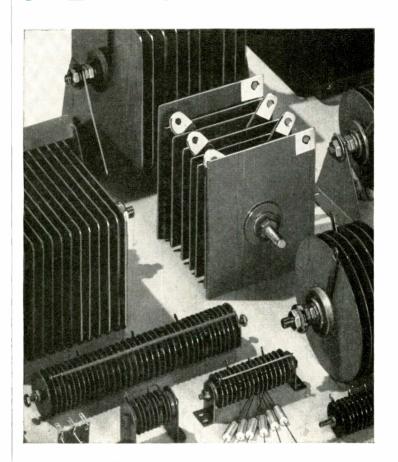


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ing over to the 10-mc series, any beat note heard in the phones will indicate an error in  $F_x$ . The error can be corrected by adjusting  $F_x$  for zero beat.

#### Accuracy

Accuracy of this system is determined by accuracy of the crystal oscillator controlling the harmonic series. At the time of measurement, this oscillator must be set to zero beat with a sufficiently accurate standard such as WWV.

Initial accuracy of the transfer oscillator is not significant, since it can be set in terms of the calibrator. Short-term stability sufficient to enable the measurement to be made is necessary, however. It must be able to maintain its frequincy within a cycle or two for the few seconds it takes to switch the calibrator from 10-kc to 10-mc.

The usual difficulty of setting to precise zero beat would limit the precision of setting  $F_x$  to perhaps 50 cps. Resolution of better than one cycle can easily be achieved by offsetting the transfer oscillator frequency from its calculated value by some arbitrary amount.

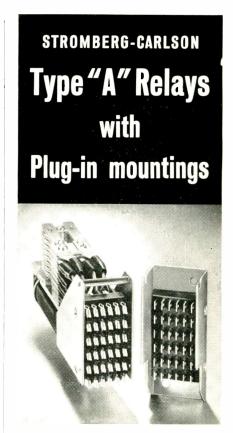
#### Improving Resolution

 $F_x$  is adjusted so that the beat notes against both harmonic series have the same frequency and the same sign. The particular beat frequency does not matter.

The beat signal is applied to one pair of deflection plates of an oscilloscope and an audio oscillator to the other pair. With the calibrator set to 10 kc and with the transfer oscillator detuned slightly, a recognizable Lissajous figure is obtained by adjusting either oscillator. The calibrator is switched to 10 mc and  $F_x$  adjusted for the same pattern. The audio oscillator and oscilloscope serve as memory during the switching process.

Having obtained the desired resolution, the offset frequency is changed slightly and the two beat frequencies are checked to determine that they stay matched. This checks that the direction offset is the same for both beat notes.

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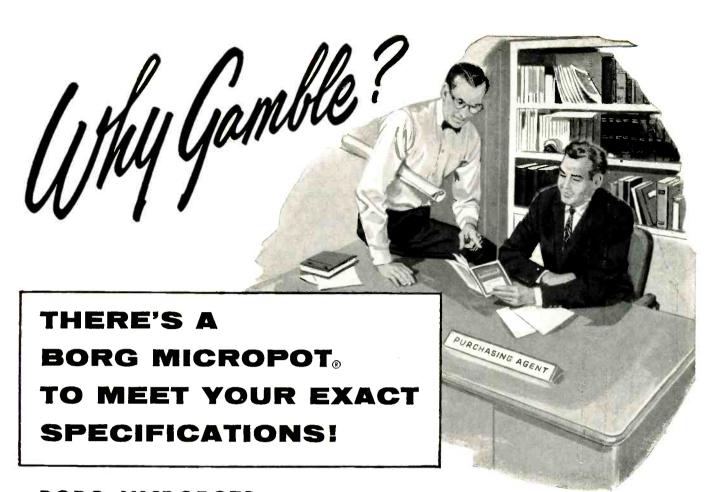




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## Around-the-Mast Rotary Joint

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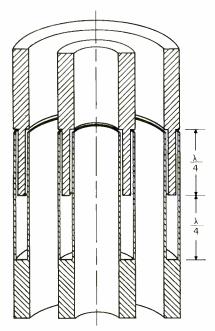


FIG. 1-Basic coaxial choke joint

MICROWAVE rotary joints are used to maintain electrical continuity between a stationary r-f generator and a continuously rotating antenna system. Many variations appear in the design of these units for radar applications. The particular one chosen depends usually on the requirements of the radar antenna system.

Until the around-the-mast type of joint was developed, available designs provided only a limited number of rotary channels. The antenna had to be designed for the rotary joint. The multiple-feed an-

tenna offered more information through lobe comparison. But it could be used only with remotely controlled r-f switching, mounted on the rotating system or with a rotary platform on which the entire system is mounted.

#### **Basic Rotary Joint**

The basic rotary joint as shown in Fig. 1 is of the familiar coaxial form. It consists of two collinear sections operating in the TEM mode coupled by quarter-wavelength noncontacting chokes. A successful alternative design using circular waveguide operating in the  $TM_{\rm oll}$  mode is useful for highpower applications but is not adaptable to around-the-mast techniques.

The problem of multiple-channel continuity in a rotary-joint system has led to the annular design. In this system, identical units can be combined into a microwave slipring assembly. In order to combine rotary units in this manner, an opening must be provided through the center of the assembly. This opening must be large enough to pass as many transmission lines as there are channels. Complications arise when one of these channels must be a waveguide carrying the higher power from the transmitter. Resulting transverse dimensions will almost certainly be measured in wavelengths. Under these conditions, higher-order modes become a definite possibility with resulting

variations in transmission characteristics as the joint is rotated.

The tendency to establish undesired modes must first be minimized by feeding the necessarily large-diameter basic coaxial joint at points equally spaced about its circumference. These points must be separated by less than a half-wavelength. Signals that are fed to the coaxial section in this manner must be identical in both phase and amplitude. Such signals are obtained best by a binary feed system consisting of a series of tee-junction power dividers in strip transmission line.

#### **Binary Feed**

Design of the binary feed, Fig. 2, is simple. Quarter-wavelength impedance-matching transformers are combined with the tee junctions. As a result, energy at the 50-ohm input is divided equally between eight 40-ohm output points. To insure phase equality, path lengths from the input to any of the eight output points must be identical. Impedance-matching transformers are arranged in back-to-back pairs, to increase bandwidth.

Any traces of higher-order modes that might survive the feed precautions described are further attenuated by a system of built-in mode filters located in the basic coaxial section of the joint. These filters consist of a series of slots in the outer conductor of the basic

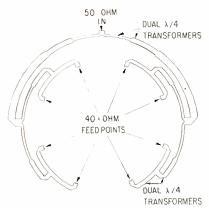


FIG. 2—Binary feed system

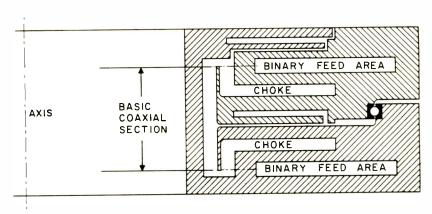
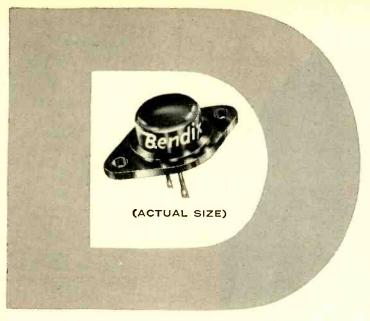
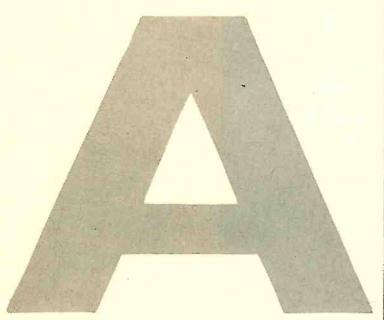


FIG. 3-Cross-sectional view of the rotary joint



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The method of feeding the basic coaxial section by the multipoint binary feed shown in Fig. 3 is unusual. Inner conductors of the feed system connect to the outer conductor of the basic coaxial section. A quarter-wavelength choke, located at the feed points, electrically frees the outer conductor making this method of feed possible.

Although the original design was evolved for a power level compatible with receiving service, increased ground-plane spacing and elimination of dielectric from points of intense field strength will lead to a joint of transmitting possibilities.

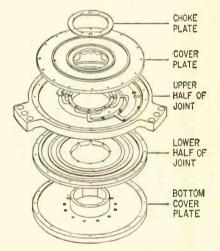


FIG. 4—Exploded view of single joint

Typical characteristics of an L-band joint give an insertion loss of less than 0.2 db, wow with rotation under 0.1 db and negligible phase shift for most applications. Bandwidth varies with the swr requirements but a value of 1.25 has been obtained over a bandwidth of 15 percent. A slight relaxation of the swr requirements can double this figure. An exploded view of a single joint is shown in Fig. 4.

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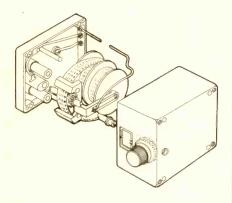


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The new filter has a waffle-iron grid design made up of a carefully computed pattern of slots cut across lengthwise grooves. The design passes microwaves in the 10- to 15.5-kmc band. Higher frequencies with shorter wavelengths are trapped by the grid design and reflected to the power source.

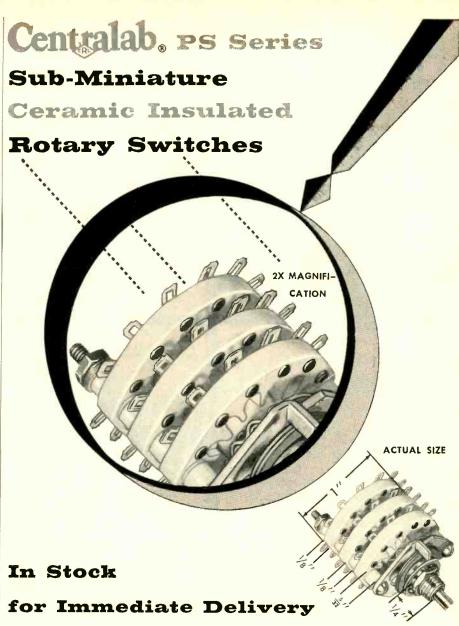
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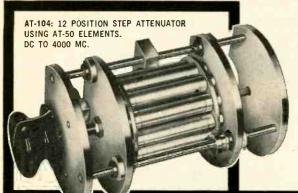


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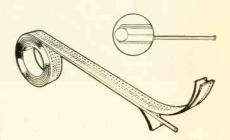
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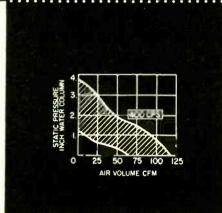
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Simplicity of mounting is achieved by provision of "servo" type rims at either end of the venturi. Airflow is easily reversible by turning the fan end-for-end. Electrical connection is made to a compact terminal block. Power requirement is 400 cps, 1 or 3 phase, sinusoidal or square wave.



