

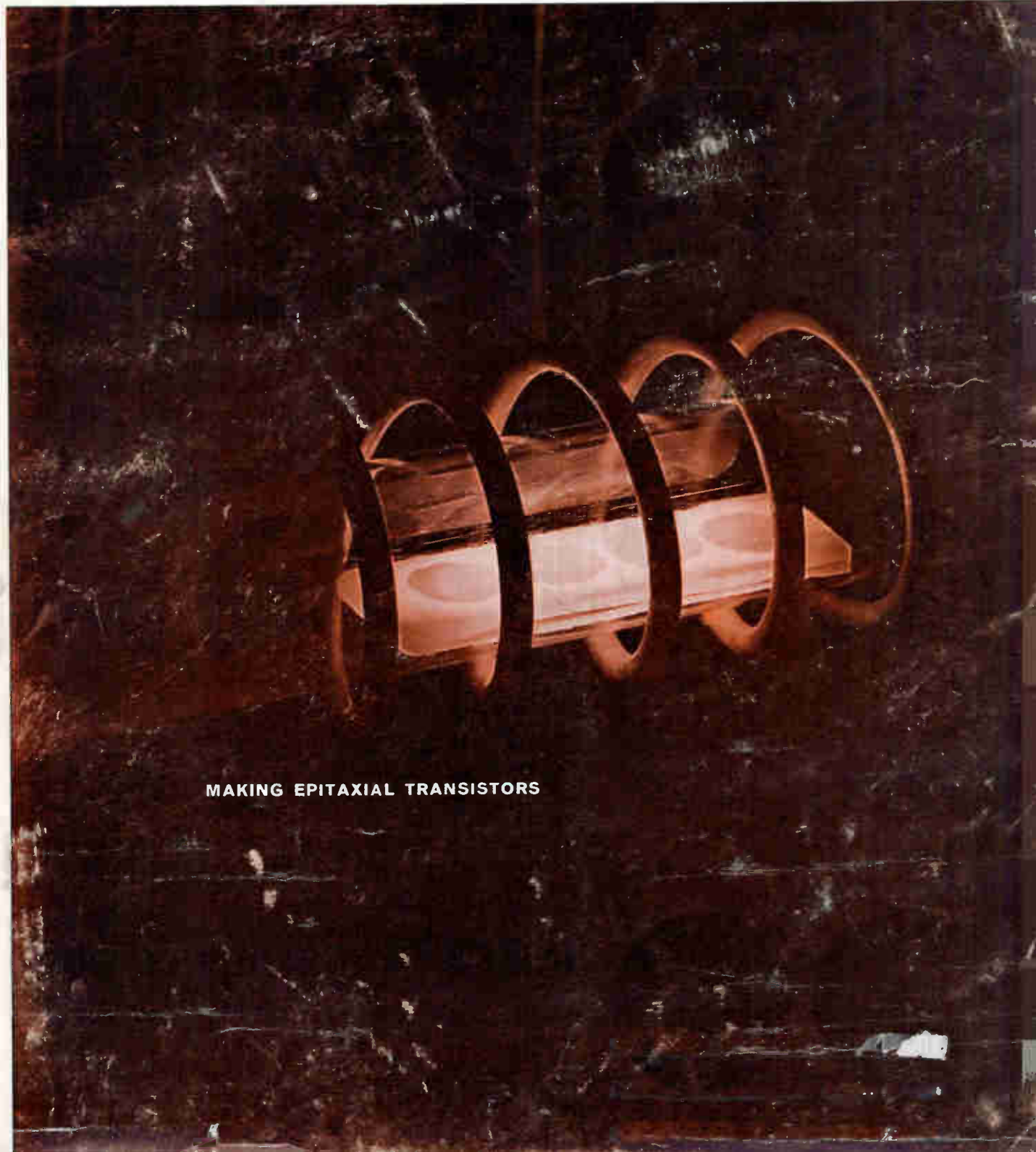
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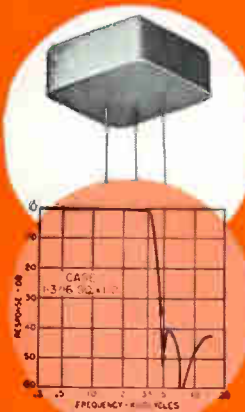


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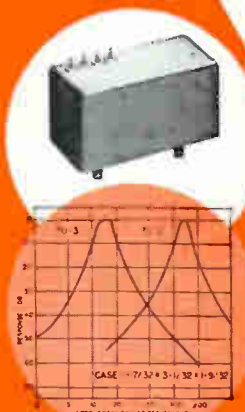


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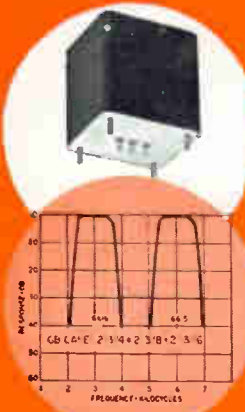
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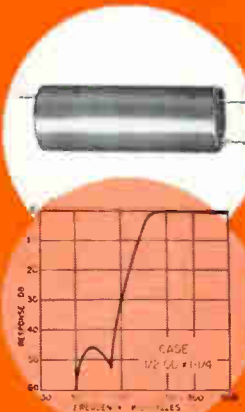
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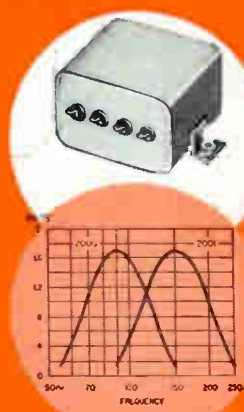
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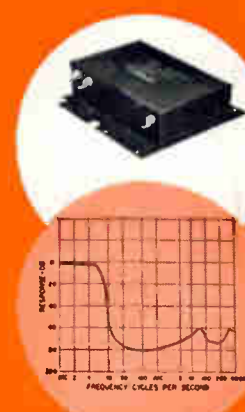
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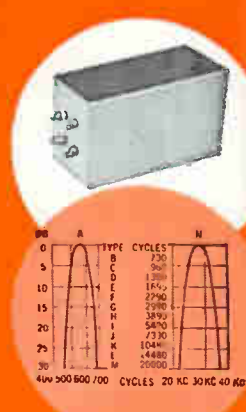
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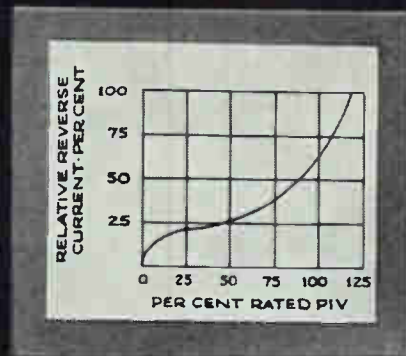
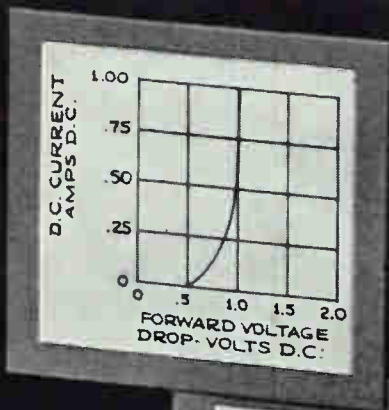
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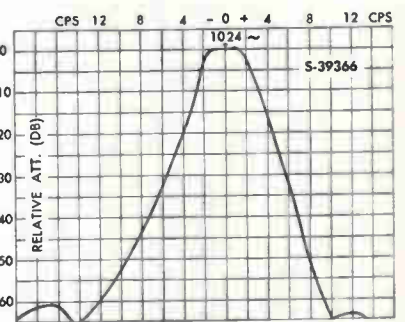
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# CROSSTALK

**THE IRE SHOW, A RETAKE.** Each year as more than 850 of the 4,000-odd manufacturers that make up the electronics industry assemble under one roof for four days hand standing, the keen observer can make some pretty valid deductions about the health and direction of the business.

Undeniably our industry has felt some of the pinch of the recent general business recession. For instance, there were more two-dimensional, stand-up booths at the show, more hardware-store shelf displays of instruments and components, fewer displays of actual systems or large-scale antennas.

However, the show clearly indicated the road upwards to even greater heights of prosperity, a road made possible by the inherent ingenuity of electronics engineers and scientists.

Literally dozens of new components and materials that not long ago were subjects largely for academic discourse today are on the shelf, packaged and ready for sale. And showgoers were looking, too—order books in hand.

At least a half dozen firms had packaged parametric amplifiers ready to go. Traveling-wave and backward-wave tubes were relatively common items. Thin-film memories were offered for sale. One manufacturer has already designed tunnel diodes into a line of pulse generators. Another showed a packaged tunnel-diode amplifier.

All this shows that new materials and devices constantly emerging from research laboratories do not long remain mere curiosities. Furthermore, the time from initial developmental design through preproduction prototype to finished product is constantly decreasing. It used to be some 18 to 24 months. Today a development cycle of six months or even less is not uncommon.

This year's IRE Show demonstrates unmistakably that the electronics industry is moving ahead like never before with the trail being blazed by our research and development engineers who continually think smarter, work faster.

## Coming In Our April 7 Issue

**AVALANCHE SWITCHING.** High power and voltage ratings of silicon mesa transistors have increased the capabilities of avalanche-mode switching circuits. These circuits are now useful for high-speed, high-power pulse generation applications such as in nuclear instrumentation.

In our next issue R. P. Rufer of the Radiation Laboratory at the University of California in Livermore describes the design of avalanche switching circuits. His comprehensive article reviews the avalanche phenomena, presents circuit design principles and discusses the design procedure for pulse generation and switching applications. A criterion for selecting avalanche transistors is developed.

**IN ADDITION.** A variety of feature material to appear next week includes: determining electron density and distribution in plasmas by H. L. Bunn of the University of California; using *pin* diodes to control a shorted stub by R. H. Mattson of Iowa State University; designing thin-film resistors by I. L. Brandt of CBS Electronics; improving power rectifier circuits by G. F. Montgomery of National Bureau of Standards; and vlf antenna efficiency charts by G. J. Monser of American Electronic Laboratories.

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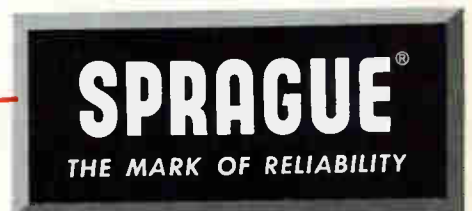
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It was a pleasure to read your article from Holloman Air Force Base about Gulton's physiological data-acquisition system ("Medical Data Telemetry System Unveiled," p 32, Feb. 17).

This note is just to tell you my reaction, and to commend your magazine for its work in publishing technical articles of this nature. I have also enjoyed your series on medical electronics (p 49, Jan. 20; p 46, Feb. 3; p 54, Feb. 24), which seems to be presenting a competent survey of the field.

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*This general area was discussed in Part II of the Medical Electronics series.*

**Superconductive Power Grid?**

Reference is made to your report

(Newsletter, p 9, Feb. 10) on the superconductivity of the niobium-tin alloy.

It appears that if one-centimeter area wires can carry 100 kilamps in an 88,000-gauss field, then this may be the breakthrough required for a nationwide power grid. The transmission lines would consist of relatively thin zero-resistance wires, enclosed in tubes of liquid helium. As heat leaked in (as it would despite the best insulation), some of the helium would evaporate to absorb this. Periodically spaced valves would be required to let the gaseous helium out and this would have to be liquefied and pumped back into the tube.

This sounds like quite an undertaking, as indeed it is; but perhaps some of the benefits should be considered:

A line carrying 100 kilamps at a power-line voltage of 330 Kv is transmitting 33,000 Mw. This is roughly a fifth the total U.S. capacity. Furthermore, the 100-kilamp figure was determined in a magnetic field many times stronger than would be produced by a straight transmission line. It does not appear impossible that a single superconducting transmission line could carry the entire U.S. capacity.

This would certainly permit power to be generated near the coal mines, avoiding the fuel-shipping expense as well as helping keep the cities cleaner.

Since peak electrical loads vary throughout the day, a nationwide grid would permit a more even load distribution. This would eliminate much of the generating equipment which must normally be kept idle at each power station waiting for the peak loads.

If we think in hemispheric terms, our underemployed coal mines (which make up a good deal of the distressed areas) could supply power to the fuel-short sections of Central and South America. The vast hydroelectric potential of northern Canada might also be finally harnessed in a joint pan-American effort to correct the maldistribution of resources.

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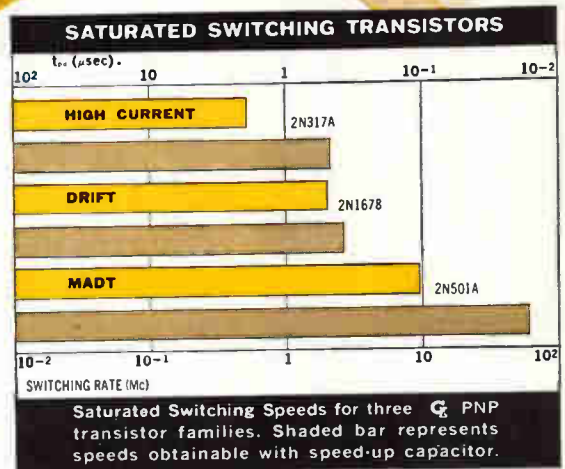
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	<b>CHARACTERISTICS</b>						
	$I_{c(sat)}$	$V_{ce} = 5 v$	2 μa max	$V_{ce} = 10 v$	5 μa max	$V_{ce} = 5 v$	5 μa max
	$t_{r(sat)}$	$I_c = 400 ma$ $V_{ce} = 0.25 v$	20 min 60 max	$I_c = 20 ma$ $V_{ce} = 0.25 v$	25 min	$I_c = 10 ma$ $V_{ce} = 0.5 v$	20 min
	$f_{max}$	$V_{ce} = 5 v$ $I_c = 1 ma$	20 Mc typ	$V_{ce} = 5 v$ $I_c = 1 ma$	25 Mc min 50 Mc typ	$V_{ce} = 0.5 v$ $I_c = 2 ma$	130 Mc typ*
	$V_{ce}$	$I_c = 400 ma$ $V_{ce} = 0.25 v$	0.95 v max	$I_c = 20 ma$ $V_{ce} = 0.25 v$	0.6 v max	$I_c = 10 ma$ $I_s = 1 ma$	0.45 v max
	$V_{ce(sat)}$	$I_c = 400 ma$ $I_s = 40 ma$	0.2 v max	$I_c = 20 ma$ $I_s = 0.8 ma$	0.25 v max	$I_c = 10 ma$ $I_s = 1 ma$	0.20 v max
	$t_{on}(t_r + t_f)$	$I_c = 400 ma$ $I_{s(on)} = 20 ma$ $I_{s(off)} = 10 ma$ $V_{cc} = 9 v$	600 nS max 1200 nS max	$I_c = 20 ma$ $I_{s(on)} = 1 ma$ $I_{s(off)} = 1 ma$ $V_{cc} = 20 v$	400 nS typ 400 nS typ	$I_c = 20 ma$ $I_{s(on)} = 2.2 ma$ $V_{s(off)} = + 0.5 v$	13 nS typ 14 nS typ
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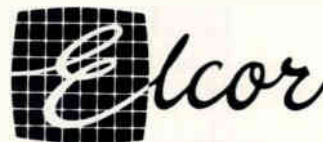


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## Tests Approaching For Space Fuel Cells

EXPERIMENTAL FUEL CELLS designed to produce auxiliary power of 50 watts for orbiting satellites are being developed for the Air Research and Development Command's Wright Air Development Division. Flight testing of these cells will be done in the near future according to Air Force spokesmen.

The cells being developed under the USAF project are ion exchange membrane fuel units, are reported to operate without noise or noxious odor.

Missile and space vehicle department of General Electric is now working on three hydrogen-oxygen ion exchange membrane fuel cells under a \$90,738 contract with WADD. Each cell is composed of a membrane with an electrode on each side. On one side of the membrane is hydrogen gas, on the other oxygen gas. The two gasses enter the chambers on opposite sides of the membrane, penetrate the porous electrodes to contact the surface of the ion-permeable membrane. On the hydrogen side, the electrons are given up, collected in the electrode and conducted to the load. The hydrogen ions travel through the solid electrolyte to the other surface of the membrane where they combine with returning electrons in the presence of oxygen.

Electrolysis of the water back into hydrogen and oxygen makes the process regenerative.

## International Tv Talks Slated in Switzerland

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION announced its readiness to participate in the International Festival of Television Arts & Sciences to be held this May in Montreux, Switzerland.

The event will be held in three parts from May 15 to May 27. The technical symposium will be held from May 17 to 21. Object of the technical meetings will be to bring together an international representation of television engineers and scientists to exchange views and information and discuss the regu-

latory responsibilities of ITU.

Expectations are that considerable time will be devoted to educational television as a tool for raising living standards in backward nations, and the possibilities for growth of commercial television. This second area is considered of increasing importance since most nations rely primarily on government-operated tv service.

ITU spokesmen told ELECTRONICS they intend to work in collaboration with the European Broadcasting Union, the International Broadcasting & Television Organization and other large professional societies. UN participation will be through UNESCO.

## Chemical Firms Poised To Supply Epitaxial Items

ELECTRONIC COMPONENT manufacturers may shortly find they are able to purchase more than just the raw semiconductor materials they are now getting from chemical supply companies, according to information received this week by ELECTRONICS.

Several manufacturers now supplying silicon and germanium to semiconductor manufacturers are reportedly considering expanding their processing to aid epitaxial component makers. Instead of supplying silicon billets, for example, the chemical firms may be offering doped single-crystal silicon rods. In addition, they will offer the rods sliced into wafers with the high-resistivity layer epitaxially deposited as required. Purchasers will merely have to put the wafers through diffusion and fabrication processes.

At present, Merck is one of the suppliers known to be contemplating this service. Other chemical firms are also reported thinking along the same lines.

## Ion-Beam Technology Emerges As New Field

ION BEAM technology is emerging as a new field, according to observers at a symposium held a few days ago in Boston. One firm de-

scribed research it is conducting on an ion-beam deposition system for microcircuit applications.

Positive ions are used for tandem accelerators, for injector devices in thermonuclear work, and for ion-propulsion rocket development efforts.

In the exploratory stage are studies on the advantages of ion emitters over electron guns. These studies aim to probe applications for microminiature cutting and machining operations. X-ray danger is not a problem with ion beams, a strong advantage over high-voltage electron beams.

Brought out at the Boston symposium was information indicating increased applications being found for electron-beam welding, especially in such exotic metals as beryllium and titanium which need closed-system welding to sidestep toxicity effects. Researchers are also exploring electron-beam processes for such varied fields as welding waveguides and joining thermoelectric materials.

## Australia to Buy More Computers

FEDERAL AUSTRALIAN government will shortly be asking for bids and proposals covering some \$10-million worth of large computers, according to Melbourne sources. Besides the computers, bidders will also be asked for input, output and processing hardware. The computers are intended for Australian armed forces use.

Local observers say other federal departments are now formulating requirements for computers and hardware in amounts that will require expenditures in the tens of million of dollars.

## FCC to Fine Station For Passing Power Limit

FIRST ACTUAL punitive movement against a radio station for using higher power than authorized was announced last week by Federal Communications Commission. The Commission intends to fine station KDWB St. Paul, Minn., \$10,000 for exceeding authorized power in night-time operations.

The announcement said that if

the station wished to contest the matter it will have an opportunity to do so; otherwise station owners, Crowell-Collier Broadcasting, must pay the fine.

This action is the first of its kind since Congress amended the Communications Act last September to provide penalties other than license revocation for violations of Commission rules.

KDWB, operating at 630 Kc, has authorized daytime operating power of 5 Kw, nighttime power of 500 watts.

Commission reports say the station admitted using full daytime power between midnight and 4:00 p.m. since late 1959.

### H-P Radar Transmitter Being Made for NASA

FIVE MILLION-WATT radar transmitter for long-range tracking of space probes and orbiting vehicles is now under development for the National Aeronautics & Space Administration.

The transmitter will be a major part of a radar system using a 60-ft diameter dish antenna to be used by NASA's Wallops Island, Va., personnel. The system will be used to measure the radar cross-section of vehicles in space to determine their suitability for communication or navigation.

Work on the transmitter is being done by Raytheon's surface radar and navigation operation at Wayland, Mass.

### Japan Electronics Firm Plans Factory Expansion

JAPAN'S LARGE manufacturing entity, Hitachi is getting still bigger. Company officials in Tokyo estimate capital plant expenditures in fiscal 1961 (starting April 1) will reach to nearly \$100 million.

Hitachi will put its biggest effort into heavy electrical equipment with new manufacturing facilities accounting for almost one-third of the year's total outlay. In heavy electrical goods, Hitachi is neck and neck with Tokyo Shibaura (Toshiba).

Hitachi's electronics expansion will account for some \$19 million in the year ahead. About \$13 mil-

lion will go into appliances and almost \$10-million will go into research facilities.

All told, Hitachi officials say capital plant outlay in the coming fiscal year will be 15 percent higher than in the year before.

### Lawyers Study Computer Usage

THREE-DAY computer forum on the legal problems that have arisen or might arise in the future was sponsored last week in Washington, D. C.

Sponsored by the joint committee on continuing legal education of the American Law Institute and the American Bar Association, the forum aimed at outlining but not answering some potential legal tangles that may result from the growing use of computers. Among the hypothetical questions: If an electronically processed check is bounced in error, whose fault is it? Is information on magnetic tape, punch cards or other computer input form admissible as courtroom evidence?

R. N. Freed, chairman of the meeting and an associate of Ballard, Spahr, Andrews and Ingersoll, a Philadelphia law firm, told the group that such questions are only now beginning to filter into law courts. The idea behind the forum, Freed said, is to get lawyers thinking about legal problems of electronics and how to solve them before the lawyers become hopelessly entangled.

Besides the legal discussions, the lawyers also got a primer course in electronic data-processing. W. D. Bartlett of General Electric, E. Glazer of the National Bureau of Standards and A. I. Dumey of Data Sciences briefed the legal men on terminology and operations.

### Survey Cites Rise In Engineer Pay

SALARY LEVELS for engineers rose approximately five percent per year between 1958 and 1960 according to a study released this month by Engineering Manpower Commission.

Overall median salary now

stands at \$9,600 annually. Seven years ago, the first EMC survey taken on median salaries found the median engineer salary to be \$6,500.

The report also points out that engineers are a young group with median age at 32 based on a graduation average age of 22. Their salaries grow at a greater rate during the early years of an engineer's career and slow down at about 20 years of experience. The present survey indicated that the slow-down tendency has been less pronounced in the recent past.

### Air Force Awards Contract For Cryogenic Delay Line

MATERIAL INVESTIGATION for properties and techniques required to build a superconducting 20-microsecond delay line operating at microwave frequencies between 4 and 12 Gc is being explored through Air Research & Development Command.

A \$90,000 contract to explore this field has been awarded to Martin Company by Rome Air Development Center, Griffiss Air Force Base, N. Y. Martin says they plan to produce the line within 18 months. USAF requirements call for 15,000-ft transmission without energy loss. The line will be encapsulated in a 3-in. cubic chamber and maintained at 4.2 K.

### Tests Being Readied For New Space Project

FIRST TEST of project West Ford is expected within a month by MIT's Lincoln Laboratory and Air Force.

The West Ford package of reflective needle-sized tuned dipoles will ride piggyback on one of the military rockets scheduled for launching within the next month. Nearing completion in Westford, Mass., and Camp Parks, Calif., are 60-ft dishes for bouncing signals off dipoles tuned to 8,000 Mc. The 120-ft Haystack Hill antenna is slated for completion in Tyngsboro, Mass., late in 1962. The big antenna will form part of the West Ford operation.

The belt of tuned dipoles is expected to remain in orbit for several years.



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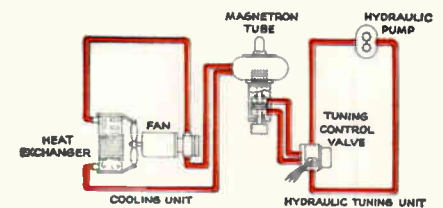
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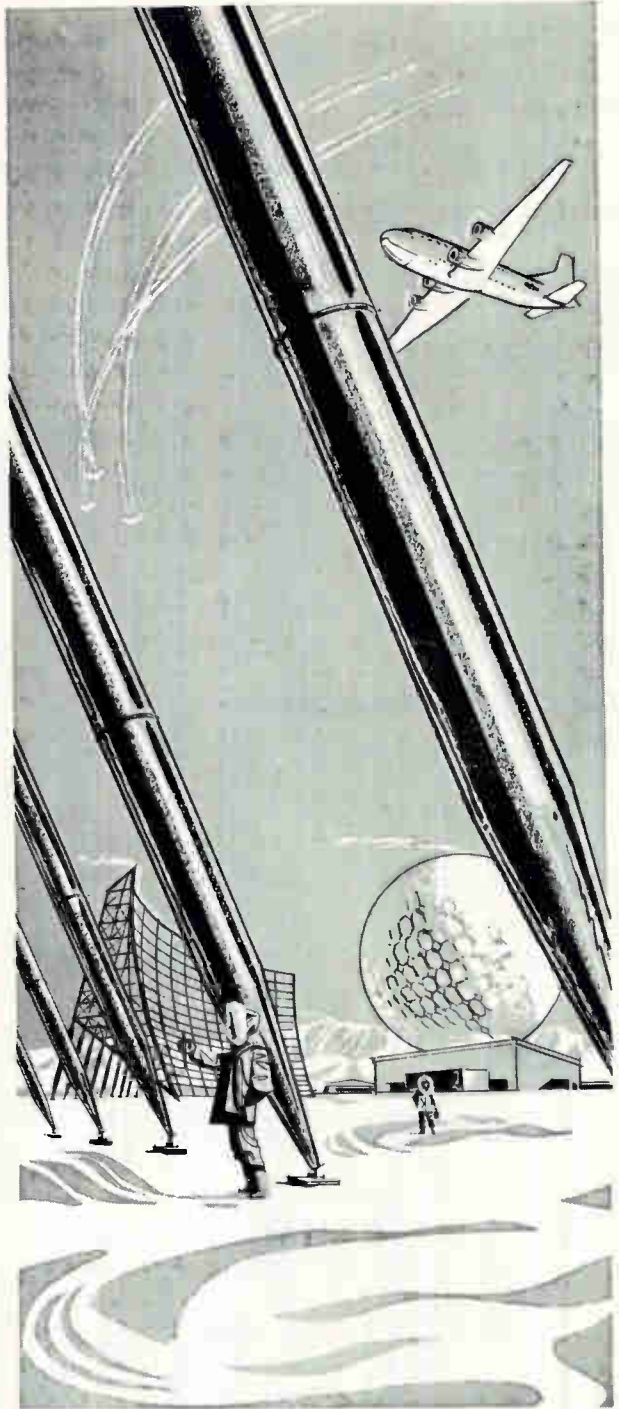
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## WASHINGTON OUTLOOK

A MAJOR REORGANIZATION of Air Force contracting agencies is now under way. Purpose is to simplify and centralize the management of electronics, missile, aircraft and space systems. Responsibilities for R&D and production will be merged in a new Air Force Systems Command. The Air Research & Development Command and Air Materiel Command will be abolished as separate entities.

The new Systems Command will be headed by Lt. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, ARDC's chief, with headquarters at Andrews AFB, near here. An Air Force Logistics Command will replace AMC, and will be based at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, under Gen. Samuel E. Anderson. Function of the Logistics Command will be (1) procurement of common-use items not tied to specific weapon systems (components such as electron tubes) and spare parts and (2) general supply management tasks—distribution and warehousing and the like.

The reorganization stems from dissatisfaction over the division of responsibilities between ARDC and AMC—a situation that critics say has resulted in confused lines of authority, delays in pushing new projects into operation and other administrative bottlenecks. The new organization means that contractors will now deal with one agency regardless of the status of their projects.

The new Systems Command will consist of an Electronic Systems Div. at Hanscom Field near Boston, incorporating ARDC's Command and Control Development Div. and AMC's Electronics Systems Center; an Aeronautical Systems Div.; a Space Systems Div.; and a Ballistic Systems Div. Each division will handle contracting and project management from the design study stage through production.

In a move to upgrade research projects not specifically connected with weapons systems, the Air Force reorganization sets up a new office of aerospace research organized under the USAF Chief of Staff. The agency will award and administer basic and applied research projects and will incorporate functions and projects now under ARDC's.

THE PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM was cited by a union official in recent congressional testimony as a threat to employment in the communications industries. Joseph A. Beirne, president of the AFL-CIO Communications Workers Union, said the space system could affect jobs of hundreds of thousands of workers. He appeared before a House subcommittee on unemployment which is studying the impact of automation on joblessness. Said Beirne: "There won't be one inch of wire from the earth to that satellite."

Beirne said he did not oppose technological advances resulting from automation. His point was this: that Washington has the responsibility for special aid to workers laid off by automation. He recommended creation of a Federal Automation Commission, representing labor and management to plan for handling economic problems that accompany automation. He also called for a greatly strengthened public employment service geared to finding jobs for technologically displaced workers and unemployment insurance for as long as the worker who wants to work is unemployed due to technological change.

THE PENTAGON has liberalized rules dealing with payments on cost-plus-fixed-fee procurement contracts. The new policy provides for full payment to contractors as costs are incurred. Since 1957, the policy has been to withhold 20 percent of the costs until final delivery of the end-item.

THE WHITE HOUSE has ordered the Defense Dept. to step up the volume of prime defense contracting to small business. The goal is an increase of at least 10 percent in contracts during fiscal 1962, which starts July 1, 1961, over the fiscal 1960 rate. Latest Pentagon figures show small firms with 16.1 percent of total prime contracts, amounting to \$3.4 billion annually.



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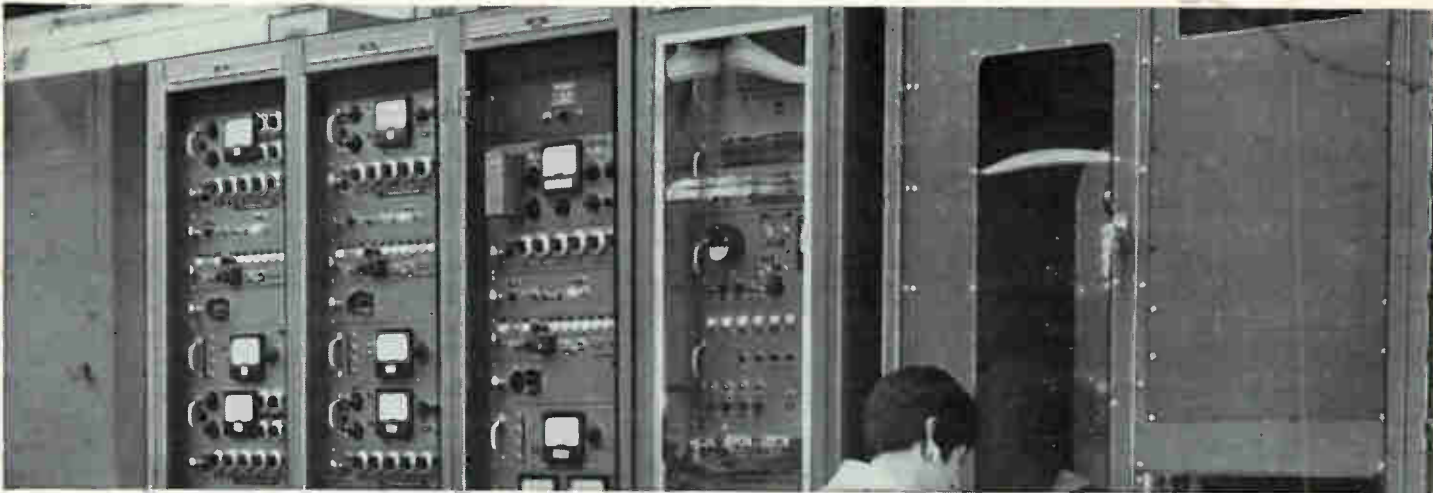
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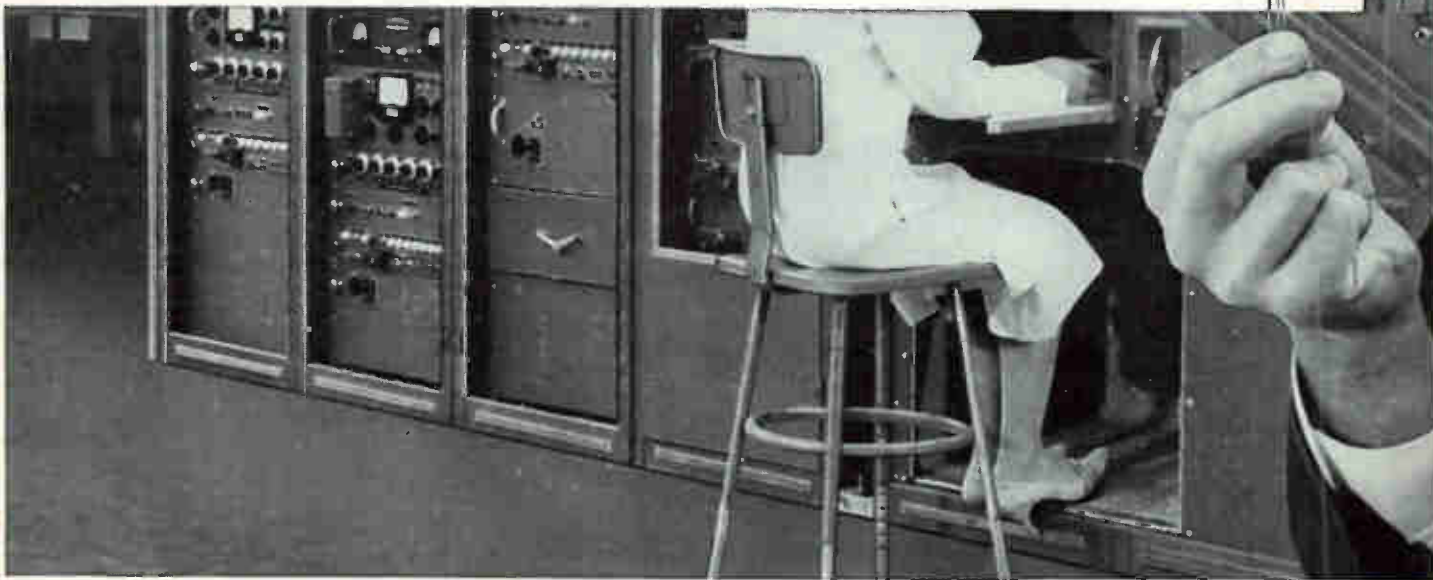
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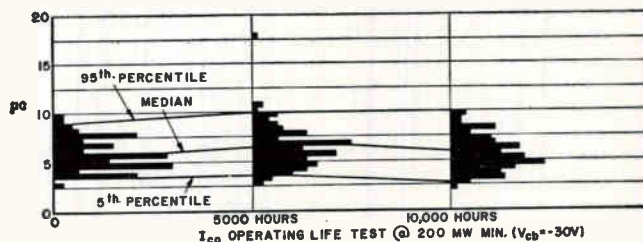
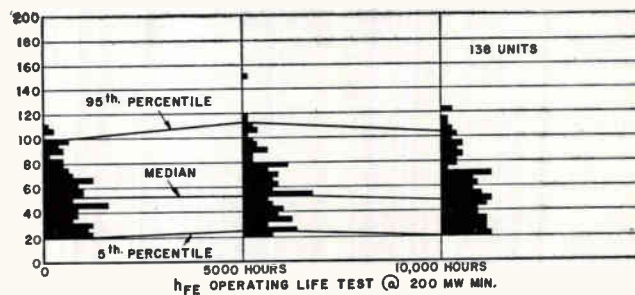
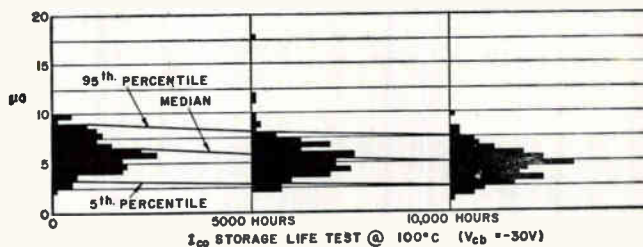
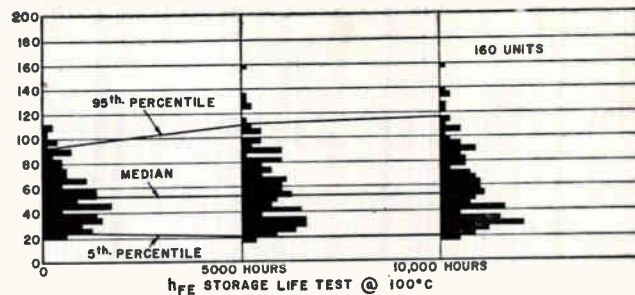


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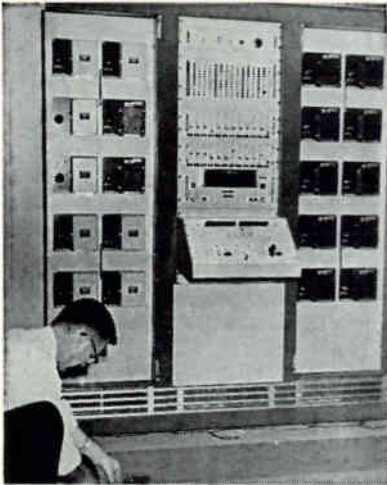
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*Improved solid-state devices and materials, advanced microwave equipment and instruments featuring high precision and digital readout are among the highlights of the recent exhibition*



*Transistor and component tester (TACT) by Texas Instruments performs up to 9,000 tests an hour, up to 24 tests per component*

HERE'S WHAT a team of ELECTRONICS editors found technically interesting as they combed the IRE Show last week:

**Systems.** Sending electrocardiograph signals over phone lines without electrical connection was demonstrated by Mnemotron Corp. The system uses air coupling at both ends. A sound transmitter with a 1-v input sensitivity is connected to the electrocardiograph and the whole unit clipped to a telephone transmitter. Data are transmitted by pulse-frequency-modulated sound as a soft continuous beep of varying pitch. A data sound receiver clipped to the earpiece of the phone at the receiving end reconverts the pfm sound to electrical form. The 0.5-v output can be fed to an electrocardiograph, stripchart or magnetic recorder, or oscilloscope. Accuracy and linearity are claimed to be 0.2 percent.

