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"Education was the obvious answer, but I had enrolled in three different night school courses over the years and had not completed any of them. I'd be tired, or want to do something else on class night, and would miss so many classes that I'd fall behind, lose interest, and drop out.

The Advantages of Home Study

"Therefore, it was easy to decide that home study was the answer for someone like me, who doesn't want to be tied down. With home study there is no schedule. I am the boss and I set the pace. There is no cramming for exams because I decide when I am ready, and only then do I take the exam. I never miss a point in the lecture because it is right there in print for as many re-readings as I find



Harry Remmert gives his CIE Electronics course much of the credit for starting him on a rewarding career. He tells his own story on these pages.

necessary. If I feel tired, stay late at work, or just feel lazy, I can skip school for a night or two and never fall behind. The total absence of all pressure helps me to learn more than I'd be able to grasp if I were just cramming it in to meet an exam deadline schedule. For me, these points give home study courses an overwhelming advantage over scheduled classroom instruction.

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"When a school offers both resident and correspondence training, it's my feeling that the correspondence men are sort of on the outside of things. I wanted to be a full-fledged student instead of just a tag-a-long, so CIE's exclusive home-study program naturally attracted me.

"Then, too, it's the men who know their theory who are moving ahead where I work. They can read schematics and understand circuit operation. I want to be a good theory man.

"From the foregoing, you can see I did not select CIE in any haphazard fashion. I knew what I was looking for, and only CIE had all the things I wanted.

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"These are the tangible results. But just as important are the things I've learned. I am smarter now than I had ever thought I would be. It feels good to know that I know what I know now. Schematics that used to confuse me completely are now easy for me to read and interpret. Yes, it is nice to be smarter, and that's probably the most satisfying result of my CIE experience.

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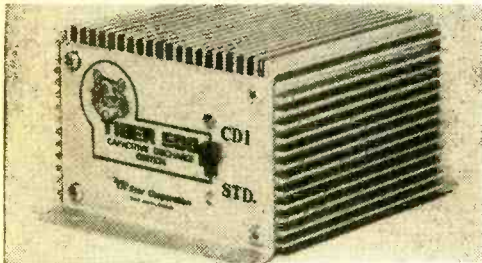
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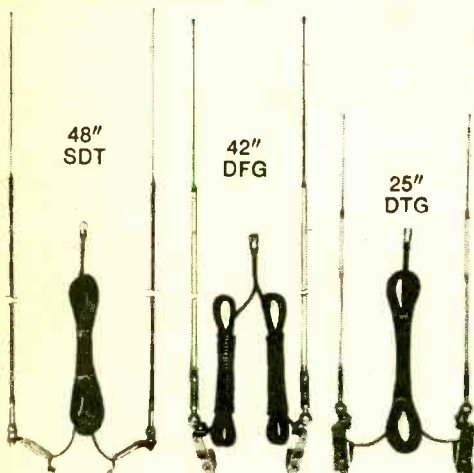
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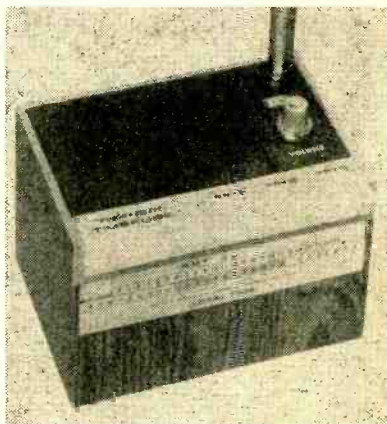
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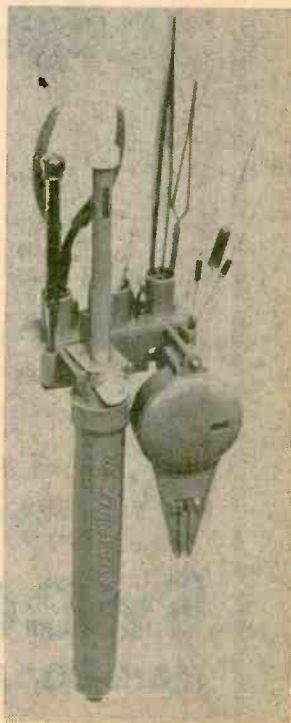
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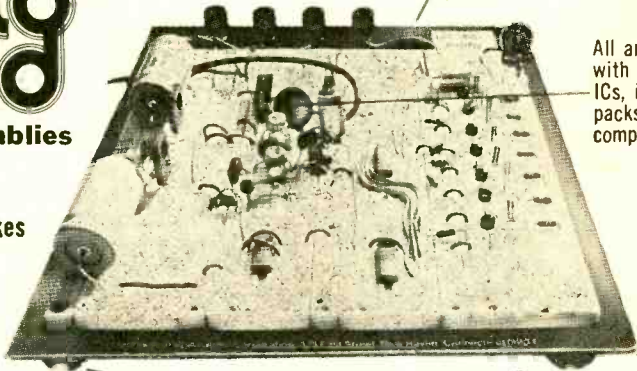
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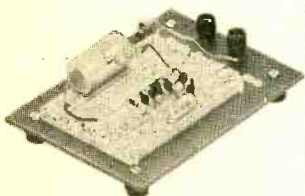
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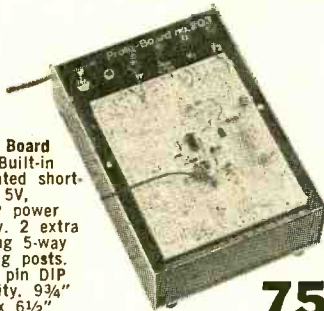
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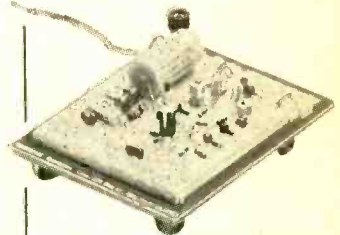
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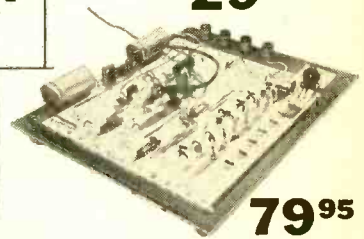
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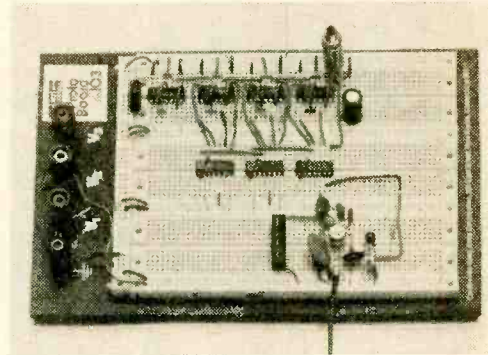
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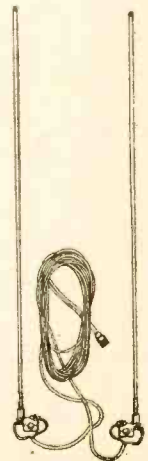


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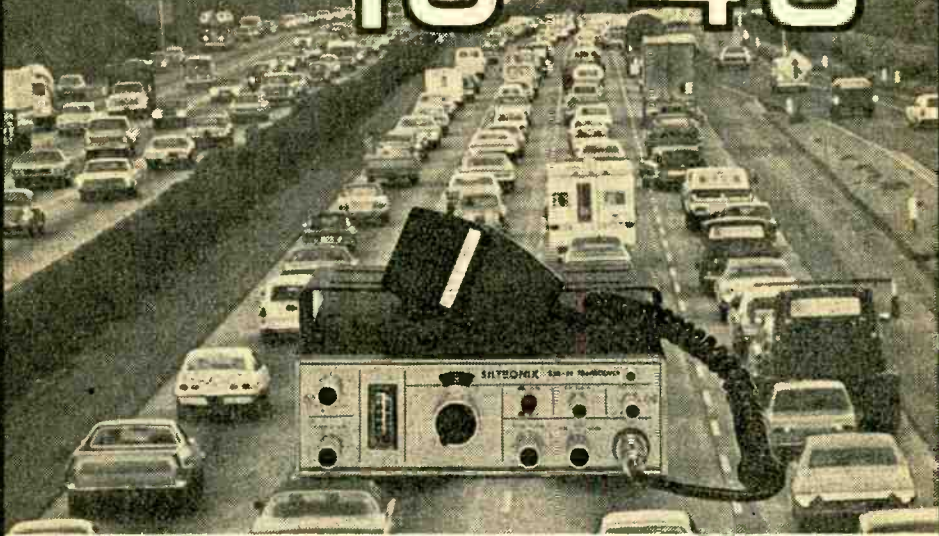
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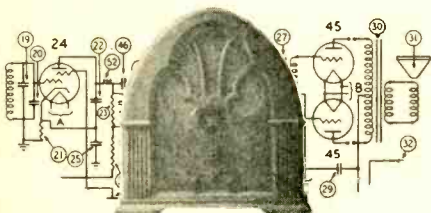


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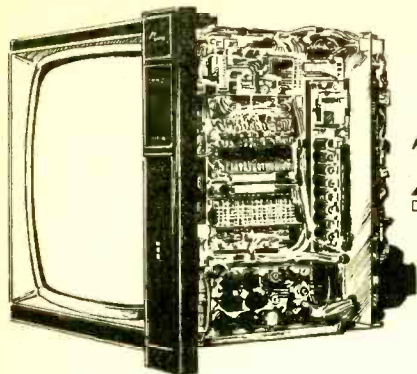
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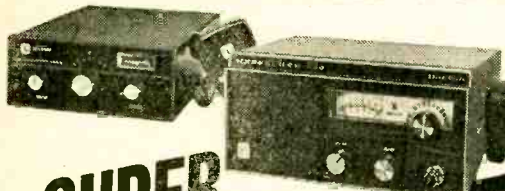


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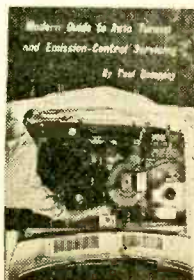
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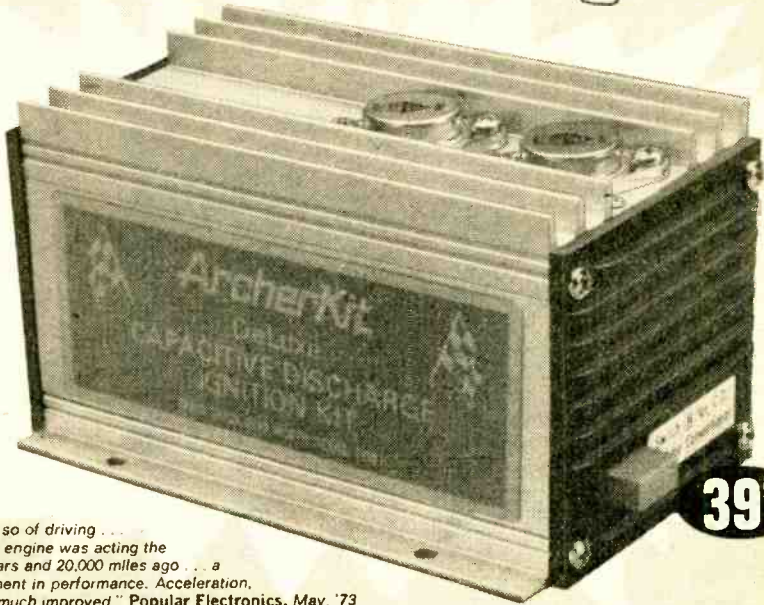
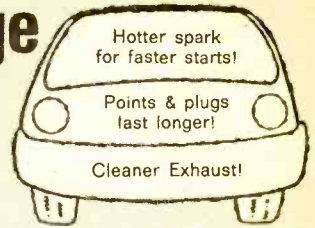
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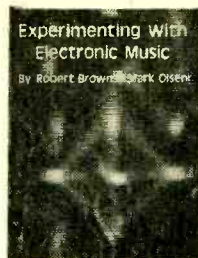
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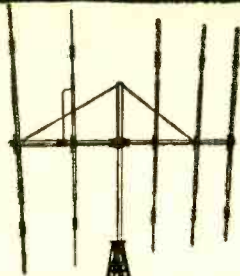
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Electronics in the News!

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The Takata webbing consists of parallel bundles of man-made fibers. The webbing is engineered to cushion the forward motion of the occupants in car crashes at various speeds.

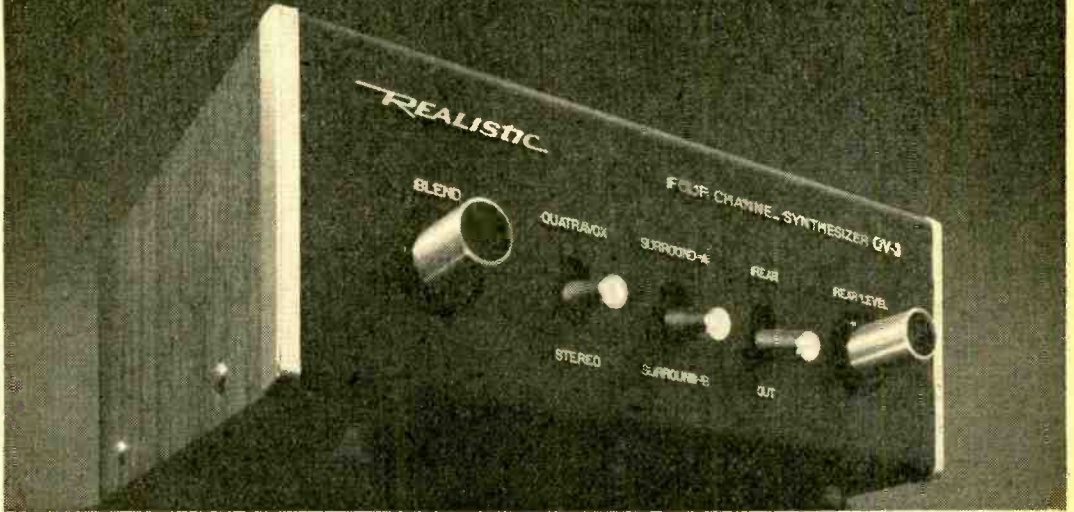


U.S. Navy volunteer in horizontal accelerator just before a simulated 30 miles per hour car crash in which the volunteer experienced no injury, pain or negative after-effects.

The energy-absorbing Takata webbing was tested with United States Navy volunteers in a series of tests at the U.S. Naval Air Development Center in Philadelphia. During the test program, which spanned several months, volunteers were accelerated in a series of dynamic sled tests in increments of 2.5 miles per hour. The ultimate crash velocity reached on the test equipment totalled 30.4 miles per hour. At

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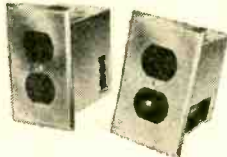
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DX central reporting

A world of SWL info!

BY DON JENSEN

□ For shortwave "country hunters" there is a double-barreled bit of good news to report. First, a new station will be operating shortly—in fact it may be testing by the time you read this—from the tiny African country of Swaziland. It won't be the first SWer in the country. There has been another shortwave outlet, *Swazi Commercial Radio*, broadcasting for several years. But it has been very hard to hear in North America. The new station, with high powered transmitters and, hopefully, favorable frequencies, promises to open up a new DX target to many more SWLs.

And, secondly, another shortwave operation has been announced for the Pacific island of Guam, a spot heretofore unrepresented by a shortwave broadcasting station. Its on-the-air date is uncertain so far, but apparently is somewhat further down the pike.

The link between these two DX "goodies" is that both will be operated by the same broadcasting organization, *Trans World Radio*. TWR, as most SWLs know, is the religious organization that presently broadcasts from missionary stations on Bonaire in the Netherlands Antilles, and at Monte Carlo, Monaco.

Why did TWR choose Swaziland? Some 20 years ago, the groundwork was laid for a religious station designed to reach listeners in the more than 3 million square miles of Africa south of the equator. It was said that southern Africa presented the biggest blank spot on the world missionary broadcast map.

The last word from TWR was that on-air tests were expected sometime during the summer months, with regular programing slated to begin later in the year. And thus the long dream will be a reality and TWR Swaziland will fill missionary broadcasting's biggest blank spot. And half a world away, another long range project of *Trans World Radio* is moving toward reality.

Ten years ago, TWR first attempted to establish an international shortwave station on U.S. soil. But there was a "freeze" imposed on shortwave transmitting stations. In 1971, TWR unsuccessfully sought to have the FCC accept

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CB Rules and Regs

How do I get a copy of the CB regulations?

—N.M., Salt Lake City, Utah

A complete copy of Part 95 of the FCC Rules and Regs is printed in the 1974 CB YEARBOOK. Get your copy by sending \$1.25 to this magazine with your order.

Underground Request

What kind of cable should I use to travel underground from my house to an outdoor post for illumination purposes?

—L.E., Latrobe, PA.

Dual-purpose plastic cable (so named because it can be used indoors or out) may be buried in the ground subject to local codes. Check with your local electrician before you proceed.

Cheapie Kit

I want to put together an inexpensive treasure finder kit. Can you supply me with a diagram and parts list? What will it cost?

—S.G., Waterford, CN

No and yes. It is not our policy to supply what you asked for in your letter. However, you can get everything for only \$9.95 when you buy an Eicocraft Treasure Finding Kit (No.EC-1900) at your local dealer.

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I am very interested in CB transceivers, but there are a number of different types of mobile transceivers on the market. Which one would be the best type for a beginner?

—M.P., Chicago, IL

None! You pick a CB rig to do a job, not cater to your hobbyist needs. If you are serious about using CB, pick up a copy of the 1974 CB YEARBOOK or write to this magazine for it and enclose \$1.25.

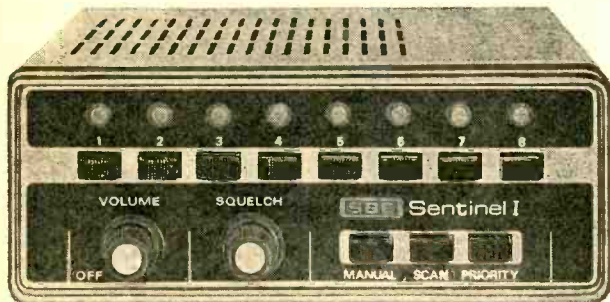
Play A Tune

What is the frequency of the piano keys around middle C? I want to align my piano with an audio generator.

—D.J., Pennsville, NJ

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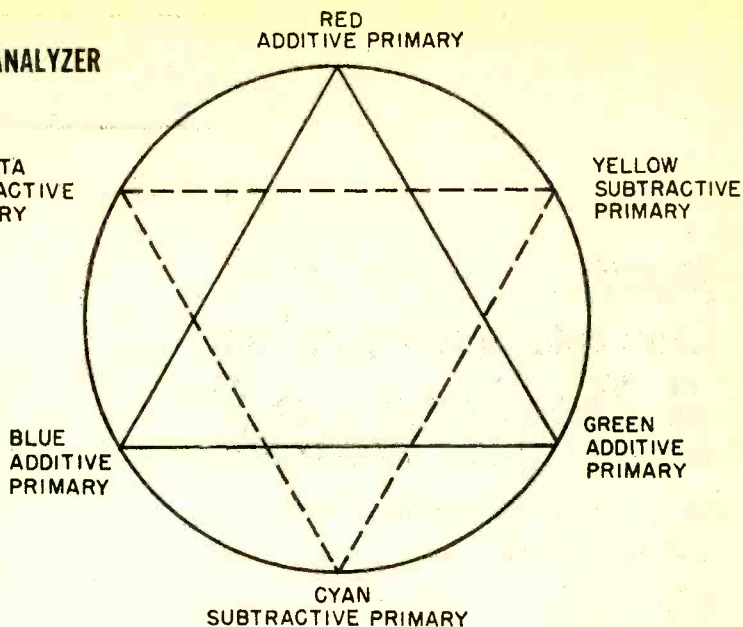
One thing that takes the drudgery out of color work—besides the chemistry—is a color analyzer, a device that gives you the correct filter pack and exposure time at the very first crack. Most often, the very first print made with the analyzer will be good. At most, it will take perhaps 0.10 or 0.20 change of filtration for a *superb* print. This is a lot less expensive and time-consuming than making test print after test print. In fact, it's really the color analyzer that puts the fun into making your own color prints!

**COLOR ANALYZERS ARE
NOT CHEAP. A
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(Turn Page)**

by Herb Friedman

e/e COLOR ANALYZER

Any one of the primary colors on this circle is composed of its immediately adjacent colors in equal amounts. It is the balancing of additive primary colors of photographic light sources and subtractive-type color filters that provides control in color print photography.



costs well over \$100, and a good one runs well over \$200. But if you've got even a half-filled junk box you can make your own color analyzer for just the junk parts and perhaps \$10 to \$15 worth of new components.

A color analyzer is basically a miniature computer. You make a "perfect" print the hard way—by trial and error—and then calibrate the analyzer to your filter pack and exposure time. As long as you use the same box of paper and similar negatives, all you need to do to make a good color print is focus the negative, adjust the filter pack and exposure so the analyzer reads "zero," and hit the enlarger's timer switch. Even if you switch to a completely different type of negative, the analyzer will put you well inside the ballpark, so your second print is a winner. (And even if the filtration is off, the exposure will probably be right on the nose.)

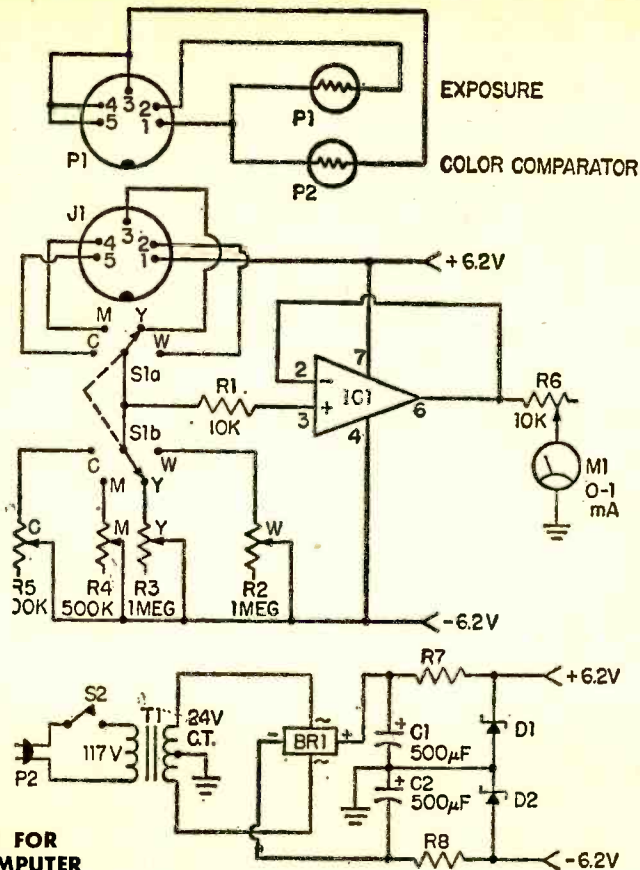
Construction. The color analyzer shown was specifically designed for the readers of this magazine—essentially an electronic hobbyist with an interest in photography. All components are readily available in local parts stores or as junk-box parts. Several protection devices have been designed into the circuit so accidental shorts won't produce a catastrophe. The printed circuit board template has foils for both incandescent and neon meter lamps, as well as

extra terminals so you can use either a socket and plug or hard wiring for the color comparator and exposure sensor. In short, you can make a lot of changes to suit your individual needs.

The template for IC1 uses a half-minidip, Signetics V type package lead arrangement. However, you can also use an IC with a round (TO-5) configuration. If anything is wrong with the IC you can get the TO-5 out easily. The half-minidip removal might result in destruction of the PC board. We'll explain how to install the TO-5 IC on the PC board later.

You can either buy or make the printed circuit board (see parts list). Either way, the first step is to prepare the printed circuit board. If you do it yourself, make it any way you like, using free-hand or template resist. Nothing is critical, but be certain there are no copper shorts between the terminals for IC1. Use a number 56 bit for all holes. Then use a larger bit for transformer T1's mounting screws (#4 or #6 screws), a 1/4-in. bit for resistor R6, and a number 30 to 40 bit for the line cord connections (any bit that will allow the linecord wires to pass through the board).

Assemble the power supply and check it out before any other components are installed. Install transformer T1 first. Any 24 volt or 25.2 volt center-tapped transformer that will fit on the board will be fine. Get



PARTS LIST FOR COLOR COMPUTER

- BR1**—Bridge rectifier, silicon, 50 PIV, 0.5 amp or higher (Radio Shack 276-1151 or equiv.)
C1, C2—500 μ F capacitor, 10 VDC or better (Radio Shack 272-957 or equiv.)
D1, D2—Zener diode, 6.2 volts, 1 watt (Radio Shack 276-561 or equiv.)
IC1—Type 741C operational amplifier, see text (Radio Shack 276-010 or equiv.)
J1—DIN type 5-pin socket (optional, see text) (Radio Shack 274-005 or equiv.)
M1—0 to 1 mA DC meter, see text (Radio Shack 22-052 or equiv.)
P1—DIN type 5-pin plug (optional, see text) (Radio Shack 274-003 or equiv.)
P1, P2—Photocell, Clairex CL5M5L, do not substitute
R1—10,000-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor (Radio Shack 271-000 or equiv.)
R2, R3—1-megohm potentiometer, see text (Radio Shack 271-211 or equiv.)
R4—500,000-ohm potentiometer, see text (Radio Shack 271-210 or equiv.)
R5—100,000-ohm potentiometer, see text (Radio Shack 271-092 or equiv.)
R6—10,000-ohm trimmer potentiometer (Mallory MTC-14L4 for exact fit on PC board; Radio Shack 271-218 or equiv. for point to point wiring)
R7, R8—820-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor (Radio Shack 271-000 or equiv.)

