

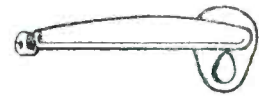
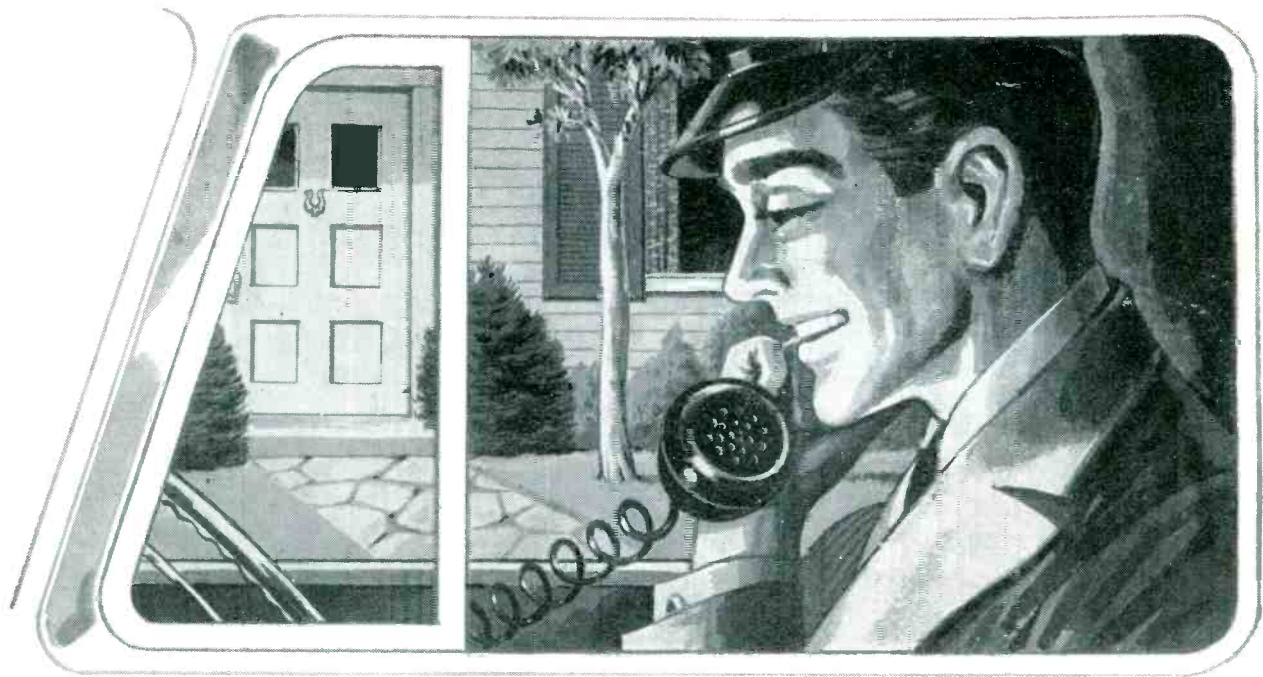
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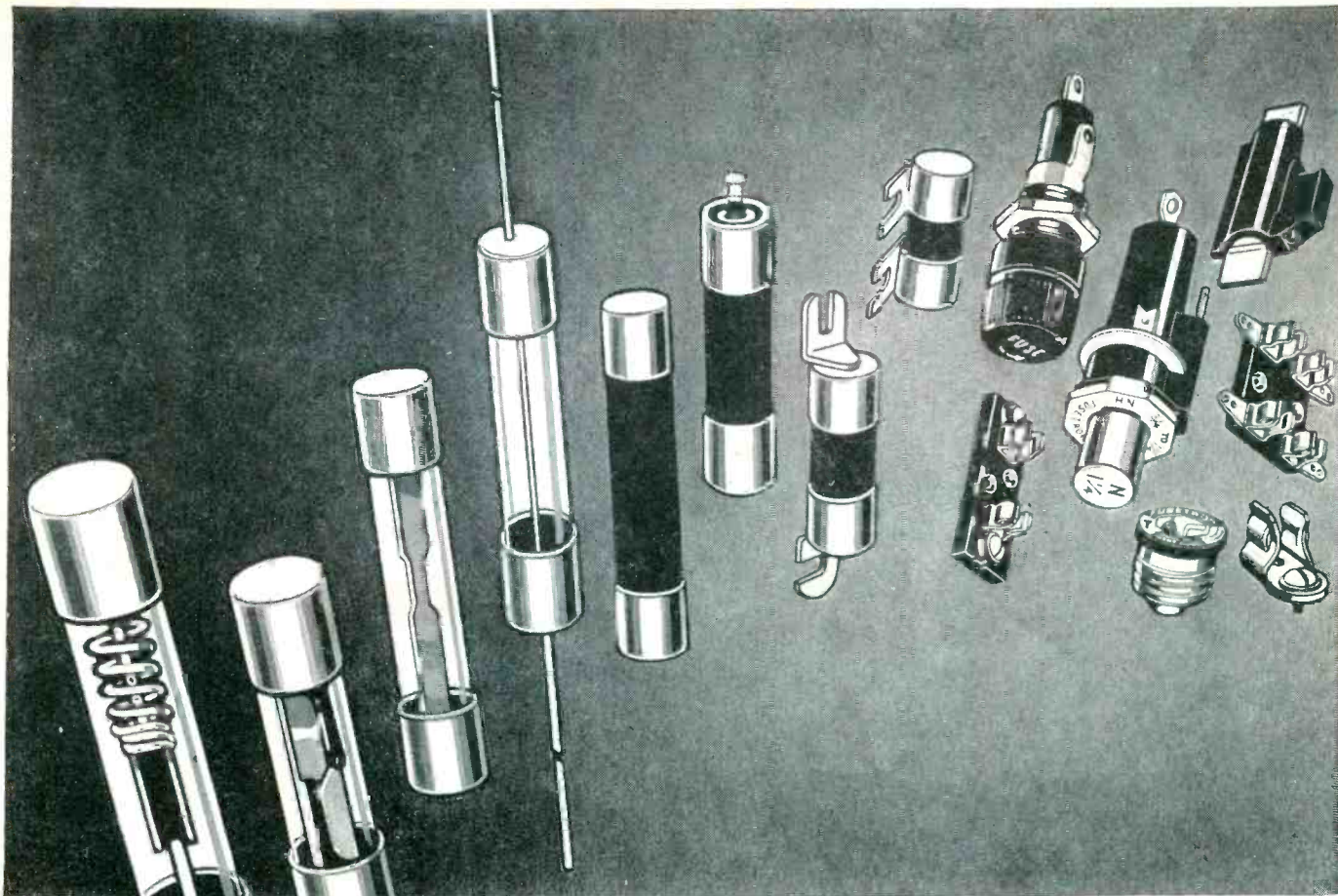
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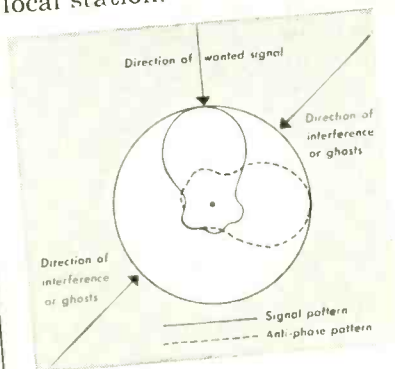
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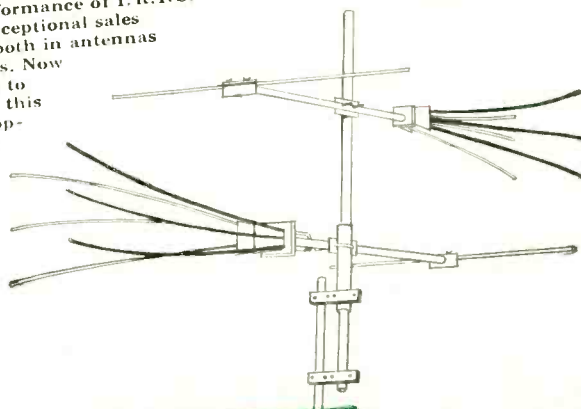
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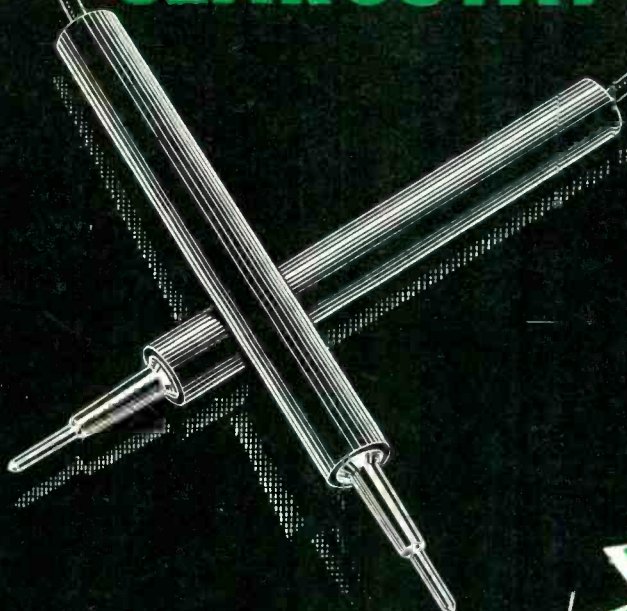
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"ELECTRONIC SERVICING" Starts Next Month

Meeting Mr. Wm. W. MacDonald, Editor of *Electronics*, at the I. R. E. convention the other day I said, "Bill, have you heard the news that from now on SERVICE DEALER will add ELECTRONIC SERVICING to its title and we will henceforth cover editorially *all phases* of industrial electronic equipment servicing techniques *as well as* radio and television service procedures?"

To this my friend of many years replied, somewhat as follows: "It's about time! Hundreds of firms, working at capacity, manufacture diverse types of industrial electronic and commercial communications equipment. Hardly any of these firms have shown any inclination or indication that they want to handle the servicing of it when it is in the field. Obviously the service work must be done by someone—and obviously some publication must lead the way!"

For further details about our new format, new magazine title and broadened editorial scope be sure to read carefully pages 58 and 59 in this issue.

Servicemen Are Like Politicos

Webster's Dictionary defines the word *Forum* as follows: "An assembly for the discussion of public matters or current questions." Well, during the past three months I have held Forums with servicemen's groups in all parts of the country.

Many subjects were covered, such as: Licensing (pro and con); the benefits accruing to Servicemen's Association members; what retaliatory action, if any, can servicemen take against, 1)—Distributors who sell at retail, or, 2)—against Distributors who operate service departments in open competition with servicemen?; should tubes be tested free?; should repair estimates on TV sets be given free?; how radio-TV service firms can expand operations by getting industrial electronic and commercial communications service contracts; how servicemen can increase their prestige and income by using the proper business forms, newest pricing lists and digests, etc.

It goes without saying that all servicemen do not see "eye-to-eye" with other servicemen on many topics. For example, I am inclined to believe that just about as many servicemen now favor License Laws as oppose it; just as many favor joining Servicemen's Associations as oppose the idea and just as many favor testing tubes free as oppose the idea. Despite the quarter century of experience I've had working with servicemen,

I've never before realized that servicemen certainly can and do become so adamant in their views that once they take a stand it's nigh onto impossible to make them change.

In light of the above, a publisher like myself must realize that if he favors one side of any issue he usually offends those who have contrary views. (Then when a "magazine preference survey" is made by an advertiser he finds his magazine being voted against by those who feel they have been opposed). If on the other hand the publisher takes no sides at all he becomes innocuous and has no justification for continuing in his profession.

Now that this year's Forums are over I have decided to continue to expound my views even at the risk of stepping on some servicemen's feelings. I am sure that you'll agree that I would be remiss if I failed to express these views just as you have every privilege of opposing them when they conflict with your own. And yet we can all remain friends, eh?

Servicemen's Clinics Are Needed

Each year audiophiles can visit either Audio Fairs or Hi-Fi Shows which are held in key cities throughout the country. Likewise, radio-electronic engineers and parts distributors. Several conventions are held by and for them. But for radio-TV servicemen there are no genuine national or even regional conventions which they can attend to hear seminars on new service techniques or view all the new products, instruments, etc., that have been produced for their use.

We have discussed this subject—servicemen's conventions—with many manufacturers and distributors. Because most manufacturers sell their lines through distributors, they feel that practically all merchandising and educational efforts for servicemen should be attended to by the wholesalers. The latter group, distributors, are not inclined to combine forces and work together in holding regional conventions for servicemen because, they say: first—it would cost them too much and they'd get scant return for their investment, and second—if they did have a convention for servicemen the latter would not take time off from work to attend.

At this writing we believe servicemen need and should have conventions held for them in key cities throughout the country. How to accomplish this has yet been resolved, but we're working on it. Got any ideas?



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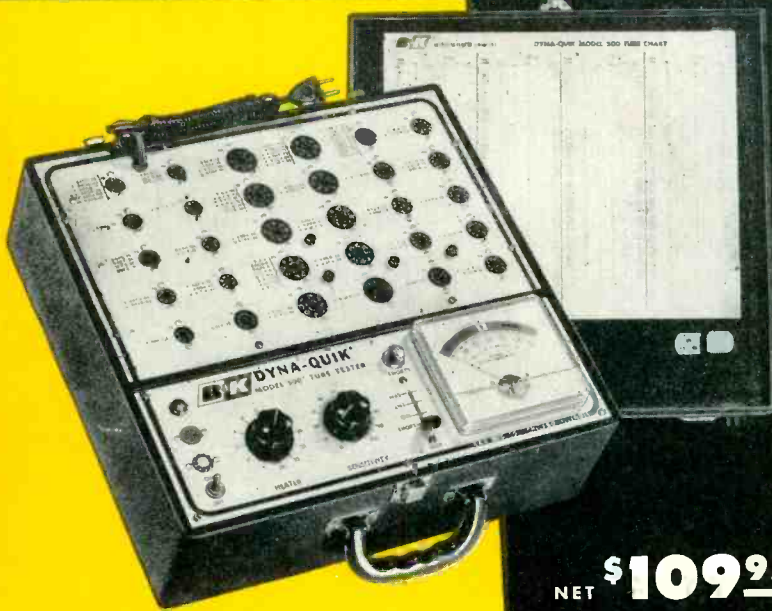
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The booklet was written by Vern L. Walker, sales engineer for the large manufacturer of electrical testing and measuring equipment.

Subject matter in the booklet, which bears the legend "If you can use a VOM, you can use a scope," ranges from elementary data on the "Functions of an Oscilloscope" to information on "Overall Video IF Response."

Copies of "Scope Connections" are available from the Triplet Electrical Instrument Company, Bluffton, Ohio.

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The Tube Division of the Radio Corporation of America has just brought out a new technical booklet on RCA Picture Tubes.

This brand-new, 16-page booklet—RCA Picture Tubes (Form No. KB-106)—contains ratings, characteristics, and base-connection diagrams for all RCA Picture Tubes including color tubes, and features a replacement directory giving information on recommended RCA replacements for more than 150 industry types.

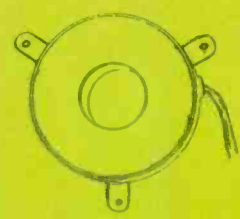
The picture-tube replacement directory included in this booklet is especially designed to enable the serviceman to select quickly an RCA Direct Replacement Type or an RCA Similar Type whichever is available. If an RCA Similar Type is shown, the chart lists the basic differences between the RCA Similar Type and the type to be replaced.

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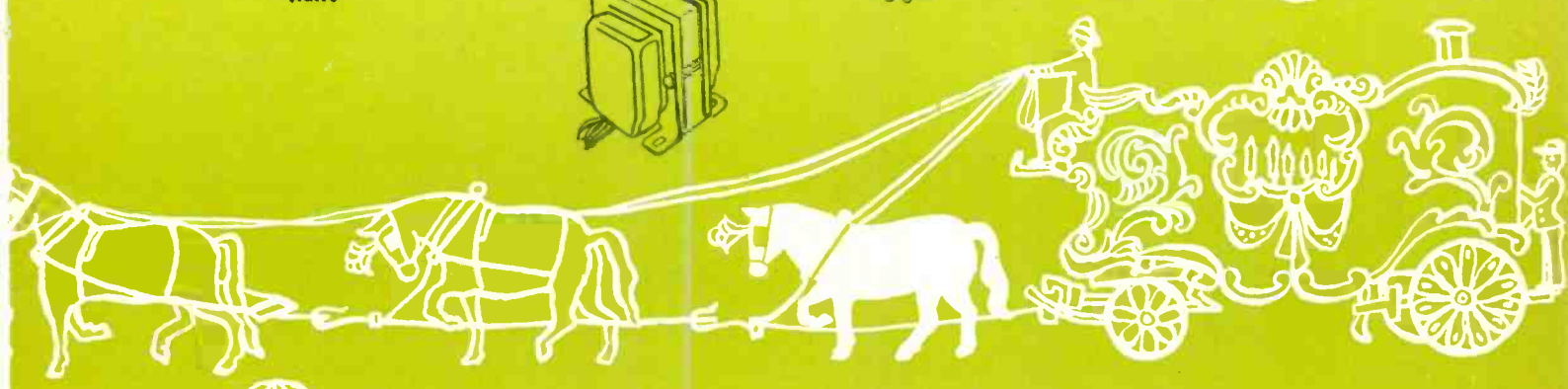
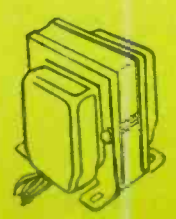
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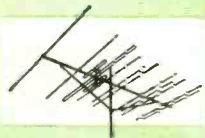


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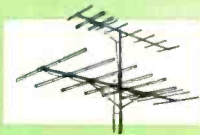


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RIDER SPEAKS

SEVERAL people have asked why the electronic manufacturing industry is recruiting men out of the servicing industry rather than avail themselves of the maintenance facilities existing among television service shops all over the nation.

The answer has many facets. To begin with some specialized equipment manufacturers do avail themselves of local servicing facilities. Admittedly, there are not too many service shops which have contracts for maintenance-on-call, but there are some which do. We don't think it is too far fetched to say that as time passes, more and more electronic devices will get into the hands of non-technical people in business and professions and that there will be an increasing need for contract service.

At the present time however, the problem which faces the specialized electronic equipment manufacturers is not one of maintenance on electronic devices which are used in their factories for control, inspection, measuring, etc. The problem which must be solved is the need for technical personnel for a variety of other duties in connection with equipment which they develop and sell.

As a general rule, whenever a design engineer is hired, somewhere along the line his activity must be backed up by a certain number of technicians. Development and pre-production models must be built. Experiments must be performed — measurements must be made. In other words, numerous duties by technicians bulwark the mental processes of the engineer.

Obviously, work of this kind cannot be done on a contract basis. The men must be there. Then, there is the case of the maintenance which must be performed on specialized equipment produced by these manufacturers and sold to customers all over the nation, and all over the world. While it is true that the roster of television servicing personnel contains many names of technically competent individuals, it is nevertheless true that these new electronic devices involve techniques which are beyond the normal boundaries of television receivers. It is possible to say that if ample time were available and the necessary servicing information were at hand, a local television servicing facility would be able to repair these devices. Unfortunately, the organizations which buy these devices demand not only



immediate service, if an equipment failure occurs, but they feel that it is the responsibility of the manufacturer to supply specially trained people so that when repairs are necessary they can be made immediately. Time is important when an expensive device is inoperable. This means that many manufacturers of specialized electronic equipment are obligated as a part of the sales program, to train people on the repair of these devices; send them to the user of the units, where they either train someone else to maintain the equipment or eventually find employment by the consumer of the product.

The period of training necessary at the factory is a variable one. In some cases it can be done in as short a time as four weeks, whereas in other cases it consumes as much as six months, if not longer, and even then further knowledge is gained by continuous experience on these units. Whatever may be the training time requirement, it is easy to see that the customer's needs — certainly at the start — cannot be satisfied by contract maintenance. Moreover, the need for factory training exists in the case of the local service facility which is seeking maintenance contracts of this kind. Recognizing that the entire thing is in the growing stage, can a TV servicing facility afford to set up the kind of maintenance department necessary for this work at this time to train, invest in equipment, etc?

Admittedly, there are relatively few electronic devices involving techniques, circuitry and theory which are so complex as to be beyond comprehension by an experienced and trained servicing technician. But gaining the understanding of the functioning of the device and rapid recognition of symptoms when something goes wrong are capabilities which are widely apart. Time is of the essence in such maintenance work and formal factory training on the particular device is deemed imperative in order to achieve the aforementioned

recognition. This has been proven time and again and is a well-known situation in the television servicing industry. It is an acknowledged fact that given two competent men the television servicing technician who specializes on certain brands of receivers develops a greater familiarity with their behavior than the men who handle all brands in lesser quantities. This is so even without factory training.

The varieties of specialized electronic equipment cover a broad range. Some of them are completely electronic in organization whereas others are electro-mechanical. The development of the necessary manipulative skill in the assembly and disassembly of the electro-mechanical devices can come only from factory training and experience.

Take as a simple example an ordinary typewriter—anyone can disassemble it, but when service is required the individual who has had factory training is the one who knows how to take it apart, put it together again, and adjust it with a speed which will satisfy the person waiting to use the machine.

The manufacturing industry is pulling men out of the TV servicing ranks because they need testers, inspectors and other personnel for direct employment in the factory. These duties cannot be performed on a contract basis by personnel located outside of the factory.

Summarizing the efforts being made by equipment manufacturers to get men from the television servicing industry to leave the ranks, it is apparent that they are following the only path which is open to them; at least at the present time. But there is no doubt that eventually local TV servicing facilities will have occasion to participate in industrial electronic maintenance. All the men with technical backgrounds will not go to work for industry. Therefore, for at least a decade to come industry will feel the continued pressure of shortage of personnel and they just will have to avail themselves of presently functioning servicing facilities.

Of course this means (and we feel that it would be a very wise thing to do) that servicing facilities who have eyes toward the future, get themselves out from under the umbrella of "television". This doesn't mean that the television servicing effort should be discontinued. There is every reason why

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Radio Television Guild Of Long Island

The following are portions of an editorial appearing in the "Guild News" of February 1956:

The T.V. Serviceman, caught between the manufacturer and the public has had to bear the brunt of the public's abuse while attempting to fill some of the fantastic claims made by manufacturers for their products. This, along with the lack of education on the consumer level, plus the actions of a small group of opportunists has put the service industry in a bad light in the public eye. Let's set the record straight!

Human behavior does not respect part lines—neither does it respect the division of the electronic industry. Being in the manufacturing end of the industry does not automatically guarantee respectability, as they would have us believe!

In their mad scramble to move merchandise by any means, regardless of who gets hurt, they have always managed to do so with an air of respectability—counseling us like father to son, quoting their last year's profits as a basis for their authority—telling us how to go out there and get our share of this fabulous market.

Might not the public's interests be better served by a bill to license the manufacturers? What do you think?

Empire State Federation of Electronics Technicians

A meeting was held at Binghamton, N. Y. on Sunday February 5, 1956. Subjects under discussion were licensing by State and local associations, and a report on the latest State legislation submitted in Albany.

RCA was under fire for the new tube date coding method they now use. Reports were given that would indicate the reason for the new letter code is to prevent the serviceman from reading it. We fail to see the reasoning behind such a move. ESFETA has sent a letter to RCA voicing an opposition and requesting RCA to return to the RTMA code or one similar.

Drug Stores selling via the do-it-yourself tube checker were discussed and

some recommendations were made for combating it by stopping the source of supply through the manufacturer. Action will be taken by ESFETA.

Discussion was held on National Unity and opinions were divided as to the paths we should follow to gain unity.

Bob Henderson, Delegate

Television Electronic Service Association of Kansas, Inc.

T.E.S.A. of Kansas, Inc., announce that at the present time there are three (3) Chapters, and the State Organization.

Officers of State are: President: Wm. Nichols, 333 No. Waco, Wichita, Kans.; Secretary: E.A. Redmon, Box 154, Ellinwood, Kans.

The Wichita Chapter has just been reactivated and no officers elected as yet, however Wm. Nichols may be contacted.

The officers of the Salina Chapter are: President—John Doud, 829 Sheridan, Salina, Kans.; Secretary—Melton Shelton, 682 So. 9th, Salina, Kans.

The Midwest Chapter has as its officers: President—Harry Wright, 2019 Forest, Great Bend, Kans. Secretary—Ralph Renfro, Lyons, Kans.

The Midwest Chapter has just been formed and has had a very good response to its membership drive and will have over 50 Charter Members, when the drive is completed. This Chapter plans educational meetings, group advertising and other activities.

The Salina Chapter, at its last meeting, appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities of setting up a Licensing plan for members as well as non-members in order to guarantee their customers better service.

T.E.S.A. of Kans. is affiliated with N.A.T.E.S.A.

E. A. Kedmon
State Secretary

Radio and Television Servicemen's Association of Pittsburgh, Pa., Inc.

The Beaver Valley Chapter first Annual Banquet was held at Sheffield Towers in Aliquippa on February 14

and was a great success. The Chapter has elected three new Board of Directors members at their last meeting. They are, Bill Marcum, Midland, Pa.—Ken Biggs, Aliquippa, Pa.—George Christy, Beaver, Pa. Relieved were, Wm. Wallace Milligan, Beaver Area.—Gene Taylor, Aliquippa, Pa.—and Dave McBride, New Brighton, Pa. A headquarters has been established for the BVC at 639, Third St., Beaver.

Kings County Television Service Association of Seattle, Washington

The following officers were elected for the coming year. President—Bob Kelly; Vice-President — Harold Hart; Secretary-Treasurer—Clayton Faller.

National Alliance of Television And Electronic Service Associations

Announcement is made that the Spring Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Blackstone Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska on Sunday, April 22, 1956. The meeting will be hosted by TESA-Omaha, of which Tony Schneider is Local Affairs Chairman and Bill Briza National Affairs Chairman.

As in the past, this meeting will see a simultaneous NATESA business meeting and technical and business seminars for all service people, particularly local personnel. The meeting will be capped with a banquet at which Friends of Service Management Awards and Citations will be presented to those voted this honor at the last convention.

