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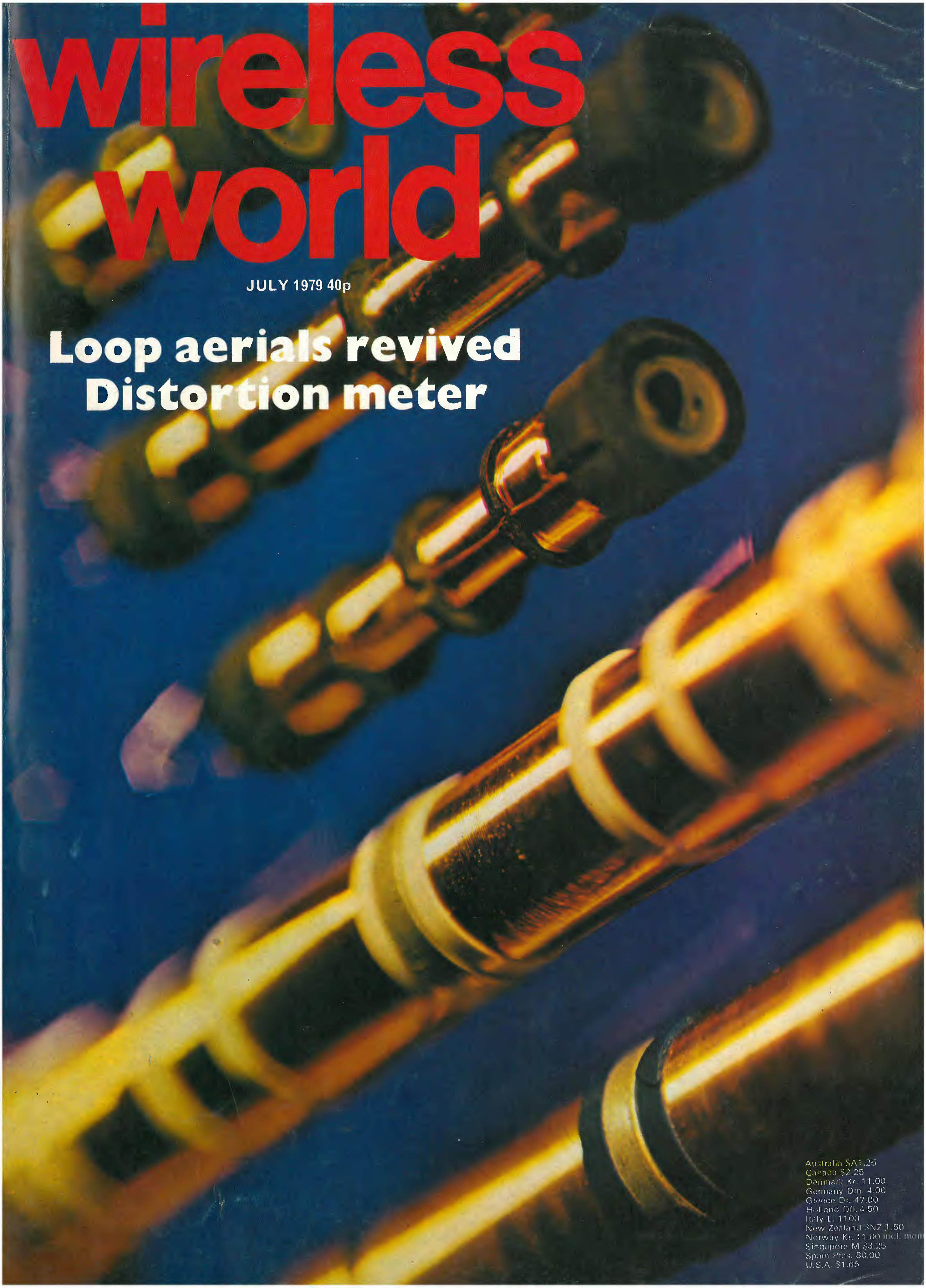

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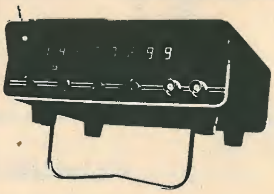

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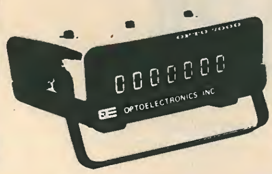

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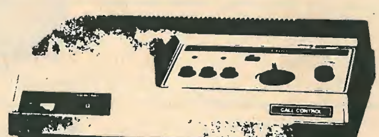

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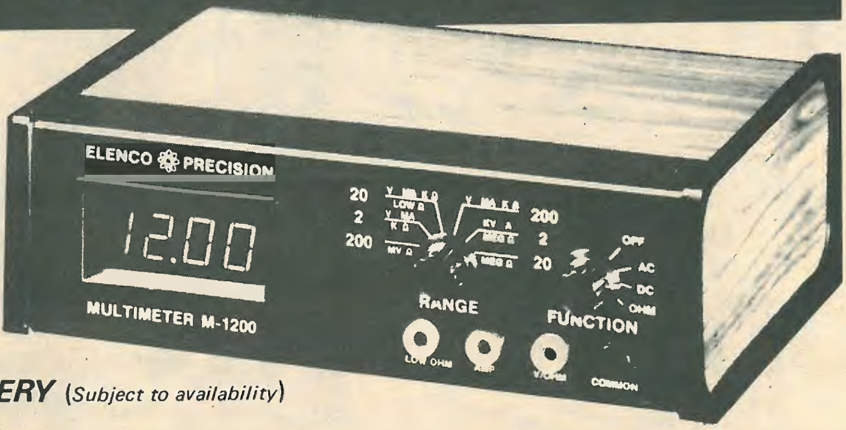

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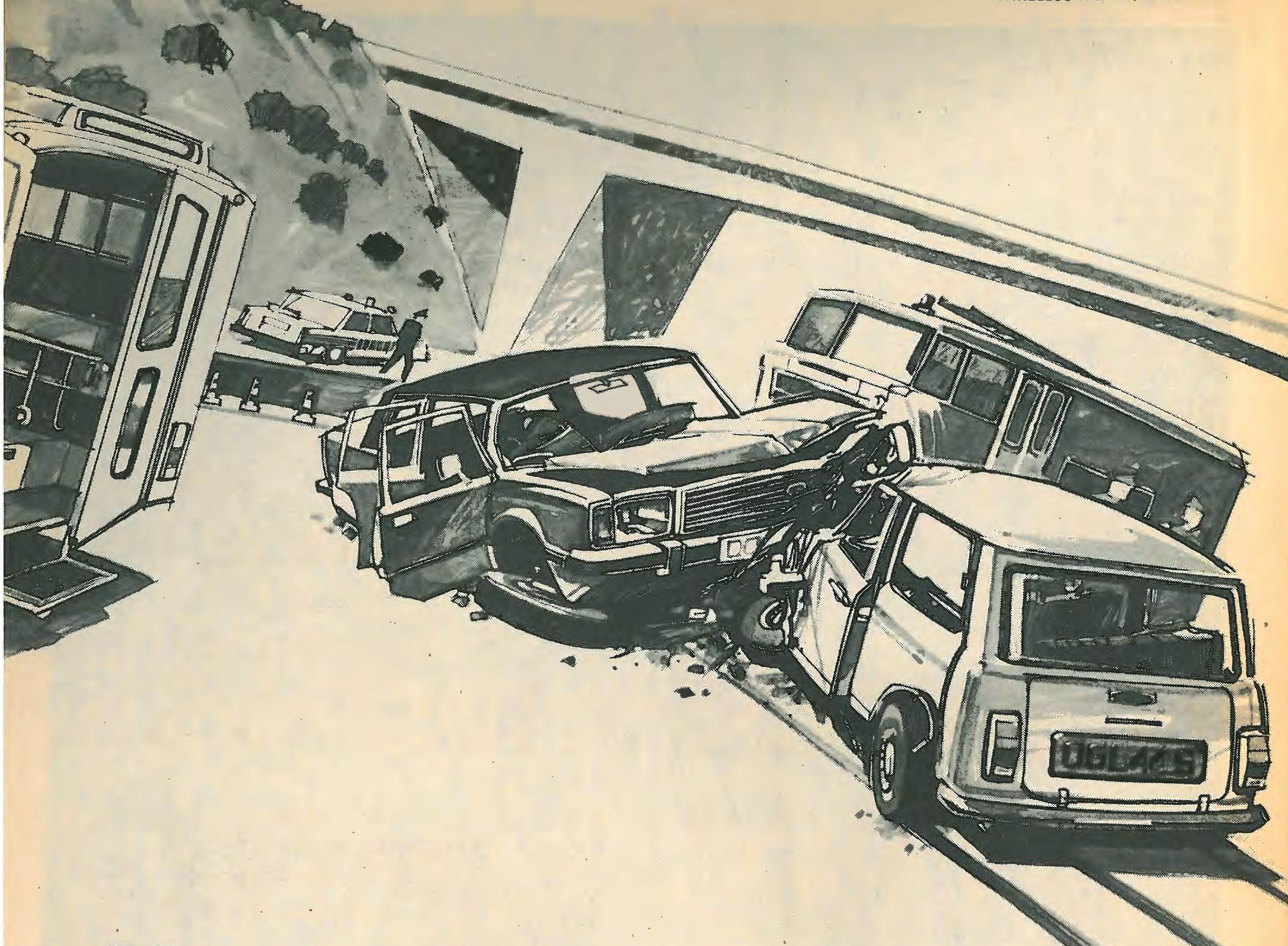


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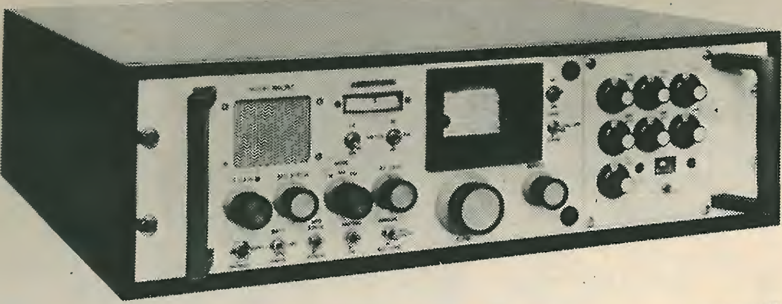

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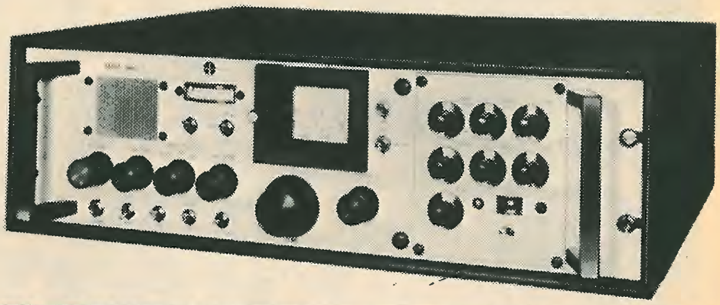

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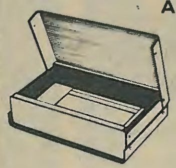

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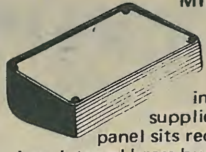

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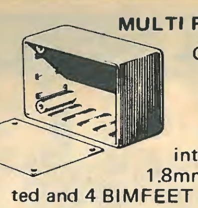

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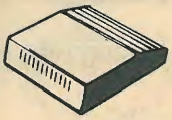

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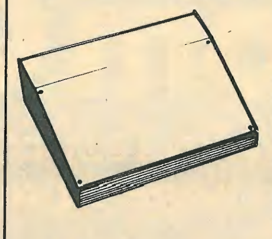

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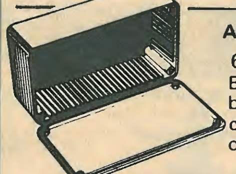

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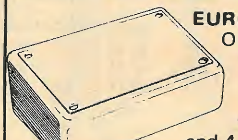