- R9**—100,000-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor (Radio Shack 271-000 or equiv.)
S1—Rotary switch, 2-pole, 4-position (Allied Electronics 747-2003; adjust stops for 4 positions)
S2—Switch, SPST (Radio Shack 275-1551 or equiv.)
T1—Transformer, 117 volt primary to 24 or 26.6 volt secondary, see text (for point-to-point wiring, Radio Shack 273-1512 or equiv.)
 Note—you can also use two less expensive 12 volt transformers with secondary windings connected in series-aiding, if you have the space.

The printed circuit board for the Color Computer is available direct from Electronics Hobby Shop, Box 192, Braoklyn NY 11235 for only \$4.85 (includes postage and handling). Canadian shipments add \$2 extra. NY state residents must add sales tax. No foreign orders, please. Postal money orders will speed delivery. Otherwise allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Misc.—Cabinet, pilot lamp for meter, 2-in. or 3-in. size Kodak Wratten filters #70, #98, and #99 (available from photo supply dealers), calibrated knabs, wire, solder, hardware, etc.

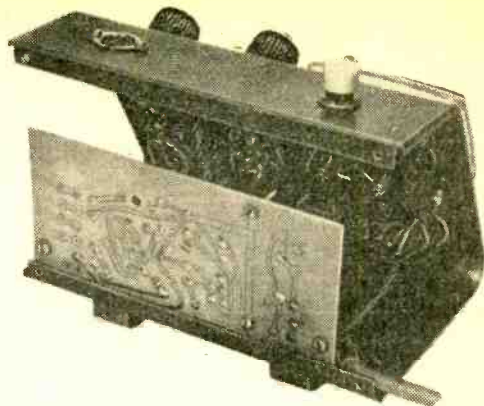
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something small, like 100 milliamperes. A Wescom 81PK-100 is a perfect fit.

Bridge rectifier BR1 is the low cost "surplus" found in many distributors. This type has the positive and negative outputs at opposite ends of a diamond. The AC connections are the remaining opposite ends. Note that BR1 is installed in such a manner that its negative output is farthest from transformer T1 while the positive output is nearest to T1. Make certain your bridge rectifier has the same lead configuration: if it is different, modify the printed circuit template to conform to the rectifier you're using. Get it right the first time.

Finally, install C1 and C2, R7 and R8, and zener diodes D1 and D2. Take care so the capacitors and zener diodes are installed with the polarity correct. If the capacitors have their negative leads marked with an arrow or line, these markings face the *opposite edges* of the PC board (negative to the outside). The zener diodes are installed so that their cathodes (the banded ends) face each other towards the center of the board.

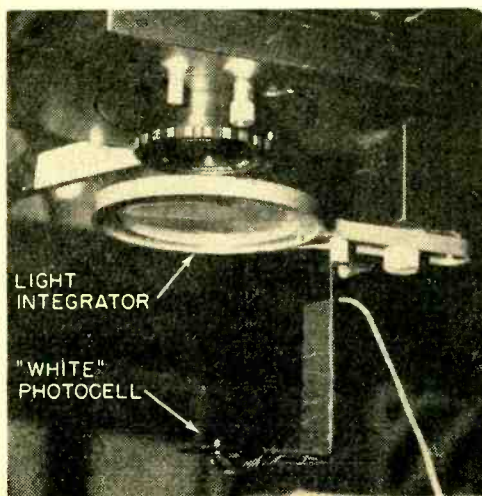
Initial PC Checkout. When the power supply is completed, temporarily connect a linecord. Connect the negative lead of a meter rated 10 volts DC or higher to the foil between T1's mounting screws (that's



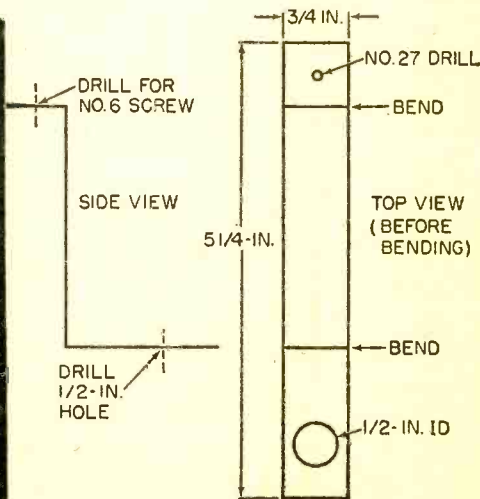
Rear view of author's color analyzer shows vertical mounting of electronic ckt board.

ground). Connect the meter's positive lead to the junction of R7 and D1, which is in the center of the board; the meter should indicate approximately +6.2 volts DC. Then connect the positive meter lead to the R8 and D2 junction, which is near the edge of the board. You should get approximately -6.2 volts DC. If the voltages are far apart in value, or if the polarity is wrong, make certain you find the mistake *before* installing IC1.

Disconnect the linecord and complete the PC assembly. If you use a 24 or 28 volt pilot lamp to illuminate the meter you connect to the holes adjacent to T1's secondary (24 V) leads. If you plan to use a neon illuminator, install a 100,000-ohm resistor



The color comparator photocell Z-bracket is installed under a light integrator. If your enlarger has a filter holder under the lens, attach the Z-bracket to the holder.



(R9) on the PC board and connect the lamp to the holes marked "neon." The lamp must have as little illumination as possible. Incandescent 24 or 28-volt lamps must be the miniature or "grain of wheat" type rated approximately 30 to 60 mA; the lamps come with attached leads. Do not use pilot lamps of the 100 to 500 mA variety. The excessive light will confuse the analyzer.

To install IC1 when it is the metal can TO5 type, fan out the number 1 to 4 leads and number 5 to 8 leads so they form two straight lines. Note that the lead opposite the tab on a TO5 package is #8. Insert the leads into the board leaving about 1/4 inch between the IC and the board. The IC is correctly installed if the tab faces away from the transformer towards the nearest edge of the PC board. Solder IC1 and cut off the excess lead length.

The edge of the PC board nearest IC1 has four sets of paired foil terminals. These are provided as mounting terminals if you connect the photocell comparator and sensor without the use of a plug and jack. However, we strongly suggest the use of the specified DIN type connectors as they allow for easy repairs if the connecting wires break. (The connectors aren't *that* costly.)

Potentiometers R2 through R5 can be linear or audio taper, though audio taper gives a slightly smoother adjustment—use whatever you have in stock.

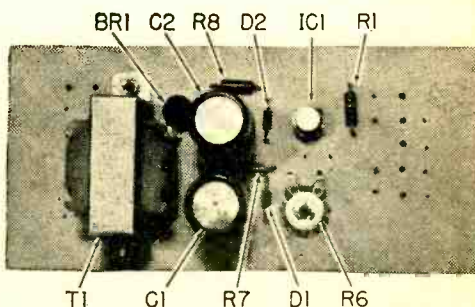
The analyzer shown is built in a Bud 7-inch AC-1613 Universal Sloping Cabinet. This is the least critical item and you can substitute whatever cabinet you prefer. Just be certain the cabinet will accommodate the type of meter you use.

Meter M1 should be 0-1 mA with a zero-center scale. But these are expensive, so you can substitute any standard 1 mA meter you want. You will simply calibrate

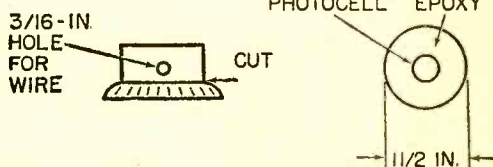
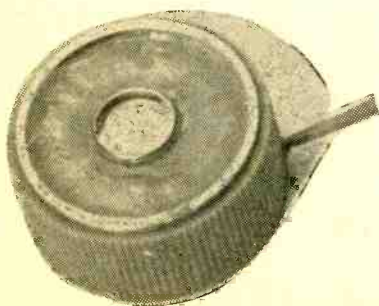
the instrument for zero-center.

If you use a neon pilot lamp mount it directly above the meter and shield the forward brilliance with a piece of black tape; the lamp should radiate straight down onto the meter scale. If you use the meter in the parts list, remove the front cover by pulling it forward. Then remove the meter scale. As shown in the photographs, place a black dot approximately 3/16-inch wide at the center of the scale. If you want, you can also modify the meter for the incandescent lamp. Drill a 1/4-inch hole in the lower right of the meter *from the rear*. Position the meter in the cabinet and mark the location of the meter hole on the panel. Remove the meter and drill a 3/8-inch hole in the panel. When the meter is installed you can pass a "grain of wheat" lamp through the panel into the meter. Reassemble the meter and complete assembly.

The Comparator. The photocells used for the comparator and exposure sensor, P1 and P2, must be Clairex type CL5M5L. Make no substitutions. From a piece of
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This is the parts location when our PC board is used. To get a free template of the PC board, send a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to: Davis Publications, Dept. T, 229 Park Ave. S., New York NY 10003



The exposure sensor photocell is mounted in anything that will keep it in place on the easel. This example was epoxy cemented into a large control knob after the outside dial section was ground off. In typical operation, the sensor is placed under the lens with the light integrator or filters.

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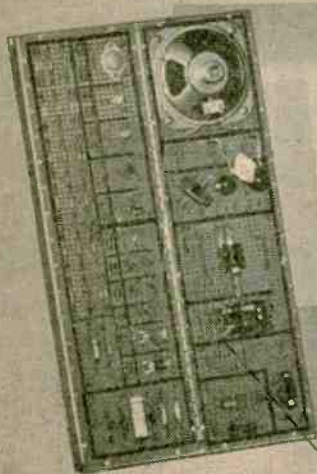
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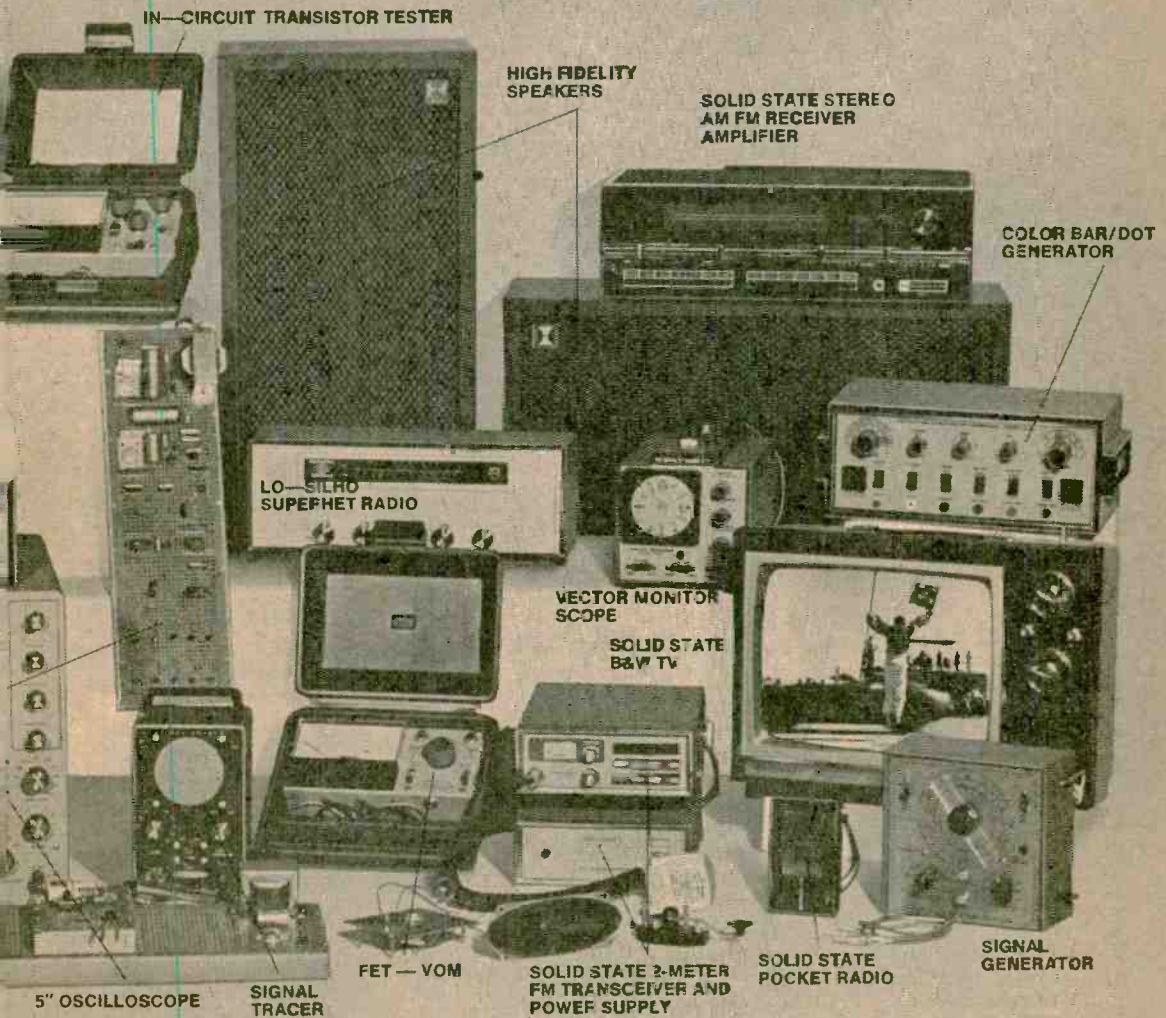
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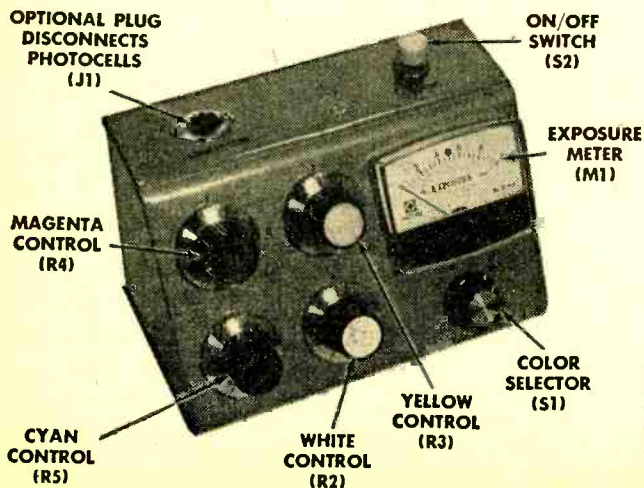
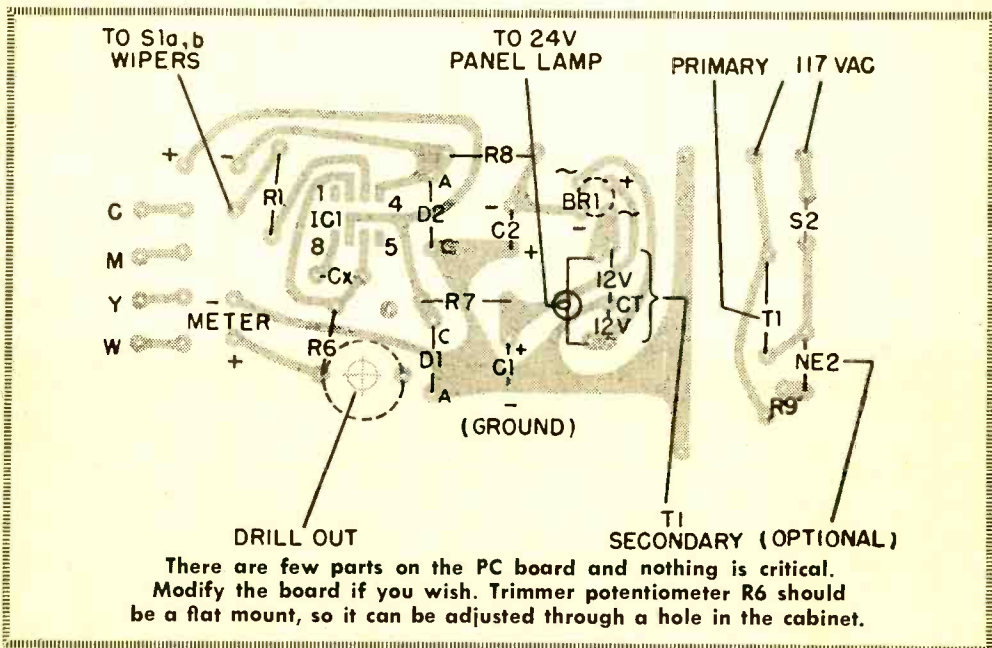
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scrap aluminum $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1-inch wide fashion a Z-bracket to the dimensions shown. Drill a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hole close to the end of the longer Z-leg. Fasten the other end of the Z-leg to your enlarger's under-lens filter holder. If your enlarger does not have a filter holder, or if it has a permanent swing-away red filter under the lens, mount a Paterson swing-away light integrator (available from local photo shops) under the lens. Fasten

the short leg of the Z-bracket to the integrator—which has pre-drilled holes—in such a manner that the $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hole is on the optical center of the lens. Then cement photocell P2 in the hole and attach the connecting wires; these can be extra-thin zip cord such as used for short-length speaker connections. (This whole bit reads a lot more complicated than it is. Use the photographs as a guide.)

Photocell P1, which measures the exposure light, can be mounted in anything heavy enough to hold it in place on the easel. The photographs show the photocell



epoxy-cemented in an over-size control knob.

When the complete analyzer is assembled, attach over-size calibrated knobs such as the Calectro E2-715 to R2 through R5. The knob calibrations are important so they

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To avoid upsetting a control setting while groping for the on-off switch in the darkroom, mount switch S2 as far as possible from the controls.

It's modern chemistry and
electronic control for . . .

Fine Color Prints from Your Own Darkroom

Look how today's techniques give home darkrooms exciting color print capability!

by Herb Friedman

THOUGH MOST PHOTO HOBBYISTS can turn out a superior black and white print using a minimum of equipment, few realize that it is even easier to turn out superior color prints by using modern color chemistry and an electronic color analyzer. The hobbyist can, in fact, generally produce color prints infinitely superior to what he can get from the local drugstore or camera shop.

Until recently, the average hobbyist could figure on spending an entire evening just making one quality color print. Typically, he first had to make a test strip for exposure, then a test print for color balance, then a final print, and possibly even a fourth print for optimum color. If he changed negatives, or the enlargement ratio, he had to repeat at least two steps, possibly more. Considering that each try could take from 10 to 20 minutes effort, you can see why the average photo hobbyist found it easier to drop off the film at the drugstore—even if the commercial prints weren't all that good.

But with modern techniques you can turn out a superior color print the first time, in less than three minutes from start to finish. Even if you change negatives, or the enlargement ratio, your first print will be a good print, greatness will be attained on the second print.

The first thing you need is a high speed chemistry, such as the two-step Beseler system which can produce a finished print in two minutes. The second item you need is an electronic color analyzer (for which you'll find plans in this issue). A color analyzer is simply a memory device that remembers all the conditions you selected to obtain the type of color print you like best.

Color Variables. Color materials such as the negative, printing paper, enlarger lamp, and even color correction filters vary in their sensitivity to light colors from batch to batch, roll to roll, and time to time. Even the enlarger's optical system can have a color cast. For this reason it is generally impossible to place a negative in your enlarger, expose the paper, and develop a good, let alone decent, color print.

One way we can correct for these variables is through an *additive* exposure, exposing the paper through blue, green, and red filters for differing lengths of time. Since blue, green, and red create all the colors in additive printing, any correction can be obtained by controlling the precise timing of each exposure. The additive

system is a pain in the neck for the hobbyist, for the slightest desired change in color rendition or saturation (exposure) can involve changes in the exposure through all three filters.

An easier to use and more favored printing system used by hobbyists is the *subtractive* exposure. A single filter pack made up of two of the filters known as YELLOW, MAGENTA, and CYAN makes all the color corrections at the same time. This filter pack is placed between the enlarger lamp and the negative; virtually all modern enlargers have a drawer in the lamp-house to accommodate a filter pack. A single exposure through the filter pack is all that's required to make a color print. Some of the more expensive enlargers have what is termed a "dichroic head" with variable filters as part of the light system; the exact value of filtration is simply dialed by the user. Again, all the color correction is provided at one time by the dichroic head so only a single exposure is needed.

More Info. A full and complete treatment of both types of color printing is contained in the Kodak publication *Printing Color Negatives*;



Provides a wealth of worthwhile info for photographers interested in the color print techniques available from Kodak or your photo dealer. Their publication No. E-66.

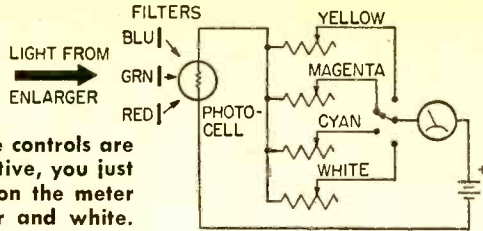
this book is a required reference for anyone who wants to make quality color prints. The book also gives the most convenient operating procedures for electronic color analyzers.

The subtractive printing procedure is particularly well adapted to use with a color analyzer, is the easiest method for the amateur, and is exceptionally fast-handling, so the illustrations to follow will refer to the subtractive system.

An electronic color analyzer basically consists of a photocell (vacuum tube photomultiplier or photoresistor) positioned under the lens, blue, green, and red filters mechanically positioned over the photocell (or positioned over the cell by hand) and a meter that indicates

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The basic color analyzer. Once controls are matched to a "standard" negative, you just select filters for a null on the meter for each individual color and white.



the amount of light falling on the cell. The meter is connected to the photocell through independent potentiometers as shown in the figure. Color analyzer readings will be accurate for most negatives and lighting situations as long as the same box of printing paper is used. The system needs to be recalibrated only when the printing paper is changed (so purchase boxes of at least 100 sheets to avoid extra work).

First step is to make a really fine print from a decent negative. You can do it the hard way, one print at a time, or use a Beseler Subtractive Calculator which puts you inside the ball park on the first try. When you have made a print with satisfactory flesh tones and color saturation don't disturb the enlarger or timer controls.

To Continue . . . Place the color analyzer's probe on the easel or swing it under the lens (if it is mounted on the enlarger). Install a light integrator—which is nothing more than a piece of ground glass or its equal—under the lens, between the lens and the analyzer's probe. The light integrator scrambles the picture into a diffused "white light" which contains all the color elements of your negatives and the filter pack. Place a blue filter (Kodak Wratten 98) on top of the light integrator. (Note that most hobbyist analyzers have a selector switch that also mechanically positions the correct filter over the photocell). Turn on the enlarger and adjust the analyzer's *yellow* control for a convenient reference meter reading. (Usually, center-scale or "null" is used as the reference reading, but any meter reading can be used as a null.)

Remove the blue filter, install a green filter (Kodak Wratten 99), switch the analyzer to *MAGENTA* and adjust the *magenta* control for a null meter reading. Remove the green filter, install a red filter (Kodak Wratten 70), switch the analyzer to *CYAN* and adjust the *cyan* control for a null meter reading (the color controls *yellow*, *magenta* and *cyan* refer to the color of the subtractive filters in the filter pack). Finally, remove all filters from under the lens, switch the analyzer to *WHITE* and adjust the *white* control (exposure control) for a null meter reading.

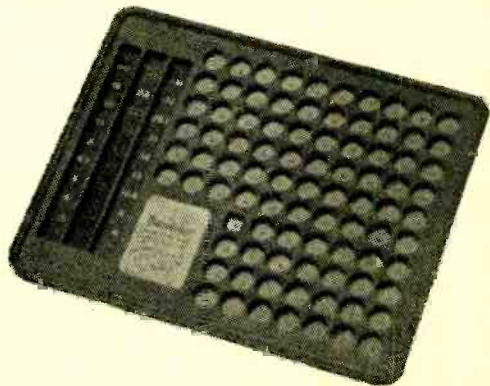
(The color analyzer in this project uses a separate photocell for the exposure. If you look at the easel you'll see a shadow cast by the Z-bracket holding the color comparator cell. Position the exposure cell on the easel so it

is just off the edge of the shadow. If you prefer, you can place several thicknesses of opaque paper over the color comparator cell and use it for the white measurement, though we suggest you use the separate cell.)

When all the controls are adjusted you have programmed the color characteristics and exposure of your "reference" print into the analyzer, and you should note the control settings and exposure time for future use.

Down To Business. Now assume you want to make a print from another negative. First you set the degree of enlargement and focus, leaving the lens wide open. You place the analyzer's probe under the lens, install the light integrator and set the analyzer's switch to *CYAN*. Install the red filter on top of the light integrator and adjust the lens aperture until the meter indicates null. Switch the analyzer to *MAGENTA*, install the green-reading filter and note the meter reading. If it is not at null, add or remove magenta filters (from the filter pack) until the meter shows a null. Then switch the analyzer to *YELLOW*, install the blue-reading filter and modify the yellow filtration in the filter pack until the meter shows a null. Finally, set the analyzer to *WHITE*, remove all reading filters and adjust the lens aperture for a null indication.