Every Affiliate is expected to be represented by the person they have chosen to be their Director to NATESA. If your group has not officially submitted to this office the name of its Director, please do so at once in order to assure your vote.

If you plan to stay overnight, write Bill Briza—5019 S. 24th St., Omaha, Nebraska for reservations.

*Frank J. Moch, President
N A T E S A*

Syracuse Television Technicians Association, Syracuse, N.Y.

The following are excerpts of a letter sent to the R.C.A. Service Co., Inc.

"In the past RCA has set policy toward pricing of service contracts. However, the people who are responsible for setting up prices seem to have lost contact with the cost of servicing television receivers—specifically in regards to the \$99.50 service contract on color television receivers. This contract includes installation and set up, one-year extended parts warranty, plus unlimited service for one-year. Due to

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THE Holloway I.R.I.S. (Infinite Rejection Interference System) antenna (see Fig. 1) is basically two antennas connected 180° out of phase with each other at the download terminals as shown in Fig. 2. This 180° phase relation is obtained by transposing the inter-connecting harness.*

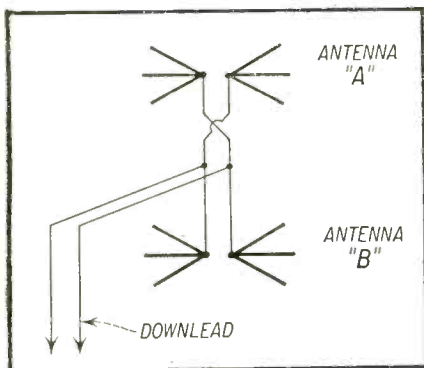


Fig. 2—180° phase difference obtained by transposing harness.

With the antennas positioned as in Fig. 3 the reception pattern of antenna A coincides with that of antenna B; however, being fed 180° out of phase with each other to the download terminals, a *minimum* signal from *any direction* reaches the receiver. This position serves no practical purpose, but is included to illustrate the cancelling effect of one antenna on the other.

How To Install TV Antennas
by Samuel L. Marshall
John F. Rider, Publisher

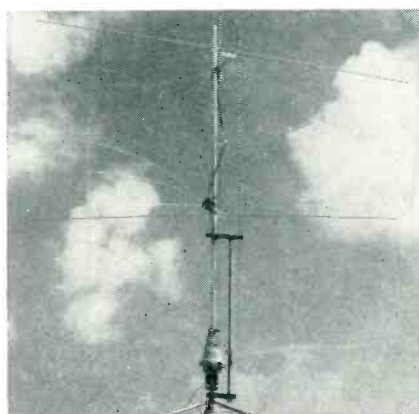


Fig. 1—Infinite Rejection Interference System antenna (Holloway).

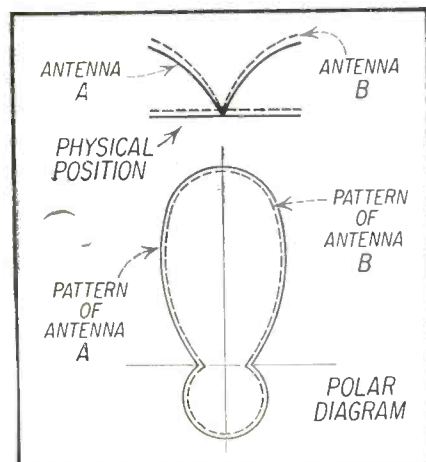


Fig. 3—Positioning for minimum signal from any direction.

Now suppose that the antennas are positioned as in Fig. 4. In this case the reception pattern of antenna A, shown as a solid line, coincides with the reception pattern of antenna B in the cross-hatched area. Therefore, re-

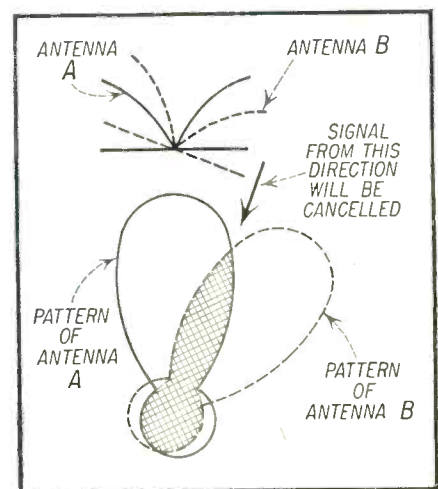


Fig. 4—Cancellation of the signal takes place in the direction indicated by the solid arrow.

ception from the direction indicated by the solid arrow will be at a minimum. Thus, an interfering signal arriving from a direction a few degrees displaced from a wanted signal may be rejected by orienting one of the antennas. Hence the use of the phrase: Infinite Rejection Interference System.

It is obvious that if one of the an-

tennas were to be mounted in a fixed position, and the other antenna made rotatable, rejection of interfering signals in a wide arc around the horizon may be obtained. By the same token, if both antennas are made rotatable rejection of signals from any direction in favor of signals from other directions may be effected.

Because of the element design in each antenna, full coverage of the *vlf* and *uhf* spectrum is effected. This broad-band characteristic makes this antenna particularly suited for the reception of color signals. [A-1]

Given a folded dipole resonant at some low frequency (Channels 3 to 4)

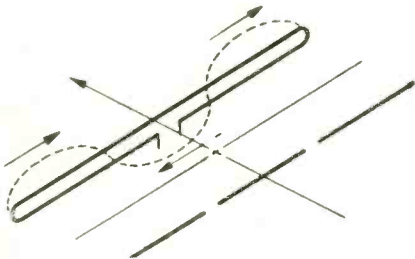


Fig. 5—Current distribution in folded dipole. (Channel 3 or 4)

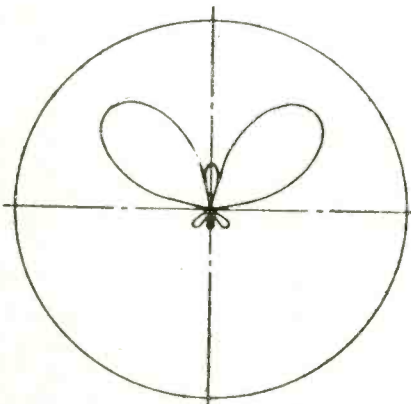


Fig. 5A—Polar response diagram resulting from current distribution indicated in Fig. 5.

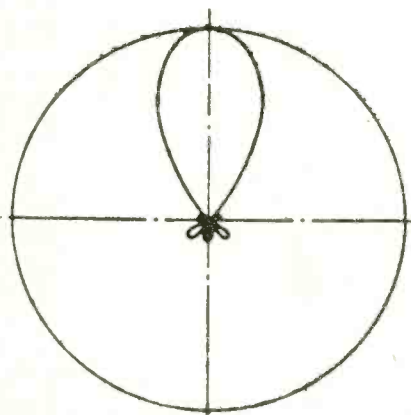


Fig. 6A—Polar diagram for current distribution shown in Fig. 6.

its high frequency (3/2 wave) current distribution and polar response will appear as in Fig. 5 and 5a.

In the new Walsco Wizard antenna the current in the central half-wave portion of the driven element is reversed by the insertion of a properly designed and spaced parasitic element immediately in front of the driven element. This expedient results in a current distribution as shown in Fig. 6 because the parasitic element re-radiates a comparatively higher current in the driven element which is in phase with the currents in the outer sections. The corresponding polar diagram of this antenna is shown in Fig. 6A.

The antenna elements may be arranged in a horizontal plane to provide the effect of multi-stacked and multi-elements Yagis. Such an antenna providing Channel 2 to 13 reception is shown in Fig. 7. [A-2]

Trio Manufacturing Company makes available the "Zephyr Royal" TV antenna using three "wing" dipoles to obtain wide-band operation over the *vlf* range. These elements are stagger-tuned (see Fig. 8) to six pre-determined frequencies so as to obtain good performance throughout the *vlf* band.

On the low band, the "Zephyr Royal" has three driven elements stagger-tuned to Channels 2, 4, and 6, together with two directors and one reflector as shown in Fig. 9A. Other than the "wing" dipoles there are eight parasitic high-band elements as shown in Fig. 9B. The three "wing" dipoles add a total of nine driven elements pretuned to Channels 7, 10, and 13, together with three directors. [A-3]

The Zephyr Royal antenna shown in Fig. 10 may be used with excellent results for color TV since a basic requirement for this type of reception is flat frequency response.

The Finney Company announces the addition of the Model B-6 (Fig. 11) to its Finco Geomatic antenna line. This antenna incorporates four coaxial capacitors in one folded dipole, causing the dipole to operate as if it is one length on low-band, and an entirely different length on high-band, thus enabling peak performance to be obtained on both bands.

This close spaced, reversed phase, twin driven antenna produces high gain with very high front-to-back ratio. Low-band reflector, high-band colinear reflector and combination director further increase the gain and sharpness of directivity. These characteristics,

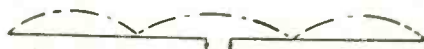


Fig. 6—Current distribution using additional parasitic element.

normally limited to low-band, are retained across the high-band by Finco's "Fidelity Phasing."

The Finco Model B-7 (Fig. 12) embodies all of the exclusive features and fine performance of the Model B-6. However, instead of a single combination director, the B-7 features two 3-element colinear directors on high-band and an inductance-tuned low-band director. This produces even greater directivity in pattern and intensity of gain, approaching maximum

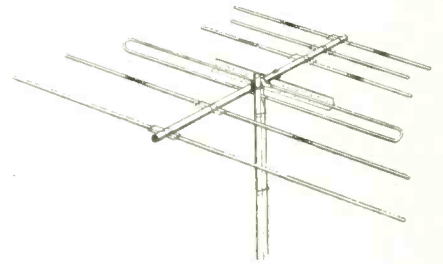


Fig. 7—Arrangement of elements to form a multi-element Yagi.

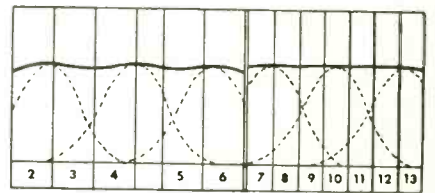


Fig. 8—Wide band operation produced by stagger tuning elements to six pre-determined frequencies.

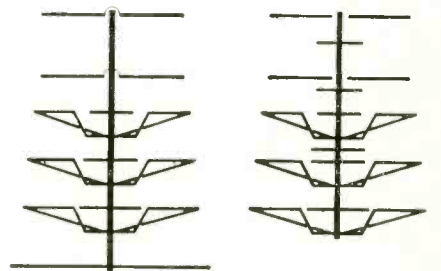


Fig. 9A—Zephyr Royal arranged for low band reception. 9B is the arrangement for the high band.

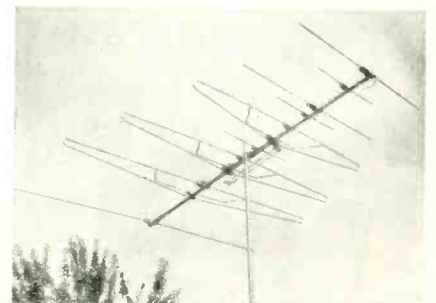


Fig. 10—Flat frequency response makes this an ideal color antenna.

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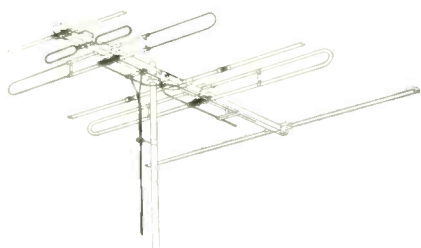


Fig. 11—Hi and lo band efficiency obtained by using coax connectors.

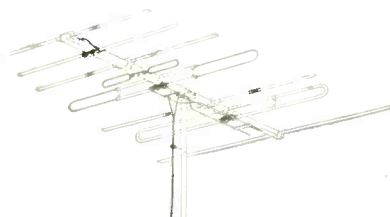


Fig. 12—Addition of directors gives high gain and directivity.

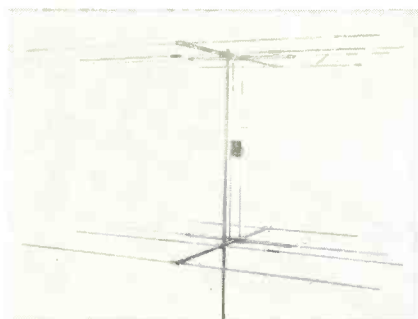


Fig. 13—Tricraft P-38 antenna for high gain on both bands.

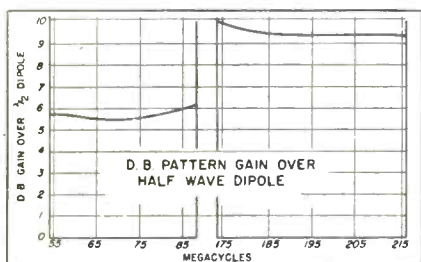


Fig. 14—Gain vs. channel characteristic for Tricraft P-38.

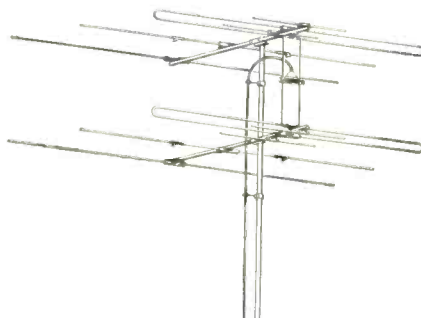


Fig. 15—Good directivity and broad band. (Amphenol Poweray)

possibilities. This powerful broad band antenna produces the high gain and front-to-back ratio protection against adjacent and co-channel interference. [A-4]

The Tricraft P-38 antenna (Fig. 13) is a television antenna that in a single bay incorporates seven elements. The design of the antenna is such that in the high television band three colinear elements are fed with in phase equal currents.

Behind these three elements are placed a colinear reflector cut for the high television band, and a longer reflector that is active in increasing forward gain in both the high and low television bands. The resultant high-band antenna gain is nearly ten *db* over the entire high television band.

When operated in the low television band the three fed element group of the high band becomes a single half wave dipole with the approximately sinusoidal current distribution of any thin half wave dipole. Behind this dipole is placed the reflector cut to give maximum forward gain in Channel 2 and in front of this dipole is placed a director to cut to give maximum forward gain in Channel 6. As a result the antenna gain is nearly constant over the entire low TV band at approximately 6 *db* over a half wave dipole.

The theoretical maximum gain obtainable with a single dipole and reflector is 5.5 *db*. As the frequency is decreased below the frequency at which this gain occurs for a given antenna the forward gain in *db* rapidly decreases and becomes negative with the antenna receiving best from the rear direction. As the frequency is increased above the frequency of maximum gain the *db* gain remains positive but decreases with increasing frequency. Obviously a considerably greater gain could be obtained at any one point in the low television band if the reflector and director are cut for that frequency but the gain for the whole band would not be constant. Fig. 14 shows the gain vs channel characteristics.

The feed arrangement used with the antenna is such that a good impedance match to a 300 ohm line is obtained over both television bands. The match-

ing network is designed to improve this impedance match even more giving the ultimate in performance. [A-5]

The new Amphenol Poweray fringe area TV antenna (Fig. 15) makes use of a folded dipole as the main element and a "sleeve" section (coaxial cable element) as the high frequency element. Where the overall antenna resonates at one frequency and the sleeve section at a higher frequency, an excellent broad-banded dipole element results.

In this antenna a 3-wire type of transmission line with the two outer conductors grounded is made use of in the sleeve dipole design. In the overall array uni-directional qualities are imparted to the antenna; at the low *vhf* by means of a simple reflector, and at the high *vhf* by a 3-section reflector.

This antenna provides a pair of directional patterns as shown in Fig. 16 which encompasses a 4 to 1 frequency range. As such it should be excellent for color, and when stacked should provide good fringe area pickup. [A-6]

Channel Master Corp. features the "K.O." antenna (Fig. 17) which the company claims has a very high front-to-back ratio, totally eliminating co-channel interference and "venetian blinds."

The "K.O.'s" front-to-back ratios range from 20:1 to 50:1 relative voltage on the low band, and up to 13:1 relative voltage on the high band. In addition, the antenna exhibits extremely high gain characteristics: from 7 to 9 *db* on the low band, and from 8.5 to 10.5 *db* on the high band. These figures are for the single bay.

The "K.O." is a driven end-fire array. In effect it is designed as two individual antennas. There is a low band model, with 6 driven elements, covering Channels 2 through 6, and a high band model with 2 driven elements, covering 7 through 13. There is also a broad band model in which both these arrays are joined with an impedance matching Hi-Lo connecting harness. This effectively combines both sections into a single all-channel



Fig. 16—Directional patterns of the Amphenol Poweray antenna.

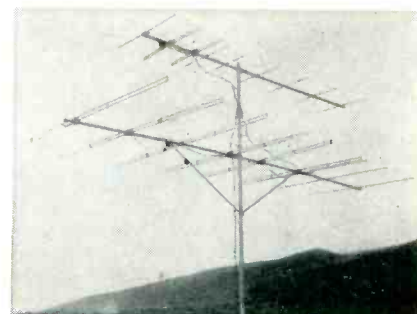


Fig. 17—Channel Master "K.O." has high front to back ratio.

antenna whose high and low band sections may be individually oriented.

Because the high and low band sections operate independently of one another, there is no sacrifice of performance due to compromise. The antenna functions with maximum efficiency on both bands. [A-7]

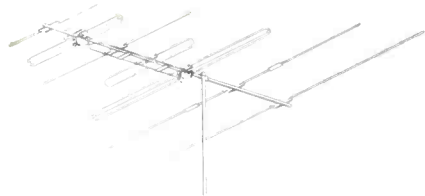


Fig. 18—RMS "Big Shot" all channel Yagi antenna.

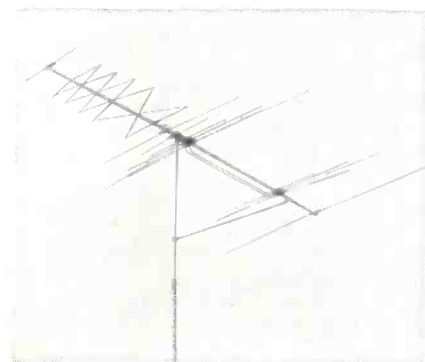


Fig. 19—Interference rejection featured by the "Shut Out Helix."

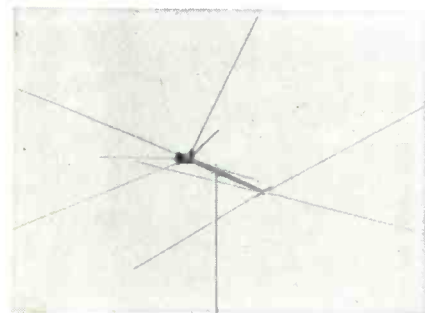


Fig. 20—Snap-Open Conical antenna by Clear Beam Antenna Corp.

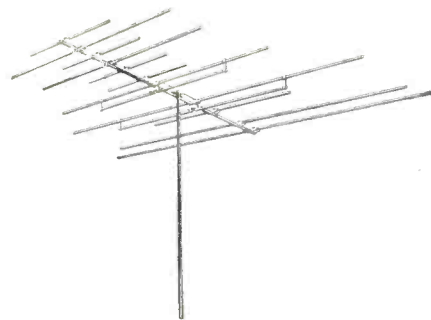


Fig. 21—Multi-channel Yagi, pre-tuned to channel of your choice.

Radio Merchandise Sales (RMS) features their "Big Shot" All-Channel Yagi Antenna as shown in Fig. 18.

On Channel 2-6 a full size folded dipole is utilized to develop maximum in-phase current across its total length. Through the use of a reflector designed for Channel 2 and a director for Channel 6, a flat response is developed over the low band.

When operating on the high band, the shorted high band dipole which is in front of the low band folded dipole shields the out-of-phase current which develops at the center from the other high band elements. This results in two electrically isolated high band dipoles on each extremity of the low band dipole, developing maximum in-phase currents on Channels 7-13. A special phasing harness feeds the Channel 7-13 signal developed by the front high band Yagi in the same phase as the other 2 high band dipoles. The result of in-phase additive operation of 3 half-wave antennas compensated through the step-up driven receiving elements produces perfect 300 ohm matched impedance to the receiver. [A-8]

JFD Manufacturing Co., Inc., features the Shut-Out Helix, custom-designed to reject co-channel interference on the channel specified by the serviceman. See Fig. 19.

The rear section of the Shut-Out Helix incorporates a second poly-phase dipole with reflector which is custom-cut to pick up the offending channel in phase opposition to the forward section. The resultant signals are combined in the harness. The net effect is complete cancellation of "venetian blinds" at the common transmission line terminals. [A-9]

The development of a completely new 100% Snap-open Conical antenna, the model C64, (Fig. 20), has been announced by the Clear Beam Antenna Corporation of Canoga Park, California. The new antenna is designed in such a way that all elements fold open and lock into position without the use of any tools. Assembly time of 11 seconds is reported by manufacturer. The unique design of the insulator includes wide air-plastic spacing to prevent signal loss. Other features in the antenna are the "Sur-lock," a device for locking the transmission line to the antenna insulator to eliminate strain on the terminals. All-aluminum construction, with end caps, prevents wind howl. The antenna is made up in six different combinations of dipoles and reflectors plus two bay models of each. [A-10]

Winegard Company features a multi-channel Yagi (Fig. 21) pre-tuned to the channel of your choice. This antenna is completely pre-assembled containing automatic Twin-Lock hardware

Custom-Combo Model No.	Channels Feared for												
TC3-A	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
TC3-B	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
TC3-C	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
TC3-D	2	3	4	5	6					10	11	12	13
TC3-E	2	3	4			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
TC3-F	2	3	4			7	8	9	10				
TC3-G	2	3	4				8	9	10	11			
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TC3-I	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
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TC3-L	3	4	5	6						10	11	12	13
TC3-M	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
TC3-N	4	5	6	7	8	9	10						
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Fig. 22—Available pre-tuned combinations for Yagi of Fig. 21.

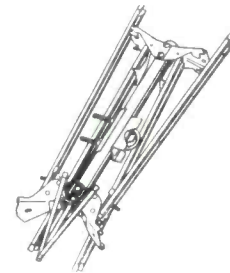


Fig. 23A—"Presto" instant mount conical. Shown closed.

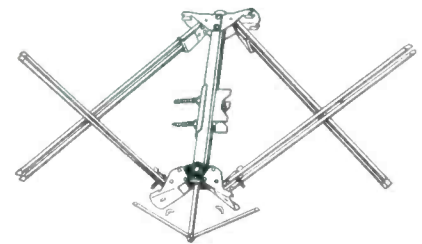


Fig. 23B "Presto" antenna shown in the process of opening.

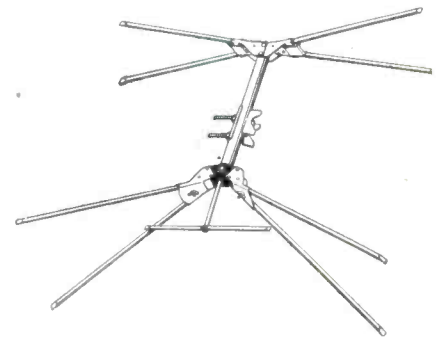


Fig. 23C—"Presto" antenna shown in the fully opened position.

and is all aluminum and stainless steel construction. A chart illustrating the available pre-tuned combinations is shown in Fig. 22. [A-11]

Tenna Mfg. Company makes available a "Presto" instant mount assembly for its various conical antennas. See Fig. 23. [A-12]

Welco has developed a new ZEE-X, (Fig. 24) antenna element which can be used either as a director or as a

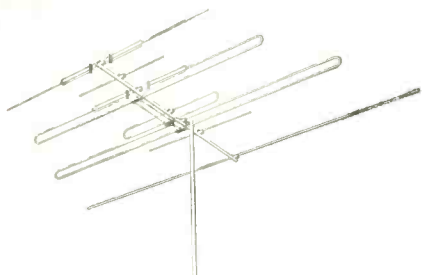


Fig. 24—ZEE-X antenna features linear response on vhf channels.

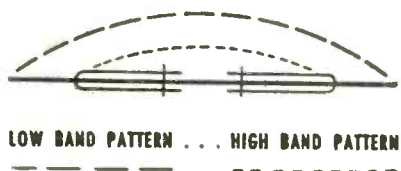


Fig. 25—Hi and Lo band current distribution. ZEE-X antenna.

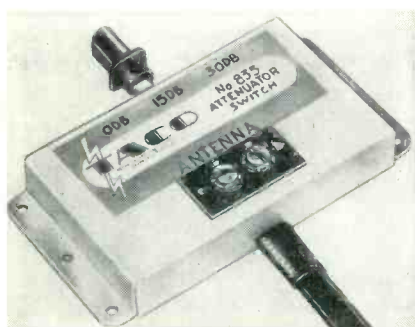


Fig. 27—Attenuator prevents overloading by strong signals.

reflector. As a driven element it has one major lobe with a linear response on all vhf Channels, 2-13. A diagram of the lo and hi band patterns of the ZEE-X electronic element is shown in Fig. 25. [A-13]

La Pointe Electronics makes available their new Rotenna designed for attic installation. Two models are available; one for Channels 2-13 and the other for Channels 2-83. The rotator

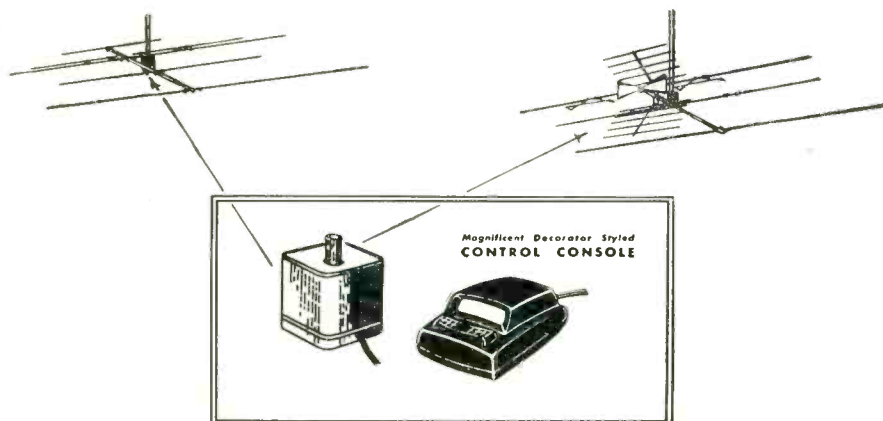


Fig. 26—Control unit and motor for the "Rotenna" made by La Pointe Electronics. The motor is shown at the left, and the control at the right.

employs a capacitor start motor which operates at a speed of 1½ r.p.m. See Fig. 26 which shows the vhf antenna at the left and the vhf-uhf antenna at the right. [A-14]

Technical Appliance Corp., (TACO), features a new attenuator switch. See Fig. 27. This switch is used when incoming signals are too strong, thereby overloading the receiver on one or more of the available channels.