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## Turntables Feed Tube Assembler

ELECTRONIC TUBE cage assembly machine in use at Sylvania Electric Corporation's new plant in Altoona, Pa., represents an application of Detroit-type automation to a delicate operation. Its assembly rate for most common tube types is 1,800 an hour.

At each of the several stations is an inserting device, fed by a turntable which in turn is fed by an operator. The turntables are designed to simplify the operator's work.

At the first station, for example, the operator fits an unpunched mica spacer into loading forms. As the turntable revolves, the mica is punched and its thickness sensed. Then it is passed onto the machine's central conveyor, where it is gripped in position and passed along to the next station.

#### Cathode Loading

At the second station, an operator drops cathodes through a funnel to the apexes of conical supports carried on another turntable. The machine picks the cathodes off this turntable and inserts them in the spacers. A similar procedure is followed with the grids, plates, shield and top mica spacer. At the last station, the cathode tabs are welded in place.

Each station is provided with sensing devices so that the absence of the necessary part will either stop the line and sound an alarm, or will cause the incomplete assembly to be picked off the line and rejected. The operations of adding



Cathode loading station. Girl drops cathode onto turntable through funnel



At top speed, this tube cage assembly machine represents a production rate of more than 100 assemblies an hour for each operator required

heater and getter, and joining cage to stem, are performed manually. Hand methods are used on tubes not assembled in large quantity.

A number of other machines were designed to step up production at the plant by about 25 percent, while keeping its work force at 900-odd. The plant is the latest outcome of a 12-year, \$40 million Sylvania effort to mechanize component production.

Grid winding machines wind continually on support bars. But the method used does not require the operator to unwind grid turns to bare sections of the supports for mounting clearance.

The machine winds the number of turns specified for a particular grid, then jumps the wire over the

Heaters are wound at right, trimmed at left and trayed by arm at bottom

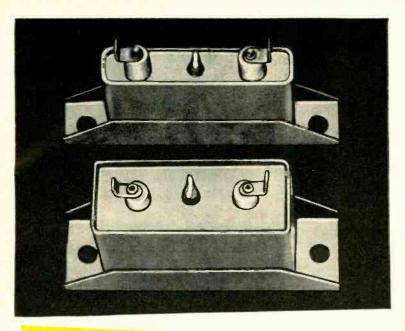
support clearance space. The grid wire jump is burned through at each end and the excess is sucked off by air. Meanwhile, the supports are notched and the turns of wire are peened to the supports.

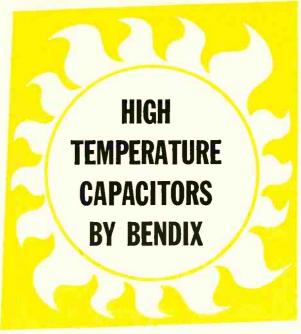
In the next 3 stations, the machine swages the ends of the supports into their mounting shape, hot-stretches the grids and clips them apart. At the final station, the grid is pneumatically drawn over a cold-stretching sleeve for final shaping. The grids are then dropped into miniature buckets on a conveyor and carried to an automatic traying station. One operator monitors, loads and unloads 4 to 6 of these machines.

#### Heater Winder

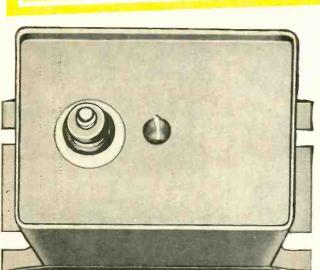
One operator can also handle several of the heater spadewinders. The machine not only winds, but also cuts the heaters apart, picks them up, puts them in trays and stacks the loaded trays. It can wind over 4,000 of the simpler types of heaters an hour. As the heaters are wound, they are grasped by the jaws of heads on a turntable, which carry them through finishing operations to the unloading point. They are unloaded by an oscillating gripper arm which transfers them to trays. The trays are moved so that the arm finds an open tray slot.

Stem maker places leads in posi-





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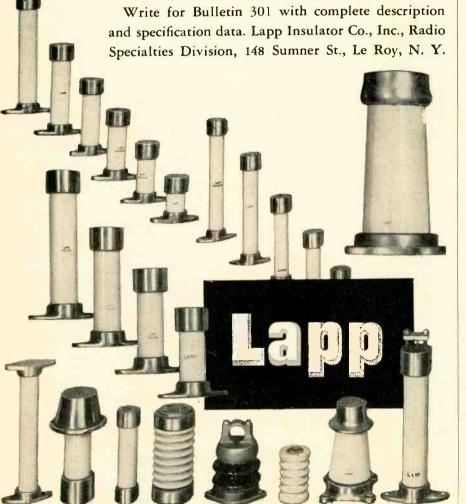
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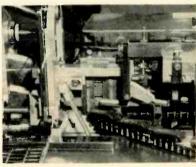
# LAPP STAND-OFF INSULATORS FOR MODERATE OR HEAVY DUTY

For years, Lapp has been a major supplier of stand-off insulators to radio, television and electronics industries. Wide knowledge of electrical porcelain application, combined with excellent engineering and production facilities, makes possible design and manufacture of units to almost any performance specification. The insulators shown on this page are representative of catalog items—usually available from stock—and certain examples of special stand-offs. The ceramic used is the same porcelain and steatite of which larger Lapp radio and transmission insulators are made. Hardware is brass or bronze; brush nickel plating is standard.





Closeup shows how unloading arm picks heaters from jaw of turntable head



Shaping and clipping section of grid winder. Grids move from left to right

tion and drops a glass collar around the leads. The collar is formed into a disk by heat and pressure so glass surrounds the leads. After annealing, a series of crimping and clinching stations automatically bend and shape the leads for connection to electrodes. There are some 3 dozen crimping heads to form leads. Each head works on only 1 wire at a time. Its rate is also 1,800 an hour and 1 operator can monitor and load 2 or more machines.

## Computer Matches Reference Diodes

COMPUTER ASSISTS in coding and classifying the 3 Zener reference diodes which make up Zener reference elements produced by Hoffman Electronics Corp., Semiconductor Division, Evanston, Ill.

After assembly, the diodes are mounted in racks which connect each diode to a voltmeter. The diodes are tested in oil baths at temperatures of -55 C, 25 C and 100 C. The computer, in association with the voltmeter, records on tape the performance of each diode.

Acceptable diodes with similar performance ratings are then matched in groups of 3. The groups

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Racks of diodes are tested in oil baths



Jig bends leads of diodes into position

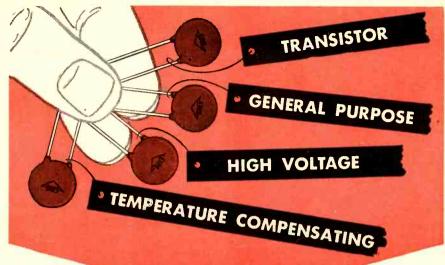


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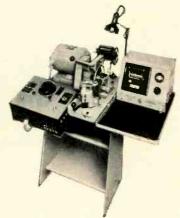
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#### **Casting Fixture**

The fixture encases the resistors in Teflon so they may be easily released after the epoxy has cured. One side of the fixture is lined with Teflon sheet. After the encapsulating shells are positioned on the sheet, the bobbins are centered in the shells by Teflon tubing. Teflon washers go on top of the assembly. The other side of the fixture is snugged down with bolts.



Fixture holds 6 resistors in Teflon for easy parting after cure

The epoxy is poured into a slot cut in the shell. The same epoxy formulation is used for the bobbin, shell and encapsulant to assure homogeneity, preventing a spread of electrical tolerances. Rods from which the bobbins and shells are machined are cast in copper tubing.

The anydride curing agents are used to extend the pot life of the epoxy and improve its workability. Two types are used: hexahydrophthalic anhydride, a solid which melts on heating, and methyl Nadic anhydride, a liquid produced by National Aniline division, Allied Chemical Corp., New York. Both are compatible with almost any epoxy resin.

Low viscosity and long gelation period of the encapsulant permits entrapped air to escape before the epoxy hardens. Rods less than 4 inch diameter, however, are vacuum cast to prevent porosity.

#### AN-Connector Wrench



SPECIALIZED WRENCHES for assembling or disassembling Cannon, Bendix Scintilla or Amphenol AN connectors have been developed by Spec Tool Co., in cooperation with Cannon Electric Co. Each of the combination type male or female wrenches will grip 12 sizes of connectors. Photo shows how the male wrench is used with a pair of pliers. In the background are a female wrench and a single-size wrench.