Through the color analyzer you have now established a new filter pack and exposure time for the new negative. If the new negative uses similar lighting to the reference negative the



Modern color print chemistry techniques from Beseler include this subtractive color calculator to aid filter selection.

print should be perfect. If the lighting was considerably different the print will be good—acceptable to most people, but requiring just a slight filter pack modification for a great print.

Swinging Filters. In the previous example the filter pack would wind up with magenta and yellow filters—which is what is generally needed. Some Kodacolor negatives, however, might require cyan filters plus magenta or yellow (but never all three). This information will have been programmed into the color analyzer, so you will have no difficulty if you make a slight modification in procedure. The first meter reading, the one where you adjust the lens's aperture, should be made for the filter you are *not* using in the filter pack. For example, if your basic filter pack has cyan and magenta, switch the analyzer to **YELLOW**, place the blue-reading filter in position on the light integrator, and close down the lens for a null indication. Then proceed with the other readings. If your reference negative did not require cyan in the filter pack, if it had yellow, magenta, or both, and you find a new negative just can't be pulled in for null meter readings with yellow and magenta filters, it indicates the new negative requires cyan filtration, so start with the assumption that yellow is not required. If you still can't null the meter, it means magenta should *not* be in the filter pack.

As we mentioned, a more thorough discussion and procedure for using a color analyzer is found in Kodak's *Printing Color Negatives*.

Most, but not all, commercial color analyzers use photomultiplier tubes which have no light memory, nor are they confused by infrared from the enlarger lamp. These units are, as



Kodak color printing filters. Typical filter designation CP20Y means color filter with a .20 density; the color is yellow.

you would expect, relatively expensive. Low cost models use photoresistors, such as used in the construction project found in this issue.

More Data. Photoresistors are infrared sensitive and they have a light memory, both of which can confuse the meter. The infrared is easily handled by installing a heat or infrared filter glass in your enlarger (it should be there to protect the negative anyway). The light memory is handled by using a consistent measurement procedure. The best way is to turn the enlarger off, install the reading filter and the light integrator, turn off the bright room lights, count to five, and then turn the enlarger *on*. Take the meter reading, or adjust the appropriate color control, slide the new reading

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Professional equipment used by color labs includes this Kodak Video Color Negative Analyzer. It uses a 5-in. color TV screen to assist an operator in selecting the correct filter.

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Heathkit Digital Electronic Thermometer

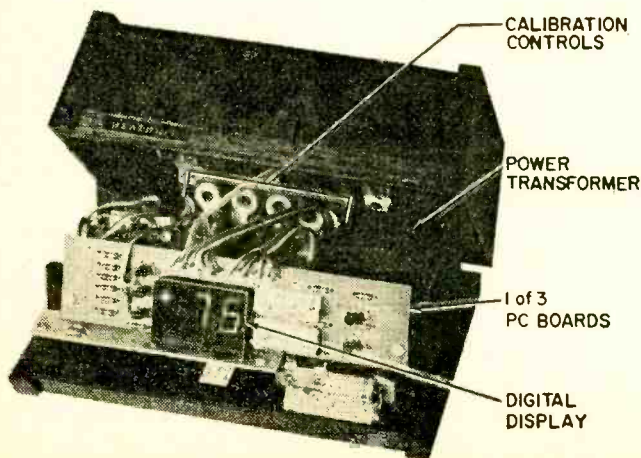
• The ID-1390 kit monitors indoor and outdoor temperature

CALL IT a *conversation piece*, *op-art*, or just plain *camp*, it is nevertheless true that Heath's ID-1390 digital thermometer is a functional, useful, and certainly most attractive piece of consumer hardware. The thermometer uses Sperry-type digital readouts (approximately 1/2 in. high) to indicate indoor temperature, outdoor temperature, or both alternately every four seconds. Furthermore, at the flick of a switch the readout is in degrees Fahrenheit (°F) or centigrade (°C).

Everything except the temperature sensors is housed in the black plastic cabinet with teak finish vinyl decorator panels. The sensors are special diodes which are resin encapsulated in aluminum cups about the size of the tip of a pencil. Cables from each sensor (one for indoor, one for outdoor) terminate in phono plugs which fit matching

sockets on the rear of the cabinet. The completed sensor assemblies are waterproof and can be secured with the supplied clamps in any indoor or outdoor location. The connecting wire to the sensors resembles ultraminiature coaxial or shielded cable, and is easily concealed along baseboards and moldings.

The total temperature working (indicating) range is -40° F to +120° F or -40° C to +50° C. The temperature is indicated directly to three places with the appropriate "+" or "-" symbol. To the right of the digits are two small windows which light to indicate whether the *indoor* or *outdoor* temperature is being displayed. When the switch on the rear labeled ALTERNATE and HOLD is set to ALTERNATE the readout alternately displays the indoor and outdoor temperatures, switching back and forth



Put it all together it spells "convenience" at home and job. At a glance, you know indoor and outdoor temperature, even in degrees centigrade if you're a metric nut. Heath will send you all the specs plus other product info if you write direct to Heath Company, Benton Harbor, MI 49022. Price: \$59.95

SPECIFICATIONS

Temperature Range:

Fahrenheit -30° to $+120^{\circ}$

Centigrade -30° to $+50^{\circ}$

Typical Accuracy:

$\pm 1^{\circ}$ C or F except at
very low temperatures
 $\pm 2^{\circ}$ C or F below -15° C
and $+20^{\circ}$ F

Power Requirements:

110-130 VAC, 60 Hz,
4 to 6 Watts



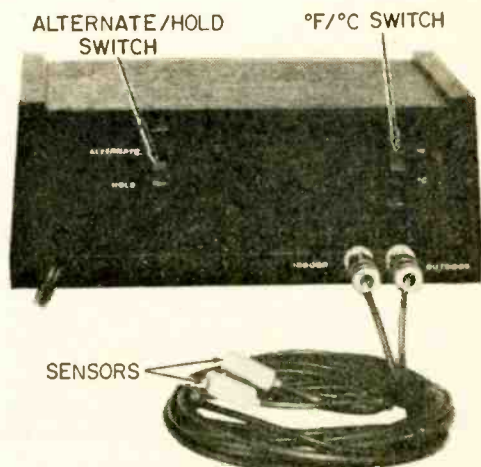
approximately once every four seconds. When the switch is set to HOLD the thermometer stays locked to the indoor or outdoor mode; to change, you simply set the switch to ALTERNATE until the unit switches to the desired mode and then restore the hold.

Putting It Right. Calibration is notably easy; all you need is a glass of ice water and the precision reference thermometer which is supplied with the kit. A total of four calibration controls—two for Fahrenheit and two for centigrade—are provided. Once calibrated, the digital thermometer's accuracy is $\pm 1^{\circ}$ F from $+20^{\circ}$ F to $+120^{\circ}$ F and $\pm 2^{\circ}$ F from -40° F to 20° F. The centigrade accuracy remains proportionally the same.

It's a Counter. As is typical of digital readout instruments, the digital thermometer is basically a counter. The temperature sensors determines how many pulses from a self-contained oscillator are fed to a counter which is calibrated to display the pulse count in terms of temperature. For example, the counter starts counting down from 200 to zero. If the sensor permits 120 pulses to pass, the temperature is 200 minus 120, or 80° (Fahrenheit or centigrade depending on your mode selection). If the temperature is cold enough so the counter counts all the way down to zero, the "-" (negative) indicator is triggered and the counter switches to count up from zero until the pulses are turned off. In this manner a below-zero thermometer reading can be indicated.

Fun to Build. Because a counter is involved, as you'd imagine the digital ther-

mometer is a rather complex kit. Most of the components, however, mount on three small PC boards, and each board is completed just about the time boredom starts to set in. In short, the kit is assembled in small bites, rather than one large swallow, and you can knock off, knowing you completed one full assembly unit. If you're the type that doesn't quit until a kit is finished, figure one long evening is all you need, two evenings if you watch TV while you work. Price is \$59.95 mail order. For additional information on the Heathkit ID-1390 Electronic Digital Thermometer circle No. 1 on the Reader Service Coupon on page 17 or 103. ■



Everything is up back! Switches change readings from $^{\circ}$ F to $^{\circ}$ C, and alternate indoor-outdoor, or lock on either.

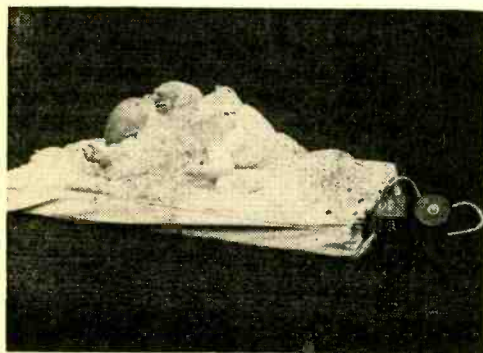
Wired Pram Bans Snatches

Young mother, concerned that her baby might be kidnapped, invents a baby-carriage alarm system

□ A young British housewife, worried about the safety of her baby, has invented a baby-snatcher alarm that is believed to be fool-proof. She says she had been thinking about it for a long time, and when someone else's baby was taken from its perambulator, "It made me hurry on, and with the help of a friend or two, this device got designed."

The key to this invention is a modified baby-carriage mattress, with a pressure-sensitive pad between the usual foam sheets, connected to a battery and a loud bell.

Although hesitant to reveal the details, the inventor did say that the system is preset during construction to four pounds. Most babies weigh more than four pounds, and thus the alarm system can be used in principle for any baby.



Baby on one of the anti-snatching mattresses, with the battery and alarm bell visible at right. The bell has a clip on the back for attaching it to the rim of the baby-carriage, so as to produce the loudest sound possible.



A British manufacturer has taken on the system, and the production line is said to be already making 1,000 such mattresses a week. The complete system, with special mattress and alarm, sells in England for the equivalent of \$12.00, which is about double the price for an ordinary baby mattress there.

There is a hidden switch "somewhere" to turn the device on or off. This is the standard switch supplied with the system, but if the user of the baby-carriage wants a special on/off switch, located where only she will know, then that can be installed instead, at extra cost. When the device is not switched on, the baby can be put on the mattress. Then one switches the device on. Should anyone but the mother lift or remove the baby from the carriage, a loud bell begins to ring; with the battery supplied, it could ring for at least three hours. The sound is particularly penetrating, the inventor says, "And there's no doubt that it will be heard even when there's a lot of traffic noise. The sound of the bell is special in a way, because of the penetrating ring." Should a kidnapper try to cut the visible wire before trying to snatch the baby, the alarm will also go off.

The experimenter could build a similar device using something like the Lafayette Tapeswitch mats, which are activated by less than five pounds of pressure, in a normally-closed circuit. ■



by Kathi Martin KAI0614

KATHI'S CB CAROUSEL

There's one thing a girl who travels alone quickly learns: there are many wierdos in this world! I had one clown—while I was driving on a dark, nearly deserted road—signal that my tires were flat, the car was leaking water, boiling over, and, well, you name it. They've tried every trick in the book to get this gal to pull over so they can "help." I've been parked at roadside rests checking my map when these lover boys sidled up to the car and tried to get in; I've had them zip past only to find them two

The model M-410 citizens band antenna is from The Antenna Specialists Company, 12435 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106 and costs \$34.50 (list price).



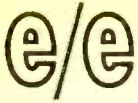
Local gal puts finishing touches on a base-loaded Big Momma CB antenna from the Antenna Specialists Co.; Circle 5 on page 17.

miles down the road flagging me down for an "emergency" (while their friend lies stretched out on the shoulder feigning injury); and I've had them just plain try to drive me off the road.

Fortunately . . . I've always had a CB rig since the day I got my driver's license, and the first thing I do is grab the mike and raise someone on Emergency 9. (Before the days of the National Emergency Channel, you kept track of those roadside signs giving the channel number of local emergency teams.) Nothing, but nothing gets these wierdos off your back like talking into a mike and looking for all the world as if you're giving out a car's license number and description. Once I even raised a couple of mobiles that caught up and put me in the middle of a "convoy" to the next town.

My friends and neighbors know how much I depend on CB to keep out of tight situations, so it was no suprise when the seventeen year old "mantrap" down the block got her driver's license to find her Mom and Pop knocking at my door to help keep the bees from their honey. Daughter Cynthia had latched onto a night job at the local burger stand so she could save up for a 'Vette, and the junior hoods were hassling her at closing time and on her way home. Did I think CB could keep the homefolks ready to help if Cynthia needed some extra muscle—like her two weight-lifter brothers?

If there is anything a young girl should have along if she drives, it's a CB rig! I don't mean one of those complex gold-plated transceivers that takes several minutes to figure out if everything is set to go. Rather, a girl's best friend is an easy-to-use, extremely dependable system that re-



KATHI'S CB CAROUSEL

quires only hitting the PTT switch on the mike. As far as I am concerned, this means a minimum-control AM transceiver with at least two channels and one heck of a reliable antenna system—preferably one of those smaller antennas you don't have to release from an antenna hold-down clip. With the rig always set to *on* and tuned to the family channel, or channel 9, all one has to do is squeeze the mike and yell for help.

I suggest at least two channels so a damsel in distress can raise the family when tooling around the neighborhood, or switch to channel 9 when she's out of range of the base.

Antenna Assistance. The weak link in many a CB installation is the antenna system; when you figure it's going to be used by someone with absolutely no technical experience or desire to know about SWR, high resistance joints, and corrosion, the antenna and all its connections must be first class all the way. In this instance I don't go for the full-length whip because it often winds up in the rain-gutter clip, and the last thing I'd want to do is run the window down when there are unfriendly hands trying to get in the car. A better choice is one of those short "loaded" whips you can forget about—small enough to clear the car wash machinery, the toll both lamps, and the garage ceiling.

One of my long-time antenna favorites

for the non-technical CBer is The Antenna Specialists Model M-410 Big Momma. This is a "short" antenna that secures to the edge of the trunk lid with two screws. The coaxial transmission line is supplied attached at the antenna end, and a solderless coaxial connector is provided for the transceiver end. The stainless steel mini-whip is secured by a screw into a miniature shock spring that sits on top of a weatherproof loading coil. Since all that's required for installation is the tightening of three screws (with the supplied Allen key), there are no mounting problems. The only thing you have to check is that the antenna doesn't slam into the rear window when the trunk is opened. I generally suggest the antenna be mounted on the side of the trunk lid so the whip swings clear of the window and car body when the trunk is opened.

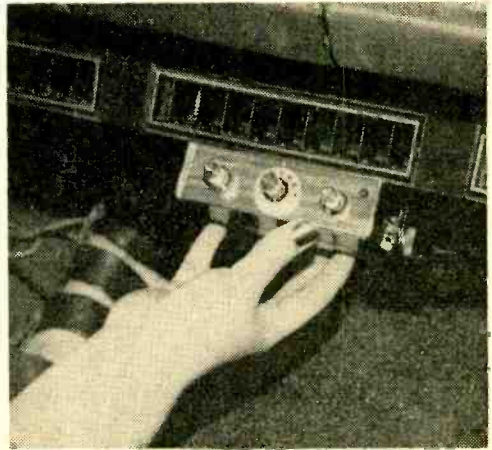
Out Of Sight. The transmission line can usually be passed through the driver's side of the trunk past the rear seat and into the car's wiring channel. This channel is usually under the door sills; remove the two or three screws that secure the sills, look straight down and you'll probably find all of the car's front-to-rear wiring lying in a channel. Just slip the transmission line into this channel and bring it out somewhere above the brake or gas pedal. Attach the coaxial connector and the antenna is ready for use.

If you want to keep costs down to rock bottom I suggest a small but adequate transceiver such as the Realistic Mini-Six shown in the photographs. As you can see,

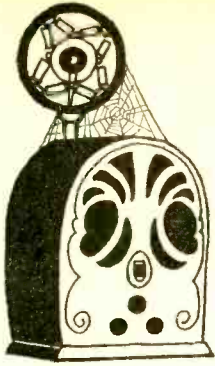
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The best way to make a neat installation is to use the car's cable channel just under edge molding located on the driver's side.

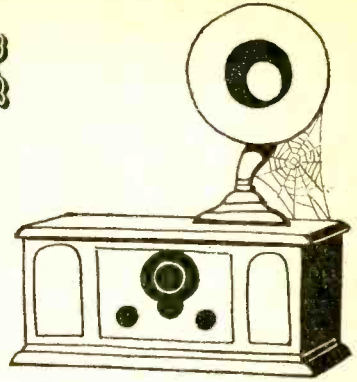


Select a small-size CB rig and mount in the usual manner under the dash. You can keep costs down with a low-priced 6-channel rig.



ANTIQUE RADIO CORNER

by James A. Fred



□ Hello out there in Radioland! We are back again with interesting facts about collecting antique radio and wireless equipment.

I am trying to get more information about the Evansville Radio Laboratory which was located in Evansville, Indiana during 1920, 1921, and 1922. Their trademark was EV-RA-LAB. Will anyone who has one of the radios built then, or parts, or literature, please write me in care of this magazine. I am compiling a history of radio manufacturing in Indiana prior to 1930 and need this material for the book.

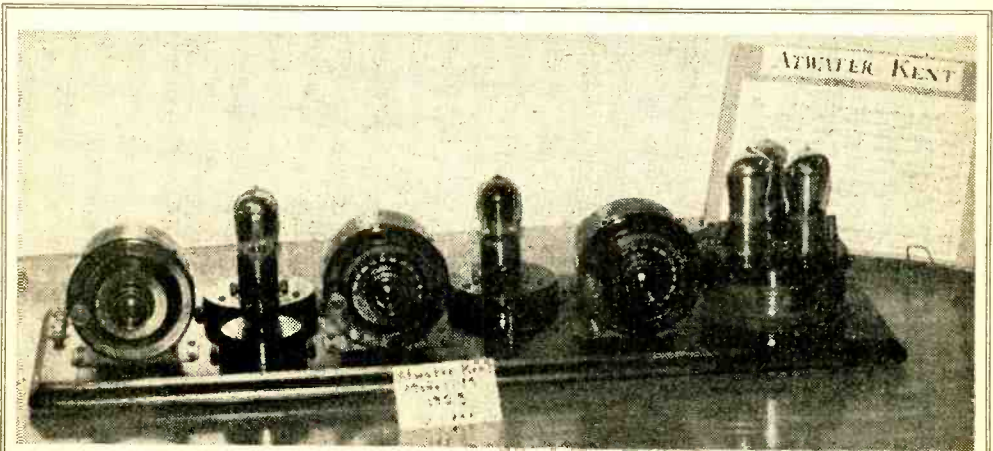
In the 1930s there was a radio station in Muscatine, Iowa that was operated by a man who disliked chain stores. He sold groceries and other items by radio. If anyone has any written information about this man I would appreciate copies of it.

In Shreveport, Louisiana there was a radio station in the '30s that had an announcer who said, "Hello world, doggone your buttons." I would also like information

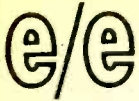
about this radio station and announcer.

The reprint of the Gernsback 1927 Encyclopedia is now available and I have read my copy. For any collector it is an invaluable source of information and illustrations of almost every part used in radios, every person connected with radio, and the history of radio as it was up to 1927. It is a slightly reduced in size, very well printed and bound copy of the Encyclopedia originally published in 1927. The last issue of ELEMENTARY ELECTRONICS listed the price and source for this book.

Like New. Old tubes are still available if you want to pay the price. Recently I have seen advertisements offering 201As, 200As, WD11s and other very ancient tubes. Prices quoted are \$5.00 to \$6.00 for new 200As and 201As new and in boxes, and \$3.00 to \$4.00 in good used condition. New WD11s are quoted at \$25.00 each. You may find these tubes offered in The Horn Speaker and in Antique Radio Topics. The Fact Sheet offered by this magazine



This Atwater Kent breadboard is one of the many variations of the model 10. The model 10 is relatively easy to find, and many collectors have two or more.



will give you the address.

For those of you who do not want to spend that much money for tubes for your old radio, it is possible to use type 30 tubes or VT24/864 tubes with the correct filament voltage. The April issue of *Antique Radio Topics* contains an article telling how to adapt these tubes to plug into sockets made for 201As. The Fact Sheet will tell you how to get a sample.

Replacing Power Transformers. Several readers have purchased radios with burned out power transformers. Some readers are under the impression that they can buy a new transformer, bolt it to the chassis, and solder it into their 1928 model radios. This just isn't so.

However I can give you some help if you choose this second solution. Is the transformer in a big can filled with tar or pitch, or is it a neat little package bolted to the chassis? In either case disconnect each wire lead on the transformer and label each wire with a tag, or identify the wires by color. If the transformer is potted, remove the potting compound (see the May/June 1974 issue of *ELEMENTARY ELECTRONICS* for the methods of doing this). After it is removed you must decide whether to have it rewound or substitute other transformers.

To substitute other transformers you should know what voltages and current you will need. It is simple to figure filament voltages and currents. Look in an old tube manual for the tubes your set uses. For instance most rectifier tubes were the type 80 with 5-volt, 2-ampere filament. Let us say that the radio uses four type 26s with 1.5-V 1.05-A filaments for a total of 4.2-A, and one type 27 tube with a 2.5-V, 1.75-A filament. The power amplifier tube might be a type 71A with a 5-V, .25-A filament. Don't use the same winding for both the 80 rectifier and the 71A even though they both require 5 volts. The set just won't work if you do. Now, to figure the "B" voltage is more difficult. If you don't have a schematic drawing you are in bad shape. Let us assume that you need a plate voltage of 180-VDC, also assume an 80 full wave rectifier tube. You may have a voltage drop across a speaker field of up to 100 volts, and maybe a drop across a filter choke. In

this case you may need an unfiltered "B" voltage as high as 280 to 300 VDC. To get this amount of voltage you will need a transformer with a high voltage winding of 400 VAC each side of a center tap. To find the current rating of this winding go back to the tube manual and add up the plate currents (and screen grid current if it applies) of all the tubes in the radio except the rectifier, add about 10% as a fudge factor and you will have all the information you need to select a replacement transformer (or transformers).

ANTIQUE RADIO FACT SHEET

Collectors of antique radio and wireless equipment can get a Fact Sheet from *Elementary Electronics* which includes information on antique radio publications and clubs, and a listing of public and private radio and wireless museums. To get your copy send a long stamped self-addressed envelope to *Antique Radio Corner, ELEMENTARY ELECTRONICS, 229 Park Avenue South, New York NY 10003.* ■

Your next problem is to find a vendor who has a transformer you can use. There is hardly a radio parts distributor who stocks power transformers anymore. You have to look for parts distributors who started in the 1930s who haven't thrown out their old stock. Allied Electronics in Chicago, an industrial parts distributor, has the largest catalog stock I know of. Burstein-Applebee, Kansas City, Missouri has the next largest stock listed.

If you have a transformer problem you cannot solve you can write to *Antique Radio Press, P. O. Box 42, Rossville, IN 46065* for help. If you enclose a circuit diagram of your set explaining what transformer you need (power, audio, or speaker output) along with a check for \$2.00, an experienced old time radio repairman will make a recommendation for you. If you do not have a circuit diagram, but do list the type and number of tubes your radio has, speaker field resistance, model number, etc., they still may be able to help you. If they cannot help you, your \$2.00 will be refunded. This help does not apply to the early Atwater Kent AC-operated radios as they are a problem all their own.

That is all for now. We will be back again with collector club news, technical hints on restoring old radios, and other interesting information for collectors of antique radio and wireless equipment. ■

ZENER ZAPPER

Blasts a batch of constant current to any under-20-volt zener to check it out. Plus—this device spots cheap transistors that can substitute for expensive zeners.

by Charles Rakes

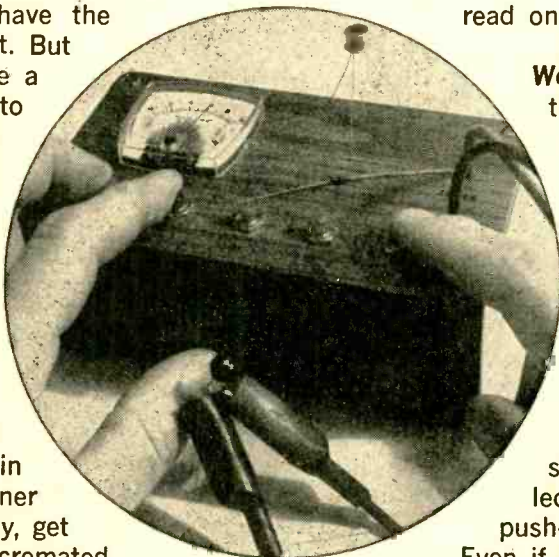
ONE OF THE MORE EXPENSIVE semiconductors, next in line to the transistor and diode in usage, is the zener diode. Zeners are semiconductor voltage regulators which are not difficult to test if you have the proper equipment. But if you don't have a tester designed to test zeners, then you must gather together a current meter, voltmeter, suitable power source, and a maze of clip leads.

If, while testing, you forget to add a current limiting resistor in series with the zener and power supply, get ready to bury the cremated zener and untangle the current meter's needle while controlling your good temper.

You can save those tears by spending less than ten bucks and a few hours time building this Zener Zapper. A little jewel like this will allow you to determine the zener voltage and knee characteristics, in seconds, of any zener diode with a zener voltage of less than twenty. The *Zapper* will allow you to

turn the most common silicon transistor, that normally costs less than one-half that of most zener diodes, into one of the best zeners available at any cost.

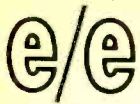
Want to learn more? Then read on.