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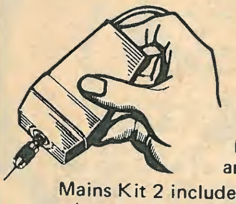

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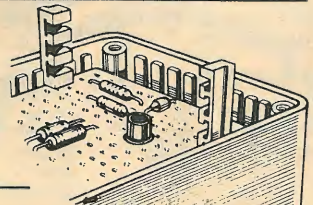

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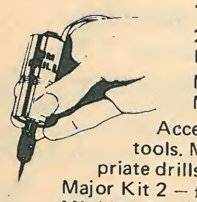

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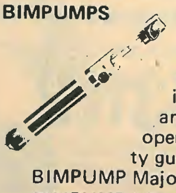

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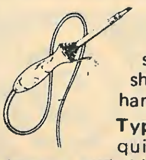

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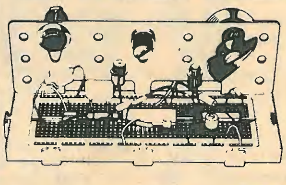

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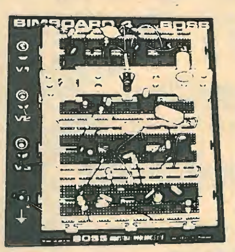

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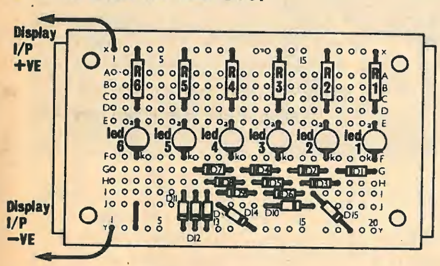

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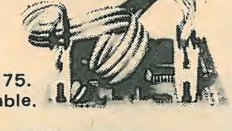

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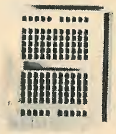

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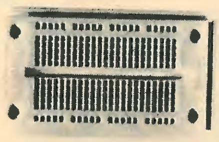

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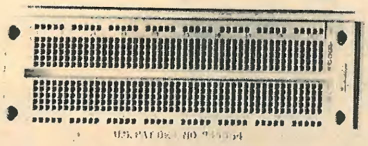

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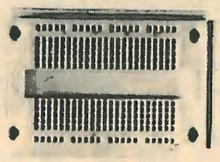

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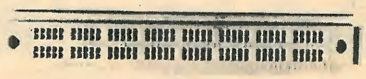

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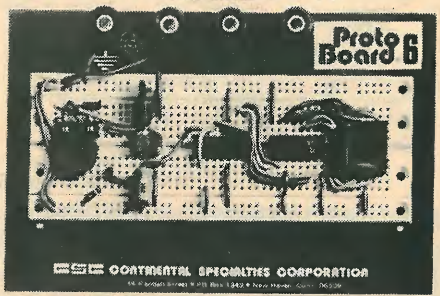

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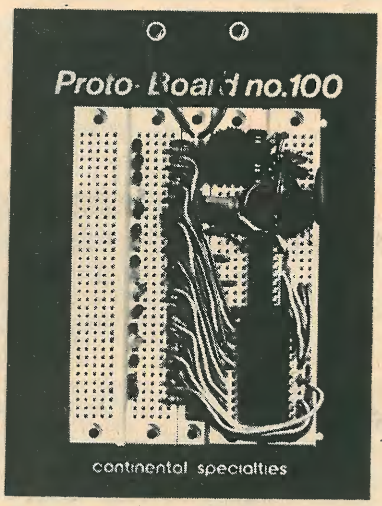

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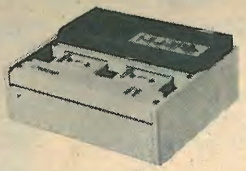

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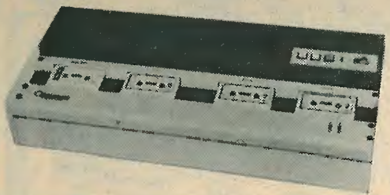

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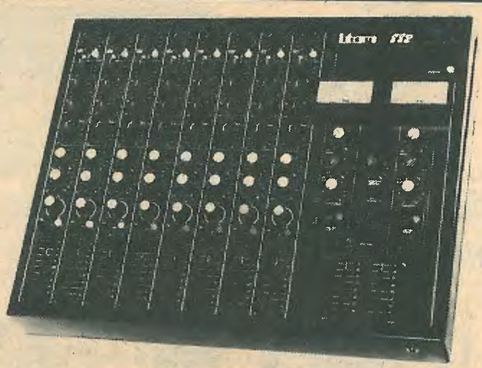

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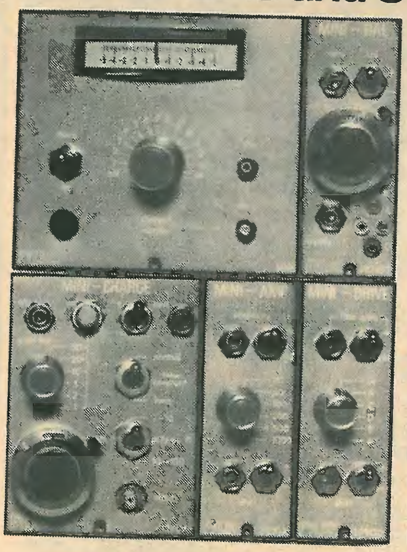

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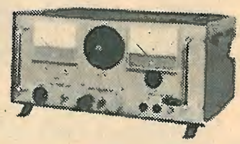

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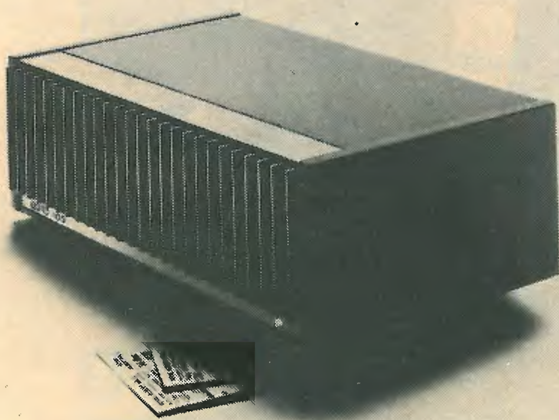

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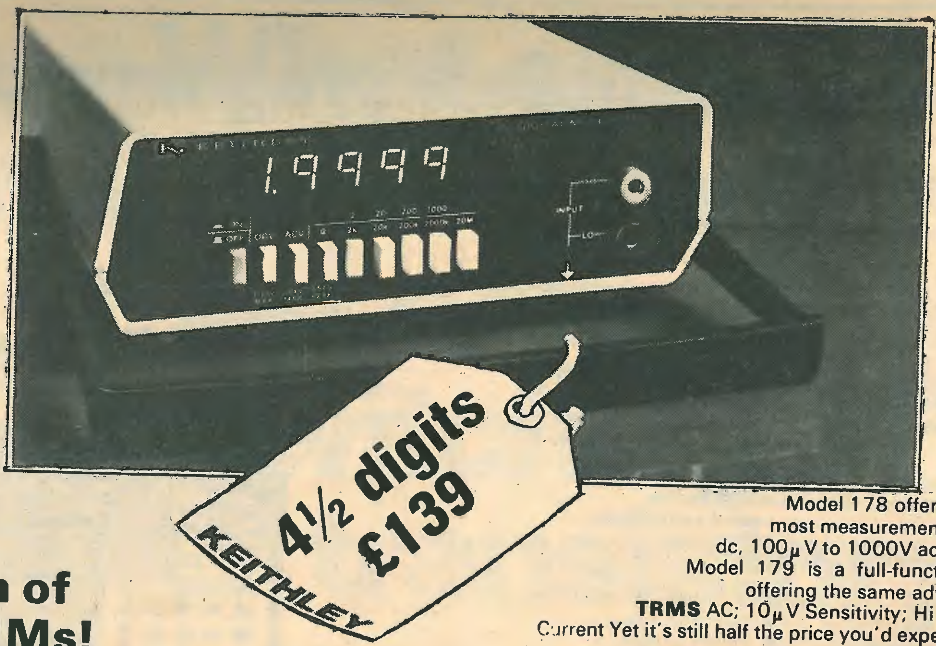

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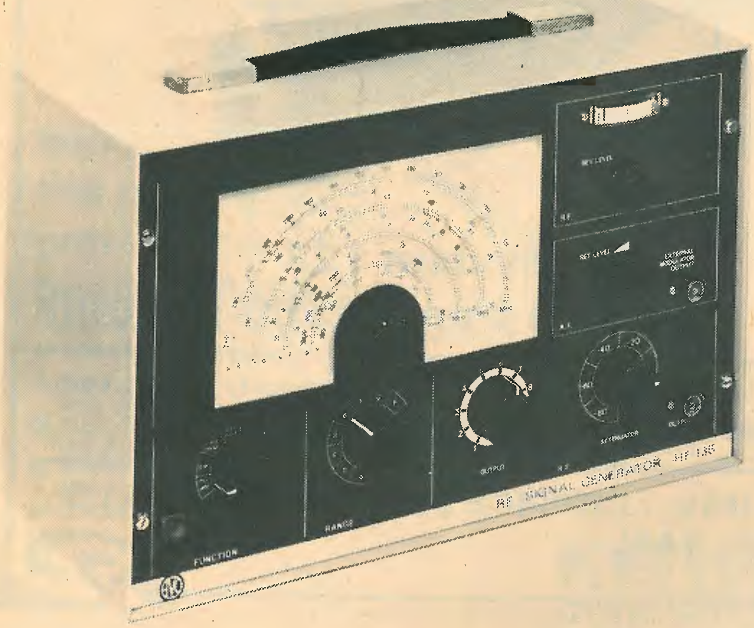

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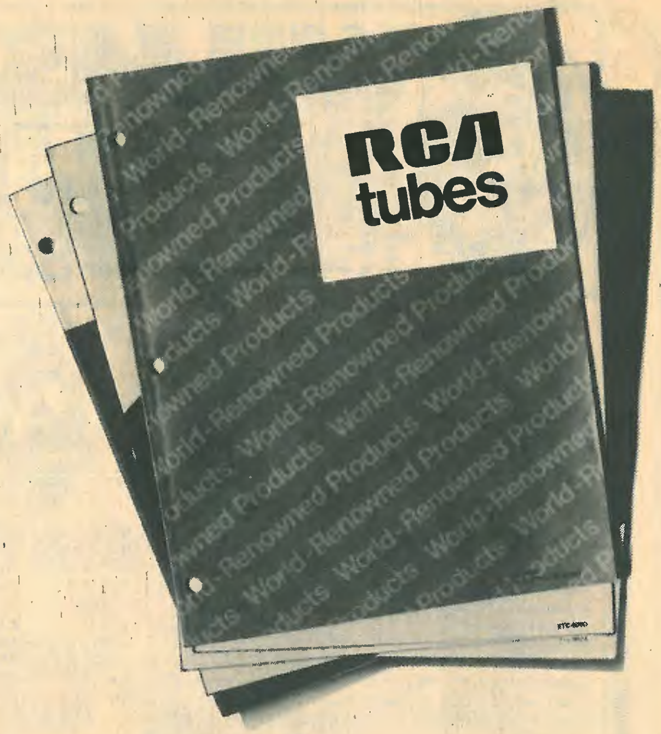

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Information gap

If the new British government pays any attention to a Conservative Party working group report issued just before the election, it will be establishing a definite policy on information technology. The report recommends for example that there should be a government minister to be responsible for the information industries and that strikes by people operating telecommunication and some computer systems should be made illegal. But although it deals with many social aspects of information technology, the report fails to mention that ever-present fear of ordinary people that we are all being taken over by computers. This report above all should have made it clear that such anxieties can be dispelled by the proper use of information — to inform.

Partly conditioned by novels depicting people at the mercy of machines, such as "Brave New World" and "1984," the public view of the advancing computer-state is one of near horror. It is convenient for those in favour of unchecked collection of personal data that the villain of the piece is the device used to sift the evidence rather than the human intelligence at the controls. Add to this the widespread concern at the threat of structural unemployment in the wake of the silicon chip, and the computer really begins to emerge as a fully formed monster.