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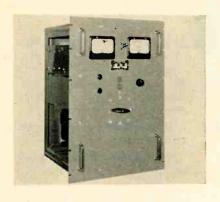
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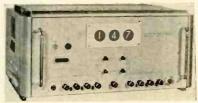
## D-C Power Supply wide voltage range

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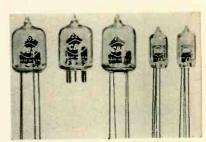
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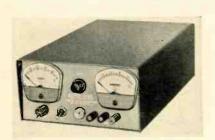
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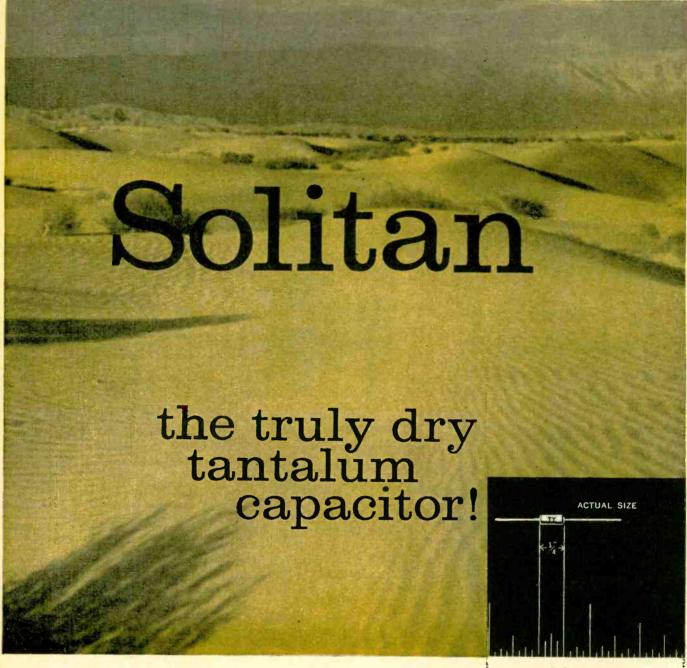
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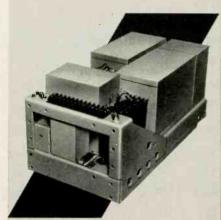
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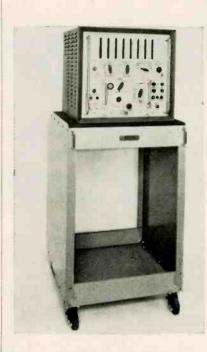
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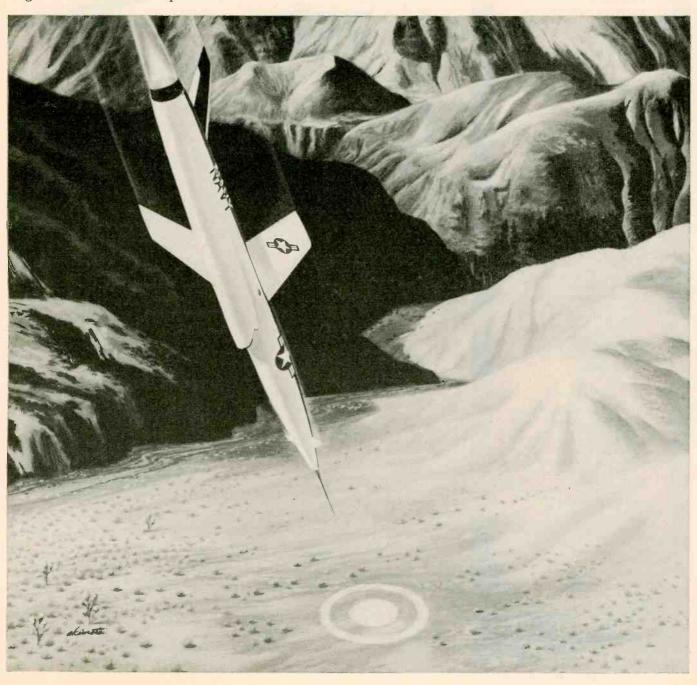
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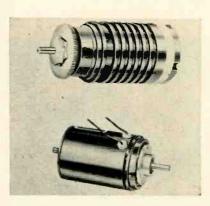
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## A-C/D-C Voltmeter wide range

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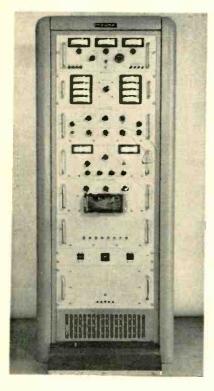
## Mv Meter Indicator analog-to-digital

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APPLIED SCIENCE CORP. OF PRINCETON, P. O. Box 44, Princeton, N. J. New telemetry decommutation equipment that can handle sampling rates from 24 to 3,600 pps in both pulse amplitude (pam) and pulse width (pwm) coding is





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now in production. The new equipment is a more compact and flexible version of the M-series decommutation and display equipment which has been used in missile and aircraft development programs. Besides the dual pam/pwm capacity and the wide sampling rate capability, the equipment also features: long term system accuracy of better than  $\pm$  0.5 percent, including any system nonlinearity and drifts; an undecommutated but thoroughly corrected output for convenience in digitizing. Circle 311 on Reader Service Card.

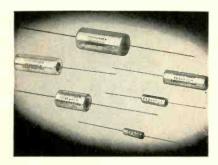


## Image Orthicon highly rugged

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRONIC TUBE Division, P.O. Box 284, Elmira, N. Y. The WL-7198 image orthicon tube operates throughout the range of vibration specified in MIL-E-5272A, Paragraph 4.7, Procedure I, which demands 10 g's acceleration up to 500 cps. At 5 g's acceleration (50 to 500 cps), the tube shows horizontal resolution of at least 350 lines with 3 X 10<sup>-2</sup> foot-candles illumination on the photocathode. Thirty g's shock does not impair subsequent tube performance. The WL-7198 is also a very sensitive tube. At least 250 lines horizontal resolution may be obtained with only 0.0003 footcandles illumination on the photocathode of the tube. Circle 312 on Reader Service Card.

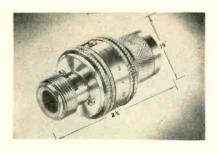
## **Diffusion Pump** high capacity

NRC EQUIPMENT CORP., 160 Charlemont St., Newton Highlands 61, Mass. Model H-32-P, a 32-in. vacuum oil diffusion pump has a top speed above 50,000 cfm (24,000 liters per sec) at an inlet pressure of 1 x 10<sup>-4</sup> mm Hg (atmospheric pressure = 760 mm Hg) and speeds above 30,000 cfm at pressures between 3.5 x 10<sup>-4</sup> and 6 x 10<sup>-6</sup> mm Hg. Untrapped blank-off is less than 1 x 10<sup>-6</sup> mm Hg and tolerable forepressure greater than 0.2 mm Hg. Price is \$3,575. Circle 313 on Reader Service Card.



#### Capacitors tubular-type

CONDENSER RESEARCH CORP., 715 S. Oesting St., Seymour, Ind. New tubular-type capacitors are engineered for coupling, by-pass, and filter applications in computers, servomechanisms, airborne electronics equipment, and guided missiles. They are available in Mylar and Polystyrene in standard capacities from 0.001 to 1.0  $\mu$ f; in Teflon from 0.001 to 0.47, and in metalized Mylar from 0.005 to 10.0. Circle 314 on Reader Service Card.



#### **Double-Stub Tuner** radial design

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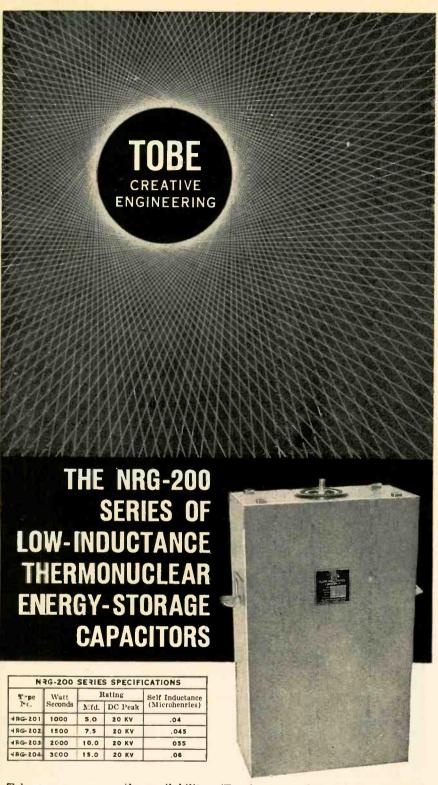


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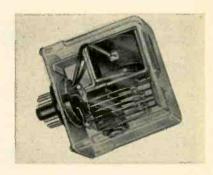
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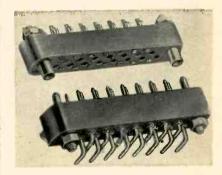
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design a 2.7 in. by 0.50 center to center adjustment is afforded by the two stubs. Once the radial adjustment has been set, an external lock-screw can be tightened and the tuner used in permanent installation. Unit is priced at \$78.50 each with standard type N connectors. Circle 315 on Reader Service Card.



## Relays compact units

STRUTHERS-DUNN, INC., Pitman, N. J. Frame 19 relays feature small size and low operating power. This, coupled with their reasonable price, aids materially in reducing size, weight and cost of many control panel assemblies. They are designed for long, trouble-free performance on the order of 20 million operations. The relays are mechanically protected by sturdy plastic covers and are designed with plug-in construction for easy servicing. Circle 316 on Reader Service Card.



## P-C Connectors reliable devices

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cuit connectors. Compatible with the 0.100 by 0.100 grid system, automatic assembly and dip-soldering processes, either the plug or receptacle or both may be board mounted. The precision machine contacts gold plated over silver plate with a MIL approved insulation are positively polarized by layout and guide pins. An illustrated brochure gives pertinent information on the size and variations of connectors available. Circle 317 on Reader Service Card.

#### **Decade Counters** ten electrical outputs

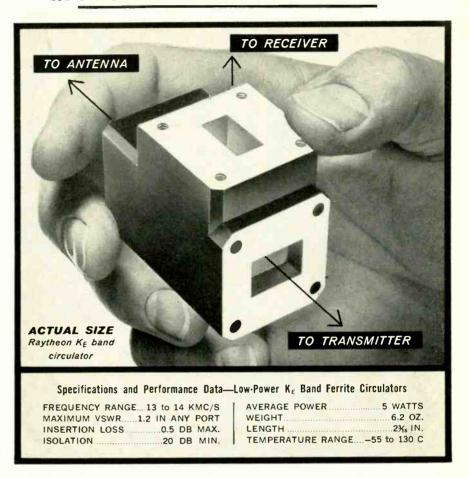
Burroughs Corp., P.O. Box 1226, Plainfield, N. J., announces new 110-kc decade counters with 10 electrical outputs. Types DC-106-A and DC-106-B have been designed for military and commercial applications. Units are of modular printed circuit construction, with a shielded beam switching tube for maximum reliability. The ten outputs will: (1) operate both local and remote Nixie indicators; (2) provide direct operation of decimal printing devices or matrices; (3) function as pre-set counters by the addition of gating circuitry. Power requirements are 15 ma of current at 300 v. Price ranges from \$75 to \$100 depending on type and quantity. Circle 318 on Reader Service Card.