Dallons Labs exhibited a chimpanzee in a six-foot transparent sphere simulating a space capsule.

Electrodes cemented to the ape's skin fed cardiac signals to a transmitter worn on his belt. A receiver-recorder external to the sphere reproduced the chimp's electrocardiogram although he moved.

**Components.** Tokyo Radio Coil Labs. showed their small i-f coil. Called the Type 7 AC (7 mm sq), it was made possible by skilled hand production, sells for about 20 cents.

Litton exhibited a continuous rotation potentiometer. This gives a ten-turn potentiometer the advantages of a single-turn unit. After the 3,600 deg turn, an automatic switch lifts the wiper and returns it without any output.

DeMornay-Bonardi cited their 8-mm interferometer, that is used to measure complex permittivity of liquids, gases and solids.

C. P. Clare displayed their use of reed relays in logic modules. The modules perform logic operations in the 1 to 3-millisecond range.

Carborundum's positive temperature coefficient thermistors are said to function over a wide oper-

ating temperature range. They are designed for many applications.

Pacific Semiconductor showed a laminar transistor, that is said to perform as well as epitaxial transistors. The laminar unit is made by triple diffusion giving it considerable physical strength.

Microwave Associates showed a coaxial duplexer, a passive unit that switches antenna to either transmitter or receiver with instantaneous recovery time. Capabilities of these units are from 215 Mc to 1,155 Mc.

International Resistance displayed their metal-film resistor, made for Minute Man. It was designed to function with no more than one failure in 250 million unit hours.

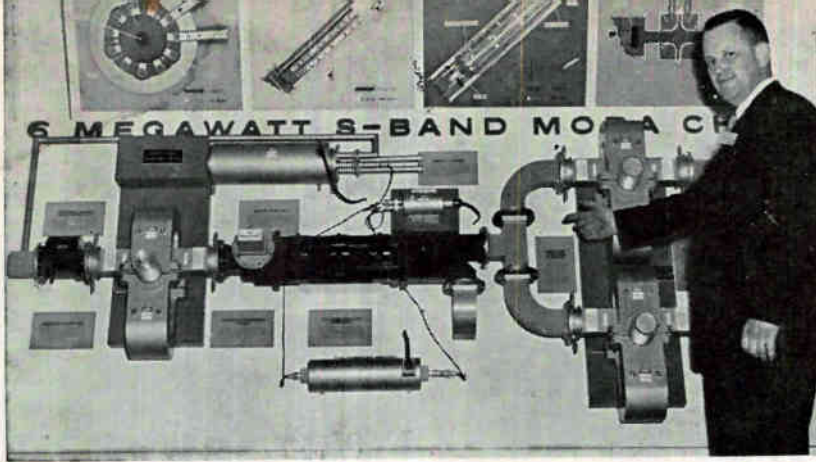
**Instruments.** Hewlett-Packard introduced a time interval counter able to measure time between two electrical events with an accuracy of 10 nsec. The firm also drew attention with their modular package format for instruments allowing compact stacking on the bench, and



*Image converter camera by STL converts optical image to electron beam, gates beam to achieve 2½-nanosecond exposure time*



*Rubidium frequency standard by STL has long-term stability of 1 part in 10<sup>10</sup>. Reference is optically pumped rubidium cell*



*Six-megawatt-peak S-band amplifier by Raytheon uses type-O backward-wave oscillator, two traveling-wave tubes, three Amplitrons*

rack mounting of these instruments directly in the same package sold for bench use.

Measurements Co. introduced a direct dial reading frequency meter, accuracy is  $\pm 100$  cps, coverage from 25 to 475 Mc, using L-C filters and internal crystal oscillator. Design is based on an earlier, meter-readout-of-last-digit model, accuracy  $\pm 20$  cps.

Texas Instruments has entered the small instrument field. They showed a line of solid-state, high-repetition rate pulse generators using tunnel diodes. The instruments have repetition rates of 3 to 25 Mc and 25 to 100 Mc; rise and fall times of less than 4 nsec; pulse width of 8 nsec at half pulse height. They also displayed a 0.1-percent accuracy solid-state analog to-digital converter.

Waveforms Inc. displayed a mounting format that allows their miniature, wide range audio oscillators and a-c voltmeters to be included four across in a 19-inch rack.

Tektronix introduced a four-channel d-c preamp with 20-mv sensitivity, with application in medical and microwave fields. Rise time is 20 nsec. They also showed an operational vertical amplifier plug in unit, with switch selection of internal input and feedback capacitors and resistors; as well as provisions for front panel, external connection of shaping components. A new dual beam scope was displayed; and a line of cameras designed to function with their oscilloscopes, which feature interchangeable prefocused lens, and rotatable backs.

Gertsch introduced a solid-state complex ratio bridge for phase measurement. Accuracy, in phase 0.01 percent, quadrature 0.1 percent; unit is completely self contained.

RFL showed an a-c/d-c calibration transfer standard with better than 0.05-percent accuracy.

*Production.* Doall demonstrated a semiconductor crystal slicer that cuts with the inside edge of a ring-



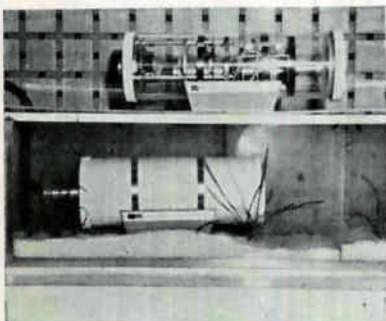
*Video tape recorder by Sony is smaller than an office desk, uses 96 transistors. Tunnel diodes are used in memory head. Program showed a Japanese chorus line*

shaped diamond wheel reversing the usual technique. The wheel is eight mils thick, so has a yield of about 50 12-mil-thick wafers per crystal inch. Unmounted, the wheel is flexible. But when it is stretched in a revolving, ring-like cutting head, the wheel becomes stiff.

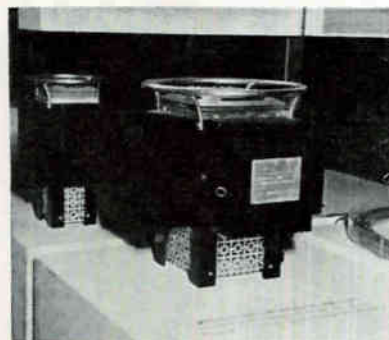
A machine that cuts and notches or forms transistor leads was shown by Design Tool. Leads can be bent for insertion into a variety of socket configurations or printed-circuit hole patterns. The demonstration setup bent leads in a sickle shape so that after insertion in a p-c board, the leads were locked in place on the conductors on the underside of the board.

George Stevens had a new bobbin coil winder. Bobbins are continually loaded three at a time on a revolving drum. The drum presents the bobbins to three winding heads, which wrap the wire around the bobbins as the bobbins remain stationary on spring-lock spindles. Wound bobbins are ejected into a tray. Production rate is 981 coils per operator hour.

Materials processing equipment included an electric-beam vacuum evaporator by Kinney Vacuum. It



*Ruggedized, moisture-proof tv camera by Kintel is shown operating underwater. It uses 7 transistors, operates on either 525 or 729 lines*



*Thermoelectric generator by Westinghouse puts out 40 watts. Propane gas heats hot junction to 450 C. Convection cools cold to 125 C*

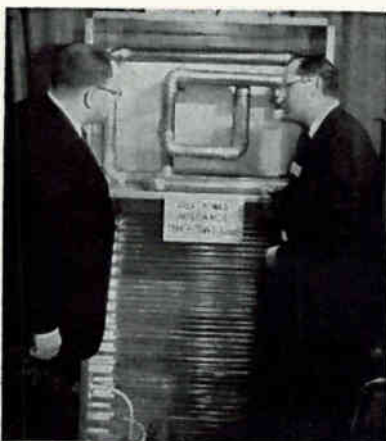
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Roller-Mike's semiconductor dice classifier presents dice one at a time, through a vacuum pickup, to an air gage. Sorting trays are under the meter scale. The dice discharge tube follows the scale pointer and drops the dice wherever the pointer stops.

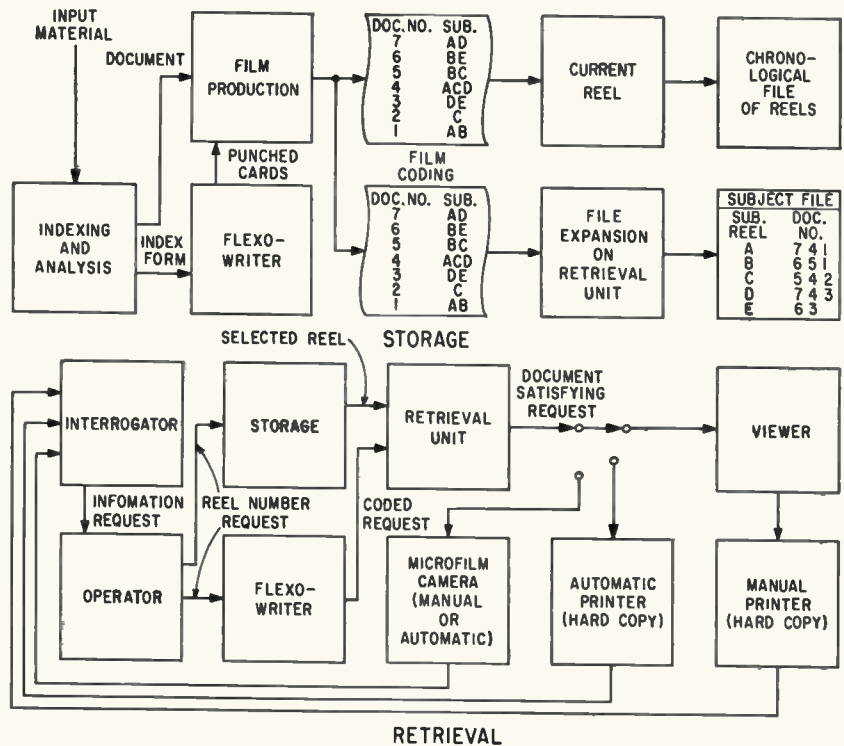
Among the hand tools were soldering tweezers for miniature and microminiature assembly work, from Oryx Company, and a handheld pneumatic wire clipper that can be operated by a portable gas supply, from Utica Drop Forge and Tool.

Philco showed transistor production equipment, automatic transistor test equipment and its Project Virtue life-test storage racks (ELECTRONICS, Feb. 24, 1961, p 72).

Several materials suppliers were selling silicon, germanium or intermetallic single crystals, including infrared materials. Crystals prepared by the floating-zone method are now generally available. W.E.B., M.T., L.H.D., G.S., J.M.C.



Balun by Schutter Microwave is designed to switch Army communications transmitters, can handle up to 50 Kw in range 4 Mc to 50 Mc



Storage and retrieval functions of system combine electronic and optical techniques. Six informational requests can be handled simultaneously

## Information Retrieval System Cuts Storage Space, Speeds Access

A MACHINE capable of automatically searching stored information at a rate of 6,400 pages a minute has been developed by FMA, Inc. Called FileSearch, the system can also store 1½ million microfilmed pages normally requiring 40 four-drawer file cabinets in a single file cabinet.

Production schedules have been established at the company's El Segundo, Calif. plant. Sale of the first system has been to the Navy's Bureau of Ships for April delivery. Cost of the system will be slightly over \$100,000.

Documents are indexed by an analyst who uses a set of words or numbers to describe the contents. These descriptors can vary from a single accession number to a complex group of words and relationships giving information about date, source of document, author's name and subject matter.

Each kind of description is identified by a special character called a tag. Index terms can vary in length up to 12 characters and as many descriptor words as necessary can be used.

The indexed information from the analyst's code sheet is punched into a card on a Flexowriter. Punched card and associated page are then sent to a recorder consisting of a planetary microfilm camera and a recording table with additional provisions for recording the index code on film. The code is placed on film at the same time as the first page of the document is recorded. Operator places first page of document on the table and inserts the punched card into a reader which actuates the camera.

A maximum of 56 alphabetic characters can be stored in the code area on the edge of each frame. Each alphabetic character

has a parity check bit, thus seven bits are required to represent one character. Each two-character row of code has 14 bit positions and a timing mark.

Reels can be dedicated to certain subjects, the inexpensive film reproduction allowing a copy of material concerning both subjects A and B to be recorded on each of the reels dedicated to A and B, respectively. More than 200 transistorized circuit boards are required for search and retrieval operations.

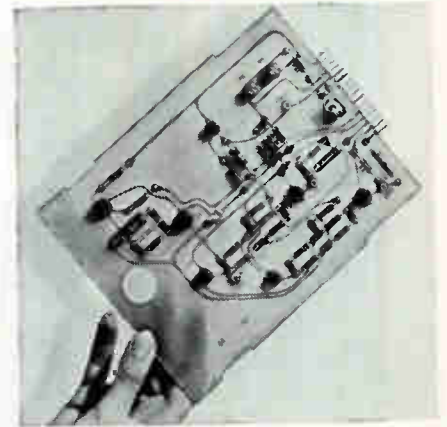
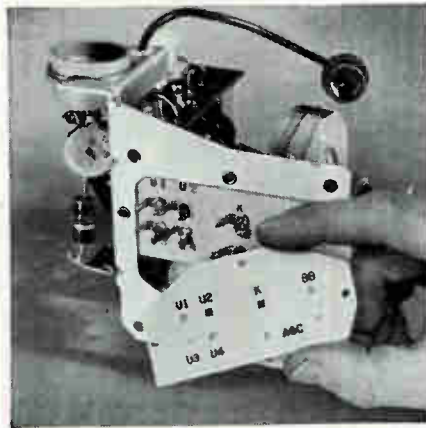
As shown in the block diagram, the original seven documents have become 14. This file expansion is done in a retrieval unit. The working film is placed in the unit and searched on the basis of subject A. When a match is found, a 1:1 copy of the document is made with the copy camera. Strips of film are produced which are then spliced onto the appropriate subject reels.

When the informational needs of the user are translated into library language, the request is then coded into machine language on a Flexowriter and the resultant punched card inserted into the system machine. The appropriate reel of microfilm is manually inserted into the machine and then searched automatically.

The film is read at the rate of 200 feet a minute which is equivalent to 6,400 pages a minute. Code bits on the film are sent to circuits which compare this information with the request code. Each descriptor read from the film is compared with the contents of six request registers and the results are stored until the first-of-code character from the next document is sensed. The comparison results are sampled and associated according to AND, OR and AND NOT characters punched in the card. The film transport is then stopped and the first page positioned for viewing and printing. After the selected document is copied or examined, the circuits are reset and the search process continues.

When a match with a request is made, the selected material can be displayed on a viewing screen, reproduced in hard copy form or automatically recorded on microfilm in cases where large volumes of information are requested.

## Taylor glass-base laminates pop right out as design materials in many applications



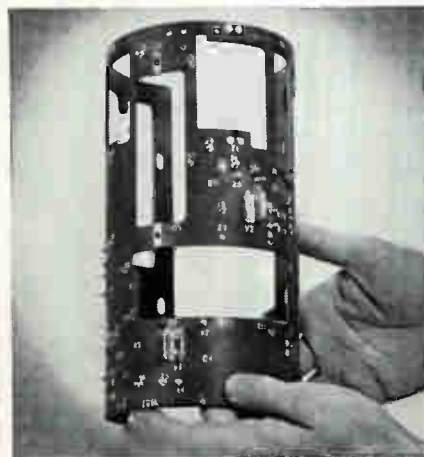
There are good reasons for investigating Taylor glass-base laminated plastics as high-strength-to-weight materials in your design. They offer light weight, corrosion resistance, electrical and thermal insulation, and ease of fabrication.

For example, glass-fabric-base laminates have the highest mechanical strength of all laminated plastic materials. They have been successfully used in the fabrication of critical parts, including aircraft parts and bases for printed circuits. They are most valuable where extremely low moisture absorption, increased heat resistance and superior electrical properties are required.

Taylor Fibre produces a number

of different glass-base grades in sheet, rod and tubular form, and copper-clad. Those with phenolic resin are recommended for mechanical and electrical applications requiring heat resistance. Those with melamine are characterized by their excellent resistance to arcing and tracking in electrical applications. They also have good resistance to flame, heat and moderate concentrations of alkalis and most solvents. Those with silicone exhibit very high heat resistance, combined with good mechanical and electrical properties. They also have highest arc resistance. Those with epoxy offer extremely high mechanical strength, excellent chemical resistance, low moisture absorption, and high strength retention at elevated temperatures.

Technical data about these and other Taylor laminated plastics are available. Ask for your copy of the Taylor Laminated Plastics Selection Guide. Taylor Fibre Co., Norristown 40, Pa.



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## Russian Television Inspects Wells



*Soviet-designed television pickup unit for inspection of well sides uses semiconductors and miniature components. Metallic cylinder is 1,690 mm long, 60 mm in diameter (Sovfoto)*

### Converter to Provide Five Watts for 10 Years

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION has asked Royal Industries, Los Angeles, to design an isotopic power supply capable of providing five watts of energy continuously for 10 years.

Royal is to provide a prototype by yearend.

Energy will be derived from radioactive decay of cesium-137, whose half-life is in excess of 25 years. Westinghouse Electric will construct the thermoelectric converter on a subcontract from Royal Industries.

Company spokesmen say power cost will average out to two cents per watt-hour.

Decline in the specific output of the cesium-137 will be offset by building higher capacity into the

converter at the start. A special circuit will drain off excess power as long as it is produced.

### Lebanon Reports Rising Tv Sales

BEIRUT—Television receiver sales in Lebanon have been averaging about 1,000 units a month since tv broadcasting started here in 1959, according to Lebanese government survey. Approximately 75,000 people are listening to broadcasts each night on an estimated 16,000 receivers.

Two tv stations are operating in Beirut, with a third channel available from Egypt since Cairo's first station began operations last July. The Cairo transmissions are being received in good order about 60 to 70 percent of the time. Under fa-

vorable conditions, some reception is picked up from Cyprus. This fringe reception, say observers, is stimulating sales of antennas.

The tv receivers being used in Lebanon are primarily of West German manufacture. A number are from the Netherlands. Somewhat less than five percent are American made. Small quantities are from the United Kingdom, Russia and Hungary.

### Transmitter Ordered For N. Y. UHF Test

CONTRACT for a 50-Kw uhf television transmitter to be installed on the 80th floor of New York City's Empire State Building has been signed by Radio Corporation of America and the Federal Communications Commission.

Also, FCC has issued a request for quotations to install vhf-uhf tv receivers at 1,000 New York City sites. Bids should be in by April 5.

About 100 receivers will be used by the Commission which will move them from place to place. Ten color sets will be included.

A measurements contractor will work with receiver installers and make checks and observations on two uhf and two vhf channels. Also to be tested are vhf and uhf antennas both for indoor and outdoor use.

The transmitter installation, which will be on a lease basis, is the first step in FCC's \$2-million test to determine the feasibility of metropolitan uhf tv (see ELEC-TRONICS, p 32 June 3, 1960).

Classed by RCA as its highest powered uhf tv transmitter, the unit is slated to be installed by August 1. There will be a two-month test period. The contract will run until June 31, 1962, with option for renewal.

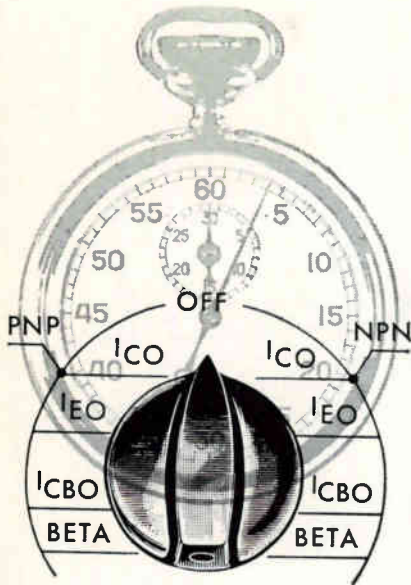
The amount for leasing and installation of the transmitter, which will operate on channel 31, is \$377,584. Provision is made for a dismantling charge of \$135,615, if the transmitter is not otherwise disposed after the test period.

The test is being made by FCC to determine whether uhf television can be rejuvenated.





## Engineers Design Educational Kits



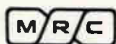
### IN SECONDS...

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ELECTRONIC educational kits for youngsters 8 to 17-years will be an ever-increasing market. So it seems to GE's Radio and Television division, which has assigned a team of electronics and mechanical engineers to design kits and manuals that are planned not only to teach basic and advanced electric and electronic theory but also to give the youngsters some insight into design principles and techniques.

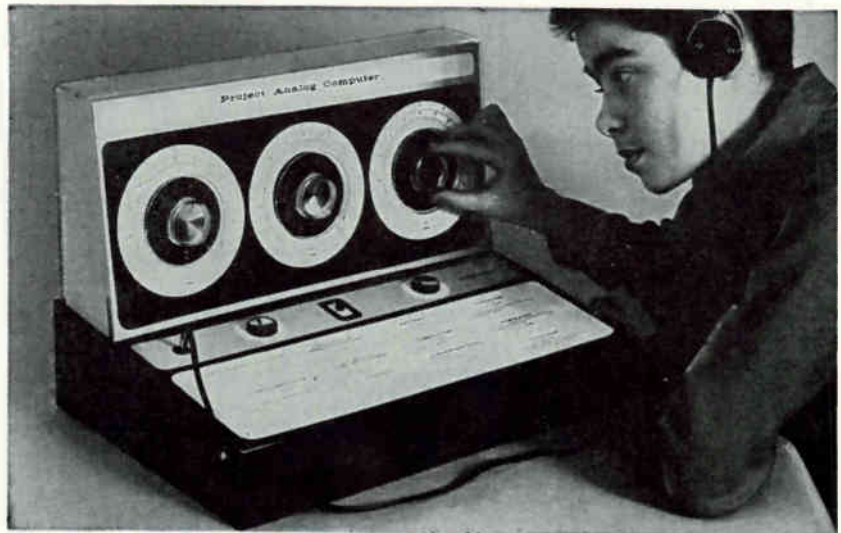
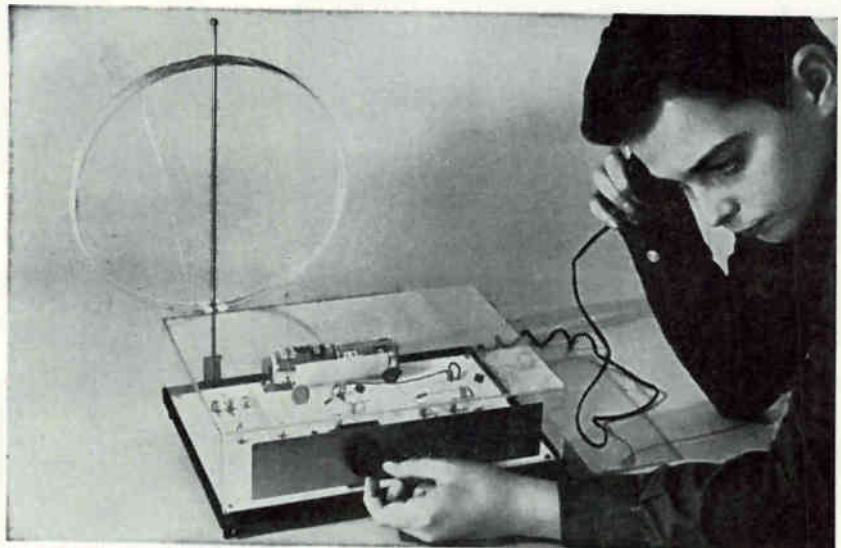
Slated for sale starting next June, several advanced models of the kits were on exhibit at the National Toy Fair held recently in New York City. The fair was used to initiate a sales campaign.

The philosophy of fun first and education second has not been fol-

lowed by GE. But, they emphasize that while no attempt has been made to sugar-coat the subject matter covered by the kits, the kit manuals are organized on a graded principle in which each step leads to the next in logical sequence.

A group of writers not connected with the company and experienced in explaining science in laymen's terms worked with the engineering team to prepare the presentation of the manuals.

The pause technique used makes the youngster learn while he is constructing or experimenting. Outlook here is that this approach will be of most interest to the more intelligent youngsters who represent a continuing market for more



Battery-powered transistor radio (top) and analog computer are among GE electronic education projects

advanced kits, a line which the firm plans on expanding.

Spokesmen for company maintain that presenting circuit design alternatives is a challenge to the engineers designing the kits. The designers try to show the reasons for such techniques as using coupling capacitors and to give insight into optimizing bias, impedance matching, optimizing load and other fine points of design.

A pathway approach takes youngsters through basic electricity, to electronic circuits and into the groupings of circuits into electronic systems. Complicated mathematics is avoided with the limitation being set at Ohm's Law and Kirchoff's Laws. Transistors are discussed with some explanation of junction theory and the movement of charges. Subjects such as radio-wave propagation are explained.

Meanwhile, RCA's Electronic Trainer is being made available to the high-school and college market. Using this device, the instructor starts with basic circuits and builds an operable electronic system. Each circuit is built on an individual schematic panel on which components are plugged in. When the panels are plugged together, the student can observe the function and operation of individual circuits and the system. Radar, television, microwave, test equipment, f-m, and other systems can be built with the trainer. At present, RCA has reported no intention of entering the popular market.

For junior and senior high schools, Bell Labs has made available, as a public service, a wave machine demonstrating wave theory, as well as a solar-cell unit prepared for instructional purposes.

## New Deck Radio System For British Carriers

ESSEX, ENGLAND—New carrier flight deck system which permits voice communication between vessel flight control center and deck crews has been announced here.

Signals are fed to a magnetic coupling loop encircling the carrier's flight deck. Crew members carry a receiver that picks up the audio signal, amplifies it and feeds it to an earphone in ear protector.

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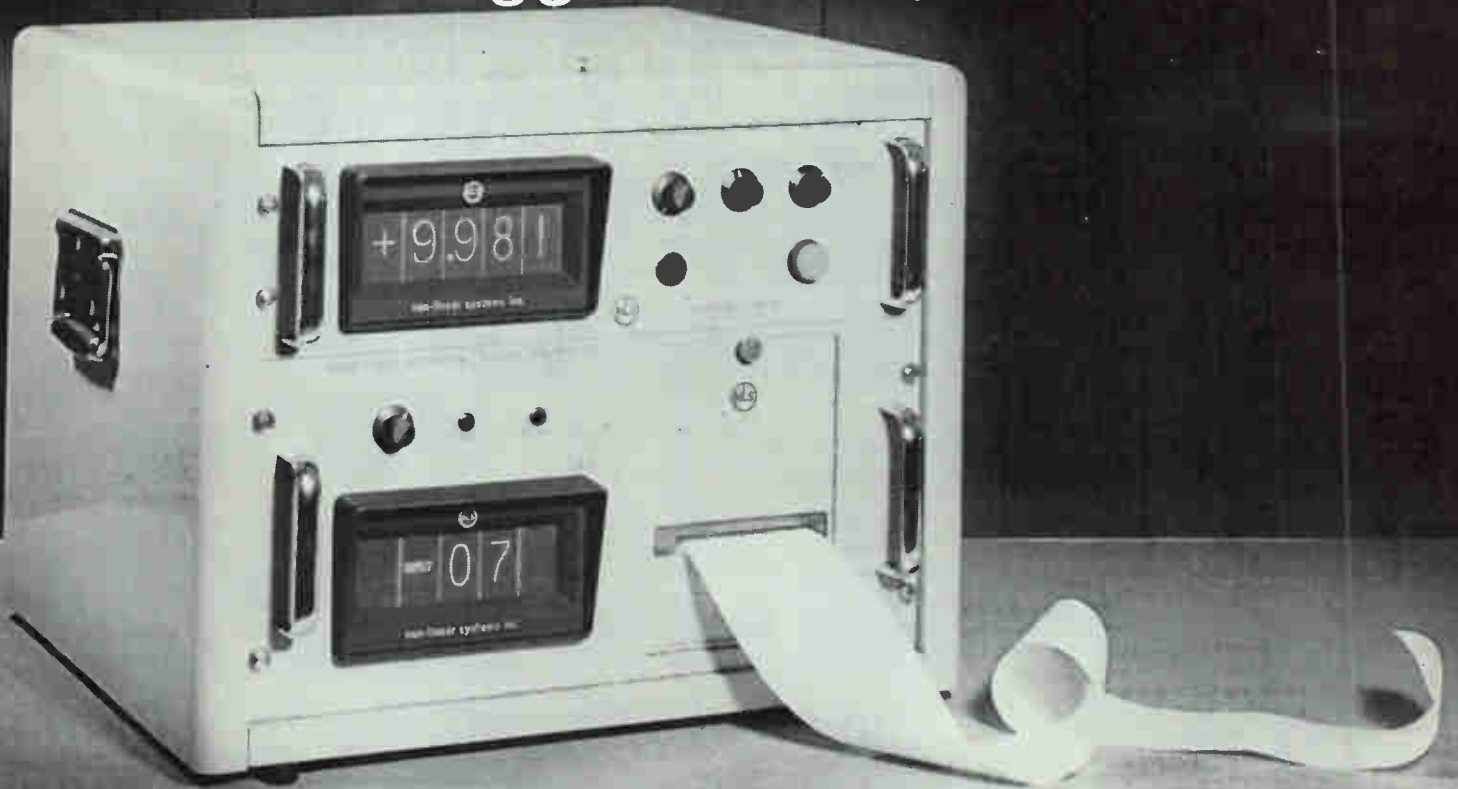
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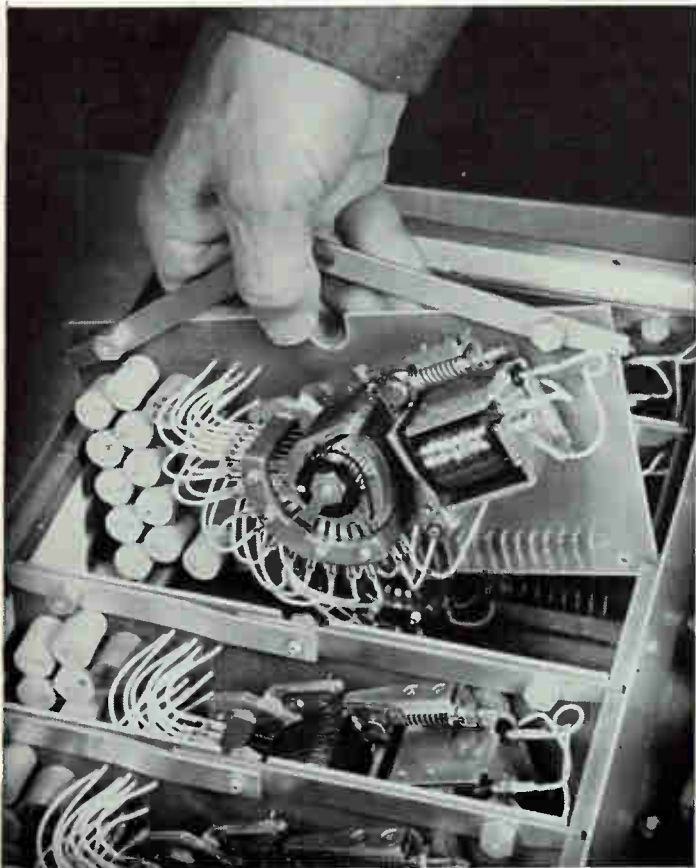
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# High Precision Data Logger for \$3,600



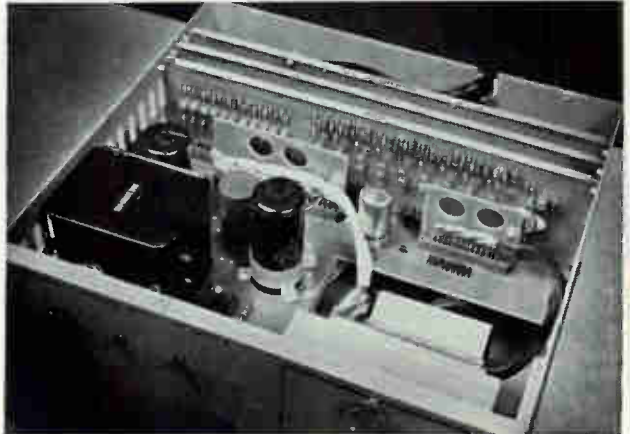
*The RS2 Recording Digital Voltmeter — now in volume production at Non-Linear Systems, Inc. — scans up to 20 double-pole input channels . . . measures DC voltage from  $\pm 0.001$  to  $\pm 999.9$  with  $\pm 0.01\%$  accuracy . . . and records input channel number and the 4-digit voltage measurement. Uses include research and development, quality control, environmental and reliability testing.*



*Plug-in stepping switches in the digital voltmeter section of the RS2 permit replacement of all switches and decade resistors in minutes instead of days. The plug-in feature allows almost instant troubleshooting by the substitution method.*



*Volume production and simplified controls of the RS2 account for its low cost — half to a third less than custom-built units.*



*Note the compact, plug-in modular design of the scanner-printer section of the RS2.*



## NLS Reports on Low-Cost, Standard Data Logger

A low-cost automatic data logger built as an integrated scanning, measuring and printing system — the RS2 Recording Digital Voltmeter — is now in volume production at Non-Linear Systems, Inc.