One misconception could be dispelled by pointing out that, in spite of remarkable increases in memory capacity, no machine has yet been made which could be termed "intelligent" in more than the limited sense mentioned in our November editorial. It is even more important that people should be helped to grasp the inescapable fact that a computer is nothing without a program — that vital human stimulus, like the blow administered to a new born baby to make it breathe, without which the mechanism cannot function.

Some optimistic engineers have seen visions of a perfect society served by an impeccable technology, but realities such as atmospheric pollution and electronics in the service of war limit the fulfilment of such visions. One comes to the sad conclusion that, without a sensitive and cautious approach to the widening problems of the interface between the natural and man-made worlds, industrial unrest and social disruption must follow. A great deal can be done, however, by overcoming ignorance.

Those who have the skills to communicate ideas should begin the attempt to bridge the information gap by showing real evidence of the advantages of data processing in time and labour saving and by describing improvements in operating efficiency not only in industry but in social services such as electricity supply, home heating systems and medicine where computer systems are in use. Such illustrations can be underlined by emphasising that electronics is still subject to control by human will and that as long as technical progress is directed with care it can do much to improve the human condition.

It has been reported elsewhere that the Department of Inland Revenue is to computerise all its PAYE administration areas, and processing operations are to begin in 1984. This really isn't "Big Brother" looming as a tangible reality, but the coincidence is certainly one to produce a knowing smirk on the face of a committed critic of computers and data banks.

On the other hand, if we are not prepared to provide sufficient information to allay the fears of the uninitiated we can hardly blame them for turning a deaf ear to our protestation that all is well. At least, as far as we know all is well. If the worst should happen and 1984 becomes reality in 1994 some of us may recognise that, as with politicians, we only get the systems we deserve.

The loop aerial revived

Three designs for improving broadcast band reception

by R. E. Schemel

When the ferrite rod aerial came into general use in broadcast receivers the loop or frame aerial that had served well for many years fell into obscurity. Here the author takes a fresh look at the loop and shows how it can be used to improve reception of distant and fringe-area m.w. and l.w. stations, particularly in the interference conditions of the average home. After a theoretical analysis and comparisons with ferrite rod and long wire aerials the article presents three designs at different levels of constructional complexity: a simple magnetic field multiplier, which is placed near (but not connected to) a set with a ferrite rod aerial; a large external loop which can be wound round pieces of furniture; and a small loop intended to be fitted inside the case of a receiver.

NOW THAT a new frequency plan for the long and medium wave broadcast bands has been introduced into Europe reception should be improved, particularly after dark. There may therefore be an awakening of interest from readers (and also from the general public) in receiving stations other than those of local origin, but to do this one requires an aerial whose pick-up properties are considerably superior to the ferrite rod incorporated into the majority of modern receivers.

Quite apart from long distance reception, there are also other situations where a better performance is desirable; for example, reception in a much larger fringe area would be possible for the extensive local radio network which is developing. Looking further ahead, a.m. stereo is under active consideration (in the United States at least), and presumably this will call for an improved signal-to-noise ratio, for aesthetic if not for technical reasons. It would thus seem to be an opportune moment to suggest that a good aerial which would meet the above requirements is nothing more than an old fashioned loop, which passed into a sort of technical twilight with the introduction of the ferrite rod.

Ferrite rod aerials are now almost universally used for broadcast reception, and have been so for at least two decades. Prior to this a long wire external to the receiver reigned supreme, except where portability was required, and in these cases a loop was used which was often a part of the cabinet.

Going further back in time, some of the earliest radios often sported frame aerials of large size and impressive shapes. Why the rise and decline in the popularity of the loop should have occurred is not clear, since its advantages for broadcast reception have long been known, but several minor reasons could be cited. One is that early loops could be easily mistuned by hand capacitance effects, another is that of the added complication of making one loop winding tune both the medium and the long waves (but then many parts of the world use only one waveband). Other reasons are less tangible; for example, it may be difficult to manufacture a receiver with a loop external to the main circuit board, the present day ferrite rod being convenient in respect of unitary construction, low magnetic coupling and ease of alignment before assembly; it could simply be the whim of fashion. If this is the only reason, manufacturers please take note!

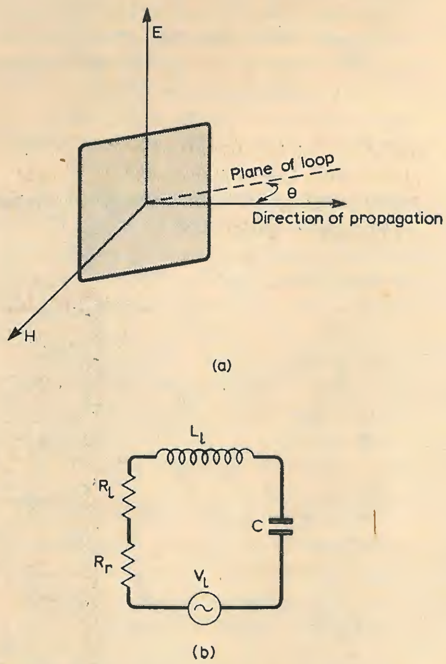

Fig. 1. *A loop aerial immersed in an electromagnetic field. At (a) system of co-ordinates with vertical field strength E volts/metre, horizontal field strength H amperes/metre and θ the angle between plane of loop and direction of propagation. At (b) the equivalent circuit with L_l inductance of loop, R_l loss resistance, and R_r radiation resistance, the loop being tuned by capacitance C.*

The need for magnetic loop reception

The easiest and cheapest aerial for broadcast band reception is almost certainly a longish piece of wire. It gives far more signal than is necessary, and this allows the coupling into the input stage to be so weak that mistuning is minimal. Even a metre or so of wire is adequate if the coupling is increased, as can be confirmed by checking the performance of one of the better car radios. Why, then, bother with anything else? The answer lies in the electromagnetic environment, which has become progressively more harsh. The average house is probably provided with several commutator type motors, innumerable on/off contacts, fluorescent lamps, and that arch villain, the television receiver. Outside of the immediate area around a house, factories, trains, welders, street lighting, high voltage power lines and many other sources all have the potential of causing interference. This is either conducted to the vicinity of the receiver by the mains, overhead lines, etc. or is radiated. The net result, particularly in urban areas, is interference which often is well above the natural background noise level.

Almost all the interference at the broadcast range of frequencies is caused by relatively high r.f. voltages rather than by closed current loops. The electric, electromagnetic, and magnetic fields generated by such voltages can be described in terms of elementary electric doublets (see, for example, any textbook on antennas). The theory is quite straightforward, but for the purpose of this article it is convenient to consider the coupling between the interference source and a wire aerial as being only capacitive and electromagnetic, the inductive (magnetic) effects being negligible. It can be shown that the capacitive coupling between two small doublets varies as the inverse cube of distance, and thus the coupled interference also varies in the same way. Electromagnetic radiation also occurs, and this gives rise to a field which varies inversely with distance. At a large distance from the source the electromagnetic effect predominates, but near to the source the capacitive, or electrostatic, effect is much larger. The critical distance where the electric and electromagnetic fields are equal is $\lambda/2\pi$ in the case of a small doublet, and at broadcast wavelengths this is 50 metres or more.

A small loop aerial is not responsive to purely electric fields, but only to the magnetic flux threading its area (in this respect it cannot differentiate between an electromagnetic or magnetic field). Inside the critical radius the loop will therefore have superior interference rejection properties compared with a wire aerial. The corollary, that is, a wire would be superior to a loop if the interference were caused by closed current paths, is also true but is not generally of interest in practice.

The superiority of the magnetic loop over a wire aerial can be quite substantial, particularly when the source is localized and close in terms of a wavelength or the interference is conducted. In this last respect, it is particularly advantageous in suppressing television line timebase interference, and readers who have receivers equipped with both ferrite aerials and a connection for a long wire can confirm this. A loop is therefore a natural choice for reception on the broadcast bands, provided that its pick up properties are adequate. That this is so will now be demonstrated.

Loop and ferrite rod principles

Fig. 1 shows an electrically small loop (e.g. all dimensions much smaller than the wavelength) immersed in an electromagnetic field. The field has a vertical strength of E volts/metre and a horizontal strength of H amperes/metre. The plane of the loop is at an angle θ to the direction of propagation. E and H are related by the well known expression $H=E/Z_0$, Z_0 being the characteristic impedance of free space. Z_0 is defined by the relation

$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_o}{\epsilon_o}} = 377 \text{ ohms} = c\mu_o$$

$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ henries/m (free space permeability)

$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ farads/m (free space permittivity)

c = velocity of light $= 1/\sqrt{\epsilon_0\mu_0}$

The H field gives rise to a uniform flux density of $B=\mu_0 H$ tesla and the loop area A intercepts a total flux of $BA\cos\theta$ webers. If the flux varies sinusoidally, i.e.,

$B(t) = B. \sin 2\pi ft$

then the flux rate of change is

$\dot{B}(t) = B.2\pi f\cos 2\pi ft,$

and a voltage V is induced into an N turn loop of

$$V = AN\dot{B} = 2\pi f ANE(\mu_0/Z_0)\cos\theta, \qquad (1)$$

where the variation with time has been dropped. By substituting for μ_0 and Z_0 and aligning the loop with the direction of propagation, the more familiar expression in terms of wavelength may also be obtained:

$$V = \frac{2\pi NAE}{\lambda}. \qquad (2)$$

The induced voltage is injected in series with the loop, and when the latter forms part of a tuned circuit, the output across the tuning capacitor is

$$V_l = 2\pi f A_l N_l(\mu_0/Z_0) . E . Q_l . \qquad (3)$$

If a ferrite rod is slipped inside the loop the flux increases, the proportional increase being defined as the effective permeability of the rod and being denoted by the symbol μ_f. Thus, for a ferrite rod, eq. (3) becomes

$$V_f = 2\pi f A_f N_f (\mu_0/Z_0)\, E\, Q_f \mu_f \qquad (4)$$

μ_f is a complicated function of the length to diameter ratio and, to a much lesser extent, the relative permeability of the rod material. Fig. 2 shows the relationship*, from which it can be seen that a value for μ_f of between 50 and 150 can be expected.

Loop vs. ferrite rod

The relative performance of the two aerials can now be examined under the following basic assumptions:

1. Both aerials have the same inductance (so that they tune with the same load capacitance)
2. Each aerial is electrically small and there are no effects other than those discussed.

Before making the comparison the turns required for each type of aerial must be known.