The No. 835 will attenuate (cut down) these signals so as to provide stable operation of the receiver. In addition to a choice of two attenuation values, the unit may be switched to the '0 db' position for direct feed through (normal reception). Direct feed-through, 15 db or 30 db attenuation is provided with a flick of the switch.

Used in conjunction with TACO's No. 873 Selectronic Switch, this attenuator unit is easily adapted to a multi-antenna installation.

The No. 835 Attenuator is designed for both black and white and color television receivers. Good color reception requires a uniform undistorted signal. Excessive signal will cause the picture to "tear-out" and when this occurs, attenuation is required. This is especially true in extra strong prime signal areas. [A-15]

Kenco Engineering Company makes available a quick installation parapet mount. See Fig. 28. Made of heavy gauge steel and adjustable for walls up to 13½ inches, it is designed to anchor to the wall, and not to the coping. A cam lock prevents side movement on stone or tile copings. [A-16]

Easy-Up Inc., features their "Towerette" roof mounts shown in Fig. 29. These mounts are available in sizes from two to ten feet. They are shipped assembled and may be had in aluminum or steel. [A-17]

South River Metal Products Co., Inc., features the "Walk-Up-Drop-Lock" roof mounting shown in Fig. 30. This enables the installation man to

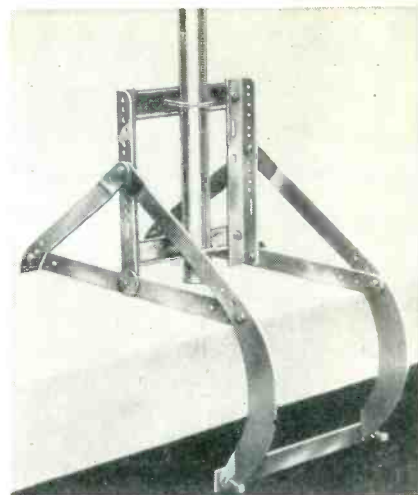


Fig. 28—Parapet mount for quick installation. (Kenco Engineering)

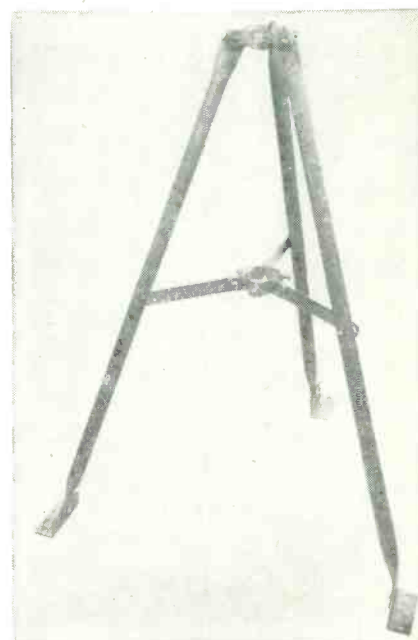


Fig. 29—Convenient "Towerette" Roof mount. (Easy-Up Inc.)

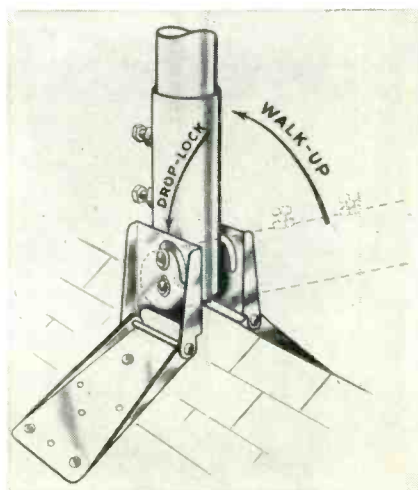
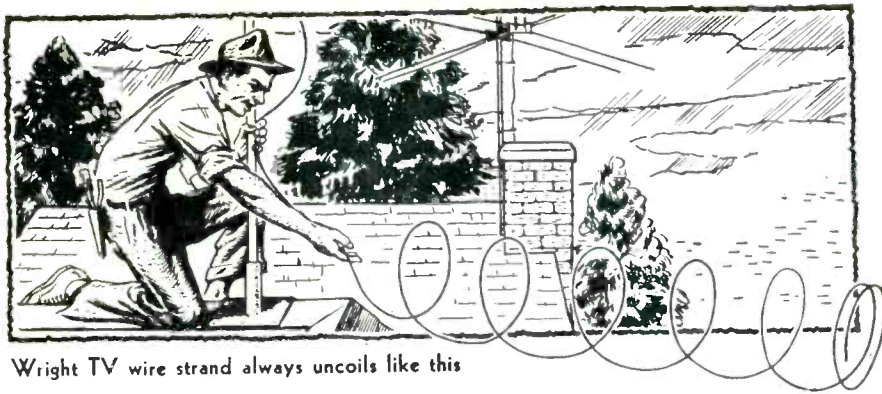


Fig. 30—Roof mount permits convenient raising of antenna.



Wright TV wire strand always uncoils like this

Fig. 31—Non-snarling guy wire for anchoring tall masts. Made in convenient lengths by G. F. Wright Steel and Wire Company.

walk the antenna mast from a horizontal to a vertical position, without the necessity of removing and replacing any bolts or nuts which hold the mast socket. Furthermore, as soon as the mast is elevated to a vertical position

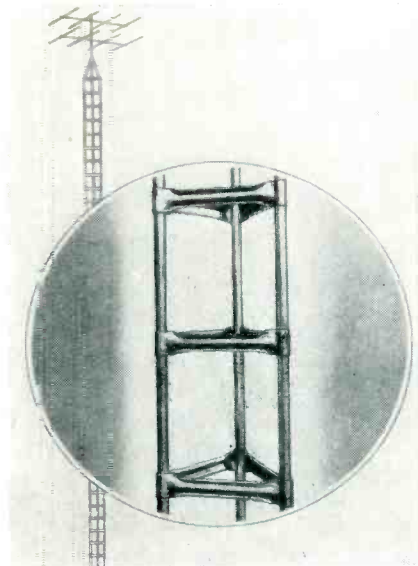


Fig. 32—Magic Triangle towers, available in ten foot sections.

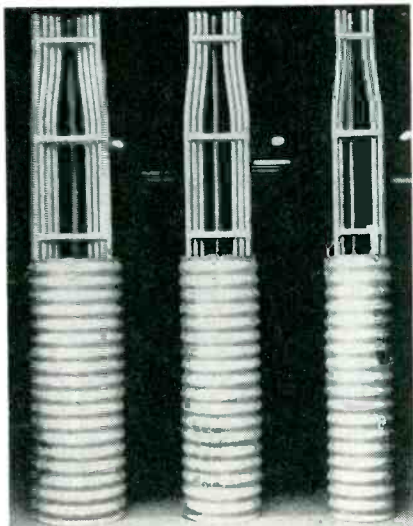


Fig. 33—Towers up to 48 feet without concrete foundation.

this patented device allows the mast to drop and lock securely at that point. This frees the service man's hands for the tightening of the holding bolts and nuts and the guying of the mast without additional help. [A-18]

G. F. Wright Steel & Wire Company features a galvanized non-snarling TV wire strand. (Fig. 31). Each loop contains exactly two feet. Coils are available in various lengths up to 50 linear feet. Spools are also available in various lengths up to 1000 feet in four and six strand varieties. [A-19]

Rohn Mfg. Company features their "Magic Triangle" tower construction. The No. 6 tower shown in Fig. 32 is self-supporting up to 50 feet, and may be guyed up to 120 feet. These towers come in 10-foot sections. [A-20]

Spaulding Products Company provides towers of 24, 32, 40, and 48 feet heights. These towers require no concrete for the foundations, and utilize culvert base supports as shown in Fig. 33. [A-21]

Jontz Mfg. Company makes available towers of the telescoping mast type. An illustration of the latter is shown in Fig. 34. [A-22]

Telrex makes available its Super Thunderbird Model T-120, a wide-band, multi-element array. It employs a system of variable impedance phasing loops which permits precision tuning to provide the equivalent of 6 operating elements on the LO channels; 13 elements on the HI channels. Model T-120 is accurately matched to 200-300 ohm transmission line for both HI and LO channels with compensated "trombone" sections to yield exceptionally high gain and optimum signal transfer efficiency. LO band gain averages better than 5.5 db; HI band gains exceed 12 db, while front-to-back ratios range to 25 db.

These antennas are available also in 2 bay units—Model T-122, ¼-wave stacked for gain increases averaging 3 db on all channels; and Model T-122S, ½-wave stacked to provide gain in-
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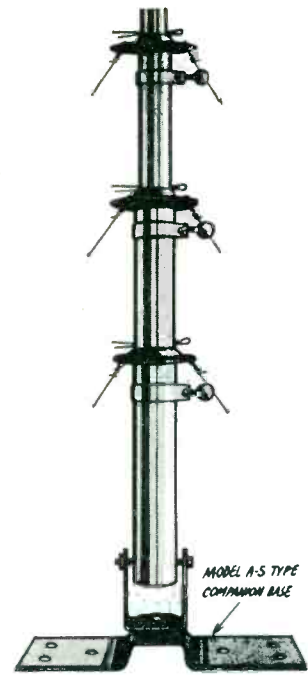


Fig. 34—Telescoping mast type of tower. (Jontz Mfg. Co.)

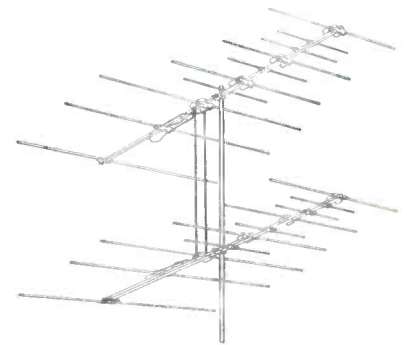


Fig. 35—Wide band multi-band array providing high gain.

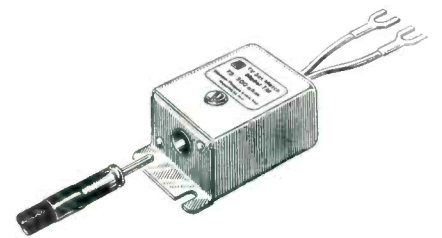


Fig. 36—Transformer for coupling 75 ohm line to 300 ohm receiver.



Fig. 37—"Super Scanner" for deep fringe area reception. (Tescon)

COLOR SYNC

This installment deals with the various types of 3.58 mc reference oscillators used in color TV receivers.

PART 5

by **Bob Dargan and Sam Marshall**

from a forthcoming book entitled "Fundamentals of Color Television"

THE fourth circuit in our discussion of the color sync section is the 3.58 mc reference oscillator. Present-day receivers employ many variations of reference oscillator circuits; however, all are crystal controlled. In general, three circuits are used. These are: (a) a modified grounded-plate Colpitts, (b) a tuned-plate tuned-grid and (c) an electron-coupled type.

Modified Grounded-Plate Colpitts Reference Oscillator

A modified grounded-plate Colpitts oscillator circuit utilizing a crystal as the resonant element in the grid circuit is shown in Fig. 1. The crystal, in effect, is a high-Q tuned circuit which together with the capacitive and inductive effects of the components around it, resonates within a few cycles of the desired frequency (3.58 mc).

The split capacitance across the tube elements which is characteristic of a Colpitts oscillator circuit is derived primarily by the interelectrode capacitances C_{gk} and C_{pk} . External capacitor C_6 provides added positive feedback

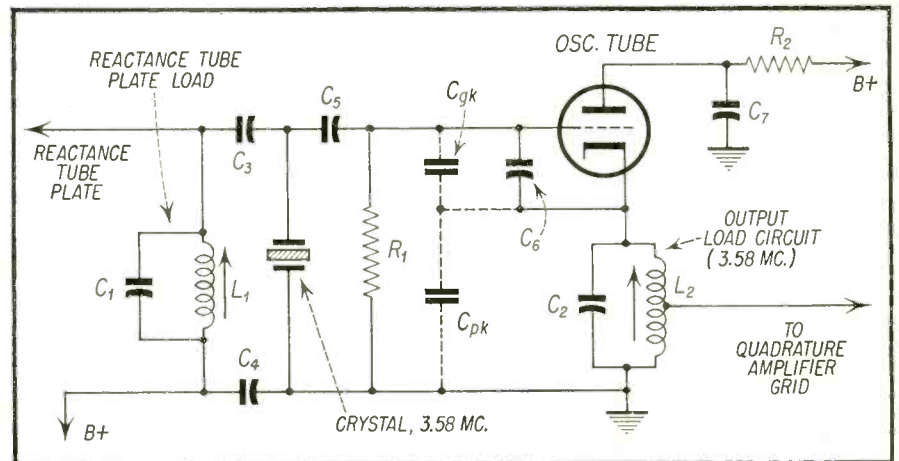


Fig. 1—Simplified circuit of grounded-plate crystal oscillator.

between cathode and grid, and is effectively in parallel with C_{gk} . Capacitor C_7 connects the plate to ground as far as rf is concerned.

Notice that the reactance tube plate load $L_1 C_1$ is effectively connected across the crystal through C_3 and C_1 . Adjustment of L_1 , described in the previous section, determines the exact operating frequency of the reference oscillator in conjunction with the reactance tube. Coil L_1 is common to all reference oscillators used in color TV receivers.

While on the subject of characteristics common to color reference oscillators, it might be pointed out that these are controlled oscillators, and are

operated so that their outputs are 90° out of phase with the color burst phase applied to the phase detector. This phase difference, as discussed in previous sections, is maintained by the APC loop circuit which develops corrective voltages at the output of the phase detector if phase differences other than 90° should occur.

Referring again to Fig. 1, we may observe that the grid bias on the oscillator tube, as a result of circuit oscillation, is developed by R_1 and C_5 . The negative voltage developed across R_1 is a convenient measurement for checking the circuit for its state of oscillation. Of course a high impedance instrument such as a VTVM must be used in this case. Incidentally, all reference oscillators utilize this method of oscillator tube biasing.

The output of the oscillator is developed across a 3.58 mc tuned resonant circuit $L_2 C_2$ located between cathode and ground. A tap on L_2 is provided for two reasons. The first is to reduce the voltage fed to the buffer grid because the voltage at the top of the winding is excessive. The second is to reduce the effect of capacitive loading (Miller effect) of the buffer grid on the tuned circuit $L_2 C_2$.

As indicated in foregoing discussions the reference oscillator provides one of the signals applied to the phase detector. In some circuits, where a

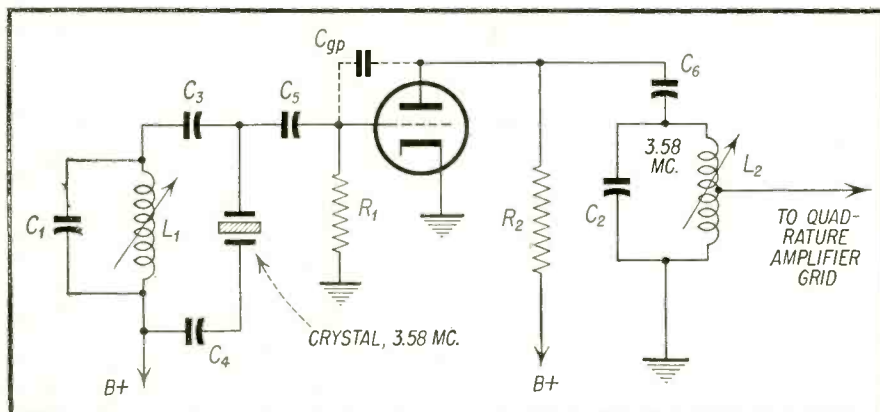


Fig. 2—Simplified circuit of tuned-plate tuned-grid shunt fed triode oscillator used in many color TV receivers.

ANALYSIS

Also discussed are the methods used in adjusting the various oscillators described, of which there are 4.

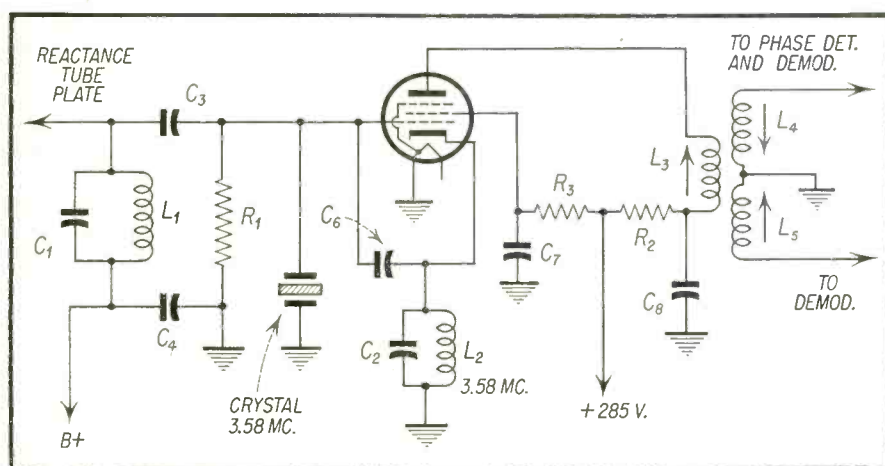


Fig. 3—Simplified circuit of electron coupled crystal oscillator.

single burst signal is fed into the phase detector a pair of 180° reference oscillator signals are fed into the phase detector. The reference oscillator also provides a signal for the buffer amplifier which in turn provides a pair of 90° signals for the color demodulators. Detuning of the oscillator by the subsequent tuned circuits is prevented by this buffer amplifier as indicated in Fig. 1.

In some oscillator circuits, as will be shown shortly, the output load circuit is isolated from the oscillator tube by using an electron coupled oscillator. Under these conditions a buffer stage is not required.

Adjustment of Output Coil

In the circuit in Fig. 1, tuning of the output coil will affect the resonant frequency of the crystal circuit. This detuning occurs because the output coil and the oscillating portion of the tube are not isolated from each other.

It is a common characteristic of this circuit that oscillations will be maintained only if the output circuit in the cathode leg is tuned slightly below resonance on the low frequency side. Thus, if we were to tune the output circuit from the high frequency end (core out of coil) we would observe that during the tuning procedure as we turned the core into the coil, the output of the oscillator would increase

sharply at a certain point, following which it would pass through a maximum and then begin to decrease gradually. The setting of the coil for the most stable mode of oscillation in this circuit is thus on the low frequency side of resonance. For this reason, when adjusting the output tank circuits of oscillators of this type, the tank coil setting is adjusted by starting from the high frequency end, (slug turned out) turning the slug until a maximum indication is observed, and then continuing in the same direction until the oscillator output drops off to approximately 20%.

In actual practice this adjustment is made by connecting a VTVM to the cathode of the phase detector diode for measurement of the oscillator output. The adjustments are then made in accordance with the procedure just described.

Tuned-Plate Tuned-Grid Reference Oscillator

A tuned-plate tuned grid reference oscillator is shown in Fig. 2. In this circuit positive feedback required for oscillation is effected by means of C_{gp} , the interelectrode grid to plate capacitance of the tube. As in the previously discussed Colpitts oscillator, the exact resonant frequency of the crystal circuit is adjusted by L_1 . Also the effectiveness of oscillation can be meas-

ured by means of the negative voltage drop across R_1 .

In this circuit oscillator stability is achieved by adjusting the output tuned circuit to a frequency higher than resonance. Thus, it will be observed that when the oscillator adjustment is made, the tuning slug is first turned out of the coil as far as possible. It is then slowly turned in. At some point of the adjustment the VTVM will indicate a maximum. Continued adjustment in the same direction will cause the output to become intermittent, unstable, or even zero. Final adjustment is made by backing off the slug after resonance is obtained so that the final frequency is somewhat higher than the resonant frequency. Naturally a somewhat lower VTVM reading will result; however, a stable reference oscillator condition will be effected.

Electron Coupled Reference Oscillators

A third type of reference oscillator, shown in Fig. 3, illustrates an electron-coupled crystal controlled oscillator. In this circuit the screen grid is effectively grounded through C_7 , while the cathode is kept at an ac potential above ground. The voltage developed across L_3 , which is produced by the electron stream, does not react back through the tube because of the shielding effect of the screen. Thus, the plate circuit is isolated from the portion of the tube which acts as the oscillator.

Under these conditions the screen grid takes on the function of a plate and we find a striking similarity between the oscillator section of this tube and the oscillator section of the tube in Fig. 1. However, this circuit provides the added feature of isolation of the output coil in the plate circuit, which eliminates the need for a buffer or quadrature amplifier tube. This is seen by the fact that although L_3 , the primary of the output coil is coupled directly to L_4 and L_5 , which are in turn fed to the phase detector and the demodulators, these circuits are com-

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HORIZONTAL AND DISCHARGE

This Article Discusss Various Types of Horizontal
Oscillator Circuits and Methods of Servicing Them

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THE HEART of the horizontal sweep system of a television receiver is the horizontal oscillator and its associated discharge circuit. While other circuits of a television receiver have simple amplifying or control functions, the horizontal sweep oscillator must be locked in to generate the proper sweep frequency, and the wave-form must then be modified and amplified for sweep purposes as well as for the production of the high voltage. Besides this, the energy dissipated by the damper is utilized for voltage boost to reduce the amount of voltage which the power supply would otherwise have to provide. Thus, a clear understanding of the underlying principles involved in the oscillator and discharge circuits permits the service technician to interpret trouble symptoms more accurately and more rapidly.

There are two important factors in the horizontal deflection system of a television receiver. These are *pull-in* and *noise immunity*. The pull-in characteristic refers to the ability of the horizontal oscillator to pull into synchronization after a brief or prolonged absence of incoming synchronization pulses. This includes immediate pull-in when the set is turned on or when the station selector is rotated. When turning from one station to another, sync pulse entry into the horizontal system is interrupted and when the station has been chosen, the picture should pull in with such rapidity that the viewer is not aware that synchronization had been lost. Such rapid pull-in ability of the horizontal oscillator depends on the arrival of sufficiently strong sync pulses at the horizontal *afc* system. Correct circuit adjustment, close tolerance components, and good tubes are also required.

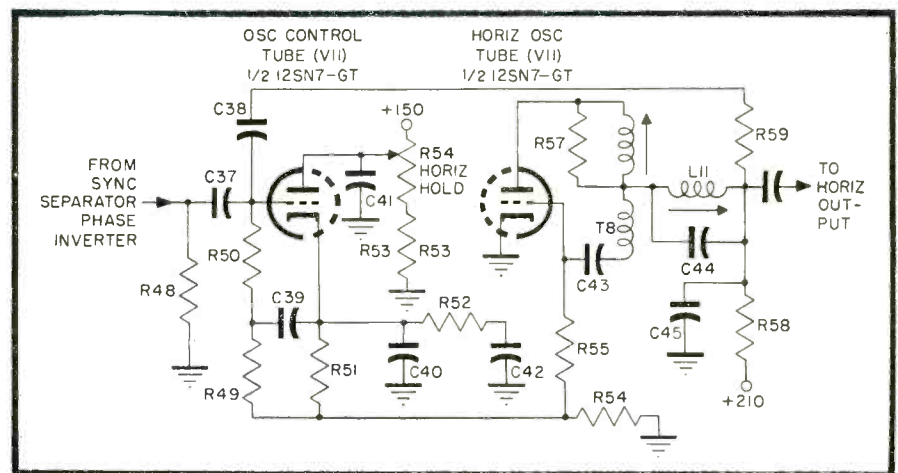


Fig. 1—Synchronguide horizontal A.F.C. circuit.

Noise immunity is the ability of the horizontal system to reject interfering noise which would disrupt the horizontal trace and cause sync loss. To increase the noise immunity of the sweep system the synchronization pulses are never applied directly to the sweep oscillator, since this would also permit entry of noise pulses. Instead, sync pulses are used to actuate a horizontal *afc* system consisting of a phase detector or control tube, which in turn regulates the frequency of the oscillator. Hence, sync pulses keep the oscillator locked on frequency indirectly and noise pulses have little or no effect on the stability of the horizontal sweep circuits. Faulty tubes or components, or low amplitude sync pulses, may make the system susceptible to noise. Since oscillator stability is directly related to good pull-in and adequate noise immunity, correct adjustments of the controls is an important factor in the maintenance of a stable horizontal sweep.

Synchronguide System

A popular *afc* system during the past few years has been the synchronguide type of horizontal oscillator and

control circuit and this is still used in some modern receivers. A typical one is shown in Fig. 1, and represents the circuit used in Emerson's 120220-D chassis. A similar circuit is also used in all the current RCA receivers. A dual triode tube such as a 6SN7-GT or a 12SN7-GT is employed. The first section of this tube acts as the control for the second, or oscillator section. The latter is actually a blocking oscillator with a stabilizing coil consisting of L11 and C44. This is similar to the so-called "ringing" coil employed with some of the other oscillator types. The flywheel effect consisting of the interchange of energy between the inductance and the capacitor at a set frequency tends to stabilize the oscillator and provides for a more reliable lock-in. This system utilizes only a single envelope dual triode to accomplish the functions of both control tube and oscillator. It requires careful alignment to assure good stability and noise immunity. When properly adjusted, both pull-in and noise immunity are excellent for the center range of the horizontal hold control.