How The Zapper Works. Referring to the schematic diagram, Q1 is connected in a constant current circuit that supplies a constant current source to the test leads. The emitter of Q1 is connected to three current setting resistors that are selected by one of three push-button switches.

Even if the test leads are shorted together the maximum current allowed to flow is limited to the value selected by the push-button switches. So no damage will occur to either the zener under test or to the Zapper.

Transistor Q2 is connected as an emitter follower to operate as a high impedance DC voltmeter that monitors the voltage developed across the test leads. S2 adds a special feature which



ZENER ZAPPER

FRONT VIEW

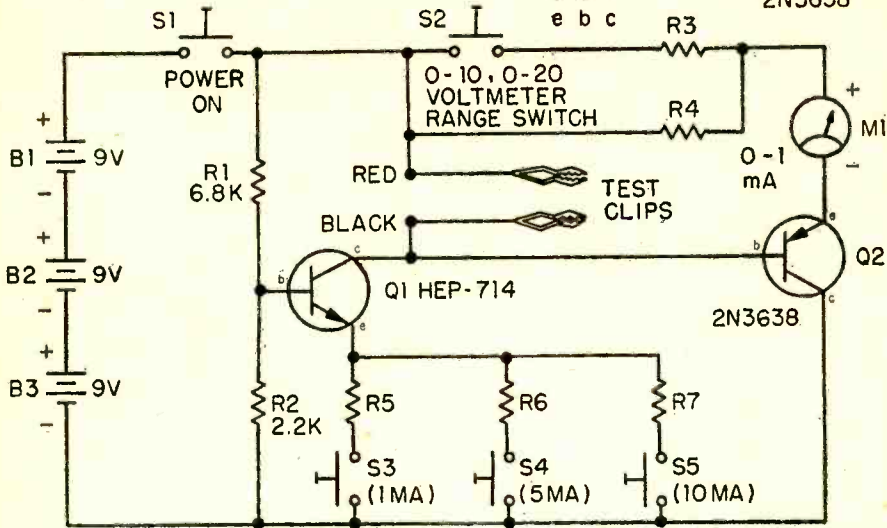


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BOTTOM VIEW



2N3638



PARTS LIST FOR THE ZAPPER

- B1, B2, B3—9-volt transistor battery, 2U6 type (Radio Shack 23-464)
- M1—0-1 mA meter (Radio Shack 22-018 or equiv.)
- Q1—NPN transistor, 2N3725, HEP714
- Q2—PNP transistor, 2N3638 (Radio Shack 276-2021 or equiv.)
- R1—6800-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor (Radio Shack 271-000 or equiv.)

- R2—2200-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor (Radio Shack 271-000 or equiv.)
- R3 to R7—Selected 10% resistors (see text)
- S1 to S5—Pushbutton switch, normally open (Radio Shack 275-1547 or equal.)
- Misc.—6 1/4 x 3 3/4 x 2-in. case, battery holders, five-terminal terminal strip, red and black test leads, two test lead clips, battery clips, wire solder, etc.

allows the meter range (20-volts) to be changed to a full scale voltage of ten.

Three 9-volt transistor radio batteries are used to supply the tester; under normal use they should last nearly their normal shelf life. Power switch S1 is a pushbutton (spring-return type) that must be operated with each test to conserve battery life and to insure that the *Zapper* isn't left on.

Building a Zapper. Our unit was constructed in a 6 1/4 x 3 3/4 x 2-in. plastic case with the meter, terminal strip, S1, S2, S3, S4, and S5 mounted to the front panel. The three batteries are kept in place in the back of the case with three metal holders.

Since the component layout isn't critical and since nearly any wiring scheme will do, you can build the *Zapper* in about any enclosure that you choose, but if you want to duplicate our unit just follow the general

layout shown. Only a single bit of advice is necessary in the construction, and that is to take extra care in drilling the holes in the plastic case. Calibrating the *Zapper* requires a well stocked resistor junk box or a resistance decade box. With only resistors R1 and R2 connected, as shown in the schematic, connect a resistance decade box between the emitter of Q1 and battery negative. Connect a 0 to 10 mA meter to the test clips, press the power switch S1, and adjust the resistance to produce a current of 1 mA. This resistance value should be near 6000 ohms and may be made up of one or more 10 percent resistors. This is the resistor value used for R5. Select resistors R6 for a 5 mA reading and R7 for a 10 mA meter reading in the same manner. Resistor R6 will be near 1000 ohms in value and R7 approximately 500 ohms.

Operation is simple: just connect the zener diode, push and hold the on button and one or more of the numbered buttons, which represent current in mA. The zener voltage is shown on the meter on a 0 to 20 volt scale. If the meter reads half scale or less, push the X1 button; the meter will change to ten volts full scale. See text for more detail.

To calibrate the voltmeter circuit, parallel-connect a 25,000-ohm pot and an external voltmeter, capable of reading 20 volts, to the test clips. Connect a resistance decade box for R4.

Press switches S1 and S3 and adjust the 25,000-ohm variable resistor until the external meter indicates 20 volts, then adjust the decade box until the Zapper meter reads full scale (20 V). Resistor R4 should be close to 20,000 ohms in value and may be made up of one or more 10 percent resistors. The value of R3 is the same as R4.

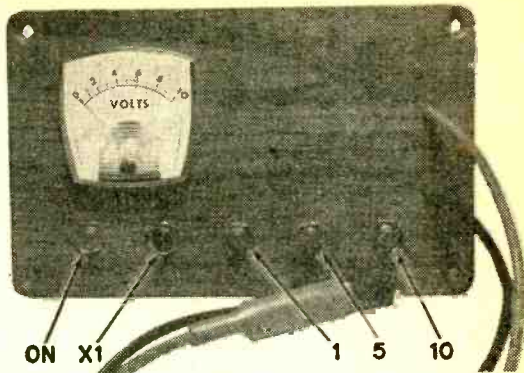
Make The Most Of Zapper. Select a zener to be tested and connect the cathode to the positive (red) test lead and the anode to the negative (black) test lead. Press S1 and S3 and read the zener voltage on M1. If the reading is under 10 volts, press S2 and change the meter range to 10-volts full scale. If, while changing from S3 to S4 or S5, the meter reading changes appreciably, this indicates that the zener's knee is sloppy and would not make a very good reference zener.

Some zeners require more than 1 mA to produce a good knee characteristic and should be checked at 5 and 10 mA for this test. If a greater current is desired, more than one push-switch may be operated at one time. With all three pressed, the test current will be about 16 mA.

Transistors can be used as zeners. Almost all silicon transistors can be used as zener diodes. The base emitter junction is reverse biased to produce the zener action. Most will produce a zener voltage of between 5 and 15 volts. Connect the positive (red) lead to the base and the negative (black) lead to the emitter of a PNP transistor for testing, and reverse the leads of an NPN transistor.

After testing many different types of silicon transistors for their zener characteristics, we found that more often than not the transistor produced a zener with a knee characteristic as good or better than most zener

Since the circuit is quite simple, it can be built around a five-lug terminal strip.



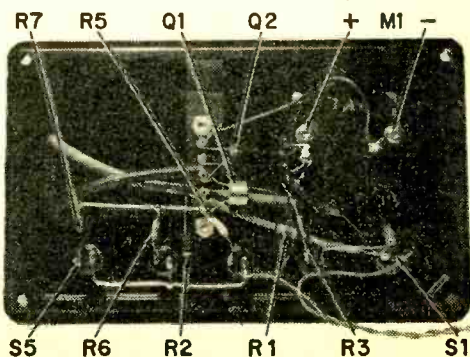
Something About Zener Diodes

What makes a silicon diode zener?

Apply a difference of potential (a voltage) and a diode will either conduct (forward bias condition) or conduct very little or not at all (reverse bias condition). But if you exceed a certain magnitude of reverse bias, the diode will "avalanche" and conduct heavily—much as it does in its "forward bias" condition. There is, however, one interesting difference. It will avalanche only down to a certain level called the zener voltage. Manufacturers' tricks make diodes "zener" to a desired level. What was a rather poor diode with a low reverse bias specification became a highly stable voltage reference; that is, the zener voltage remains relatively constant despite any changes in the voltage applied through a limiting resistor.

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Turn the bargain zeners and transistors into the bargains they should be by building your very own zener zapper. ■



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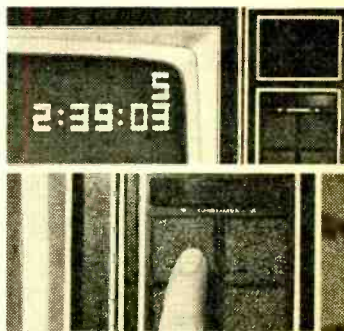
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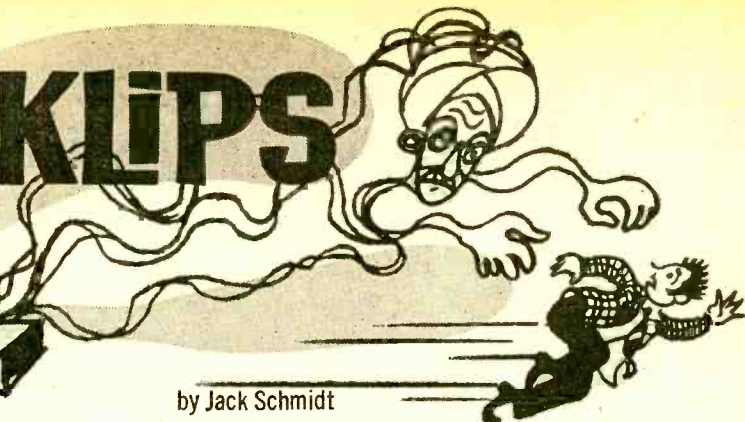
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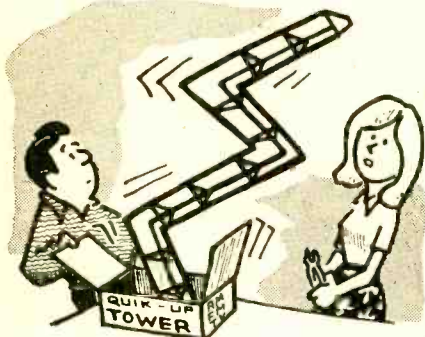
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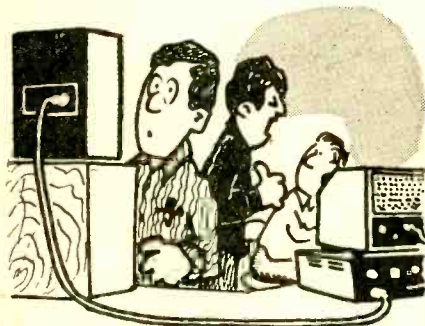
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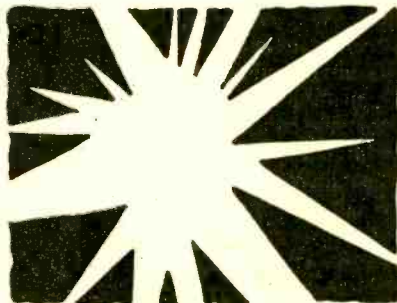
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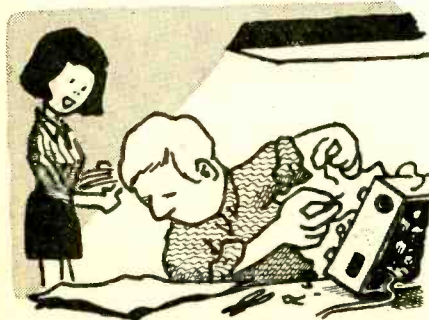
"You should thoroughly enjoy this kit, sir. A child can build it."



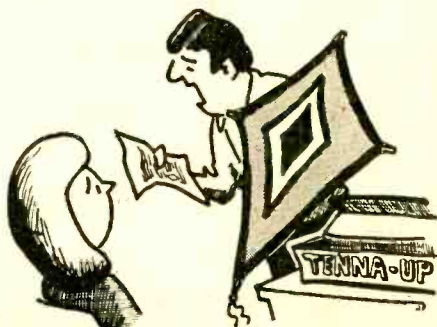
"Too much power to the strobe flash!"



"Be careful, Marvin, the red one is..."



"If you're having trouble, it's because you're reading my dress pattern."



"The ad calls it 'the world's lightest and highest antenna.'"

Build this long range microphone and ...

Bug Mother Nature

by F. J. Bauer



With a parabolic mike offering sonic and electronic amplification you're in tune with *Helix Aspera* to Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers!

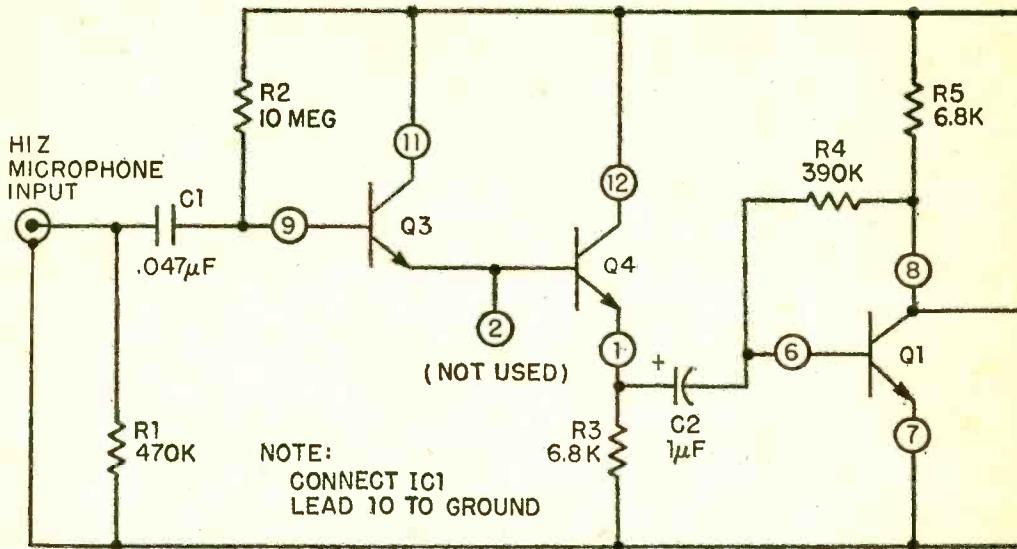
Englishman George Riley lives in Kent, works in London and goes home to an unusual hobby.

"It all started about a couple of years ago when I borrowed a friend's parabolic directional microphone dish. This type of equipment is hyper-sensitive and can be pinpointed to record a sound without external noise interference. I was using it to record the sound of crickets when I suddenly heard a strange 'slurping crunching' sound. This turned out to be a large snail making the most of some hard grass. From then on I was hooked," says George.

Experts such as zoologist Donald J. Borror have used the parabolic microphone technique to produce 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rpm records that sonically illustrate ornithology books and booklets.*

After stumbling over a couple of radar antenna dishes a few years ago, I finally decided to put one of them to work. Since I was no microwave expert I decided to try an acoustic application. After all, I reasoned, a parabolic dish is a parabolic dish whether it is used for reflecting and focusing microwaves or sound waves. The result is the parabolic microphone described in this article.

e/e BUG MOTHER NATURE



PARTS LIST FOR A PARABOLIC MICROPHONE

- B1, B2—9-volt battery, 2U6-type (Radio Shack 23-464 or equiv.)
- C1—0.047 μ F disc or tubular capacitor (Radio Shack 272-1052 or equiv.)
- C2, C3, C5, C6—1 μ F capacitor, electrolytic (observe polarity) or tubular, 35 volts or better (Radio Shack 272-1055 or equiv.)

- C4—0.01 μ F capacitor, ceramic disc (Radio Shack 272-131 or equiv.)
- IC1—3018 integrated circuit (RCA CA3018) Available from Circuit Specialists Co., Box 3047, Scottsdale, AZ 85257; \$2.00 postpaid.
- R1—470,000-ohm, 1/4-watt resistor (Radio Shack 271-1800 or equiv.)

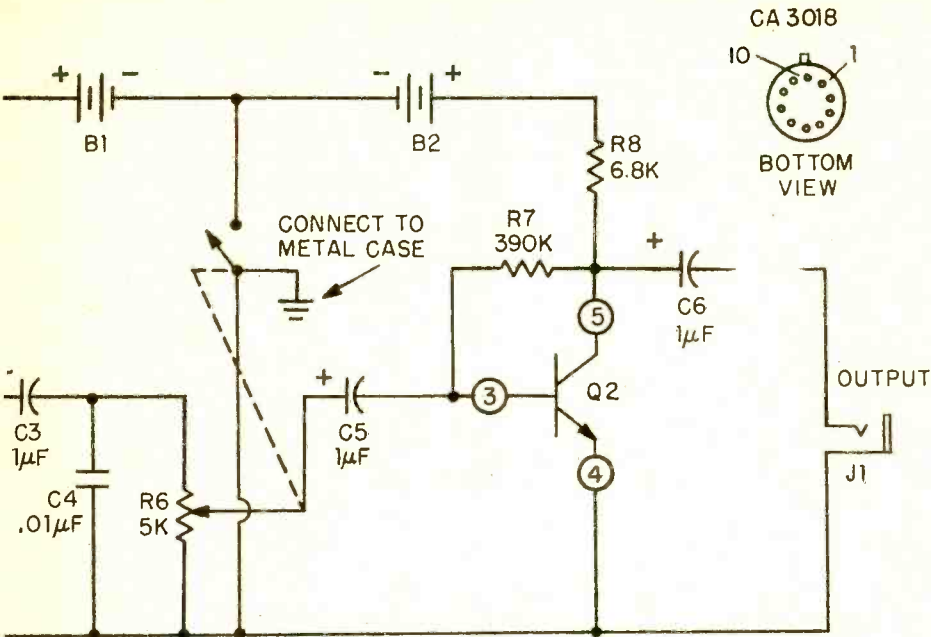
If you want to go all out for added gain, look over the surplus dealers' list for an 18 inch or larger aluminum model. As nearly as I can tell with the test equipment available, the 18-inch reflector adds about 10 dB gain to the microphone.



Construction. It's simple enough as reference to the photos will reveal. The mount for the dish is made of wood and masonite. The dish is held in place by three threaded rods which also serve as the microphone support. Almost any kind of rod material will do, as long as it is or can be threaded. I happened to have some odd pieces of 9-gauge aluminum clothesline which threaded easily with a 10-32 die. Make the rod length about 7½ inches to allow sufficient leeway

The other end of George Riley as he searches for optimum mike placement to record feeding snails. Cassette recorder also drives earphones for real-time monitoring.

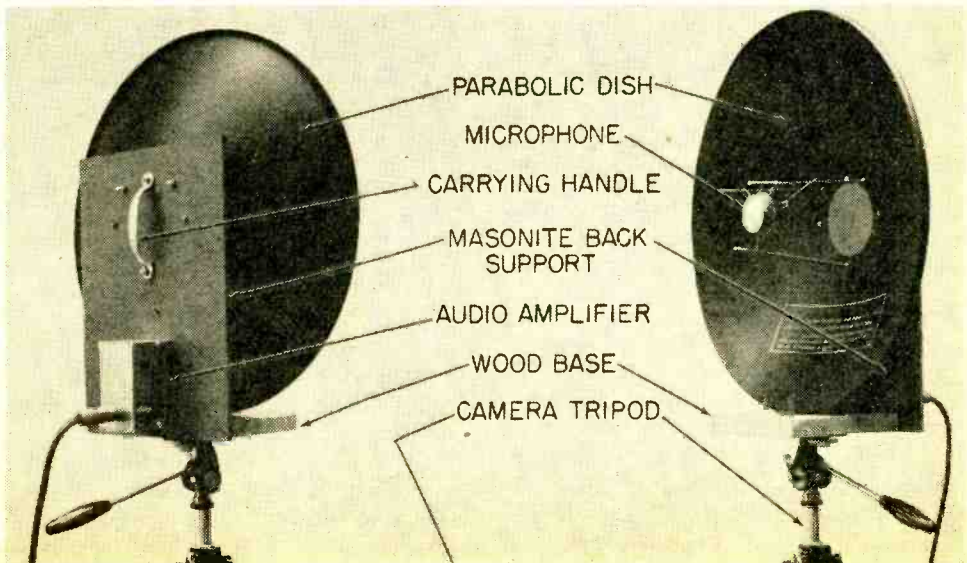
Suspend the microphone you use from rubber bands that extend to the support rods. Or, a clamp wrapped in foam packing material holds Riley's microphone securely.



- R2—10-megohm, 1/2-watt resistor (Radio Shack 271-000 or equiv.)
 R3, R5, R8—6800-ohm, 1/4-watt resistor (Radio Shack 271-1800 or equiv.)
 R4, R7—390,000-ohm, 1/4-watt resistor (Radio Shack 271-1800 or equiv.)
 R6—5,000-ohm potentiometer, audio taper, with spst switch (Radio Shack 271-1725 or equiv.)
 Misc.—Aluminum case (Radio Shack 270-231), 2

x 4-in. perf board, plugs, jacks, hardware, push-in terminals, microphone (high impedance crystal, see text, or hand-held type such as Radio Shack 33-907) wire, solder, etc.

Note: The ETCO catalog lists a "government surplus" aluminum parabolic reflector on page 36. ETCO Electronics, 464 McGill Street, Montreal 125, Canada.



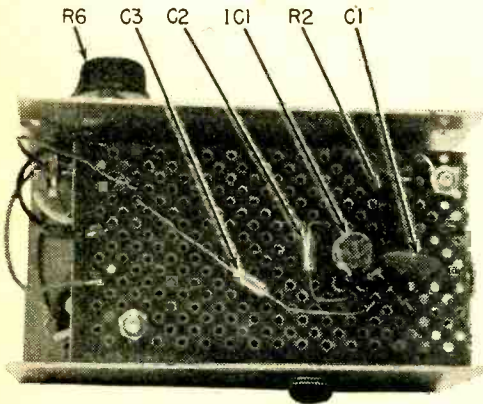
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for adjusting the microphone for optimum focus. A small bracket or block may be added where the dish touches the wooden base to add rigidity, and a hole in the center of the base will make it convenient to mount the whole assembly on a camera tripod.

Any low priced ceramic or crystal microphone cartridge will work well with this reflector. The one shown in the photograph happens to be out of a pre-WW II hearing aid!

Mount the microphone cartridge on the rods with rubber bands. The exact method of attaching the rubber bands to the microphone cartridge is left to the ingenuity of the builder, since this will largely depend upon the physical configuration of the microphone.

Next route a 16-inch piece of shielded microphone cable from the microphone



Place components above and below the raised perf board. High impedance circuit makes it necessary to shield the amp in a metal box.

along one of the rods, through the dish (but inside the back plate), and terminate the cable in a phono plug. The cable should have sufficient slack so it may be easily plugged into the amplifier box. Also, be sure to allow sufficient lead slack at the microphone end of the cable so that the shock mount effect of the rubber bands is not

*Common Bird Songs, the title of a booklet and record by Borror, is available from Dover Publications, 180 Varick Street, New York 10014 for \$3.50 postpaid; order number 21829-5. It provides songs of sixty species such as the Robin, Cardinal, Bluejay, Bobolink, and Tufted Titmouse!

nullified. This will complete the microphone reflector assembly, which should be set aside until the amplifier is built.

Electronics. The amplifier is a three stage affair using an RCA CA 3018 integrated circuit. Transistors Q3 and Q4 are used as a Darlington pair in an emitter-follower circuit in the first stage. This provides the necessary high input impedance required by the crystal microphone. The two following stages utilize Q1 and Q2 respectively as conventional common emitter amplifiers. The average gain per stage is about 38 dB.

Capacitor C4 across audio gain control R6 provides a 3 dB roll-off at 15 kHz, thus limiting amplifier frequency response to the desired audio range. In addition to limiting the frequency response, this capacitor also reduces the tendency of the amplifier to oscillate at higher frequencies, which could result in instability and low output. The 3 dB point at the low frequency end is about 70 Hz, sufficient for this application.

Two 9-volt transistor batteries are used to power the amplifier; not because of high current drain but, rather, to avoid common coupling between the output stage and earlier stages of the amplifier. An RC decoupling network could, of course, be used instead of two batteries, but it was found that oscillation would occur in spite of the decoupling network after the batteries had been in service for awhile. Two batteries absolutely guarantee against amplifier instability during the useful life of the batteries. The total current drain of the amplifier, by the way, is only 1.5 mA.

No trouble should be experienced with the amplifier if the original layout is followed. All amplifier components are mounted and wired on the perf board as shown. The volume control, capacitor C4, and the earphone jack are mounted on the part of the minibox that serves as a cover and battery holder. All connecting wires are soldered to push-in terminals on the perf board, and the perf board is mounted above the batteries with small bolts and spacers. After assembly, connect the microphone to the amplifier input with a short piece of cable.