The inductance of any single-layer

*For complete design details of a ferrite aerial see Ref. 1. Also see the December 1978 issue of *Wireless World* for an interesting alternative derivation of eq. (4)

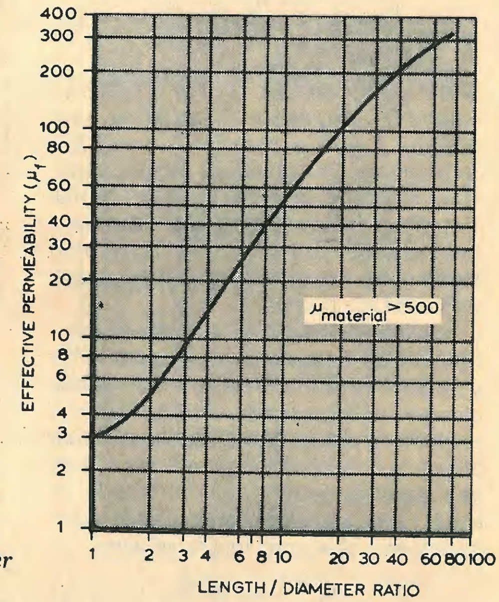

Fig. 2. *Relationship between effective permeability of ferrite rod and length-to-diameter ratio of the rod.*

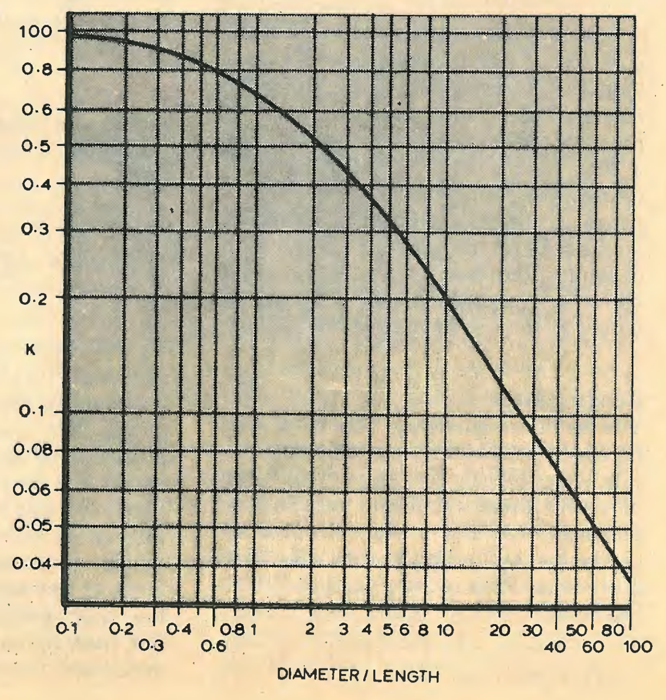

Fig. 3. *Value of form factor K used in inductance calculations for a circular coil, as a function of the ratio: diameter d to length l of the coil.*

coil can be calculated from the general formula

$$L=\frac{\mu_o AN^2K\mu_e}{l} \qquad (5)$$

where K is a form factor which is a function of the diameter d to coil length l, and μ_e is the effective permeability of the magnetic material inserted into the coil. Values of K can be found from Fig. 3, which is strictly valid for single layer coils of circular cross section. Rectangular cross section coils can be allowed for by calculating a value for d based on a circular cross-section of the same area and the formula is also valid for thin multilayer coils. From eq. (5) the number of turns is

$$N=\sqrt{\frac{Ll}{\mu_o AK\mu_e}}. \qquad (6)$$

Substituting for N in eqs (3) and (4), a dimensionless figure comparing the performance of the two different types of aerials is obtained:

$$\frac{V_l}{V_f}=\frac{Q_l}{Q_f}\cdot\frac{1}{\mu_f}\sqrt{\frac{l_l}{l_f}\cdot\frac{A_l}{A_f}\cdot\frac{K_f}{K_l}}\cdot\mu_e \qquad (7)$$

Of the variables in eq. (7), the Q factor is limited by problems of tracking and selectivity, and in practice is equal for both aerials. The effective permeability of the ferrite, μ_f, could be up to about 100 for rods of reasonable length, diameter, and material permeability. μ_e is typically about 12 for the types of coil shapes and rods used in practice.*

The other variables are at the discretion of the designer, but to make the comparison as equitable as possible identical coil geometries will be considered. (In practice it will be found that different coil geometries will not make any significant difference.) Thus K_l is equal to K_f, l will be proportional to the square root of A, and eq. (7) becomes

$$\frac{V_l}{V_f}=\frac{\sqrt{\mu_e}}{\mu_l}\left(\frac{A_l}{A_f}\right)^{3/4}. \qquad (8)$$

A typical cross section of a ferrite rod is $A_f=0.5\ \text{cm}^2$ and for comparison a small loop 25 × 16 cm will be taken, this being representative of one of the smallest portable radio sizes which could include a 20cm ferrite rod. Substituting these figures, the ratio is found to be about 5 times or 14dB. Commonly available ferrite rods do not seem to exceed 20cm in length, whereas many radios would allow for a larger loop; a 30 × 50cm loop would give gains of 20 times or 26dB.

Performance

The traditional measure of performance for a loop aerial is expressed by eq. (2) or (3); however, this is really only a figure of gain, not a complete measure of performance, and a better indication can be had by finding how much noisier a practical loop is than the ideal (lossless) case.

Referring to Fig. 1(b), the loop consists of an inductance (tuned by the capacitor C, which is assumed to be lossless), a loss resistance R_l, and a radiation resistance R_r. The two resistances appear in series and generate thermal noise according to their respective magnitudes and absolute temperatures. R_l is at room temperature, but R_r has a much higher temperature to account for the background of thunderstorms and man-made noise (in free space R_r would have a very low temperature). Denoting the ratio of the temperature of R_r to that of R_l as T, the ratio of the noise powers of Fig. 1(b) to the lossless case is

$$F=\frac{TR_r+R_l}{TR_r}=1+\frac{R_l}{TR_r}.$$

F is a degradation factor, analogous to the noise figure of a receiver, which can be made to approach one by increasing the radiation resistance, i.e. by increasing the size of the loop.

Substituting for the quantities R_r, R_l, and L as follows:

$$R_r=640\pi^4\cdot\frac{A^2N^2}{\lambda^4}$$

$$R_l=\frac{2\pi fL}{Q}=\frac{2\pi cL}{\lambda Q}$$

$$L=\mu_o\frac{AKN^2}{l}$$

F can be written as

$$F=1+\frac{Z_o}{320\pi^3}\cdot\frac{\lambda^3}{TQ}\cdot\left[\frac{K}{Al}\right] \qquad (9)$$

The last term in square brackets is only a function of the factor K and the loop volume. From Fig. 3, K is a minimum when the ratio d/l is a minimum, that is, when the coil is short. In fact, as the loop becomes very short, the inductance L tends to the expression.

$$L\approx\frac{\mu_o d}{2}\left[ln\frac{8d}{u}-1.75\right]N^2 \qquad (10)$$

where u is the diameter of the conductor bunch. F can then be written in the form

$$F=1+\frac{Z_o}{320\pi^3}\cdot\frac{\lambda^3}{TQ}\cdot\frac{2}{d\pi A}\left[ln\left(\frac{8d}{u}-1.75\right)\right] \qquad (11)$$

Eq. (11) apparently shows that the degradation increases as the cube of the wavelength, an inevitable consequence of the fact that radiation resistance is proportional to λ^{-4} whilst the loss resistance is only proportional to λ^{-1}. However, this is reckoning without the effects of background noise. Fig. 4, which shows background noise in the form of the noise temperature ratio T, has been extracted from CCIR report 322 (Ref. 2) for selected periods of the year, and is applicable to the United Kingdom†. It shows that T typically varies as λ^5 or even λ^6, and so the loop performance actually improves at longer wavelengths. What is also interesting is the distant man-made noise curve applicable to a quiet receiving location; this varies roughly as λ^3 and thus makes loop performance independent of wavelength.

The absolute levels at 1MHz of all the curves are also of particular interest; not only do they show that T is very high, for example it is 55dB for man-made noise, but they also show that only for a small period during daylight hours in winter does the noise due to thunderstorms fall significantly below the man-made value. For much of the time thunderstorm noise is dominant, and on this basis a design criterion which is often used in practice is the man-made noise curve of Fig. 4. Substituting the 55dB value into Eq. (11) and assuming the following typical values for the loop:

$A=0.1\text{m}^2$ (d=35cm)
$Q=200$
$u=1\text{cm}$
$\lambda=300\text{m}$

gives a value for F of only 3.3dB. Practically speaking, it means that even with a small sized loop the dominant noise comes from the background and not from the losses. Readers who are interested in pursuing the ultimate during the very short winter daytime and who are fortunate enough to be quite remote from civilisation could note that a loop with a diameter of 2 or 3m would be suitable. Whether such efforts are worthwhile is open to conjecture.

Some useful designs

Those who wish to proceed with the construction of a loop aerial, but only after convincing themselves that it is worthwhile, can seek refuge in the field multiplier described below. The advantage of the field multiplier is that no modification to the receiver is required. Having verified the performance, they can proceed to a large external loop, which still only calls for a minimum of alterations, and then finally to a purpose designed loop complete with the correct input coupling to the first stage.

The H field multiplier

The H field multiplier consists of nothing more than a simple loop and a 300-500pF tuning capacitor. Select a suitable cardboard box (the sort provided by the supermarket for bringing home the groceries) with an open end cross section of about 0.1m^2 (1ft × 1ft). Cut four pieces of hardboard a little smaller than the sides of the box and stick them with impact glue onto the inside walls. Then stick down the top flaps onto this hardboard to make three layers. The result will be a rigid box with one open end which will withstand the

* See previous footnote

†It is also applicable to the middle latitudes of North American and to most of Europe.

strain of winding with a fairly heavy gauge wire.

Select, in order of preference: fairly thick Litz; 16 gauge wire; or seven strands of 22-26 gauge wire made by twisting with a drill. Wind about 30 turns around the sides of the box, spacing the turns evenly over a distance of about 15cm. Fasten the two ends by some suitable means and mount a variable tuning capacitor in the middle of the bottom of the box. Connect the two ends to the capacitor and the loop is complete.

The above design relates to medium waveband coverage using a 300-500pF tuning capacitor. Increasing the turns by a factor of 5 will tune the long wave band. If a different value of tuning capacitor or if a widely different shape of loop is used, the exact number of turns can be found from eq. (6) and Fig. 3.

Place a radio receiver using a ferrite rod near (but not too near) to the loop and select a weak station. Tune the loop and the signal level will increase by up to two orders of magnitude. The effect will not be so noticeable on receivers with good a.g.c. characteristics or with strong signals, and so the weakest possible one should be chosen. Signal level may be increased by moving the ferrite rod inside the loop or closer to the sides, but a value of coupling of more than $k^2 = 1/Q_lQ_f$‡ will cause severe mistuning.

To understand why a passive device can amplify a magnetic field, consider a reasonably long loop. Then the inductance of such a loop is easily calculated, and the series resistance R can be found from

$$R = \frac{\omega L}{Q_l} = \frac{2\pi f}{Q_l} \cdot \frac{\mu_o A N^2 K}{l}$$

The reason for choosing a long loop is to allow the shape factor K to equal one, and thus to simplify the mathematics, but the final answer can be generalized to loops of any form.

The induced voltage is given by eq. (4), and can be expressed in terms of the H field by means of the relation $H = E/Z_o$. Thus the current circulating in the loop when the series reactance is tuned out is

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = 2\pi f A \mu_o H N / 2\pi f A \mu_o \frac{N^2}{Q_l l}$$

$$= \frac{Q_l l H}{N}. \qquad (12)$$

The current I causes a uniform field of IN/l ampere turns per metre throughout the volume of the loop, and thus

$$H_l = Q_l H \qquad (13)$$

The effect of the loop is thus to magnify the H field by a factor Q_l. To reassure

‡ $k^2 = M/L_lK_f$, M being the mutual inductance.

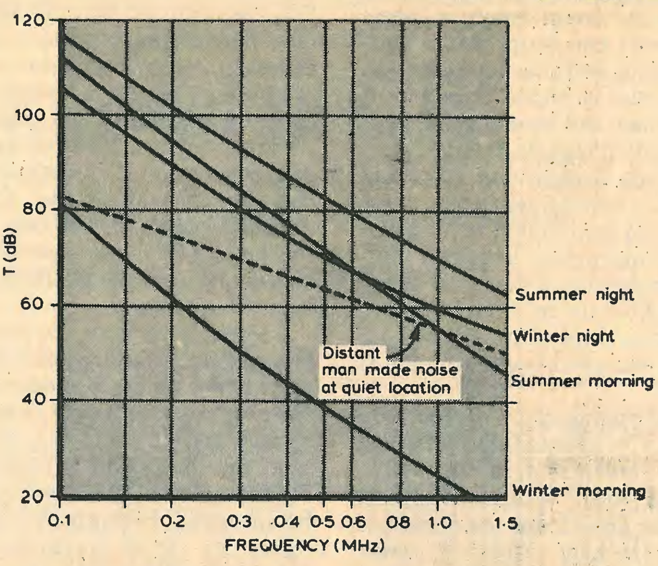

Fig. 4. *Background noise in the form of noise temperature ratio T at different frequencies for selected periods of the year (from CCIR report in reference 2).*

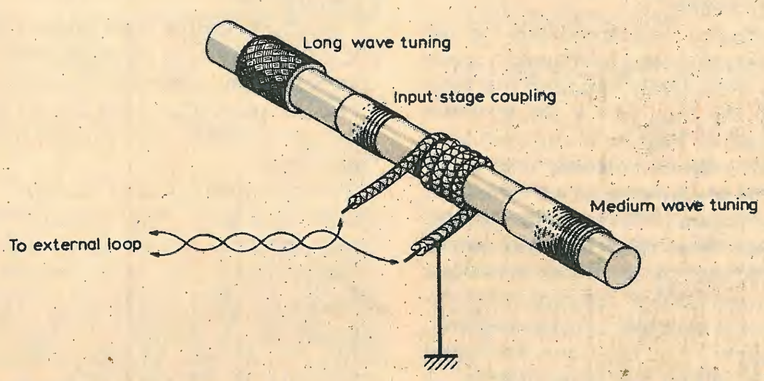

Fig. 5. *How to couple an external loop aerial to a ferrite rod aerial in a radio receiver. The extra coil is preferably made of thin screened cable (with its outer braid earthed at one point only) and the inner conductor is connected to the loop aerial by a twisted pair.*

those who find the apparent increase in field strength incompatible with the principle of the conservation of energy, it should be noted that the field is inductive and that it is in phase quadrature with the incident field.