OSCILLATOR CIRCUITS

Phase Detector Systems

The phase detector type of horizontal *afc* circuit is used to a considerable extent in the newer television receivers. While more tubes than the synchroguide system are employed, the adjusting procedures are simpler. A typical phase detector circuit is shown in Fig. 2. This represents the circuit employed in the CBS-Columbia Chassis 921-11 series. Similar phase systems are used in the Spartan 27D213 series receivers, the Philco 350 chassis, DuMont RA-312, Motorola WTS-518, Magnavox 300, and the Westinghouse V2263 chassis. The phase detector type of *afc* system compares the sync pulse frequency with the horizontal oscillator frequency and generates a correction voltage when the oscillator drifts and unbalances the symmetrical circuit consisting of the two phase detector diodes.

While adjustments for the phase detector circuits are simple, it is important that each diode tube of the phase detector system functions in a balanced circuit. Thus, duplicate resistors in each section (R303 and R304) should be close tolerance with respect to values.

As shown in Fig. 2, the test voltages indicate a balanced circuit when a peak to peak potential of 12 volts is present at both the plate and cathode inputs from the phase splitter as observed on the oscilloscope. Inability of the phase detector to lock the system in with good stability would initially call for tube replacement. If this does not help, voltage checks should be made to ascertain the degree of unbalance existing in the phase detector circuit. If this fails to disclose the trouble, the amplitude of the incoming sync should be checked since a decline in sync amplitude will result in poor performance.

Horizontal Oscillator

Most of the phase detector systems employ a cathode coupled multivibrator for the horizontal oscillator in contrast to the blocking tube type of oscillator used with the synchroguide *afc* systems. The common cathode resistor (R309 in Fig. 2) couples the plate current energy of the second triode to the first triode circuit to sustain oscillations. Since the signal must develop across this cathode resistor for coupling purposes, the resistor must not be bypassed.

While the multivibrator has reasonable stability under ordinary circumstances, a stabilizing circuit (ringing coil) is usually included as an additional method for maintaining good lock. The stabilizing system with its flywheel effect consists of C305 and L301 in Fig. 2.

The two triode sections of a multivibrator are not identical circuits as is the case with the phase detector. For this reason, voltage differences exist between the input and output sections of the multivibrator as shown in Fig. 2. Waveforms also differ. If the oscillator does not lock in properly by adjustment of the hold control, a new tube should be tried. If this does not help, the phase detector system should be checked and a new tube tried in that circuit. If stability is still unobtainable, the component parts associated with the circuit will have to be checked and the voltages at the plates should be compared with those given in the service notes for the receiver in question.

Defects in the horizontal output circuit can also cause horizontal oscillator instability by increasing the load on the horizontal oscillator output section. The circuit component values between the horizontal oscillator and the horizontal output tube are also important since these contain the wave shaping circuit which forms the proper sawtooth for application to the grid of the horizontal output tube.

Wave Shaping Circuit

The purpose of the wave shaping circuit is to form the proper sawtooth waveform required for deflection purposes. A wave shaping circuit can be added to an oscillator by placing a capacitor from the plate of the oscillator to ground as shown in Fig. 3. When the oscillator grid waveform cuts off the oscillator tube (as shown at A of the waveform at the grid of Fig. 3) the capacitor will charge in the direction shown by the solid arrows. The power supply will build up this charge on the capacitor during the time the oscillator tube is in a non-conducting state. When the grid waveform at the oscillator swings above the conduction level, the

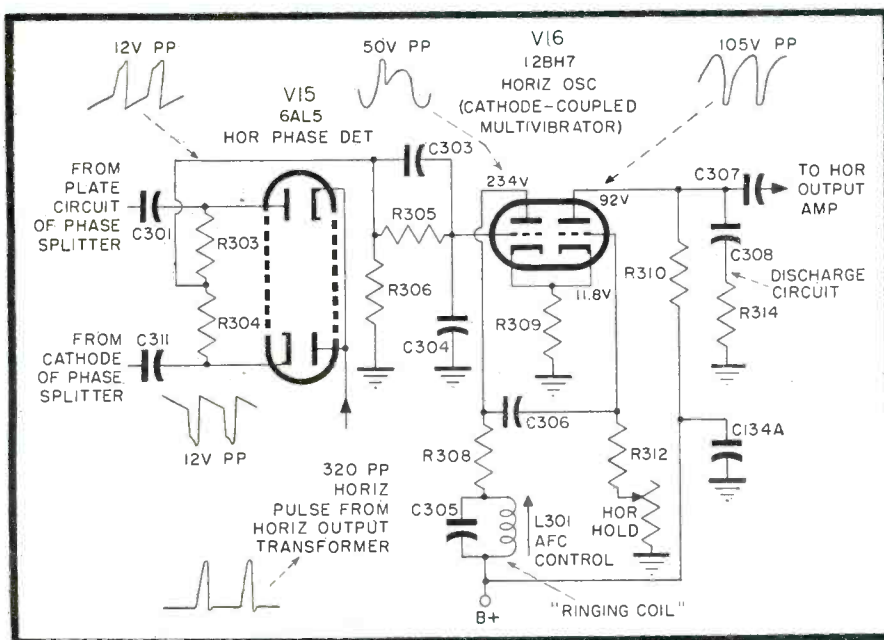


Fig. 2—Phase Detector horizontal A.F.C. circuit.

oscillator tube conducts suddenly. During conduction, the oscillator tube has a very low resistance and hence provides a ready discharge path for the capacitor. Thus, the capacitor will discharge rapidly through the oscillator tube as shown by the dashed arrows of Fig. 3. Hence, during the time the capacitor is charging, there is a rising voltage across it which represents the incline of the sawtooth waveform as shown in Fig. 3, from C to D. When the oscillator tube conducts, the capaci-

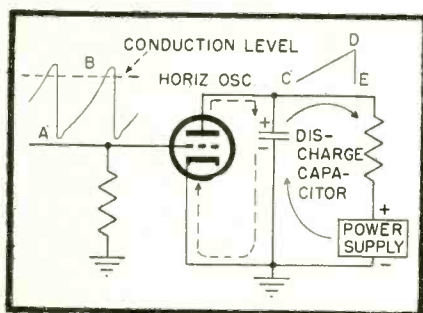


Fig. 3—Typical waveshaping circuit at output of horizontal oscillator.

tor discharges rapidly through the tube and the waveform produced is a declining voltage across the capacitor as shown from D to E on the sawtooth waveform. A repetition of the conducting and non-conducting cycles of the oscillator tube produces a repetition of the sawtooth waveform.

This type of waveform is suitable for electrostatic deflection systems, but actually a perfectly formed sawtooth voltage cannot be employed for good deflection in magnetic deflection systems such as those used in present day television receivers. When deflection coils are used, it is necessary to have the current in the deflection coils vary in a sawtooth manner, so that the fields of the coil will deflect the beam properly. In order to get a sawtooth current in the deflection coil it is necessary to apply a modified sawtooth voltage to it. Such a modified sawtooth consists of a sharp negative spike such as shown in Fig. 4 added to the original sawtooth. This waveform must rise from F to G, then fall to a negative peak at H, thence to I where the sawtooth incline begins again. In order to accomplish this, a resistor is usually placed below the discharge capacitor such as $R1$ in Fig. 4. During the time the capacitor discharges through the tube as shown by the dashed arrows in Figure 4, a voltage is set up across the resistor having a polarity as shown, which adds the sharp negative spike during the discharge interval of the sawtooth.

The capacitor and resistive network in the schematic shown in Fig. 2 consists of $C308$ and $R314$. An additional resistor and capacitor may be employed

for more precise wave shaping in some circuits. Where a greater sawtooth amplitude is required, a separate discharge tube is sometimes employed. A typical circuit of this type is shown in Fig. 5 representing the Zenith 19-R20 series chassis. The discharge tube has its grid connected to the grid of the oscillator so that duplicate waveforms prevail at both grids. Hence, the discharge tube is triggered in and out of conduction at the same frequency rate as the oscillator tube. The discharge network consists of $C56$ as well as the horizontal drive trimmer $C58$ and associated resistors.

The drive control for any receiver regulates the amount of discharge waveform amplitude applied to the grid of the horizontal output tube. The drive control setting is important, since a misadjusted drive control can contribute to excessive currents in the horizontal output tube as well as to high voltage and brightness defects. The discharge circuit must be capable of furnishing

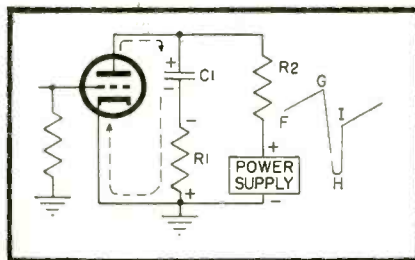


Fig. 4—Method used to peak wave.

power to the grid system of the horizontal output tube in order to drive the grid of the latter tube positive. When the grid of the horizontal output tube is driven positive at periodic intervals, a form of self-bias is established. Insufficient drive would mean that inadequate bias is established and the dc plate current increases above normal. Insufficient drive will result in low pulse amplitudes in the horizontal output system and in consequence will decrease the high voltage below the value required for good brightness. Insufficient high voltage will cause the picture to expand (blooming) since the reduced high voltage is insufficient for good beam velocity. Thus the beam can be influenced more readily by the sweep fields.

Excessive drive will create abnormal pulse currents in the horizontal output tube and overheating and arcing may result. An abnormally high voltage is also developed. This may cause additional arcing and voltage breakdown. In addition there is the possibility of picture shrinkage because beam velocity is too high to be sufficiently influenced by the sweep fields.

Trouble Shooting

Trouble shooting procedures and the diagnosing of faults depend on the

symptoms which are in evidence with respect to sweep stability, pull-in, and noise immunity. General instability as indicated by occasional picture tear or loss of synchronization for short intervals should be checked by adjustment of the hold control and other controls such as the ringing coil slug adjustment, etc. In the synchroguide system, several 6SN7-GT tubes should be tried since some may be sufficiently different in characteristics from the original to require control readjustments. If tube replacement does not help in the synchroguide system, the service notes should be consulted for step by step realignment procedures.

For the phase detector systems, a minimum of adjustments is required, though the service notes should also be consulted for specific information relating to the particular model under test. Any instability which shows up as a horizontal movement of the picture with a dark vertical bar at the center would indicate trouble with respect to the phase aspect of the horizontal *afc* circuits (Fig. 6). If adjustment of the controls cannot correct this condition, a check will have to be made of the individual resistors and capacitors to determine a defective or off-value component which is causing the phase shift.

If the horizontal system had been operating properly and then suddenly developed troubles, the amplitude of the sync pulse arriving at the *afc* circuits should also be checked as previously

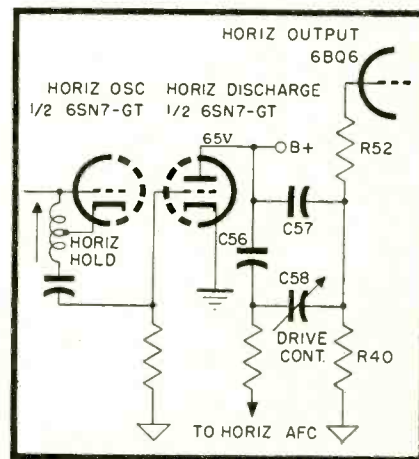


Fig. 5—Circuit using separate horizontal discharge tube.

mentioned. Insufficient sync amplitude may be caused by sync separator troubles or low signal amplitude in the video amplifiers feeding the sync signals to the separator stages. Picture bending and weaving at the top usually indicates low sync amplitude (Fig. 7). A contributing cause to low sync amplitude can be a misaligned video *if* system or poor tuner tracking. If sync troubles occur suddenly, however, it is

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PHONO PICKUPS

THEIR CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND SERVICE

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PART 2

THIS is the second of two articles dealing with phonograph pickups. In the previous article, (SERVICE DEALER, March 1956), the author dealt with crystal and ceramic pickup cartridges.

THE VARIABLE RELUCTANCE PICKUP

The variable reluctance pickup has gained considerable popularity in recent years, particularly among high fidelity enthusiasts. Among the factors which have contributed to its popularity are:

1. It requires a comparatively low needle force (about 6 to 8 grams) and has a comparatively low moving mass. These are important considerations in preventing excessive record wear.
2. It has a wide range frequency response.
3. Its construction is such that mechanical linkage between the stylus and

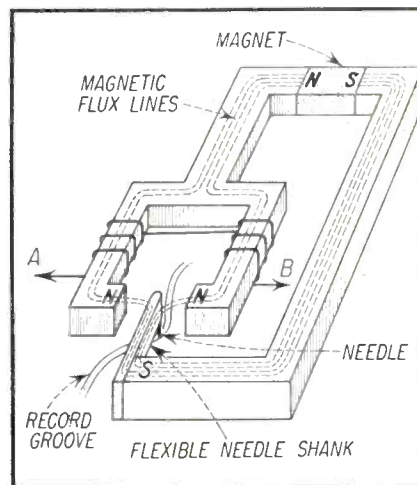


Fig. 1—Crystal pickup details showing its basic construction.

Principle of Operation

Fig. 1 is a sketch which helps to illustrate the operating principles of the variable reluctance type of pickup cartridge. It can be seen from this sketch that the magnetic flux lines, in completing a path from the north to the south pole of the magnet, divide at the U shaped portion of the unit. If the magnetic reluctance* along each path is the same, the lines of force divide equally. This will be the case when the record groove positions the needle and shank midway between the gap formed by the open ends of the U.

Now, suppose the shank is brought closer to the right hand pole by the action of the record groove on the needle. This of course reduces the air gap on the right hand side, and increases the gap on the left. As a result the reluctance is decreased along the right hand branch and increased along the left. The field strength, correspondingly increases in the right hand branch and decreases in the left.

Referring again to Fig. 1, it will be seen that a coil is wound around each branch of U shaped pole pieces. The strengthening of the field on one side, and the simultaneous weakening on the other, induces equal and opposite voltages in these coils. The coils are connected in series aiding, so that the voltage output between points A and B in Fig. 1 is double the voltage induced in a single coil. As the shank moves from side to side under the influence of the record groove on the stylus, an ac voltage is generated.

A cut-away view of a typical commercial variable reluctance pickup is illustrated in Fig. 2. The coil construc-

the generating element is eliminated. This will be seen in the description of the unit which follows. The elimination of this mechanical linkage minimizes an important source of distortion, since any linkage system has mechanical resonances and may also introduce phase lag.

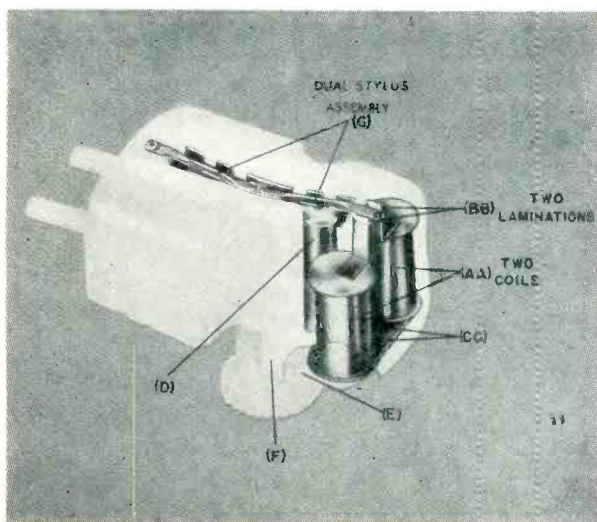


Fig. 2—Cutaway view of G.E. variable reluctance pickup.

- AA Copper wire coils wound on nylon spools
- BB Laminations of high permeability alloy for ideal magnetic properties
- CC Yokes of same alloy
- D Alnico 5 magnet
- E Sturdy plastic base
- F Mu-Metal case
- G Dual stylus assembly

*Reluctance is term which might be described as the "resistance" of a magnetic path or circuit. Thus, the smaller the reluctance of the path, the stronger the magnetic flux for a given magnetizing force.

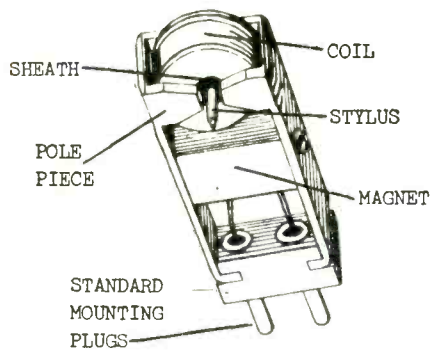


Fig. 3—Cutaway view showing Clarkstan variable reluctance pickup with labelled parts.

tion and the position of the stylus between the pole pieces may be clearly seen in this drawing. Fig. 2 also illustrates a dual stylus arrangement, to enable the use of this single cartridge with either standard or microgroove records. This aspect of pickup cartridges will be discussed in more detail later.

Figure 3 illustrates another type of construction which uses the same basic variable reluctance principle. Note in this case, however, that only a single coil is used. Here again, as the stylus assembly moves laterally between the pole pieces, the field is strengthened on one side of the coil, and weakened on the other. An induced voltage is thus

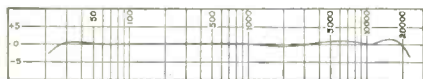


Fig. 4—Curve of frequency response with constant velocity signal over the entire spectrum. When used with constant amplitude, there is an attenuation of 6 db per octave below the transition point. (Clarkstan)

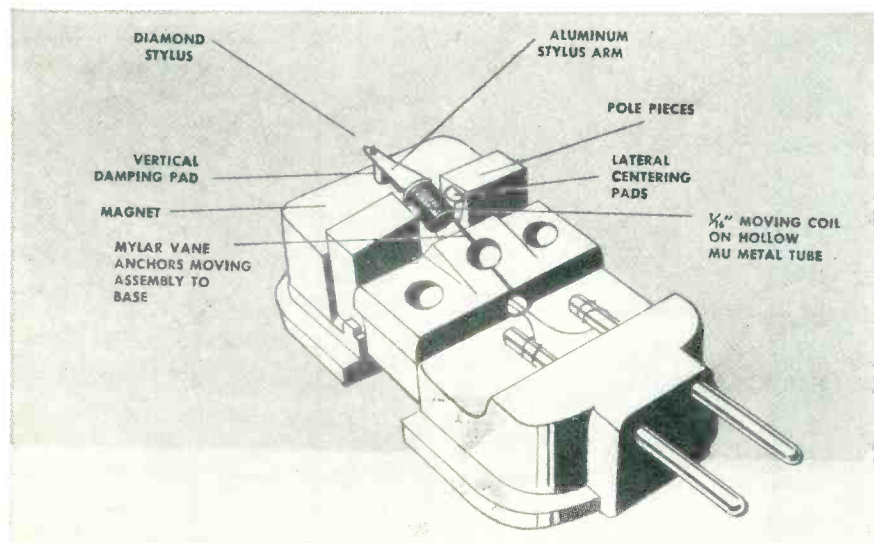


Fig. 8—Fairchild moving coil pickup.

built up and appears across the terminals of the coil.

It is understandable of course that there will be differences in the characteristics of the pickups produced by different manufacturers. An overall picture may be had, however, by listing average characteristics, which apply in a general way to all of them.

Frequency Response

Variable reluctance pickups deliver a substantially flat output from 20 or 30 cps up to as high as 15,000 cps, and in some cases up to 20,000 cps. The published response curves are sometimes misleading, and must be properly interpreted. An unloaded pickup will exhibit a much wider range than it does when it is terminated by a load

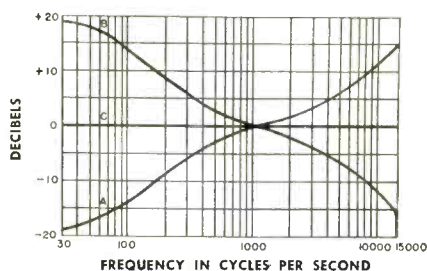


Fig. 5—Ideal equalizer curves.

resistance, as it must be in actual practice. The most useful response curve, obviously, is that obtained when the pickup is terminated by the recommended impedance. Fig. 4 illustrates a typical response curve.

Voltage Output

Variable reluctance pickups deliver an average output of about 30 millivolts, which is appreciably less than that delivered by the crystal and ceramic types previously described. This is one



Fig. 6—Equalizer by Pickering.

reason why a crystal or ceramic pickup cannot be directly replaced by a variable reluctance unit. A preamplifier must be used to bring the signal up to an adequate level. If the amplifier used has sufficient gain to begin with, a preamplifier of course is unnecessary.

Load Resistance

Recommended load resistance varies from approximately 20K to 50K ohms. Manufacturers' specifications should be adhered to.

Equalization

The subject of equalization is broad enough to be dealt with by a separate

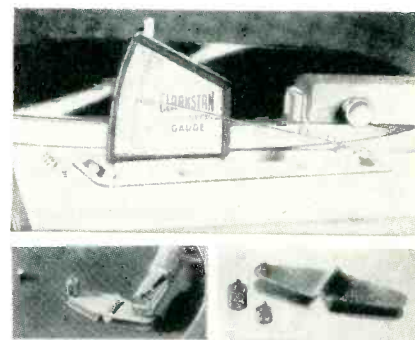
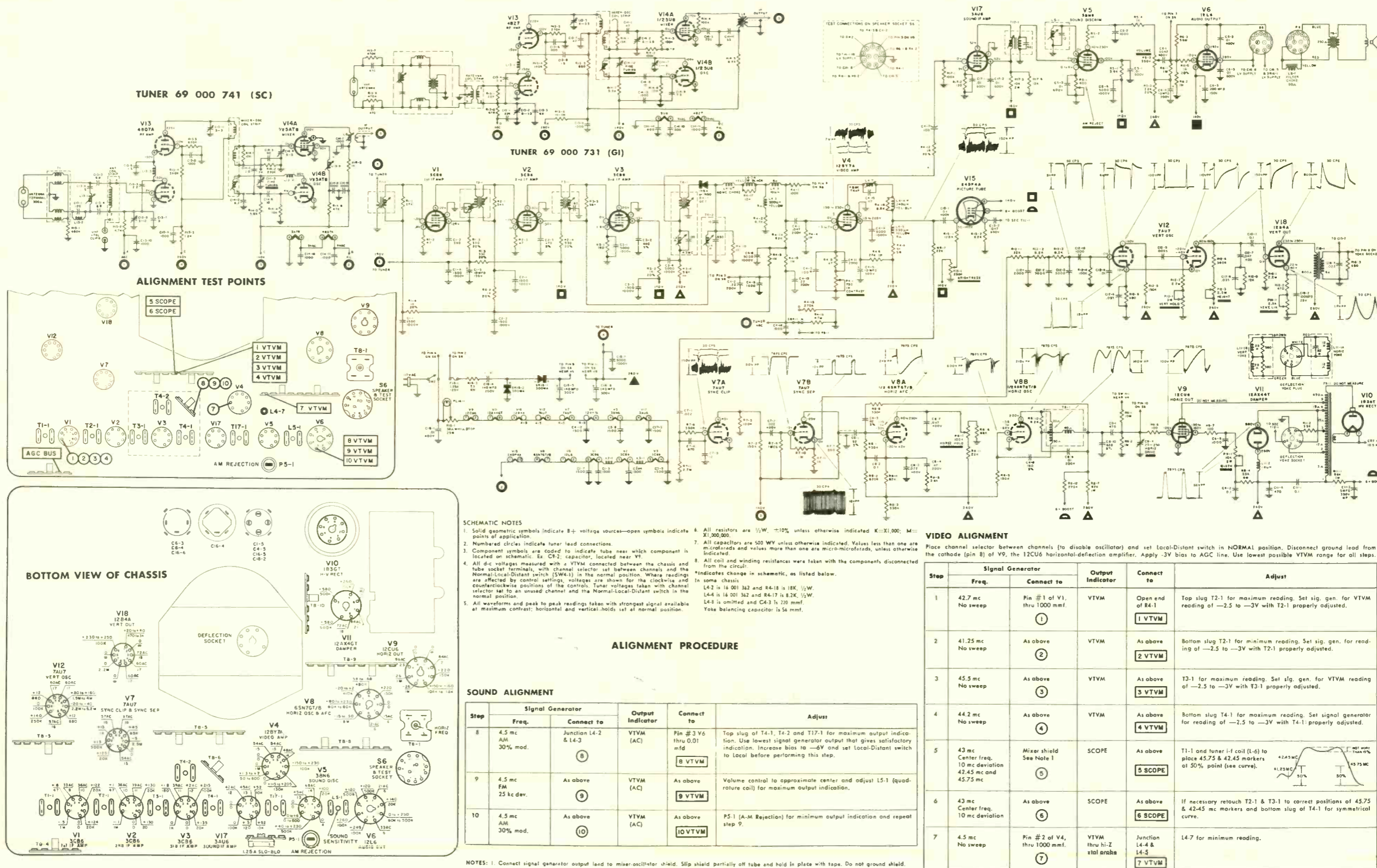


Fig. 7—(Top) Clarkstan needle force gauge. (Bottom) Operation of Audex needle force balance.

article. It will be sufficient for our purpose here to touch the subject in just enough detail to understand why it is required, and how it is accomplished.

The question naturally arises, "Why is equalization necessary if the variable reluctance pickup has such an excellent frequency response to begin with?" The answer lies in the methods used to make the original recording. There are two techniques used in making recordings which dictate the use of equalization. One of these is that a combination of constant amplitude recording and constant velocity recording is used. While

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TUNER 69 000 741 (SC)

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ALIGNMENT TEST POINTS

BOTTOM VIEW OF CHASSIS

SCHEMATIC NOTES

1. Solid geometric symbols indicate B+ voltage sources—open symbols indicate points of application.
2. Numbered circles indicate tuner lead connections.
3. Component symbols are coded to indicate tube near which component is located on schematic. Ex: C1-2, capacitor, located near V1.
4. All d-c voltages measured with a VTVM connected between the chassis and tube socket terminals, with channel selector set between channels and the Normal-Local-Distant switch (SW4-1) in the normal position. Where readings are affected by control settings, voltages are shown for the clockwise and counterclockwise positions of the controls. Tuner voltages taken with channel selector set to an unused channel and the Normal-Local-Distant switch in the normal position.
5. All waveforms and peak to peak readings taken with strongest signal available at maximum contrast; horizontal and vertical holds set at normal position.
6. All resistors are 1/2W, ±10%, unless otherwise indicated. K=X1,000; M=X1,000,000.
7. All capacitors are 50V WV unless otherwise indicated. Values less than one are microfarads and values more than one are micro-microfarads, unless otherwise indicated.
8. All coil and winding resistances were taken with the components disconnected from the circuit.
9. *Indicates change in schematic, as listed below.

ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

SOUND ALIGNMENT

Step	Signal Generator Freq.	Connect to	Output Indicator	Connect to	Adjust
8	4.5 mc AM, 30% mod.	Junction L4-2 & L4-3	VTVM (AC)	Pin #3 V6 thru 0.01 mfd	Top slug of T4-1, T4-2 and T17-1 for maximum output indication. Use lowest signal generator output that gives satisfactory indication. Increase bias to -6V and set Local-Distant switch to Local before performing this step.
9	4.5 mc FM, 25 kc dev.	As above	VTVM (AC)	As above	Volume control to approximate center and adjust L5-1 (quadrature coil) for maximum output indication.
10	4.5 mc AM, 30% mod.	As above	VTVM (AC)	As above	P5-1 (A-M Rejection) for minimum output indication and repeat step 9.

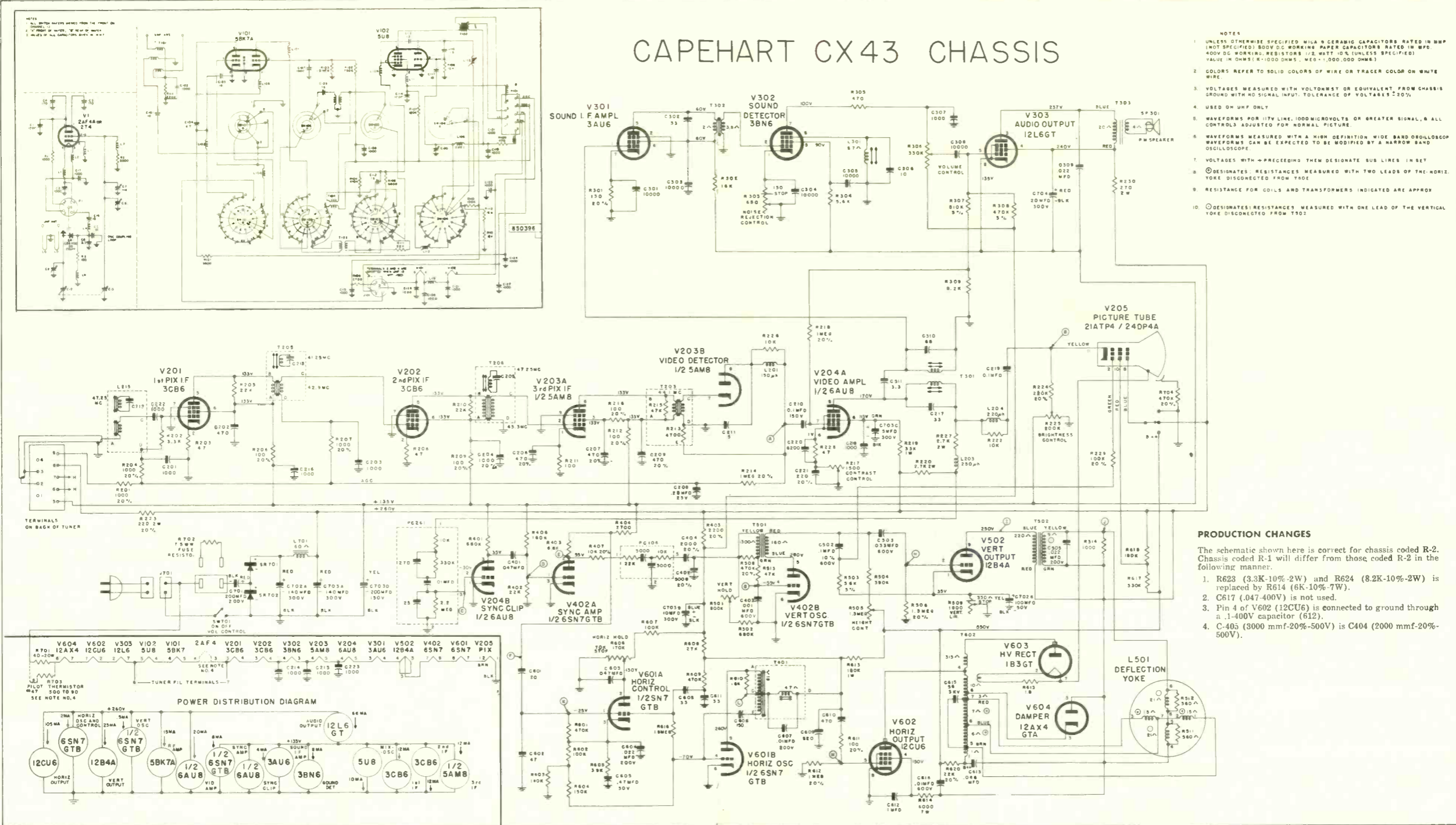
NOTES: 1. Connect signal generator output lead to mixer-oscillator shield. Slip shield partially off tube and hold in place with tape. Do not ground shield.

VIDEO ALIGNMENT

Place channel selector between channels (to disable oscillator) and set Local-Distant switch in NORMAL position. Disconnect ground lead from the cathode (pin 8) of V9, the 12CU6 horizontal-deflection amplifier. Apply -3V bias to AGC line. Use lowest possible VTVM range for all steps.

Step	Signal Generator Freq.	Connect to	Output Indicator	Connect to	Adjust
1	42.7 mc No sweep	Pin #1 of V1, thru 1000 mfd.	VTVM	Open end of R4-1	Top slug T2-1 for maximum reading. Set sig. gen. for VTVM reading of -2.5 to -3V with T2-1 properly adjusted.
2	41.25 mc No sweep	As above	VTVM	As above	Bottom slug T2-1 for minimum reading. Set sig. gen. for reading of -2.5 to -3V with T2-1 properly adjusted.
3	45.5 mc No sweep	As above	VTVM	As above	T3-1 for maximum reading. Set sig. gen. for VTVM reading of -2.5 to -3V with T3-1 properly adjusted.
4	44.2 mc No sweep	As above	VTVM	As above	Bottom slug T4-1 for maximum reading. Set signal generator for reading of -2.5 to -3V with T4-1 properly adjusted.
5	43 mc Center freq. 10 mc deviation 42.45 mc and 45.75 mc	Mixer shield See Note 1	SCOPE	As above	T1-1 and tuner i-f coil (L-6) to place 45.75 & 42.45 mc markers at 50% point (see curve).
6	43 mc Center freq. 10 mc deviation	As above	SCOPE	As above	If necessary retouch T2-1 & T3-1 to correct positions of 45.75 & 42.45 mc markers and bottom slug of T4-1 for symmetrical curve.
7	4.5 mc No sweep	Pin #2 of V4, thru 1000 mfd.	VTVM thru hi-Z test leads	Junction L4-4 & L4-3	L4-7 for minimum reading.

CAPEHART CX43 CHASSIS



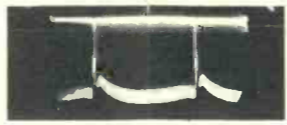
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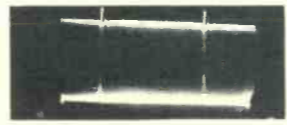
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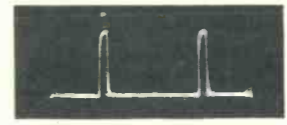
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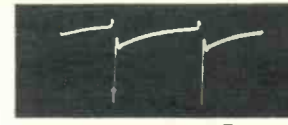
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E. — 70V P-P



F. — 22V P-P



G. — 330V P-P



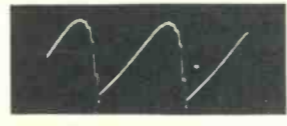
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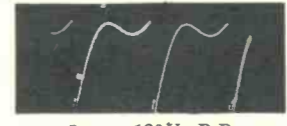
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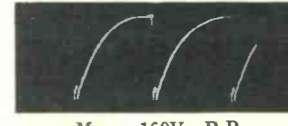
J. — 110V P-P



K. — 25V P-P



L. — 180V P-P



M. — 160V P-P

CAPEHART CX-43 CHASSIS TUBE SOCKET RESISTANCE CHART

WITH 20,000 OHM PER VOLT METER

REF. TUBE NO.	PIN 1	PIN 2	PIN 3	PIN 4	PIN 5	PIN 6	PIN 7	PIN 8	PIN 9
V201 3CB6	850K	47	11	10.5	50K	50K	Short		
V202 3CB6	Inf.	47	10.5	10	50K	50K	Short		
V203 5AM8	100	Short	50K	10	9	50K	3.5	5K	Short
V204 6AU8	Short	2.2 meg.	650K	9	8	*1.6	1 meg.	50K	50K
V205 CRT	Short	100K	Pin 10 100K	*Pin 11 420K	Pin 12 3.5	**Short			
V301 3AU6	Short	Short	8	7	50K	50K	150		
V302 3BN6	*650	3.6	10.5	11	50K	7	300K		
V306 12L6	N/C	19	50K	50K	220K	50K	17	50K	
V402 6SN7	20K	50K	Short	*1.2 meg.	*900K	Short	7 meg.	5	
V503 12B4A	*1.9K	1.5 meg.	6	7	7	N/C	N/C	N/C	50K
V601 6SN7	550K	*240K	280K	*280K	12K	Short	5	3.5	
V602 6CU6	N/C	19	50K	50K	1 meg.	N/C	20	Short	
V603 1B3	N/C	INF.	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	INF.	N/C	
V604 12AX4	N/C	N/C	140K	N/C	50K	N/C	20	24	

* VARIES WITH A CONTROL SETTING
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- If necessary, connect the lead wire from an antenna to the terminals on the rear of the cabinet. Be sure to remove the lead wire from the "built-in" antenna from those terminals when using an external antenna.
- Set the Channel Selector knob to a channel on which a program is being transmitted.
- Adjust the Fine Tuning and Contrast controls to obtain the best reception. Tune for the sharpest detail in the picture.
- Adjust the Brilliance control for the desired brightness and the Volume control for the desired volume. Check the sound quality.
- Adjust the Vertical Hold control if the picture rolls vertically.
- Adjust the Horizontal Hold control for picture synchronization. (Refer to ADJUSTMENT OF HORIZONTAL OSCILLATOR IF SYNCHRONIZATION CANNOT BE OBTAINED.)

Picture Centering and Focus

If the picture is off center and/or has a neck shadow, rotate either or both centering magnet levers CW or CCW until the picture is centered on the screen. Then readjust the Ion Trap as previously described.

The tube used in this receiver is either the new 21ATP4 or the new 24DP4A. Both of these tubes employ electrostatic focus. Since the characteristics of each tube may vary slightly, different focus electrode voltage taps are made available on a terminal board just above the R.F. Tuner. It may be necessary to plug the focus lead into each tap to determine which voltage provides the best focus. When checking each tap for the best focus it is recommended that the receiver be turned off when making the change as it is possible to receive a shock from the connectors. Voltages as high as 600 volts are present on this connector strip.

Adjustment of Vertical Linearity

Adjust the Height and Vertical Linearity controls to obtain the proper height and vertical linearity. It may be necessary to adjust the Vertical Hold control while making these adjustments if the picture should roll.

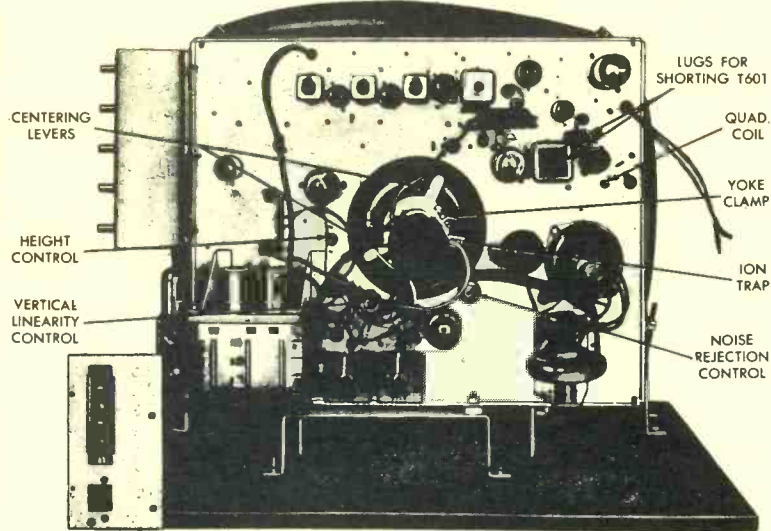
Adjustment of Horizontal Oscillator

Before making any adjustments one item of importance must be clarified. The front side of the chassis refers to the wiring side of the chassis. The rear side of the chassis refers to the tube side of the chassis.

Rotate the Horizontal Hold control to the extreme clockwise position. Short the Horizontal Stabilizing Coil (T601), terminal "C" to "D". (The terminals for making this connection are located on T601 as shown in the photograph.) Adjust the rear slug of T601 to the extreme counter-clockwise position. When reaching the extreme position, proceed to rotate the slug in the clockwise direction until picture synchronization is reached. After reaching the point of picture synchronization, back the slug out until the picture falls out of sync by approximately eight horizontal bars.

Remove the short from T601 and adjust the front slug (this adjustment is made by inserting a special hex-shaped alignment tool similar to the G.C. 8606, except the one tuning end must be 2 1/4 inches long, into the rear slug, passing on through and into the front slug) of T601 to the extreme clockwise position. After reaching the extreme clockwise position, adjust the front slug in the counter-clockwise direction until picture synchronization is again obtained. When reaching the point of picture synchronization, back the slug out in the clockwise direction until the picture falls out of sync by approximately 1 to 3

** VARIES WITH FOCUS TAP POSITION



horizontal bars. Now adjust the Horizontal Hold control for the picture synchronization. Check the above procedure if necessary.

Adjustment of the Quadrature Coil and Noise Rejection Control

Adjustment of the Quadrature Coil (L301) and Noise Rejection Control (R303) should be made at the time of installation to insure the best sound reproduction. These two items are readily accessible as shown in the chassis photograph.

With a station properly tuned in, adjust the Quadrature Coil for the strongest and clearest sound. Then attenuate the signal until the background noise is apparent in the sound. With the signal attenuated, adjust the Noise Rejection Control for a minimum background hiss and noise.

VHF Oscillator Adjustment Using a Television Signal

The VHF R.F. Oscillator frequency may be adjusted by the tuning coils identified as A1 and A2. A1 is the High Channel adjustment and A2 is the Low Channel adjustment. These adjustments are accessible from the top of the R.F. Tuner. Turn the receiver on and allow sufficient time for warm-up before making any adjustments.

(A) High Channel Adjustment

- Set the Channel Selector to the highest VHF channel between 7 and 13 on which reception is being obtained.

- Set the Fine Tuning Control so that the "flat" on the shaft is facing up.
- Adjust the high channel oscillator coil (A1) to obtain the best picture.
- The remaining high channels should then be within the range of the fine tuning.

(B) Low Channel Adjustment

- Set the Channel Selector to the highest VHF channel between 2 and 6 on which reception is being obtained.
- Set the Fine Tuning Control so that the "flat" on the shaft is facing up.
- Adjust the low channel oscillator coil (A2) to obtain the best picture.
- The remaining low channels should then be within the range of the fine tuning.

Final Checks

In sequence, set the channel knob to all channels on which reception is obtained. Adjust the receiver for operation as outlined in the section "How to Operate Your Capehart Receiver." Check the quality of reception, picture and sound on all available TV stations in the area.

Recheck the Ion Trap Magnet setting for normal brilliance.

TROUBLE SHOOTING NOTES ON CX-43 CHASSIS

Due to the stacking arrangement of various tubes and the design of the instrument, it is well to assume that any component that will effect the 135 volt source, will also cause trouble in any of the circuits using the 135 volt line. For example: a defective component in the sound circuit may cause a loss of horizontal or vertical sync. The possible defects, and the components causing such defect, as listed below, is merely to provide the technician with a probable starting place in his servicing.

PICTURE CIRCUITS

- No picture, No Sound, Raster Present. Use Oscilloscope to trace video signal. If video is not present at output of Video Detector, check: (A) R-F tubes V101 and V102 or I-F tubes V201, V202, V203. (B) Voltage readings on all R-F and I-F tube pins. (C) Shorted by-pass capacitors in the R-F and I-F stages.
- No Picture, Sound O.K., Raster Present. Use oscilloscope to trace video signal from video detector to isolate defective component. If video checks normal at the plate of the video amp, but is not present at the cathode of the picture tube, check: (A) Coupling capacitor C219 for open. (B) Open cathode on CRT.
- A Single Black Bar (60 cycle hum) in Picture. Use oscilloscope to observe video signal at output of video detector. If video shows hum modulation, check: (A) Tubes in R-F and I-F stages for heater-to-cathode leakage. If no hum is present at the detector output, check: (A) Video Amplifier and picture tube for heater-to-cathode leakage.
- Smear in Picture, check: (A) Video Amplifier tube V204. (B) Peaking Coil L204 for open. (C) Capacitor C219 for open. (D) Alignment of I-F Stages—Check response curve with sweep generator and oscilloscope.
- Trailing Whites (Ringing in Picture). If condition is not present on all channels, check: (A) Fine Tuning adjustment for proper tuning. If not obtainable, check adjustment of local oscillator on the channels involved. If conditions are present on all channels, check: (A) Value of Detector load-resistor. (B) Alignment of I-F Stages.

VERTICAL SYNC AND SWEEP CIRCUITS

- Loss of Vertical Sync or Critical Hold. Use oscilloscope to check sync signal at grid of (Pin 4) of Vertical Oscillator (V402). If sync signal is normal, check: (A) C702B for short. (B) Defective 12B4A. (C) T501 defective. (D) R509 (Vertical Linearity) shorted or open. If sync signal at the grid of the Vertical Oscillator is not normal, check: (A) T501 for short or open. (B) C403 for short or open. (C) C402 for short. (D) PC106 defective. (E) C404 for open. (F) Defective 6SN7 (V204).
- Loss of Vertical Sweep, check: (A) 12B4A defective. (B) Shorted or open Deflection Yoke. (C) R506 decreased in value. (D) Defective 6SN7 (V402). (E) R502 open. (F) Defective T501.
- Insufficient vertical scan. (A) Weak 12B4A. (B) 500V Vertical Lin. Defective. (C) R506 decreased in value.

NO POWER

- If instrument does not light, check:
- Filaments of all tubes.
 - Fuse resistor (R701).
 - Defective Line Cord.
 - Defective Off-On Switch.

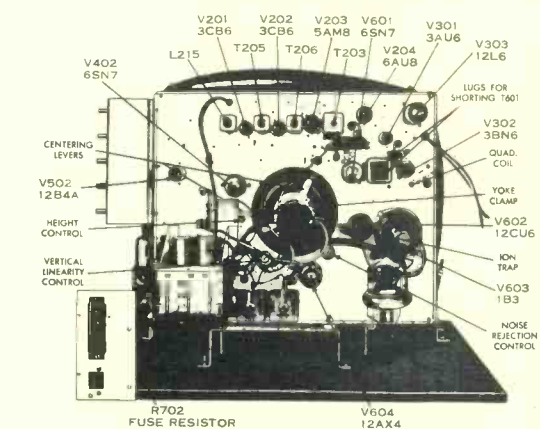
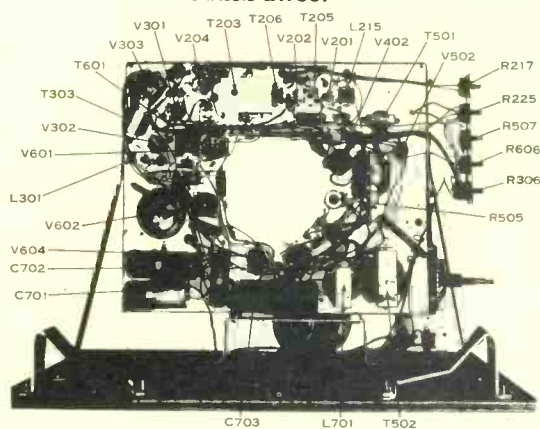
SOUND CIRCUITS

- No Sound or Weak Sound—Picture O.K., check: (A) Audio Output Tube 12L6 (V303) by substitution. (B) Audio Detector tube 3BN6 (V302) by substitution. (C) Sound I-F tube 3AU6 (V301) by substitution. (D) T302 shorted or open. (E) Coupling capacitor C308 open. Capacitor C307 for short. (F) Noise rejection control, R303 for open. (G) Output transformer T301 and speaker. (H) Alignment of Sound circuits.
- Buzz in sound—Picture O.K. In some instances "buzz" in the sound may be the result of a transmitter difficulty. If the buzz is not a transmission difficulty, check: (A) Adjustment of Noise Rejection Control (R303) and/or Quadrature Coil (L301) as outlined under SET-UP ADJUSTMENTS. If satisfactory adjustment cannot be made, check: (A) Quadrature Coil (L301) for short or open. (B) Noise Rejection Control (R303). (C) C304 for short.
- Distorted Sound. Check Audio Output stage by feeding audio signal into the grid of the 12L6. Observe signal at plate with scope and if distorted, check: (A) Output Transformer and speaker. (B) Capacitor C704. If audio section shows no evidence of distortion, check: (A) Alignment of Sound I-F Stages. (B) Adjustment of Quadrature Coil (L301) and Noise Rejection Control (R303).

HORIZONTAL SYNC—AFC and SWEEP CIRCUITS

- Loss of Horizontal Sync. If vertical sync is also critical, check: (A) C401 open. (B) Short on 135 Volt line. (C) Weak 6AU8 (V204) and 6SN7 (V402). (D) PC-281 defective. If vertical sync is normal, check: (A) C602 shorted. (B) T601 defect. (C) Weak 6SN7 (V601). (D) C603-C601-C605 shorted.
- Extreme Horizontal Sweep Distortion—Horizontal Sync critical, check: (A) V401 (6SN7) by substitution for heater-to-cathode leakage. (B) T501 defective. (C) T509 (Vertical Linearity) shorted or open. (D) Adjustments of Horizontal Oscillator.
- No Raster—No High Voltage. Use oscilloscope to check waveform at grid (pin 5) of Horizontal Output (12CU6). If waveform is normal, check: (A) Horizontal Output tube 12CU6 (V602). (B) C612 shorted. (C) Horizontal winding of deflection yoke or horizontal output transformer for open. (D) Defective 1B3, 12AX4, or C101. (E) C613 shorted. If waveform is not normal, check: (A) R612 shorted. (B) C609 shorted. (C) Defective 6SN7 (V601). (D) T-tilt defective. (E) Shorted component from 135V line to ground.
- Insufficient Horizontal Sweep: (A) Defective 12CU6. (B) Defective High Voltage Transformer.
- Horizontal Foldover: (A) R612 resistor in value.
- Triangular Raster—Horizontal sweep decreased, check: (A) Horizontal winding of deflection yoke for partial short. (B) Capacitor C615 for short.

CHASSIS LAYOUT



Set-Up Adjustments

FINAL ADJUSTMENT OF THE VARIOUS "SET-UP" CONTROLS SHOULD BE MADE AT THE TIME OF INSTALLATION OF THE RECEIVER. The receiver should be given a thorough operating test at the same time and, of course, the owner should be instructed as to the operation of the various controls on the side of the cabinet. The owner should be cautioned that the "set-up" controls should be adjusted only by a competent television service technician.