#### **Tantalum Capacitors** extended ratings

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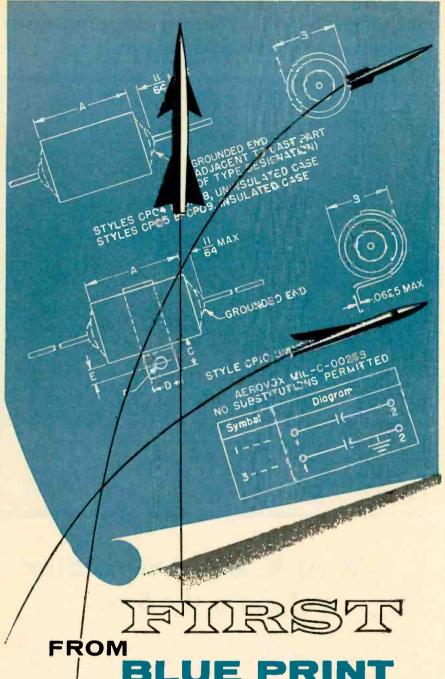
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## Phase Shifter 400-cycle unit

Knopp Inc., 1307 66th St., Oakland 8, Calif. Type Q-4 phase shifter provides any phase shift from 90 deg leading to 90 deg lagging in the testing of electronic equipment and their control circuits, watthour meters, rotating standards, wattmeters, power-factor indicators, induction relays, and instrument transformers. It is rated at 1,000 va, continuous duty; input, 120/240 v; output, 120 or 240 v, three phase. Circle 320 on Reader Service Card.



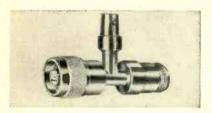
## Ohmmeter low resistance

J. W. DICE Co., Englewood, N. J. Resistance values as low as 1 microhm can be measured within 2 percent accuracy with a new test set. The portable test set consists of a model 151-S Microhm Meter plus a transistor type model SM rectifier for supplying both a 10 ampere d-c and a 100 ampere d-c current source. In addition, the Microhm Meter has its own self-contained 10-ampere battery power

supply which permits using the instrument in locations where power lines are not available or are de-energized. Circle 321 on Reader Service Card.

## Snap-Acting Switches sealed, subminiature

UNIMAX SWITCH DIVISION, The W. L. Maxson Corp., Ives Road, Wallingford, Conn., has available a line of scaled subminiature snapacting switches developed for use in applications where very small size, reliability, safety in explosive atmosphere, and scaling against moisture and dirt are essential. Circle 322 on Reader Service Card.



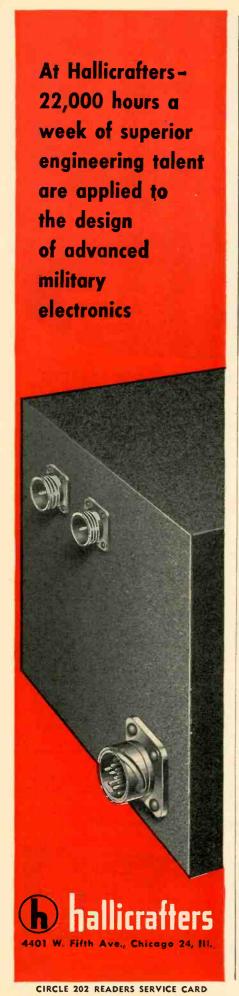
## Helix Monitor Tees used with twt's

T. E. M., INC., 71 Okner Parkway, Livingston, N. J., announces a new line of helix monitor tees. They are employed to monitor helix interception current in traveling wave tubes or to apply modulation to a twt. The monitor tees are available to cover octave frequency ranges from 250 to 12,000 mc. A d-c blocking capacitance may be supplied in the r-f output arm. They are supplied with type N, TNC, or BNC connectors. Circle 323 on Reader Service Card.

## Precision Resistors metal film type

Ohmite Mfg. Co., 3695 Howard St., Skokie, Ill. Series 77 metal film resistors are now smaller yet offer higher maximum resistance than the previous models. Resistance range is now 25 ohms to 400 K ohms. Standard tolerance is ±1 percent but tolerances as low as 0.1 percent can be furnished. A lower standard temperature coefficient of resistance is now provided—0 ±25 ppm/deg C (0 ±0.0025 percent/





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## Time Delay Relay telephone type

Magnecraft Electric Co., 3350 B W. Grand Ave., Chicago 51, Ill. Increased time delay, combined with great coil power and service life are claimed to be featured in a new heavy-duty telephone-type relay, the class 66S. Great coil space for a relay of this size makes practical the use of long slugs for operate delay up to 0.15 sec and release delay up to 0.25 sec. Circle 325 on Reader Service Card.



## Delay Lines three new types

TECHNITROL ENGINEERING Co., 1952 E. Alleghenv Ave., Philadelphia, 34, Pa., has developed three new distributed parameter electrical delay lines having delay periods ranging from 0.05 to 1.0 µsec per 6-in. length. Types 25E, 25F, and 25G delay lines are available in a variety of standard case styles including hermetically-sealed metal cans and epoxy encapsulated sticks permitting either plug-in or pig-tail mounting. They are available in a special design that will withstand severe environmental conditions, meeting the requirements of all military specifications. Standard



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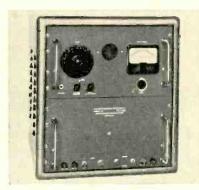
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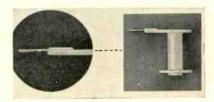
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tolerance on delay time is ±5 percent and several windings may be cascaded to produce longer delay periods. Circle 326 on Reader Service Card.



## Power Supplies variable frequency

EMPIRE DEVICES PRODUCTS CORP., Amsterdam, N. Y., has available two new variable frequency power supplies, the VP-410 and VP-1000. The units have excellent regulation (vary less than 2 percent from no load to full load), and low harmonic distortion (less than 1 percent up to 2,000 cps, less than 3 percent up to 6,000 cps). Other features include fast recovery under fluctuation of line voltage and applied load and arrangements for external drive so that these instruments may be used as power amplifiers where phasing with the external source is necessary. Circle 327 on Reader Service Card.



## Soldering Terminals for Nylon bobbins

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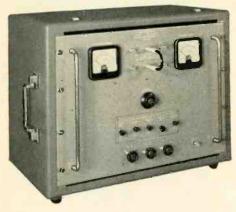
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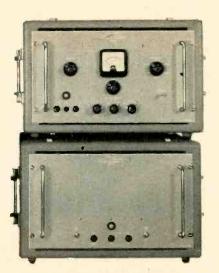
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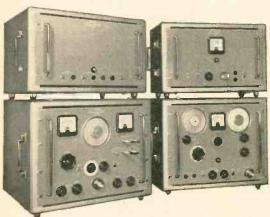




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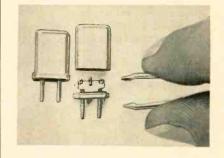
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which could catch the wire during coil winding. The new process results in a sturdy bobbin with lugs that will resist over a 15 lb pull. Circle 328 on Reader Service Card.



## Infrasonic Amplifier low-noise unit

THE GEOTECHNICAL CORP., 3712 Haggar Drive, Dallas 9, Texas. Small fractions of a microvolt may now be detected and amplified by the recently developed galvanometer-phototube amplifier, model 4300. A voltage gain of 4 million and a noise level of less than 0.025  $\mu\nu$  rms referred to input are typical of performance when, for example, a Geotech 5-cps mirror galvanometer is employed. Other features are: a drift of less than 0.1 μν referred to input over an 8-hr period; a dynamic range of at least 70 db, noise level to clipping level; and a linearity of ±2 percent noise level to 75 percent clipping level, based on best straight line. Circle 329 on Reader Service Card.



## Tiny Crystal in military case

Sherold Crystals, Inc., 1512 Mc-Gee Trafficway, Kansas City, Mo.

A new subminiature crystal is packaged in the military case, HC18/u, with the crystal wafer suspended between the two terminals. The crystals are operative from 300 kc to 125 mc and their use in frequency control and filter applications results in simplification of manufacture and great reduction in size when many crystals are involved in a single unit. Circle 330 on Reader Service Card.

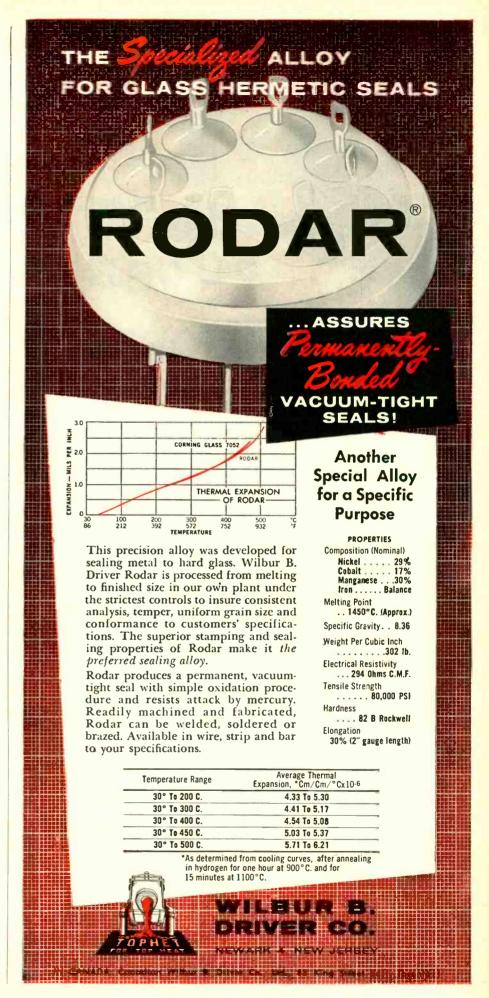
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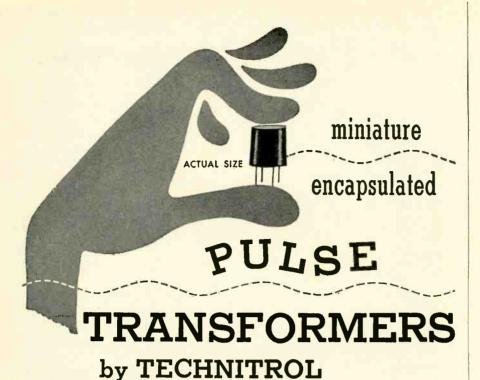
Waldorf Fluid Systems Div., Waldorf Instrument Co., Huntington Station, N. Y., announces a new line of solenoid controlled actuator packages which are presently being used in the missile field. An outstanding feature of these packages, other than their light weight and compactness, is their extremely low leakage—even with Helium. Units can be obtained for pressure ranges to 3,000 psi, and for continuous duty temperatures to + 500 F. Circle 331 on Reader Service Card.