The external loop

An alternative to the field multiplier is a largish external loop. Such a loop has the dual merit of being almost invisible and covering both the medium and long wavebands without switching. It can also be coupled into the receiver with an absolute minimum of modification.

The loop can be constructed by winding a few turns of wire around the back of a bookcase. An interesting alternative is to use a single strip of thin foil hidden under the wallpaper, but if the latter suggestion is taken up the foil should be run well clear of any mains cabling buried in the wall, otherwise the good interference rejection properties may be lost.

The area of the loop should be at least $2m^2$ and preferably larger. By this means the coupling into the input stage can be made small and any mistuning minimized. The orientation should be chosen so that the plane of the loop is within ± 60° of the direction of propagation of the weakest station to be received.

To connect the loop to the receiver a twisted pair should be used and this should be as short as is convenient. The coupling arrangement into the first tuned stage depends upon whether a ferrite rod or a long wire forms the normal receiver aerial. If there is a ferrite rod, a coupling coil should be made from some fairly thin screened cable as shown in Fig. 5. The outer braid should be earthed at one point only and the twisted pair should be connected onto the two ends of the inner conductor to form a screened coupling coil. The reason for the screening is to minimise electrostatic pick-up, but this is not absolutely essential; ordinary insulated wire can be used with the centre point earthed by a high voltage capacitor — say 0.005 microfarad.

To simplify construction, initially wind a trial coupling coil from single strand plastic covered wire around the ferrite rod; as a rough guide use 4 to 6 turns for a $2m^2$ loop. Select a weak signal without the loop connected. Connect the loop and check that there is a large increase in signal strength; if not, add a turn and repeat with progressively weaker signals, finally determining whether background noise can be heard above receiver noise. The turns on the coupling loop should be adjusted to give a compromise between sensitivity and detuning of the input stage, which will show up in different ways but the most obvious is the appearance of stations on seemingly incorrect channels.

The act of adding the external loop has the effect of decreasing the tuning inductance, and for maximum sensitivity the input stage must be realigned. For large loops the degree of coupling can be kept sufficiently weak for the effect to be minimal, but it should nevertheless be borne in mind. It is a simple matter to unglue the ferrite windings and to slide them along the rod, but this is a matter for the individual to decide.

If the receiver is designed only for use with an external long wire aerial, some means of inductively coupling the loop into both the long and medium wave tuning coils is required. An easy and reasonably effective method is to wrap a few turns of wire around each coil and to connect them both in series with the twisted pair from the loop. One side of the twisted pair should be earthed via a high voltage 0.005μF capacitor. No estimate of the number of turns required can be given, but they can be found experimentally in the same manner as for the ferrite rod.

Design for an integral loop

Most receivers sold today are portable in the sense that they have no external aerial, and it is not likely that the public at large would accept the inconvenience of either of the two previous designs.

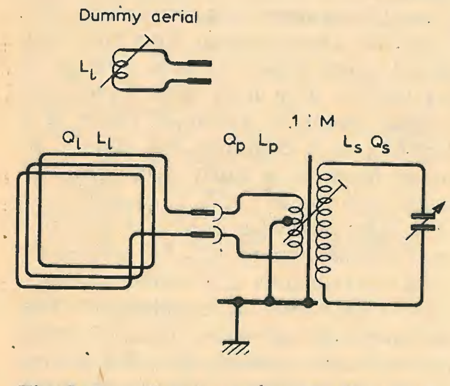

Fig. 6. *Coupling arrangement for a low impedance loop aerial fitted inside the case of a receiver. Transformer is the first tuned circuit of the receiver circuit with a coupling coil added. The dummy aerial, a pre-set inductor, is used for alignment purposes when the set chassis is separated from its case.*

What is required is to incorporate the loop into the receiver and to do this in a manner which enables it to be manufactured and serviced easily. A design which allows for these dual features and for multiband operation is the low impedance loop with transformer coupling shown in Fig. 6. The low impedance (few turns) loop also gives the benefits of easy mechanical construction and reduction of hand capacitance effects.

A suitable form of construction is a rectangular frame whose dimensions just make it a snug fit inside the receiver case. A low impedance loop is wound spirally around the frame using copper tape. Spaces can be left by staggering the tape pitch so that control shafts can be inserted through the supporting frame. As far as practicable the tape should be wound over the entire width of the frame, the object being to minimize the loop resistance. The number of turns should be chosen to give an inductance of about 10 microhenries.

Two thick flexible leads (ideally made of Litz wire) should be soldered to the copper tape and should be terminated in a two-pin plug. The leads should be as short as possible and should form a twisted pair.

The coupling arrangements are shown in Fig. 6. The transformer is really the first tuned circuit with an added coupling coil. As in the previous designs, for best results the coupling coil should be earthed at the centre point and should be electrostatically screened from the secondary.

The inductance of the secondary must be higher than that required to tune with C because of the loading of the loop. This in turn is dependent upon the turns ratio between primary and secondary. Unfortunately there are no fixed formulae for determining the turns ratio M and the primary inductance L_p unless the characteristics of the following transistor or f.e.t. are known. However, a good approximation is to disregard them and to minimize the noise degradation caused by the coupling transformer losses (see the discussion under "Performance"). In this case the design equations can be shown to be:

$$M^2 = \frac{L}{L_l}\,(1+\sqrt{1+Q_s/Q_p})$$

$$L_p = \frac{L_l}{\sqrt{1+Q_s/Q_p}} \qquad (14)$$

$$L_s = M^2 L_p$$

A common situation is $Q_s = Q_p$, in which case $L_p = L_l/\sqrt{2}$, and from this it can be seen that L_l has a substantial detuning effect. To maximize performance, both Q_s and Q_p should ideally be much higher than the loop Q. As an example, if $Q_s = Q_p = 4Q_l$, the transformer increases the factor F in eq. (9) by about 2.2 times or 3.5dB.

The remaining design features need only be mentioned in passing. In eqs (14), L is the inductance required to tune with a given value of C, and L_p, Q_p, L_s, Q_s refer to the transformer primary and secondary values of inductance and Q factor. The transformer is switched for each waveband covered. For the purposes of alignment a pre-set inductance, equal to the loop inductance, is plugged in whenever the receiver and its cabinet are separated.

Some results

Loops of all three kinds have been constructed on several occasions and have given excellent results. One such loop, with transformer coupling to the input stage, was made up from a single sheet of aluminium baking foil wrapped 7 times around a box of about $0.2m^2$ cross sectional area. A single layer of newspaper was used as insulation, and although this form of construction is not recommended because of the high self capacitance between the turns, it nevertheless worked extremely well.

During a January afternoon, when the propagation conditions were at their worst for long distance reception, it was possible to pick up many European medium wave stations in a quiet London suburb. These included AFN Stuttgart, several Italian stations, and Radio 4 on 602kHz located at Newcastle. Many local stations in the more distant parts of the UK were heard, as well as all the main BBC transmitters that could be identified with particular frequencies. In fact, it was difficult at any time of the day to locate channels sufficiently clear of transmissions to make sure that the aerial was background noise limited. What was even more remarkable was that interference from a television in the same house was barely noticeable, even on weak signals.

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Simple digital filters

Useful algorithms for digital computers in control systems

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A classical method of stabilising or modifying the response of analogue feedback control systems is to introduce phase-lag or -lead terms by simple RC (sometimes RCL) filters. With the advent of cheap microprocessor technology there is a need to provide similar facilities by means of a stored program. Digital systems can only operate by continuously re-calculating and outputting the control variable. They are thus inherently sampled-data systems for which a rigorous mathematical analysis requires the use of the "z-transform". It is possible, however, to calculate analogue filter time-constants and Bode responses by means of simple rules without going each time into Laplace theory, and the results can be applied very successfully in practice. This article shows that, if we are prepared to work within a similar restricted framework with digital systems, it is quite possible to design useful digital filters in software using simple rules without becoming involved with z-transform theory.

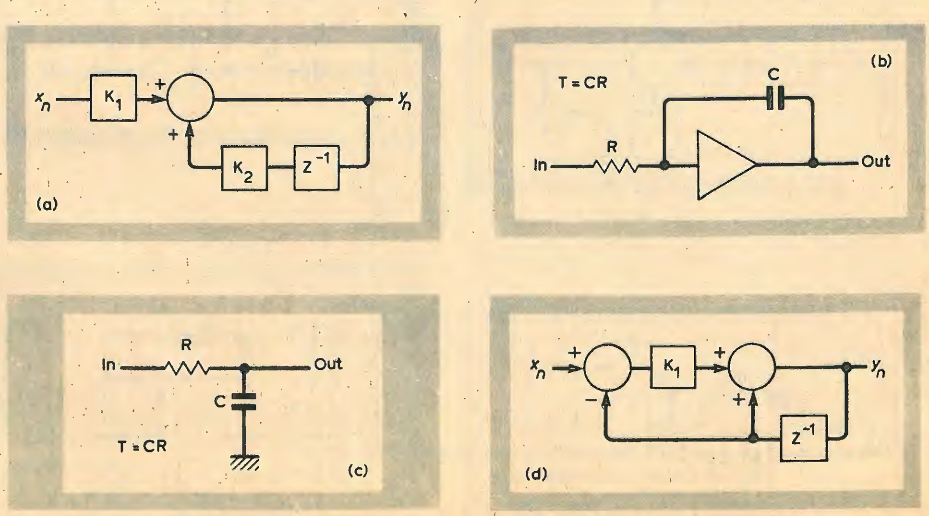
DIGITAL FILTERS are constructed by means of algorithms which use the present and previous samples of both the input and the output data. It is an implicit assumption that the samples occur at fixed intervals of time, under the control of a real time clock or some equivalent timing mechanism. Thus, if x_n denotes the nth sample in a train of data, then x_{n-1} denotes the previous sample. In the literature this sometimes appears as $x(nT)$ and $x(nT-T)$ where T is the time between samples, but the meaning is the same. It is unfortunate that T has been used in this context since it has a universal connotation as the value of a time-constant; in the remainder of this article, therefore, we will use t to denote the time between samples and reserve T for its commoner meaning to avoid confusion.

In analogue filters we can find both active and passive designs employing combinations of L, R and C. The choice of algorithms for digital filters is at least as wide. However, for the achievement of, say, a unity d.c. gain, or a frequency response which resembles that of a known analogue filter, the correct choice of design parameters must be made, and it should be realised that without this a familiar result is unlikely to be obtained.

Filters which use in their algorithm only present and previous values of the input are called "non-recursive," whilst those which use present and previous values of the output are called "recursive." Since the latter constitute a form of feedback loop, they have the possibility of being unstable, and this, too, must be taken care of by correct choice of parameters. In general, non-recursive algorithms are useful for generating frequency responses having a zero, i.e. of a phase-advance characteristic, whilst recursive algorithms are useful for generating frequency responses having a pole, i.e. of a phase-lag or low-pass characteristic.