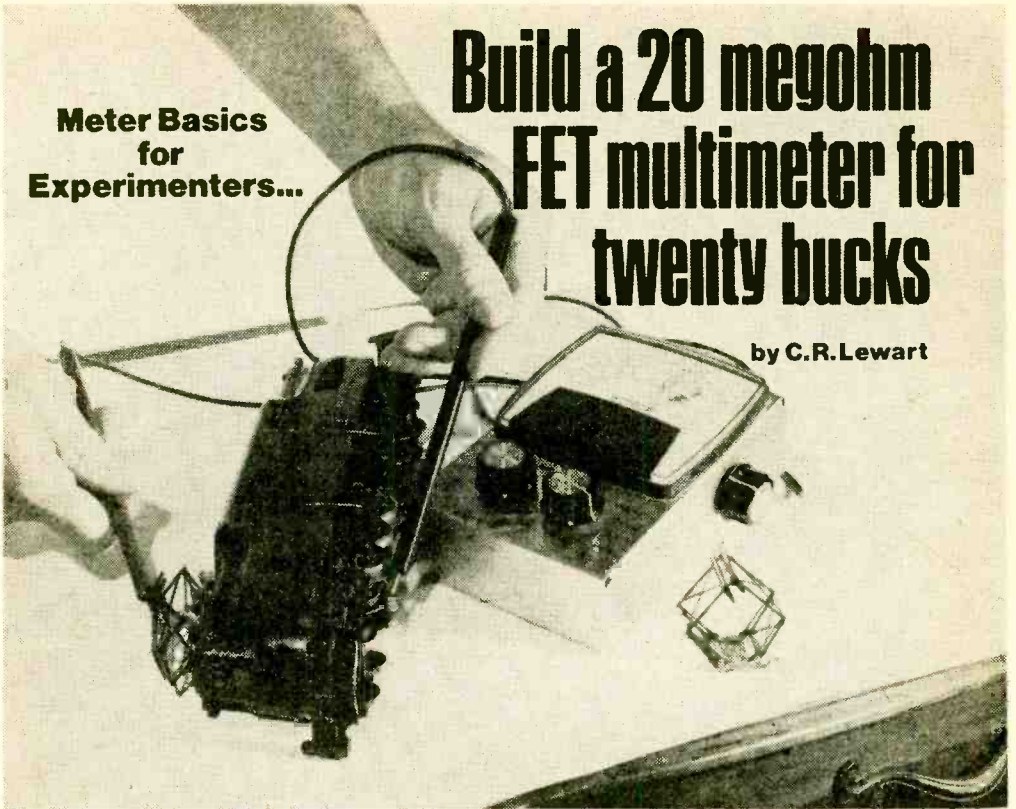
Check Out. When testing the amplifier on the bench, either have the microphone connected to the input terminals or substitute a half-megohm resistor for the microphone input. If you have a hum problem it is probably caused by nearby AC wiring. (I had to turn off power to the workbench)

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**Meter Basics
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Experimenters...**

Build a 20 megohm FET multimeter for twenty bucks

by C.R. Lewart



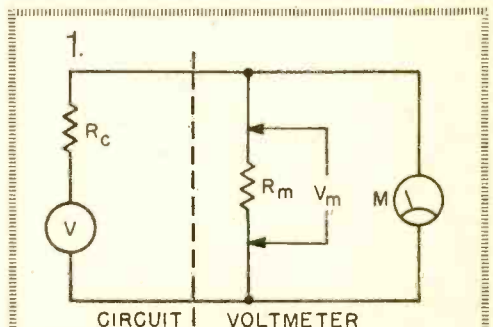
Discover valuable multimeter theory while you build this useful shop tool!

□ THIS PROJECT IS A MODERN VERSION OF the VTVM of yesteryear—a battery operated field effect transistor volt-ohm meter with a very high (20 megohm) input resistance on all ranges. The cost of this project should be around \$20—about what you can spend on a run-of-the-mill volt-ohm meter. Accuracy of this experimenter's meter may not be as great, however, since costs have been kept low by specifying 5 and 10 percent resistors.

A meter like the one shown can be built with features such as high input resistance on all ranges, polarity reversal switch, protection against meter over-voltage on all ranges, long battery life, and 1 percent resistors in the range divider for greater accuracy. Plus, this meter has been designed for up to ten voltage and four resistance ranges, but it can be built with fewer ranges and only one function (voltage or resistance measurements) if you wish.

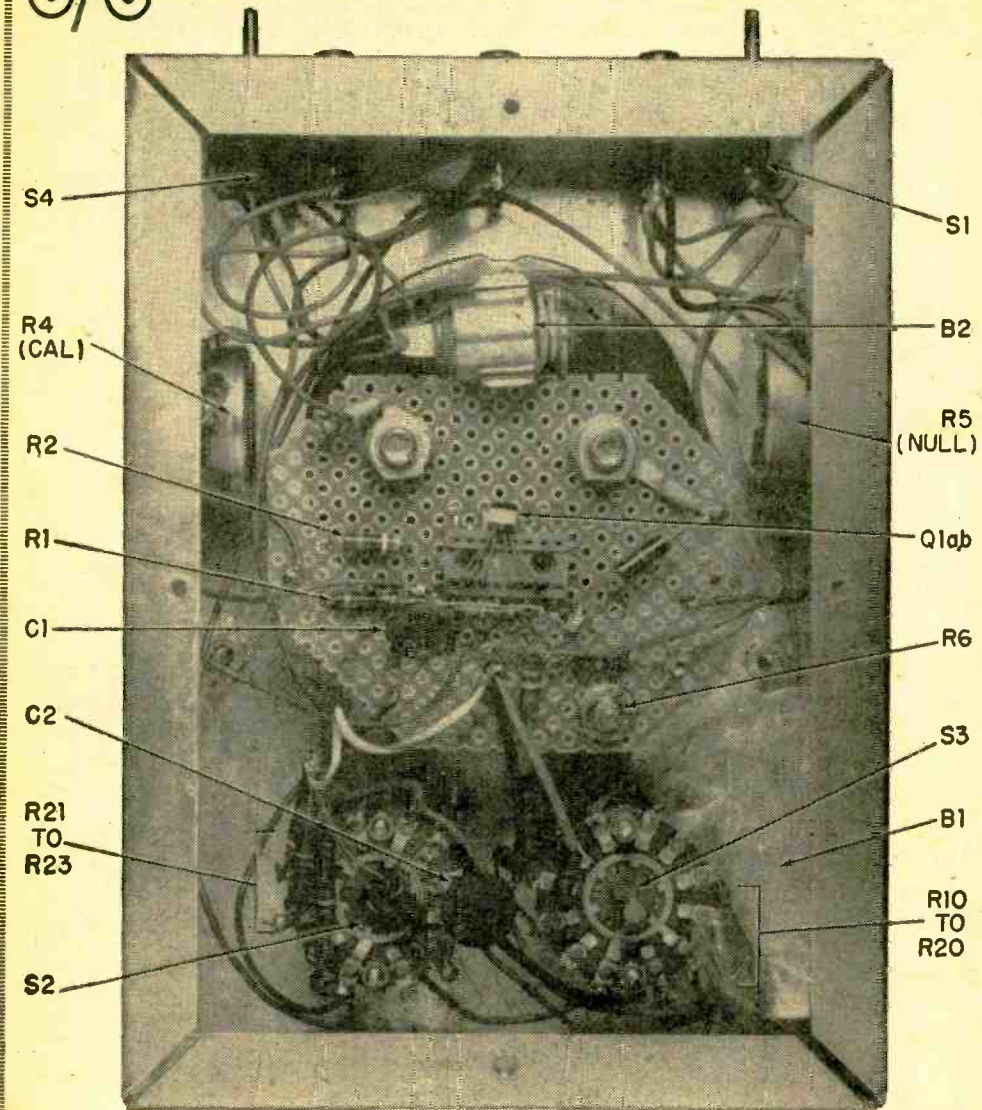
What Is Meter Resistance? No matter what circuit you are measuring, figure 1 describes what you are doing.

There is a voltage (V) which you are trying to determine. The resistance (R_C) of the circuit can be anything from a few tenths of an ohm (a fresh battery) to several megohms (the grid circuit of a tube). R_M is the resistance of the voltmeter. What you are actually measuring is V_M which can be very close or very far from V depending



This is what actually happens. Voltage "V" to be measured is divided across a series resistor set R_C and R_M . See text.

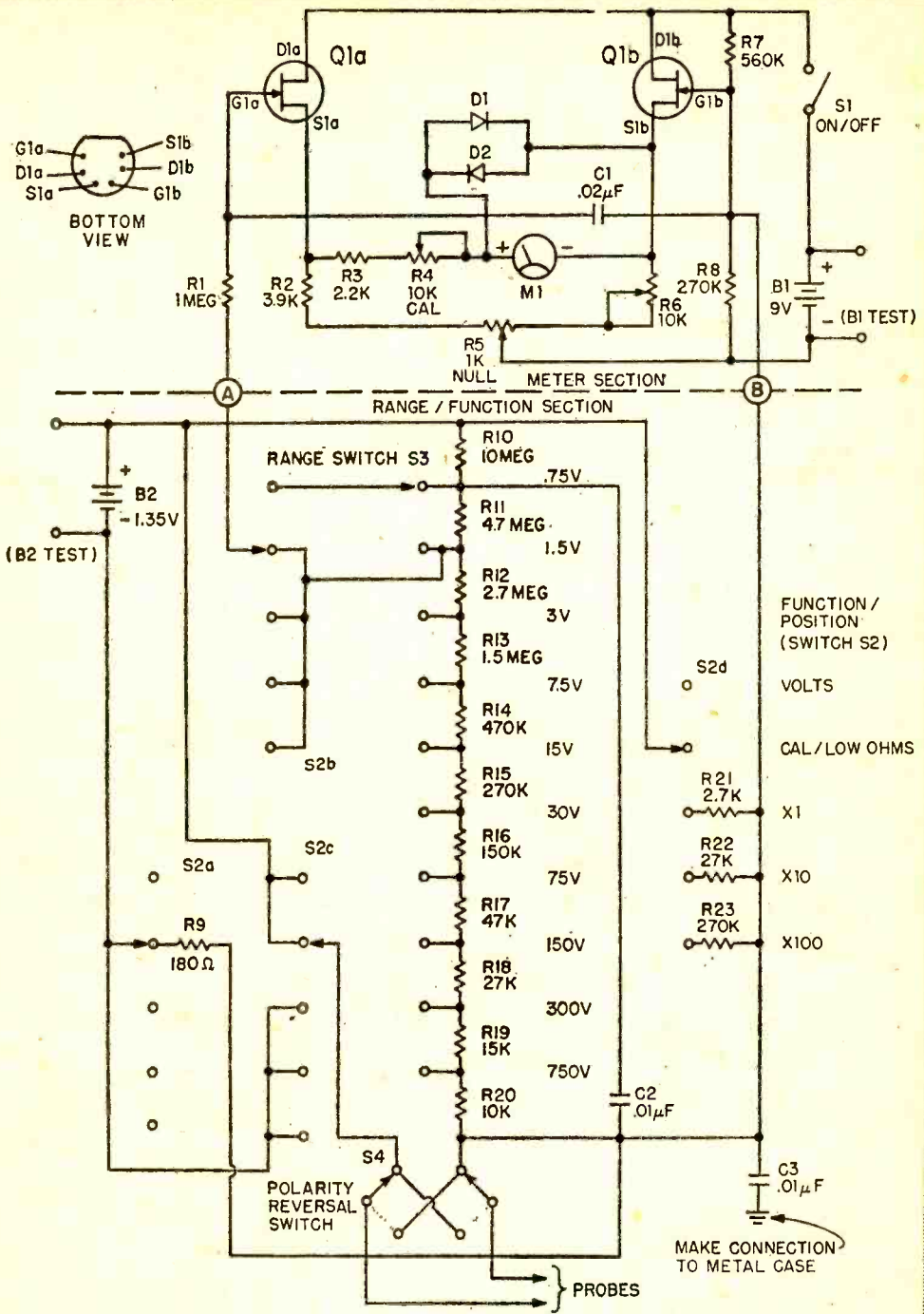
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PARTS LIST FOR A FET MULTIMETER

- | | |
|---|--|
| B1 —9-volt battery, 2U6-type (Radio Shack 23-464 or equiv.) | R2, R6 —3900-ohm, ½-watt resistor |
| B2 —Mercury cell, Mallory RM640 or equiv. (Radio Shack 23-1515) | R3 —2200-ohm, ½-watt resistor |
| C1 —0.02 μF capacitor, 100 VDC or better (Radio Shack 272-1056 or equiv.) | R4 —10,000-ohm potentiometer, linear taper (Radio Shack 271-1715 or equiv.) |
| C2, C3 —0.01 μF capacitor, 600 VDC or better (Allied Electronics 926-6895 or equiv.) | R5 —1000-ohm potentiometer, linear taper |
| D1, D2 —Silicon diode, general purpose type such as 1N914 (Radio Shack 276-1103 or equiv.) | R7 —560,000-ohm, ½-watt resistor |
| M1 —50 to 100 μA full scale meter (see text) | R8, R15, R23 —270,000-ohm, ½-watt resistor |
| Q1a, Q1b —Dual FET (Calectro K4-636) | R9 —180-ohm, ½-watt resistor |
| R1 —1 meg, ½-watt resistor (Radio Shack 271-000 or equiv.) | R10 —10 meg, ½-watt resistor |
| | R11 —4.7 meg, ½-watt resistor |

Note: All ½-watt resistors can be Radio Shack 271-000 series; specify value when ordering under this number.

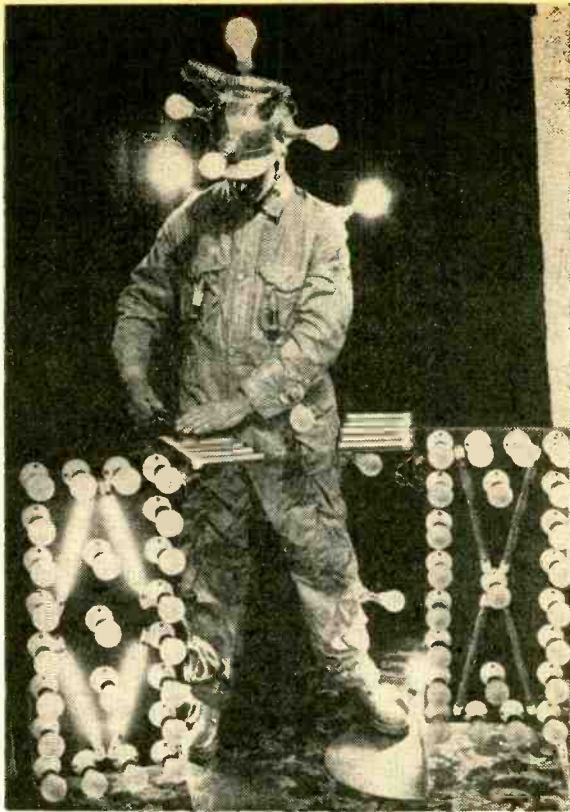


- R12—2.7 meg, 1/2-watt resistor
- R13—1.5 meg, 1/2-watt resistor
- R14—470,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R16—150-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R17—47,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R18, R22—27,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R19—15,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R20—10,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor

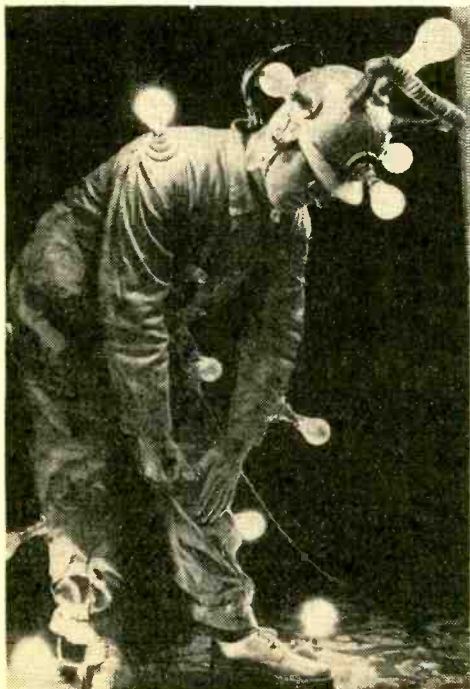
- R21—2700-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- S1—Spst switch (Radio Shack 275-612 or equiv.)
- S2—4-pole 6-position rotary switch (function) (Allied Electronics 747-2011 or equiv.)
- S3—1-pole 11-position rotary switch (range) (Radio Shack 275-1385 or equiv.)
- S4—Dpdt switch (Radio Shack 275-614 or equiv.)
- Misc.—Probes, jacks, case, wire, solder, etc.

LIGHT MUSIC IS ELECTRI- FYING

by Janus Kodrum



Tom Platt gets rich on a night club act that would kill most men!



The Electric Martian, Tom Platt, checks out his aluminized suit before stepping on stage to shock his night club audience.

□ Tom Platt's nightclub act is really shocking—so much so that when he performs, electricians insist on his signing a waiver, relieving them of all responsibility!

Years ago Tom Platt received a 5,000-volt electric shock while working as a shipyard electrician. This would have put most people off electricity for life—literally—but not Tom. He has developed one of the most original and mystifying nightclub acts ever seen. Tom plays the “spoons” electrically. When he performs his act, wearing a suit covered with electric light bulbs, it appears that 230 volts of lethal electricity pass through his body. When he plays a song the lights on his suit light up in time with the rattling of his spoons. As the spoons make and break the contact, the electricity surges through his body, and one can often see a wince of pain as the bulbs light up. (The Editors are sceptical about Tom's claims.)

Tom's act is made possible by a carefully-designed outer suit and apparatus designed to offer unusual illusions and at the same time protect Tom from self-destruction. The illusions and entertainment value of this nightclub act increase dramatically as alcohol consumption increases. ■

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Generate Your Own Power

Be prepared with emergency power when you need it most!

by Herb Friedman

IF YOU THINK BACK to the news highlights of the past several months it must occur to you that our electric power supply—which was foremost in the world—has been on the skids for the past few years.

Last winter, ice storms which barely stopped traffic knocked out electric power in sub-freezing weather for days on end, while the brownouts of this summer ruined hundreds of dollars worth of refrigerated food in many a household. Yet the approximately \$200 it would cost you to provide your home with emergency electric power is but a small part of what you might lose (or might already have lost) through a power failure.

What's that? You've priced emergency power supplies and the cost is nearly \$1000? Nonsense! In times of crisis there's no need to generate enough electricity to run every little power-eater in the house. Actually, all you need is enough power to carry the heating system and a few lightbulbs in winter and the refrigerator/freezer in summer. You might be slightly inconvenienced by not being able to watch big-screen color TV (unless,

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perhaps, it's all solid-state), but at least you'll have heat and wholesome food.

You get all this for about \$200 worth of equipment plus a little common sense. You won't have an automatic start on the emergency generator, and you won't have automatic transfer of the power lines to the generator, but a trip out to the garage to start the generator is certainly better than sitting in a freezing home hoping the water pipes don't burst.

The key to successful low cost emergency power is the small portable electric generator like those sold by Sears, Penney's and local hardware dealers. These generators put out about 1200 watts, give or take a few hundred, and will run about 3 hours on one tank of gas—about 3/4 of a gallon. All have standard convenience power outlets, and some have built in overload fusing. A particularly attractive generator is the McCulloch Model H-1500, which puts out a legitimate 13 amperes, enough to run an oil-fired hot water heating system with circulator pump, a medium size tube-type TV and a few small light-bulbs (that's real comfort when everyone else is cold and in the dark).

How Much Power? Make certain you get a generator with enough capacity to run the heating system or refrigerator/freezer. Here's how you do it. Let's say you have a hot water heating system. Each pump motor, the oil burner motor, and the ignition coil have a metal plate with the current requirements—either in amperes or VA (VA being the rated line voltage mul-

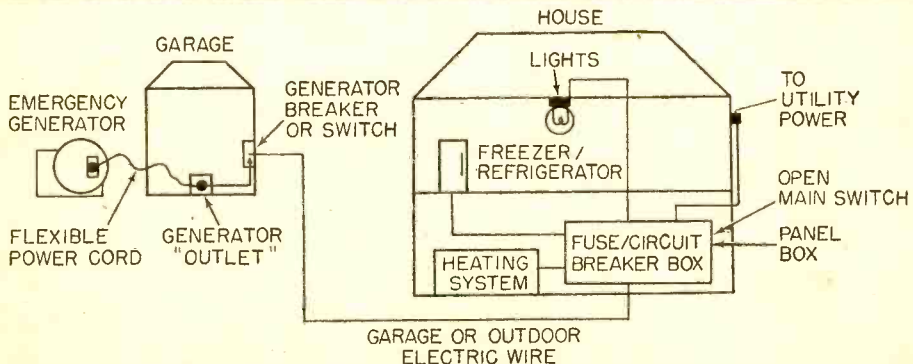


Important! You must use the master breaker or fuse block to isolate your generator and home from the power company. Don't forget!

plied by the current). The heating system for the installation shown in this article pulled 4.1 amperes for two circulator pumps, 2.4 amperes for the oil burner motor and 0.3 amperes for the ignition coil, all adding up to 6.8 amperes. Allow approximately 25 percent additional capacity for the motor starting current, or $6.8 \times 125\% = 8.5$ amperes (about 1020 watts). Subtract 8.5 amperes from the generator's rated capacity (say, 13 amperes) and you have the available power reserve for other equipment—4.5 amperes. You can safely use 75 percent of the reserve, or $4.5 \times 75\% = 3.37$ amperes or, about 404 watts. These 404 watts can be used to power any non-motor appliance such as a small TV, electric lights, a radio, etc.

As a general rule, if you are running just motor powered equipment such as a freezer/refrigerator, you can use 75 percent of the generator's rated capacity.

Setting Up. First step is to add a low-noise muffler to the gasoline motor because



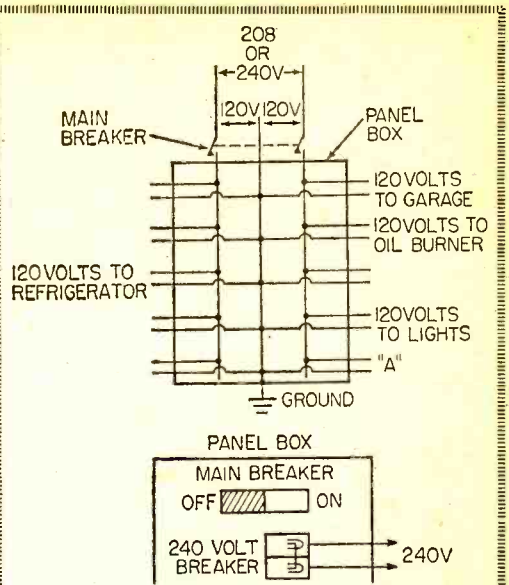
In most instances the existing house wiring will serve to carry the emergency generator's power to the required circuits. After the main power switch in the panel box is pulled to disconnect

the house from the electric utility's power line, the generator's output can be fed directly into a garage outlet, from where it will flow to the panel box and then into the necessary circuits.

the original equipment muffler does virtually nothing towards reducing the generator's roar. Then, check out the generator with a voltmeter so you don't panic when the lights burn extra bright. You'll find that with no load, or a very light load such as a couple hundred watts (of lightbulbs), the generator's output voltage will read between 150 and 175 VAC. This is normal. The generator's unloaded output is usually considerably higher than under full load, and the generator's output is a sort of squared (flat topped) sine wave, which causes the voltmeter to indicate an erroneously high voltage.

Do not attempt to lower the output voltage by adjusting the generator's speed regulator (slowing the motor). Reducing the motor speed also reduces the frequency, which is factory-set to 60 Hz (or 50 Hz on special order).

When you're certain the generator is working properly you're ready to make the electrical connections. First, make certain your garage or outdoor electric outlet is on

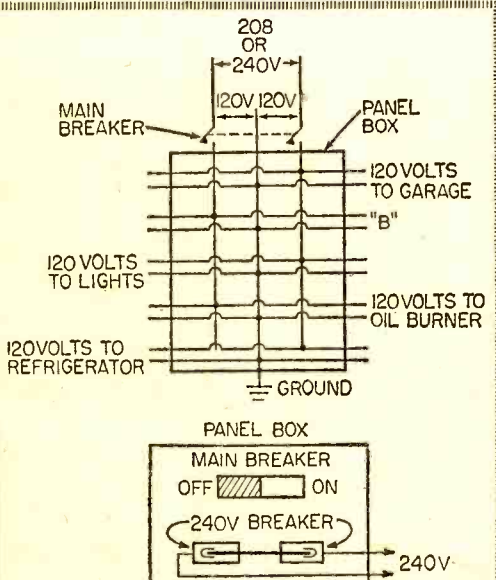


In a 240/208 volt panel box with parallel feed, the circuit breakers (or fuses) on the right side are all on one side of the power line while all circuits on the left side are on the other side of the power line. In this illustration the emergency power coming in from the garage would be fed to the oil burner and lighting, but not to the refrigerator/freezer. To feed the refrigerator it is necessary to move the wiring to the refrigerator to the other side, to the circuit marked "A". You can tell if your panel box is parallel feed by looking at the dual-breaker which controls a 240 volt appliance such as an electric stove or air conditioner. If the circuit has one breaker on each side of the box, as shown, the panel is most likely parallel feed.

a separate circuit breaker (or fuse). If it isn't, install a separate breaker in the house.

If the generator does not have internal fusing, install a circuit breaker rated no higher than the generator's rated output between the original garage wiring and a new outlet, which will be used only for the generator. You can also substitute a fuse for the generator's circuit breaker. The generator's fuse and/or circuit breaker should be rated no higher than the current capacity of the garage or outdoor outlet wiring: for copper wire, 10 amperes for #16 wire, 15 amperes for #14 wire.