This economy-priced NLS logger is designed for applications requiring high accuracy and low cost without need for the higher speed and greater input capacity of higher cost NLS systems. Simplified controls offer several automatic and manual modes of operation.

While utilizing many circuits field-tested for six years in thousands of NLS digital voltmeters, the RS2 has undergone extensive testing as a standard, complete system. It is delivered ready to use, without need for additional engineering or complex interconnections.

Call your NLS regional office or representative for a demonstration, or write NLS.

### RS2 BRIEF SPECIFICATIONS

**Visual Indication:** 4-digit voltage reading with correct polarity and range. 2 digits for input channel identification.

**Range-Polarity Indication:** automatic

**Functions:** scanning up to 20-double-pole channels; measuring DC voltage from  $\pm 0.001$  to  $\pm 999.9$  in ranges of  $\pm 9.999/99.99/999.9$ ; printing channel number, 4-digit reading, polarity and decimal point placement.

**Accuracy:**  $\pm 0.01\%$  of full scale on each range.

**Speed:** 2 seconds average for each data point scanned, measured and recorded.

**Scanner Operation Modes:** AUTO CYCLE — system continually repeats automatic scanning cycle from channel 00 to 19. ONE CYCLE — system automatically stops after scanning channel 19. PRINT — one input is measured without advancing scanner. Scanner may be manually advanced one channel at a time by depressing front panel ADVANCE button.

**AC Voltage:** Use NLS AC/DC Converter.

**Low-Level DC:** Use NLS Model 140 Preamplifier.

**Input Impedance:** 10 megs on all ranges.

**Size:** 14" high, 15 1/4" deep for 19" rack.

**Delivery:** From stock. 30 days, maximum, should stocks become depleted.



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March 31, 1961

## London-Moscow Tv Link Is Possibility

LONDON—Hopes for a permanent link between Moscow and London tv networks were raised here last week following comment by an official of the British organization negotiating with the USSR.

Leonard Matthews of Associated Television Ltd. said recent developments might result in a lasting tie-in between the West's Eurovision and the East's Intervision.

A link being built will let both nations see transmissions from the British Trade Fair in Moscow and the Russian Trade Fair in London.

The completed network will run

from Moscow to Leningrad to Tallinn and then across the Gulf of Finland to Helsinki where it will tie in with Eurovision.

Some equipment in the system's Russian portion may be French-built CSF microwave gear, which the Soviets have purchased.

The Moscow tv transmissions, on 625 lines, will be sent to Tolsford Hill, England, before being converted to the British 405-line standard.

Where British transmissions will be converted to the Russian system has not been decided.

## Magnavox Co. Enters Transistor Organ Field

A NEW ENTRY in the electronic organ field, Magnavox Co., Fort Wayne, Ind., will introduce a transistorized organ in the popular price field this July (see ELECTRONICS, p 40, Nov. 11, 1960).

The instrument will feature a large number of voices, and individual tone generators for every note.

The firm has surveyed the market, finds annual retail sales have reached about \$185 million, predicts a market of \$500 million within a decade. Electronic organs now surpass pianos in dollar volume, are pressing closely on unit sales.

The Magnavox organ will be sold directly to franchised dealers, by a separate division that has been created to manufacture, promote and sell the line. Ultimately the entire line will range in price from \$795 to \$1,500.

## Microwave Surveying System in Use

MICROWAVE SURVEYING system is being used by San Diego State College. Manufactured by Cubic Corp. and called Electrotape, the system con-

sists of two tripod-mounted units having parabolic antennas which are set up at opposite ends of the distance to be measured. Microwave signals are beamed between the two stations. Time lapse between signal transmission and reception is displayed numerically to give precise indication of linear distance.

## Radio Checks Heartbeat



Combination photo: f-m transmitter on 1-lb belt lets University of Michigan researchers check athlete's heartbeat rate on cardiogram

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$T_s$ (nsec)	$I_{B(1)} = -I_{B(2)} = I_C = 10 \text{ ma}$	14	18	25	25	25
$t_{on}$ (nsec)	$I_{B(1)} = 3 \text{ ma}$	11 (TYP)	10 (TYP)	35	40	35
$t_{off}$ (nsec)	$I_{B(2)} = -1 \text{ ma}$ $I_C = 10 \text{ ma}$	22 (TYP)	25 (TYP)	75	75	75
$t_{on}$ (nsec)	$I_{B(1)} = 40 \text{ ma}$	12 6 (TYP)	12 6 (TYP)	NO SPEC	NO SPEC	NO SPEC
$t_{off}$ (nsec)	$I_{B(2)} = -20 \text{ ma}$ $I_C = 100 \text{ ma}$	40 18 (TYP)	45 23 (TYP)	NO SPEC	NO SPEC	NO SPEC
$V_{CE(sat)}$	$I_B = 1 \text{ ma}$ $I_C = 10 \text{ ma}$ $T_A = +170^{\circ}\text{C}$	0.35 v	0.35 v	No High Temp. Guarantee (0.19 v MAX. @ $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	No High Temp. Guarantee (0.4 v MAX. @ $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	No High Temp. Guarantee (0.4 v MAX. @ $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
$I_{CEX}$	$V_{CE} = 10 \text{ v}$ $V_{BE} = +0.35 \text{ v}$ $T_A = 100^{\circ}\text{C}$	30 $\mu\text{a}$	30 $\mu\text{a}$	No Guarantee	No Guarantee	10 $\mu\text{a}$ (MAX.) @ $V_{BE} = +0.25 \text{ v}$ $V_{CE} = 20 \text{ v}$ $T_A = +125^{\circ}\text{C}$

NOTE: All limits are max. unless otherwise noted.

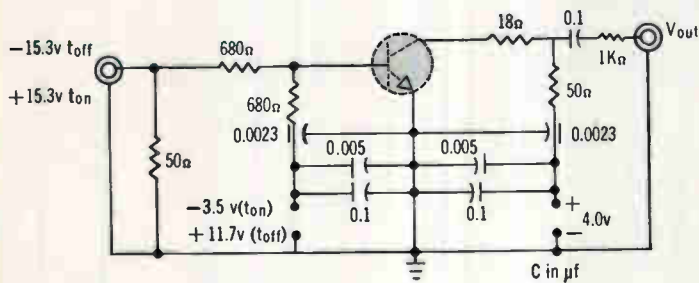
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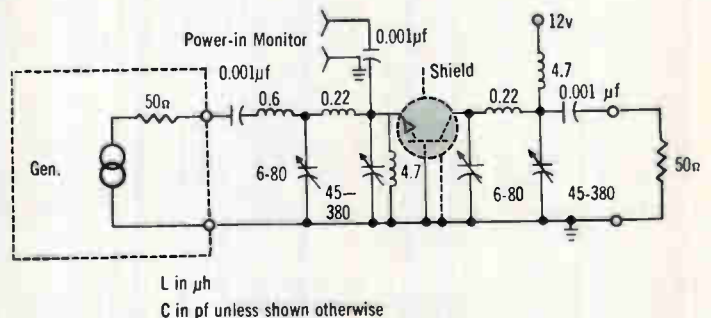
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PHASE.....	25 ± 10 degrees
BALANCE.....	Within 15 degrees
CONTACT ACTION.....	SPDT BBM

MODEL 33 is 3/4" in diameter and has a seated case height of 1 3/16" to top of terminals.



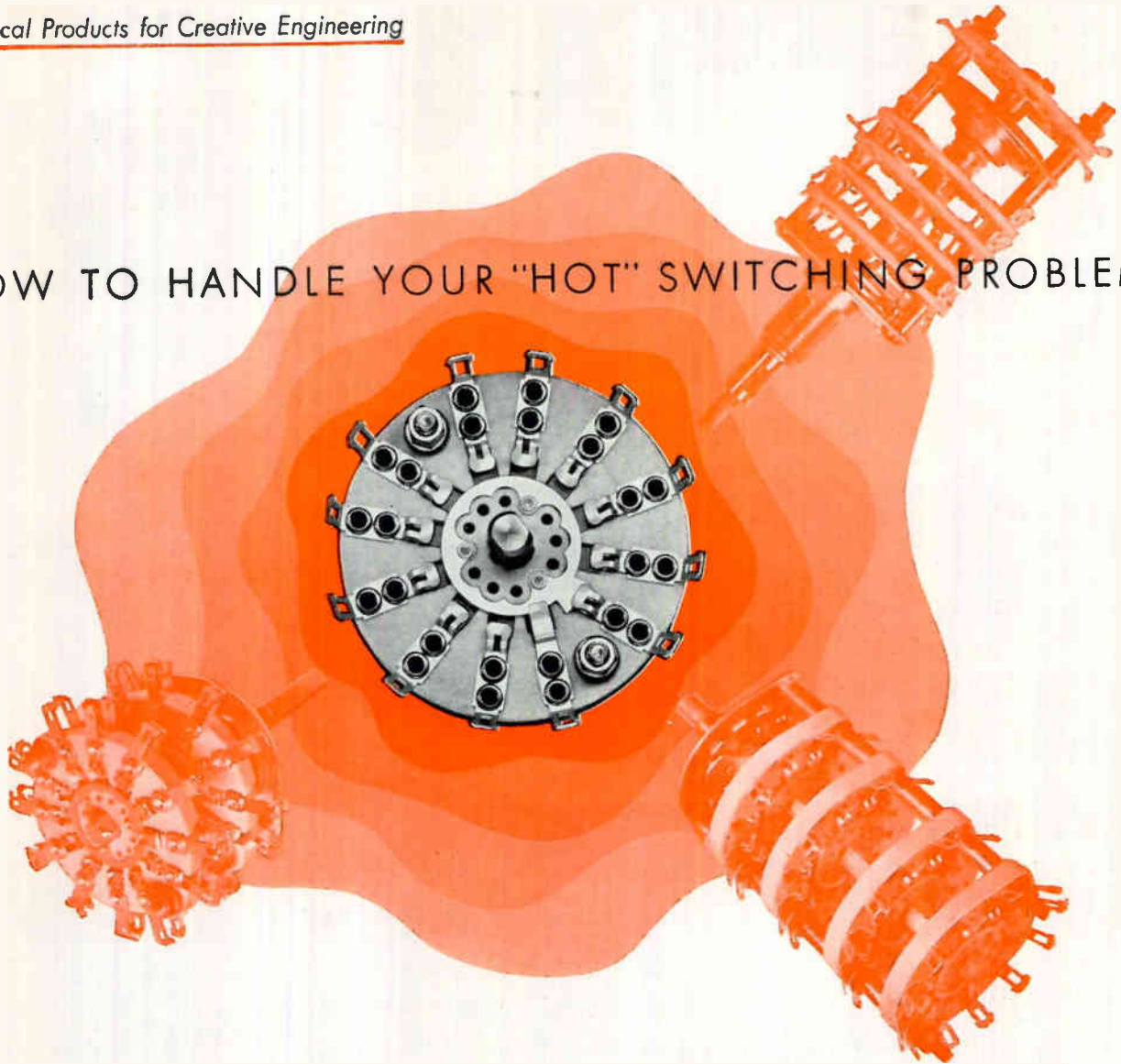
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## MEETINGS AHEAD

- Apr. 4: Automatic Control, AIEE; Northeastern Univ. Graduate Center, Boston.
- Apr. 4-6: Electromagnetics and Fluid Dynamics of Gaseous Plasma, IRE, IAS, U. S. Defense Research Agencies; Engineering Societies Bldg., New York City.
- Apr. 4-7: Audio Engineering Society; Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.
- Apr. 5-7: Global and Space Environments, Institute of Envir. Sciences; Sheraton Park Hotel, Wash., D. C.
- Apr. 5-7: Materials and Electron Devices Processing, ASTM Committee F-1; Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia.
- Apr. 11-12: Instrument Automation - Electronics Exposition, Ohio Valley; Cincinnati Gardens, Cincinnati, O.
- Apr. 11-13: Ultrapurification of Semiconductor Materials, Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories; New England Mutual Hall, Boston.
- Apr. 17-19: Instrumental Methods of Analysis, ISA; Shamrock-Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas.
- Apr. 17-21: Strain Gage Techniques, Southwest Research Institute; San Antonio, Texas.
- Apr. 18-19: Organic Semiconductors, Inter-Industry Conf., Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Inst. of Tech., and ELECTRONICS, McGraw-Hill; Terrace Casino, Morrison Hotel, Chicago.
- Apr. 19-21: Southwestern IRE Conf. and Elec. Show, SWIRECO; Memorial Auditorium, Dallas.
- Aug. 22-25: WESCON, L.A. & S.F. Sections of IRE, WCEMA; Cow Palace, San Francisco.
- Sept. 11-15: Instrument-Automation Conf., 2nd Exhibit, ISA; Sports Arena, Los Angeles.
- Oct. 9-11: National Electronics Conf., IRE, AIEE, EIA, SMPTE; Chicago.
- Nov. 14-16: Northeast Research & Engineering Meeting, NEREM; Commonwealth Armory and Somerset Hotel, Boston.



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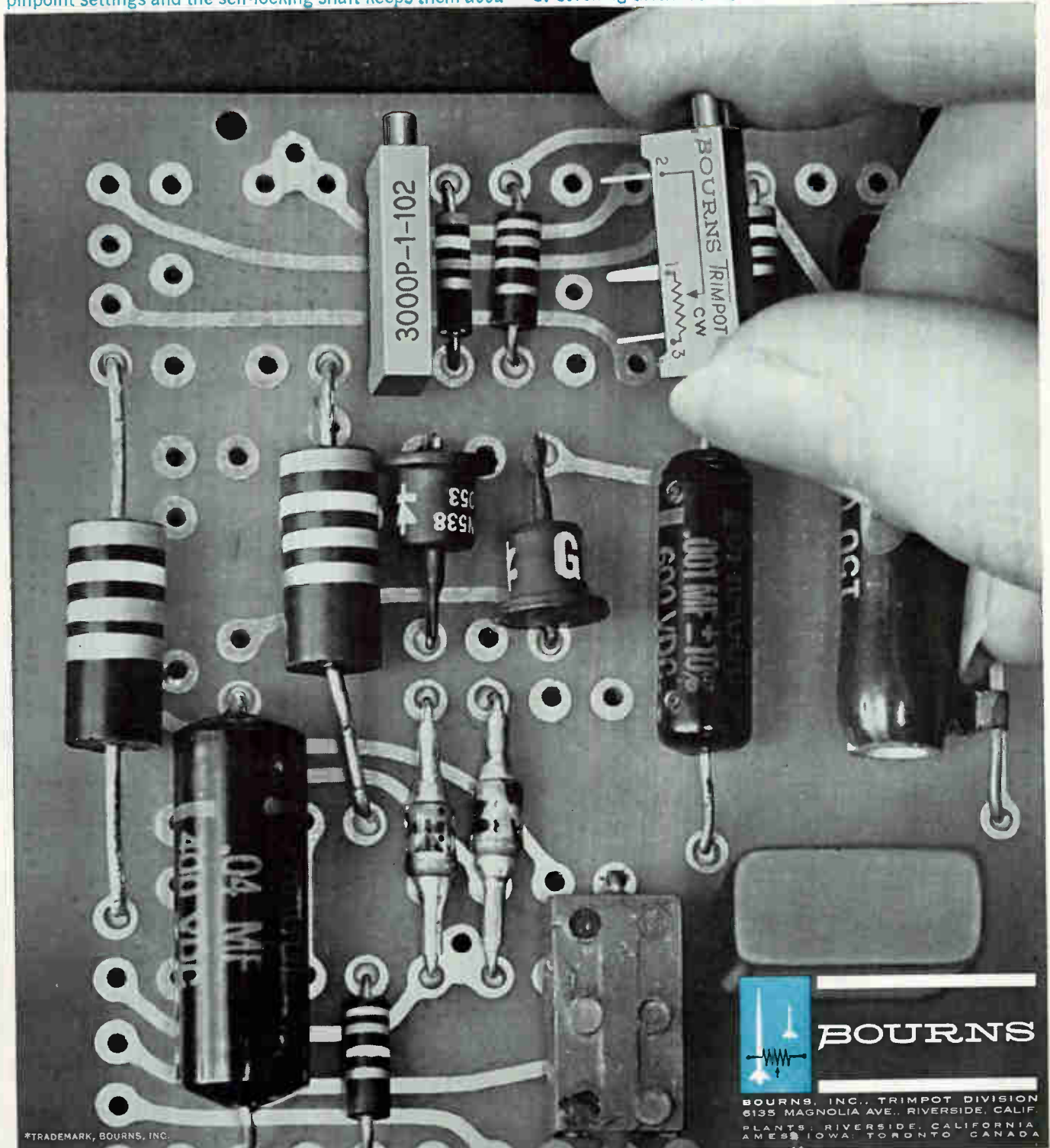
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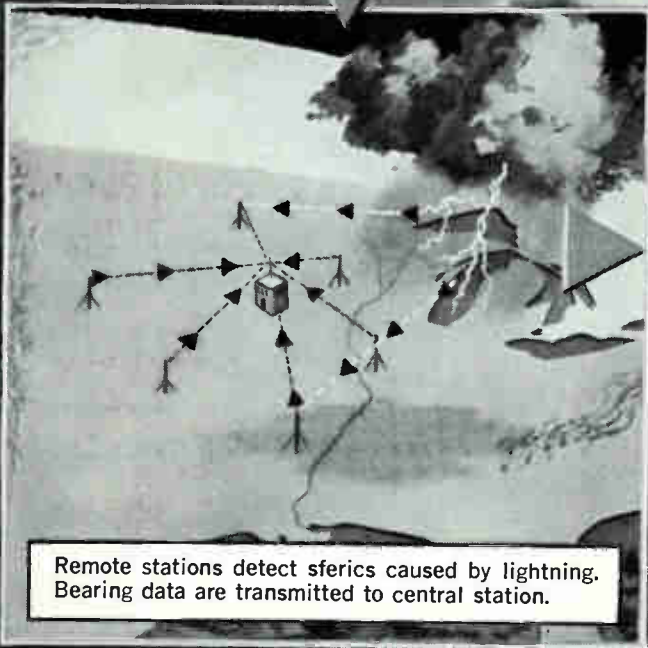
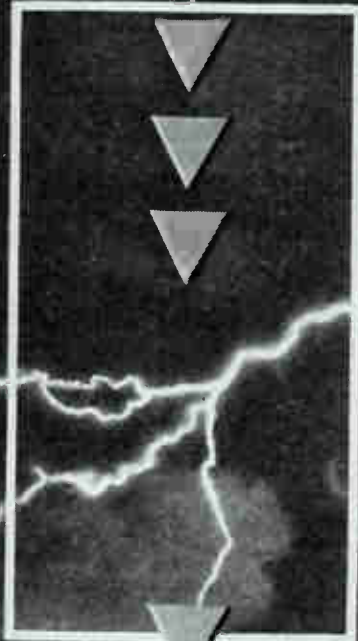
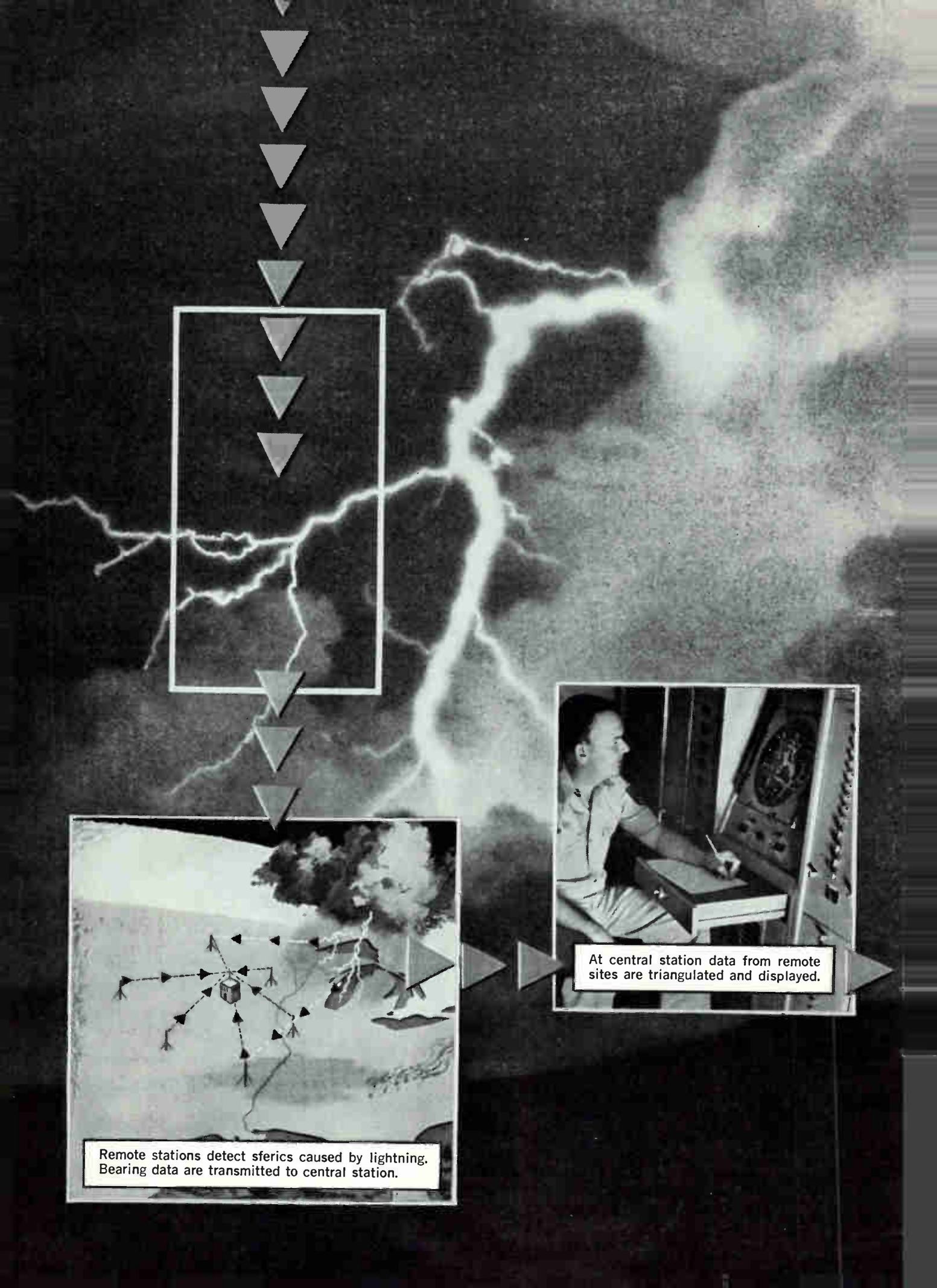
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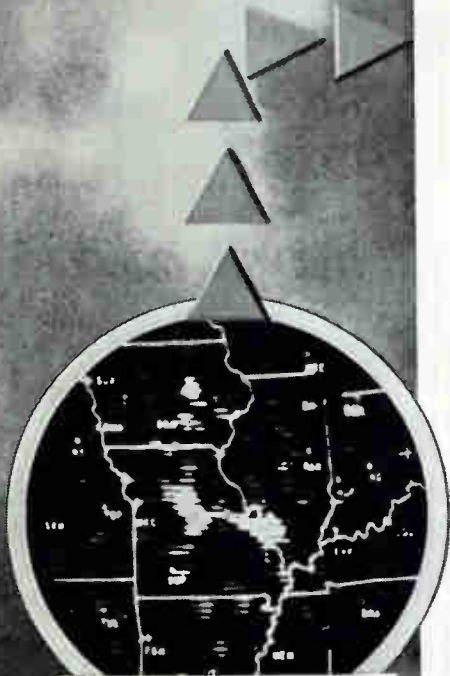
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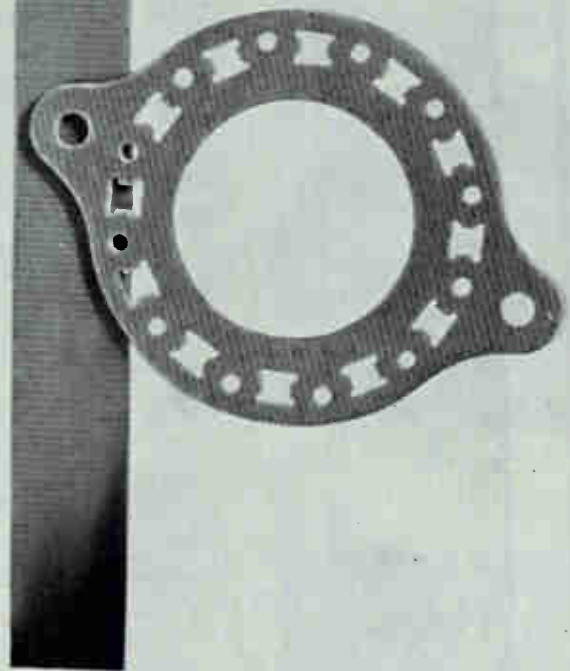
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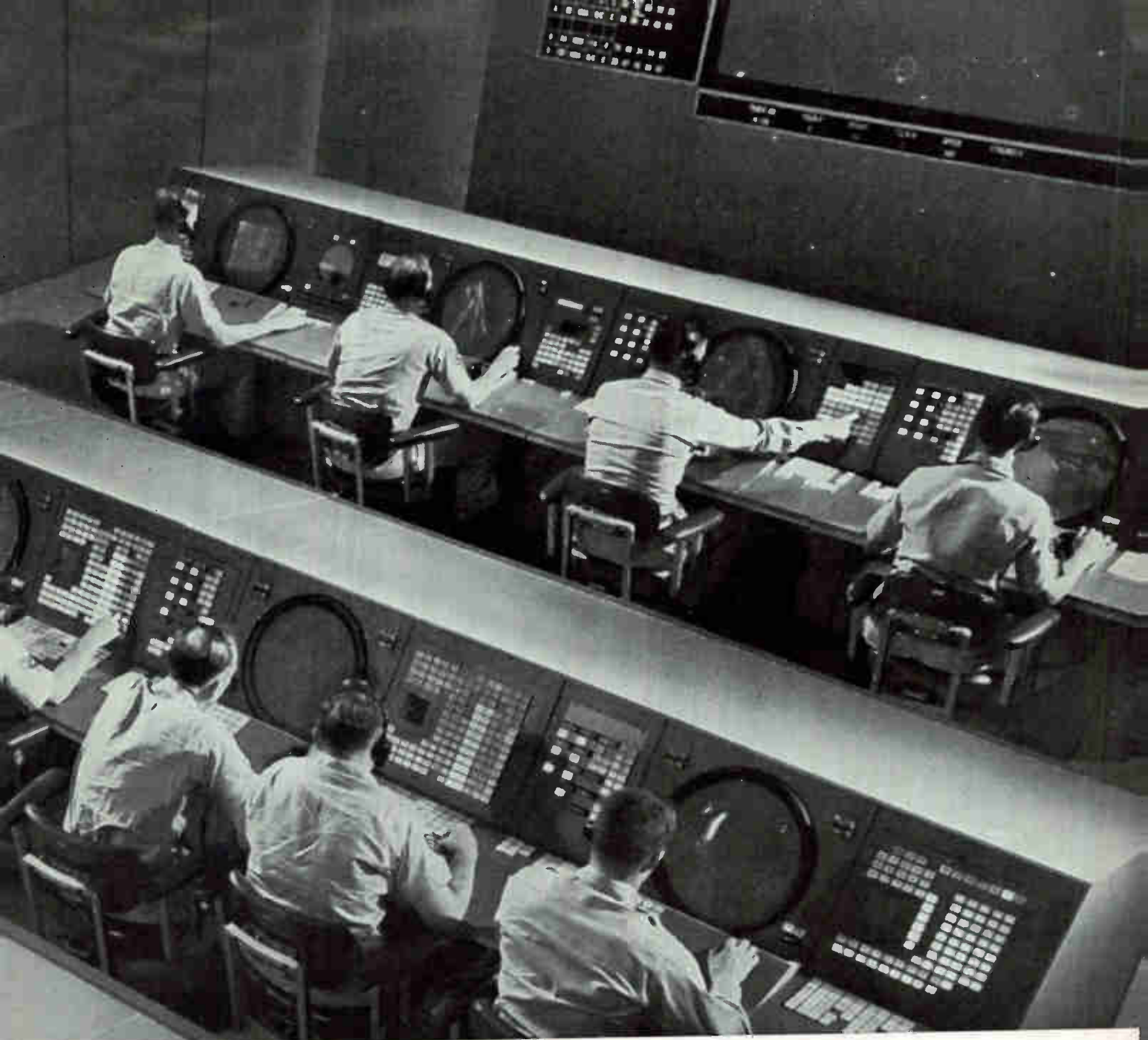
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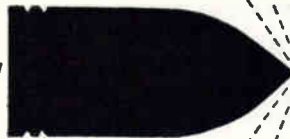
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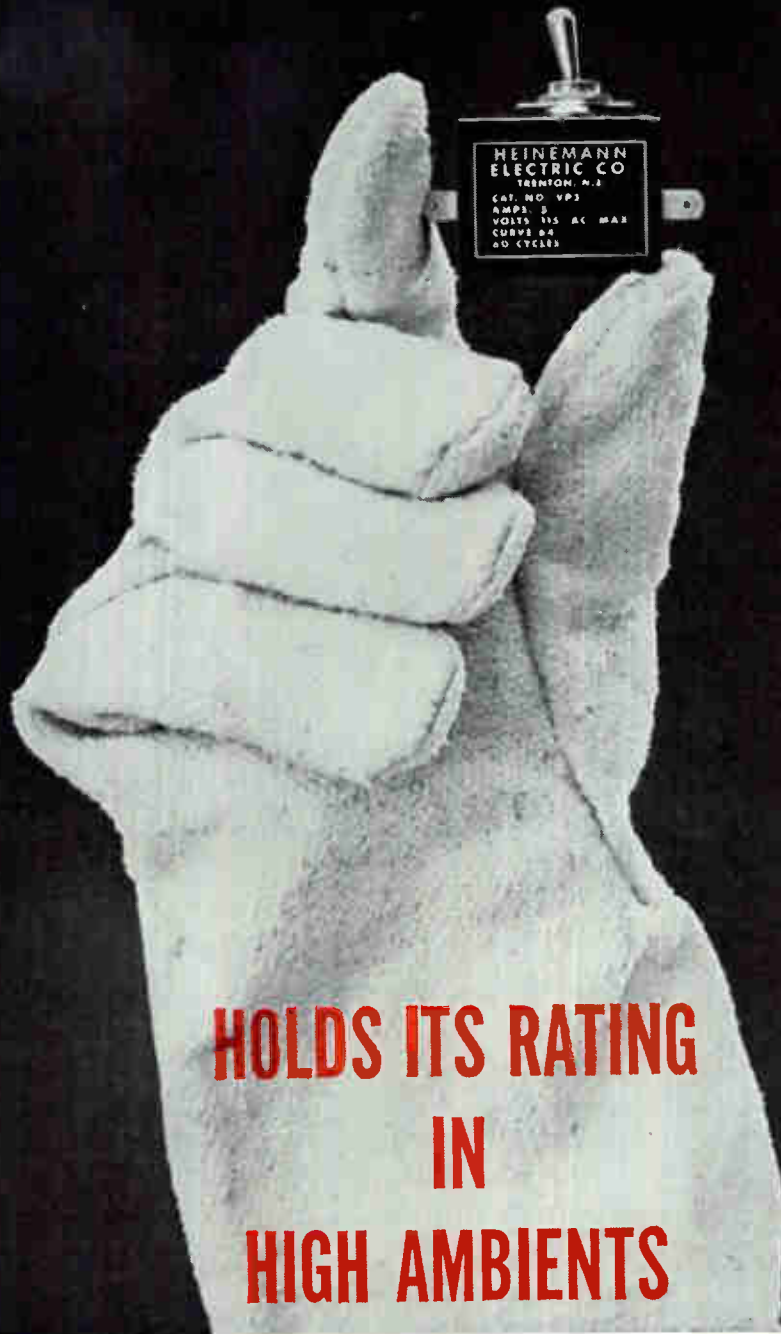
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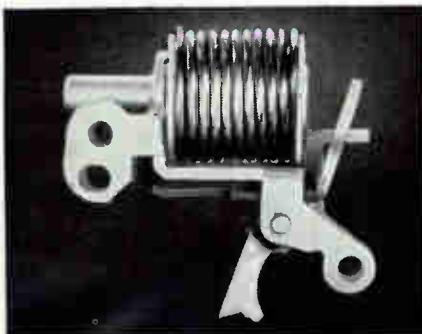