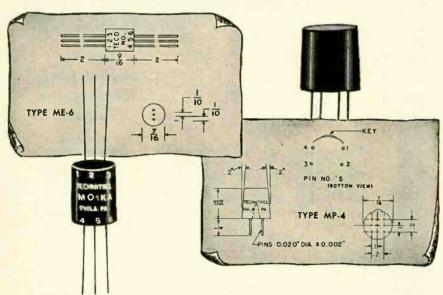


## Tape Recorder stereo playback

TELECTROSONIC CORP., 35-18 37th St., L. I. C., N. Y. Model 300 professional tape recorder features complete stereo facilities for the playback of either stereo tape or disk. It offers a 3-speed, pushbutton, multi-speaker, recorder/reproducer, with a 4-track head, for the price of \$189.95. Pushbutton controls allow for stop, record, rewind, wind, play and pause to provide for ease of operation and complete flexibility. Unit has two complete built-in preamplifier and







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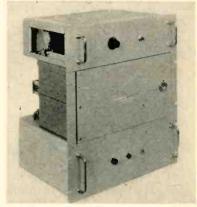
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TELEMETER MAGNETICS, INC., 2245 Pontius Ave., Los Angeles 64, Calif. Type 1092-BQ8A buffer stores up to 1,092 characters of eight bits each and operates at a 100-kc rate. Characters are loaded and unloaded sequentially with all bits of each character being handled simultaneously. Solid state elements—ferrite cores, transistors, and diodes—are used throughout. Circle 333 on Reader Service Card.

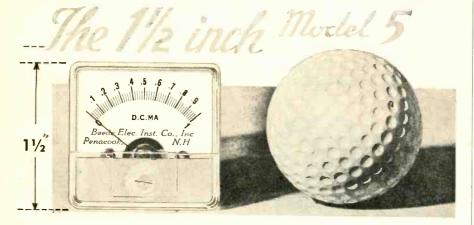


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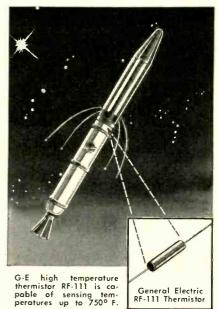
- VSWR is under 1.05 over rated frequency range: 0-450 mc for the Type 1038 61/8" Coaxial Switch; 0-500 mc for the Type 1136 31/8" Coaxial Switch.
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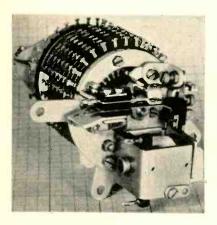
# Connectors snap-in contacts

THE DEUTSCH Co., 7000 Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles 3, Calif., has introduced a new DS series of miniature electrical connectors with Thev contacts. snap-in equipped with silicone inserts for high-temperature operation. Units withstand extremes from -100 Fto temperatures in excess of 300 F. Crimp-type terminations are used to eliminate soldering and greatly reduce installation time. Connectors feature an exclusive ball-lock coupling ring and are available in a wide range of shell sizes. They meet or exceed requirements of MIL-C-5115. Circle 335 on Reader Service Card.



# Test Set portable unit.

Avtron Mfg. Inc., 10409 Mecch Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio. Line voltage and line frequency can be measured and indicated, and voltage modulation and frequency modulation of the output of an electrical generating system can be measured to 0.5 percent or better accuracy with the model T-75A test set. It is available to test systems with a range of operating voltage from 24 v to 600 v, and operating frequency from 300 cps to 4,000 cps. Circle 336 on Reader Service Card.

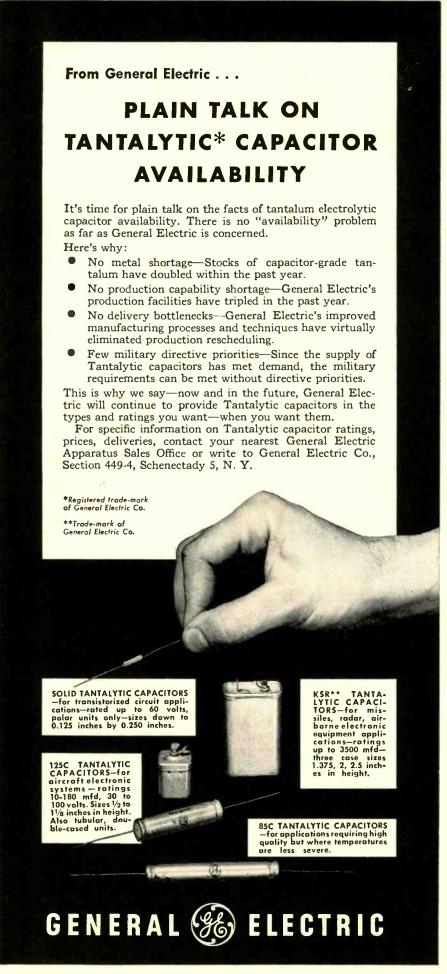


# Stepping Switch high-speed device

IMTRA CORP., 11 University Road, Cambridge 38, Mass. A high-speed stepping switch called the Miniature Uniselector is designed for use in automatic switching and timingcontrol circuits. It will operate at speeds up to 80 steps per see on impulse drive (80 percent make, 20 percent break) from a power supply of 24, 50 or 110 v d-c. Up to 12 banks can be fitted, each having 30 individual contacts mounted in a complete circle. When only seven or less banks are required, a sequence switch can be fitted. Circle 337 on Reader Service Card.

## Termination for resistance wire

REON RESISTOR CORP., 117 Stanley Ave., Yonkers, N. Y., has developed a new method of terminating the resistance wire of precision wire wound resistors that is claimed to be far superior to the old methods. Using a pure silver base, a casting is made around the termination that bonds to both the wire and the terminal, making one solid mass. Since no extreme heat or pressure is used, the diameter of the wire is not deformed; thus the







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6101	$\pm 0.1\% + 0.01\Omega \ (1\Omega \text{ to } 11.11 \text{ Meg}\Omega)$	$11.11~{ m Meg}\Omega$	0.001Ω	Wheatstone	Four dial rheostat usable as decade box.
	±0.02% +0.01Ω (1Ω to 11.11 MegΩ)	111.11 MegΩ	0.00001Ω	Wheatstone	Most accurate five dial Shall- cross bridge for direct resist- ance measurement.
6320	$\pm 0.05\%$ to $\pm 20\%$ on separate " $+$ " and " $-$ " percent selectors. $(1\Omega$ to $10~{\rm Meg}\Omega)$	11.111 MegΩ	0.0001Ω	Percent Limit	Rapid "GO-NO GO" percent limit testing. Built-in adjust- able comparison standard.
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617 Series	±0.1% to ±20% on separate "+" and "-" selectors from a minimum resistance consistent with number of dials in use to the maximum settings.	111,111Ω 1,111,110Ω 11,111,100Ω	0.1Ω *1Ω 10Ω	Percent Limit	For rapid "GO-NO GO" percent limit testing. Hand or foot operated for production test- ing. All models also usable for direct resistance measure-
	$\dagger \pm 0.2\% + 0.01\Omega$ from a minimum consistent with number of dials in use to the maximum setting.	$111,111\Omega$ $1,111,110\Omega$ $11,111,100\Omega$	0.1Ω *1Ω 10Ω	Wheatstone	ments. Binding post for exter- nal d-c power supply.

† Except 617B and 617J  $\pm 0.1\%$   $\pm 0.01\Omega$ .

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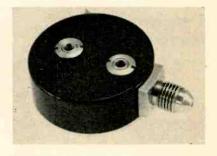
#### **Delay Line** adjustable

DELTIME INC., 608 Fayette Ave., Mamaroneck, N. Y. Type 140 delay line is designed for studies and applications calling for longer time delays. It is based on the magnetostrictive principle and provides for continuously-adjustable pickups in the 130 µsec range, juxtapositioned to 20 µsec and pulse widths of from 0.25 µsec to d-c. Circle 339 on Reader Service Card.



#### Headers high temperature

MITRONICS INC., 1290 Central Ave., Hillside, N. J., introduces a new line of high temperature headers made of metallized alumina. These headers will function at temperatures above 1,000 C. Illustrated is the header assembled to alumina cup, which is completely hermetic. Circle 340 on Reader Service Card.



#### Pressure Transducer low-cost unit

RAHM INSTRUMENTS, Division of American Machine and Metals, Inc., 65 Rushmore St., Westbury, N. Y. A new low-cost T series pressure transducer has a 50-percent over-pressure feature with less than 1 percent zero shift and embodies rugged construction and high performance with small size (1.63 in. diameter). Unit is designed to meet aircraft and missile high vibration and shock applications and will handle corrosive media in the ranges 0-100 psig to 0-5,000 psig. Circle 341 on Reader Service Card.



# Thyratron Controller packaged circuit

HANSON-GORRILL-BRIAN, INC., 85 Hazel St., Glen Cove, N. Y. Newly packaged thyratron grid circuit eliminates costly circuit development when using thyratrons for industrial controllers. The Thyra-Pulse will smoothly control thyratrons of all types and sizes. Control input can be a variable resistance or variable a-c or d-c voltage or current. The unit can be used in half-wave, full-wave and three phase circuits. Mounting feet and screwtype barrier terminal strips are suitable for industrial front-of-panel wiring. Internal d-c with superimposed a-c bias eliminates line transient misfiring. Circle 342 on Reader Service Card.

# **Digital Recorder** for traffic counting

FISCHER & PORTER Co., 911 Jacksonville Road, Hatboro, Pa., announces a new digital recorder for traffic counting. Traffic flow during any preselected time interval may be readily measured. Oper-



Plugged into printed circuits or mounted on control panels, this new ½" pot speeds adjustments by letting you see what you've set. Its dual-calibrated dial tells at a glance slider location, shaft angle and voltage percentage. The 300° winding angle is equally graduated from 0 to 10. Zero on the dial lines up with a scribe line on the side of the pot at 0° rotation. Terminals are located on a standard 0.1" grid, as used in printed circuits.

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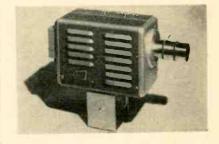


ated by electrical impulses from a conventional road treadle, the recorder produces a permanent record on punched paper tape. The tape recorder is easily interpreted visually or is suitable for use with automatic data processing machines. Circle 343 on Reader Service Card.