Make up a short connecting cord of flexible wire (#16) with male plugs on both ends. It's not the safest arrangement in the world but recessed male plugs aren't much safer, and they're hard to come by. This cord will be used to connect the generator's
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In a 240/208 volt panel box with alternate feed on each side of the box every other circuit is the same side of the line. In this illustration the emergency power coming in from the garage will be fed to the oil burner, lighting and refrigerator/freezer. The circuit marked "B" will not receive power from the emergency generator. You can tell if your panel box is alternate feed by looking at a breaker which controls a 240 volt appliance. If both breakers (one for each side of the line) are on the same side of the box, as shown, the panel is alternate feed.

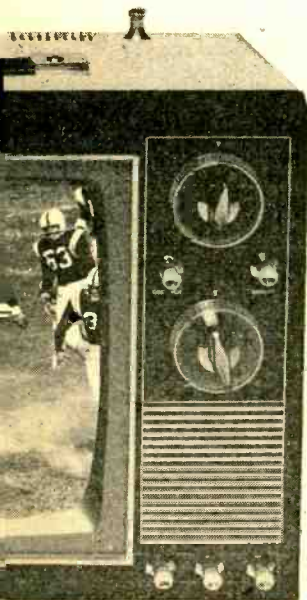
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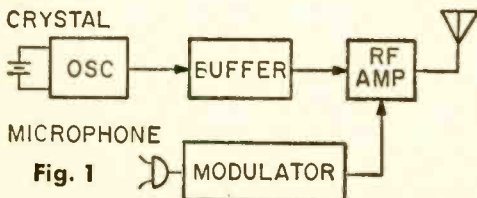
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□ Unlike receivers, which can be essentially similar up to the detector in both the AM and SSB rigs, there's a world of difference between AM and SSB transmitters; except for the oscillator (the circuit that generates the crystal-controlled operating frequency) there's no similarity between the two.

Amplitude Modulation (AM) transmitters are the easiest to design, adjust, check, and service, for there is little that can go wrong. In fact, between the least expensive and most expensive CB transceivers there might be little, if any, difference in the transmitter circuits. Figure 1 shows the block diagram for a solid-state "single channel" transmitter—single channel meaning a transmitter with from one to five or perhaps eight channels. In these models the user adds channels by plugging in transmit and receive crystals for the desired channel coverage. The transmitter



This basic AM transmitter without crystal synthesizer is used in most 3 to 6 channel sets, although sometimes without a buffer.

line-up usually consists of a crystal controlled oscillator, a buffer amplifier to prevent changes in the antenna circuit from reflecting back to the oscillator, and an RF power amplifier, which amplifies the minuscule RF drive from the oscillator to about 3 watts RF output. In some transmitters the buffer amplifier is eliminated and the oscillator feeds directly into the RF power amplifier, just as is done in tube-type transmitters.

High efficiency amplifiers, known as class "C" amplifiers, have efficiencies in the order of 80 percent, so if the DC power input to the RF amplifier is 5 watts (legal limit) the RF output will be about 4 watts or slightly less depending on the overall design parameters.

Final Amplifier Facts. In modern CB transceivers the RF amplifier feeds into a pi-network, bandpass, or low-pass filter before the signal is fed to the antenna. Any of these filters sharply attenuates the television-interference-producing harmonics caused by the distortion of class C amplifiers. In addition to the harmonic attenuation produced by the RF amplifier's filter, additional attenuation of TVI (television interference) is generally secured by placing a notch filter—tuned to the second harmonic of 27 MHz—at the transceiver's output jack.

In the days when the vacuum tube was king, virtually all CB transceivers had the RF amplifier tuning controls on the rear apron, accessible to the user for so-called "peaking" of the transmitter. Because solid-state devices are extremely critical in regard to tuning, virtually all modern CB transceivers now have factory adjusted transmitter tuning which is usually sealed, or located inside the cabinet. As a general rule, the factory tuning cannot be improved, and "tweaking" the transmitter tuning controls can easily result in destruction of the RF amplifier transistor!

The TVI filter is something else. Maximum attenuation of harmonic interference is generally attained when the filter is specifically adjusted for the particular transmission line and antenna used, so you'll usually find the TVI filter tuning available on the rear of the transceiver.

When the transmitter has full 23-channel coverage, a crystal synthesizer is almost universal, and the basic transmitter is very similar to the arrangement shown in Fig. 1. The major difference is the synthesizer, a device that "beats" the outputs from two or more oscillators so that something like half the required 46 crystals are needed for full 23-channel coverage for both the transmitter and receiver. In the most modern transmitters, fewer than 15 crystals are needed for full-23 coverage.

The problem with "beating" the outputs of two or more oscillators is that the resultant output contains the frequencies needed plus many which are not needed; these are known as *spurious* signals. If these spurious signals get through the transmitter to the antenna they will cause interference to other radio services. The spurious signals are eliminated by passing the output of the crystal synthesizer through a bandpass or tuned filter which allows only the desired

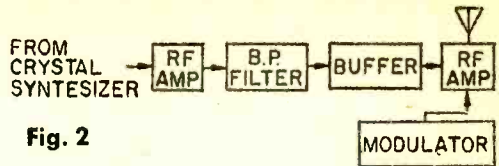


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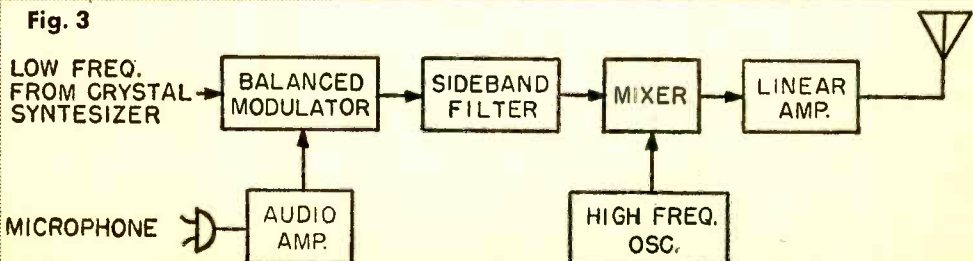
A filter in series with the RF path removes those spurious signals produced by crystal synthesizers. The filter can be the LC type.

27 MHz signals to pass on through to the RF amplifier. A typical synthesizer transmitter arrangement is shown in Fig. 2.

Single Sideband. SSB has no resemblance to AM transmitters other than it is a way to carry modulation to a distant point without the need for wires. SSB transmitters are highly complex, and would require so many different circuits that it would appear to be prohibitively expensive. Fortunately, as we'll show, a substantial part of the amplification required for SSB transmitters involves the same type of circuitry as needed for an SSB receiver; so that in CB transceivers, where both the receiver and transmitter are in the same cabinet, it is possible for both the receiver and transmitter to share one of the most complex and costly circuits, thus making the whole bit economically feasible.

There are several types of SSB transmitter design. One of the most popular and easiest to understand is the so-called filter SSB generator, for which a basic arrangement is shown in Fig. 3. A low frequency output from the crystal synthesizer is fed into a balanced modulator where it combines with the modulation from an audio amplifier. The balanced modulator's output consists of both modulation sidebands but virtually no carrier; the carrier is suppressed in the modulator. This RF signal is then passed through a highly selective IF amplifier which sharply

Fig. 3



Circuitry required to filter out the carrier and one, or the other, sideband is more costly but worth every penny in terms of improved communication capability. Sideband filter is usually the crystal type.

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attenuates the undesired sideband. The IF amplifier might have a crystal or a mechanical filter; either type is adequate as long as the selectivity is such that only the desired sideband can pass through. In CB transceivers, the transmit IF amplifier is also used as the receiver IF amplifier; this is the reason why SSB transceivers have such high receiver adjacent channel rejection.

To Complete the Cycle. The output of the IF amplifier, which now consists of only one modulation sideband, is fed into a mixer where it beats with a signal from a crystal controlled high frequency oscillator. Of the many different frequencies appearing at the mixer's output, one is a CB frequency corresponding to a single modulated sideband. The other mixer output frequencies are attenuated by a balanced mixer design, or the mixer's output is passed through a 27 MHz bandpass filter. The mixer's 27-MHz signal is then fed to a *linear amplifier*, for we cannot use an ordinary class C amplifier which would distort the RF signal since that would also distort the modulation.

Linear amplifiers have an efficiency in the range of 50 to 70 percent. Though this is less than the nominal 80 percent efficiency of class C amplifiers used in AM transmitters, the modulated RF output of SSB is actually greater than the modulation energy of a class C AM output (explained in Part 1 of this series—E/E May/June 1974).

Since without modulation there is no RF output from the transmitter, power input to the final RF amplifier cannot be calculated by multiplying the applied DC voltage by the average DC current; the DC current

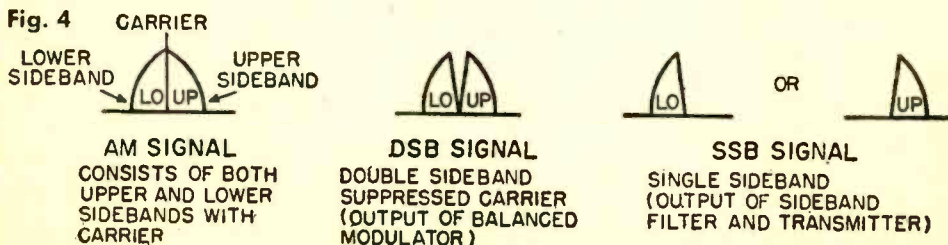
varies with the modulation. As a general rule it is nearly impossible to measure the equivalent average DC power input of a linear amplifier because the test will usually result in destruction of the amplifying stage. Instead, SSB transmitters—because of their linear amplifier—are rated in p. e. p. meaning *peak envelope power*, which is the input that would be indicated by a voltmeter and a milliammeter *if* the amplifier were driven continuously by a single RF signal with a peak amplitude within the limits the amplifier could handle (with allowable limits of distortion). Now that's a real mouthful, but in short it means you'll probably blow the amplifier if you try it.

To Calculate SSB Power. Quite often, the differences in p.e.p. input power ratings between two or more CB SSB transmitters is more a question of how the manufacturer chose to calculate the value rather than any effective difference in RF power output. More than a numerical value supposedly representing power output, the important point to keep in mind about p. e. p. meter readings is that a meter, any meter, *cannot* represent anything about SSB p. e. p. other than to indicate that some energy is going into the amplifier or some energy is coming out.

Single sideband CB transceivers also feature the AM mode of operation, so a single unit can be used to communicate with *all* CB stations. AM is easily obtained in an SSB transceiver by simply re-introducing the carrier. As we said, the output of the balanced modulator consists of two sidebands and a suppressed carrier. By deliberately unbalancing the modulator the carrier is not cancelled, and the degree of carrier insertion can actually be controlled by design. Since the sideband filter following the balanced modulator has only suf-

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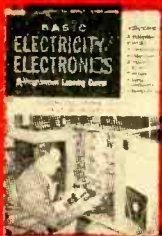
Fig. 4



In the process of removing the carrier signal in SSB transceivers, an insignificant part of the sidebands are sacrificed as depicted by the V-shaped gap in the double sideband signal representation, above.

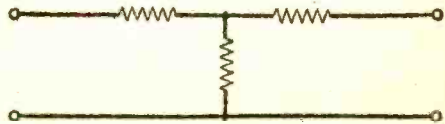
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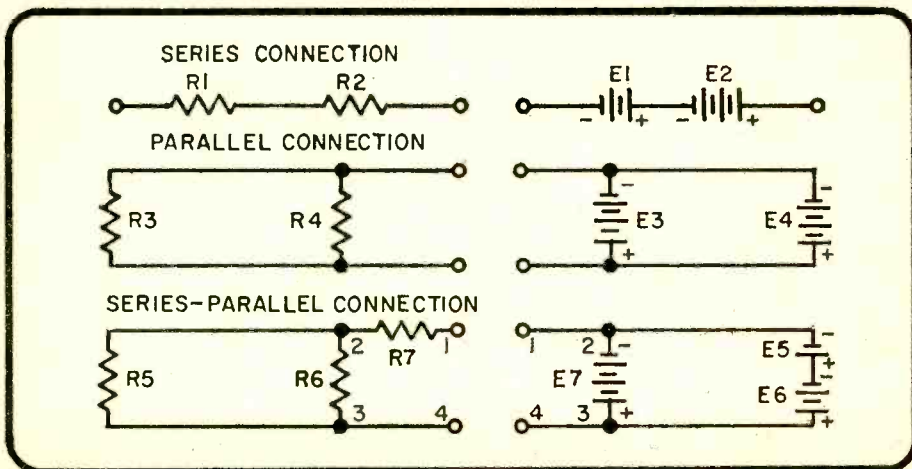


RESISTOR CONNECTIONS AND CIRCUITS

There are only three different ways in which electrical or electronic parts may be connected—*series*, *parallel*, and *series-parallel*.

The illustration shows the three different connections and also the accepted method for labeling components. R stands for resistor; E designates a voltage source. Numbers are used with the letters to identify a specific component.

THREE BASIC CIRCUIT CONNECTIONS



Series Connection

The first figure in the illustration shows components in series. A terminal of one component is connected to a terminal of the other. Since they are connected together in a line, R₁ is in series with R₂. Voltage sources may also be series-connected. E₁ is in series with E₂.

Parallel Connection

The second figure shows components connected in parallel. Each terminal of one component is connected to a terminal of the other. The connections are called *common terminal points*. R₃ is in parallel with R₄; E₃ is in parallel with E₄. In parallel, one component is connected *across* the other.

Series-Parallel Connection

As the third figure shows, series and parallel connections are combined to form a series-parallel arrangement. Two different combinations are illustrated. R₇ is in series with the parallel combination of R₅ and R₆. E₇ is in parallel with the series combination of E₅ and E₆.

Circuit Tracing

The method of determining the manner in which parts are connected within a circuit is called circuit tracing. Visualize how current would flow as you follow its path.

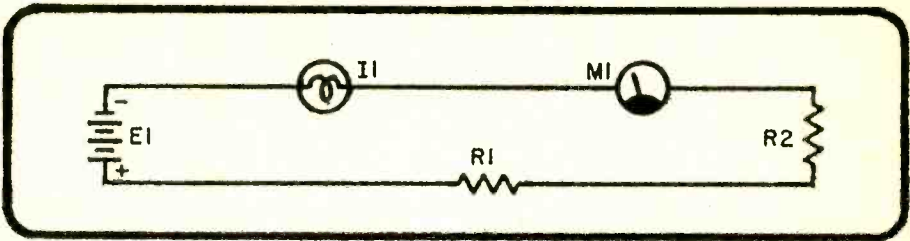
In the first figure, the same current that flows through R₁ must also flow through R₂. Current supplied by E₂ must flow through E₁ and add to the current generated by E₁. In the second figure, current is traced to one of the common terminal points. Here it must divide and flow through each leg, the name given to a parallel circuit path. Some of the current flows through R₃ and the rest through R₄, both currents joining again at the other terminal. Current from the E₃ and E₄ legs unite at one terminal and separate upon returning to the other terminal.

SERIES CIRCUITS

If all the components in a circuit are connected one after the other, it is called a *series circuit*. By circuit tracing, you can determine that in the circuit shown, the same current

that leaves E_1 flows through the lamp, the ammeter, R_2 , R_1 , and returns to E_1 again. Therefore, the circuit must be a series type.

MULTI-ELEMENT SERIES CIRCUIT



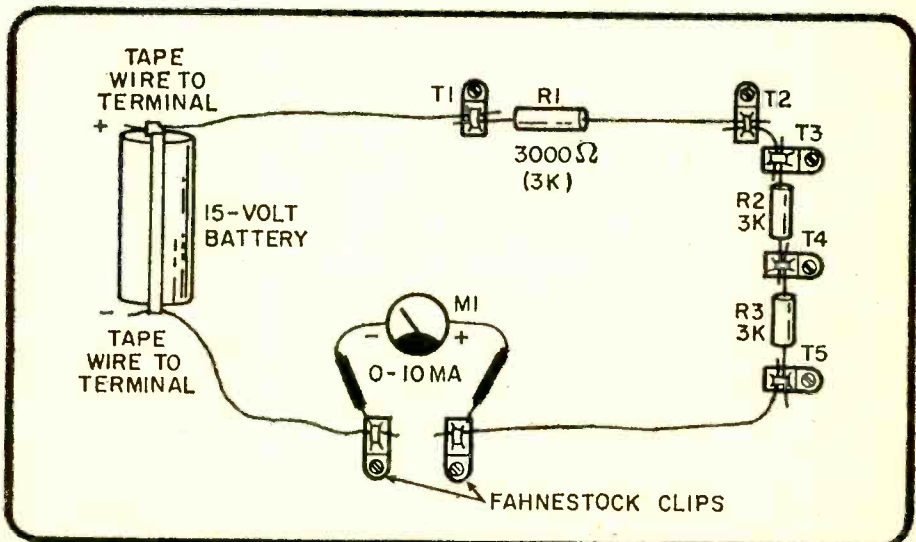
Current in a Series Circuit

It can be proved that the value of current remains the same in all parts of a series circuit by constructing the circuit shown in the next illustration. Fahnestock clips are used as terminal connections.

If the current is measured by connecting the ammeter as shown, the reading should be between 1.6 and 1.7 milliamps. This is the value of the current entering terminal 5.

Connecting the ammeter in series with the two resistors at terminal 4, another reading may be taken. Remember, an ammeter must *always be in series* with the circuit in which current is being measured. In this case, T4 is disconnected and each resistor terminal reconnected to one of the ammeter clips. The same results will be obtained at terminals T3, T2, and T1.

PICTORIAL OF A SERIES CIRCUIT



Resistance in a Series Circuit

Total resistance in a series circuit is equal to the *sum of the resistance* of its parts.

This is logical, because the total resistance in the circuit determines the amount of current allowed to flow with a given voltage source. Therefore, to find the total resistance in a circuit, add the values of the individual resistances.

In the circuit shown, the resistances are 3000 ohms each. Their sum is 9000 ohms. The ammeter also adds resistance in series. But since this resistance is normally less than 1 ohm, it adds so very little to the total that it can be disregarded.



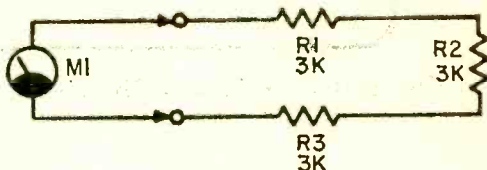
QUESTIONS

- Q1. In a series circuit, all of the parts are connected in
- Q2. R_1 and R_2 are connected in series. Their values are 3000 ohms and 1500 ohms, respectively. If current through R_1 is 2 milliamps, what is the value of current flowing through R_2 ?
- Q3. Draw a schematic of the three resistors as they are connected in the above diagram. Show how an ohmmeter would be connected to read total re-resistance of the three.
- Q4. If the ohmmeter measures 9000 ohms, how much current will flow if the three resistances are connected across a 15-volt battery?

ANSWERS

- A1. In a series circuit, all of the parts are connected in series.
- A2. Current through R_2 is also 2 milliamps. (Current through all parts of a series circuit is the same).

A3.



A4. Current = $\frac{\text{voltage applied}}{\text{total resistance}} = \frac{9000}{15}$
 = 0.00167 amp
 (1.67 milliamps)

Voltage Distribution in a Series Circuit

The voltage of a source is distributed *across and within* any load connected to it. Though this is a simple statement, the concept is often misunderstood.

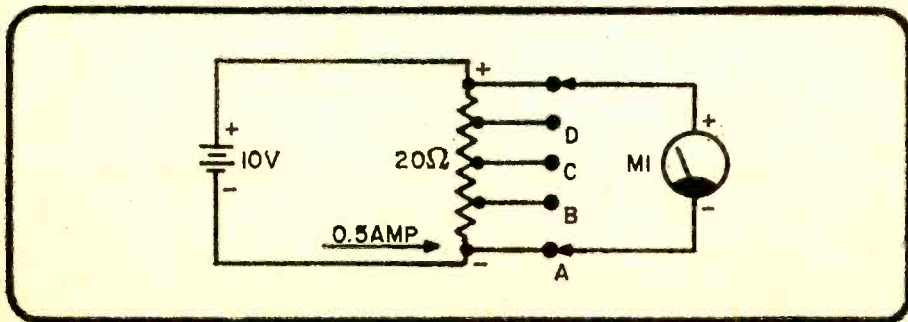
If a 20-ohm resistor is connected across a 10-volt source, as shown in the illustration, a voltmeter reading across the resistor will be 10 volts. This means that the voltage of the source is not only applied *across* the load, but it also exists *within* it.

The *taps* (connections) shown are equal distances apart. If the lower test probe is moved to tap B, the voltmeter will be across $\frac{3}{4}$ of the resistor. And $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total voltage is 7.5 volts. Half the resistance (between C and E) will result in a measurement of 5 volts. From D to E is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the resistance and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the voltage, or 2.5 volts.

Can voltage distribution be estimated without making the measurements? Yes, and the reason is based on the familiar relationship that exists between voltage, current, and resistance:

$$\text{Current} = \frac{\text{Voltage}}{\text{Resistance}} \text{ or } I = \frac{E}{R}$$

SERIES CIRCUIT VOLTAGE DISTRIBUTION



If you do not know the value of voltage applied across a resistance of 20 ohms, but you do know the current through it is 0.5 amperes, how would you determine the voltage? You can find the value of voltage by reasoning that E/R must be a ratio that equals $\frac{1}{2}$. Since R is 20,

E would have to be 10 volts. Or you can restate the relationship to read $E = IR$, meaning current multiplied by resistance. To prove that it is the same equality, $\frac{1}{2}$ amp times 20 ohms does equal 10 volts.

Voltage developed across a resistance is termed an *IR drop*, or, substituting E for IR, it may be called a *voltage drop*. This does not indicate voltage has been lost. Instead, it identifies the amount of voltage existing between two points of a resistance when current is flowing.

The IR (or voltage) drop between points A and E in the illustration is 10 volts. IR equals 10 volts. What is the voltage (IR drop) between taps A and B? I is still 0.5 amp, but the value of R is different. It is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total resistance or 5 ohms. Therefore, $E = IR = 0.5 \times 5 = 2.5$ volts.

QUESTIONS

- Q5. What is the value of voltage between taps A and C?
- Q6. What is the voltage drop between taps B and E?
- Q7. What is the IR drop between taps B and D?
- Q8. The sum of the resistances in a series circuit is equal to the total of the load.
- Q9. The sum of the in a series circuit is equal to the total voltage across the load.

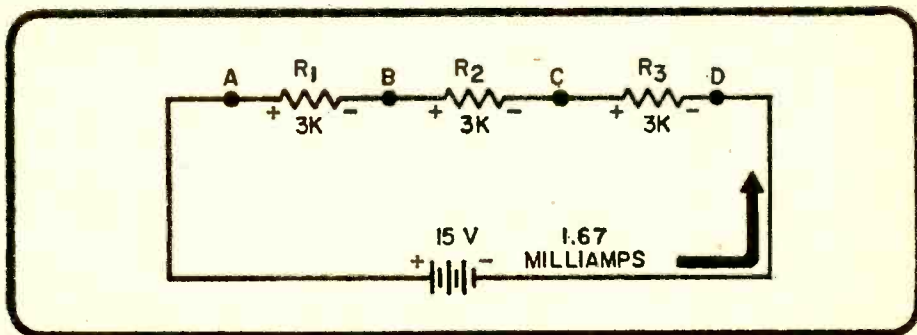
ANSWERS

- A5. 5 volts between taps A and C.
- A6. 7.5 volts between taps B and E.
- A7. 5 volts between taps B and D.
- A8. The sum of the resistances in a series circuit is equal to the total resistance of the load.
- A9. The sum of the voltage drops in a series circuit is equal to the total voltage across the load.

Example of Series Circuit Voltage

The schematic for three 3,000 ohm resistors and a 15-volt battery circuit can be drawn to look like the figure.

SERIES CIRCUIT SCHEMATIC



Voltage distribution principles are the same for this circuit as they were for the tapped resistor. Since the load contains three resistors of equal value, the voltage drop across each will be $\frac{1}{3}$ of the source of voltage, or 5 volts. To prove this, multiply the resistance of one of the resistors times the current in the circuit to give the voltage. This voltage will not be exactly 5 volts because 1.67 milliamps was rounded off to the next highest whole number. If you make the measurements with a voltmeter, you will find the distribution principle correct by a reading of 5 volts.

Note that each resistance is marked with polarity signs (minus and plus). The voltage across the resistor is just as real as that of the voltage source and, if the voltage is DC, the resistor has negative and positive terminals. When taking voltmeter readings, resistor polarity must be known. Circuit tracing is the best way to determine the polarity. The terminal that current enters is minus, and the one from which it leaves is plus.

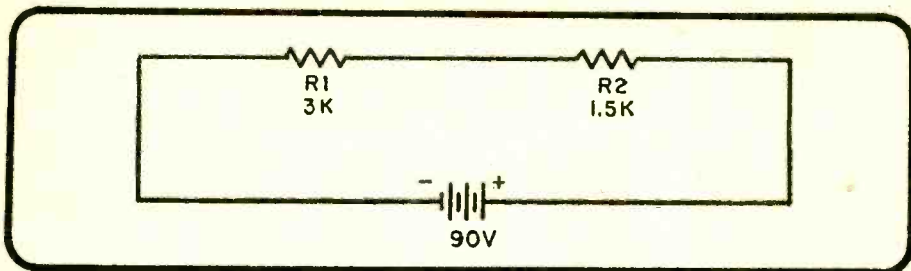
Try the same reasoning on a series circuit containing resistors of unequal value.