With all digital filters a useful response for control-system and similar purposes is only obtained up to the frequency defined by the Nyquist rate i.e. $f=1/2t$. Thus for a sampling interval of 10 milliseconds, an absolute limit of 50Hz is obtained for the operation of the digital filter. It should not be assumed that the amplitude response is zero at higher frequencies – quite the reverse, as series of spectra are obtained depending on the frequency ratio. In the present context, however, these only have a nuisance value, and so the components of input frequency around and above the Nyquist rate should be kept as low as possible.

Fig. 1. *(a) Digital first-order lag filter, general network diagram; (b) analogue integrator circuit diagram; (c) analogue low-pass passive filter; (d) modified network diagram for digital low-pass filter when $K_1+K_2=1$.*



At frequencies below the Nyquist rate some significant extra phase lags can be met with because of the existence of a sample-and-hold operation. For practical purposes the phase lag at any particular frequency may be regarded as proportional to the ratio between it and the Nyquist rate – with 45° occurring when the input frequency is half the Nyquist rate. This will have to be considered in working out the overall digital filter response.

Discrete or digital network diagrams

Analogue filter circuits are characterised by a differential equation, which may be worked out from the original component network. Digital systems are characterised by a difference equation, which is an expression relating the present output to the input together with certain of the previous inputs or outputs.

While it is not a very close parallel to the analogue approach, a convenient picture of the difference equation may be obtained with the discrete, or digital, network diagram, of which a simple example is shown in Fig. 1(a). The only unfamiliar element in these diagrams is the square box containing the legend Z^{-1}. This denotes a unit delay equal to the sampling interval t. It will be found easier in the first instance to avoid trying to invest the Z^{-1} symbol with any great mathematical significance, but rather to regard it as a shorthand note for a storage register operation; the actual procedure will become clear in

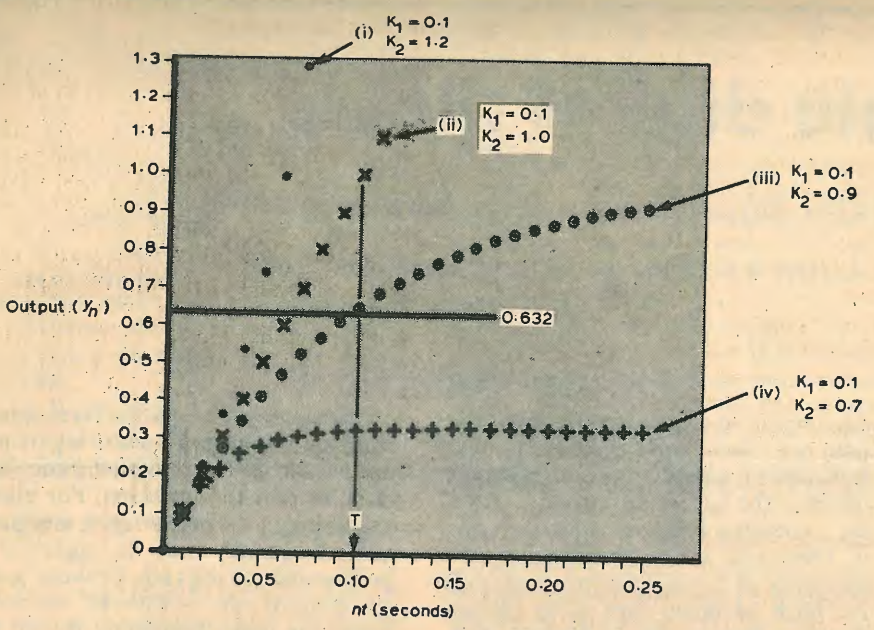
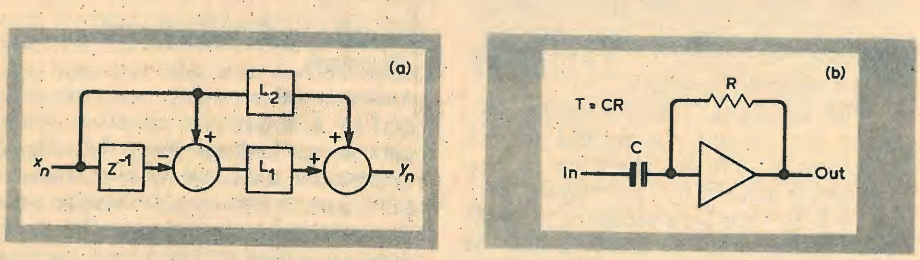


Fig. 2. *Digital first-order lag filter. Computed responses to unit step to show effect of varying K_2.*



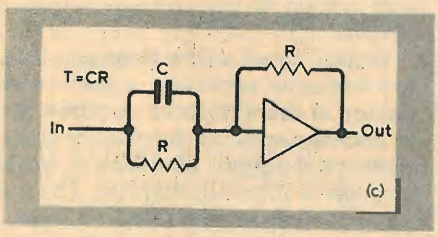
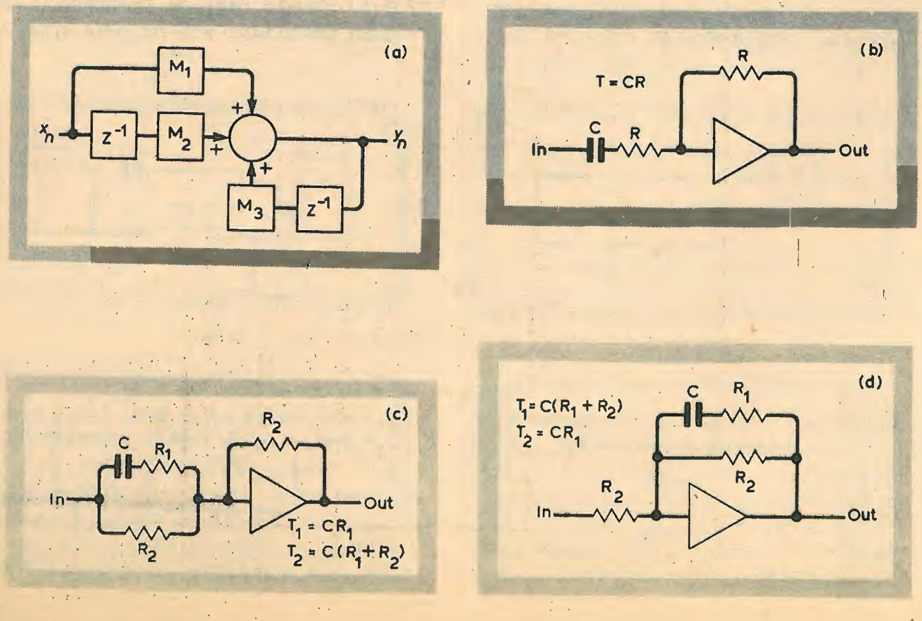


Fig. 3 *(a) Digital first-order lead filter, general network diagram after modification; (b) analogue differentiator circuit diagram; (c) analogue differentiator with one zero, i.e. unity d.c. gain.*

Fig. 4. *(a) Digital first-order filter with one pole and one zero, general network diagram; (b) circuit diagram for analogue differentiator with one pole, i.e. band limited; (c) circuit diagram for analogue one-pole, one zero filter (high-pass characteristic); (d) circuit diagram for analogue one-pole, one zero filter (low-pass characteristic).*



the subsequent paragraphs. As with conventional block diagrams, a square box with the letter K inside denotes multiplication by K and a circle with arrowheads denotes addition or subtraction as indicated.

First order lag network (pole)

The simple first order linear difference equation for a lag function can be written as follows:

$$y_n = K_1 x_n + K_2 y_{n-1} \qquad (1)$$

where y_n = next output, x_n = next input, y_{n-1} = previous output, and K_1, K_2 are constant. This is represented by the diagram of Fig. 1(a).

The form of response obtained depends upon the values assigned to K_1 and K_2. In particular the system is unstable for all values of $K_2 > 1$. The particular case of $K_2 = 1$ is of interest, since it yields a response similar to an analogue integrator, i.e. with the Laplace transfer function:

$$\frac{\theta_{out}(s)}{\theta_{in}(s)} = \frac{1}{sT_1} \qquad (2)$$

The corresponding analogue circuit is shown in Fig. 1(b). The value of T_1 is found by the relationship:

$$T_1 = \frac{t}{K_1} \qquad (3)$$

Three registers are required to carry out this computation*, which is begun each time a new value of x_n is received at time-intervals t seconds apart. The first register will be designated A and will be used permanently to store the value of K_1. Register B will store the value of output y_n and register C will receive the latest value of input x_n. As soon as a new value of x_n is received, it is multiplied by the number in register A and added to the number already in register B which now becomes re-interpreted as y_{n-1}. The machine is then ready for the next input sample and until that time register B contains the latest value of y_n.

The second case of particular interest is when $K_1 + K_2 = 1$. This yields a response similar to a simple RC low-pass filter, i.e. with the Laplace transfer function:

$$\frac{\theta_{out}(s)}{\theta_{in}(s)} = \frac{1}{1+sT_1} \qquad (4)$$

The corresponding analogue circuit is shown in Fig. 1(c). The value of T_1 is obtained from equation (3) as previously.

For computational purposes it is best to re-write equation (1) so that we are

*Some of the registers may be located in memory; depending on the processor, other memory/register or register/register transfers may be necessary.

left with only one multiplication, as follows:

$$y_n = K_1(x_n - y_{n-1}) + y_{n-1} \qquad (5)$$

This is represented by the diagram of Fig. 1(d). The computation can be carried out with three registers in a similar manner to that previously. As soon as the value of x_n is received in register C the contents of register B must be subtracted from it before it is multiplied by the contents of register A. The result is then added to the number already in register B to complete the cycle.

The variety of responses obtainable from equation (1) can be well illustrated by computing the output resulting from a unit step input. This has been done for $t = 0.01$ and $T = 0.1$ for four representative cases shown in Fig. 2. They are as follows:

(i) unstable case where $K_2 > 1$
(ii) integral action where $K_2 = 1$
(iii) time-constant where $K_1 + K_2 = 1$
(iv) non-exponential response where $K_1 + K_2 < 1$

Note that the initial slope is in each case defined by K_1.

First order lead network (zero)

The simple first-order linear difference equation for a lead function can be written as follows:

$$y_n = K_3x_n + K_4x_{n-1} \qquad (6)$$

where x_{n-1} is the previous input and K_3, K_4 are constants. It is best to re-organise this expression straight away into the following form:

$$y_n = L_1(x_n - x_{n-1}) + L_2x_n \qquad (7)$$

where $L_1 = -K_4$ and $L_2 = K_3 + K_4$. This is represented by the diagram of Fig. 3(a).

This expression is always stable and, as in the case of the first order lag, particular values of coefficient are of interest. If $L_2 = 0$ the response is similar to that of an analogue differentiator, i.e. with the Laplace transfer function:

$$\frac{\theta_{out}(s)}{\theta_{in}(s)} = sT_2 \qquad (8)$$

The corresponding analogue circuit is shown in Fig. 3(b). The value of T_2 is found by the relationship:

$$T_2 = \frac{t}{L_1} \qquad (9)$$

The particular case of $L_2 = 1$ is also of interest, since it yields a response similar to the numerator of an analogue high-pass filter, i.e. with the Laplace transfer function:

$$\frac{\theta_{out}(s)}{\theta_{in}(s)} = 1 + sT_2 \qquad (10)$$

The corresponding analogue circuit is shown in Fig. 3(c). The value of T_2 is obtained from equation (9) as before.

The computation for either result in equations (8) or (10) can be carried out with four registers in a very similar fashion to that described for the lag filter. There is, however, one factor which may have some practical bearing, namely, that it becomes necessary to use the output register to store an intermediate result. If there is any possibility of an interrupt taking place during the short period of time that the output register is holding an intermediate calculation, it may be preferable to employ an extra register for this purpose and only transfer the final answer to the output register when all intermediate computations have been completed. This comment should be noted for any of the more complex filters which follow.

Network with one pole and one zero

The linear difference equation for a one-pole, one-zero network may be written in the following form:

$$y_n = M_1x_n + M_2x_{n-1} + M_3y_{n-1} \qquad (11)$$

where M_1, M_2 and M_3 are constants. This is represented by the diagram of Fig. 4(a).