Preliminary Checks

- Remove the cabinet back and connect the receiver to an AC source using a "cheater cord." (A line cord that can be plugged into the AC interlock receptacle on the rear of the chassis.)
- Turn the receiver on and adjust the Brilliance and Contrast controls to approximately one-half of full rotation. If a raster is not seen after allowing time for the tubes to warm up, immediately adjust the Ion Trap Magnet to obtain a raster. Upon obtaining a raster, adjust the Brilliance control for normal brilliance (the setting where you would normally view a picture) and continue to adjust the magnet (by rotating it about the neck of the CRT and moving axially along neck of tube) until the brightest raster is obtained.
- Check to see that the Deflection Yoke is flush against the bell of the CRT. If the raster is tilted, loosen the clamp located directly back of the yoke on the neck of the tube and rotate the yoke to correct the tilt. Cont., pg. 5

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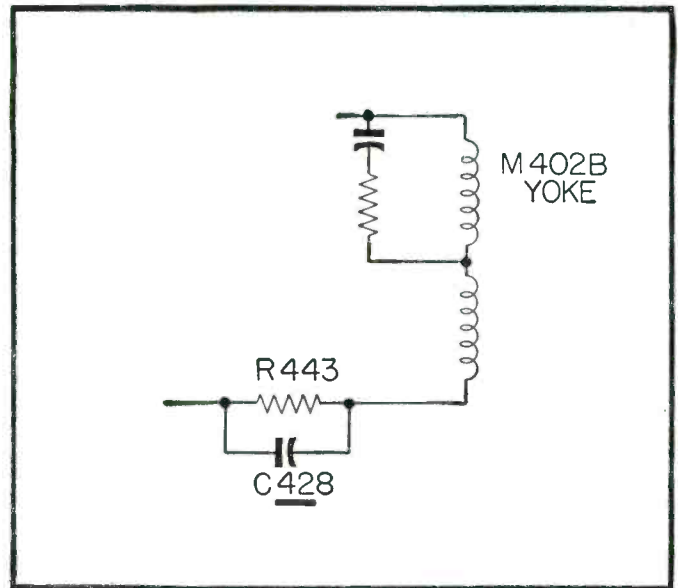
Section Affected: Raster

Symptom: Raster has jagged edges (Pie crust ringing)

Reason For Change: Circuit improvement

What To Do:

Connect: R443 (1K) across C428 (.1 μ f)



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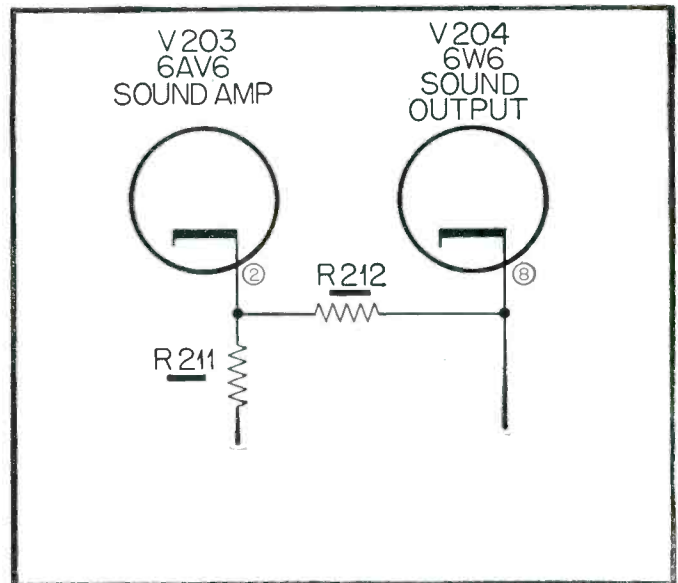
Section Affected: Pix

Symptom: Picture bounce at high volume settings

Reason For Change: Circuit improvement

What To Do:

Connect: R211 (470 ohms) between pin 2 of V203 (6AV6) and ground
also, R212 (27K) from pin 2 of V203 to pin 8 of V204 (6W6)



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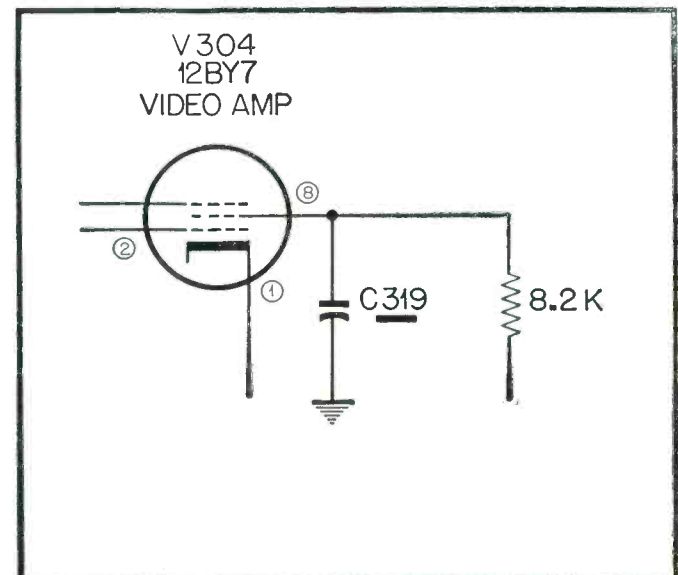
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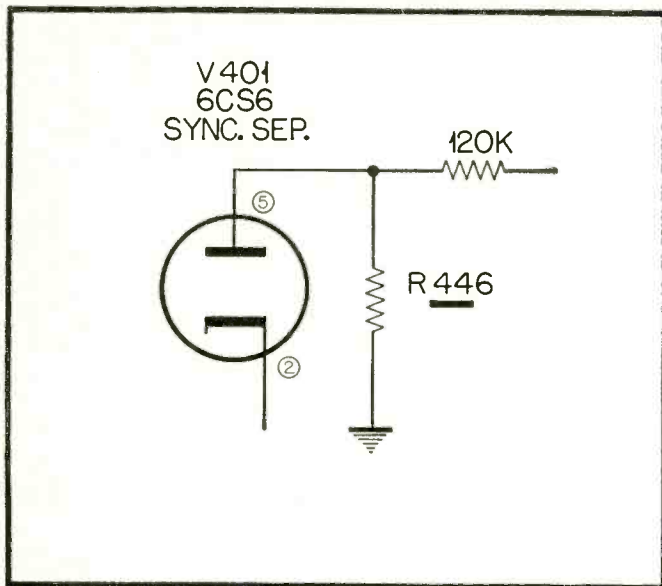
Symptom: Contrast increases and decreases intermittently

Cause: Leaky condenser

What To Do:

Replace: C319 (10 μ f)





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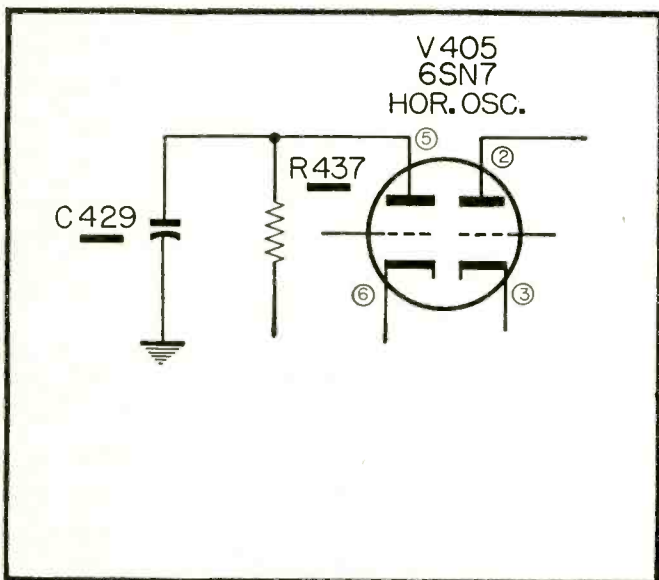
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Section Affected: Sync

Symptom: Unstable horizontal and vertical sync

Cause: Open resistor

What To Do:
Replace: R446 (6K)



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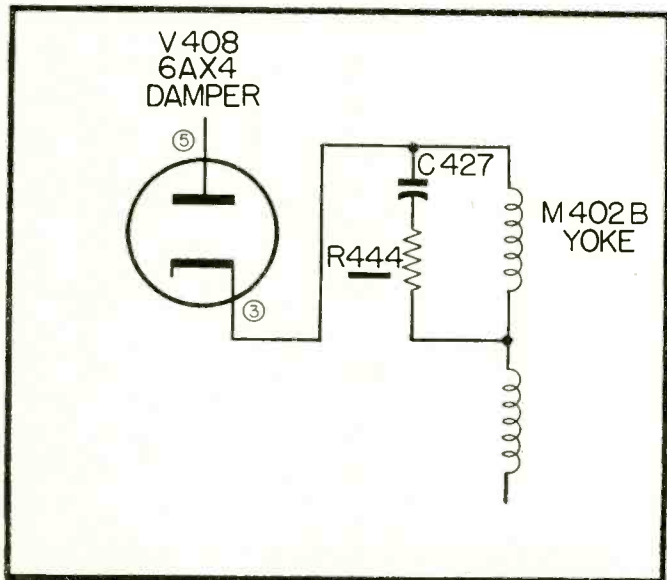
Card No. AD 21A3AZ-5

Section Affected: Sync

Symptom: Bending at top of pix

Reason For Change: Circuit improvement

What To Do:
Connect: C429 (47 μ f) from pin 5 of V405 (6SN7) to ground
Replace: R437 (5.6K) with 8.2K resistor



Mfr: Admiral Chassis No. 21A3AZ

Card No. AD 21A3AZ-6

Section Affected: Raster

Symptom: Wrinkles at left side of raster

Cause: Resistor decreased in value

What To Do:
Replace: R444 (750 ohms)

Mfr: Du Mont Chassis No. RA 340/341

Card No. DM 340-1

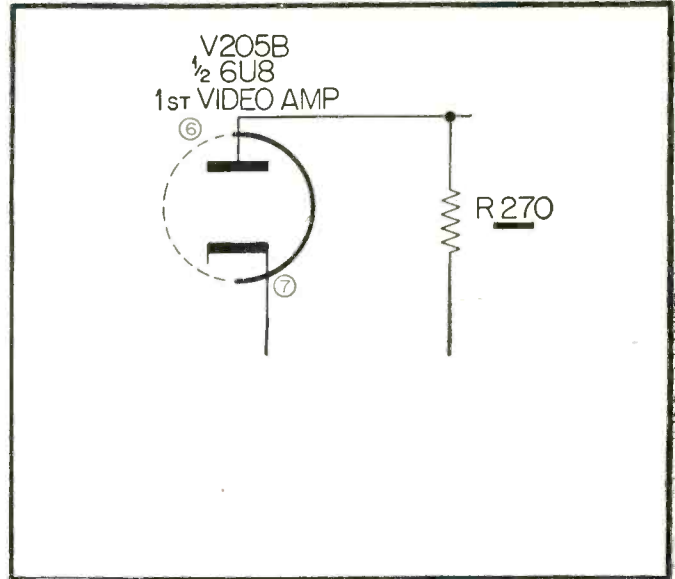
Section Affected: Sync

Symptom: Vertical jitter and unstable horizontal sync

Cause: Resistor decreased in value

What To Do:

Replace: R270 (22K)



Mfr: Du Mont Chassis No. RA 340/341

Card No. DM 340-2

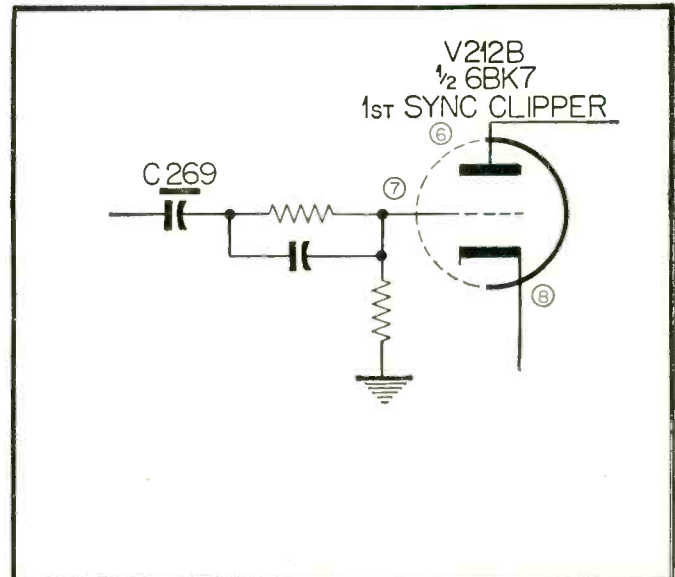
Section Affected: Sync

Symptom: Vertical locks out of phase; unstable horizontal sync

Cause: Shorted condenser

What To Do:

Replace: C269 (3,300 $\mu\mu\text{f}$)



Mfr: Du Mont Chassis No. RA 340/341

Card No. DM 340-3

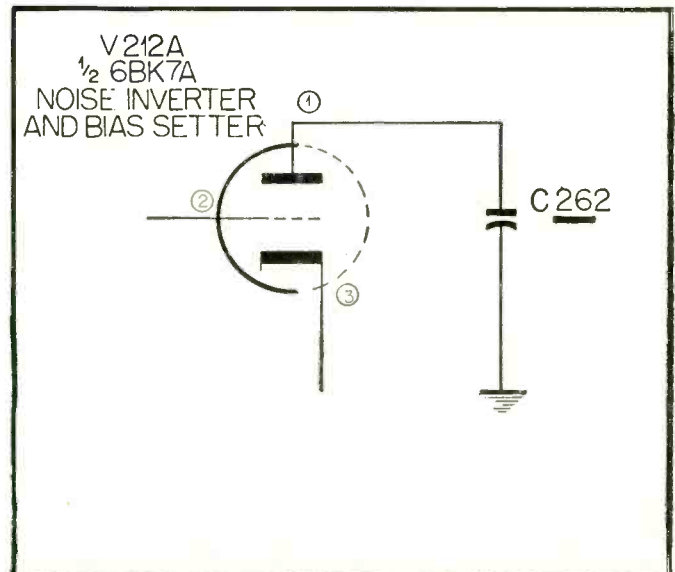
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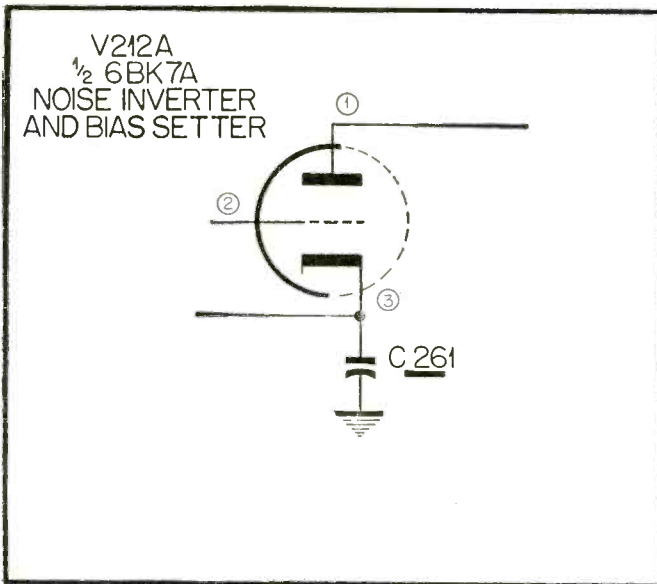
Symptom: Rapid horizontal jitter

Cause: Open condenser

What To Do:

Replace: C262 (330 $\mu\mu\text{f}$)





Mfr: Du Mont Chassis No. RA 340/341

Card No. DM 340-4

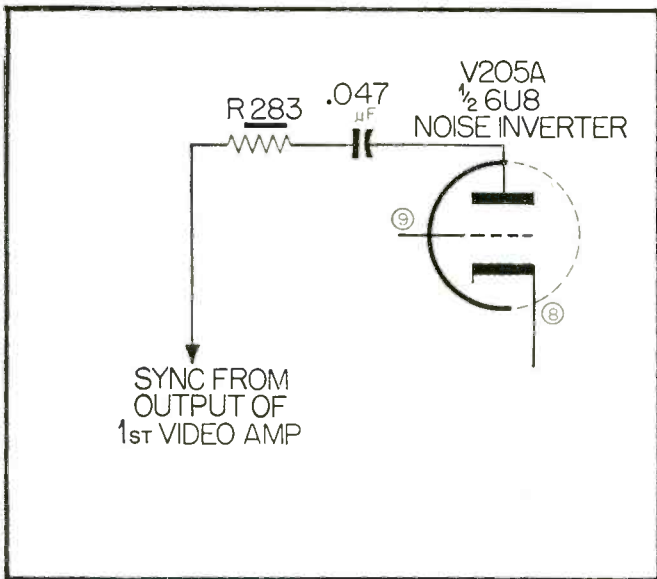
Section Affected: Pix

Symptom: Negative pix

Cause: Shorted condenser

What To Do:

Replace: C261 (.0068 μ f)



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Card No. DM 340-5

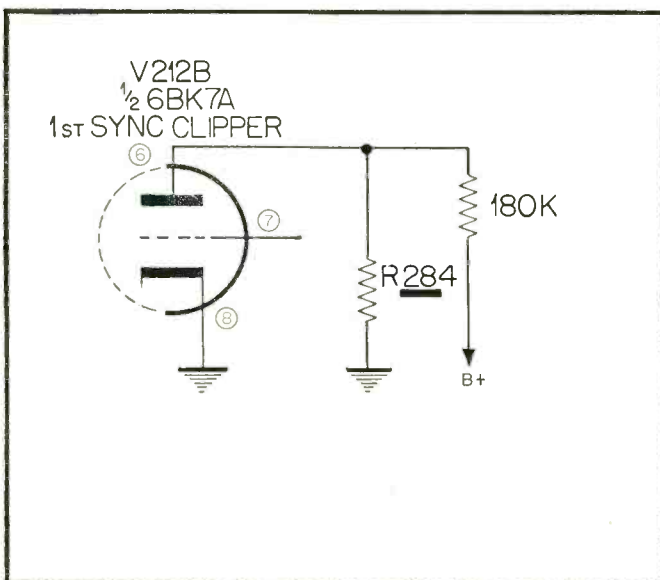
Section Affected: Pix

Symptom: Insufficient contrast

Cause: Resistor decreased in value

What To Do:

Replace: R283 (22K3)



Mfr: Du Mont Chassis No. RA 340/341

Card No. DM 340-6

Section Affected: Sync

Symptom: Critical horizontal and vertical sync

Cause: Open resistor (insufficient wattage)

What To Do:

Replace: R284 (47K) with larger wattage resistor

ASSOCIATION NEWS

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present quality of color receivers \$99.50 cannot sufficiently cover the cost of servicing and extending parts warranty to one-year.

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President—Syracuse
Television Technicians
Association

Philadelphia Area

Leaders of the television service industry in this area recently presented to District Attorney Victor Blanc a plaque of their code of ethics, and pledged their support to the code.

Presenting the service plaque to Mr. Blanc were Harrison Neel (President, Television Service Dealer's Association), Ray Cherril (President, Northeast Television Service Dealer's Association), William Poole (President, Philadelphia Radio Servicemen's Association), William Morrow (President, Television Service Dealer's Association of Delaware County) and Albert Haas (President, Television Contractors Association).

Pennsylvania Radio Service Men's Association (PR SMA)

PR SMA officers were elected for 1956. They are as follows: President, William L. Poole; Vice President, Samuel M. Brenner; Recording Secretary, Wm. P. Humes; Treasurer, Stanley W. Myers and for Corresponding Secretary, Fred Cohen.

Francis J. Wolf has been elected president of the Trenton Radio Servicemen's Association, Inc.

William H. Morrow has been elected president of the Television Service Dealers Association of Delaware County. He succeeds John J. Matthews who was elected vice president. Other officers are Secretary Joseph Bell and the Treasurer is Peter Rapagnani.

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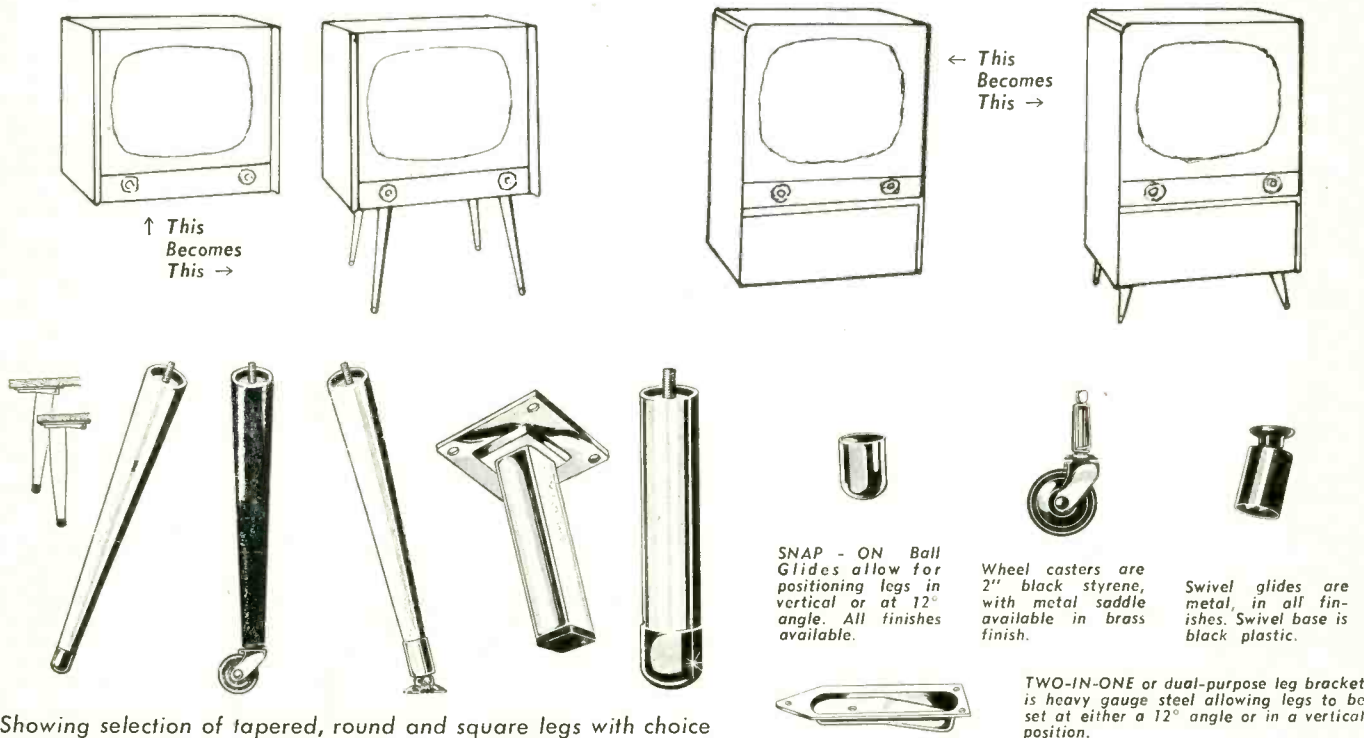
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RIDER SPEAKS

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it should be continued and expanded. As a matter of fact, a shortage of television technicians may well prove to be a boon.

While there may be some confusion at the present time concerning color TV and black-and-white TV, the fact remains that millions of black-and-white TV receivers will be sold during 1956 and for several years thereafter. The 8-inch and the 14-inch (and maybe there will be a 10-inch) screen portable looks like it will open up a brand new market. Apparently the manufacturers of the first 14-inch portable receiver fared much better than a lot of people imagined, and there will be others looking for the "second receiver in the home" market. These receivers will require service and if one can visualize two in 30 million homes this makes 60 million black-and-white receivers, in addition to whatever may be the color market and table black-and-white models. If TV technicians will be in short supply, those who remain will command better prices—that's for sure.

But getting back to the TV servicing industry spreading its wings, we have said this for years and we feel that the suggestion is as sound today as it was then—TV service shops should become electronic equipment maintenance shops. We recognize that the transition cannot occur in a year—that it will consume a number of years. But it can be done. There are many industries, especially those which are basically mechanical or which require only manipulative skill, with no theoretical background, that do not require too much advance time to gather and assimilate knowledge. The electronic industry is not one of these. In other words, the TV servicing industry must take advantage of the time that still exists between now and when it will be called upon to participate in the results of the expansion of the use of electronics techniques.

John F. Rider

PICKUPS

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it might seem that this is a complicated way of doing things, certain important advantages are gained. A discussion of these advantages however is not within the scope of this article. Without explaining these terms, let us simply point out that if the pickup generates a volt-

age because of pressure applied to it, such as the crystal or the ceramic pick-up, it would respond faithfully to the constant amplitude, but not to the constant velocity type of recording. A pick-up of the variable reluctance type, on the other hand, responds faithfully to constant velocity, but not to constant amplitude recording.

It has become standard practice in the United States to use a crossover point of 500 cps. This means that constant amplitude recording is used up to about 500 cps while the constant velocity technique is employed above this frequency.

The constant amplitude characteristic below 500 cps results in lower than normal output from the variable reluctance pickup at these frequencies. An equalizing circuit is therefore used for the purpose of restoring these lower frequencies to their proper relative strength compared to frequencies above 500 cps. This is done, actually, by providing an attenuation circuit which has a response just the opposite of the recording characteristic. The result of the combination is then a flat response curve.

The second technique used in making the recording, and which also makes equalization necessary at the playback end is the technique of high frequency pre-emphasis. In this process, the higher frequency components of the sound signal are increased in strength above their normal level. This results in a larger signal to surface noise ratio. By feeding the pickup output into a properly designed equalizing circuit, the high frequency components are brought back to their proper level, and surface noise is simultaneously reduced to a much lower level than would be possible without pre-emphasis.

The foregoing discussion of equalization might well be summarized by referring to Fig. 5. Curve A is a typical recording curve. Notice the low output at the low frequency end (constant amplitude recording), and the high output at the higher frequencies (pre-emphasis). Curve B in Fig. 5 illustrates the ideal playback curve. Equalizing circuits boost the low frequency response and attenuate the highs. The combination of A and B results in the ideal overall response pictured at C.

A number of manufacturers put out equalizers which may very easily be added to existing equipment. Fig. 6 shows one such equalizer. Installation simply requires plugging the pickup into the equalizer and the equalizer into the amplifier. As seen from the photograph, panel mounting is a simple matter. The particular model shown is designed to operate with any high impedance variable reluctance pickup

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THE WORK BENCH

Unusual Service Problems And Their Solutions

by Paul Goldberg

This Month's Problem:
Troubles in TV sound systems

THIS month's installment deals with problems encountered in the less conventional type of sound system.

Westinghouse Chassis V-2315

The receiver was turned on and it was noted that the sound was very weak and gargled. The 6BN6 FM detector, the 6AN8 limiter, sync, and sound amplifier were replaced individually but had no effect. Next the quadrature coil L203, the two 4.5 mc traps L201 and L200, and R202 were adjusted individually but the trouble remained.

The diagram was then studied. This receiver uses a 6AN8 which is a medium mu triode and a sharp cutoff pentode. The composite video signal after being rectified by the crystal detector 1N64 is directly coupled to the grid (pin #2) of the sync and sound amplifier (6AN8 triode). The composite video signal is then amplified and fed to both the AGC tube and the sync separator, 6CS6. The composite video signal is also coupled through a 10 μ f condenser (C200) into a high Q 4.5 mc trap (L200-C201). This trap presents a high impedance to the 4.5

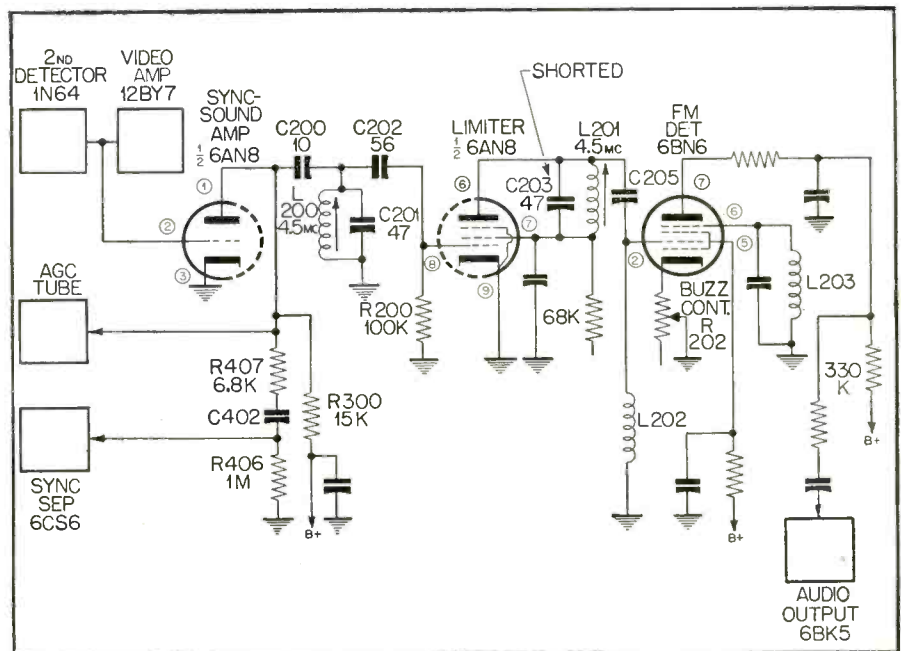


Fig. 1—Partial schematic of Westinghouse V-2315 chassis.

mc beat between the sound and picture carriers and a lower impedance to all other frequencies. Thus the sound por-

tion of the video signal is present on the grid, (pin #8), of the pentode section of the 6AN8.