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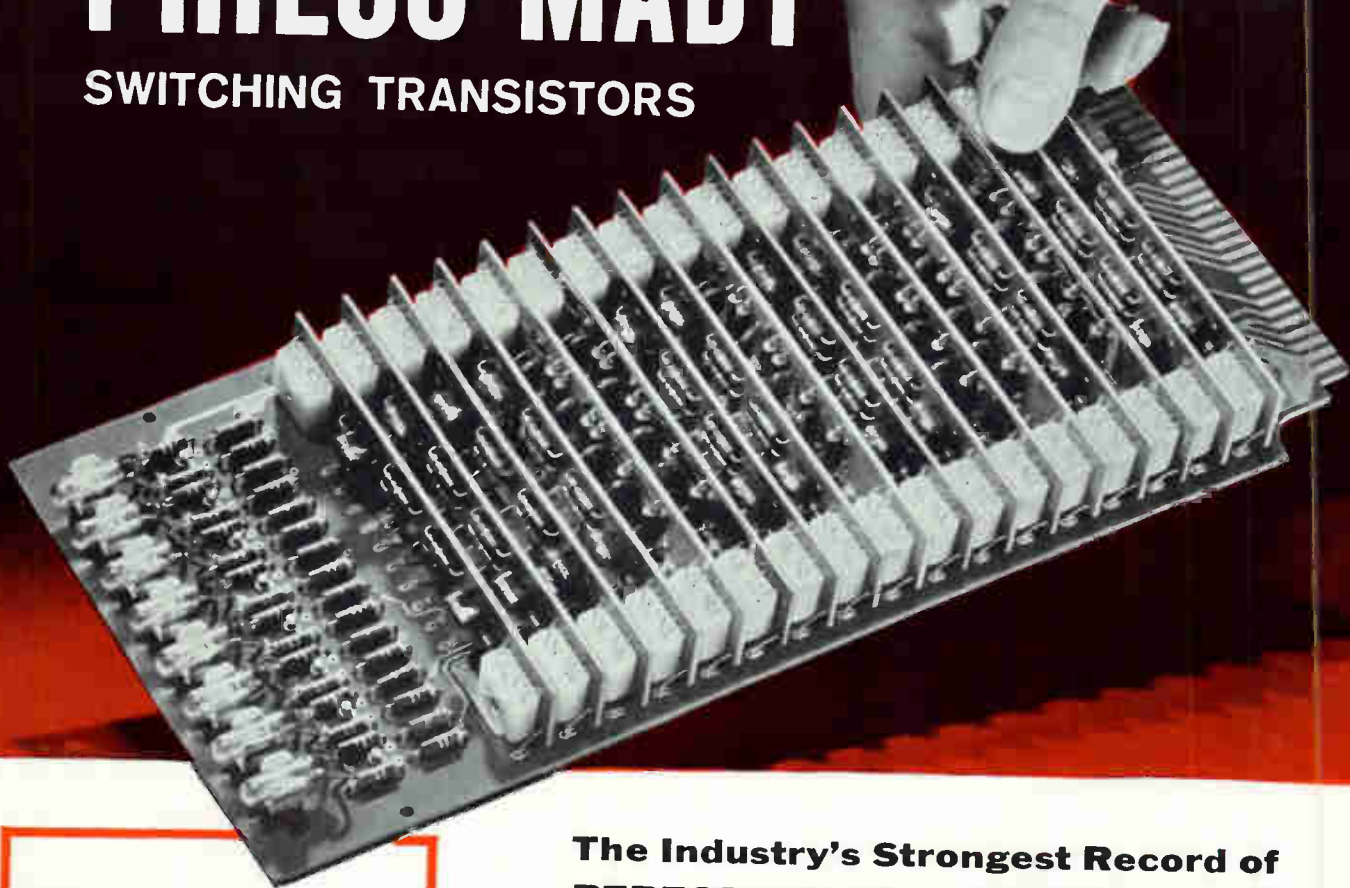
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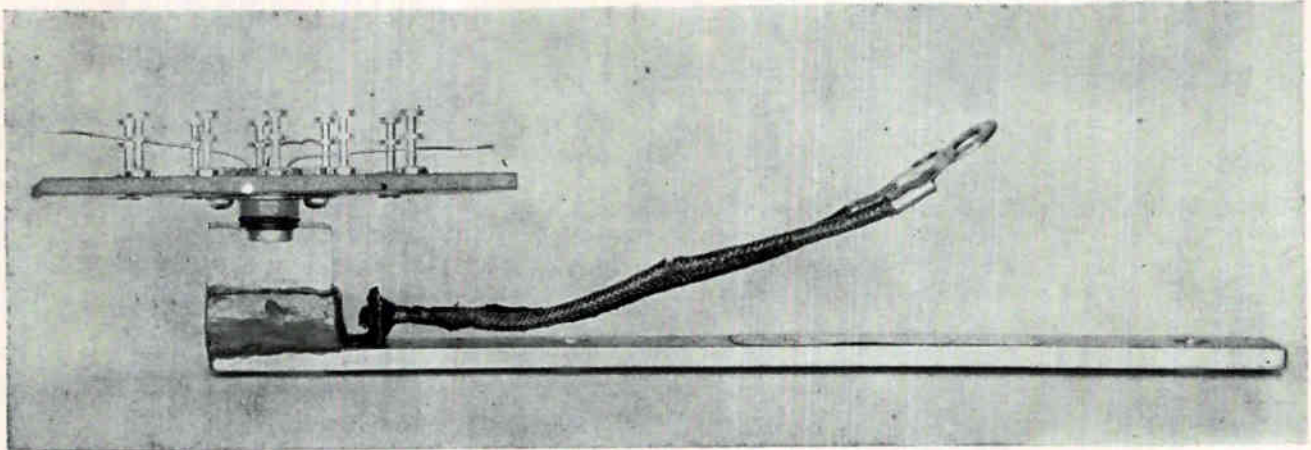
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Side view of assembly showing transistor mounted on phenolic base. Transistor case fits into cavity of cooler block

## Cooling Transistors With Thermoelectric Elements

*Thermoelectric coolers can be used for local cooling of hot transistors. Results of using these elements on transistors operated below and above their maximum rated junction temperatures are discussed*

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PRESENT TRANSISTORS have a limiting junction temperature and power ratings associated with ambient temperatures. When the ambient is near the rated junction temperature, the circuit designer can either operate the device at a reduced rating and use more transistors or he can cool the transistor case so that the device can be operated at its maximum rated characteristics.

In many circuits only a few transistors enclosed in a chassis are thermally overloaded. To avoid

the expense and the weight-volume increase of refrigerating the entire chassis, thermoelectric coolers can be used for local cooling of the hot transistors. Thermoelectrics are active cooling systems—they cool to a temperature below ambient. They do not compete with passive systems that only limit the temperature rise above ambient.

In a joint study, Westinghouse and the Magnavox Company evaluated the thermoelectric spot cooling of germanium transistors in an

electronic circuit. The Westinghouse semiconductor department designed and fabricated the transistor cooler to meet the requirements of a typical Magnavox application, and the units were then evaluated by Magnavox over a wide range of operating conditions.

The thermoelectric cooler used in this study cooled the jacket of the transistor below the point normally reached for any given ambient temperature and heat dissipation. Data from these tests show that, on the average, two and one-

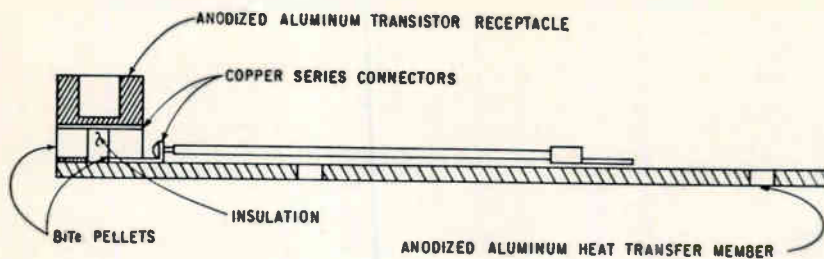


FIG. 1—Design details of thermoelectric transistor cooler (Westinghouse WX819)

half times more heat can be dissipated in a transistor equipped with the transistor cooler than with a transistor situated in a stagnant or slowly moving air stream with no cooling facilities.

The cooling unit was designed to fit over and surround the transistor jacket (see Fig. 1). The diameter of the cavity in the cooler is  $0.338 \pm 0.003$  inch and the cavity depth is  $0.340 \pm 0.003$  inch. A transistor with a type TO5 case fits into this cavity. Thermally conducting silicone grease was used to fill up the space between the jacket and the cavity. The photo shows a transistor mounted on a phenolic base with the cooler placed over the transistor. The transistor jacket fits in the cavity of the cooler block. The metallic strap extending to the right is the thermal conductor from the hot side of the thermoelectric unit to a heat sink.

Maximum efficiency required mounting the aluminum hardware on the thermoelectric module to form a sandwich assembly (see Fig. 1). For minimum height, the thermoelectric pellets were spread apart and the cold-side well was lowered to within one-sixteenth inch from the hot side. This reduction in the insulation resulted in an additional heat leak from the hot to the cold side of the unit that effectively increased the loading of the thermoelectric module by almost 10 percent.

The thermoelectric cooler design incorporates two couples of bismuth telluride thermoelectric pellets connected electrically in series and thermally in parallel. Under load the coolers produce a transistor jacket temperature of 50 C while operating at 16 amperes. The temperature rise through the strap will cause the hot-side tem-

perature to rise to 85 C. A shorter path to the heat sink will allow the thermoelectric cooler to achieve either a lower cold-side temperature or the same temperature of 50 C at a reduced cooler operating power. This would also increase the improvement ratios.

The one-watt loading and 35 C  $\Delta T$  is beyond the capability of a single couple, but is less than the capability of two couples. Since couples cannot be sub-divided, two full couples are used and operated at a reduced current of 16 amperes rather than the usual optimum of 20 amperes.

For test, it was assumed that the transistor was, before the addition of the thermoelectric cooler, subject to overheating because it was located inside a chassis at a temperature too high to permit the desired heat dissipation. It was also assumed that the transistor cooler is added under the operating condition that the heat sink is at the same temperature as the ambient atmosphere and further that it can be described as an infinite heat sink.

The thermoelectric cooler acts as a heat pump, removing heat from the cavity containing the transistor and delivering this heat to another location where provisions are made to remove the heat.

It was assumed that some part of the metal chassis is available as a heat sink. The metal strap on the transistor cooler is only one of many possible configurations of metallic thermal conductor that may be attached to the chassis body and will serve to conduct heat away from the thermoelectric cooler. The ambient atmosphere is at a temperature too high to dissipate heat by jacket-to-atmosphere contact. Therefore, the chassis is never at

a temperature higher than the air contained inside. The chassis body will absorb the small amount of heat from the thermoelectric cooler and conduct this heat to the main body of the equipment carrier (aircraft, tank or other such massive structure) without appreciably raising its temperature, thus satisfying the definition of infinite heat sink. The transistor operates at a temperature depressed below the ambient and thus operates under a greater heat load than would be otherwise possible.

Figure 2A shows plots of jacket temperature against energy dissipated in the transistor at various values of thermoelectric junction currents and at a constant heat-sink temperature of 30 C. The vertical line at the right expresses a limitation placed on the transistor used and is determined by consideration of voltage breakdown within the transistor junction. The line sloping downward to the right is again a transistor limitation imposed by need for maintaining the junction temperature at or below 150 C for this transistor. No operating condition should exist whose data plot extends to the right of either limiting line. These limiting lines are determined by the transistor characteristics. For other transistors similar limitations would be in force but their plot would occupy different positions on the curve sheet indicating different limiting values.

The plot sloping upward to the right shows the rise in jacket temperature with increasing values of energy dissipation in the transistor, without any cooling attachment and operating in a free space ambient of 30 C. Maximum energy which can be dissipated is about 0.55 watt. With the transistor cooler placed over the transistor jacket and the conducting strap thermally connected to an infinite heat sink at the ambient temperature of 30 C, the dependence of jacket temperature upon transistor heat dissipation is given by the curve  $I = 0$  amperes,  $I$  being the thermoelectric junction current indicating that the body of the cooler is in place but the current has not been turned on.

Below the  $I = 0$  plot are other

plots showing the progressively lowered temperature ranges in the jacket temperature-transistor heat dissipation curve as the cooler current is increased. At the low ambient and heat sink temperature for which this data was obtained, nothing is to be gained by using more than about 5 amperes cooler current. Twenty-two amperes is the maximum recommended current for this thermoelectric cooler. Maximum improvement ratio is defined as the maximum allowable transistor heat dissipation with the cooler, divided by the maximum heat dissipation without any cooler.

The improvement ratio is 1.82.

The effect of operating at higher heat-sink temperatures is shown by the succeeding curves. In figure 2B the heat-sink temperature is 50 C. Maximum improvement ratio is 2.13.

In Fig. 2C heat-sink temperature is 71 C, significant in military specifications. Improvement ratio is 2.45.

Figure 2D shows the results of tests run on cooler at a heat sink temperature of 90 C, the highest temperature at which the tests were conducted. Improvement ratio is 2.82.

Other low-power germanium transistors require only that the cooler cavity dimensions change. Larger power units require thermoelectric coolers with increased capacity and possibly a variation in the transistor mounting technique. Higher-temperature silicon transistors demand that the thermoelectric unit be designed and fabricated for use in higher ambient conditions. There can be many variations in the treatment of the heat rejected from the cooler.

Thermoelectric coolers using larger modules and identical techniques have been successfully subjected to a series of tests selected from military specifications. This thermoelectric transistor cooler design should also perform satisfactorily when subjected to these conditions. Military specifications investigated are: thermal cycling, -65 C to +100 C (50 times), MIL-Std. 19500B, Para. 40.14; vibration, 30 g (3 planes), MIL-Std. 19500B, Para. 40.20; vibration fatigue, 20 g, MIL-Std. 19500B, Para. 40.18; shock, 500 g (3 planes), MIL-Std. 202A machine cycling 180 Jan; salt spray, 96 hours, MIL-Std. 202A method 101A test condition A; and humidity, 10 days, MIL-Std. 202A method 106.

Using slightly different materials and designing a thermoelectric cooler to reject heat to an ambient of 150 C proves valuable for silicon transistors rated for a maximum temperature of 135 C. Similarly, coolers designed for rejecting to an ambient range of 200 to 250 C open up new applications for transistors of the 175 to 200 C class.

The improved current-voltage ratios of the newer low-current small-area thermoelectric pellets facilitate the designing of power supplies for the devices.

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Comparison with other cooling methods shows that the thermoelectric cooler increases the permissible heat dissipation effectively, and does so with less additional mass and volume within the chassis.

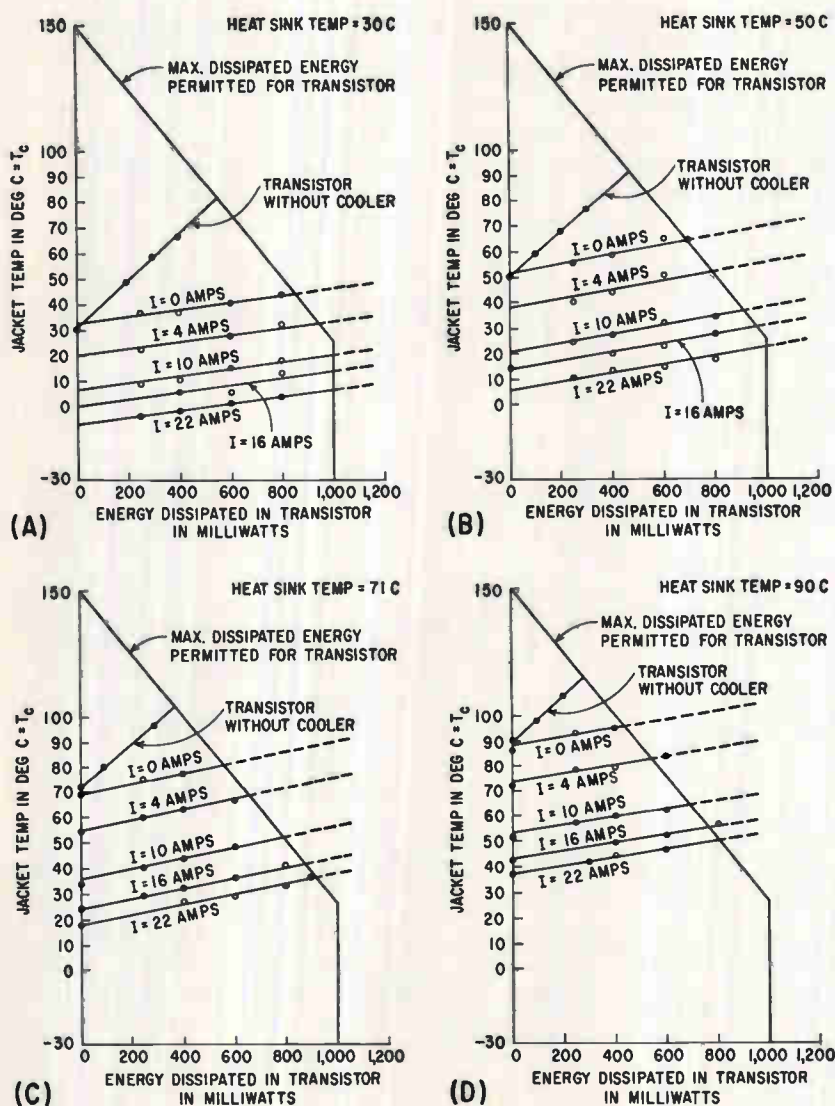


FIG. 2—Jacket temperature plotted against energy dissipated with heat sink at 30 C (A); jacket temperature against energy dissipated with heat sink at 50 C (B); jacket temperature against energy dissipated with heat sink at 71 C (C); and jacket temperature against energy dissipated with heat sink at 90 C (D)





# WITH NONLINEAR FEEDBACK

flow in vacuum tubes, and cutoff or saturation in transistors. Blocking can be eliminated by restricting the amplifier to a linear region of operation, but doing this is incompatible with a large dynamic range.

A nonsaturating amplifier with a large dynamic range can be obtained by using nonlinear elements in one or more feedback paths in the amplifier. The result is an amplifier with an overall gain that varies instantaneously and inversely with input signal level. Usually the gain is maximum for small input signals and decreases to unity or less at large signal levels. The way the gain varies depends upon the application. For a null amplifier, the gain should have a smooth exponential or logarithmic variation from maximum to minimum. For a pulse amplifier, the gain might be constant up to some signal level and then change to less than unity to give a limiting action. The gain variation is determined almost completely by the nonlinear functions of the elements in the feedback paths.

Figure 1A shows a single-loop feedback amplifier that has the feedback circuit commonly used with operational amplifiers in analog computers. Its voltage transfer function is approximately

$$e_o/e_i = -Z_f/Z_i \quad (1)$$

If input impedance  $Z_i$  is constant, the voltage ratio is directly proportional to the impedance in the feedback path  $Z_f$ , provided the assumptions in the derivation are true. The case investigated treats  $Z_i$  as

a constant resistance and  $Z_f$  as a nonlinear resistance. The limits of  $e_o/e_i$ , as  $Z_f$  approaches infinity or zero, are:  $-A$  and zero; that is

$$\lim_{Z_f \rightarrow \infty} e_o/e_i = -A, \text{ as } Z_f \rightarrow \infty \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{Z_f \rightarrow 0} e_o/e_i = 0, \text{ as } Z_f \rightarrow 0 \quad (3)$$

with the condition that  $Z_i \gg 0$ . Where  $Z_i$  is small

$$\lim_{Z_i \rightarrow 0} e_o/e_i = -1, \text{ as } Z_i \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } Z_f \rightarrow 0 \quad (4)$$

Since nonlinear resistance  $Z_f$  is a two-terminal device, it is usually described in voltage and current. An equation that describes many types of nonlinear resistances is

$$e = Ki^n \quad (5)$$

where  $K$  is a constant and  $n$  may be either a constant or a variable. Since the conventional definition of impedance is not applicable to nonlinear impedances, the definition that will be used is

$$Z = e/i \quad (6)$$

where  $Z$  is the instantaneous impedance,  $e$  the instantaneous voltage and  $i$  the instantaneous current. If Eq. 5 is rearranged to give,

$$i = e^{1/n}/K^{1/n} \quad (7)$$

and Eq. 7 is substituted in Eq. 6,

$$Z = K^{1/n} e/e^{1/n} \quad (8)$$

Let  $Z = Z_f$  for Fig. 1A. From Eq. 8 and Eq. 1,

$$e_o = -(K^{1/n} e_o/Z_i e_o^{1/n}) e_i$$

where  $e$  of Eq. 8 is  $e_o$ , since  $e_i$  is  $\approx 0$ . Simplifying

$$e_o = (-K/Z_i^n) e_i^n = -K' e_i^n \quad (9)$$

where  $K' = K/Z_i^n$ .

Be careful when using Eq. 9 since it is subject to the limitations of Eq. 2, 3 and 4 and the assumptions in Eq. 1. A feature of

Eq. 9 is that, except for the constant, it describes the same curve as Eq. 5. Thus, the gain of the feedback amplifier will have the same characteristic curve as that of the nonlinear impedance in the feedback path. Consequently, one way of obtaining a gain characteristic is to find a nonlinear element with the same characteristic curve and insert it in the feedback path. The value of  $K'$  depends on  $Z_i$  and  $K$ . Thus,  $K'$  can be set arbitrarily by using the corresponding value of  $Z_i$ .

If the value of  $Z_i$  is restricted,  $K'$  can also be varied by applying only a small fraction of the amplifier output voltage to the feedback element.

Among the electron devices whose characteristics can be described by Eq. 5 are semiconductor and vacuum-tube diodes, copper-oxide and selenium rectifiers, thermistors and silicon-carbide or Thyrite varistors (Fig. 1B). Since the approximate value of  $n$ , which is the slope of the curve, is given on each curve,  $K$  can be evaluated by substituting the values of  $e$ ,  $i$  and  $n$  in Eq. 5. If the characteristic is not a straight line, the value of  $K$  will apply only to the portion of the curve for which the value of  $n$  applies.

The amplifier shown in Fig. 2A has the voltage-gain calculations shown in Table I. Figure 2B shows the voltage-gain characteristics of the amplifier with two different nonlinear elements in the feedback path. These curves are calculated from Eq. 9. The line with a slope of unity in the left side of Fig. 2B represents the constant maximum gain of the amplifier without any feedback. This is the limit given by Eq. 2. A discrepancy exists between the calculated and measured values of the curves on the right side of Fig. 2B; this discrepancy is caused by the approximate value of exponent  $n$  obtained from Fig. 1B. Another possible source of error is that the value of the forward gain,  $-A$ , of the amplifier is not large

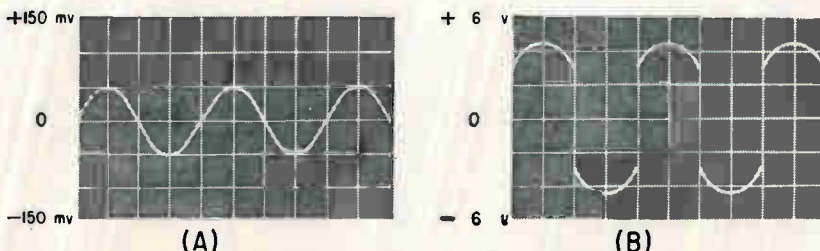


FIG. 3—Output waveforms for Fig. 2 amplifier with WE D170622 feedback component, for input of 2 mv p-p (A) and of 2 v p-p (B)

as is assumed in the derivation of Eq. 1.

A 60-cps sinusoidal input to the amplifier produced the output waveforms shown in Fig. 3. The instantaneous voltage gain can vary from approximately 50 for small signals to less than unity for large signals.

Two important characteristics of this single-stage amplifier are its ability to handle a large dynamic range of input signals, and large instantaneous variations in signal level without blocking.

Figures 4A to 4D show the four basic feedback circuits that can be obtained with a single feedback loop.<sup>2</sup> The first word of the circuit description characterizes the feedback connection to the input and the second word of the description applies to the output-circuit connection. Parallel-voltage means that the feedback signal is proportional to the output voltage and is con-

nected in parallel with the input signal. Figures 4E to 4H show an example of each of the four basic circuits.

The properties of the amplifier depend upon the feedback. Table II shows how the amplifier characteristics are changed for each of the four types of feedback.<sup>2</sup> If a nonlinear element is used in the feedback path, the characteristics shown in Table I will vary with signal amplitude. For the parallel-voltage feedback circuit, both input and output impedance decrease as the signal level increases. If it is more desirable to have the input impedance increase for large signal levels, this characteristic may be obtained with the series-voltage feedback circuit. However, the series-voltage circuit is not suitable for resistance-coupled single-stage amplifiers.

There is a problem when a coupling capacitor is used in series

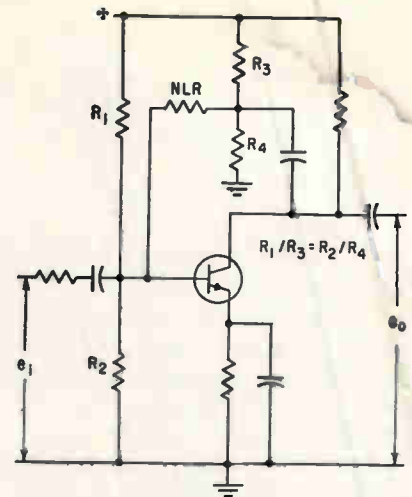


FIG. 5—Single-stage amplifier with nonlinear feedback

with the nonlinear feedback element. When the supply voltage is initially turned on, the capacitor will have to charge to the steady-state d-c voltage from collector to base of the transistor. For the capacitor to acquire a charge, current must flow in the feedback path through the nonlinear resistance. Because of the feedback, the time constant is multiplied by the amplifier gain. Thus, the effective time constant can be large at small signal levels because the nonlinear resistance is large at these levels. Consequently, there may be a long time interval before the amplifier attains its d-c operating point. This problem may be minimized by adding a voltage divider between the coupling capacitor and the nonlinear element as shown in Fig. 5. Charging current for the capacitor is supplied by the voltage divider instead of through the high nonlinear resistance (NLR). Design of the voltage divider involves a compromise, since its impedance should be high compared to the output impedance of the amplifier and yet low compared to the small-signal impedance of the nonlinear element. The d-c voltage level supplied by the voltage divider is so designed that there is no d-c voltage across the nonlinear element under normal operating conditions. It is undesirable to have a d-c voltage across the nonlinear element because this causes nonsymmetry between the positive and negative halves of the output waveform.

An amplifier with a large dynamic range usually requires a

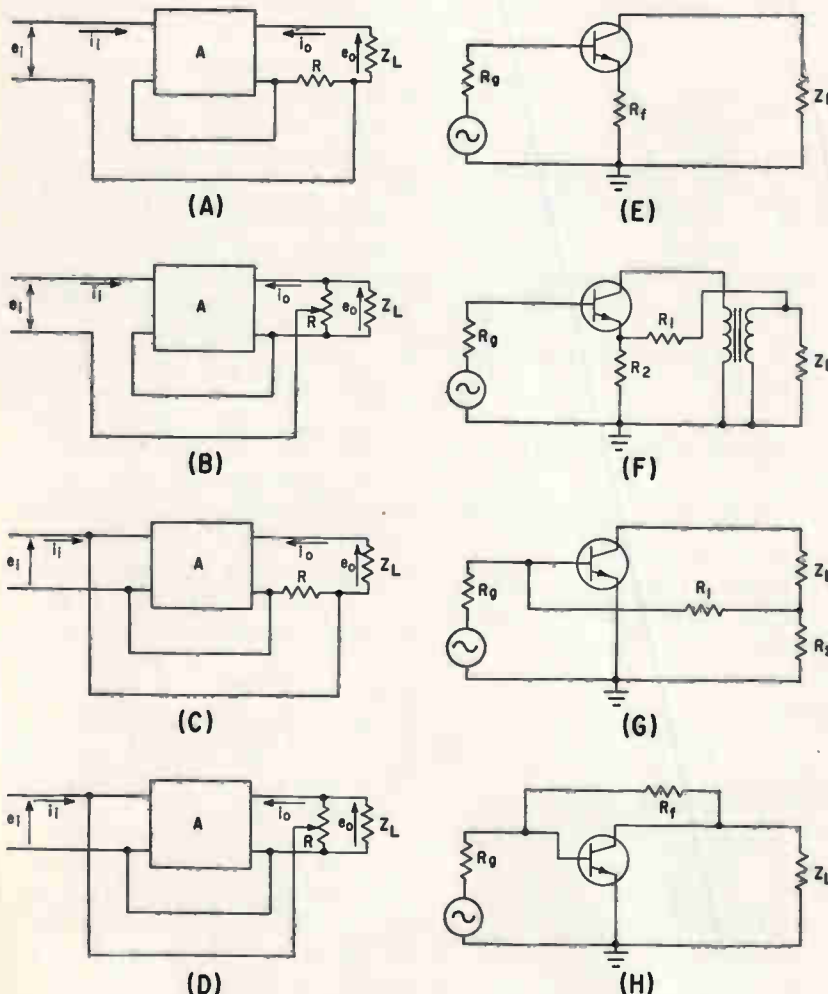


FIG. 4—Amplifiers with series-current (A) and (E), series-voltage (B) and (F), parallel-current (C) and (G), and parallel-voltage (D) and (H), feedback

number of stages of amplification to have a useful output for small input signals. Because of instability, feedback loops in amplifiers are usually limited to either one or two stages of amplification. A number of feedback stages may then be placed in cascade to obtain a high amplification. The stages in cascade may or may not be identical, depending upon the application. Since the response of an amplifier with nonlinear feedback is

$$e_1 = K_1 e_i^{n_1}$$

the output response of two stages in cascade is

$$e_2 = K_2 e_1^{n_2} = K_2 (K_1 e_i^{n_1})^{n_2}$$

$$e_2 = K_2 K_1^{n_2} e_i^{n_1 n_2}$$

If the stages are identical, then

$$e_2 = K^{n+1} e_i^{n^2}$$

The output response of three stages in cascade is

$$e_3 = K_3 e_2^{n_3} = K_3 (K_2 K_1^{n_2} e_i^{n_1 n_2})^{n_3}$$

$$e_3 = K_3 K_2^{n_3} K_1^{n_2 n_3} e_i^{n_1 n_2 n_3}$$

For  $k$  identical stages,

$$e_k = K^{1+n+n^2+\dots+n^{(k-1)}} e_i^{n^k}$$

The exponent of the cascaded circuit is the product of the individual stage  $n$  values. Theoretically there are an infinite number of cascaded circuits that could be used to get a value of  $n$ . Practically, the designer can use combinations of available nonlinear elements to obtain the characteristic of a nonlinear element that is not available.

The response of two identical stages in cascade is shown in Fig. 6A. Each stage has a maximum gain of 20 db and an exponent of 0.5. The final slope of the second-

stage output is 0.25; this slope is the product of the individual stage exponents. As the input signal becomes small, the gain of the first stage reaches its maximum value of 20 db. It then becomes a linear amplifier with an  $n = 1$ . As the input is decreased below the breakpoint of the first stage, the second stage also reaches its maximum gain limit and becomes a linear amplifier. The range of input signal between the breakpoints of the two stages is equal to the input-signal range that produces the maximum gain of the second stage. This would also be true if the stages were not identical. This amplifier would satisfy a requirement for  $n = 0.25$  over the last two decades of input signal.

The shape of the curve of the second stage output suggests that it should be possible to get a piecewise approximation of a curve that has a variable  $n$ . Figure 6B shows how a logarithmic function might be approximated by two nonidentical nonlinear feedback amplifiers. The characteristics of the amplifiers are found from straight lines drawn to approximate the curve. The second stage  $n = 0.38$  and the overall  $n = 0.16$ , so the first stage  $n = 0.42$ . The required maximum gain of the second stage is 18.5 db, which is the interval between the breakpoints. The maximum gain of the first stage depends upon the value of  $K$  and can be found from the region of the curve where both stages are linear. The gain in db for this region is the sum of the

two individual maximum gains.

The exponent of a nonlinear amplifier can be changed from less than unity to greater than unity by changing the position of the nonlinear element in the feedback loop. For example, when the nonlinear element is used in a shunt path in the feedback loop shown in Fig. 7A, the amplifier's gain increases with increasing signal level. This feedback circuit can be used to obtain a square-law response. However, this circuit has a disadvantage in that it allows the amplifier to block on large input signals. Blocking can be eliminated by adding another feedback loop with a series nonlinear element as shown in Fig. 7B. To be effective, the exponent of the series nonlinear element must be smaller than the reciprocal of the effective exponent of the rest of the circuit.

Since the characteristics shown in Fig. 1B are not straight lines, the values of  $n$  are not constant. This curvature can be advantageous in finding values of  $n$ . The exponent value depends upon the region of operation on the characteristic curve and this can be changed by varying the fraction of output voltage applied to the feedback loop. In using diode nonlinear elements, connect two in parallel and in opposing-polarity directions.

The above discussion has shown how nonlinear feedback can be used in a voltage amplifier to prevent blocking and to obtain a gain characteristic that varies with signal amplitude.

Good results were obtained with an experimental amplifier using either of two types of nonlinear elements in a feedback loop. A large dynamic range was obtained and feedback eliminated.

Cascaded nonlinear amplifiers can obtain one or more nonlinear functions, depending on the feedback-loop configuration.