R_1 is twice the value of R_2 in the above circuit. Both are in series across 90 volts. How



do you find the voltage drop across each resistor?

UNEQUAL RESISTORS IN SERIES



This can be done by either of the two methods discussed—determining proportional distribution across each resistor, or by using $E = IR$. By the proportion method it is necessary to determine what ratio (or fraction) one resistance is of the total.

$$\frac{R_1}{R \text{ (total)}} = \frac{3,000}{4,500} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Two-thirds of 90 volts is 60 volts. So the drop across R_1 is 60 volts and across R_2 , 30 volts. By the IR method, current must be determined first.

$$I = \frac{E \text{ (total)}}{R \text{ (total)}} = \frac{90}{4,500} = 0.02 \text{ amp}$$

Then, by using the IR relationship:

$$E = I \times R_2 = 0.02 \times 1,500 = 30 \text{ volts}$$

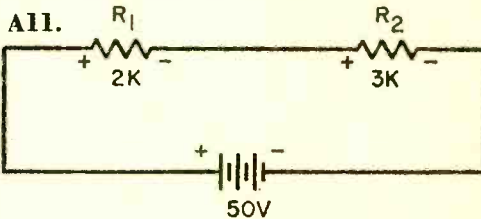
Since the two methods are based on the same voltage distribution principle, either method provides the correct answer.

QUESTIONS

- Q10. The (left, right) end of R_1 is negative.
- Q11. Draw a schematic of two resistances in series and supplied by 50 volts DC. R_1 is 2K and R_2 is 3K. Show all polarity marks.
- Q12. What is the voltage drop across R_1 ?

ANSWERS

A10. The right end of R_1 is negative.



A12. Voltage across R_1 is 20 volts.

PARALLEL CIRCUITS

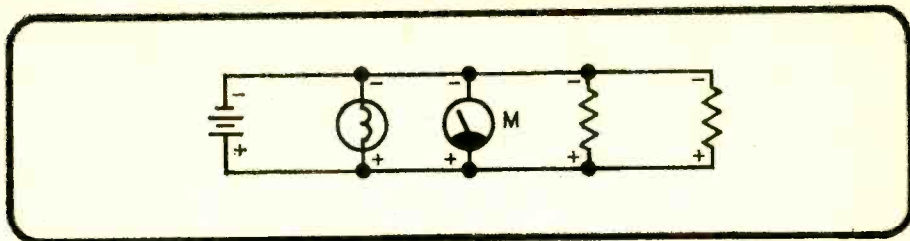
If all the components are connected across each other, the circuit is a *parallel circuit*. In the example shown, the components are all connected to the same terminal (a wire in this case) and are therefore in parallel.

Polarity across each component is determined by circuit tracing. The terminal that current enters is negative.

Voltage Distribution in a Parallel Circuit

Each component (the lamp, the voltmeter, and each resistor) is connected across the voltage source. Thus, the voltage drop across each part is the same value as the source. This is true even though the resistance of each component may be different.

MULTI-ELEMENT PARALLEL CIRCUIT

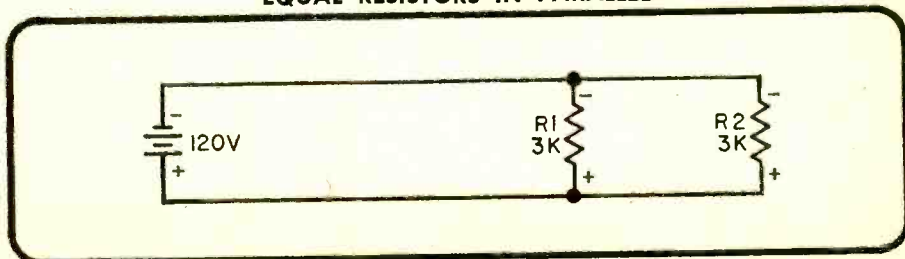


Current in a Parallel Circuit

Each component in a parallel circuit draws its own separate current. Each leg is connected directly to the voltage source, which means each leg can be considered as a separate circuit to determine its current.

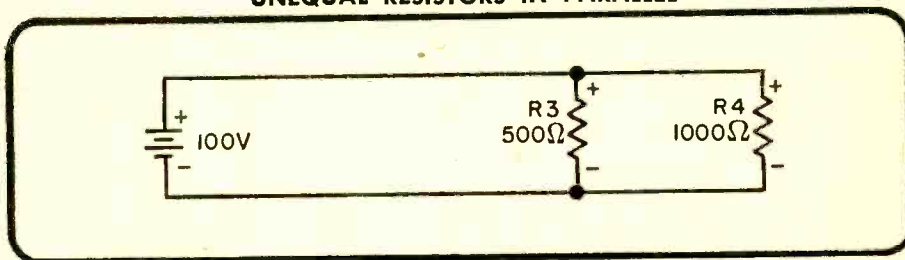
In the diagram, two equal resistors are shown as being in parallel across a single voltage source.

EQUAL RESISTORS IN PARALLEL



To find the current through R_1 , divide the voltage across the resistor by the value of R_1 . The result of this calculation is 0.04 amp. Since both resistances are equal and have the same voltage source, the current through R_2 must also be 0.04 amp. Both currents are supplied by the same voltage source, so the total current drawn must be 0.08 amp.

UNEQUAL RESISTORS IN PARALLEL



Using the same reasoning ($I = E/R$), it will be found that the current through R_3 in the above circuit is 0.2 amp. The current through R_4 is 0.1 amps. The total current is 0.3 amp.

QUESTIONS

- Q13. In a parallel circuit, voltage across each leg is (the same as, different from) the voltage at the source.
- Q14. In a series circuit, voltage across each resistor is (the same as, different from) the source voltage.
- Q15. In a parallel circuit, total current is the (same as, sum of) currents in each leg.

ANSWERS

- A13. In a parallel circuit, voltage across each leg is the same as the source.
- A14. In a series circuit, voltage across each resistor is different from the source.
- A15. In a parallel circuit, total current is the sum of currents in each leg.



Q16. In a series circuit, total current is the (same as, sum of) currents in each resistance.

Q17. R_1 (20 ohms), R_2 (40 ohms), and R_3 (60 ohms) are in parallel across a 12-volt DC source. Draw the schematic.

Q18. Find the total current and the current in each leg.

A16. In a series circuit, total current is the same as currents in each resistance.

A17.



A18. I in $R_1 = 0.6$ amp. I in $R_2 = 0.3$ amp. I in R_3 equals 0.2 amp. Total I = 1.1 amps.

Resistance in a Parallel Circuit

How would you find the total resistance in the parallel circuit you drew in A17 above?

At this point you have used two of the three arithmetic statements that express the relationship existing between voltage, current, and resistance. To find current:

$$I = \frac{E}{R}, \text{ or current} = \frac{\text{voltage}}{\text{resistance}}$$

To find voltage:

$$E = IR, \text{ or voltage} = \text{current} \times \text{resistance}$$

The third way the relationship can be stated is:

$$R = \frac{I}{E}, \text{ or resistance} = \frac{\text{voltage}}{\text{current}}$$

You know the total voltage across the circuit (12 volts), and you found the total current through the circuit (1.1 amps). What is the total resistance of the circuit? Using the resistance formula above, the answer is approximately 10.9 ohms.

As you suspected, total resistance is smaller than the smallest resistance in the parallel network. Total current is the sum of the parallel currents and is therefore an amount that can flow only if the total resistance is smaller than that in any of the legs.

Total resistance cannot be found by adding the values of the individual resistance. The sum would be a resistance much larger than any one of the resistances. This would mean the total current would be smaller than any of the leg currents. Obviously, such a solution cannot be correct. For those who like to work with numbers, total resistance can be obtained by adding reciprocals.

$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \text{etc.}$$

The electrical wiring in your home consists of parallel circuits. This includes the ceiling fixtures, wall outlets, and whatever else is energized electrically. Each parallel circuit is fused. If you plug one too many appliances into a circuit, the fuse blows. You have just learned the reason why. You added one more resistive path that draws current. As a consequence, total current increased beyond the capacity of the fuse, and it performed its job.

Important Circuit Characteristics

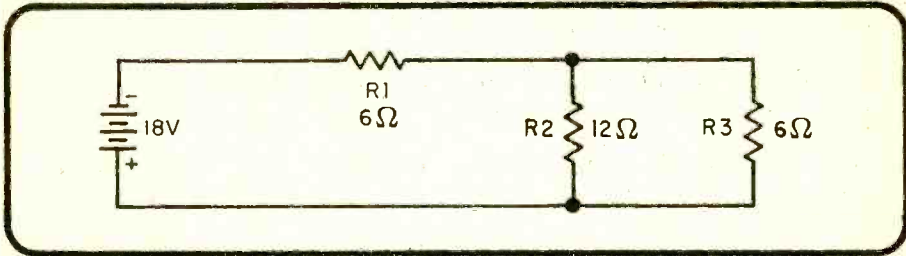
	Series Circuit	Parallel Circuit
Voltage	Divides across resistances	Same voltage across all resistances
Current Total	Same current through all resistances	Divides through each resistance
Total Resistance	Sum of all the individual resistances	Less than the smallest resistance

SERIES-PARALLEL CIRCUITS

A series-parallel circuit contains a combination of series- and parallel-connected components. The simplest example is the one shown.

The best way to work with a series-parallel circuit is to reduce all parallel combinations to an equivalent resistance. When this is done, the total current or the total resistance for the resulting series circuit can be readily found.

SIMPLE SERIES-PARALLEL CIRCUIT



In the example shown above, how would you find the total resistance? Think about it before you continue reading. Yes, you could do it with reciprocals, but there is another method that is more easily applied, even when the resistance values are difficult.

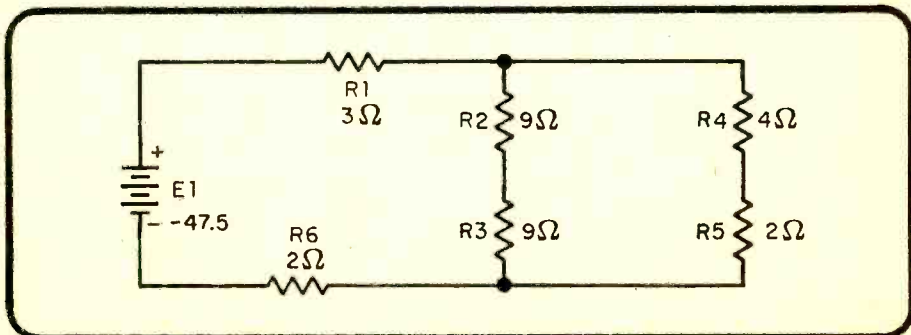
Cover all the circuit except for the parallel network. Apply a mythical voltage, the value of which is easily divisible by either resistance. Perform the $I = E/R$ division to find the mythical current flowing in each leg. Divide the sum of the currents into the mythical voltage to find the real total resistance. The following table uses three different voltages to show it will work with any assumed voltage.

Mythical Voltage	6 Volts	12 Volts	24 Volts
$I = E/R_2$ (12 ohms):	0.5 amp	1 amp	2 amps
$I = E/R_3$ (6 ohms):	1.0 amps	2 amps	4 amps
Total I is:	1.5 amps	3 amps	6 amps
$R = E/I$:	4 ohms	4 ohms	4 ohms

The total resistance (4 ohms) is the equivalent resistance of the parallel network. The 4 ohms is in series with 6 ohms for a total circuit resistance of 10 ohms (add resistances in a series circuit). The total circuit current (E/R) is 1.8 amps.

There are many different combinations of series-parallel circuits. One that is slightly more complex is shown. Some of the questions at the bottom of the page refer to this circuit.

COMPLEX SERIES-PARALLEL CIRCUIT



QUESTIONS

Q19. Current in the circuit flows through R_1 (before, after) it flows through the parallel network.

ANSWERS

A19. Current in the above circuit flows through R_1 after it flows through the parallel network.



- Q20. Total series-parallel circuit resistance is readily solved by reducing parallel resistances to an equivalent ----- resistance.
- Q21. In a series circuit (voltage, current) divides among the resistances.
- Q22. In a parallel circuit (voltage, current) divides among the resistances.
- Q23. In a series circuit (voltage, current) is the same for all resistances.
- Q24. In a parallel circuit (voltage, current) is the same for all resistances.
- A20. Total series-parallel circuit resistance is readily solved by reducing parallel resistances to an equivalent series resistance.
- A21. In a series circuit voltage divides among the resistances.
- A22. In a parallel circuit current divides among the resistances.
- A23. In a series circuit current is the same for all resistances.
- A24. In a parallel circuit voltage is the same for all resistances.

A Quick Review

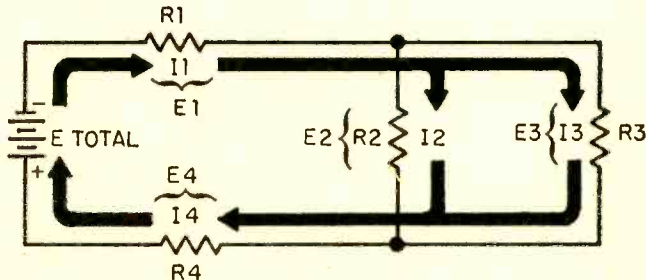
You have now accumulated quite a bit of experience working with the current-voltage-resistance relationship that exists in all DC circuits. This same relationship also holds true for any portion of a circuit.

You were guided very closely when solving for current, voltage, or resistance, so you may not recall or be aware of the care that must be taken in applying the three different arithmetic statements. For this reason, the necessary precautions are summarized.

1. The correct algebraic forms of the arithmetic statements are:

$$I = \frac{E}{R}, R = \frac{E}{I}, E = IR$$

2. When using any one of the three formulas, I must be expressed in amperes, E in volts, and R in ohms. When values appear with milli-, kilo-, mega-, or other prefixes, they must be converted to the basic units of amperes, volts, or ohms.
3. When using any one of the three formulas, values must be taken from that portion of the circuit on which you are working. Study this diagram for a few moments.



If you are solving for total current, you must use only the values that truly represent total voltage and total resistance. You cannot use E_1 (voltage across R_1) because it is *not* the *total* voltage. You cannot use the equivalent parallel resistance because it is *not* the *total* circuit resistance.

There is danger also in selecting incorrect values when seeking a solution for a portion of the circuit. If you are working with R_1 , be sure the current you use is I_1 and the voltage is E_1 (volts across R_1).

Always label values to identify the circuit areas to which they belong (R_1 , E_1 , I_1 , etc.).

OHM'S LAW

You probably have heard of or read about Ohm's law. Do you know what it is? Your answer should be yes. You have been working with it ($E = IR$; $I = E/R$; $R = E/I$) throughout this entire basic course!

QUESTION

A25. In the above circuit, E_2 is 6 volts and I_1 is 120 milliamps. What is the value of R_1 ?

ANSWER

A25. Your immediate answer should have been:

"There is not enough information available."

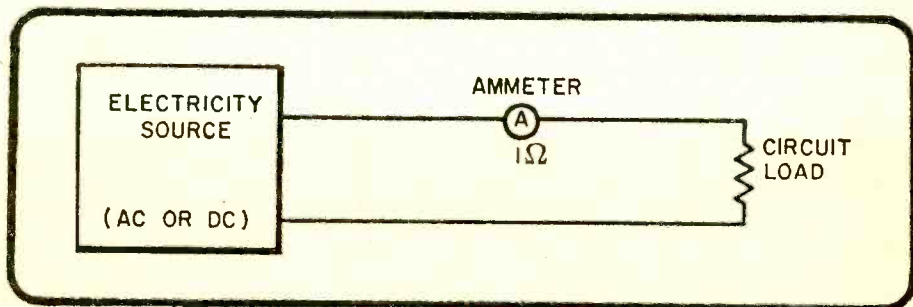
MEASURING WITH METERS

All meters have resistance between their terminals. When you connect a meter into or across a circuit, you add resistance to that circuit.

Ammeters

Ammeters are always connected in series with the circuit through which current is to be measured. As a result, the same current flows through the ammeter that flows through the circuit. The familiar connection is shown.

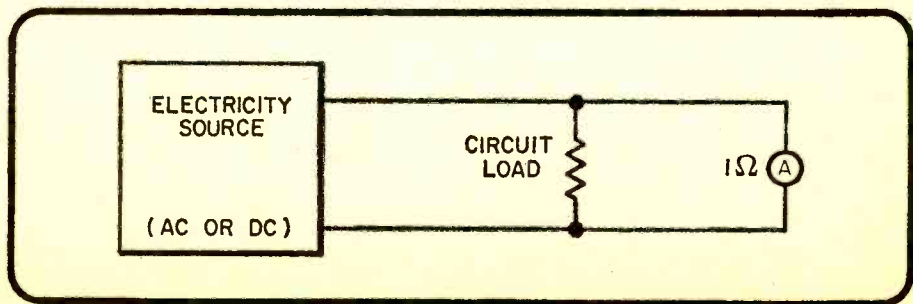
CORRECT AMMETER CONNECTION



The resistance of most ammeters is less than 1 ohm. Added in series with the load resistance, very little change is made to the total resistance. If the load were 10,000 ohms, for example, the new total resistance would be 10,001 ohms—hardly enough change to make a significant difference in the current. If the load were only 1 or 2 ohms, however, a difference would be noted. What would happen if an ammeter were connected in parallel?

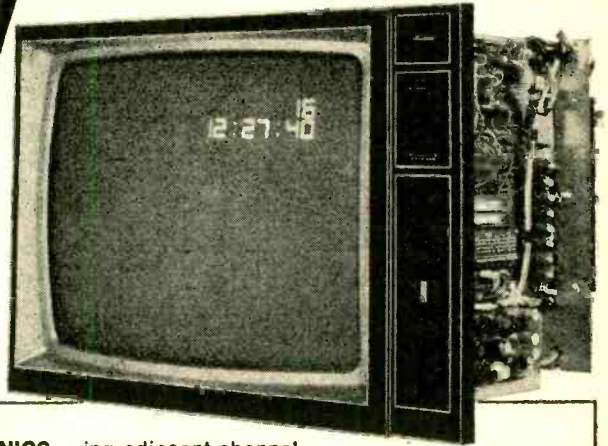
You are right, it would be damaged. But do you know why? The full voltage of the source is applied across the 1-ohm resistance of the meter. Even if the source were only a 1.5-volt dry cell, more than an ampere of current would flow through the meter. (Some meters are designed to handle that amount of current, but a multimeter is not. *(Turn to page 94)*)

HOW TO WRECK AN AMMETER



EXPERTS AGREE

The TV of the future is here... in the Heathkit Digital-Design GR-2000 TV



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they said: "The fact is, today's Heathkit GR-2000 is the color TV the rest of the industry will be making tomorrow...there is no other TV available at any price which incorporates what Heath has built into their latest color TV."

The **FAMILY HANDYMAN** reviewer put it this way: "The picture quality of the GR-2000 is flawless, natural tints, excellent definition, and pictures are steady as a rock. It's better than any this writer has ever seen."

POPULAR SCIENCE pointed out "more linear IC's, improved vertical sweep, regulators that prevent power supply shorts, and an industry first: the permanently tuned I.F. filter."

The **RADIO-ELECTRONICS** editors said the Heathkit Digital TV has "features that are not to be found in any other production color TV being sold in the U.S.:

"On-screen electronic digital channel readout...numbers appear each time you switch channels or touch the RECALL button...On-screen electronic digital clock...an optional low cost feature...will display in 12- or 24-hour format...Silent all-electronic tuning. It's done with uhf and vhf varactor diode tuners...Touch-to-tune, reprogrammable, digital channel selection...up to 16 channels, uhf or vhf...in whatever order you wish...there's no need to ever tune to an unused channel. LC IF amplifier with fixed ten-section LC IF bandpass filter in the IF strip...eliminates the need for critically adjusted traps for eliminat-

ing adjacent-channel and in-channel carrier beats. No IF alignment is needed ever. *Touch volume control...* when the remote control is used...touch switches raise or lower the volume in small steps."

POPULAR ELECTRONICS took a look at the 25-in. (diagonal) picture and said it "can only be described as superb. The Black (Negative) Matrix CRT, the tuner and IF strip, and the video amplifier provide a picture equal to that of many studio monitors..."

Furthermore, the Heathkit GR-2000 is an easier kit-form TV to build. **POPULAR ELECTRONICS** pointed out that "Each semiconductor has its own socket and there are 12 factory-fabricated interconnecting cables...The complete color adjustments can be performed in less than an hour."

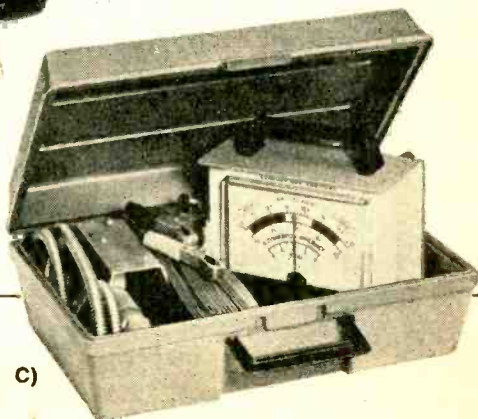
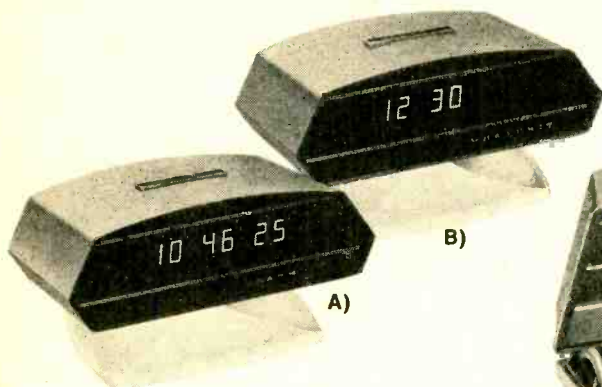
To sum up, **POPULAR ELECTRONICS** concluded its study by stating, "In our view, the color TV of the future is here — and Heath's GR-2000 is it!"

Why not see what the experts have seen? The Heathkit Digital Design Color TV — without question the most remarkable TV available today.

Mail order price for chassis and tube, \$659.95. Remote Control, \$89.95 mail order. Clock, \$29.95 mail order. Cabinets start at \$139.95. (Retail prices slightly higher).



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If an ammeter is connected to a wall outlet (115 volts AC) how much current would try to flow through the meter? More than 115 amps! However, when the current increased to 20 amps, the protective fuse in the house circuit would break the circuit. But the 20 amps would certainly damage the meter, and under certain conditions, the person holding the meter could be injured.

Voltmeters

Voltmeters are always connected in parallel with the component across which voltage is to be measured. As a result, the same voltage appears across the component and the meter. The internal resistance of a voltmeter is normally very high. The higher it is, the greater the meter accuracy.

Internal resistance of a voltmeter is given in terms of meter sensitivity (ohms per volt). Resistance varies with the range settings. To find the internal resistance, multiply the ohms/volt rating by the maximum number of volts in a range. With a 20,000 ohms/volt meter, the following resistances are obtained:

$$10\text{-volt range: } 10\text{V} \times 20,000 \Omega/\text{V} = 200,000 \text{ ohms}$$

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Corresponding resistances of a 5,000 ohms/volt meter are:

$$10\text{-volt range: } 50,000 \text{ ohms}$$

$$50\text{-volt range: } 250,000 \text{ ohms}$$

$$250\text{-volt range: } 1,250,000 \text{ ohms}$$

The 20,000 ohms/volt meter is undoubtedly the more accurate meter. It will cost a few dollars more to attain this accuracy, but there will be times when you will be glad you paid extra for it.

WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED

1. Resistors, or any other electrical/electronic component, have only three possible ways in which they can be connected—series, parallel, and series-parallel. These terms are also the names of the circuits in which they appear.
2. Algebraic and arithmetic statements of Ohm's law are used to determine I, E, or R in a circuit or a portion of a circuit.
3. In a series circuit:
 - a. Total voltage is divided among the load resistances.
 - b. Current is the same through all the resistances.
 - c. Total resistance is the sum of all the resistances.
4. In a parallel circuit:
 - a. Source voltage appears across all the resistances.
 - b. Total current divides among the resistances.
 - c. Total resistance is less than the smallest resistance.
5. Never connect an ammeter in parallel with a circuit.
6. Never connect a voltmeter in series with a circuit.
7. Never connect an ohmmeter to a circuit which is connected to a voltage source.

This series is based on material appearing in Vol. 1 of the 5-volume set, BASIC ELECTRICITY/ELECTRONICS, published by Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc. @ \$22.50. For information on the complete set, write the publisher at 4300 West 62nd St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46268.

DX Central Reporting

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an application for a station on Guam, American territory in the Pacific Ocean. Things were stalled until last summer when the station "freeze" was lifted. On January 24th of this year, the FCC granted a construction permit for the Guam station, whose call letters will be **KTWR**.