# LVDT rugged unit

SCHAEVITZ ENGINEERING, Route 130 and Schaevitz Blvd., Pennsauken, N. J., has developed a new linear variable differential transformer for heavy industrial use. It consists of a shielded lvdt potted in an anodized aluminum case with four mounting holes in integral flanges. Space is provided in the case for housing additional components such as temperature-compensating networks, phase-shifting networks and the like. Input and output connections are screw-type terminals. Circle 344 on Reader Service Card.



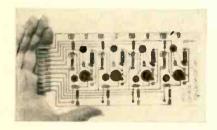
# TV Camera automatic unit

Dage Television Division, Thompson Products, Inc., Michigan City, Ind. Weighing only 10 lb, and measuring 63 in. high by 51 in. wide by 11 in. long, this new model 63A television camera is completely self-contained and completely automatic. Designed for industrial, military and educational

applications, it automatically adjusts lens stops, and beam, target and electrical focus circuits to optimum values. Circle 345 on Reader Service Card.

# Silicone Lubricant for plastic molding

Para Products, 5200 River Road, Washington 16, D. C., has developed Paralese, a new silicone spray mold release and lubricant. Formulated with a very high Silicone-to-Freon ratio, it is said to give more Silicone per shot affording quality coverage and elimination of sticky and marked molds. Particularly applicable in the plastics field, it is also being employed in the shell molding, die casting, electronics, rubber and epoxy fields. Circle 346 on Reader Service Card.



## Power Pulser transistorized

AIRTRONICS, INC., 5522 Dorsey Lane, Bethesda, Md. The DK+02 Mod I power pulser is a fully transistorized, high current magnetic memory matrix driver with current pulses up to 400 ma. The printed circuit card contains four separate two-transistor blocking oscillator pulsers. The pulser "on" time is determined by the controlled rate of flux-switching in a square loop magnetic core. Each of the four pulsers is capable of switching 400 ma for a maximum period of 10 µsec at a 20-kc repetition rate at 25 C ambient temperature. Circle 347 on Reader Service Card.

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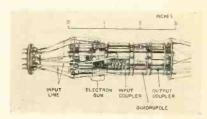
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#### Parametric Amplifier for uhf receivers

ZENITH RADIO CORP., 6001 W. Dickens, Chicago 39, Ill., has developed a fast wave parametric amplifier for use in uhf and microwave receivers. Tube is based on new concepts that involve the removal of noise from a fast wave on a stream of electrons which carries the signal, and the parametric amplification of that wave. Typical performance data: a noise figure about 1 db; and a gain up to 30 db. Circle 349 on Reader Service Card.



#### **Transformers** very small units

PALO ALTO ENGINEERING Co., 620 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif., offers a new line of miniature transformers engineered to customer specifications. Designed for both commercial and military application, the new transformers are particularly useful in transistorized missile circuits. Size is so small that 20 units occupy only 1 cu in.; weight is 175 units per lb. The manufacturer offers uncased, encapsulated or molded plug-in design. Circle 350 on Reader Service Card.

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#### MATERIALS

Picture Tube Phosphor. Sylvania Electric Products Inc., 1740 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y. A new technical bulletin, "Sylvania CR-405 Phosphor," describes a blend of silver-activated zinc and zinc cadmium sulfides designed especially for use in aluminized ty picture tubes. Circle 375 on Reader Service Card.

#### **COMPONENTS**

Transformers. Microtran Co., Inc., 145 E. Mineola Ave., Valley Stream, N. Y. A 4-page brochure lists such types of transformers as transistor power supply, driver, output, low level chopper input, and d-c/d-c converter transformers. Circle 376 on Reader Service Card.

Motor Shields. Magnetic Shield Division Perfection Mica Co., 1322 No. Elston Avc., Chicago 22, Ill., has issued data sheet 139 illustrating and describing the new 3-layer Co-Netic Netic small motor shield. Circle 377 on Reader Service Card.

Microwave Catalog. Amerac, Inc., Dunham Road, Beverly, Mass. A recent short form catalog contains an illustrated description and technical specifications of a line of microwave cavities and accessory microwave products. Circle 378 on Reader Service Card.

Transient Filters, ERA Electric Corp., 67 East Centre St., Nutley, N. J. Catalog No. 302 covers the Slim-Tran transient filters which are intended for all types of transistor switching applications. Circle 379 on Reader Service Card.

Relays and Switches. Automatic Electric Co., Northlake, Ill. A 100-page catalog covers the company's full line of telephone type relays and rotary stepping switches for industrial control applications. More than 200 photos, drawings, mounting diagrams, circuits and charts are included. Circle 380 on Reader Service Card.

#### the Week

Industrial Tubes. Tung-Sol Electric Inc., 95 Eighth Ave., Newark 4, N. J., has published a new 30-page "flip-style" chart showing electrical and physical characteristics for the most important electron tubes having industrial, special purpose and military applications. Circle 381 on Reader Service Card.

#### **EQUIPMENT**

Instruments. Electronics Division, Van Norman Industries, Inc., 186 Granite St., Manchester, N. H., has published a catalog of its Transitron line of electronic instruments. Signal and sweep generators, a video translator, a frequency standard and an insulation tester are included. Circle 382 on Reader Service Card.

Gyro Test Equipment. Sterling Precision Corp., 17 Matinecock Ave., Port Washington, N. Y. An 8-page folder illustrates and describes the company's electronic gyro test equipment modular components. Circle 383 on Reader Service Card.

Digital Indicating Instruments. Performance Measurements Co., 15301 W. McNichols, Detroit 35, Michigan. Principles and applications of servo null-balance digital indicating instruments are discussed in bulletin No. 1758. Circle 384 on Reader Service Card.

CCTV. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. Bulletin GEA-6833, six pages, describes in text, tables and pictures the uses and advantages of GE closed-circuit tv for use in military applications. Circle 385 on Reader Service Card.

#### **FACILITIES**

Radio Frequency Interference. Technical Wire Products, Inc., 48 Brown Ave., Springfield. N. J., has available a design data file on Tecknit radio frequency interference gasketing. A complete free-design engineering service is discussed. Circle 386 on Reader Service Card.

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### CBS Labs Opens R&D Center

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The Research Center serves as both administrative and scientific headquarters for CBS Laboratories,

which had previously been located in the CBS Building at 485 Madison Ave., New York City.

Construction of the new facilities was described by Frank Stanton, president of Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., as an important step "to provide broader research and development services for industry and government". He said that the program of the Laboratories was expanding in three areas: improved audio and video techniques, electronics projects under government contract for military and other purposes, and more comprehensive applied research for industry.

## Lippert Joins Victoreen

Appointment of George R. Lippert as director of technical services of The Victoreen Instrument Co. has been announced.

Lippert comes to Victoreen from I-L-S Instrument Corp., where he recently served as vice president, and previously for six years as chief engineer. He will spearhead Victoreen's expanding program in large nuclear monitoring systems, telemetering and computing, and world-wide measurement of radioactive fallout.

He will also handle liaison between Victoreen and government agencies, as well as industrial users of electronic and nuclear equipment.



#### Librascope Gets New Department

Acquisition of Precision Technology, Inc., Livermore, Calif., was recently announced by Librascope, Inc., Glendale, Calif.

In making the announcement, Librascope's president, Lewis W. Imm, said Precision Technology, Inc., has been incorporated into Librascope's Engineering Division, establishing a new engineering department.

The Precision Technology Department will expand Librascope's research and technical capabilities in special nuclear weapons instrumentation, proximity scorers, exploding bridgewire ordnance components and systems, arm-safe switches, and high-speed image converter cameras for special purpose photography.

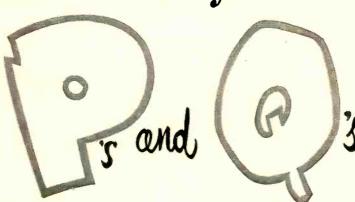


#### Name Director At CEC Div.

EVERETT J. LONG was recently promoted from assistant director for operations to director of the Transducer Division, Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., Monrovia, Calif.

Joining CEC in 1952, he was manager of the Special Products Division before becoming production manager of the Transducer Division in 1956.

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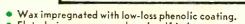


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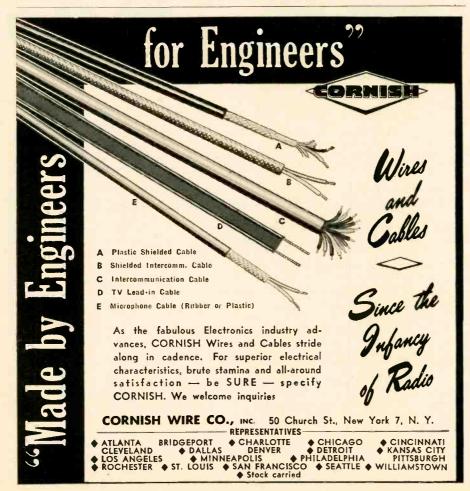
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# WacLine Elects New Director

JOHN J. VELESKY has been elected a director and vice president of Wac-Line, Inc., Dayton, Ohio. He is also chief engineer for the company.

Prior to becoming associated with WacLine in 1953, Velesky was chief engineer of Frampton Electric Co. of Dayton. He was formerly associated with RCA in Bloomington, Ind., and with Wright Air Development Center at Wright-Patterson AFB.

WacLine manufactures electrical indicating meters, tachometer generators, electric adjustable speed drives, and microwave components.

# Gabriel Division Expands

MOVEMENT of the Bohanan Mfg. Division of The Gabriel Co., Los Angeles, into a new plant in Compton, Calif., was recently announced by John H. Briggs, president of Gabriel.

Expansion into the new facilities, located on a 13-acre site and totaling more than 52,000 sq ft, is necessitated by the increasing back-



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#### Johnson Joins Photocircuits

New Manager of customer engineering in the sales department of Photocircuits Corp., Glen Cove, N. Y., is George F. Johnson. In this capacity he will serve as liaison between the company's production, engineering and research departments, and customers with specific problems in these areas.

Johnson was manager of the plated circuit engineering department of Motorola, Inc., for the past eight years, following engineering assignments with Westinghouse, Majestic and Zenith.