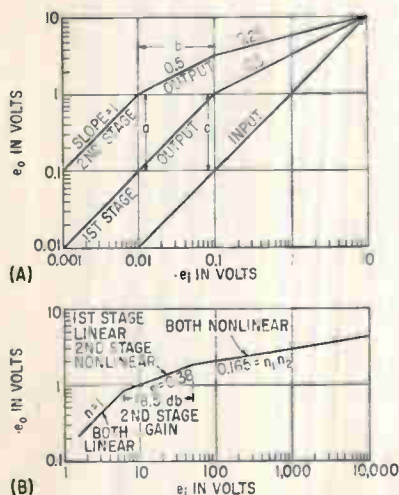


FIG. 6—Response of identical stages (A). Non-identical stages (B) approximate  $e_o = K \log e_i$

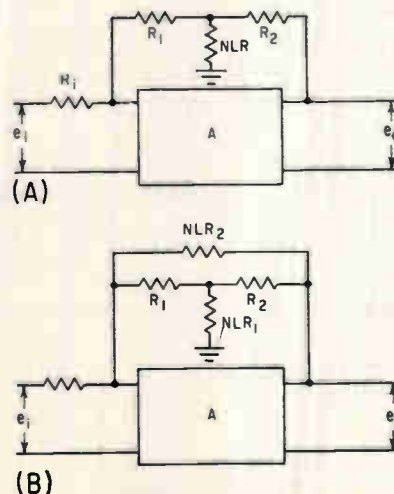


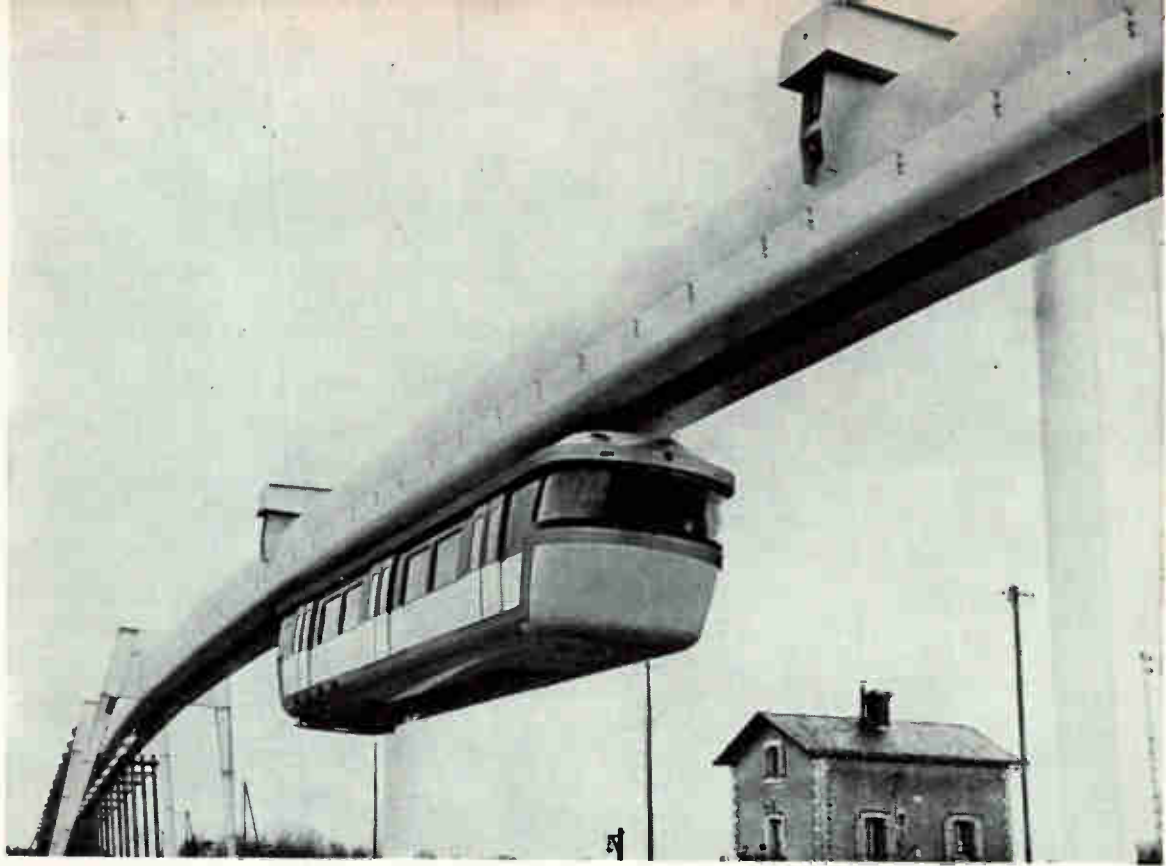
FIG. 7—Amplifier with shunt (A) and amplifier with both series and shunt (B) nonlinear components

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*Experimental French monorail has been built near Orleans to prove hardware and system concepts*

## ELECTRONIC SIGNALING for

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SIXTEEN major French companies have cooperated in building an experimental rapid transit monorail system at Chateaufort-sur-Loire, about 15 miles east of Orleans. The mile-and-a-quarter, million-dollar experimental line has no regular passenger services; it was built so that potential customers could be shown full-scale hardware. The monorail has a split-girder track and an aircraft-type car slung from rubber-tired bogies. A double-pendulum system corrects side sway by rotating the car in the direction of sway. The car has a top speed of 63 mph, with acceleration and braking good enough for 90-second headway between trains in a complete system.

Although the split-girder track and the rubber-tired bogies give the car fast, quiet performance, they create problems in signalling. Conventional railroad techniques, based on electrically isolated sec-

tions of steel rails, with cars using steel wheels, could not be used. Therefore, special electronic methods were developed for block entry-exit counting, displaying block signals in the driver's cab and automatic emergency braking.

In the bogie-counting block control system, a photocell detects entry of the car into the block. A radiation counter tube, excited by a cobalt-60 source on the bogie, registers the car's exit. Entry and exit signals are counted in a conventional relay totaliser, whose output controls the block signal. See Fig. 1.

Source of the entry signal is a modulated light beam. The pulsed light is picked up by the photocell in a receiver on the track; cell output is amplified to energize the entry-counting relay for the block, through a linking transformer. The linking transformer is a safety device required by French railroad regulations; it ensures that only pulses from the photocell (and not, for example, a shorted connection

in the last stage of the amplifier) will hold the relay energized.

When a car enters the block, its two bogies each interrupt the light beam and thereby deenergize the counting relay twice. Until the two entries are cancelled out by exits, the occupation relay controlled by the totaliser shows the block occupied.

The exit signal originates from a cobalt-60 source mounted on each bogie. Radiation is sensed by a Geiger tube, whose output is amplified to energize the exit-counting relay. Thus when the car leaves the block, two exit signals cancel the two entry counts. Amplifier circuits for both entry and exit are conventional.

Although the cobalt-60 and Geiger tube combination has worked well on the experimental line and presents no physiological hazard, it has a psychological drawback. A 2,000 Mc oscillator on the signal would be used as the exit-signal source in a passenger-carrying system.

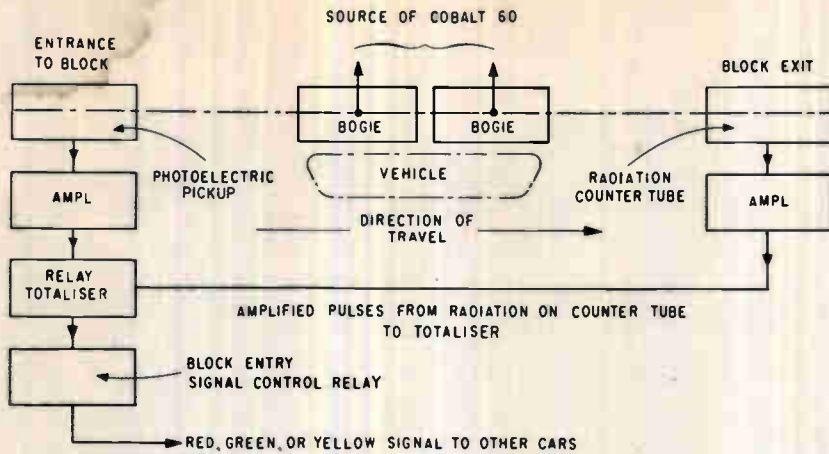


FIG. 1—Entrance of car into block is sensed photoelectrically, exit is sensed with Geiger-Mueller tube

Simple electronic circuits are used on experimental French monorail system to control traffic flow, keep track of trains and control braking. Absence of signal indicates a stop

# Experimental Monorail

Conditions established by the bogie-counting system for the block ahead are displayed in the driver's cab: a green light for clear track, red for stop, one yellow for caution and two yellow for slow down.

The signals displayed in the cab originate in transistor oscillators (Fig. 2). One set of oscillators is used for each block; the signals are transmitted over a single wire running inside the split girder. Signal frequencies are 14.5 Kc for green, 11 Kc for yellow, 8.5 Kc for yellow-yellow (slow down) and 0 Kc (no signal) for red.

Frequency-sensitive receivers on one bogie of the car detect the signals on the transmission wire. There are three receivers, each linked to a transistor amplifier and a decoding relay (Fig. 3). Contacts of the three decoding relays, in their deenergized positions, are in series. Thus a red signal is established when there is no signal on the transmission wire.

In addition to providing instruc-

tions to the driver, the signals are inputs for a speed control system, still in an early stage of development, that will automatically apply brakes. When the yellow caution or yellow-yellow (slow down) relay is energized, a servo-driven potentiometer starts to generate a signal that represents the acceptable speed/distance characteristic. This signal is compared with the output of a tachometer mounted on the bogie; if the tachometer output is too high, the speed comparison unit energizes a control relay that applies the brakes (Fig. 4).

For switching movements in stations or for voluntary entry into an occupied block, the driver can override the automatic brake control, but top speed is then limited to 10 mph.

In a complete monorail installation, a train describer would be needed to indicate the number of the train in each zone. Track-switching equipment, tied directly to the console for the short experimental line, would require long-dis-

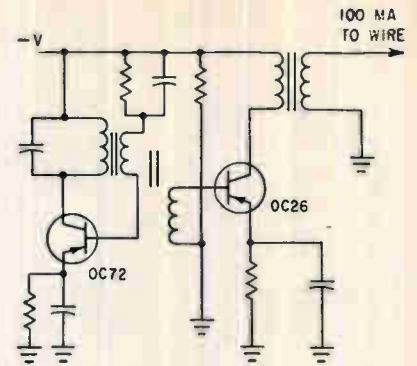


FIG. 2—Simple oscillator generates car control signals

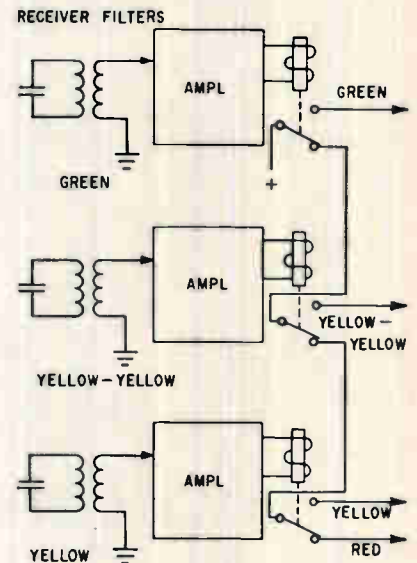


FIG. 3—Frequency-selective receivers control cab signal lights and automatic braking

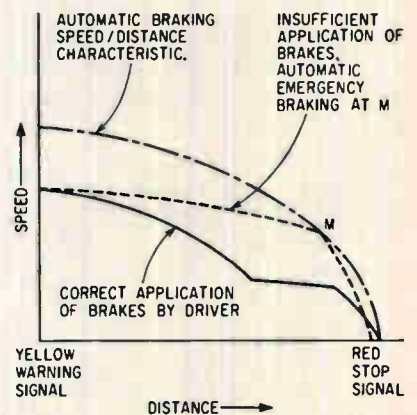


FIG. 4—Automatic braking occurs when car operator does not respond adequately to signals

tance remote controls. Techniques are available for both these problems: train describers are classic railroad equipment and frequency-modulation remote controls are already in use on some lines of the French National Railways.

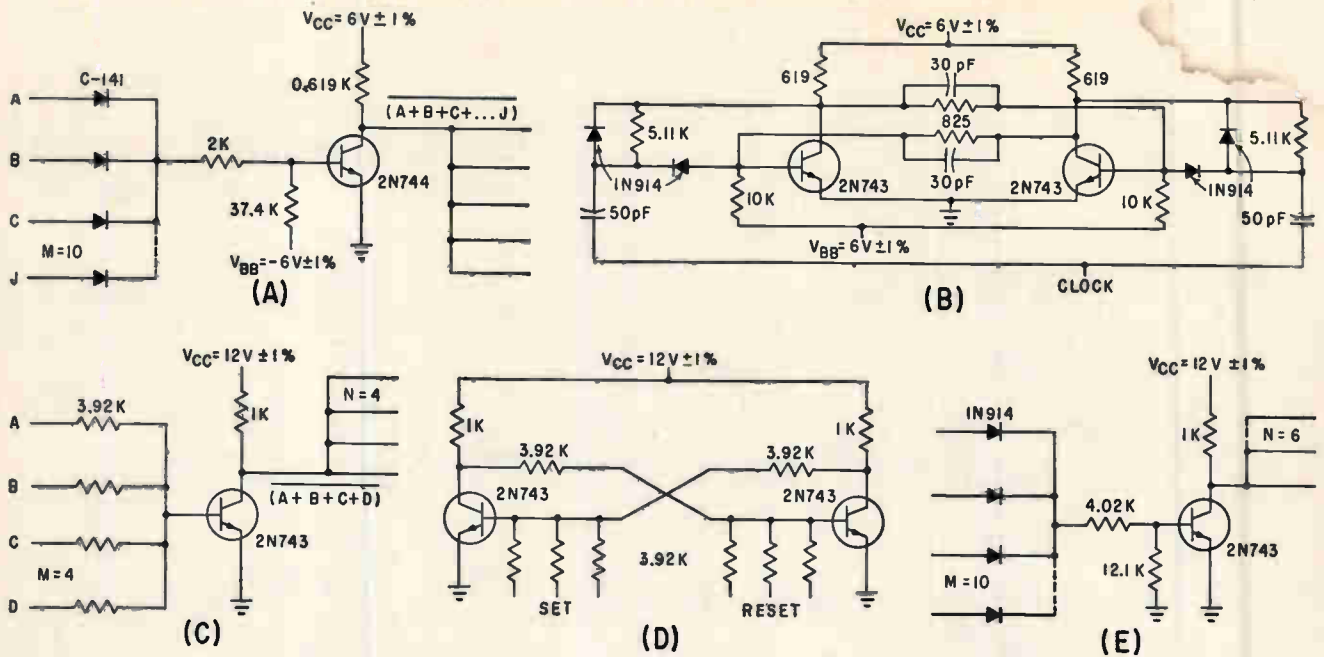


FIG. 1—Transistor and diode NOR gate (A); 10-Mc flip-flop for use from  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$  (B); medium-speed TRL NOR gate with single power supply (C); direct-coupled TRL flip-flop with single power supply (D); and TDL NOR gate using single supply (E)

# Using Epitaxial Transistors in Switching and R-F Circuits

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THE epitaxial transistor is characterized by low saturation voltages, linear characteristics at low voltages and reduced storage time in switching circuits. The circuits in this article illustrate how these characteristics may be used in equipment. The applications considered are high-speed computers and vhf amplifiers.

Computer circuits for operation under two different environmental conditions are shown. The normal military environment is  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ , while most commercial computers require operation from  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+55^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Both applications benefit from the characteristics of silicon epitaxial transistors.

The vhf amplifier circuits illustrate epitaxial transistor performance in this area. They are not, as shown, designed for the full military temperature range, but rather

illustrate the transistor's advantage over more conventional types. The transistors are capable of operation from  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+175^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

The first group of circuits are those for computers. The epitaxial transistor's low storage time and low saturation voltage are advantageous in these applications. The 2N743 and 2N744 silicon epitaxial transistors have parameters guaranteed at 10 ma and 100 ma and three temperatures:  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $+170^{\circ}\text{C}$ . These guarantees allow d-c designs to be completed directly from the data sheets. The transistors also have  $I_{CEX}$  guaranteed at  $+100^{\circ}\text{C}$ , allowing simplified circuit designs over commercial computer temperature ranges.

Figure 1A shows a transistor-diode NOR gate with the 2N744 and C-141 silicon computer diodes. This circuit was designed, using worst-case analysis, for  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$  operation. A low-leakage diode such as the C-141 is necessary for operation over this wide tempera-

ture range. Type CG  $\frac{1}{4}$  glass hermetic resistors, because of their ability to dissipate 60 mw at  $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$ , also contribute to the circuit performance. The circuit operates at rates up to 8 Mc with two cascaded logic stages over the entire temperature range.

A flip-flop for 10-Mc operation over a  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$  range is shown in Fig. 1B. This circuit will drive another directly. The trigger should provide 3 volts for proper operation. The addition of an emitter follower following this circuit would give improved wave shapes and allow operation to  $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Several characteristics of silicon epitaxial transistors make them particularly suitable for simplified computer circuit designs over temperature ranges common in commercial use. The low saturation voltage, normal silicon forward emitter-base voltage and low leakage allow operation without a turn-off base current supply.

The NOR gate in Fig. 1C is ap-

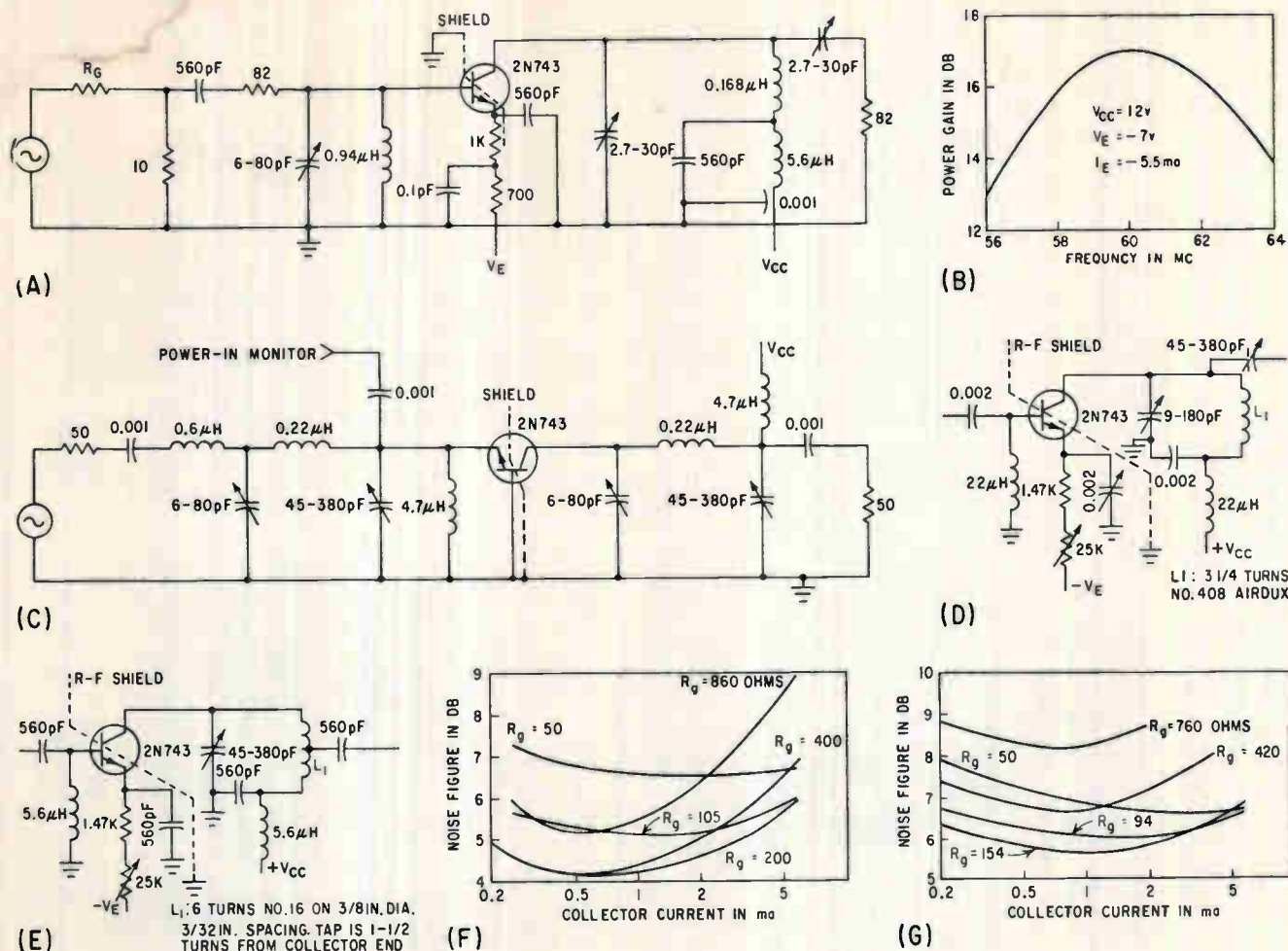


FIG. 2—Small-signal 60-Mc amplifier (A) and frequency response curve (B) for average of 10 units; 70-Mc class-C power amplifier (C); 30-Mc r-f amplifier (D); 60-Mc r-f amplifier (E); curves of noise figure versus collector current for an average of ten 2N743 transistors at 30 Mc (F) and at 60 Mc (G) with a  $V_{cc}$  of 10 v

plicable to medium-speed, commercial temperature range applications. The maximum design temperature is +100 C where the transistor  $I_{CEX}$  is guaranteed less than 30  $\mu$ amp at  $V_{CE} = 10$  v and  $V_{BE} = +0.35$  v. The low storage time allows medium-speed operation without a turn-off base bias supply. Operation down to -55 C can be obtained by using the 2N744 which has an  $h_{FE}$  of 20 at this temperature. The circuit operates at a collector current of 10 ma, the region of maximum gain and high switching speed. The maximum operating frequency is 1 Mc for 2 cascaded logic stages.

Two NOR circuits may be combined as in Fig. 1D to form a direct-coupled flip-flop. The extra resistors can be eliminated.

Another type of logic circuit suitable for use with the silicon epitaxial transistor is the transistor-diode NOR gate in Fig. 1E. The low leakage and low storage time allow the normally required base

turn-off supply to be eliminated while retaining medium-speed operation over a wide temperature range. This logic is inherently faster than transistor-resistor logic because overdrive is not as severe. The 1N914 diodes feature high speed and low leakage compatible with the silicon epitaxial transistors. The maximum operating frequency is 2 Mc for two cascaded logic stages.

Three vhf circuits are indicative of the epitaxial transistor's low collector-base capacitance, high  $f_T$  and good characteristics at low voltages.

A small-signal, 60-Mc amplifier is illustrated in Fig. 2A. The 2N743 is operated common-emitter at the signal frequency and common-base for biasing. The 82-ohm resistors approximate the input resistance of the transistor. The frequency-response curve in Fig. 2B shows the gain per stage unneutralized to be 17 db. This circuit is suitable for communication and pulse application.

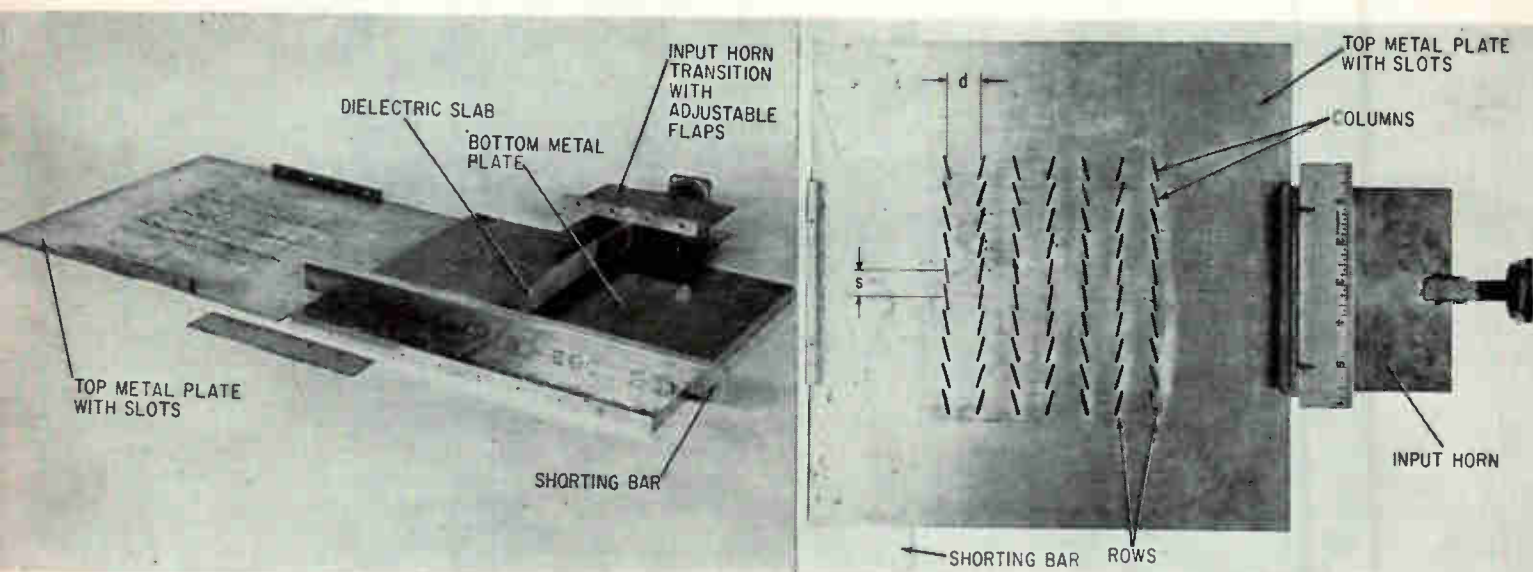
A vhf amplifier capable of 0.5 watt output at 70 Mc is shown in Fig. 2C. The outstanding features are gain and efficiency at a low supply voltage (12 v). These are due to the good high-frequency parameters at low voltages and the high current-handling capability in such a small mesa structure.

The last application for the silicon epitaxial transistor is a low-noise r-f amplifier. Circuits are shown for both 30 Mc (Fig. 2D) and 60 Mc (Fig. 2E). The various values of source resistances were obtained with L-section networks and a standard 50-ohm noise diode. The circuits are not necessarily optimized, but as constructed are capable of excellent low-noise performance.

The curves of noise figure plotted against collector current in Fig. 2F and 2G allows the effects of various source resistances to be observed. In each case, values of generator resistance on each side of the optimum value are shown.

# Hybrid H-Guide Feeds Flush-

*Two-dimensional array of slot radiators can be excited by a hybrid H-guide mode. Antenna can be flush mounted, consists of minimal number of components and has inherent monopulse characteristics*



*H-guide antenna with top plate removed (left) with complete H-guide antenna shown at right*

TWO-DIMENSIONAL slotted aperture antennas can be excited by a hybrid H-guide mode launched by a horn transition completely flush with the radiating aperture. Such an antenna has been operated at X-band.

The H-guide mode antennas have inherent monopulse characteristics and are applicable in the millimeter region where low-loss and high-power handling capabilities of other transmission-line media usually deteriorate. This new antenna assembly uses a minimum number of components.

The H-guide structure shown in Fig. 1A is an open transmission line consisting of two metal plates supported by a dielectric slab of rectangular cross section. The prop-

erties of modes that can propagate on this line have been investigated<sup>1,2,7</sup>.

Although many H-guide modes possess favorable transmission characteristics, one of these modes,  $HEM_{11}$  (antisymmetric hybrid electromagnetic mode of the first order and the first rank<sup>3</sup>) deserves attention. The H-guide supporting this mode exhibits initially low metallic loss decreasing with frequency increase, high power handling capability superior to that of a rectangular waveguide at the same frequency, absence of longitudinal currents eliminating the necessity of choke flanges, and simplicity of mode excitation.

Figure 1B illustrates the field

components of the  $HEM_{11}$  mode in an H-guide and a  $TE_{10}$  mode in the rectangular waveguide and suggests a straightforward method of excitation by a tapered horn.

The energy propagates along the dielectric slab in a loosely bound wave. If the width  $H$  of the metal plates is sufficiently large, practically all the energy is contained within the H-guide structure. For a loosely-bound wave, the dielectric loss is small and a decreasing attenuation characteristic versus frequency results. This property makes the H-guide attractive at millimeter wavelengths.

The fields outside the dielectric decay exponentially in the  $y$ -direction. In the dielectric, they are



# Mounted Antennas

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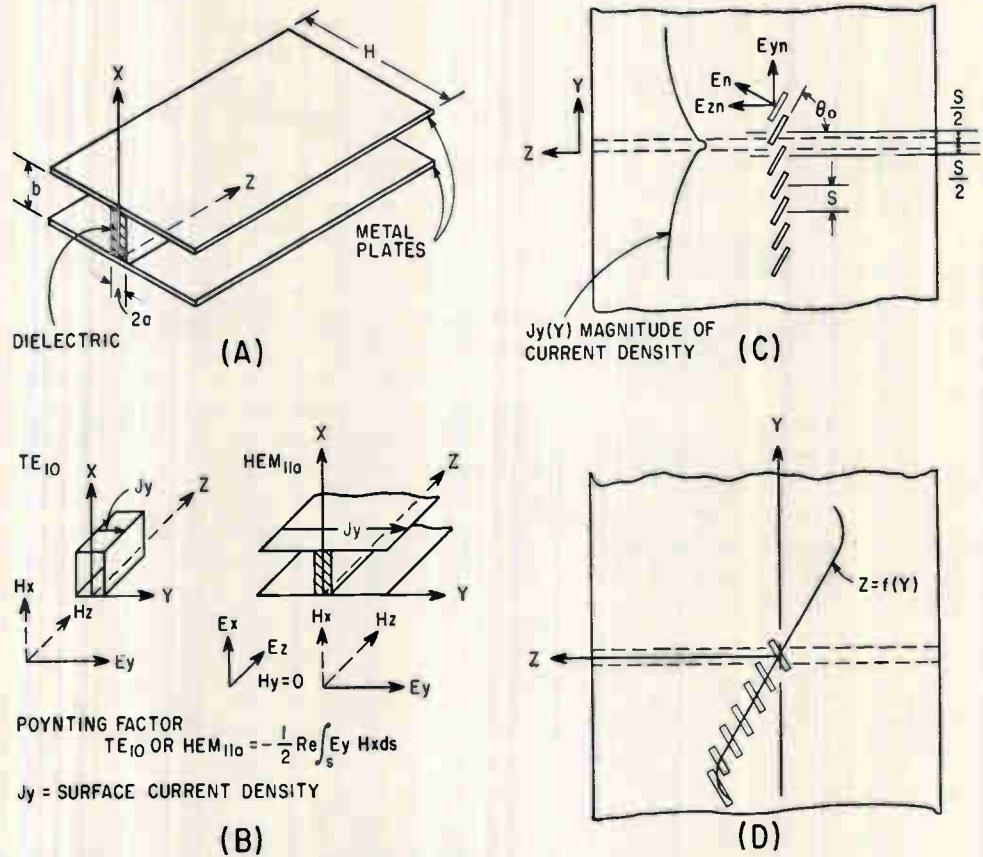


FIG. 1—Configuration of H-guide (A) and field components of rectangular waveguide and H-guide (B). Controlling amplitude of feeding coefficients (C); phase control is shown at (D)

described by portions of sine and cosine functions. The field distribution is such that if a metal wall is placed at the center of the dielectric ( $y = 0$ ), the boundary conditions are satisfied, propagation of the mode is undisturbed and the only effect of the wall is a small increase in attenuation. Placement of the metal wall suppresses even modes which may be excited by discontinuities. These modes have longitudinal currents. It also allows treating the H-guide structure with one input or as two identical half H-guide structures with two independent inputs. This last property is important in monopulse application.

The exponential decay of the

fields may be slow or rapid depending on the dielectric constant of the slab and its width  $2a$ . The transverse currents in the metal walls may extend a considerable distance from the center of the H-guide making possible excitation of a two-dimensional slot array.

Consider a single row of inclined slots in an H-guide metal plate, spaced  $S$  distance apart and placed along the  $y$  axis as shown in Fig. 1C. The energy propagates in the  $z$  direction in  $HEM_{110}$  mode so that only a single  $y$  component of current exists. Since the degree of slot coupling depends on the current density intercepted by the slot and the component of length transverse to the current lines, the  $E_z$

component of the electric field at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  slot can be expressed by proportionality

$$E_{zn} \propto J_y(y) \sin \theta_n \cos \theta_n \quad (1)$$

where  $\theta_n$  is the angle of inclination of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  slot with respect to the  $z$  axis,  $n$  is an integer  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $J_y(y)$  is the surface current density equal to  $C \cos Ky_a \exp [Ky_a (1 - |y/a|)]$  where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant,  $Ky_a$  and  $Ky_a$  are the transverse distribution parameters in the dielectric and air regions respectively, and  $a$  is one-half the dielectric width.

Equation 1 can be written in terms of slot spacing  $S$  and normalized with respect to  $E_{zo}$ .

The normalized voltage feeding

coefficients thus become

$$A_n = E_{zn}/E_{z0} = (\sin 2\theta_n / \sin 2\theta_0) \exp[-Ky_2 a (ns/a)] \quad (2)$$

As seen from Eq. 2, the control mechanism of aperture illumination is modification of exponential decay by adjustment of relative slot angles. Theoretically, the  $Ky_2 a$  factor in the exponent of Eq. 2 can be made arbitrarily small to excite slots far removed from the center of the H-guide.

For the HEM<sub>11n</sub> mode,  $Ky_2 a$  and  $Ky_1 a$  are related by

$$Ky_2 a = (Ky_1 a / \epsilon_r) \tan Ky_1 a \quad (3)$$

where  $\epsilon_r$  is the relative dielectric constant of the slab and the limits on  $Ky_1 a$  are  $0 \leq Ky_1 a \leq \pi/2$ . Further,  $Ky_1 a$  is related to the dielectric width, relative dielectric constant and free-space wavelength ( $\lambda_0$ ) by the expression

$$(Ky_1 a)^2 [1 + (\tan Ky_1 a / \epsilon_r)^2] = \frac{\pi^2 (2a/\lambda_0)^2 (\epsilon_r - 1)}{\epsilon_r} \quad (4)$$

Two-dimensional arrays can be realized by placing additional rows of slots  $d$  distance from each other with reversed angles of inclination in each successive row so that constructive interference of  $E_z$  would result in some prescribed direction. The advantage of reversing the slot angles is that the broadside radiation is achieved at  $\lambda_{ph}/2$  instead of  $d = \lambda_{ph}$ .

The array will then consist of the slotted rows parallel to the  $y$  axis and columns parallel to the  $z$  axis. To minimize cross-polarization ( $E_y$  component), the angle  $\theta_n$  has to be large. The E- and H-planes for this array are defined as normal planes containing the  $z$  and  $y$  axes respectively.

The angular beam tilt from the normal in the E plane can be calculated from

$$\sin \phi = (\lambda_0 / \lambda_{ph}) - (\lambda_0 / 2d) \quad (5)$$

where  $\lambda_0$  is the free-space wavelength,  $\lambda_{ph}$  is the H-guide wavelength and  $d$  is the row spacing.