Bandsweep. (Frequencies in kHz; times in GMT) **4820**—Still a good bet for most any DXer looking for a Central American station is **HRVC** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Signals are solid most every night and if you stick with it long enough you're bound to hear some English programming as well as Spanish . . . **4875**—Bolivia is not the easiest of the South American countries to hear. In fact, many of the stations in this landlocked nation are specially prized as DX targets by veteran DXers. The Bolivian best bet has to be *La Cruz del Sur* and the time to try is early-early-morning, say 0930-1030 . . . **5804**—An exotic station from the Arab world is *Radio Sana'a* broadcasting from the capital of Yemen. With luck you'll find it if you keep trying because of the off-beat frequency where it will stand out alone. But it's definitely not regular fare. Listen in around 0330 . . . **6195**—The turmoil in Chile early this year resulted in that country's first overseas shortwave service. *La Voz de Chile* has been reported broadcasting on 6195 during the evening hours, with some programs in English . . . **9360**—A good bet for beginning SWLs is Spain's *Radio Nacional de Espana*, which you should find operating in Spanish around 1940 . . . **9560**—As of this writing, **HCJB**, Quito, Ecuador, had rescheduled its popular "DX Partyline" program for 0130 Thursdays (remember that's Wednesday evening in North America!).

(Credits: Bob Zilmer, WI; Neal Perdue, TN; R.J. Kosiomkowski, NY; Arthur Smith, AL; Jim Davis, CA; Solomon Wilson, PA; John Creamer, CO; Michael Ross, NY; North American SW Association, Box 8452, South Charleston, WV 25303)

Backtalk. On top of the stack of mail here at DX Central is a postcard from Eric Pomeroy of San Antonio, deep in the heart of Texas: "Thought you might be interested that I heard the *Israel Broadcasting Authority* from Jerusalem in English on 6195 at 0500. This should be a popular station. P.S. Your column is great!"

And thank you, Eric. Yes, IBA is much easier to hear these days now that the station has its full complement of four 300 kw transmitters operating. But IBA has been changing frequencies fast and furiously so any outlets I could list would be long outdated by the time you read this. You'll just have to scout around if you want to log Jerusalem.

Newsan

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this speed, the deceleration force experienced by the Navy volunteer was 21.1G. Reports from the U.S. Navy flight surgeon and the test subject show that the volunteer had absolutely no injuries or pain of any kind.

Each test utilizing a human volunteer was preceded by tests using anthropomorphic dummies. The Navy test volunteers, all of whom were enlisted men, were under the supervision of Naval flight surgeons and physiologists. To assure the safety of the volunteers, each test was preceded by approval from a Medical Safety Committee.

Maybe they are not dummies after all.

You Can Count on Them

Electronic pocket calculators in the classroom—an educational plus or minus?

This question has sparked a hot debate among academicians. Critics denounce the hand-held gadget as a debilitating crutch—a means of getting by without really learning much. They picture a generation of mathematical cripples, helpless to solve even simple problems without the "surrogate brain." Some have gone so far as to ban calculators from the classroom. Besides, detractors say, since not all students can afford calculators, why should those who can be allowed an unfair advantage?

Proponents, meanwhile, laud the device as a legitimate learning aid which actually increases understanding. (But though the number

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Mathematics department chairman Donald J. Albers goes over a problem using HP-45 pocket-sized scientific calculator with Menlo College student. Students learn more material at a faster clip through daily classroom use of pocket calculators.



LITERATURE LIBRARY

101. Kit builder? Like weird products? EICO's 1975 catalog takes care of both breeds of buyers at prices you will like.
102. International Crystal has a free catalog for experimenters (crystals, PC boards, transistor RF mixers & amps, and other comm. products).
103. See brochures on Regency's 1975 line-up of CB transceivers & scanner receivers (for police, fire, weather, & other public service/emergency broadcasts).
104. Dynascan's new B&K catalog features test equipment for industrial labs, schools, and TV servicing.
105. Before you build from scratch, check the Fair Radio Sales latest catalog for surplus gear.
106. Get Antenna Specialists' cat. of latest CB and VHF/UHF Innovations: base & mobile antennas, test equipment (wattmeters, etc.), accessories.
107. Want a deluxe CB base station? Then get the specs on Tram's super CB rigs.
108. Compact is the word for Xcelite's 9 different sets of midget screwdrivers and nutdrivers with "piggyback" handle to increase length and torque. A handy show case serves as a bench stand also.
109. Bomar claims to have C/B crystal for every transceiver... for every channel. The catalog gives list of crystal to set interchangeability.
110. A Turner amplified mike helps get the most from a CB rig. This free brochure describes line of base & mobile station models.
111. Midland's line of base & mobile CB equipment, marine transceivers & accessories, and scanner receivers are illustrated in a new full-color 16-page brochure.
112. EDI (Electronic Distributors) has a catalog with an index of manufacturers' items literally from A to Z (ADC to Xcelite). Whether you want to spend 29 cents for a pilot-light socket or \$699.95 for a stereo AM/FM receiver, you'll find it here.
113. Get all the facts on Progressive Edu-Kits Home Radio Course. Build 20 radios and electronic circuits; parts, tools, and instructions included.
114. From Olson get their new, bargain-packaged 36-page, full-color tabloid (a new issue every 2 months). It contains their latest electronics parts, supplies, and hi-fi components. Pick up a copy at Olson stores coast-to-coast or send for a free copy today.
115. Trigger Electronics has a complete catalog of equipment for those in electronics. Included are kits, parts, ham gear, CB, hi fi and recording equipment.
116. Get the HUSTLER brochure illustrating their complete line of CB and monitor radio antennas.
117. Teaberry's new 6-page folder presents their 6 models of CB transceivers (base and mobile): 1 transceiver for marine-use, and 2 scanner models (the innovative "Crime Fighter" receiver and a pocket-size scanner).
119. Besides Browning's colorful leaflet on their Golden Eagle Mark III base station, their packet includes other surprises. The LTD is pictured in actual size on a card for you to test on your car's dash. Specifications are given for both the SST and LTD.
120. Edmund Scientific's new catalog contains over 4000 products that embrace many sciences and fields.
121. Cornell Electronics' "Imperial Thrift Tag Sale" Catalog features TV and radio tubes. You can also find almost anything in electronics.
122. Radio Shack's 1975 catalog colorfully illustrates their complete range of kit and wired products for electronics enthusiasts—CB, ham, SWL, hi-fi, experimenter kits, batteries, tools, tubes, wire, cable, etc.
123. It's just off the press—Lafayette's all-new 1974 illustrated catalog packed with CB, hi-fi components, test equipment, tools, ham rigs, and more.
124. Mosley Electronics reports that by popular demand the Model A-311 3-element CB beam antenna is being reintroduced. Send for the brochure.
125. RCA Experimenter's Kits for hobbyists, hams, technicians and students are the answer for successful and enjoyable projects.
126. B&F Enterprises has an interesting catalog you'd enjoy scanning. There are geiger counters, logic cards, kits, lenses, etc.
127. There are Avanti antennas (mobile & base) for CB and scanner receivers, fully described and illustrated in a new 16-page full-color catalog.
128. A new free catalog is available from McGee Radio. It contains electronic product bargains.
129. Semiconductor Supermart is a new 1975 catalog listing project builders' parts, popular CB gear, and test equipment. It features semiconductors—all from Circuit Specialists.
130. Heath's new 1975 full-color catalog is a shopper's dream—chockful of kits and gadgets everyone would want to build and own.

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of advocates appears to be on the rise, rare is the educational institution that actively encourages classroom use of electronic calculators.

One that has is Menlo College, in Menlo Park, California, on the San Francisco Peninsula. Menlo's math and science professors feel so certain of the potential of pocket calculators as learning tools that last fall they equipped an entire classroom with them, revamped teaching methods and altered subject matter to match the capability of the calculators.

Today, after nearly a full academic year of use, the program is an unqualified success. In fact, in the coming year, Menlo will place greater curricular emphasis on the calculators, involving more number-oriented courses, more students, more teachers.

At present, six professors teaching nine mathematics, science, and business classes use the school's Computation Center. The Center is furnished with 20 Hewlett-Packard HP-45 pocket-sized scientific calculators, one to each student. About one-fourth of Menlo's 550 students use them in at least one class.

The pocket calculators help students under-

stand the logic of problem solving while eliminating much of the drudgery of mathematics, according to Albers. "We're finding that through daily classroom use of the HP-45s, many students, especially the weaker ones, acquire a significantly faster and firmer grasp of what math is all about," he said.

Hey, Look Me Over

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131. E. F. Johnson's new full-color catalog for CB transceivers and accessories is now available. Send for a free copy. They also have a free brochure on their line of scanner receivers.

132. If you want courses in assembling your own TV kits, National Schools has 10 from which to choose. There is a plan for GIs.

133. Get the new free catalog from Howard W. Sams. It describes 100's of books for hobbyists and technicians—books on projects, basic electronics and related subjects.

134. Sprague Products has L.E.D. readouts for those who want to build electronic clocks, calculators, etc. Parts lists and helpful schematics are included.

135. The latest edition of *Tub Books'* catalog has an extensive listing of TV, radio and general servicing manuals.

136. *Leader's* catalog features "Instruments to Believe In." They have a complete line for industry, education and service, featuring oscilloscopes/vectorscopes, many generators, accessories, etc.

137. Pace Communications has a packet of information for you. The "Citizens two-way radio" answers all the questions from how to operate one to how much they will cost to operate. A booklet on Pace's scan/monitors to keep you informed is included.

138. Pearce-Simpson has a booklet, "Citizens Band Radios & Scanners," which pictures and describes the various models in this line. A section on CB antennas is included.

139. For the latest information on CB transceivers by Courier, send for their literature.

140. Featured in *Siltronix's* brochure are single sideband/AM citizen band transceivers, pictured and described with extra features and specifications listed. VFO sliders for monitoring are pictured as well as export models of linear amplifiers.

141. Lee Electronics Labs has an inexpensive circuit analyzer, which is featured in this catalog.

142. Available from Royce Electronics is a 28-page, full-color catalog for CBers (base, mobile and handheld transceivers; accessories; and test instruments).

143. A set of Abraxas/4 speakers contains a rugged 12-inch long-throw woofer with a 22-oz. Alnico magnet, a 5-inch sealed-back rubber-damped midrange, and two 3-inch dome tweeters from Designers Audio Products.

144. For a packetful of material, send for SBE's material on UHF and VHF scanners, CB mobile transceivers, walkie-talkies, slow-scan TV systems, marine-radios, two-way radios, and accessories.

145. For CB'ers from *Hy-Gain Electronics Corp.* there is a 50-page, 4-color catalog (base, mobile and marine transceivers, antennas, and accessories). Colorful literature illustrating two models of monitor-scanners is also available.

146. *Robyn International* has 4-color "spec" sheets for each model of their CB (base and mobile) transceivers and monitor-scanner lines.

147. *Telex's* 4-page, 2-color folder illustrates their new line of boom microphone head-sets for CB'ers and hams, as well as their line of communications headphones.

148. *American Trading Corp.* offers you two catalogs in 4-color. One features their Electronics 2000/Contact CB, pictured with descriptions and specifications. Their Monitor/Scanner, Surveyor Model 4H 4U, is featured in the second catalog.

149. *Cush Craft* has a catalog on Citizens Band Antennas for every purpose. The Ringo base antenna is featured, as is the new Superfire 8-element horizontal/vertical power beam.

150. For TV or communications towers, aluminum spells rugged strength. An 8-page brochure from ASCOM details 30 models to fit every need for CB, ham, commercial 2-way radio, or home/institutional installations.

151. For a complete audio accessory line-TV, tape, phono and radio for home and auto, send for *Audiotex* catalog FR 73-A.

152. Send for the new, free descriptive bulletin from *Finney Co.* It features the Finco line of VOM multimeters (and accessories) for electronics hobbyists and service technicians.

153. A full-color brochure on *Tennelec's* scanners is available. They have portables, 3 bands—12 channels and 3 bands—16 channels. Outstanding features and specifications of the tri-bands are listed.

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Kathi's CB Carousel

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the rig is about as wide as a hand span and about 1-in. high. It has a low-clearance mobile mounting bracket and will fit snugly under a compact car's dash or air conditioner duct. These mini-rigs take up so little room there's no problem sliding across the seat when a girl's dressed for a heavy evening; even a long evening gown can slide past the rig without snagging.

Finally, I suggest the transceiver's power cable be spliced into the car's ignition system, or any wiring that's turned on by the ignition switch—such as the car radio's power lead. This way, the transceiver's power switch can be left permanently on. The transceiver will turn on and off with the ignition and accessory switch. To use the rig there will be no need to fumble for the controls at night. Just grab the mike, hit the PTT switch and you're on the air.

Costwise, the whole bit shouldn't run over \$125 or so. Just figure it's part of Sis's (or Junior's) yearly gasoline bill. It might turn out to be the best "insurance protection" on your car and family.

For more information on the Antenna Specialists' "Big Momma" model M-410, circle No. 5 on the Reader Service Page. ■

Inside CB Xmitters

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efficient bandwidth to pass one sideband, either the filter must be switched out of the circuit or the modulator's output must be routed around the filter so the entire AM signal—which is twice the bandwidth of and SSB signal—can be transmitted. Some SSB/AM transceivers have been seen which incorporate a separate high-level AM modulator such as used in standard AM rigs.

Don't Touch. The best tuning advice concerning modern solid state transceivers, whether AM or SSB, is *don't touch!* If the manufacturer doesn't provide a user adjustment control such as an antenna loading control, you will get optimum results with the factory tuning if you have a halfway decent antenna system. Actually, a high standing wave ratio, say, 3:1, can not only

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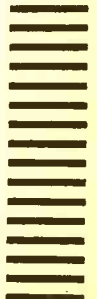
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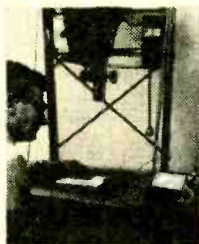
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reduce the power output through normal SWR losses, it can have such a drastic effect on the operating characteristics of a solid-state amplifier that the modulation turns to "mush." (This is not necessarily true of tube-type rigs which can absorb a high SWR without substantially affecting the modulation characteristics.)

The modern solid state rig delivers its maximum RF output and optimum talk power when working into a load impedance as close as possible to 50 ohms—meaning an SWR as close as possible to 1:1 (Yes, 1.3:1 or 1.5:1 is the same as 1:1, for CB use.) Because the antenna system directly controls the transmitter's performance, and because the antenna system is almost completely dependent on user installation and adjustment, as much time and effort as possible should go into securing the best possible antenna installation—no transmitter can be effective if you can't get the signal out. ■

FET Voltmeter

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ticular range, the total resistance in *kilohms* between a tap on the divider (R10 to R20) and ground should be equal to 7500 divided by the range in volts. For example, on our meter a 75-volt range would result in a resistance of 100,000 ohms which is approximately the total of R17 through R20. If you want to use, say, 1.5, 15, and 150 volt ranges, you would omit R14 through R20 and select R10 to R13 as follows:

$$R13 = \frac{7500}{150} = 50 \text{ (50 kilohms)}$$

$$R12 + R13 = \frac{7500}{15} = 500 \text{ (500 kilohms)}$$

Since R12 and R13 together equal 500,000 ohms, and since R13 is 50,000 ohms, then R12 must be 450,000 ohms.

$$R11 + R12 + R13 = \frac{7500}{1.5} = 5000 \text{ (5 megohms)}$$

therefore, R11 must be 4.5 megohms and R10 must be the difference between the above and the 20 megohms total. Therefore R10 equals 15 megohms.

Operation. Set switch S2 to *cal low ohms*

and turn the main power switch S1 on. Short the probes together and set the meter to zero with the *null* adjustment (R5). Open the probes and set the needle to the 1.35 volt mark on the meter with *cal* adjustment R4; repeat if necessary. Turn S2 to *volts*; you are now ready to measure voltages; select the range with S3.

To measure resistance, alternately short and open the probes on one of the resistance ranges and adjust the meter for zero ohms (leads shorted) and infinite resistance (leads open) with the two potentiometers. Adjustment on any resistance range should give satisfactory readings on other ranges. If you cannot calibrate the meter, check the batteries (with another voltmeter). The battery leads can be brought out to jacks for testing.

Initial Calibration. Set R4 (CAL) to max, R5 (NULL) to the center of its range, and the function switch to the VOLTS position. Then adjust R6 to indicate zero volts with the probes shorted together.

This article has provided you with some multimeter basics and an experimenter's example of a working FET voltmeter. You can simplify the design by making just a voltmeter, just an ohmmeter, or an abbreviated version of a volt-ohmmeter, if you wish. Use a simple basic meter 0 to 50 μ A and add your own scale, or find a surplus or used meter movement and design voltage ranges and "half-scale" ohmmeter ranges to match the printed scale. Any way you do it, an experimenter can get a feel for what's inside the widely used FET multimeter, and come up with a useful diagnostic tool to boot!

Bug Mother Nature

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whenever I tested the amplifier out of its case.) Alternatively, you may find a place in the house that is hum free; make your tests there. With the amplifier completely enclosed in its case, there is absolutely no hum pickup problem.

When you are satisfied that the amplifier is stable and working properly, solder the short microphone cable to the input terminals and mount the amplifier in its case. You are now ready to set up the microphone for maximum gain. To do this, you will need a code practice oscillator or other source of audio signal and an AC voltmeter

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The parabolic snooper may be used in several ways. As a portable field instrument, just plug in a set of 2000-ohm earphones and be on your way through the woods. The unit will also work as a combination microphone-preamplifier with any amplifier or tape recorder. However, if you are using a speaker for monitoring outside noises, be sure to have sufficient acoustic isolation between the microphone and speaker, such as closed doors and windows. If you don't, all the world will know by your feedback howl that you are listening. When using the unit with an audio power amplifier it is best to run the gain quite high on the amplifier and adjust the system gain as needed with the preamp gain control.

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Fine Color Prints

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filter in place before withdrawing the old one, switch the analyzer, and make the new meter reading. Repeat this for the third reading filter. You'll note that this procedure keeps bright white light from falling on the photocell between meter readings. If you want to change filters under room lights, make certain there are about five seconds of darkness between turning the room lights out and turning the enlarger on.

The whole bit might sound somewhat complicated, but after you've run through the procedure once or twice to get the hang of things it shouldn't take you more than a minute or so for a full color analysis of a new negative.

The Kodak Wratten filters needed are available from professional camera shops. For the construction project, color analyzer 2-in. or 3-in. Kodak Wratten filters Nos. 98 (blue), 99 (green), and 70 (red) are recommended. If

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you have difficulty obtaining these specific filters you can make the following substitutions, though the analyzer's precision will be slightly reduced: 47B (blue), 61 (green), and 92 (red).

The Pro Shop. We could not close without some words on commercially processed color prints such as you might order from a drug-store or camera shop. Commercial color labs have as high (if not higher) a remake rate than the amateur if *quality* color prints are desired. As a general rule, it takes two tries to get a decent color print, so the hobbyist with a color analyzer is way ahead of the game because he can turn out, at worst, two *good* prints for each three first tries. The average is even higher than this as the hobbyist gets skilled in the use of a color analyzer.

Commercial labs come close to a hobbyist's results only when they are equipped with a video analyzer such as the Kodak Video Color Negative Analyzer Model 1-K; and Kodak only claims a 75%+ first try acceptance rate for their analyzer. The video analyzer is a 5-in. x 5-in. TV display. The operator views the color negative as a positive color TV image, and adjusts the TV's controls for proper color balance and brightness (saturation). The control settings are translated to the printing equipment's filter adjustments so that the final print is similar to the image displayed on the TV.

The video analyzer is a fast and easy way to get good color prints on the first try, but since video analyzers cost in the thousands, the color analyzer is the best thing going for the hobbyist. ■

Color Analyzer

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should run out to the very edge of the knob skirt. If the calibrations don't run to the edge you won't be able to preset the controls with any reasonable degree of accuracy. Place a fine line or other indicator directly above each knob.

Checkout. Connect the photocells to the control unit and apply power. Don't worry if the meter pins at either end of the scale. Set switch S1 to the extreme clockwise position and adjust R2 through R5 until you find the control that changes the meter reading. Mark the switch and the control "C" for cyan. (We suggest you paint the cyan knob insert a blue-green. Also paint the other knobs the appropriate color.) Advance S1 one position clockwise, find the correct knob and label both "M" for magenta. Advance the switch another position clockwise, find the knob and label both "Y" for yellow. The last switch

position and knob is labeled "W" for white (white light exposure). Make certain the C, M, and Y controls are reading P2, the color comparator mounted under the lens.

Set S1 to any position, turn on bright room lights, and adjust the associated color control until the meter pins, or approaches full scale deflection. Make certain the control is adjusted for the maximum meter reading. Adjust trimmer control R6 so the meter pointer just pins (don't be afraid to pin the mETER). Depending on the amount of light the meter pointer will pin

right (for bright light) and left (for dark or very low light). This is normal, there will be no damage to the circuit or the meter. (Note: If you use a zero-center meter the pointer will barely pin on both sides.)

Install the Z-bracket under the lens. If your enlarger uses a filter holder under the lens insert a diffusion screen or glass, or a Beseler Light Integrator or similar ground glass in the filter holder. You are now ready to make color prints.

Complete instructions for using this color analyzer are also in this magazine. ■

Blackout

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output to the new garage "outlet."

The Panel Box. Go down to the basement and look at your panel box. The oil burner should be on a separate circuit breaker. Mark this breaker in some way, say with a dab of red paint. Now locate the circuit breaker for your living room or hall lighting circuits; also mark this breaker. Similarly, mark the breaker for your refrigerator freezer. Now make certain that if you have 220 or 208 volt service the circuit breakers for the garage, oil burner, refrigerator, and lighting are all on the *same side* of the power line. Panel boxes generally have a schematic showing the relationship of each breaker position to each side of the power line.

When the appropriate breakers are marked and you are certain the "emergency circuits" all share the same side of the power line you're ready for a trial run.

Locate the master electric disconnect; this might be a large switch at the top of your panel box or a lever on the side of the box. Pull the master switch to disconnect the house from the utility service. Now switch off every single breaker, or loosen every fuse. Go out to the garage, move the portable generator out of the garage (into open air) and connect the generator to the "emergency" garage outlet. (Be absolutely certain every circuit is "pulled" in the panel box. You don't start a portable generator with the load connected.)

Start the generator, let it run for a few minutes so the speed stabilizes, and throw the generator feed switch (if so equipped) or the emergency circuit breaker you installed in the garage. Then go back down

the basement and activate the garage, oil burner, and lighting circuit breakers in that order.

The generator will now feed emergency power to your home through the house wiring. In the summer, activate the refrigerator breaker instead of the oil burner. Unless you have one heck of a large power plant, don't try to run the heating system and the refrigerator/freezer at the same time. (Food will remain frozen for at least 24 hours if you don't open the freezer door, and besides, cutting down on the load reduces gas consumption.)

When you know that commercial power is back on again, pull the garage circuit breaker in the main panel box first, then close the main power switch to restore connection to the utility power supply. Finally, go out to the garage and turn off your generator; then close the garage circuit breaker in the basement.

Be absolutely certain you do not connect to the utility power while your emergency generator is connected—that's looking for a heap of trouble.

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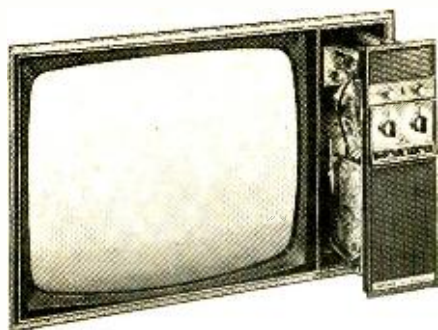
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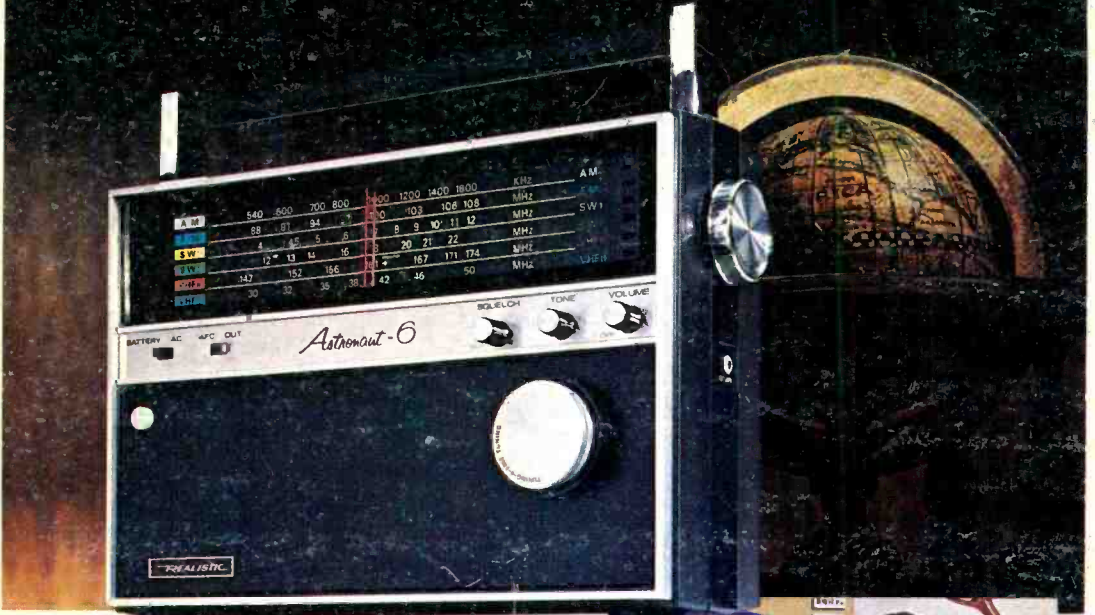
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