The characteristics of equation (11) depend, as before, on the values of coefficient used. Only two such results are of practical interest, the first being a high-pass filter where the equivalent Laplace transfer function is as follows:

$$\frac{\theta_{out}(s)}{\theta_{in}(s)} = \frac{sT_1}{1 + sT_1} \qquad (12)$$

The corresponding analogue circuit is shown in Fig. 4(b). For this characteristic to apply, we must make:

$$M_1 = -M_2 = 1 \qquad (13)$$

and

$$M_3 = 1 - K_1 \qquad (14)$$

where K_1, T_1 are given by equation (3). For computational purposes the number of multiplications required can be reduced by one by re-writing equation (11) as follows:

$$y_n = (x_n - x_{n-1}) + (1 - K_1)y_{n-1} \qquad (15)$$

Five registers are required to carry out this computation. The computed response of equation (15) to a unit step input is illustrated in Fig. 5 for $t = 0.01$ and $T = 0.05$.

The other equivalent Laplace transfer function of practical interest is as follows:

$$\frac{\theta_{out}(s)}{\theta_{in}(s)} = \frac{1 + sT_2}{1 + sT_1} \qquad (16)$$

The corresponding analogue circits are shown in Fig 4(c) and (d). For this characteristic to apply we must make:

$$M_1 = (K_1L_1 + K_1) \qquad (17)$$

$$M_2 = -K_1L_1 \qquad (18)$$

$$M_3 = 1 - K_1 \qquad (19)$$

where K_1, L_1 are related to T_1, T_2 by the same expression as equations (3) and (9) respectively.

While it is not in general possible to avoid the need for three multiplications with this filter, it is probably better from the computational point of view to re-write equation (11) as follows:

$$y_n = K_1L_1(x_n - x_{n-1}) + K_1x_n \times (1 - K_1)y_{n-1} \qquad (20)$$

Seven registers are required to carry out this computation.

General network

The foregoing sections have shown how to build up to a one-pole, one-zero digital filter by progressively more complex networks. It is, in fact, possible to represent all the stages by a single comprehensive equation with a related table of constants so that any desired transfer-function may be obtained by straightforward substitution. The equa-

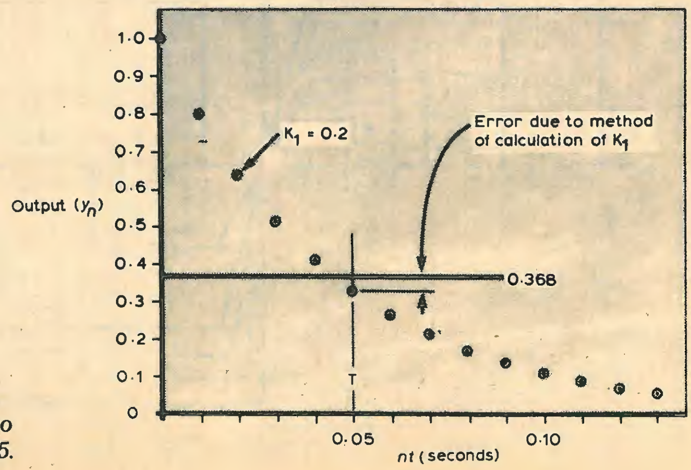


Fig. 5. *Digital first-order lead filter. Computed response to unit step with $T = 0.05$.*

tion and the related table are given in Table 1.

Alternative forms of filters

If we look at the diagram of Fig. 4(a) we can easily see that it is identical in principle to Fig. 3(a) followed by Fig. 1(a). Since impedance problems do not exist with digital filters, an equally valid alternative is to reverse the order as shown in Fig. 6(a). In fact, as soon as we get on to more complex, i.e., higher-order filters a number of different diagram configurations are possible each of which represents an alternative way of implementing the digital filter.

Fig. 6. *(a) Alternative form of digital first-order filter; (b) canonic form for general network of order r; (c) direct form for general network of order r.*

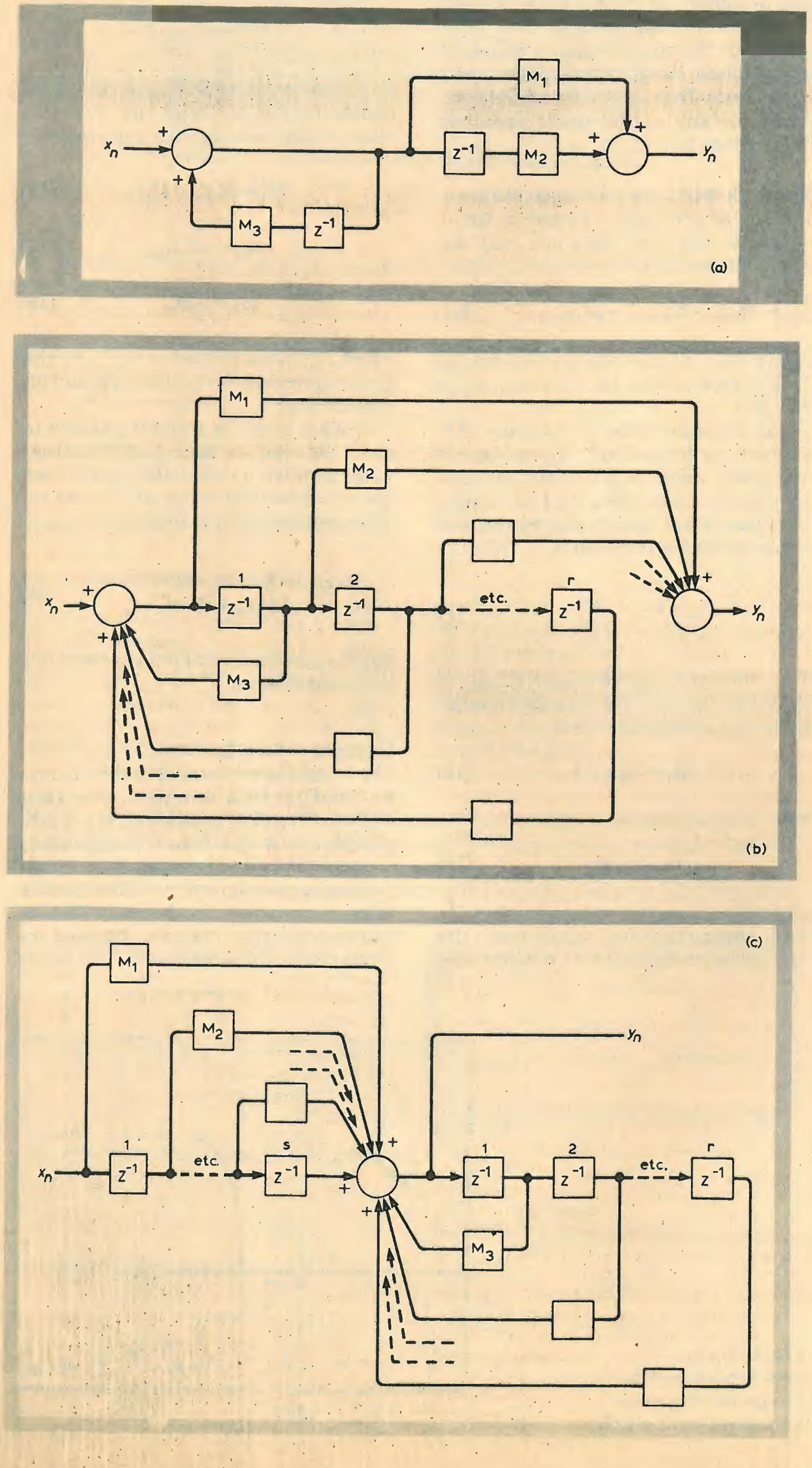


Table 1: constants in the equation $y_n = x_n(K_1L_1 + AK_1) - K_1L_1x_{n-1} + (1-BK_1)y_{n-1}$ for desired transfer functions

	A	B	K_1	L_1
$1/sT_1$	1	0	t/T_1	0
$1/1+sT_1$	1	1	t/T_1	0
sT_2	0	1	1	t/T_2
$1+sT_2$	1	1	1	t/T_2
$sT_1/1+sT_1$	0	1	t/T_1	T_1/t
$1+sT_2/1+sT_1$	1	1	t/T_1	t/T_2

Thus the diagram of Fig. 6(b) is another theoretical equivalent, known as canonic form, in which the same delay is used to both the pole and the zero.Hence it is found that the number of delay terms is equal to the "order" of the difference equation. Yet another version is illustrated in Fig. 6(c) and this is known as the direct form. For higher-order filters, various other forms, such as the serial, parallel or coupled forms can be devised.

This may all seem confusing, but in practice it is not so because *it is generally never advisable to use the direct or canonic forms for any filters higher than second order.* This is because it turns out that the actual values of the poles and zeros are an excessively sensitive function of the multiplying coefficient in the difference equation.

As a general rule, *it is always safer to use cascaded first or second-order algorithms for any more complex filter requirements.* Indeed, for most run-of-the-mill control system requirements the needs can be met quite adequately with cascaded first-order filters only, which we have adequately covered in the previous sections. Certain fields, such as communications, operate in a quite different realm of complexity and for any application of this nature where it may be necessary to go beyond these basic ground rules, the reader would be well advised to refer to the literature [1].

Problems of accuracy

In previous sections we have defined the equivalent analogue time constants by the simple expressions of equations (3) and (9). The strictly accurate expression derived from z-transform theory takes the following form for a pole or zero:

$$K \text{ or } L = 1 - e^{-t/T} \qquad (21)$$

In fact, it can easily be shown that if $T \gg t$ then the value of K becomes very close to (t/T). By reference to Fig. 2 (iii), the effective error in time-constant value when $t/T = 0.1$ is less than 5%, which would normally be regarded as quite reasonable by analogue system standards. In cases of doubt the correct expression can always be used.

The expressions of equations (3) and (9) are correct for the pure integration and differentiation cases; what we have done is to use the same expressions for poles and zeros in order to provide a more uniform and physically meaningful approach at a practical level.

A further, and perhaps more serious, class of problems that the programmer might come up against are those resulting from the fact that the registers employed may be shorter than desirable. It is always necessary to have regard to the numerical values of intermediate computations in any digital filter algorithm; with a poor choice of algorithm the values may become excessively large, or small, so leading to parameter truncation or quantisation effects. These are equivalent to saturation and deadband effects in analogue systems.

Difficulties of this kind are particularly severe with 8-bit microprocessor implementations, which suffer from the further disadvantage that the instruction sets generally do not include a multiply/divide facility. A software multiplication, however, is not particularly difficult, even though the number of program steps may be appreciably greater[3].

Digital filter algorithms of the kind described here lend themselves quite well to calculation (but not in real time) on a programmable calculator, provided that it has an adequate number of independently addressable memories, so that previous values of the input and output can be automatically entered for the next computation every time the start button is pressed.

After graduating in 1952, Philip Ham joined GEC (a part of the company that is now Marconi Space and Defence Systems) where he worked on radar antenna positioning, stabilised platforms and vehicle guidance systems. In 1970, in a major career switch, he joined NEI Parsons as manager of a new department set up to apply electronic control techniques to large steam turbine-generators. One of his particular interests lies in high-integrity control and he has several patents in this area. Like many other former analogue circuit designers, he has in recent years been updating himself and his work to embrace digital and microprocessor technology.

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Faraday and fusion

An extraordinary pulse transformer which induces a current of 3 million amperes in a shorted single-turn secondary is being built by a European team in the heart of the Oxfordshire countryside. The single-turn secondary is not metal but a ring, or torus, of ionized gas held floating by magnetic fields in the middle of a toroidal vacuum chamber which surrounds it. The apparatus is in fact a research machine for investigating the possibility of generating electrical power in the future my means of nuclear fusion — the process that goes on in the sun and, uncontrolled, in hydrogen bombs. Known as the Joint European Torus (JET), it is one of several machines of this type being built in different parts of the world but is claimed by the director of the collaborative research project, Dr Hans-Otto Wüster, to have "the largest capability" and that it will "get closer to the nuclear fusion reaction" in an actual reactor than any other machine.