H-guide wavelength can be calculated from

$$\lambda_{ph} = \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{1 - (\lambda_0/2b)^2 [1 - (Ky_2 ab/\pi a)^2]}} \quad (6)$$

where  $b$  is the separation of the metal plates.

The propagation of the HEM<sub>11n</sub> wave is assured if  $b > b_0$ , where<sup>2</sup>

$$(b_0/\lambda_0) = (1/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}) (\sqrt{\epsilon_r^2 + \tan^2 Ky_1 a} / \sqrt{\epsilon_r + \tan^2 Ky_1 a}) \quad (7)$$

If the columns are displaced in the  $z$  direction in such a way that the slots of a row lie on a curve  $z = f(y)$ , such as shown in Fig. 1D, then the phase of each column can be described by function

$$\psi = (2\pi/\lambda_{ph}) f(y) \quad (8)$$

Consequently,  $f(y)$  and  $A_n$  can be chosen to generate a desired radiation pattern in the H-plane.

The E-plane radiation pattern can be synthesized by adjusting the feeding coefficients in a column by varying the slot inclination angles along a column. An array of this type then incorporates in itself sufficient degrees of freedom to generate any radiation pattern in space.

Little can be said at present about the magnitude of the slot conductance and their dependence on the parameters of the H-guide. Experiments indicate that the H-guide slots behave like shunt elements. It is reasonable to assume that for loosely-bound waves, the angular dependence is similar to that of slots in a narrow wall of a rectangular waveguide.

An experimental model has been built to test the design. The two-dimensional array consists of 70 slots of seven rows and ten columns. The relative slot angles in a row were chosen to give a cosine on 10 db pedestal aperture distribution in the transverse plane. All rows are identical.

The spacing of rows ( $d$ ) and columns ( $s$ ) is  $\lambda_{ph}/2$  and  $\lambda_0/2$  respectively at the design frequency. It was found that the slots resonated at a frequency that was lower than the design frequency and coupled out approximately 30 percent of the incident power as was determined by the insertion loss method. A short was placed against the tip of the dielectric slab at  $3/4 \lambda_{ph}$  from the last row of slots. The mode was launched by a horn transition with adjustable flaps. It was found that the shape of the radiated patterns was highly dependent on the flap positions of the horn. Study revealed quadratic phase errors across a row; H-plane radiated patterns were taken at an optimum position of the flaps and were compared with the calculated pattern shown in Fig. 2A. Within the region of the main

beam, the experimental pattern is in agreement with the calculated pattern. Experimental sidelobes are 17 db below the peak of the main beam. H-plane patterns were calculated from the normalized feeding coefficients obtained from Eq. 2 using design parameters  $2a$ ,  $b$  and  $\epsilon_r$  of the experimental model.

The E-plane pattern (not shown), has a broadside pencil beam somewhat distorted because the row spacing was no longer  $\lambda_{ph}/2$  at the test frequency.

The slotted plate of 70-slot array was rotated 90 degrees with respect to its original position. With the plate rotated, the slot angles were large with respect to the transverse current components so that most of the incident power was radiated. The insertion loss measurements relative to the unslotted H-guide were made. The output power level for the slotted H-guide was 25 db down as compared to the unslotted H-guide of the same dimensions. The array was fed by a tapered horn transition and terminated by a dry load. The principal polarization was transverse to the array axis consequently the E-plane was parallel to the  $y$  axis and the H-plane was parallel to the  $z$  axis.

The H-plane pattern shown in Fig. 2B, exhibits a 44-degree forward beam tilt from the normal. The beam tilt phenomenon can be explained as follows. With the plate in the original position, slots in the transverse rows were spaced at  $\lambda_0/2$ . The rows were spaced approximately  $\lambda_{ph}/2$  apart and were mirror images of each other. The radiation was then broadside for resonant or non-resonant operation. With the plate rotated by 90 degrees, transverse rows became longitudinal columns in which the slots did not reverse angles of inclination.

The beam tilt from the normal was consistent with  $\phi = \sin^{-1} (\lambda_0 / \lambda_{ph})$  where  $\lambda_0$  is free space wavelength and  $\lambda_{ph}$  is the H-guide wavelength. The E-plane cut through the peak of the beam is shown in Fig. 2D.

If a thin longitudinal metallic septum is placed at the center of the dielectric, boundary conditions are satisfied and HEM<sub>11n</sub> propagation remains undisturbed. It is then

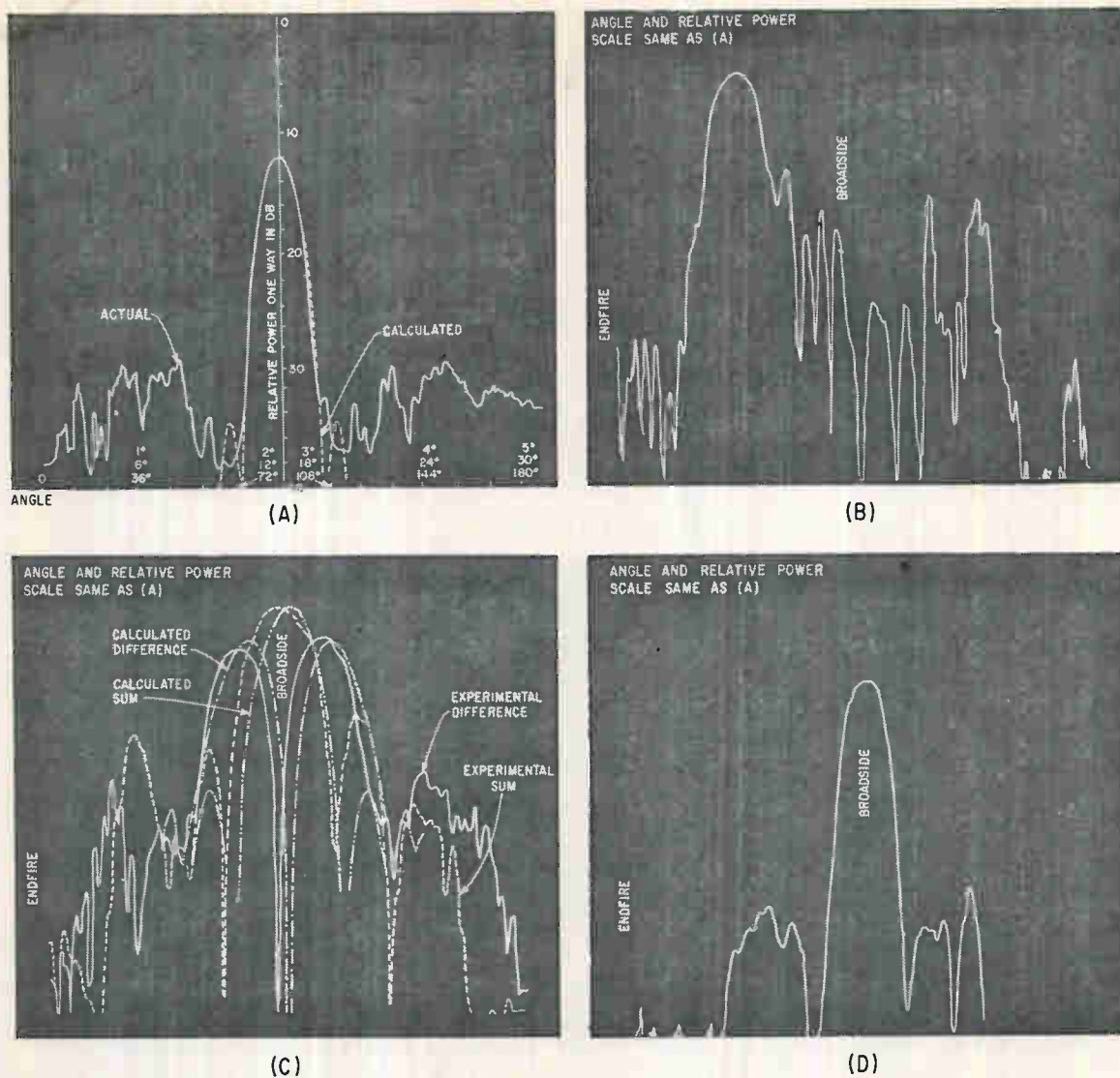


FIG. 2—Experimental and calculated H-plane radiation patterns (A), slotted plate rotated 90 degrees (B), H-plane monopulse patterns of 30-slot array (C) and E-plane cut through beam maximum (D)

possible to feed two halves of the aperture independently and obtain phase monopulse operation in one plane.

The aperture of 70 slots was reduced to 30 slots, 6 slots wide and 5 slots long by taping up the remaining slots with aluminum tape. The short was placed at some odd multiple of  $\lambda_{g0}/4$  from the last row of slots. The aluminum tape in the middle of the dielectric provided sufficient isolation for the purpose of the experiment. Each half of the aperture was fed by a symmetric arm of an E-plane folded hybrid T. Reduction of 70 slot aperture was necessary to minimize the phase error that would result from the oversimplified feeding arrangement. Experimental sum and dif-

ference H-plane patterns are compared with theoretical patterns in Fig. 2C. Examination shows that the experimental patterns are displaced from the theoretical pattern by approximately 4 degrees which indicates the presence of phase error, either between the apertures or in the transition. With this discrepancy taken into account, the positions of the beams and of the first side lobe of the sum pattern agree with the calculated pattern. The null of the difference pattern is in excess of -32 db. The beamwidths of the experimental pattern are in good agreement with the calculated beamwidths.

The results of the experiments appear significant in that they establish that H-plane two-dimensional

arrays are possible and may serve as a basis for a new generation of flush-mounted antennas.

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# Moving-Target Simulator Tests

## Tracking Radars

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*Versatile moving-target generator can simulate many variations of the radar echoes that a tracking radar will encounter in field operation*

THE ARTIFICIAL-ECHO generator described in this article supplies a signal that has all the characteristics of a moving-target radar echo. This signal is used to test automatic-tracking radars under simulated normal and extreme conditions.

Signal strength is variable, allowing tests of sensitivity to weak targets and tests of agc action for strong targets. The artificial echo is variable in time with respect to the start of the receiving portion of the radar cycle, the speed of variation being controllable. Time variation provides an echo that moves in either an increasing or decreasing range direction at any speed between the minimum to more than the maximum automatic-tracking rate of the radar under test. The simulation of target-angle movements tests the automatic angle-tracking circuits and antenna mechanism of the radar. Dimen-

sion of the echo pulse conform to the characteristics of the electronic gates used in the radar automatic-tracking control circuits.

The artificial-target generator can simulate targets traveling at speeds up to several thousand mph and can simulate any target strength between a weak, barely detectable signal to a strong echo from a nearby target. The artificial echo may be moved to any point, up to the maximum range of the radar, and stopped. This facility can be used to adjust or test the automatic tracking circuits.

During the adjustment and performance testing of automatic fire-control radar systems, it is necessary that an isolated target be available so that the echo received by the radar system is free of adjacent echos from surrounding targets. This isolation is necessary to determine the magnitude and polarity of angle-error voltages produced

by off-target conditions without spurious responses due to adjacent targets. The angle-tracking modulation that is present at off-target conditions in elevation or azimuth is simulated by amplitude modulating the echo with a variable-amplitude variable-phase generator or oscillator. The amount of modulation is proportional to the angle deviation from an on-target condition; the phase indicates the off-target direction.

This test set is useful also as a signal generator for signal tracing in the radar receiver. An i-f pulse can be applied to the converter input for checking the i-f amplifiers and the circuits that follow. The video pulse can be used for the video amplifiers.

Figure 1 shows the target generator circuit and waveforms. The synchronizing-trigger-pulse voltage is obtained from the radar set under test and starts the timing circuit. The phantatron, whose pulse width is controlled by the delay diode and the motor-driven precision potentiometer, generates a pulse. The two-phase motor driving the potentiometer through speed-reduction gears controls the rate-of-change of the pulse width, which may be either increasing or decreasing, depending on the direction of the motor-shaft rotation. Voltage for the fixed phase of the two-phase motor is obtained from the single-phase source by a capacitor phase shifter. The variable voltage applied to the other motor phase is controlled by a variable auto-transformer and reversing switch. The speed-reduction gear ratio provides convenient control of the artificial echo speed from below the minimum to above the maximum

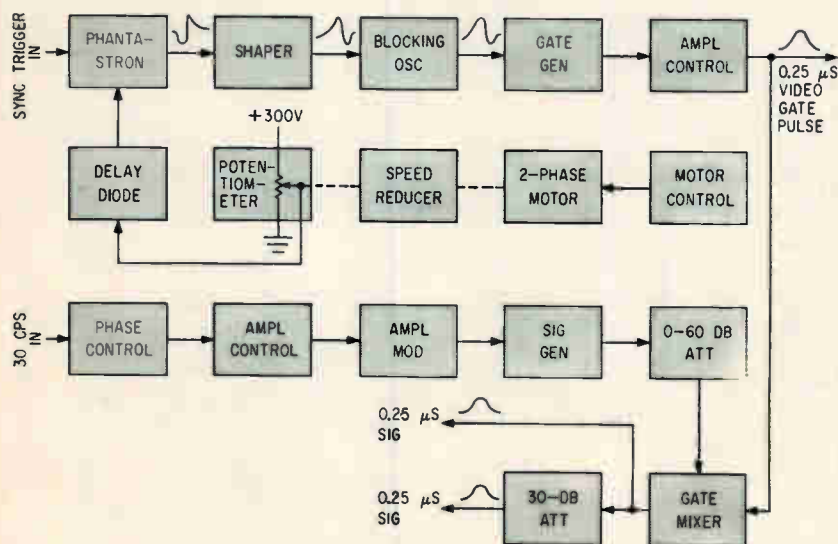



FIG. 1—Moving-target generator



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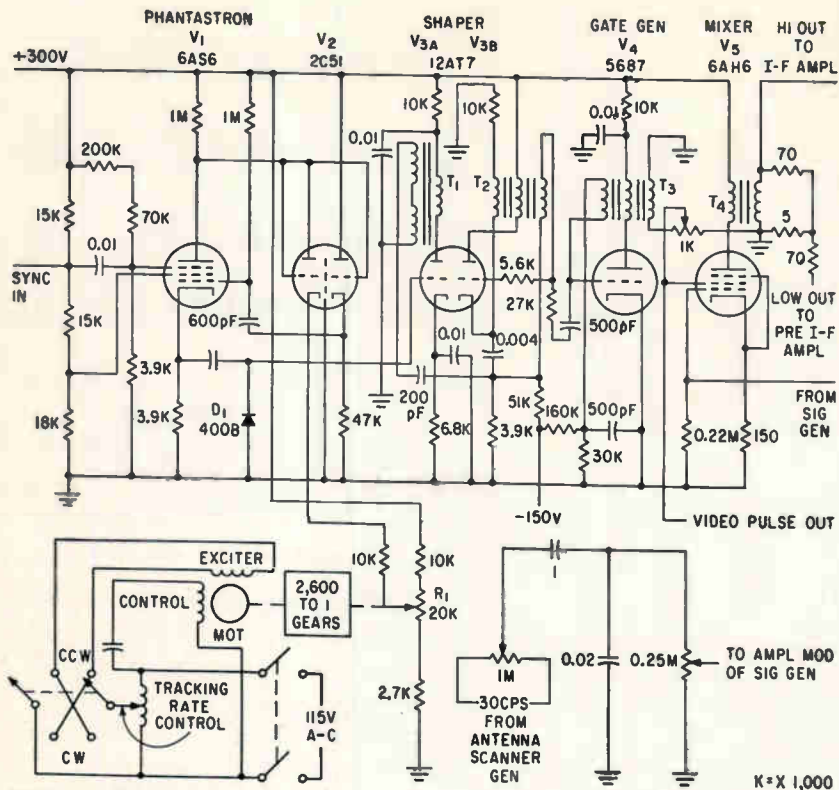


FIG. 2—Schematic of moving-target generator does not show the signal generator, which is a commercial unit

tracking speeds of the radar set. The phantastron pulse is shaped for triggering a blocking oscillator whose output controls a gate generator. The gate pulse, shaped like a radar echo, causes the mixer to pass a pulse of amplitude-modulated c-w from the signal generator. The signal generator is amplitude modulated by a voltage from a radar-antenna scanner generator or an oscillator. This voltage is phase shifted by a phase control calibrated in degrees-off-target in azimuth and elevation. The phase-shifted and amplitude-modulated i-f pulse, which is shaped like a radar echo, is available at a high level at the gated mixer output for injection into the high-level stages of an i-f amplifier or available through an attenuator for injection into the low-level mixer converter of the radar. A video gate pulse is available for signal tracing through the radar's video amplifier.

The variable time-delay circuit consists of phantastron  $V_1$ , (Fig. 2), dual diode  $V_2$  and precision potentiometer  $R_1$  driven by the two-phase motor. The phantastron tube is held at cut-off until a positive trigger is applied to the suppressor grid. The phantastron then con-

ducts until its plate voltage reaches the same potential as the cathode potential of delay diode  $V_2$ . The cathode potential is set by the movable arm of  $R_1$ . Potentiometer  $R_1$  varies the d-c voltage controlling the delay diode that determines the time delay between the synchronizing trigger pulse input to  $V_1$  and the positive excursion of  $V_1$  output pulse. The output pulse is capacitance coupled to the shaper.

In the shaper circuit, the negative-going portion of the phantastron output pulse is eliminated by diode  $D_1$ . The positive-going portion of the pulse triggers blocking oscillator  $V_{3a}$ . The blocking oscillator output pulse is ten times the amplitude of the trigger pulse and has a rounded peak on the positive excursion. This pulse triggers blocking oscillator  $V_{3b}$ , which produces a still-higher-amplitude positive pulse that is more rectangular in shape and that has much less negative overshoot than the output of  $V_{3a}$ . Tube  $V_{3b}$  output triggers gate generator  $V_4$ , another blocking oscillator.

The gate generator output is a high-amplitude positive pulse of rounded-peak triangular shape with-

out any negative overshoot and duplicates the appearance and dimensions of a received radar echo pulse. The smoothly rounded peak reaches a positive amplitude of 300 v and is fed through an amplitude control potentiometer to the screen grid of the gated mixed tube ( $V_5$ ).

Tube  $V_5$  remains cut-off until the positive gate pulse is applied. During the short interval the gate pulse permits  $V_5$  to conduct, the amplitude-modulated c-w signal at intermediate frequency that is present on the control grid takes over control of  $V_5$  electron stream. This produces an amplitude-modulated i-f pulse having the same shape as the gate pulse applied to the screen grid of  $V_5$ . The output level of the i-f c-w signal generator is controlled by a variable attenuator that permits selection of any signal level from as low as several  $\mu$ v to as high as one volt for application to the control grid of  $V_5$ . A fixed attenuator between  $V_5$  plate output transformer and the test set output jack provides low-level signals for the input-to-high-gain stages of the radar.

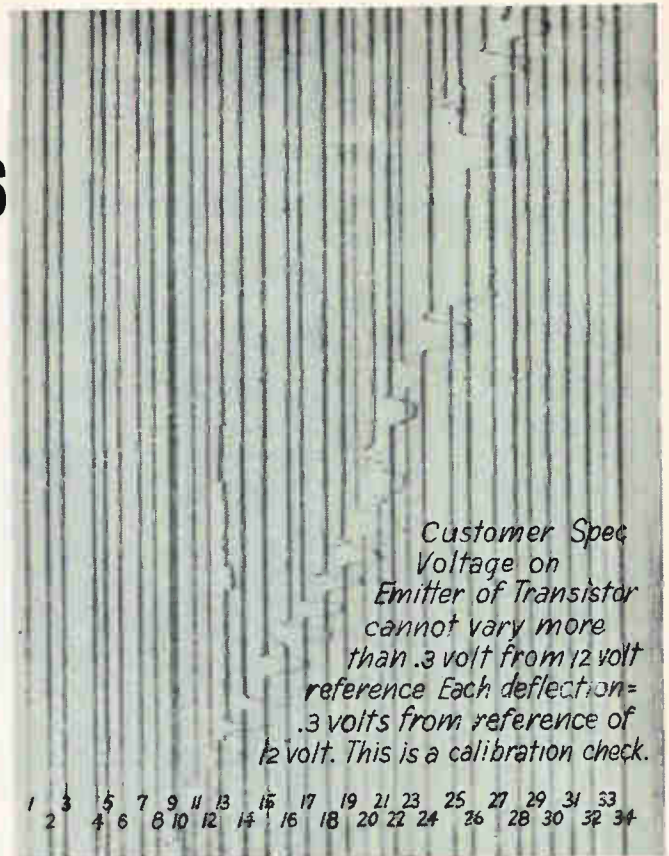
The antenna-angle simulator circuit receives a signal from the position-indicating antenna-scanner generator. This signal is fed through phase and amplitude controls to the amplitude modulator of the c-w i-f signal generator. The phase control is used to simulate the degree of off-target-angle error in azimuth and elevation.

The artificial echo generator is simple to use. The operator adjusts the test set controls to produce the type of artificial echo having the desired characteristics, then observes the movement of the artificial echo on the radar indicator screen while manipulating the radar set controls to intercept, lock on and automatically track the moving artificial target. Changing aspects of a moving target may be simulated by varying the speed, direction, amplitude and phase controls of the test set. Since the range of artificial target speed rate is determined by the ratio of the speed-reduction gears between the driving motor and the precision-delay potentiometer, the ratio may be selected to produce a faster or slower rate of speed of the artificial target to suit the speed capabilities of the radar under test.

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# Radar Measures Cloud Characteristics

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INFORMATION about the vertical cross sections of passing clouds is provided by a new weather radar that looks straight up. Propagation characteristics at the operating frequency selected for the system provide more detailed information about cloud structure. Meteorologists can obtain permanent facsimile recordings as well as observing the crt display.

The system, officially designated AN/TPQ-11 Cloud Detecting Set, operates in the K<sub>a</sub> band (35 Gc). Clouds are largely transparent to transmissions at these short wavelengths, enabling the radar to penetrate them. Radar return results from scattering of the transmitted signals from water droplets and ice particles of which clouds are composed.

Typical information furnished by the system that aids in weather forecasting includes cloud height and cloud thickness. Resolution of the system is also sufficient to permit observation of such details as bands and streamers.

The system includes separately housed transmitter and receiver units, each with its own antenna. The control console, also a separate package, has been designed for operation by meteorologists with limited training in electronics. A data converter housed in the console and the facsimile recorder complete the system.

Transmitter pulse repetition frequency is 500 pps and duration of the transmitted pulse is one microsecond. A type 5789 magnetron is used to deliver a peak power output of 25 Kw.

By using separate transmitting and receiving antennas, the mixer crystals are isolated from the transmitted pulse by more than 95 db. This technique was used because past experience indicates that delicate microwave crystals used for the K<sub>a</sub> band could have



*Use of separate transmitting and receiving antennas in K<sub>a</sub> band radar at Washington National Airport isolates crystal mixers from transmitted pulses by more than 95 db*

limited life expectancy. However, a single antenna may be incorporated in future designs that would operate in conjunction with improved ferrite circulators and T-R tubes.

The receiver uses a single-conversion superheterodyne circuit with an afc system incorporated for frequency stability. The received 35-Gc signals are beat in a single mixer with the output signal from a VA97 klystron local oscillator. The resulting 60-Mc intermediate-frequency signal is amplified in a two-section i-f amplifier. The first section is a preamplifier with an 8-Mc passband. Output from the preamplifier is coupled through an attenuator to a post amplifier having a 2-Mc passband. Since wide bandpass is not required, the 2-Mc bandpass of the main i-f amplifier limits degradation of performance because of noise.

The afc error signals are derived from a separate crystal mixer that also provides a 60-Mc output. This signal is fed to a preamplifier with an 8-Mc bandpass. Amplifier out-

put is applied to an f-m discriminator that in turn drives a conventional diode-phantastron circuit to change oscillator frequency.

Radar echoes are displayed on an A scope in the console. Height is displayed vertically with signal deflection to the right and range marks to the left. Operating range of the system can be set at 15,000, 30,000 and 60,000 feet. Range marks can be set at intervals of 2,500 or 5,000 feet. The facsimile recorder is provided with the same range marks as those displayed for the operator on the crt.

The data converter samples the received signal for a period of one microsecond during each sweep of the radar. The sampled signal is then stretched over the 2-millisecond pulse interval at the pulse repetition rate of 500 pps.

The recorder sweeps at a rate of one radar range sweep per second. Resolution of 500 feet is realized for the one-microsecond sample, which is compatible with system bandwidth.

The antennas, mounted facing upward on a rigid shelter, are



# TEKTRONIX TYPE 516 OSCILLOSCOPE

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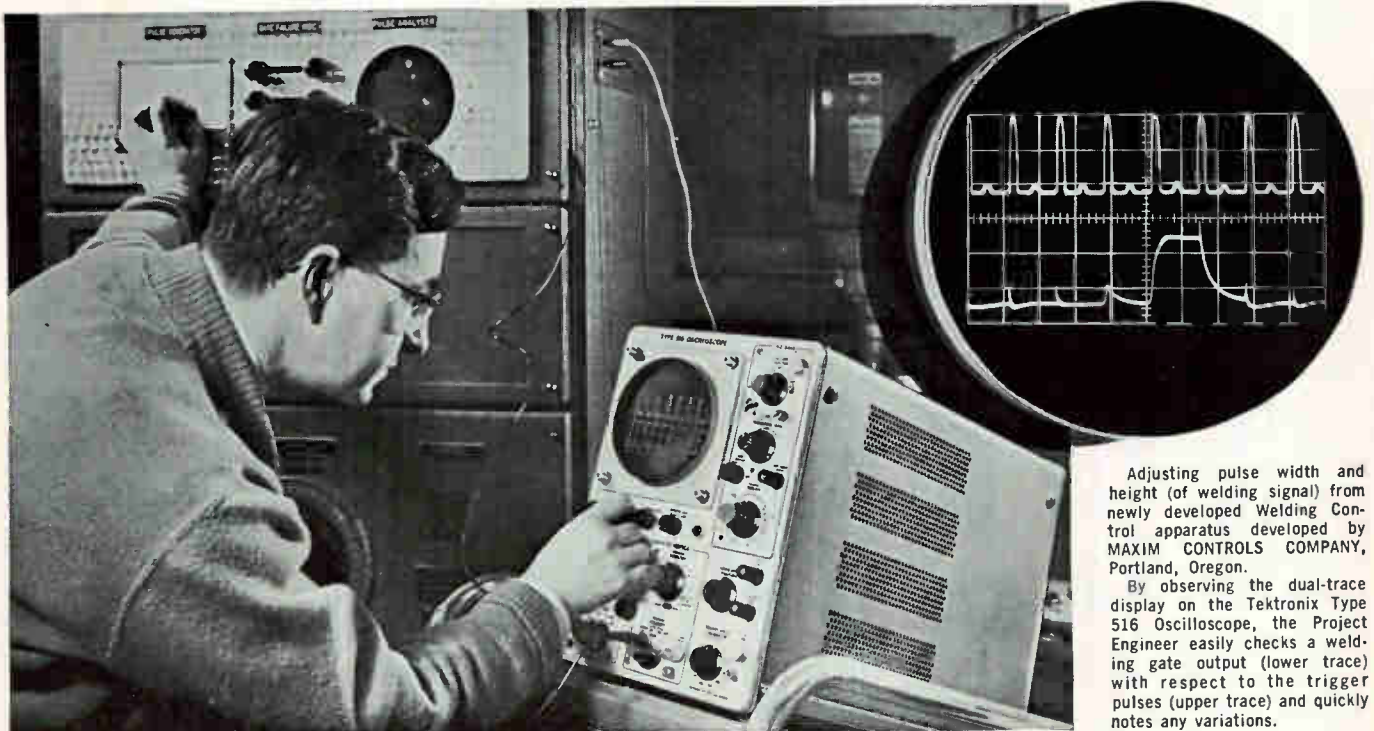


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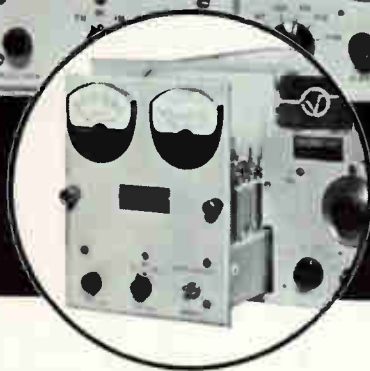
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One application of the new radar will be to provide information to the AN/FMQ-5 Automatic Weather Station, which was also developed by the Olympic division of Siegler.

## Accelerator Will Use High-Power Klystrons

PROPOSED two-mile long linear accelerator will use klystrons that provide as much as twenty-four megawatts peak power output. The proposed accelerator will use 240 of these klystrons to achieve energies of 10-20 bev.

Preliminary design and development work is being carried out at Stanford University under prime contract to the Atomic Energy Commission. Congress appropriated \$3 million last fall for the present preliminary work. If the entire project is approved, final cost is estimated at \$100 million and the accelerator could be completed in six years.

Subcontracts for the klystrons have been awarded to Sperry Gyroscope and RCA, with a subcontract for development of a power supply modulator system also going to RCA. Each company is scheduled to supply six of the klystron amplifiers before the end of the year.

The tubes will incorporate improvements on basic Stanford klystron designs. Peak power output of 6 to 24 megawatts is specified with a minimum operating life of 2,000 hours. The designs must also permit mass production and easy maintenance.

The power modulator system in

conjunction with the klystrons will provide microwave power to drive electrons through the accelerator's 4-inch diameter, 10,000-foot long pipe. The electrons traveling at about the speed of light will acquire tremendous energy in the form of increased mass. They will bombard nuclear targets at the end of the pipe.

Physicists expect the electron bombardment to produce all known particles and possibly create new ones. The accelerators would also permit studies of secondary particle production, possible limits to theories of quantum electrodynamics and measurements of nuclear structure. The present 1 bev linear accelerator at Stanford has yielded the most accurate known measurements of size and charge distribution of neutrons and protons.

### Tuning Technique Gives Wide Frequency Choice

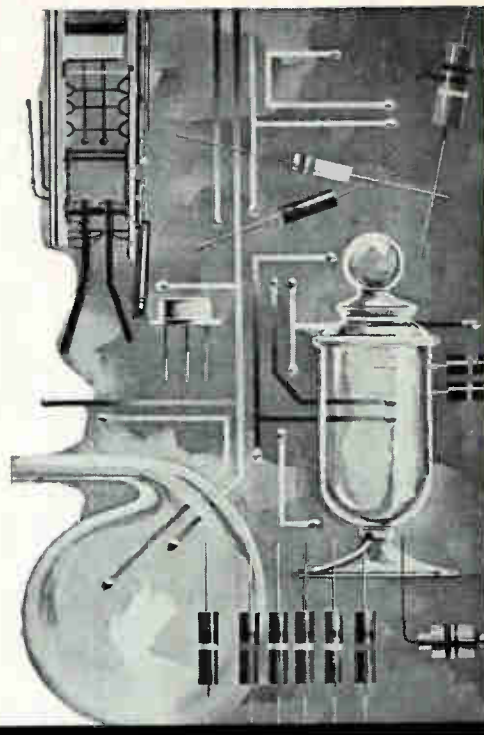
SINGLE-SIDEBAND transceivers use digital tuning to lock on any of 2,800 frequencies from 2 to 30 Mc. The tuning technique is expected to reduce operator errors as well as simplify and speed the tuning process. Frequency stability is said to be 1 part in  $10^7$  per week.

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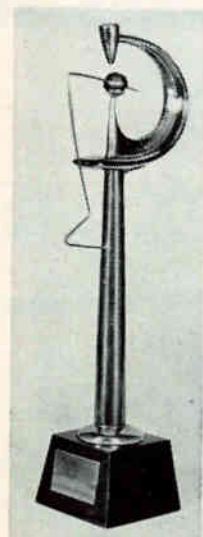
# Top Designers Receive Minnie Awards

BACK IN 1957, Miniature Precision Bearings' originated an awards program to increase awareness of significant advances in the field of miniaturization. Since then these Minnie Awards (we suggest this name) have attempted to create a better understanding of miniaturization, to point a way towards new horizons in miniaturization through research, and to simplify future efforts in this area.

Criteria established for the miniaturization awards include ingenuity in solving basic miniaturization problems of broad

interest to industry; new design concepts having wide potential application; and developing or manufacturing new types of components or assemblies that extend the frontiers of miniaturization.

The first prize, a bronze sculpture that symbolizes miniaturization, was won this year by the



The Minnie Award

electronic watch<sup>1</sup> that hums (ELECTRONICS, p 35, Oct. 28, 1960). This watch, now known to millions, was selected from among 117 entries. The award presentation was made at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, at a recent dinner. The event was attended by over 200 people that included the top designers of military and commercial electronics. General B. A. Schriever, Commander of the Air Research and Development Command, was the guest speaker.

Our readers may remember that the design concept of the watch involved the use of a tuning fork and miniature coil arrangement to act as transducer; an electronic circuit

that employed a transistor, and a capacitor and associated resistor that interacts with a 1.3-v mercury cell and two driving coils.

In addition to the top award, ten certificates of excellence were presented. These awards were:

- A working two-phase, four-pole electrical motor less than  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. in size<sup>2</sup>. The mechanical handling and coil winding methods employed in the micromotor have wide potential application in microminiature mechanical assemblies and inductive electronic components.

- The Compactron<sup>3</sup>, a vacuum tube which combines into one unit the functions performed by several vacuum tubes, thus opening the way to smaller size, better performance and lower costs. Because three Compactron devices do the job of eight transistors or six miniature tubes, fewer components perform the same functions in less space.

- The TIMM circuits<sup>4</sup>, Thermionic Integrated Micro Modules, tiny ceramic modules which contain not only electron tube elements, but also associated circuitry such as capacitors, resistors and inductors. These circuits permit exceptionally high practical, working (as opposed to theoretical) component densities.

- A micro-miniature a-c timing motor<sup>5</sup>. At the present time a 115-v, 400 cycle timing motor operates from less than one-half watt of power, and with a diameter of  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch. Length of the motor is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in., and to the best of knowledge, this is the smallest synchronous a-c motor available.

- A thin-film digital differential analyzer computer<sup>7</sup> that demonstrates that system-oriented application of thin-film techniques have resulted in a compact, accessible computer which promises to have better reliability than can be achieved with current techniques.

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- An electrohydraulic valve<sup>10</sup> that provides hydraulic muscles for miniaturized electronics.

- A sub-miniature vane pump cartridge<sup>11</sup> for electronic cooling, at low power sources, for transferring small quantities of liquids or gases.

- A surgical suture needle<sup>12</sup> made of 0.008-in. wire that required two years of development. Diameter of needle and suture approximate each other, minimizing bleeding and trauma.