Limiting is accomplished by the sharp cutoff characteristic of the pentode section of the 6AN8. Components, C202 and R200 develop sufficient grid-leak bias to cause clipping of the negative half of the sound signal. Due to this tube's low plate and screen voltages, the most positive portions of the sound signal cause plate saturation to occur. This minimizes amplitude variations on the positive swing of the sound signal. Thus this limiter removes amplitude variations in the sound signal delivered to the FM detector.

With these facts in mind, we set up our FM generator at 4.5 mc with 400 cycles AM modulation. This signal was first fed into pin #2 of the 6BN6, FM detector. The response from the speaker was loud and clear.

Next the FM generator at the same setting was fed into pin #8 of the

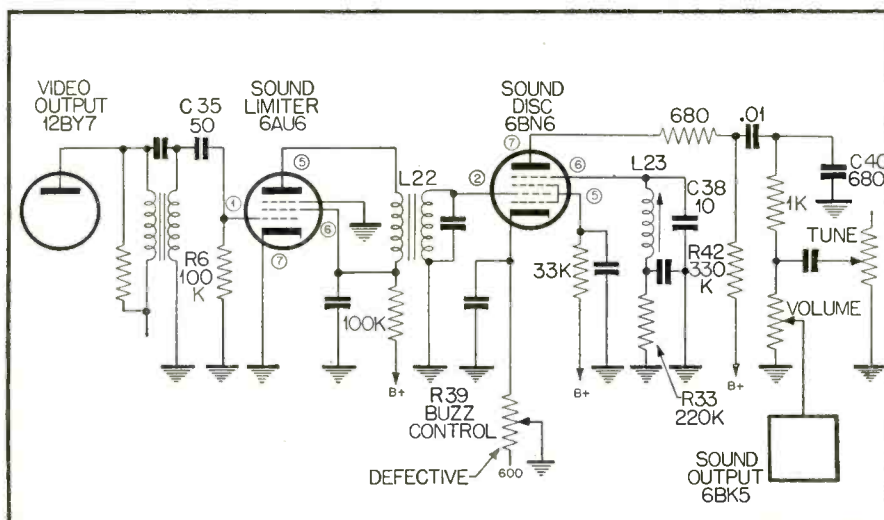


Fig. 2—Partial schematic of Zenith 19L26 sound I.F.

6AN8, limiter. Here a very weak response was heard from the speaker. The trouble therefore seemed to be localized in the 6AN8 limiter circuitry.

A voltage check was then made first at the plate then at the screen of the 6AN8 limiter tube. The voltages checked approximately correct.

A resistance check was then made across L202. This coil checked OK. A resistance check was then made across the 4.5 mc tank circuit C203 and L201. Here the meter read close to zero ohms.

As a positive check C203 was clipped out of the circuit and measured. It was shorted. Capacitor C203 was then replaced with a new 47 μf condenser and the receiver was turned on. Components L200, L201, L203 and R202 were again readjusted for maximum undistorted sound at minimum buzz. The receiver now functioned properly. (C203 and L201 offer maximum impedance at their resonant frequency of 4.5 mc. When C203 shorts, this load tank circuit offers zero impedance. Thus the load voltage drop will also be zero.)

Zenith 19L26

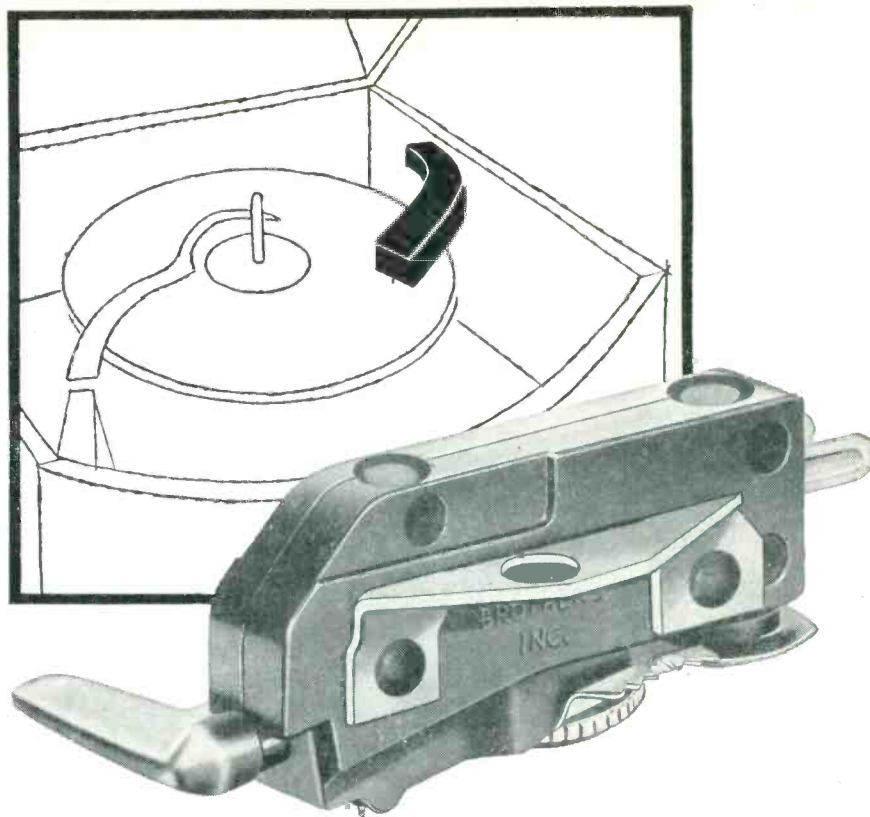
The receiver was turned on and a loud buzz accompanying the sound was heard from the speaker. The 6BN6 sound discriminator, and the 6AU6 sound limiter were replaced individually but had no effect. Next the quadrature coil L23 was adjusted but the buzz remained. The buzz control, R39 was adjusted but had very little effect. The 4.5 mc tank circuit coil L22 was adjusted but did not solve the problem.

The diagram was then studied. This receiver uses a 6BN6 gated beam tube as the sound discriminator. Pin #2 grid acts as a gate. With zero or a positive potential applied, it passes the beam; with a negative potential applied, the beam is cut off.

In normal operation this grid is biased a few volts negative with respect to cathode. A 4.5 mc if signal is applied to pin #2 grid and for one half of each cycle the electron beam is passed and projected upon the quadrature grid, pin #6.

The quadrature grid is tuned to the if signal frequency (4.5 mc) and is driven by the space charge coupling. The periodic variations of the space charge in front of the quadrature grid (space charge coupling) produce a voltage across the tuned circuit L23 and C38. The quadrature grid clips the leading portion from each half cycle and passes periodic pulses of current, about 1/4 cycle in length on to the anode.

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Dear Mr. Answerman:

I have a problem involving a Zenith 20J22 chassis with intermittent vertical fold. There is no set pattern to this loss of vertical sync. During the time that it occurs there appears to be a small loss of height and a small amount of vertical foldover at the top of the picture.

The tubes such as the 6BL6 have been changed and normal items checked, such as voltages, resistors and condensers. The condition occurs irregularly about once each minute.

What, in your opinion, is the most likely cause of this condition?

F. P.
Chicago, Ill.

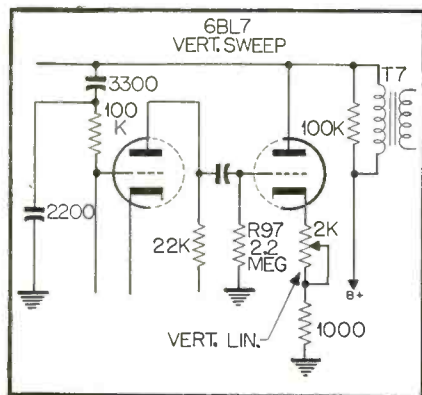


Fig. 1—Partial schematic of Zenith 20J22 chassis.

A number of components could, of course, cause this condition. However, from past experience it is suspected that the vertical output transformer is at fault. The same symptoms have been encountered in a variety of TV receivers over a number of years. In many of these cases, aside from tubes, coupling condensers, and burned out resistors, the vertical output transformer was at fault. In several cases, vertical foldover at the top of the picture was observed, in others intermittent vertical sweep appeared, and in still others vertical shrinkage occurred.

In several of the above instances the vertical output transformer winding partially opened up so that the ends at the break were just about touching, resulting in a high resistance connection. With the passage of current the variation in resistance may vary the plate voltage and cause the slight foldover and jitter observed. There is sufficient coupling to affect the vertical oscillator and cause the vertical sync to flip. This coupling may be observed in Fig. 1 which shows the Zenith 20J22 chassis vertical deflection circuit.

One of the symptoms observed in such cases is jitter of the *dc* voltage at the plate of the vertical output tube.

Mr. Answerman:

I have a Philco RF84 chassis in which there is a pronounced hum from the speaker. I have checked all the conventional troublemakers such as tubes, etc. One noticeable point is that with the volume control in the minimum position the hum is still present. This would therefore seem to indicate the difficulty to be in the B plus filtering but this has been thoroughly tested, even to the extent of substituting new filters. I have tried lead dress at the audio amplifier grid circuit fearing that the hum was being picked up in the audio amplifier but this didn't remove the trouble.

Is there anything that you can suggest.

S. D.
Chicago, Ill.

The Philco RF84 chassis uses an electromagnetic speaker. Attached to this speaker is a hum bucking potentiometer which is used to adjust the amount of hum cancelling voltage that is applied in series with the voice coil. As with electrodynamic speakers a small amount of hum may be induced into the voice coil due to the strong magnetic fields associated with the B plus filtering in the field winding on the speaker. A hum bucking winding is provided in this case which picks up a small amount of hum voltage. Since this winding is wound in the opposite direction to the voice coil the induced voltage is of opposite polarity to that which is induced in the voice coil. The

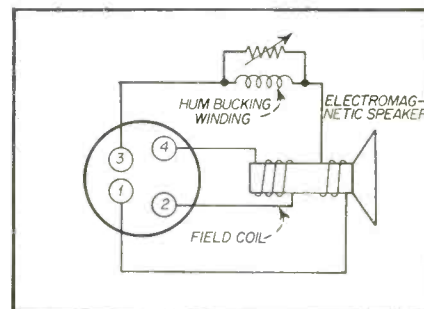


Fig. 2—Philco humbucking coil.

potentiometer across the coil as can be observed in Fig. 2 provides a means of adjusting the cancelling hum bucking voltage so that it will cancel that picked up in the voice coil.

Naturally, the first point to examine in a case such as yours is the hum bucking control. This provides a means of adjusting the hum out of the speaker when no audio is present.

If there should be doubt as to the point of origin of the hum, the leads feeding the voice coil of the speaker can be disconnected and coupled to a test speaker of a permanent magnet type. With this arrangement the hum should not be present if it is due to the above cause.

If the hum bucking coil is inadequate to remove all hum one solution would be to substitute a choke for the speaker field and to mount a permanent magnet speaker in the cabinet. Of course this necessitates the purchase of an additional speaker. A better solution, at least a more economical one, is to add additional turns to the hum bucking winding. On the speaker used for the Philco RF84 chassis the hum bucking winding is accessible and this is easily done. Five extra turns of #24 enamel coated wire should suffice.

The addition of a hum bucking winding and a control is sometimes desirable in similar cases of hum in other receivers using electromagnetic speakers.

Dear Sir:

I have a Crosley "Super-V" chassis 426 which exhibits a loss in raster size

both horizontal and vertical. This would be typical of defective selenium rectifiers, I know, but I have tried replacements and it did not correct the condition.

This chassis does not employ a width control and I am not able to obtain enough width to cover the picture tube by changing tubes. If I could obtain about an inch or a little more on the width and height the picture tube would be filled.

All usual checks have been made such as tubes, etc. The only significant symptom I find is that the boost voltage is somewhat low. The flyback transformer does not appear to be defective and tests OK.

Do you have any ideas as to what might be the answer to my problem or how I might get an increase in width and height?

S. H.
Miami, Fla.

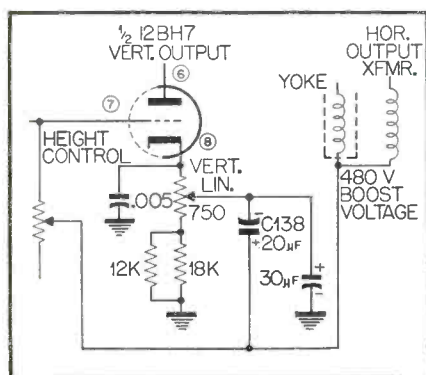


Fig. 3—Partial schematic of Crosley "Super-V" chassis.

The loss in boost voltage is very significant in problems of this nature. It is the source voltage for the vertical output stage, being fed to the vertical deflection coils and vertical output transformer. The boost charging condenser is C138, 20 µf, as shown in Fig. 3, is most likely defective. This electrolytic condenser should be checked for both leakage and capacitance value or a new electrolytic substituted for it.

Dear Mr. Answerman:

I have the following problem on a Philco RF-81, deflection chassis H1. When I increase the contrast the picture becomes smeared and seems to lose some of its high frequency detail. The only other bit of information I can offer is that the brightness control does not seem to have sufficient control over the picture tube in that I'm not able to cut off the picture tube completely.

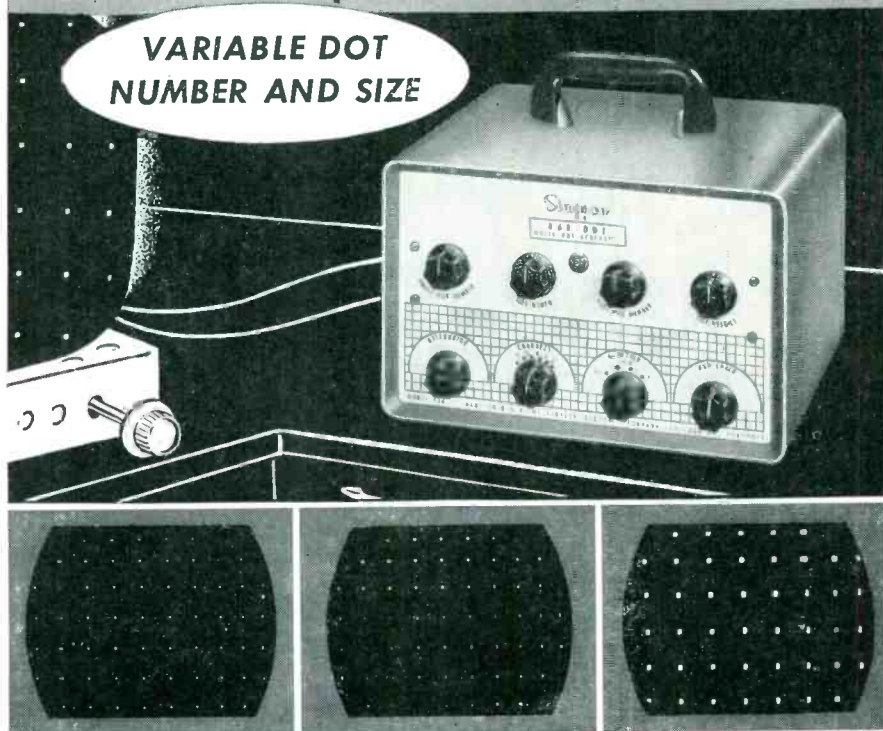
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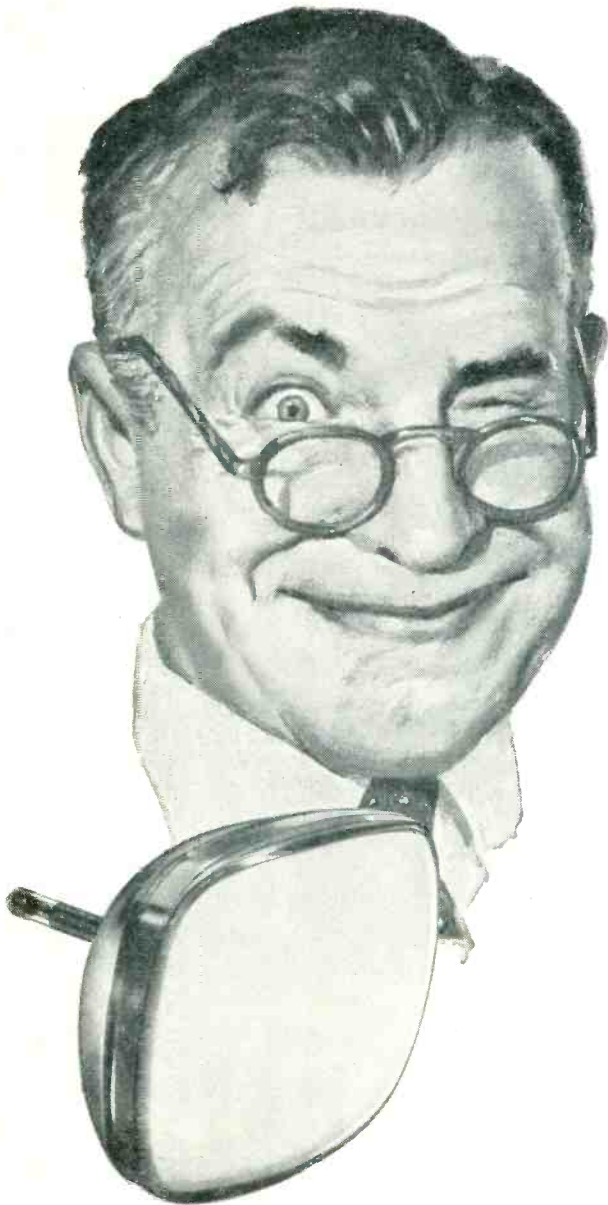
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The Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association recently endorsed a proposal to permit the operation of "translator" television stations in conjunction with primary TV transmitters as a means of bringing television to many of the isolated communities not now adequately served by either existing or contemplated TV stations.

Looking toward the successful observance of "National Radio Week," May 13-19, extensive preparations for the all-industry event have been completed. Under the guidance of the Public Relations and Advertising Committee, headed by Julius Haber, of the Radio Corp. of America, RETMA announced that the slogan for this year's nationwide campaign will be "Give a Radio" and will be actively promoted by the nation's local radio dealers, radio stations, national and regional radio networks and community leaders.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation and the International Union of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO on March 20 agreed on new five-year contract terms, with annual wage increases and provision for time studies of day-work operations. The agreement ends the 156-day strike which IUE had called on Oct. 16, 1955.

Effective April 1, 1956, Sylvania will change its warranty policy covering receiving tubes. Harold H. Rainier, manager, distributor sales department, Electronic Product Sales, Sylvania Electric Products Inc., has announced that at that time the company will adopt a tube-for-tube replacement warranty procedure on all receiving tubes sold by Sylvania distributors. Sylvania brand receiving tubes for renewal use are warranted against defects in workmanship, materials, and construction for a length of time to be determined by the code dates on the tubes. Mr. Rainier said that when the new policy becomes effective, distributors are to return defective tubes to their serving warehouse locations. Renewal returns should be made to Sylvania, Return Tube Section, Emporium, Pennsylvania for the East; Sylvania Return Tube Section, 2001 North Cornell Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois for the Mid-West; and Sylvania, Return Tube Section, 2936 East 46th Street, Los Angeles, California for the Pacific Region. He said that this new policy represents a further effort on behalf of Sylvania to demonstrate its willingness to stand 100% behind its products.

International Rectifier Corporation offers a \$25 U. S. Defense bond for any feature article accepted by the editorial department of TIPS, the periodical published by I.R.C. Also offered are four TV replacement rectifiers worth about \$10 for any useable service hint accepted by TIPS. Mail your contributions to TIPS, c/o International Rectifier Corporation, El Segundo, California.

A serviceman who sprays colored Krylon over the ion trap and neck or a picture tube marks the spot where the ion trap should be positioned. When the ion trap is taken off and then put on again or, has been shifted by accident, its

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position is clearly shown to the serviceman, thus saving him time in readjusting.

A twenty-five per cent increase in replacement sales of Du Mont television picture tubes in the Southwest during the past year is reported by Edwin B. Hinck, manager of replacement sales, Cathode-Ray Tube Division of Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc.

"An average of almost 7 million television receivers each year has been sold to the public since 1950," Mr. Hinck pointed out, "which means that every month another half million receivers pass their fifth anniversaries. It looks to me as though there will be a fairly steady replacement demand for television picture tubes at a volume around 10 million tubes a year.

"Because the replacement cost of a picture tube represents a substantial outlay of money, it is important that consumers and TV servicemen insist upon top brand replacements. As much care should be shown in specifying a replacement picture tube as was originally shown in purchasing the receiver," Mr. Hinck stated.

A nation-wide television and radio tune-up program to provide new customer contacts for service dealers who sell General Electric tubes, has been announced by John T. Thompson, manager of distributor sales for the Company's Tube Department.

Mr. Thompson urged service dealers to "get the lion's share" of the service business by promoting local tune-up programs in conjunction with the national plan. The tune-up plan, a part of the G-E Tube Department's five-ring "Circus of Values" sales program, will be introduced to the public in a series of large G-E color ads appearing in LIFE, LOOK, COLLIERS, TV GUIDE, and THIS WEEK.

Royal Little, Chairman of the Board of Textron American, Inc., and Stanley B. Valiulis, President of General Cement Mfg. Company, of Rockford, Illinois announced that an agreement had been reached whereby Textron American will acquire all of the outstanding stock of General Cement Mfg. Co., subject to certain terms and conditions to be closed March 31, 1956.

The purchase of General Cement Mfg. Co. represents another step forward in the program of planned diversification in unrelated industries by Textron. With the addition of General Cement Mfg. Co., Textron now has nine (9) companies operating in non-textile fields that are completely different, six (6) having been acquired since merger last February.

A newly-designed portable television receiver—only slightly larger than a table model radio—soon will be placed on the market by the Radio Corporation of America, it was announced by C. P. Baxter, Vice-President and General Manager, RCA VICTOR Television Division.

"Production is now under way following more than a year of intensive development and design," Mr. Baxter stated.

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and a suitable amplifier with a 47,000 ohm input resistance. Notice that 6 switch positions are provided. Each position provides a different playback characteristic to accommodate different recording characteristics or other special conditions. Position #4 has the playback characteristic we have discussed above and is used for modern American recordings. Other positions equalize for European 78's, London FFRR 33's and old LP's, and Capitol

recordings and domestic 78's made before 1953. Another position removes most of the scratch and hiss usually found on old noisy records.

Needle Force

Needle force is one of the important factors in record wear. As a general rule, the smaller the needle force, the less the record wear. Reducing the needle force below the recommended value however can cause lateral "chatter" of the needle in the groove which will cause even greater record wear. Too small a needle force can also cause skipping of the needle across the space

between grooves which is also damaging to the record.

Most variable reluctance cartridges have a recommended needle force of 6 to 8 grams. The force used is dependent to a certain extent on the type of tone arm or changer mechanism used.

Servicing Procedures

One of the tools which should be a part of every serviceman's kit is a needle force gauge. Fig. 7 shows two of several commercial types available. In view of the relationship between needle force and record wear, the importance of this device can be easily seen.

There is a tendency for dust, dirt, and lint to accumulate between the pole pieces and stylus-shank. The cartridge should always be examined with this in mind, and cleaned with a small camel hair brush. Some servicemen slip a piece of scotch tape between the stylus and the pole pieces to pick up the dust and lint. Occasionally, because of mishandling, the shank may become bent and rub against one of the pole pieces, causing distortion. When this occurs, it can usually be bent back to the central position.

There is always the possibility of an open coil in the cartridge. The resistance of these coils varies from one manufacturer's type to another. Some typical values are 340 ohms for the General Electric Cartridge, 800 ohms for the Pickering 200 series, 1500 ohms for the Recoton-Goldring Model 500, and 1800 ohms for the Clarkstan Model 204. An open coil is easily detected of course. A high resistance open may be judged by comparison of the measured resistance with the manufacturer's rated resistance. It must be remembered that if the pickup is connected to the amplifier, the input resistance of the amplifier is in parallel with the pickup. It is usually a simple matter to disconnect the cartridge from the amplifier by removing the phono plug from the amplifier. An open may sometimes be repaired if it is in the external portions of the cartridge. An internal open requires replacement of the cartridge.

As with the crystal pickup, a quick check on whether the pickup or the amplifier is responsible for weak or no output is the "finger" test. As described previously, if the input terminal of the amplifier is touched with the finger, a loud 60 cycle buzz should be heard. If this buzz is heard with normal loudness, the trouble lies in the pickup assembly. If not, the trouble is in the amplifier.

MOVING COIL PICK-UP

Fig. 8 represents a pickup of the
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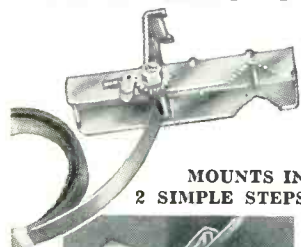
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National Radio Week has been designated as May 13 to 19 in a joint announcement by the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, the Radio Advertising Bureau, the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association, and the National Appliance and Radio-TV Dealers Association. The purpose of the week will be to mark the advances made by radio as an educational, entertainment and advertising force.

At COLOR TV SCHOOL—Jack Luzi, of Elgin TV Service, 968 East 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, is shown at right above as he received special instruction from Kenneth Kleidon, color TV training director, at Raytheon's color TV school held in Chicago last week. Luzi learned of the



newest developments in color television and received special instructions in Raytheon's new 12-inch color receivers. School is held for servicemen once a month by Raytheon's television and radio operations in Chicago. Luzi resides at 9423 Elizabeth Avenue in Cleveland.