# Eimac Promotes D. H. Preist

ELECTRON-POWER tube manufacturer, Eitel-McCullough, Inc., San Carlos, Calif., recently named Donald H. Preist associate director of research. In this post he is responsible for the overall guidance of the technical phases of the company's research and development program.

Preist joined Eimac in 1946 as research engineer after an association with the British Government Service in radar development. In

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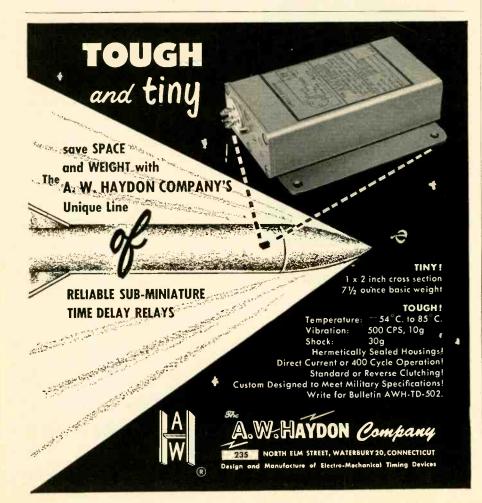


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1952 he was named klystron project coordinator at Eimac and later served as chief research engineer concerned with the development of high power tubes and circuits.



#### Elect Rempt To High Post

AT THEIR annual meeting at the U. of California in Santa Barbara, Calif., the Institute of Navigation elected Henry Rempt president.

The Institute was founded in 1945 to establish a common meeting ground for those professionally concerned with the science and art of navigation. In addition to celestial, magnetic, and electronic navigation for surface and air, it is active in the fields of polar navigation, space navigation, aerodesy, cartography, meteorology, and oceanography.

Rempt presently directs the Electronics and Armament Systems Division for the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. at Burbank, Calif.

#### Lycoming's Kerr Heads Avco RAD

New PRESIDENT of Avco Research and Advanced Development Division, Wilmington, Mass., is James R. Kerr, who continues as president of Lycoming Division also and a vice president of Avco Corp.

As head of Avco RAD, Kerr succeeds Dr. Lloyd P. Smith, who moves to Avco headquarters in New York as vice president in charge of

corporation's research planning.

Kerr, former Air Force officer and Air Materiel Command executive, joined Avco in 1954 as director of West Coast divison and assistant general manager of Avco RAD.

#### News of Reps

FIBERGLASS-EPOXY tubing lines of Lamtex Industries, Inc., Westbury, N. Y., will be handled in northern California by Jack Kaufman.

V. T. Rupp Co., Los Angeles engineering rep firm, is named by G. M. Giannini and Co., Inc., to handle its line of potentiometers, Rotosteppers and pressure switches, in southern California, New Mexico, and Arizona.

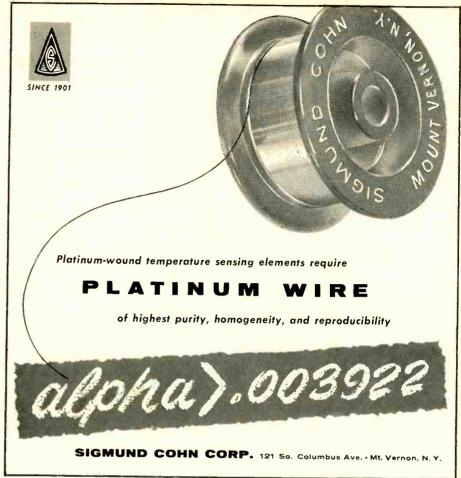
James L. Highsmith and Co. of Charlotte, N. C., is appointed by Navigation Computer Corp., Philadelphia, Pa., to handle its digital data handling products in North and South Carolina, and in Virginia except Fairfax County.

Computer Engineering Associates, Inc. appoints Michael S. Coldwell, Inc. as reps for Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts. Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Digitronics Corp., Albertson, L. I., N. Y., will be represented in southern New Jersey and the state of Pennsylvania by Lew Slubin & Co. of Philadelphia for the sale of lumped constant delay lines and electromechanical clutches brakes.

WacLine, Inc., Dayton, Ohio, manufacturer of electrical panel meters, tachometer generators and microwave components, announces four new rep agreements.

R. Edward Stemm of Chicago, Ill., will handle the products in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Standard Products, Inc., of Wichita, Kan., handles the account in Kansas and Missouri. ElectroRep of Detroit, Mich. covers Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and western Pennsylvania. Jack Miller Co. of Forest Hills. N. Y., will serve in northern New Jersey.



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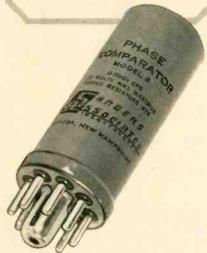
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#### NEW BOOKS

#### Feedback Theory And Its Applications

BY P. H. HAMMOND

The Macmillan Co., New York, 1958, 348 p, \$7.00.

IMPORTANCE of feedback in many areas of engineering is well known; worthy of particular note, however, are two branches of electrical engineering where feedback plays an especially important role—feedback amplifiers and control systems. The subject matter of this book concerns itself with those electronic devices and control systems which in some form incorporate feedback. The treatment extends to a discussion of well-tried linear as well as nonlinear methods of analysis and design.

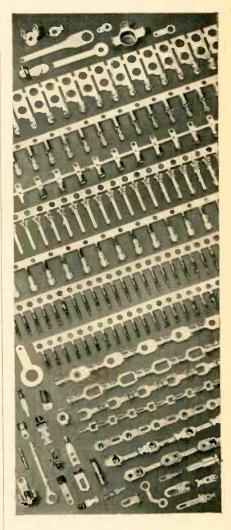
Basic Mathematics—The first two chapters are devoted to a review of the solution of linear differential equations (using the Laplace transform method) and the basic feedback principles with particular attention directed to response time, gain stability and distortion influences. This is followed by a discussion of the Routh criterion and its limitations, whereupon the Nyquist criterion is introduced as a more useful gage of stability.

Twenty pages are devoted to a brief but interesting treatment of the frequency response of system and loop transfer functions as well as stabilization networks.

The foregoing material constitutes the common core of the book; the remainder is then devoted to a study of the devices and systems in which these principles are applied. Thus, in the area of feedback amplifiers a fairly thorough examination is made of the cathode follower, the difference amplifier and the high gain d-c amplifier used as a computing amplifier. Careful attention is given to such items as gain, output and imput impedance, loading effects and methods of stabilization.

Servomechanisms – Almost the entire second half of the book is devoted to linear as well as nonlinear servomechanisms with one brief chapter dealing with simulation of nonlinear control systems using the electronic analog computer.

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In the chapter dealing with the describing function method of analysis, a table lists the describing function of eight different kinds of symmetrical, amplitude nonlinearities including characteristics with changing slopes.

Also appearing in the book is a thorough treatment of the on-off servo which includes a discussion of methods for reducing or eliminating steady-state oscillations by dead-zone front-lash stabilization as well as rate feedback.

Nonlinear Servos—Analysis of nonlinear servos is a major topic of the book. It is surprising that the author has not directly reflected this in the title. As a matter of fact it is not at all apparent why the author has chosen the topics he has, while omitting others, which could just as easily have been included. For example, since half the book is concerned with servomechanisms, it is unfortunate that no mention is made of the simple but powerful root locus method.

By statement of the author (who resides in England) the book is intended for post-graduate engineering and physics students who want an introduction to the subject. However, most of the material with the possible exception of that dealing with nonlinear servos is to be found in undergraduate curricula in the U.S.A. One of the weaker points of the book concerns the treatment of linear-servo analysis. Here an expansion of the introductory material as well as a few more illustrations on linear stabilization techniques could have been



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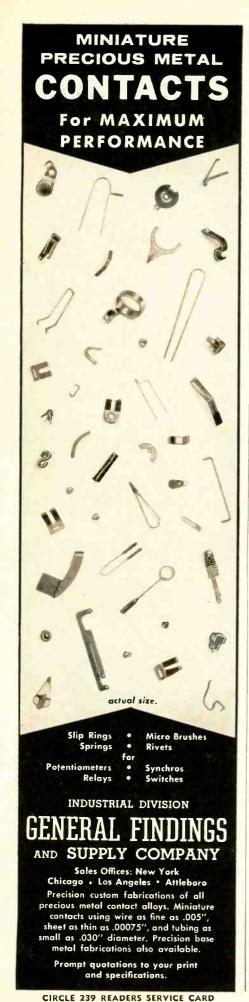
Broadcasting Stations of the World. Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., 4 vol., approximately 896 p, \$5 (paper). All known radio broadcasting and television stations except those in the standard broadcast band in the U.S. are listed in this Foreign Broadcast Information Service publication. Part 1 (\$1.50) lists stations by country and city; Part 2 (\$1.50) gives location of transmitters by frequency; Part 3 (\$1.25) is in two sections-station call letters and station name or slogan; Part 4 (\$0.75) lists to and f-m stations according to location and frequency. Part 4 also includes data necessary to distinguish audio, video, polarization and other technical factors.

Motion and Time Study. By R. M. Barnes, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1958, 665 p, \$9.25. This fourth edition has five new chapters dealing with motion study, mechanization, automation, mechanized time study, electronic data processing, motion-time data systems, work sampling, multifactor wage incentive plans and evaluating and controlling factors other than labor.

Management for Engineers. By R. C. Heimer, McGraw-Hill Book Co.. Inc., New York, 1958, 453 p, \$6.75. This book trys to interpret management to engineers and the engineers' position to management. It takes a practical look at the impact of costs, standards, materials, methods, taxes, insurance and power, equipment, labor and ethics upon engineering considerations in the day-to-day workings of a business firm.

Production Planning and Inventory Control. By J. F. Magee, McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, 1958, 332 p, \$7.50. Graphs and numerical examples are used extensively in this publication to introduce operating executives and planning and control system engineers to the concepts and methods of production planning and inventory control.

Automation and Management. By J. R. Bright, Division of Research, Harvard





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Business School, Boston 63, Mass., 1958, 269 p, \$10.00. After providing the background of the nature of production line mechanization, this book briefly describes the automation programs of 13 plants. The impact of automation on maintenance, the skill requirements of the work force in the high automated plant, the sales effort and management itself are considered.

Applied Statistics for Engineers. By Wm. Volk, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., Inc., New York, 1958, 250 p, \$9.50. Covering statistical techniques, rather than theory, this book is intended for the practicing engineer and as a text. It deals with the treatment of engineering data for correlation, presentation and analysis of experimental factors. A review of probability theory and frequency distribution is included along with detailed discussions of curvilinear correlation, analysis of the variance and interpretation of the analysis of the variance.