The 1957 miniaturization award was presented<sup>13</sup> for techniques in developing components utilizing photolithographic processes and printing techniques. In 1958, the award was given for significant contributions to the development of the SNAP III, a five-pound radioisotope-fueled generator<sup>14</sup>. The 1959 award was given for a sputtered tantalum technique in producing microminiature components and circuits<sup>15</sup>.

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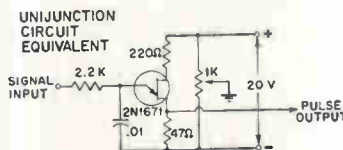
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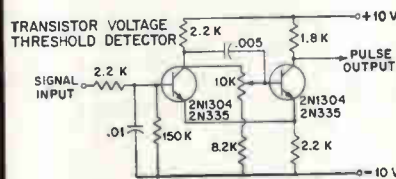
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## Supplying Demands For Intermetallics

ANOTHER MAJOR chemical company<sup>1</sup> is now involved in a long range program to help fill the electronic industry's chemical requirements in the III-V intermetallics. Electronic chemicals are receiving intensive research, and new products will be added.

At the recent IRE show, Monsanto displayed and discussed samples of single crystal gallium arsenide produced by the major crystal growing techniques, and R. A. Staniforth, assistant director of development discussed each of these techniques with this columnist. He suggested that the float zone technique offered the best method of obtaining a really high purity material, the Czochralski method produces material with the lowest dislocation densities, and the gradient freeze technique allows the highest doping levels. Monsanto now joins<sup>2</sup> in offering single crystal gallium arsenide with mobilities of 3,000-5,400 cm<sup>2</sup>/volt-sec and carriers of 1 x 10<sup>18</sup> to 5 x 10<sup>17</sup> per cm<sup>3</sup>.

Staniforth believes it is probable that the float zone method will make possible a material which will open up gallium arsenide transistors.

In a recent discussion with the director of technical planning for one electrochemical research group<sup>3</sup> the dearth of properly qualified electrochemical-electronic engineers was a matter of some concern. Some key educators at top engineering universities feel that frontiers in electronics can be pushed ahead by revising engineering training to steer some of their

brightest students into these areas of research.

Steps in these directions already have been taken by Northwestern, Stanford, Cornell and the University of Cincinnati, and have come about in response to demands created by the needs for advanced training in these fields.

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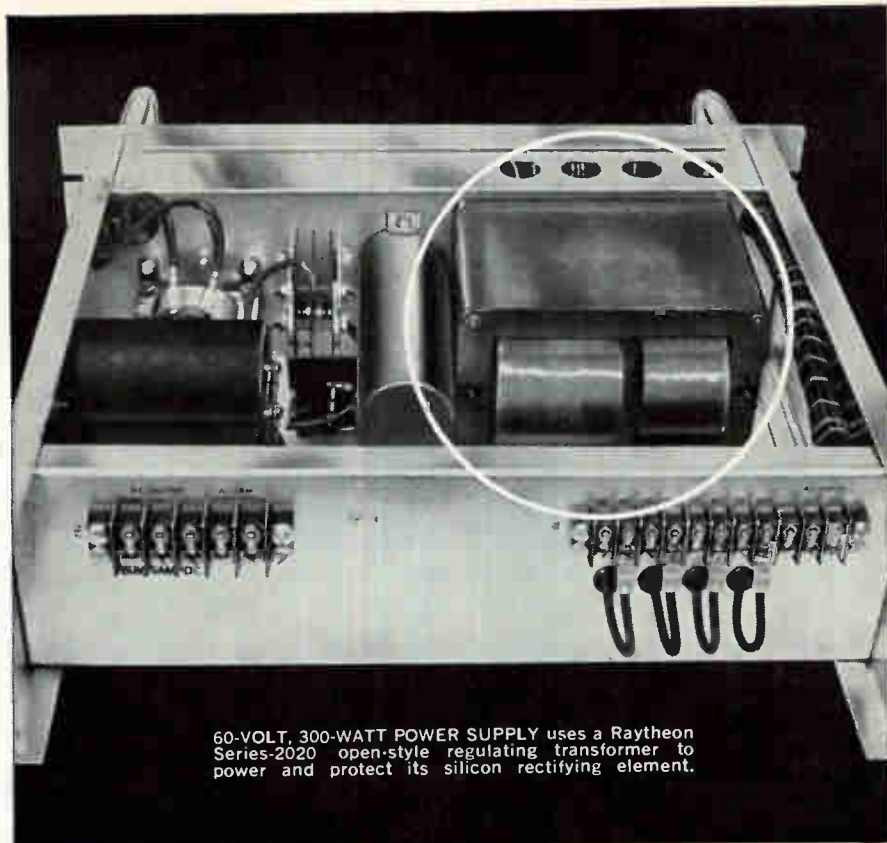
This problem was solved by a technique that produces high-frequency resistors that have resistance values as high as one megohm. These new units are guaranteed to an accuracy of 0.005 percent, and exhibit a rise time of less than 0.2  $\mu$ sec, and a capacitance of less than 0.1 picofarads. These components will find growing applications in high-speed switching networks and digital computers.

Inductive and capacitive effects are virtually eliminated by equal layer windings that give small voltage gradients which reduce capacitance and use of pi windings. The winding direction is alternated as the wire proceeds from one pi section to another. Thus when current flows it will also reverse direction in each pi, cancelling inductance effects within the unit.

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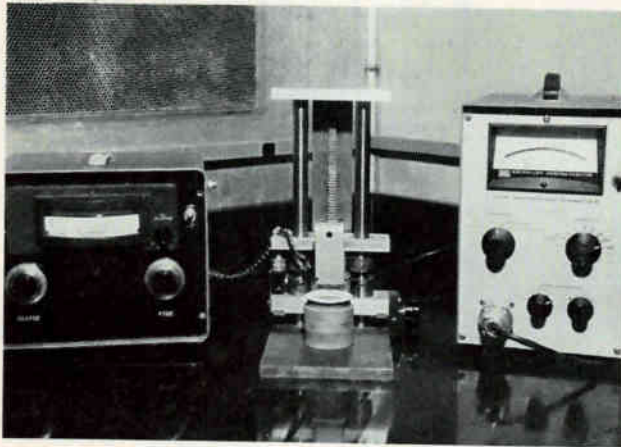
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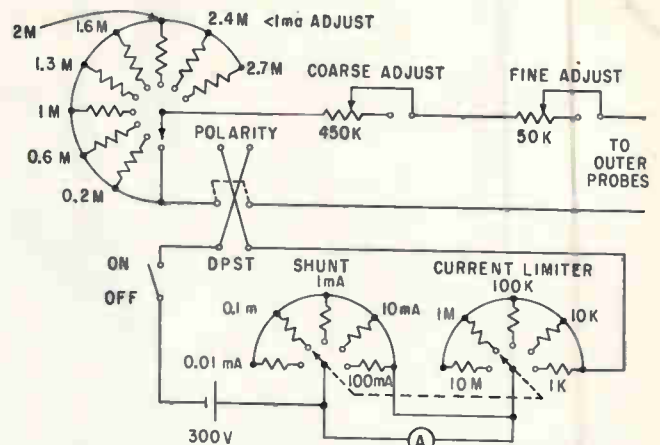


FIG. 2—Power supply for four-point probe resistivity set

## Probe Shows Silicon Resistivity Accurately

By DAVID J. VALLEY, Chief Development Engineer, Allegheny Electronic Chemicals Co., Bradford, Pa.

RESISTIVITY, A FUNDAMENTAL semiconductor property, must be accurately controlled in the material used for semiconductor devices. Measurements precise enough for control can be made by carefully designed instrumentation.

The four-point probe technique of resistivity measuring is generally accepted in the industry. The probe and power supply design used here insures better than five percent accuracy and is suitable for rapid testing of large volumes of single crystal silicon wafers as well

as single crystal ingots.

To measure resistivity, the probes spaced 1.59 mm apart are brought in contact with the crystal surface (Fig. 1). A unit current is passed through the two outer probes and the voltage measured across the two inner probes is equivalent to resistivity. The specimen must be large compared to the probe spacing and the probes must be removed from any edge.

Allegheny's probe assembly has two carriages on ball bushings which ride on vertically-supported, hardened steel shafts. The probe head mounted to the upper carriage has four chrome-plated needles, precisely mounted in a Teflon block. The probes are backed up with individual beryllium-copper cantilever springs. The springs make electrical contact and allow the points to accommodate small irregularities on the specimen.

The lower carriage contains the positioning mechanism. Rotating the knob provides vertical positioning through a rack and pinion assembly. Constant pressure loading of the needles on the specimen is achieved by the extension of a constant force spring (Neg' Ator, Hunter Spring Co.) which connects the carriages.

Another feature of the probe is

automatic current switching, by a limit switch located between the carriages. This prevents arcing by providing an open circuit make and break of the needle contacts on the specimen.

The specimen to be measured is placed under the probes and the apparatus lowered by turning the knob until the needles make contact. Further turning causes the two carriages to separate, applying the force (two pounds) of the constant force spring to the needle contacts. At this point, the normally open limit switch closes and current flows through the measuring circuit. A friction clutch on the pinion shaft holds the lower carriage in place.

The power supply (Fig. 2) is constructed with fixed resistors, selector switches, two precision variable resistors, an ammeter with one percent accuracy and a 300-volt battery. The series resistance of the probe circuit can be varied between 750 ohms and 3.2 megohms  $\pm$  2 ohms. The high resolution allows precise setting.

Resistivity measurements range over nine orders of magnitude. In silicon work, the commonest range is 0.001 ohm-cm to 100 ohm-cm. A 1-ma current is convenient for this range. Currents as low as 10  $\mu$ a

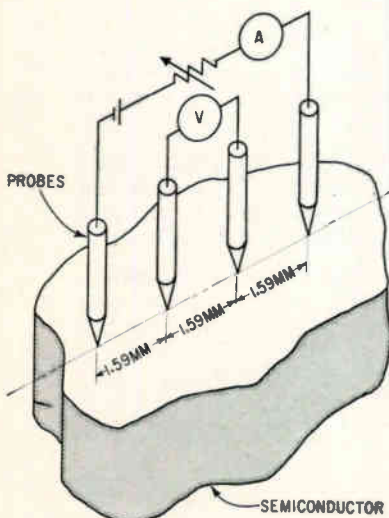
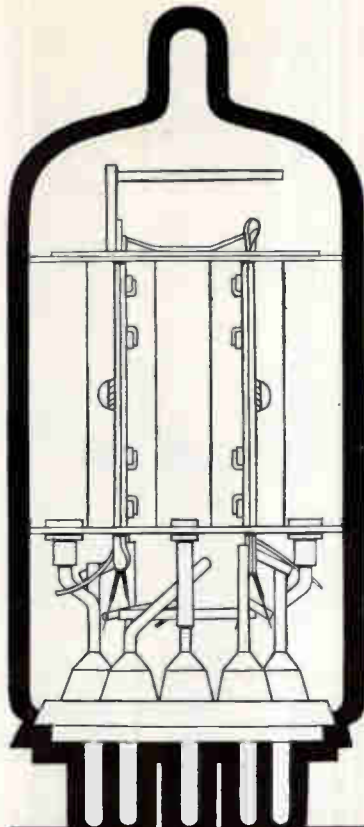


FIG. 1—Basic four-point probe circuit





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are used for higher resistivities. Currents up to 100 ma can be used for resistivities below 0.001 ohm-cm. Fig. 3 is a resistivity function plot showing the operating line for a four-point probe with 1.59 mm spacing.

The power supply is equipped with a polarity reversing switch useful in determining the presence of spurious voltages, such as photo-voltaic effects or r-f pickup, and for detecting rectifying contacts. If the voltage reading is the same in both polarities, irregularities are assumed to be absent.

Two voltage measuring systems are employed. The setup for single crystal ingot includes a potentiometer (Leeds & Northrup K-3). When used with a highly-sensitive gal-

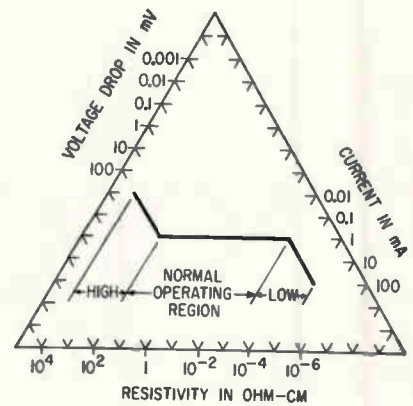
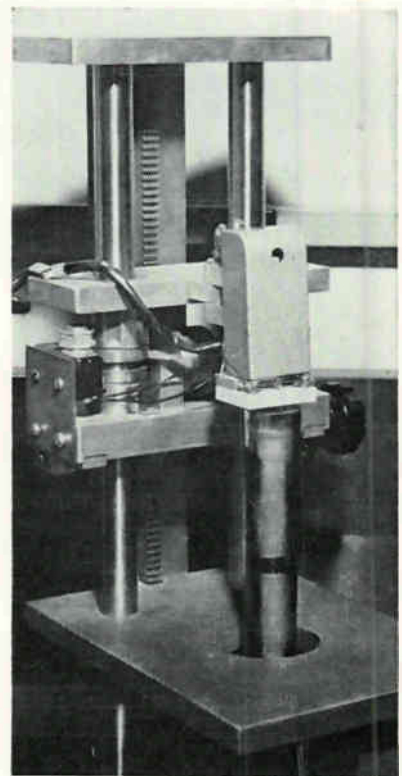
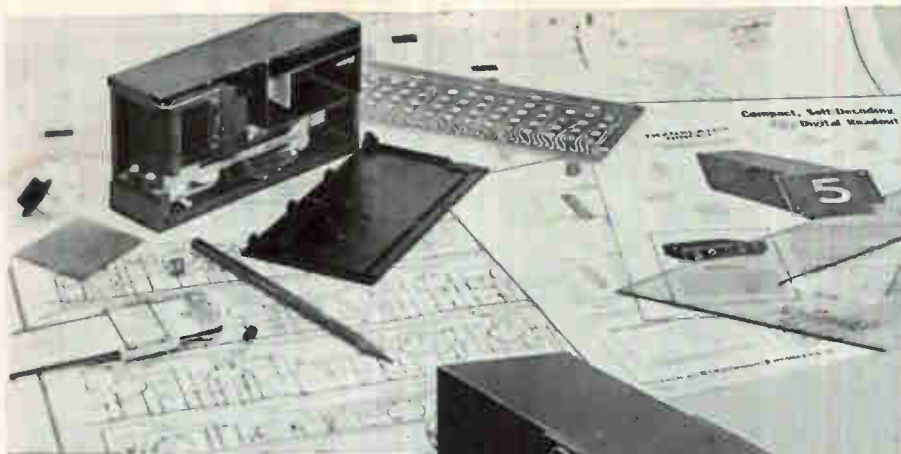


FIG. 3—Probe operating regions



Measurement of single crystal ingot



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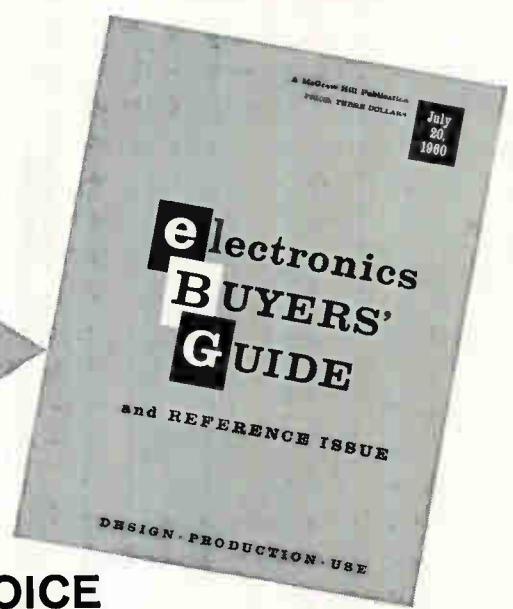
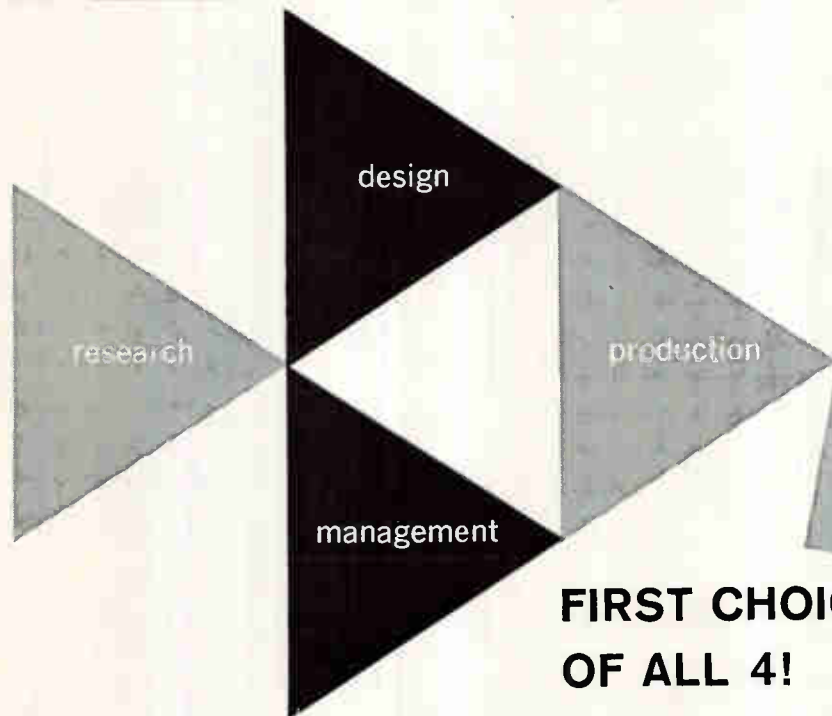
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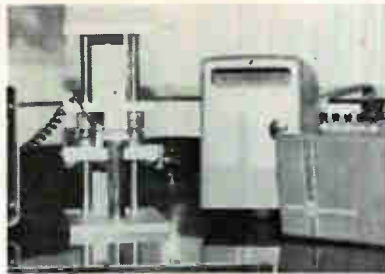
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*Ingot measuring setup*

vanometer, the most critical measurements can be made. The other setup has a high-impedance, high-sensitivity electronic voltmeter (Kiethley 150A). It makes rapid measurements on large numbers of single crystal wafers with little loss of accuracy.

To maintain continued accuracy, the equipment is periodically checked with precision resistors and calibrated standard resistivity samples. As additional safeguards, stray a-c fields must be eliminated and temperature and light levels should be kept constant. The equipment is used in an air-conditioned, electrically isolated room. Specimens must be carefully prepared, by fine sandblasting or lapping.

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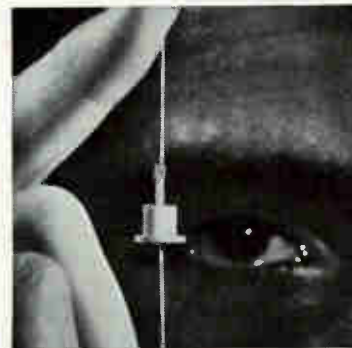
(1) L. B. Valdes, Resistivity Measurements on Germanium for Transistors, Bell Telephone System Monograph 2261.

**Harness Molding Raises  
Reliability, Is Faster**

HARNESS MOLDING technique that puts a covering of air-tight, waterproof vinyl on aircraft cables has been reported by the Convair Astronautics Division. Wires are cut to length and metal connector tips are soldered or crimped on. The wires are bundled, wrapped spirally with quarter-inch vinyl strips and laid in channels in an aluminum mold. The mold is covered with a flat plate. An air gun is used to force coating material into the mold. Curing, by heating the mold, bonds the coating with the windings. Connector plugs can be molded directly to the harness ends. Convair says the method improves reliability by giving environmental protection and distributing strain on the harness. Molding is also faster than hand-typing and identification numbers molded in eliminate tagging.



**100% tinplating** of silicon diodes meets rigid military specifications for resistance to corrosive salt spray and provides optimum solderability of these hermetically sealed units, accord-



*Photo courtesy International Rectifier*

ing to one manufacturer. In addition, tinplating protects against adverse environmental conditions, including corrosion resulting from excessive humidity.

Another capacitor maker recommends consideration of hot-dip tinning, plus centrifugal spinning. This method provides a fine solderability base and increased corrosion resistance. It also affords longer shelf life in storage.

**Solder clad** miniature base tab stampings can speed transistor production. Each replaces two components used to make ohmic junctions to germanium or silicon transistor triodes. They consist of a layer of high purity solder alloys metallurgically bonded to a base tab conductor such as Kovar, nickel or nickel-iron. Solder and base ratio is 6:1.

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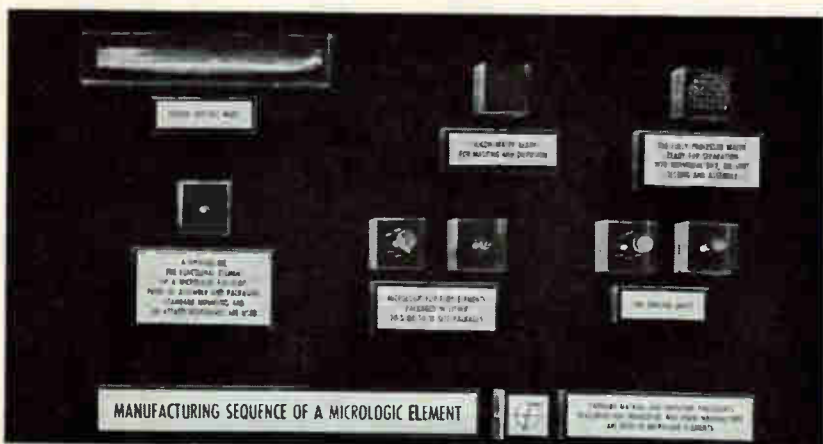
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# New On The Market



## Integrated Circuits

### SIZE AND COST REDUCTION

INTEGRATED microminiature circuits that should lead to reductions in both size and cost of solid-state digital computers are announced by Fairchild Semiconductor Corp., 545 Whisman Rd., Mountain View, Calif.

Micrologic elements may allow 90-percent reduction in the size and 70-percent reduction in cost of the logic section of a computer.

The first device, a flip-flop, is now available. Five other devices in the family—gate, half-shift register, buffer, half adder, and counter adapter—will be made available during 1961. Together, the six elements can be used to build the complete logic or arith-

metic section of the computer.

Introductory price of the flip-flop is \$120, but this will be reduced as production increases.

The flip-flop is made by diffusing the transistors and resistors for many units into a single slab of silicon. Metallic intraconnections are then deposited and the slab is cut into the individual micrologic elements. These elements are then mounted in a JEDEC TO-5 or TO-18 size package with eight-leads.

Operation is at bit rates in excess of 1 Mc; average power dissipation is 30 mw; temperature range is -55 to 125 C.

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## Seven Nuvistor Triodes AND ONE TETRODE

DEVELOPMENTAL nuvistor types, now available on a sampling basis from RCA Electron Tube Div., Harrison, N. J., are: A-15211, double-ended triode for r-f amplifier service through 1,200 Mc; A-15239C, triode for uhf tv; A-15253, industrial triode with mu of 100; A-15259, industrial triode with mu of 170 for applications requiring low grid current; A-15247-A, low-mu industrial triode for 12 to 28 volt plate supply; A-15212, flexible-lead version of the RCA-7586 nuvistor triode; A-15218A, low-noise triode with mu of 205; A-2659, tetrode.



These last two types were specially designed for miniature sono-

buoys for antisubmarine warfare. They have a special heater that operates over a wide range of voltages.

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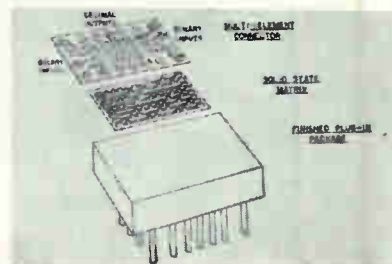
## 250-Watt Zener

### 6 TO 30 VOLTS

A 250-WATT silicon zener diode is in pilot production at Standard Rectifier Corp., Santa Ana, Calif. The 250-watt zeners will be available in the 6 to 30-volt range, with typical dynamic impedance of the higher voltage units being 0.06 ohm, and less at the lower voltages.

Stud and flange mounting packages are available. Applications include systems surge protection, power-supply regulation and laboratory work. Sample quantities are available at \$60 to \$70 each.

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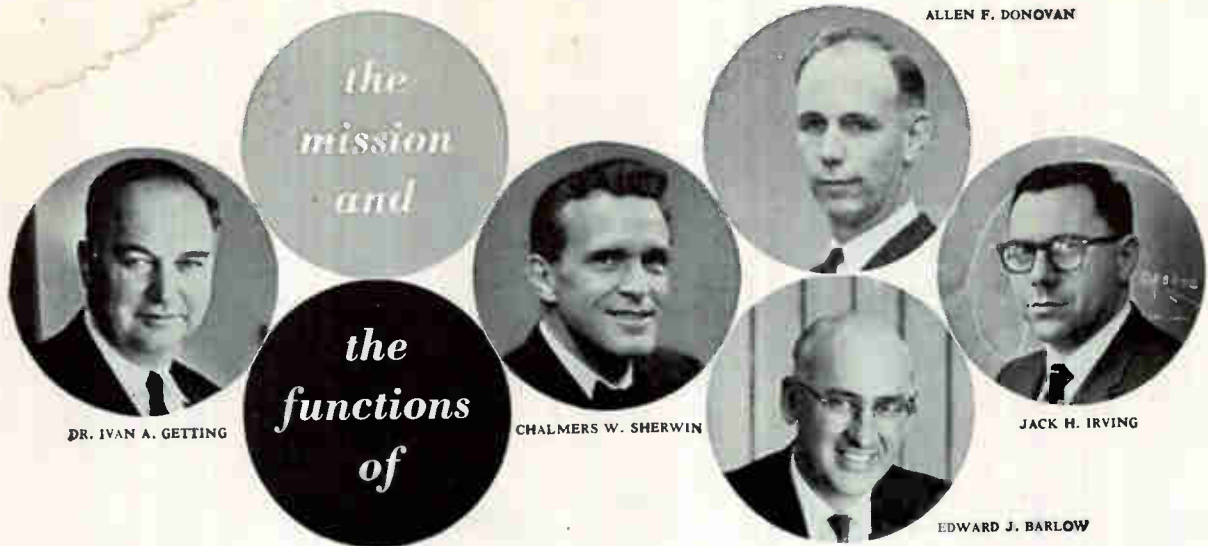


## Low-Cost Modules FOR COMPUTERS

FIRST Bipco module available is a binary coded decimal-to-decimal converter using 4-2-2-1 code. The device contains 40 silicon diodes and is designed to drive a Nixie indicator tube directly from binary coded decimal inputs.

Typical specifications for the individual diodes are: minimum forward current at 1 v = 10 ma; maximum inverse current at 100 volts and 25 C = 5 microamp; peak inverse voltage = 200 volts. Units are available from the Burroughs Corporation, Electronic Tube Division, Plainfield, New Jersey, at \$45 in small quantities.

In the manufacture of a diode module, a single silicon wafer is diffused to form a large planar



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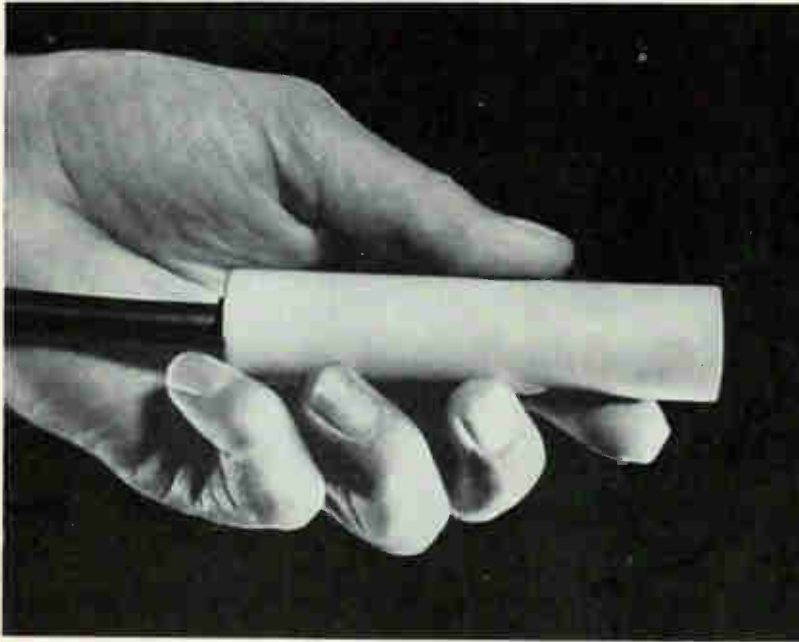
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diode. From this wafer, elements are fabricated simultaneously in a pattern. The array is joined to a

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## Fiber Optic Cathode-Ray Tube

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MINIATURE precision crt has for its face a precision array of fiber light pipes. Individual light pipes are coated on the vacuum side with phosphor, are excited from an electron gun in the tube. Digital deflection voltages can generate a digital code on the face of the crt.

The recording film or light-sensitive material can be placed adjacent to the face of the crt, without using supplementary optical sys-

tems. Code matrix of the EID11 Tube is 32 elements by 32 elements, providing 1,024 bits of information. The tube is a magnetically shielded, complete crt using low-voltage acceleration, low-voltage electrostatic focus and deflection.

The tube is available from Display Devices Dept., Litton Industries, 960 Industrial Road, San Carlos, Calif.

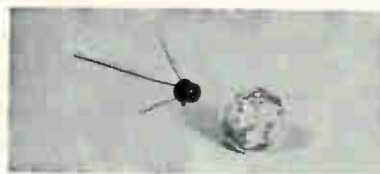
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## PNPN Photocell

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THE Photran is a highly efficient light-actuated *pnpn* silicon switch, having over 10 megohms resistance when off and under 10 ohms resistance when triggered on by light. Output is determined primarily by the load and is independent of light input at all intensities above the triggering level.

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Applications include counting, sorting, power control, limit switching, programming and optical logic control. The photocell is available from Solid State Products, Inc., 1 Pingree St., Salem, Mass.

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## Four New Compactrons

TOTAL NOW 6 TYPES

FOUR new Compactron multifunction tubes are now available from General Electric Receiving Tube Dept., Owensboro, Ky.

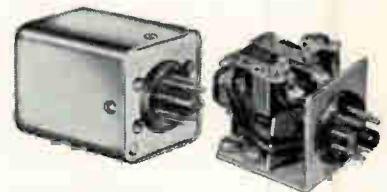
The 6FJ7 is designed for use as a combined vertical-deflection oscillator and amplifier in television receivers.

The 6B10 functions similarly to the 6CG7 conventional receiving tube, plus two selenium diodes. Two high- $\mu$  triodes and a medium- $\mu$  triode are contained in the 6K11, with characteristics similar to 12AU7 and 12AX7 receiving tubes. The tube has separate pin connections for all three cathodes, grids and plates.

The 6AX3 operates similarly to the 6AX4GTB conventional receiving tube.

Two types were registered previously: the 6C10 is designed for use where high voltage-gain is required; the 6D10 is for oscillator mixer, grounded-grid amplifier, and automatic frequency control service.

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## Plug-In Base Relays

COMPACT AND LIGHT

OHMITE MFG. CO., 3631 Howard St., Skokie, Ill., has available two plug-in relays with popular (115 v a-c) coil rating. The dpdt contacts are each rated at 15 amperes. Model DOSEPX-5T is enclosed in a dustproof, drawn aluminum cover. The DOSPX-1T is unenclosed. Plugs on both models are standard octal types which fit standard octal v-t sockets.

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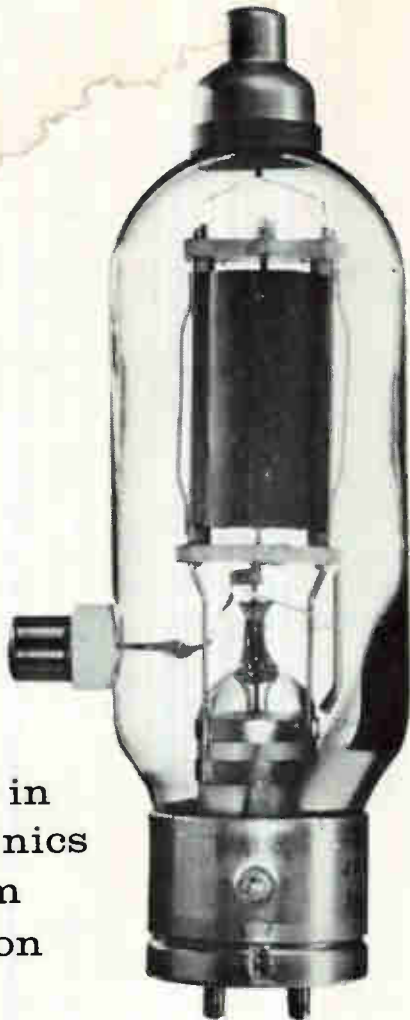
## High-Speed Transistors

GOLD-DOPING TECHNIQUE

GERMANIUM *pn*p transistor PADT-40 has an average total switching time of 135 nsec and a minimum time of 80 nsec, measured in a con-



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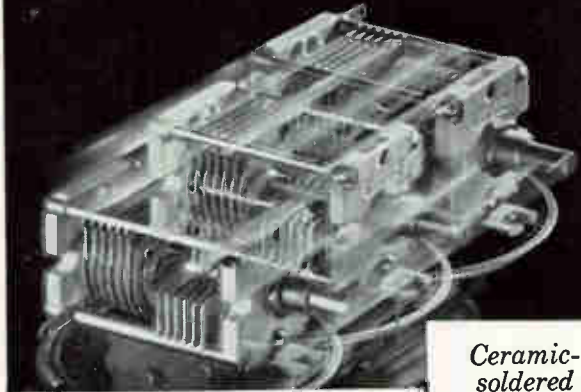
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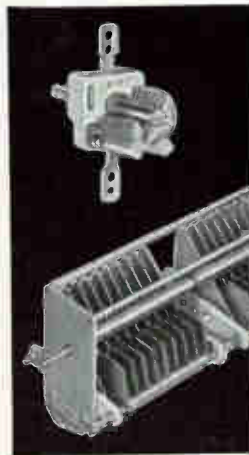
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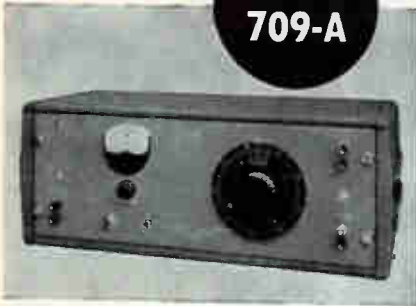
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### SPECIFICATIONS . . .