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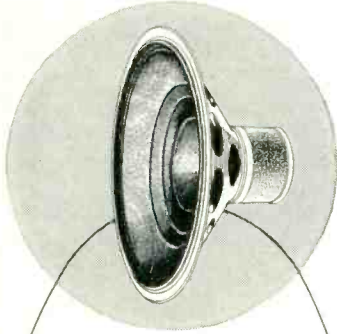
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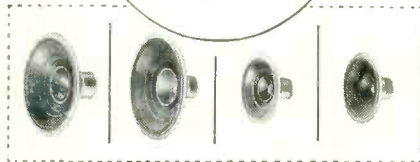
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moving coil variety. The principle involved is a familiar one. A small coil is mechanically connected to the stylus. Under the influence of the stylus, the coil is made to move in the field of a permanent magnet. As the turns of the coil cut the lines of magnetic flux, a voltage is induced. The variations of voltage will correspond of course to the

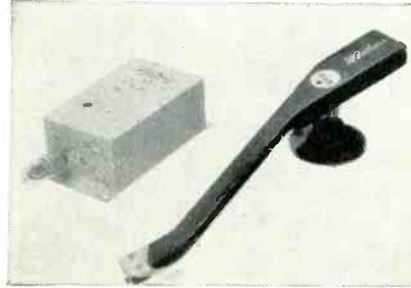


Fig. 9—Weathers FM pickup.

motion of the stylus in following the groove.

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The recommended needle force for ordinary usage is between 6 and 8 grams. Equalization requirements are similar to those of variable reluctance pickups.

It is important to note that even

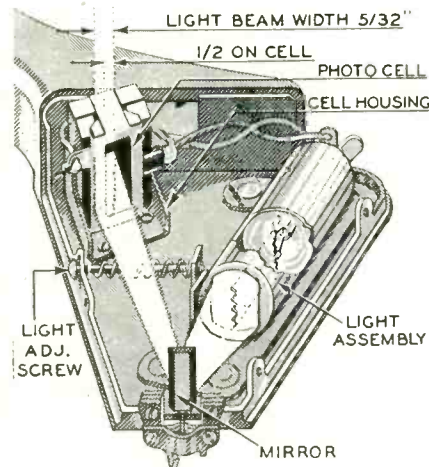


Fig. 10—Philco "Beam of Light" pickup details.

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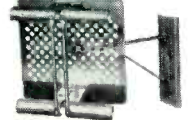





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though the matching transformer may be well shielded, care should be exercised in its placement. Hum pickup may result if it is placed too close to the turntable motor or to a power transformer.

THE WEATHERS FM PICKUP

In 1951 a new type of pickup made its appearance in the high fidelity field. This was the FM pickup manufactured by Weathers Industries. In principle, the cartridge contains a variable capacitive element, which forms part of the tuned circuit of an oscillator. Motion of the stylus varies the spacing between the conductors of the capacitor thus varying its capacitance. An fm signal is thus developed, which is then demodulated to provide the audio sig-

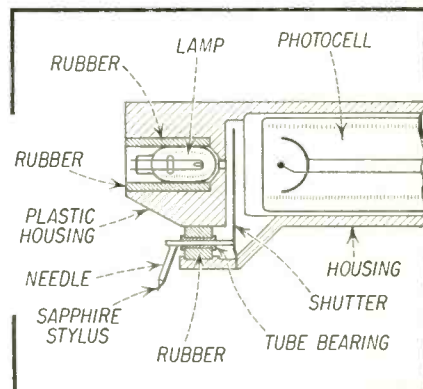


Fig. 11—Cross section of Videotone photo electric pickup. Various parts of this pickup are appropriately indicated.

nal. Fig. 9 shows the tone arm and oscillator unit.

One of the most unusual features of this pickup is that it operates with a stylus force of from only one to two grams. The manufacturer claims that record wear is negligible as a result of this very low stylus force, and of the low moving mass. A sapphire stylus at this pressure, it is claimed, will last longer than a diamond at 6 gms. The estimated life of a diamond stylus with normal usage is in excess of five years.

The oscillator operates at a mean frequency of 20.7mc. Its placement is not critical since it is immune to interference at power line frequencies. The cartridge itself is not sensitive to hum pickup.

The frequency response of the unit is substantially flat over the entire audio range. The company makes its own preamplifier which provides the necessary equalization. Provision is also made for using the unit with other amplifiers.

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A number of years ago Philco introduced its "Beam of Light" pickup. The basic construction of this pickup is pictured in Fig. 10. In operation, a very light mirror, mechanically connected to the stylus reflects the light from a small lamp to a photocell. The motion of the mirror under the influence of the stylus varies the amount of light falling on the photocell. This causes a variation in the voltage at the output of the photocell. The varying output voltage serves as the audio signal voltage, and as such is fed to amplifier input.

This "Beam of Light" pickup is more of historical than of practical interest, since it is no longer used by Philco.

A photoelectric pickup of different design but operating on the same basic principle is being worked on at the present time by Electron-Radar Products. It goes under the trade name of the "Videotone Phonograph Pickup Cartridge" and its construction is shown in Fig. 11. Its manufacturer claims certain important advantages such as extremely small moving mass, wide range frequency response, low needle force, and high output.

The specific characteristics are not yet available. Time alone will tell whether or not this pickup will become one of the leading contenders.

Dual Play Cartridges

Many cartridges are designed for "dual-play" operation. This simply refers to the fact that a convenient mechanical means is provided whereby either a one mil or a three mil needle may be used with the pickup unit. The one mil needle is used for 45 and 33-1/3 r.p.m. recordings, while the three mil needle is employed for 78's. In some cases, the change is accomplished by turning the cartridge over to expose the other stylus. These are called "turn-over" cartridges. In other cases, the cartridge remains in the same position, and the needle carrying assembly turns to bring one or the other needle into the correct playing position.

HORIZONTAL OSCILLATORS

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unlikely that the alignment would be a factor since there would be no sudden change in *if* alignment or tuner tracking. The *agc* system, however, may be at fault and this should be checked.

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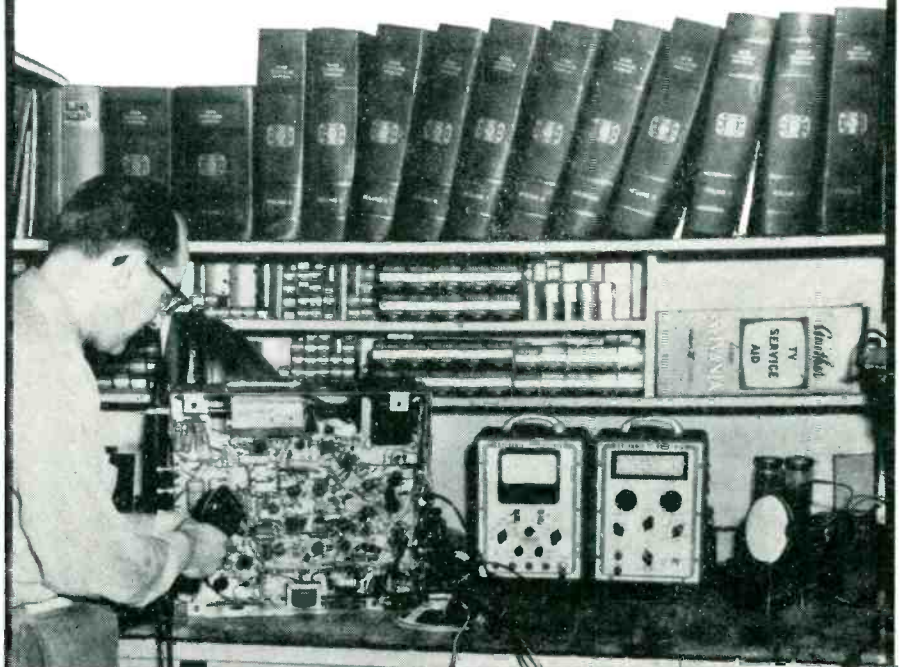
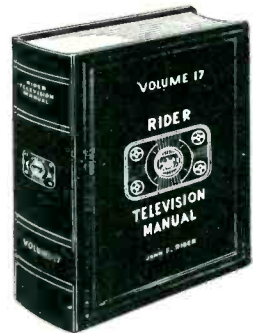


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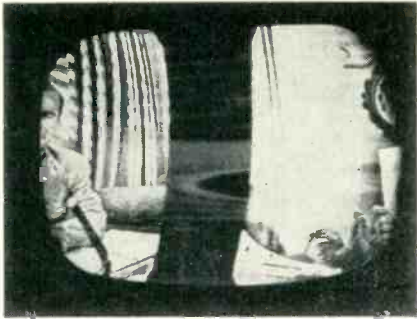


Fig. 6—This figure illustrates phase misadjustment of the A.F.C.

should be thoroughly rechecked. Excessive drive not only overloads the horizontal output tube but also places an undue drain on the discharge circuit of the horizontal oscillator. The oscillator may be able to furnish the excessive power when the tube and the components are new, but in the aging process the continual overload may cause a breakdown of the component parts or weaken the tube's emission and cause sync instability. The drive control should be adjusted right below the point where left hand stretch and/or center compression occurs. Sometimes overdrive is also indicated by a white vertical line at the left hand center of the screen. With overdrive, the damper tube has difficulty in eliminating the transient

oscillations because pulse amplitudes are excessive.

While loss of raster, but presence of sound, indicates loss of high voltage, an inspection of the high voltage and horizontal output system often fails to disclose any troubles. It must be remembered in such instances, that failure of the horizontal oscillator will also cause loss of high voltage because it removes the necessary drive signal from the horizontal output tube. An oscilloscope can be used as a simple means for ascertaining whether or not the oscillator is producing the necessary drive signal. If the drive signal appears at the grid of the horizontal output tube then the trouble must lie in the circuits which follow. Absence of the drive signal will then localize the trouble to the horizontal oscillator and discharge circuit.

Poor picture linearity which cannot be corrected by adjustment of the linearity control may be caused by defective components in the wave shaping circuit. When this occurs, the ohmic value of the discharge resistor should be checked against the value specified in the circuit schematic and the capacitor should be checked with a capacitor checker to make sure it is of proper capacity and is not leaky. One side of the capacitor should be disconnected from the circuit so that an accurate



Fig. 7—This figure illustrates low sync amplitude.

reading can be obtained. While this is being done, a check should also be made of the coupling capacitor between the oscillator and the grid of the horizontal output stage. A leaky coupling capacitor will cause *dc* leakage to the grid of the horizontal output tube which reduces the bias and causes excessive currents. This also imposes an additional drain on the horizontal oscillator with resultant reduction or loss of output or poor synchronization and linearity. The cathode resistor of the horizontal output tube, as well as the screen dropping resistor and screen bypass should also be checked because defective or off-value parts will cause poor performance in the horizontal output stage and consequent loading on the oscillator.

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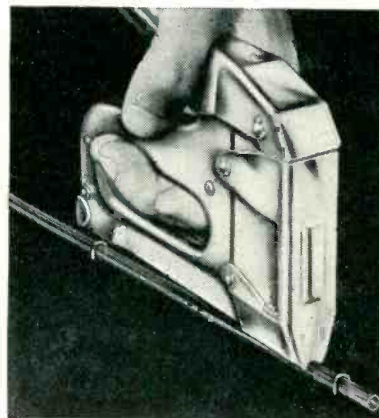
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WORKBENCH

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Modulation of the *if* signal frequency affects the phase displacement between the half cycle electron stream and the voltage produced on the quadrature grid causing corresponding variations in the length of anode current pulses. C40, capacitor 680 μf acts as the *if* bypass. Thus the voltage drop across the load resistor R42, 330K which is *dc*, is a direct function of the original modulation.

The sound limiter is a 6AU6. The low plate and screen voltages with the added grid leak action of C35 and R6 causes clipping of the negative half of the incoming signal.

With these facts in mind, voltage checks were taken at the plate, pin #7, and screen, pin #5, of the 6BN6. These voltages checked approximately correct. The plate and screen voltages of the 6AU6 limiter tube, also checked correctly. Next the slug adjustment of L23, the quadrature coil, was examined. It appeared to function normally. Coil L22 was also examined and found to be OK. Potentiometer R39 was then resistance checked. It measured 150 ohms instead of 600 ohms. It was therefore replaced with a new 600 ohm pot.

Components L23, L22, and R39 were then adjusted for maximum undistorted sound at the zero buzz point. The receiver now functioned normally.

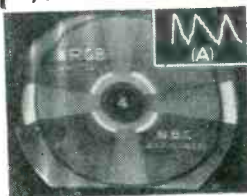
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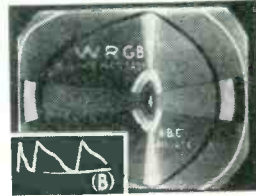
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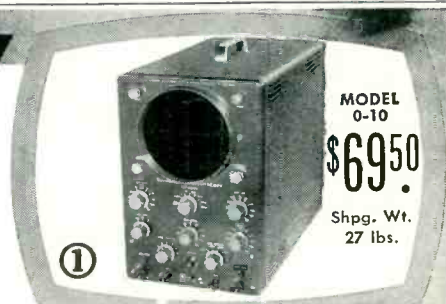
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- Why are we changing the magazine's name after 16 successful years?
- Why are we broadening our editorial scope into electronic servicing?

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Thousands of radio-TV servicemen in every section of the country told us that although SERVICE DEALER is fine now it can be made into a vastly more worthwhile working-tool—and these servicemen spoke out freely in guiding us as to their needs and preferences.

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BROADENED EDITORIAL SCOPE

Recent contacts with servicemen everywhere have brought to light their desire to broaden the scope of their activities so they can earn more money on a stabilized month-by-month basis in contrast to their present "peak and valley" predicament. Radio and Television Servicing is big business—and this year alone radio-TV servicemen will buy over \$1 billion worth of replacement tubes, components, accessories, test equipment, etc.

But the insurmountable problem facing all men

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engaged *solely* in servicing radios and television sets is the unpredictability and unseasonability factor. In parts of this country inclement weather prevents servicemen from installing outdoor TV antennas for 3 to 5 months at a stretch. In summertime masses of TV set owners leave big cities, head for mountain or seashore resorts, and kerploop, another 30-day void in service jobs occurs. Auto radio servicing, battery-operated radio set servicing—these and other facets, such as P.A. rentals, are seasonal problems that cannot be overcome by servicemen UNLESS they broaden the scope of their activities. The plea of thousands of servicemen who have asked us to show them the way to stabilize their income by opening *new service vistas* is now being answered by SERVICE DEALER and ELECTRONIC SERVICING. That's a promise!

The Electronic Servicing Field

What is electronic servicing? Whereas the radio and TV servicing field is simple to define, the electronics servicing field is so vast and all-encompassing that volumes would be required to cover it . . . and in fact it is growing so fast and is so embryonic that a market analysis made today would be obsolete within a short time. However, to define the electronics servicing field somewhat, let's start with a logical approach which touches on the abilities of men now doing ordinary radio and TV servicing and who want to expand their endeavors.

Ship-to-shore radio communications sales and servicing is typical. Upwards of 3.5 million cruiser-type pleasure boats are now afloat and within 5 years, according to experts, over 3 million such craft will have ship-to-shore radio communications equipment aboard. Many of these boats will also carry radio direction finders, depth determining devices, radar, gas detectors and automatic compasses. Each of these relatively simple electronic equipments will require servicing and it is a very profitable type of business for those qualified to handle it.

Industry of every type today uses a vast number of electronic devices such as Computers, Calculators, Checkers, Counters, Regulators, Weighers, Sorters, etc.

A Dramatic Format Change

Upwards of 700 different manufacturing firms produce thousands of different types of industrial electronic devices ranging from simple photo-cell actuated automatic door openers to electronic microscopes to ultrasonic dental drills. That firms engaged in aviation and military production use many electronic devices is an understatement. All these electronic devices constantly require preventive maintenance and periodic service. Much of this servicing today is done by rote by the manufacturer's field servicemen but it is opening up more and more to qualified independent service contractors. Taxi, trucking, police, aviation, railroad and similar industrial users of 2-way radio communications find that much of their equipment is idle frequently because of the dearth of servicemen qualified to repair it.

Stated another way, the industrial electronic and commercial communications equipment servicing business is here, there and everywhere NOW . . . and servicemen are needed to handle that business, as well as radio-TV servicing. The truth is that industrial electronic servicing volume equals or exceeds radio-TV servicing dollarwise right now, and although the method of handling it differs from the competitive tactics used by radio-TV servicemen, that group is the logical one to expand its field of operations. SERVICE DEALER and ELECTRONIC SERVICING will show the way!

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Radio-TV PLUS Electronics

SERVICE DEALER and ELECTRONIC SERVICING in its new format will publish more material than heretofore on the basic subjects of radio and television servicing, Color TV, the use of test instruments, etc., and in addition, with more text pages available *will also* cover the vast vista of servicing Hi-Fi, P.A., Commercial Communications and Industrial Electronics devices of every category. We will double or treble the present-day radio-TV serviceman's scope of endeavor.

New Features Added To Old

In its new format SERVICE DEALER and ELECTRONIC SERVICING will retain all the time-tested and proven-successful feature departments such as Answer Man, VSSS, Complete Mfgr's TV Schematics, etc. And several new features will be added. The Buyer's Guide is typical. Here the products of tube, components,

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SUMMARY

The May 1956 issue of SERVICE DEALER and ELECTRONIC SERVICING begins our 17th year of endeavor on behalf of the nation's radio-TV-electronic servicing fraternity. Nearly 20,000 *more* professional servicemen read our magazine monthly than any other serviceman's publication. And now we open a new era with exactly the type of technical magazine that is most wanted and which will be more valuable to all segments of the industry—from the servicemen handling all types of electronic devices, from a battery portable to a hearing aid to television to industrial electronic devices or commercial communications equipment to the Mfgr and supplier of the serviceman's needs.

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The 6BN6 was replaced as a positive precaution because of the possibility that the defective R39 was caused by an intermittently defective 6BN6.

ANSWERMEN

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The picture tube was good. Also, all peaking coils and condensers in the video amplifier stage have been checked.

J. C.

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The difficulty in this Philco RF-81, H1 chassis is most likely caused by a failure of the dc blocking condenser in the vertical retrace circuit. In Fig. 4, if

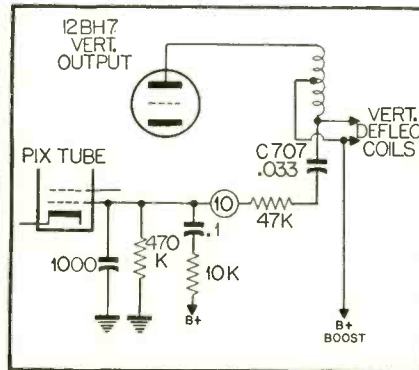


Fig. 4—Partial schematic of Philco RF81, H1 chassis.

the condenser C707, .033 μ f, should short, that end of the 47K resistor is placed at B plus. Since the picture tube grid now has much more positive voltage being applied to it, the control of brightness will not be correct.

Failures in the retrace elimination circuit have not been frequent but when they do occur they are most difficult to locate since they are not generally suspected and usually introduce troubles common to other circuits, such as the video amplifier or if stages.

COLOR

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pletely isolated from the oscillator function of the tube.

A crystal controlled electron-coupled oscillator of somewhat different form is shown in Fig. 4. Here we observe that the crystal is returned to screen grid, and that the output circuit comprising L_2 , L_3 , and C_2 is shunt-fed to

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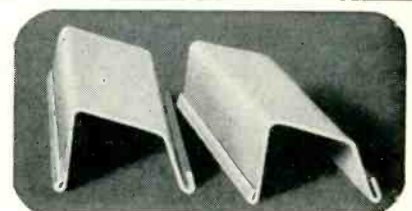
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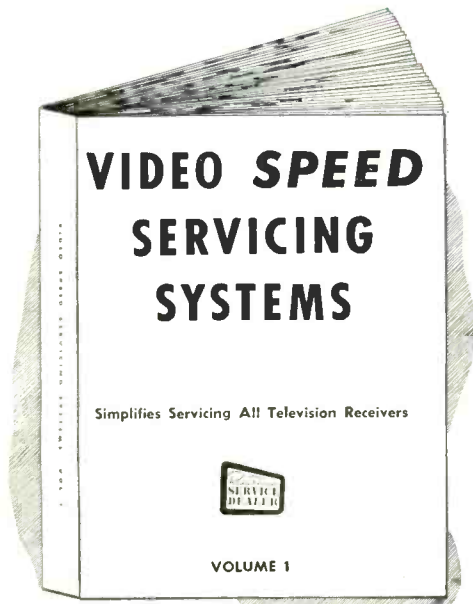


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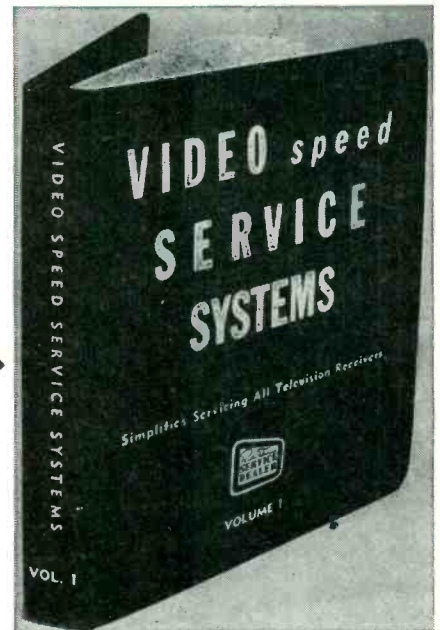


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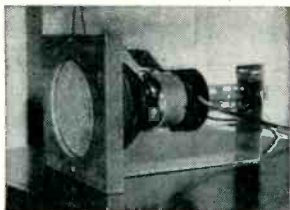
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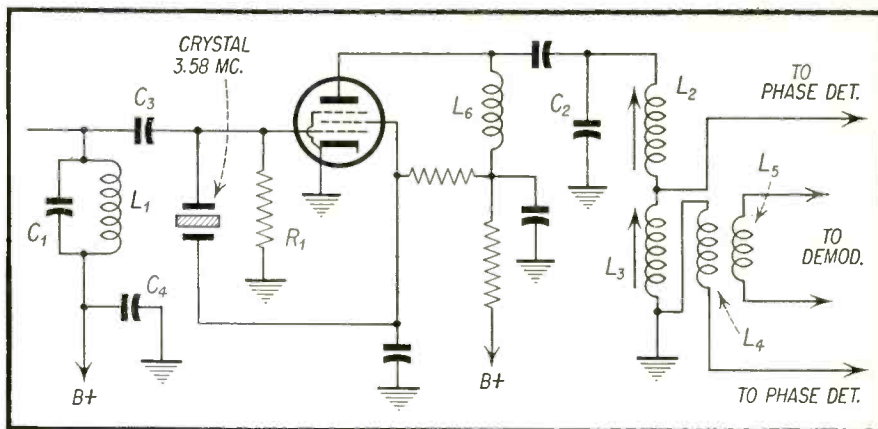


Fig. 4—Simplified electron coupled oscillator using Pierce circuit.

the oscillator tube. Inasmuch as the screen grid acts as the plate, and the crystal is connected between the screen grid and control grid, the circuit is identified as a Pierce oscillator. Further information on this circuit is available in the Literature.

Isolation of the output coil L_2 , L_3 , permits it to feed the phase detector and demodulator tubes without the need of a buffer or quadrature amplifier tube. In this circuit L_3 and L_4 feed the phase detector a pair of 180° signals, each 90° out of phase with

the incoming burst. Coil L_5 provides the signals which eventually feed the color demodulator tubes.

Adjustment of electron-coupled oscillators, as far as the output coil is concerned, consists of adjusting the primary of the output coil for a simple maximum output indication of a VTVM connected at the phase detector. This is in contrast to the Colpitts circuit where the final adjustment is set at a point on the low frequency side of resonance, and the tuned grid tuned plate circuit where the final

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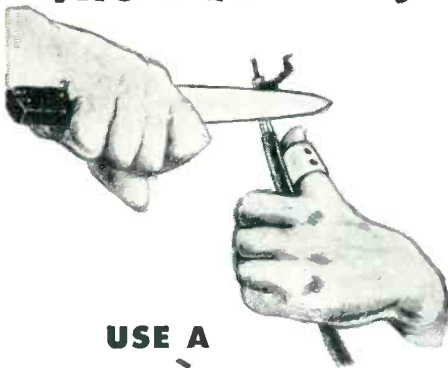
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creases up to 4.5 db on LO channels, over single bay units. [A-23]

Blonder-Tongue Laboratories, Inc., announces its new Model TM matching transformer.

In many TV installations it is necessary to use 75 ohm coaxial cable, RG-11/U or RG-59/U, in combination with 300 ohm antennas and TV sets. In master TV systems, in bad weather or salt-spray areas, in high interference locations and where ordinary ribbon line might have to go through steel supports, walls or conduit, the use of shielded coaxial cable is advised.

The B-T Labs Model TM Matching Transformer is designed for matching a 75 ohm coax line to a 300 ohm TV set. Connections are easily made with spade-lug leads to 300 ohm terminals, and the jack-plug that is furnished to solder on to the end of the 75 ohm coax line. This plug also provides a quick-disconnect feature.

A precision, weatherproof unit, Model MB, is also available for outdoor antenna matching. This model can demonstrate a 6 db improvement in signal over a direct connection of 75 ohm cable to a standard TV antenna. [A-24]

A completely new deep fringe area antenna, the Super Scanner, is now in production at Tescon TV Products Co., Springfield Gardens, N. Y.



Fig. 38—Two-Set coupler by Anchor Products Co.

Featuring extremely high gain with entirely flat response from Channels 2-13, the Super Scanner is also certified for color with more uniform gain. A new phasing method provides increased performance with equal efficiency on both high and low bands—superior high and low directivity. Furthermore, a new electronic design now eliminates minor lobes from both sides and rear . . . one narrow forward lobe offers extremely sharp directivity. [A-25]

Anchor Products Co. makes available its C-202 two-set TV coupler with a matched impedance of 300 ohms. [A-26]

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