Conductance Curve Design Manual. By K. A. Pullen, Jr., John F. Rider Pub. Inc., New York, 1958, 128 p, \$4.25. An original technique for designing circuitry using conductance curves of 70 most representative vacnum tubes. With these graphs, designs using small-signal parameters can be used to predict large-signal performance.

Electron Tube Materials. American Society for Testing Materials, Philaphia, Pa., 1958, 242 p, \$3.50. This first edition contains 41 standards relating to cathode materials, insulators, wire, metallic and nonmetallic seals and miscellaneous materials.

Program for an Electronic Digital Computer. By M. V. Wilkes, D. J. Wheeler and Stanley Gill, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc., Reading, Mass., 1957, 238 p. \$7.50 (second edition). Written for those who program for, initiate operation of, or assess applications of electronic digital computers, this book covers elements of program design, subroutine development, input-output techniques, program error diagnosis and automatic programming in general, while library subroutines and complete programs for EDSAC are given in detail.

Table for the Solution of Cubic Equations. By H. E. Salzer, C. H. Richards and I. Arsham, McGraw-Hill Pub. Co., Inc., New York, 1958, 176 p, \$7.50. For engineers, physi-cists and applied mathematicians, this table supersedes other tables in number of decimal places, range, interval, required labor for finding all three roots and convenience in

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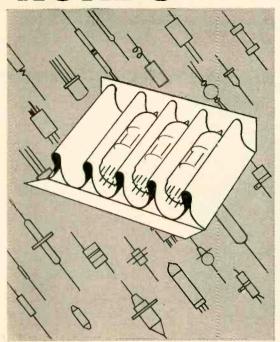
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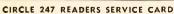


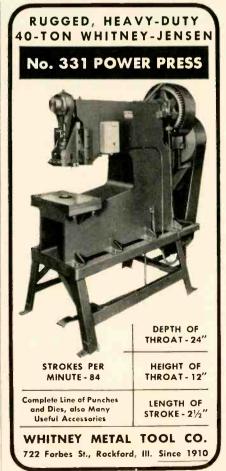
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#### Micromiles and Megafeet

I have noticed a tendency lately, even in your esteemed publication, to employ hyperfine units when seeking to create the impression of sensitivity (relays operate on 750 milliwatts), high-frequency capability (transistors switch in 500 millimicroseconds) and the like. Translating up and down scales by a factor of 1,000 each time, I discover that these figures mean 3 watt and ½ microsecond respec-

Frankly, after an elapsed time of 38,100 seconds between leaving the house at an unearthly hour of the morning and returning in time for supper, allowing for traveling 413,012 inches each way to and from work, this irritates me.

Honestly, now, does it really make sense to specify a simple quantity like 3 of one unit or 2 of another (especially when these may be finer gradations than the facts warrant) in terms of many hundreds of a unit a thousand times smaller? Granted that engineers use milliwatts in much of their work, and certainly understand millimicroseconds whether they commonly use them or not, what is gained by this parading of tiny units when you need a basketful of them to say the same thing that could have been said with simple fractions (and sometimes whole numbers) of the larger unit?

Once in a while there's an excuse, as in tables of transistor characteristics, where collector current is expressed in milliamperes because this is a common and appropriate unit for most of them, even though occasional types may rate 3,000 or 5,000 milliamperes. Let's see if we can inhibit this trend before the national debt hits 30,000,000,000,000 cents, which probably isn't far off.

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#### The College Market

Your Oct. 3 issue indicated (in "College Market Grows," p 16) that "a device that can focus four ultrasound beams from four separate irradiators inside the human brain on a target no larger than the diameter of a lead pencil" was built at the State University of Iowa. Unfortunately this statement is incorrect.

The equipment referred to was designed and built at the Biophysical Research Laboratory of the University of Illinois.

For the past ten years the Biophysical Research Laboratory, under the direction of William J. Fry, has been conducting a research program on the effects of highintensity focused ultrasound on the central nervous system. This program includes basic biological and physiological studies on animals as well as an intensive instrumentation program. As a result of this work, a technique was developed here for applying high-intensity ultrasound to humans with certain dysfunctions of the central nervous system.

Dr. Russell Mvers, head of the department of neurosurgery of the State University of Iowa hospitals, and professor Fry of this Laboratory, then entered into a cooperative program for application of this technique to selected patients. A special so-called portable ultrasonic irradiator was designed and built here at the University of Illinois and transported to Iowa. Several staff members from both this Laboratory and the SUI department of neurosurgery are directly concerned in applying this instrument to human neurosonic surgery.

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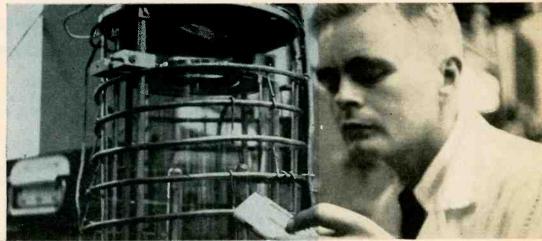
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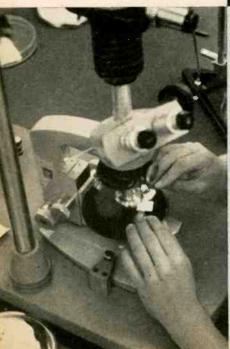
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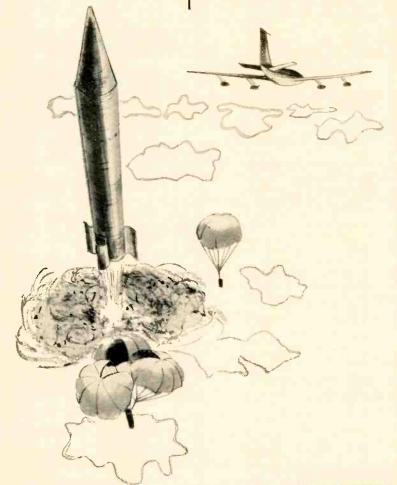
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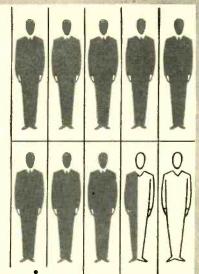
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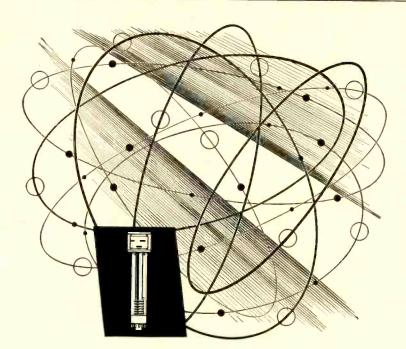
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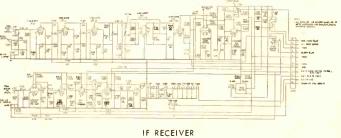
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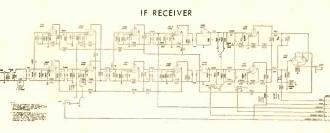
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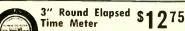


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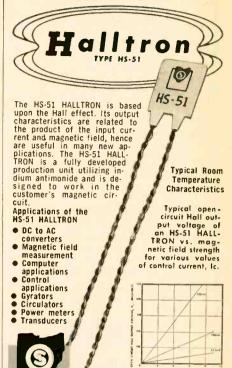
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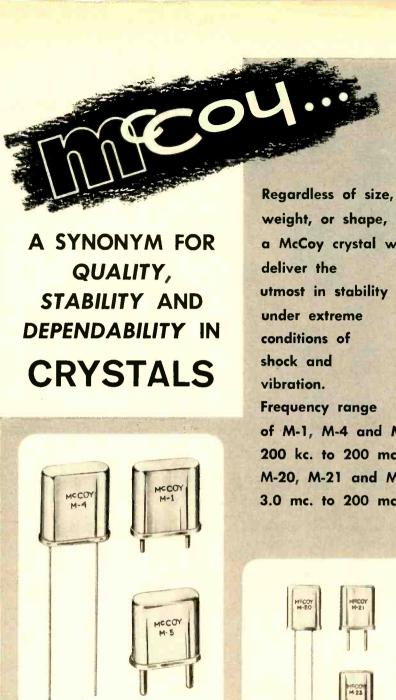
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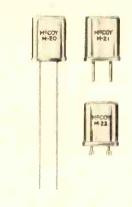
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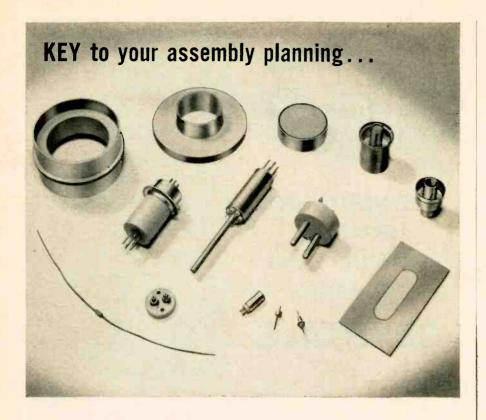
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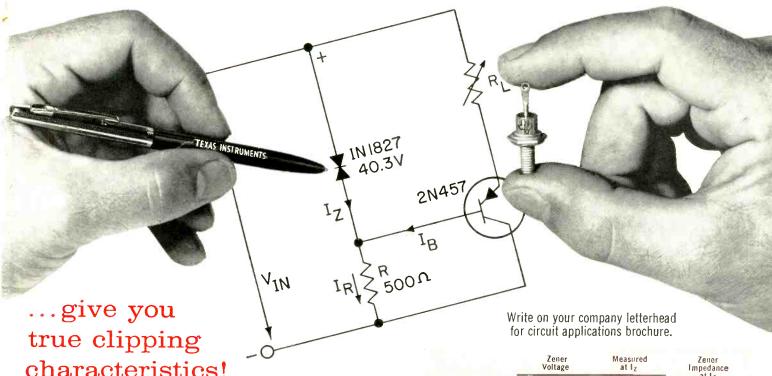
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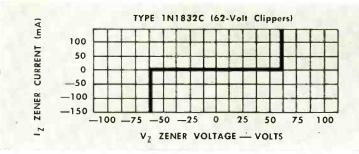
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