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Accuracy of Phase Angle:

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Output Voltage Range: 0.5 to 5 volts (rms)

Output Impedance: Low (from cathode follower)

Power Supply: 105-125 volts, 50-60 cycle electronic-regulated, self-contained supply requiring approximately 100 watts

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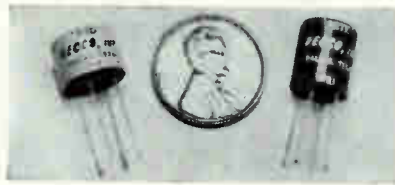
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The PADT-40 has a thin, deeply diffused base region and a collector region gold-doped for low stored charge. The deep diffused thin base makes the electrical properties dependent on the bulk properties of the transistor and not on surface effects. Current gain and switching time are relatively independent of temperature. The transistor is available from Amperex Electronic Corp., Semiconductor and Special Purpose Tube Division, 230 Duffy Avenue, Hicksville, L. I., N. Y.; price is approximately \$2.50.

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## Transformers

### SPACE-SAVING

DECCO, INC., 2025 Farrington, Dallas 7, Texas. The Buds and Mites are miniaturized transistor transformers. Units are encased in drawn steel cans with nickel alloy leads on standard 0.1 in. spacings for rapid p-c board mounting. The Bud configuration is only  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. high and the Mite unit is  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. diameter. A total of 42 designs can be supplied as standard units.

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## Silicon Transistor

CRYSTALONICS, INC., 249 Fifth St., Cambridge, Mass. The field-effect transistor is a three terminal amplifying device with very high input and output impedances.

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## Thermistor Beads REFLECTIVE TYPE

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## Frequency Meter AND DISCRIMINATOR

GENERAL RADIO CO., West Concord, Mass. Type 1142-A frequency meter and discriminator has a frequency range of 3 cps to 1.5 Mc; accuracy, ± 0.2 percent; readings independent of input waveform. Interpolator feature permits readings to 3 significant figures; linear pulse-count discriminator for deviation and incidental f-m measurements; residual f-m more than 100 db below full output; output for recorder. Price is \$495.

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## Lamp Adapter

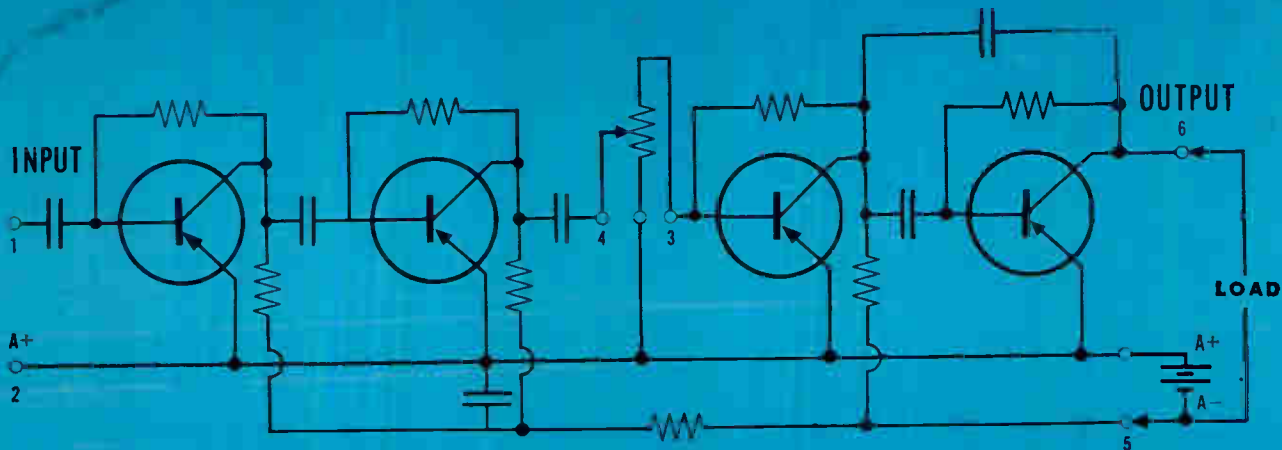
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS, INC., 5528 Vineland Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. Lamp adapter holds T-1 ultraminiature incandescent lamps and fits any standard miniature bayonet base socket.

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## R-F Tuning Unit PLUG-IN

POLARAD ELECTRONICS CORP., 43-20 34th St., Long Island City 1, N. Y., has developed a plug-in tuning unit for use with its microwave receiver model R. Model RE-T's frequency range is 45,300 Mc to 84,200 Mc

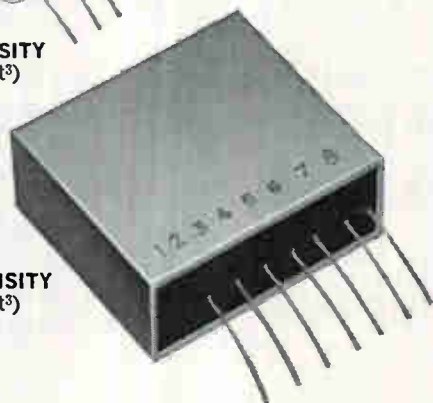


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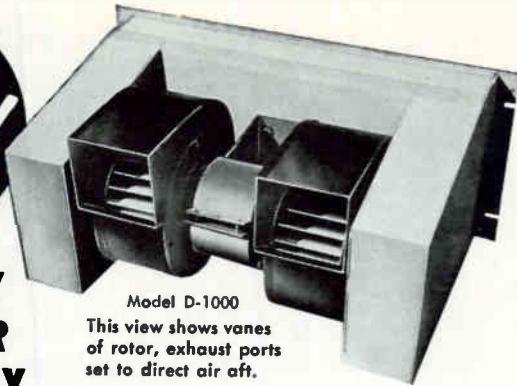
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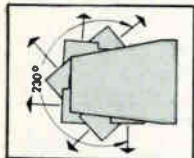
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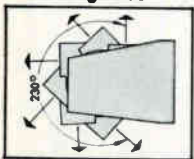


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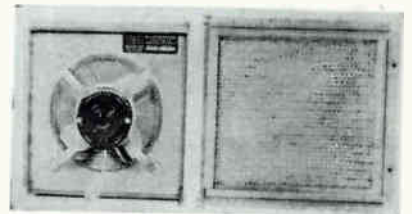
having a sensitivity between -50 dbm to -65 dbm. The tuning head enables the receiver to be used from 400 Mc to 84,200 Mc. Front panel Unidial automatically tracks local oscillator and a linear frequency-dial achieving ±1 percent frequency dial accuracy.

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## Crystal Filter

ELECTRONIC LABORATORIES CORP., 4221 Spencer St., Torrance, Calif. Features a 2.0 cps bandwidth at 100 Kc center frequency. The filter is housed in an oven thermostatically controlled to maintain 135 C.

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## Panel-Mounted Fan FOR RACK EXTERIORS

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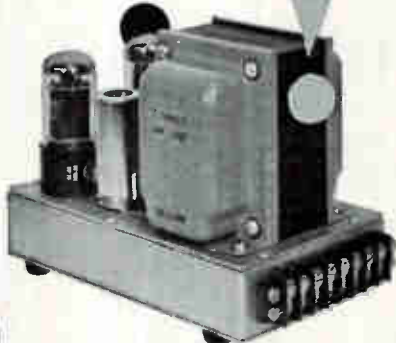
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**SPECIFICATIONS**

model*	voltage range	current ma	filament volts/amps	price
RS-110	0-100	6-100	6.3/3	\$108.00
RR-110				133.00
RM-110				169.00
RS-205	150-225	0-50	6.3/3	55.50
RR-205				80.00
RM-205				115.00
RS-217A	150-225	0-175	6.3/8	87.50
RR-217A				112.50
RM-217A				147.50
RS-305	225-325	0-50	6.3/3	55.50
RR-305				80.00
RM-305				115.00
RS-317	225-325	0-175	6.3/8	87.50
RR-317				112.50
RM-317				147.50
RR-450	+300-400	0-50	6.3/2	155.50
RM-450				196.00
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RR-473	+300-400	0-25	6.3/1.5	140.00
RM-473				175.00
DUAL TRACKING				
RS-505	300-5002	0-50	6.3/3	81.50
RR-505				106.50
RM-505				141.50
RR-303	0-300	0-500	6.3/15	320.00
RS-303		0-500	6.3/15	360.00
RR-550	300-500	0-500	6.3/15	310.00
RM-550		0-500	6.3/15	350.00

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**SPECIFICATIONS, ESS-301**

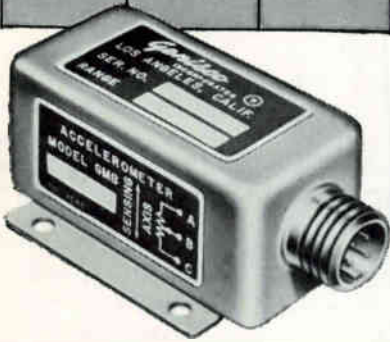
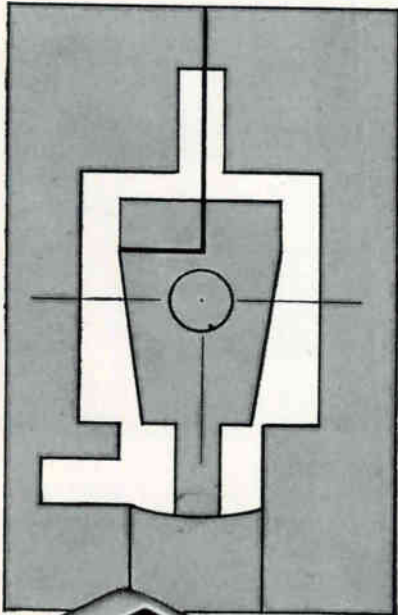
INPUT	115v, 3 amp
OUTPUT	0 to +10v variable 0 to -10v variable 0 to +1v fixed
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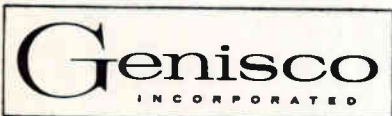
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## Communication Tower SELF-SUPPORTING

ROHN MFG. CO., Box 200, Peoria, Ill., announces a 170-ft self-supporting communication tower. Addition of 3 heavy duty 20 ft sections to the basic self-supporting Rohn design gives the extra height and support needed to increase the rating so it can be used for bigger and heavier jobs.

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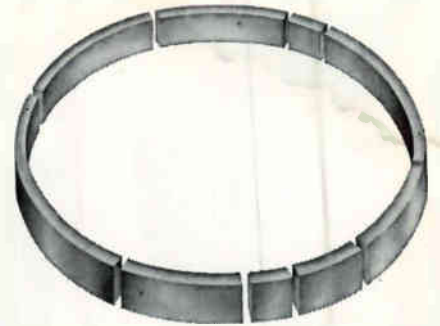
## Solder

ALPHA METALS, INC., 56 Water St., Jersey City 4, N. J. For printed circuit boards and semiconductor devices, Alpha AAA solder reduces inherent inclusions, produces oxide-free connections, and minimizes drossing.

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## Transistor Tester TIME SAVING UNIT

SIERRA ELECTRONIC DIVISION, Philco Corp., 3885 Bohannon Drive, Menlo Park, Calif. Model 219B provides convenient measurement of the transistor beta parameter while the transistor remains in the circuit. Betas from 1 to 120 are measured in four overlapping ranges. With



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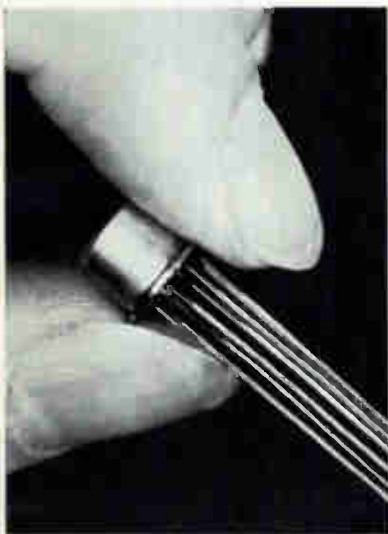
the transistor removed, model 219B not only reads beta but also indicates leakage current ( $I_{\text{leak}}$ ) in two ranges: 0-50 and 0-500  $\mu\text{a}$ .

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## Switching Transistor

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC., 730 Third Ave., New York 17, N. Y. Silicon switching transistor has a total switching time of 46 nsec in a 2N706A test circuit with standard conditions.

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## Logic Circuits IN TO-5 CASE

COMPUTER NOR logic circuit with three diodes, RC coupling network, transistor and two resistors in a package no larger than TO-5 size transistor is announced by Semiconductor Div., Raytheon Co., 215 First Ave., Needham, Mass.

The NOR logic unit is a basic building block for computer logic systems that require a minimum number of interconnections and small, compact circuits. The integration of functions and the use of silicon semiconductor material provides increased reliability.

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## Relays

LEACH CORP., Controls Div., Azusa, Calif. Two microminiature relays, a solid state time delay and an MS-approved rotary crystal can, are available.

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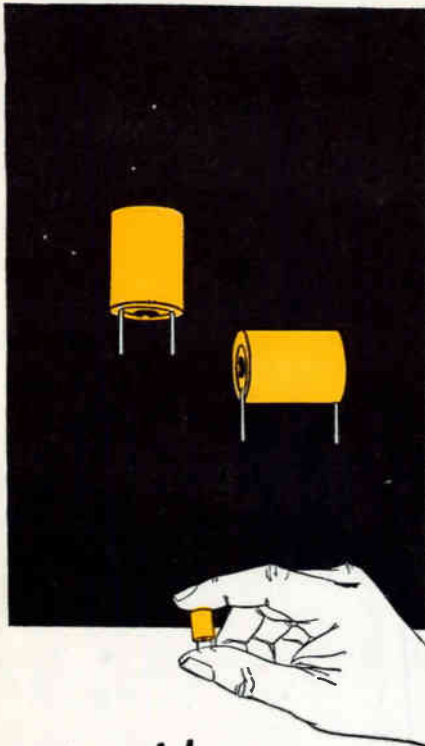
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## Literature of the Week

**TRANSISTOR TESTER** Monitor Systems Inc., an Epsco subsidiary, Fort Washington, Pa. Bulletin describes a semiautomatic transistor tester which classifies semiconductors by specifications at speeds of 30 to 60 tests per second.

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**SWITCHES** The Daven Co., Livingston, N. J. A description of the company's line of switches, both standard and special types, is available in a 48-page catalog.

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**GERMANIUM DIODES** Hughes Aircraft Co., Semiconductor Div., Newport Beach, Calif., has published a single data sheet which graphically records the typical characteristics of nanosecond germanium diodes at 25 C.

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**VIBRATORS** James Electronics, Inc., 4050 North Rockwell St., Chicago 18, Ill. Specifications are given on a vibrator specifically designed for citizens band equipment.

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**MAGNETIC TAPE** Sangamo Electric Co., Springfield, Ill. "A New Concept In Magnetic Tape Instrumentation," a 7-page catalog, describes the tape handling, speed control, and performance features of the company's instruments.

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**GENERATORS** Tektronix, Inc., P.O. Box 500, Beaverton, Ore., has published a booklet on square-wave generators, a pulse generator and trigger takeoff, and a pretrigger pulse generator.

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**TAPE SPOOLER** Electronic Engineering Co., 1601 East Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. Automatic tape handling device is covered in a single data sheet.

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**PRECISION PRODUCTS** Bowmar Instrument Corp., 8000 Bluffton Rd., Fort Wayne, Ind. Five

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Ohmite Mfg. Co., 3649 Howard St., Skokie, Ill. Commercial listings of 3, 5 and 10 w vitreous-enameled, wirewound resistors with revised resistance values appear in stock catalog 30 B.

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#### TRANSISTOR AMPLIFIER

Centralab, the Electronics Div. of Globe-Union Inc., 900 Keefe Ave., Milwaukee 1, Wis. Bulletin gives electrical and physical specifications of TA-12-B 4-stage transistor amplifier, an ultraminiature audio amplifier.

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**NETWORK DESIGN** General Resistance, Inc., 430 Southern Boulevard, New York, 55, N. Y. A design data outline form aids choice of resistor networks, according to mechanical or electrical design requirements.

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**CARD READER** Uptime Corp., 175 Commerce St., Broomfield, Col. Booklet describes the Speedreader 2000 which uses a card-to-tape system to translate from 400 to 3000 cards per minute.

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**CUP CORES** General Ceramics Corp., Keasbey, N. J. An engineering bulletin provides data on a ferramic cup core assembly for applications requiring temperature stability.

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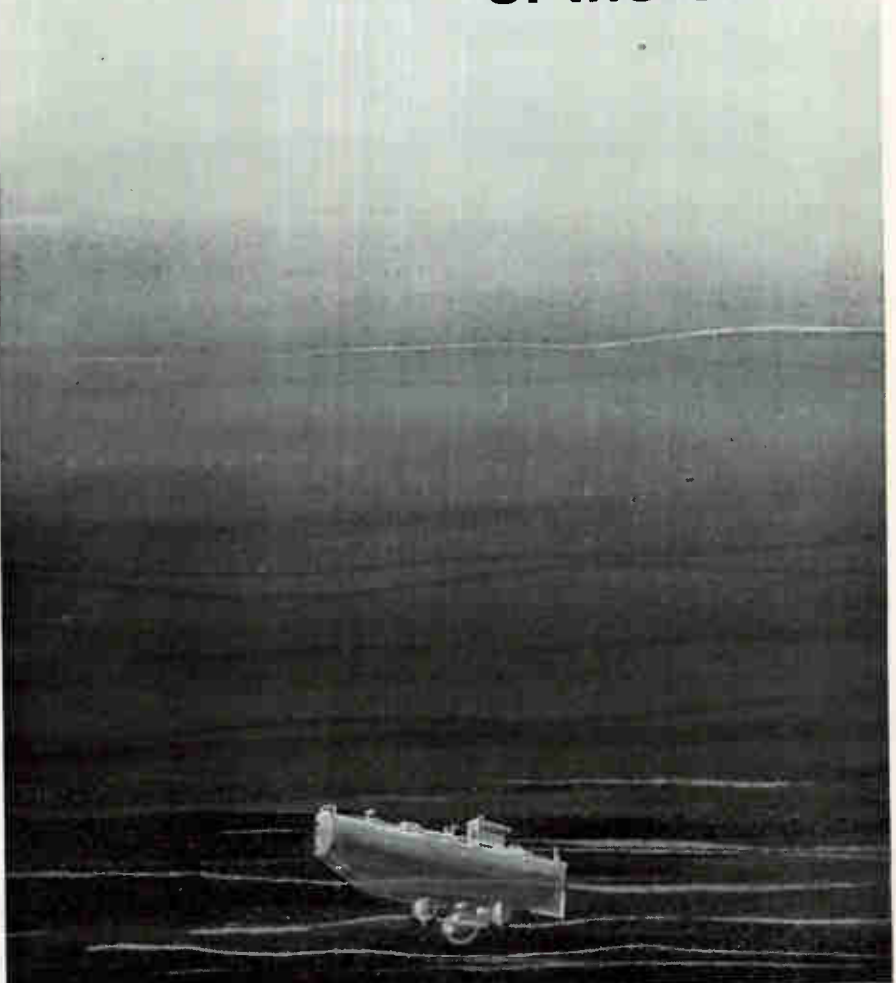
**ENCODER TRANSLATION** Harvey-Wells Electronics, Inc., 14 Huron Drive, Natick, Mass. An 8-page technical brochure on shaft encoder translation is available.

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**RESISTANCE ELEMENTS** CTS Corp., Elkhart, Indiana. Data sheet gives technical information on high temperature resistance elements for modules.

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## recording history at the bottom of the sea



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The recorder, Precision Model PS-207 as shown at right, was modified for the application by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Sunnyvale, Calif., and supplied by them to the Naval Electronics Laboratory, San Diego, for the Trieste installation.

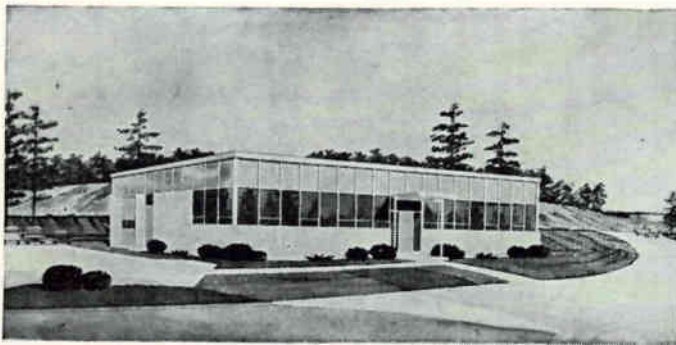
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## Solid State Materials Corp. Moves

TO KEEP PACE with the rapid advance of solid state technology and business demands being made upon the company, Solid State Materials Corp. of East Natick, Mass. recently moved into its new building in the East Natick Industrial Park.

The building has 3,800 sq ft of space, was constructed to house all facilities for the growing of single crystal materials for solid state electronics, and for the design, development, and construction of crystal growing equipment.

The firm is currently engaged in the research and growth of silicon, germanium, and intermetallic compounds, including arsenides, antimonides, and phosphides. Other

materials produced are ferrites, garnets, ferroelectrics, and paramagnetics, including sapphires, rubies, silicates, cyanides, chlorates, ethylsulfates, and spinels.

These crystals can be grown to specific resistivities with a wide variety of doping elements, specific orientations, close mobility tolerances, and carrier concentrations. In addition, an expanding line of standard crystals has been made available for prompt delivery, the company says.

The firm is also engaged in the production of crystal growing equipment, including flame fusion, vertical pull, floating zone, and temperature gradient furnaces.



### A. E. Rosenberg Joins Epsco, Incorporated

ALLEN E. ROSENBERG has been appointed operations manager for the components division of Epsco, Inc., Cambridge, Mass. He comes to Epsco from the Raytheon Co., where he was engineering manager, Circuit Pak Department.

### Marchisio Assumes New Position

HERMES ELECTRONICS CO., Cambridge, Mass., has appointed Robert G. Marchisio as general manager for the Itek-Hermes Electronics Division.

Marchisio comes to Itek from CBS Electronics, where as vice president and general manager, he had full responsibility for that firm's multi-million dollar semiconductor operations, employing 1,200 persons.

### McLean Engineering Adds New Wing

MCLEAN ENGINEERING LABORATORIES of Princeton, N. J., has added a

new wing to its present building. Company manufactures fans and blowers for electronic ventilating and cooling applications.

The new extension adds 7,000 sq ft of production area to the 25,000 sq ft of the building which was completed six years ago. The wing will also permit expansion of the company's R&D departments and will accommodate an expanded version of the firm's air flow test chamber.



### Allen Avionics Names Norman Wunderlich

ALLEN AVIONICS, INC., Mineola, N. Y., has announced the appointment of Norman E. Wunderlich as vice president and marketing director.

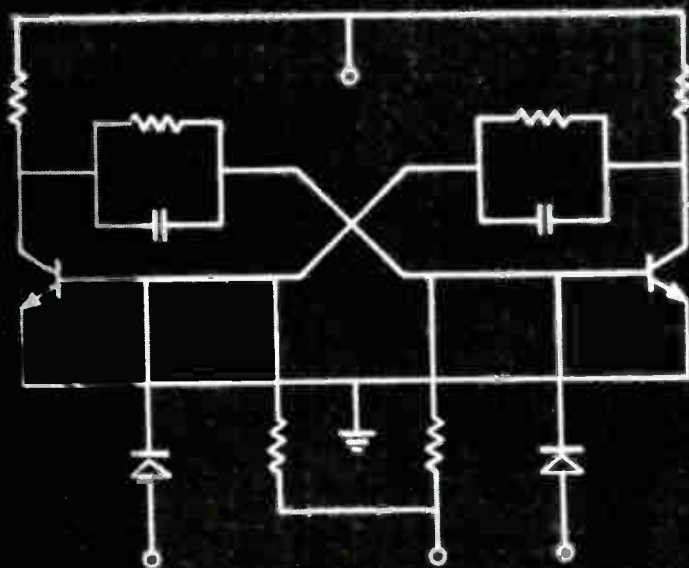
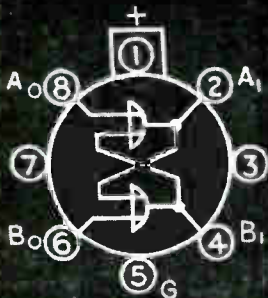
Associated with the electronics industry since its infancy, Wunderlich, immediately prior to this appointment, was owner of Wunderlich Radio Co., engineering consultants.

### Central Electronics Appoints Adams

CENTRAL ELECTRONICS, INC., Chicago, Ill., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Zenith Radio Corp., announces the appointment of John H. Adams as vice president and general manager.

For a period of almost two years prior to joining Central Electronics, Adams was general sales manager of the Kleinschmidt division of Smith-Corona Marchant, Inc. He served also as assistant to the vice

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president and general manager, and as a member of the division's operating committee.



### Adler Electronics Advances Auditore

CARMEN J. AUDITORE has been promoted to the new post of manager of systems planning with the military products division of Adler Electronics, Inc., New Rochelle, N. Y. Formerly a project manager, he has been with Adler since 1953.

The systems planning group was organized to meet Adler's expansion in the fields of transportable and fixed communications, and ground support systems.

### CWS Waveguide Elects Schutter

CARL W. SCHUTTER has been elected vice president and general manager of CWS Waveguide Corp., Lindenhurst, Long Island. He will also continue as chief executive consultant engineer to the company, which manufactures microwave components for the radar and communications industries.



### IBM Promotes John Opel

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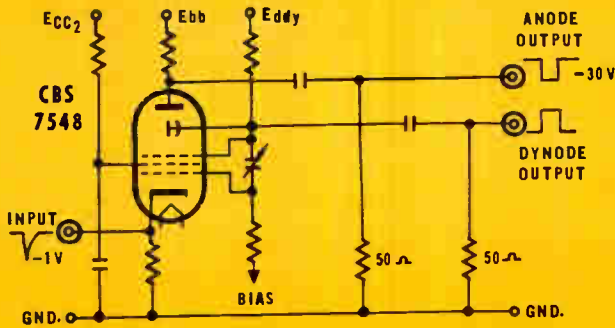
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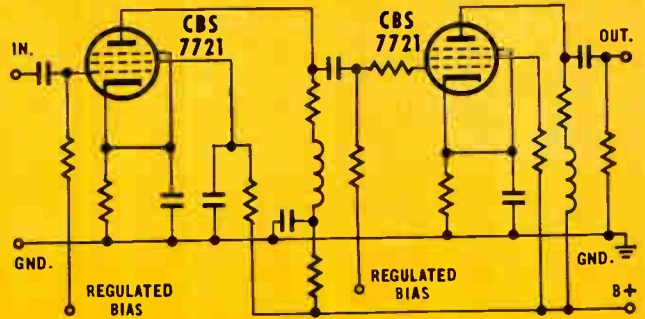
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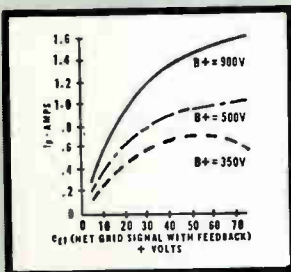
CBS 7548 in triggered pulse amplifier

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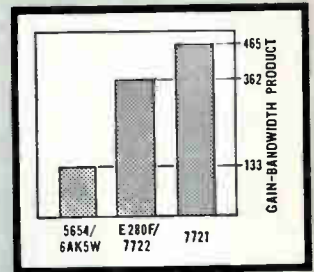
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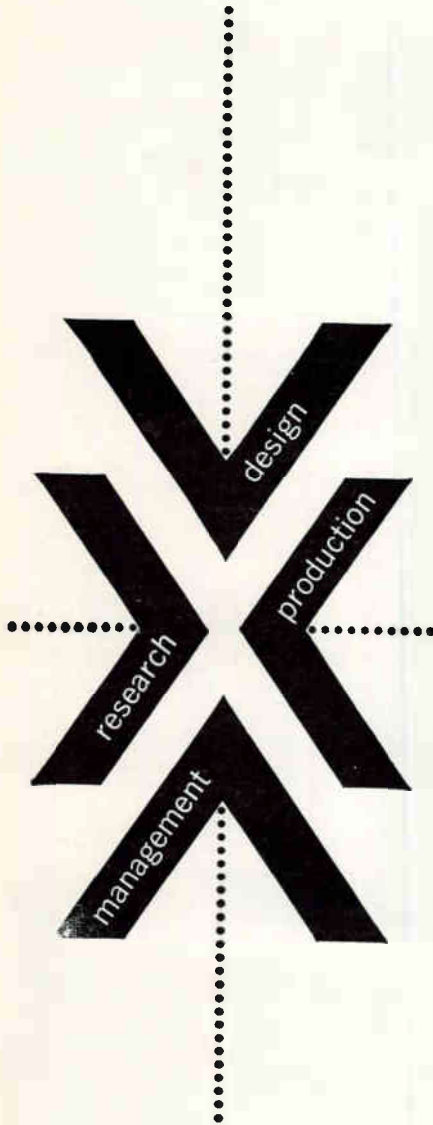
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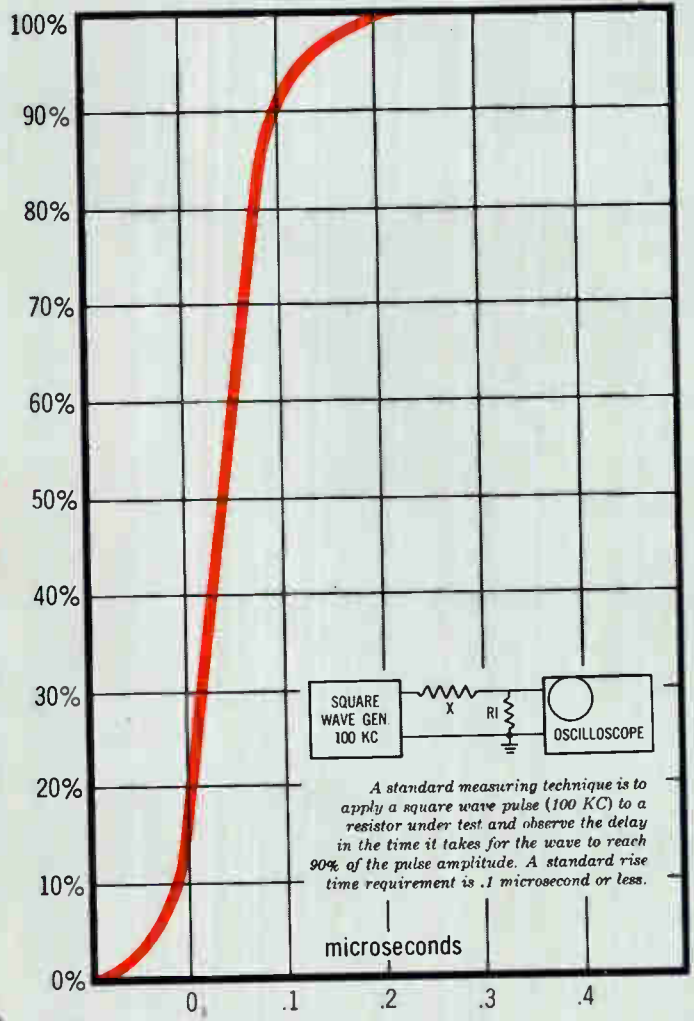
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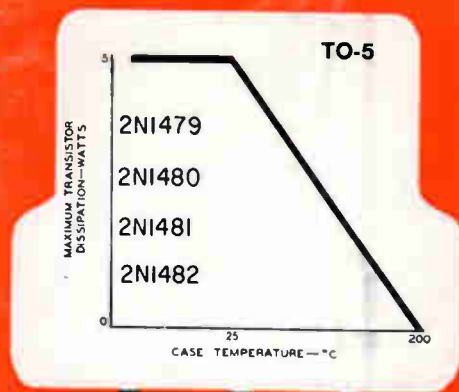


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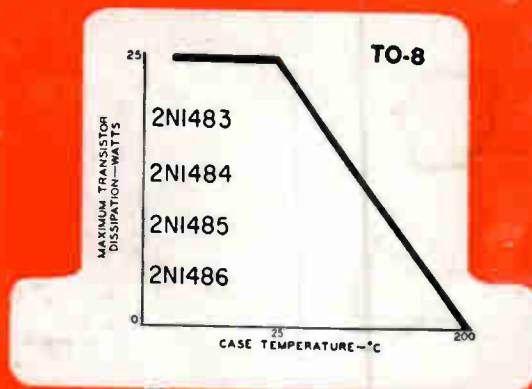
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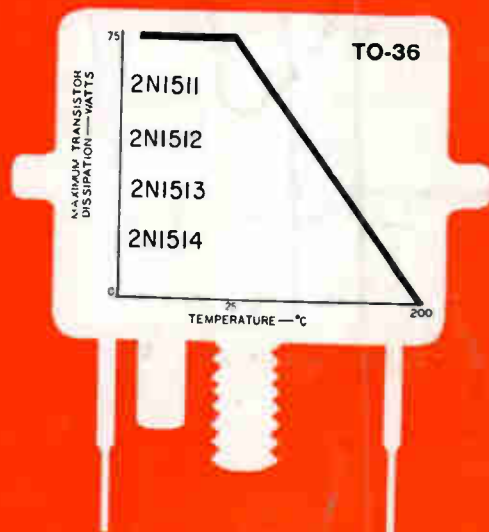
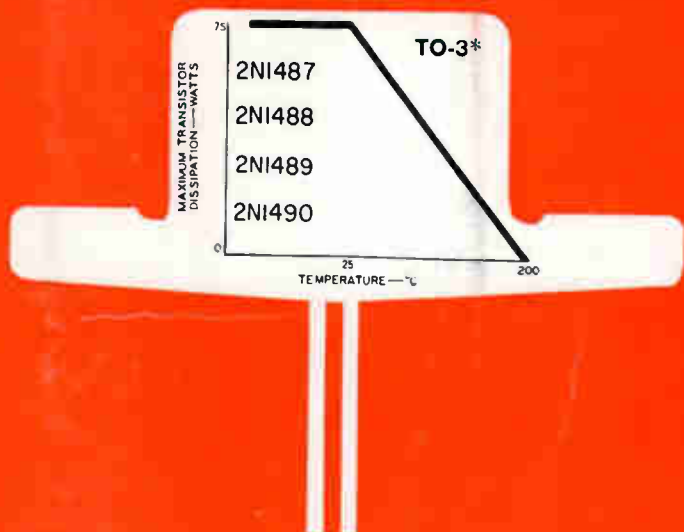
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