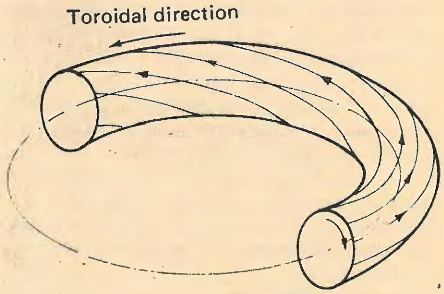
It is because of the enormous cost of the project (about £125 million at 1977 prices) that it has had to be a collaborative effort, and the group organization, called the JET Joint Undertaking, includes Euratom, the nine EEC countries, Sweden and Switzerland. The site chosen for a building to house JET is alongside the UKAEA's fusion research laboratory at Culham, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and the foundation stone for this was laid on May 18 by Dr Guido Brunner, the member of the European Communities Commission responsible for energy and science. It's historically appropriate that Britain should provide the site for such a machine because it was in this country that Faraday discovered the phenomenon of electromagnetic induction and demonstrated it in his magnetic induction ring — the first transformer, incidentally a torus – by pulsing the direct current in the primary.

In JET one purpose of the 3MA current induced in the ionized gas — a mixture of deuterium and tritium, both isotopes of hydrogen — is to partly heat it. Ultimately the gas is heated by other means to a temperature of over 100 million degrees C in order to make the positively charged nuclei overcome their mutual electric repulsion and collide at sufficient speed to produce thermonuclear fusion reactions. When the nuclei combine, mass is annihilated and becomes converted into energy ($E = mc^2$) in the form of neutrons, which fly off and, in an actual reactor, would produce heat in a surrounding "blanket". But to achieve sufficient number of fusion reactions by this process the ionized gas, or plasma, must be confined and isolated from its surroundings. In JET this is done by using the well-known ability of magnetic fields to act on free electrons and ions.

Part of the magnetic field pattern which confines the hot plasma is provided by a toroidal field produced by a set of 32 D-shaped coils linking the torus. These give a magnetic flux density at the centre of the plasma of up to 3 tesla. At the same time a poloidal field is generated by external field coils and by the toroidal electric current of 3MA induced in the plasma. The effect of this poloidal field is to slightly twist the lines of force of the main toroidal field so that they have a helical pattern, as shown in the diagram. The result is a "magnetic bottle", in which no field lines escape and the charged particles follow these lines. Machines using this type of confinement are known as tokamaks (from a Russian word for toroidal magnetic chamber) and a number of them have been operating in various parts of the world — including one at Culham called DITE — since the late 1950s.

Because tokamak operation depends on the existence of the plasma current, which is induced by transformer action, the machine is essentially a pulsed device. In fact the field configuration in JET will be maintained for about 20s, once every ten minutes. The operating sequence begins with the energizing of the toroidal and poloidal field coils (the vacuum chamber having been evacuated and the working gas introduced). The primary current responsible for the transformer action is now reduced and the change induces a voltage of about 150V around the torus. This voltage ionizes the gas, forming a plasma, and produces a current in it. The poloidal field circuit is then driven so that the plasma current builds up and is maintained for the pulse duration.

The closeness with which a tokamak approaches the operation of a working fusion reactor — producing net energy — depends on a combination of plasma temperature, plasma density (number of particles in unit volume) and the time the ionized particles are confined within the torus during the pulse action.



Toroidal "magnetic bottle" to confine plasma is produced by combining toroidal and poloidal magnetic fields to give helical field lines.

NEWS OF THE MONTH

Buying British Electronics

Ivor Cohen, managing director of Mullard Ltd, gave a definite "no" in answer to the question "will the electronics buyer be able to buy British in the future", at a conference held by the Institute of Purchasing and Supply on May 15. This answer was given on condition that what was meant was the buying of the majority of the UK's component requirements from semiconductor manufacturing companies based and owned in the UK. He said, "You cannot do that today and you will not be able to do it in the future". He did add, however, that if the buyers were to buy from UK companies who had a substantial base in the UK with a commitment to continuity of operation, not one which merely handled products designed abroad but one which initiated its own designs, the country would have a much greater chance. To do this, he said, it would require much work on the part of the equipment makers, the component makers and the Government to create the right environment.

The United States and Japan dominate the main electronics markets because they have large home markets which enable them to have steady and large volumes of production, which are essential in this sector of the industry.

The European countries, unfortunately, do not stick together enough, in terms of standards and specifications, for Europe to gain a similar foothold and so in these countries the component companies and equipment companies become more dependent on each other. The other ingredient needed, of course, is unlimited finance — or as Arthur Garratt, director of Value Management Consultants, put it in the conference's closing speech "a bottomless pocket". The Japanese success story is the result of such a bottomless pocket, created by the industrial, commercial and banking set-up in their country and the unlimited support that manufacturers appear to get from their government. UK buyers would like to buy British or European every time but the situation described often forces them to turn to either the Americans or the Japanese for components.

Dr Ian Mackintosh, chairman of Mackintosh Consultants Ltd, said in his paper that even allowing for the many remaining strengths of the American i.c. industry — which presently leads in the western world — there could be no doubt that the balance of advantage was now beginning to swing away from the United States. He concluded that the US domination of this important industrial sector would eventually disappear and be replaced first by a condition of approximate parity between America and Japan, who would possibly be joined later by Europe.

The NEB and INMOS under a new government

The Conservatives, by their election manifesto, are committed to sell off the National Enterprise Board's better assets, cut back its future finance and reduce its role to that of a 'hospital for lame ducks'. However, despite this, the NEB is preparing a totally new project of its own — to build a £10 million titanium granule plant in Teesside in association with Rolls-Royce and Imperial Metals Industries.

Sir Leslie Murphy, the NEB chairman, argues that the change in government should not mean any fundamental change in their corporate plan, but its main effect will be to intensify the course that they are already taking, "in seeking greater joint ventures with the private sector". According to an *Observer* (May 13) report Sir Murphy is already preparing plans to suggest to the Government, proposing greater private shareholding in NEB companies, and wanting to offer shares in sectoral groupings of companies in areas such as computers and electronics. He is also prepared to accept a reduction in the increased funding planned by the Labour Government – something he was against anyway. His apparent wish is to see the NEB operating broadly along its present lines but it is more likely that Sir Keith Joseph will attempt to sell off as many of its assets as he can. The problem, however, is what to sell.

More than half of the NEB's investment is in small companies and some of these, the microelectronics venture INMOS included, are high-risk, high-cost concerns which would not easily be absorbed by other companies or the City of London. The more successful holdings, such as Ferranti, could be absorbed quite quickly by the institutions. Left to fight on its own, INMOS would almost certainly collapse but it could be saved if Sir Leslie's and other civil servants' requests for caution and constraint make Sir Keith change his mind.

A table of the NEB's computer, electrical and electronic holdings, excluding the newly acquired Burndept (see p75, March 79 issue) is shown below.

The new Government will have to decide whether Burndept is fit enought to surface as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berec Group Ltd, or whether it should retain its 51% share in the company.

*Table of the NEB's computer, electrical and electronic holdings showing the NEB's shareholding, and the turnover and profits for 1978. *INMOS and INSAC are not yet fully operational. Minus quantities represent cost.*

Company name	shareholding %	turnover £m	profit £m
Ferranti	62·5	172·4	9·59
The Cambridge Inst Co.	81·4	3·3	−2·35
Data Recording Inst Co.	63·1	17·5	−0·38
Sinclair Radionics	73·3	6·4	−1·98
Keland Electrics	100	0·9	0·01
INMOS	67·3	*	−0·51
INSAC Data Systems	100	*	−1·30

Investment programme boosts electronic exchanges

Mr Peter Benton, the managing director of Post Office telecommunications, said on April 25 when he opened a TXE2 exchange at Hagley, near Stourbridge, that the number of electronic telephone exchanges in Britain would double during the next five years. This would result from the Corporation's £1000 million a year investment programme to provide a better service for their customers, whose number grows by more than one million every years. "In this programme," Mr Benton said, "the Post Office will be installing electronic telephone exchanges at an overall rate of more than four a week during the next five years, at an average cost approaching £1 million per exchange. With spending of this order, exchange modernisation is the largest single element in our investment programme, and the Post Office is funding virtually all of this programme from its own resources."

The Hagley exchange is part of this investment programme and was the 1000th TXE2 exchange to be opened by the Post Office. Supplied by Plessey Communications Ltd, (the other TXE2 suppliers are GEC and STC), it is one of the larger exchanges to have been installed; serving nearly 4000 customers initially, it can be extended to cater for up to 7000. Since the first production TXE2 was opened at Ambergate, Derbyshire in 1966, the Post Office has spent £160 million on providing electronic exchanges, and over the next five years they plan to spend at least another £150 million, bringing a further 650 new TXE2 exchanges into service during this period. By 1984 they expect nearly three million customers to be served by this type of exchange.

The Post Office is also spending over £800 million on more than 300 TXE4 electronic exchanges over the next five years. These exchanges are designed for densely-populated areas. There are already 17 TXE4 exchanges in operation, and these provide an improved telephone service for about 100,000 customers. By 1984 there should be at least 350 of these exchanges serving more than four million customers.

System X on view to the world

At last Britain's fully electronic telephone switching system — System X — is to appear as a working reality, and not just a lot of guarded statements about plans which is all it seems to have been to most people so far. A working local exchange for about 250 subscribers using this technology will be on view to the public at the Telecom 79 exhibition in the Palais des Expositions at Geneva, 20-26 September. This will be the centre-piece of a joint Post Office and UK telecommunications industry stand showing the latest British products, systems and services in this field. Among them will be new telephone facilities that will be available to customers on System X and a demonstration of how the management and maintenance of the system may be centralized. Later, one of the first two production exchanges will be installed in Baynard House, a major new Post Office centre for Greater London's telecommunications soon to be opened in Victoria Street, London.

System X has been jointly developed by the Post Office, GEC, Plessey and STC and is the biggest single telecommunications project ever undertaken in the UK. The Post Office alone has contributed £150m to the development costs. The three firms mentioned will be the contractors manufacturing various parts of the installations that will follow, and all four organizations have got together to form a new company, British Telecommunications Systems Ltd, whose purpose is to sell System X overseas. In spite of formidable competition from electronic switching systems originating in other countries, particularly Japan, the new company, which is managed by John Sharpley, expects to be able to sell System X successfully to countries in the Middle East, Asia and South America — the first sale most likely being in the Middle East, according to Sharpley. But Sir William Barlow, chairman of the Post Office, claimed recently in London that System X is in any case viable solely on the basis of the market in the UK. The Post Office is currently spending £250m per year on switching systems, he said, and once the new system gets started it will progressively displace other switching systems now being used and will eventually take over the whole budget. Modernisations should be complete in1992, he said. Meanwhile any overseas sales would reduce costs still further.

So far the Post Office has ordered eight System X exchanges, worth approximately £12m, to come into service by the end of 1982. These include five local exchanges, at Woodbridge (Suffolk), Arrington (Cambridge), Brixton (London), Hale (Cheshire) and Drighlington (Leeds). There are also two junction exchanges — for switching calls between local exchanges — at Baynard House, London and Lancaster House, Liverpool. The eighth exchange, at Cambridge, is a main network switching centre, handling long distance calls.

System X does its switching entirely electronically by means of integrated logic circuits. All the operations are controlled by a stored program. Calls are set up, faults are identified and the whole system is managed by computer like processes. Consequently the software is crucial to the design. Desmond Pitcher, managing director of Plessey Telecommunications and Office systems, claims that this software is the cheapest and most effective now available in the world for telephone switching. The system also uses common channel signalling, a technique in which the signals controlling calls and managing the network are passed between the System X exchanges as data transmission. Finally, perhaps the most interesting development from the electronic design point of view is that the transmission and switching functions are integrated into a digital mode of operation. The speech and other signals are digitally encoded at an information rate of 2.048Mbit/s and a common method of time-division multiplexing is used in both transmission and switching equipments. Integrated circuits used include c.m.o.s., n.m.o.s. and 10W power Schottky t.t.l.

According to Roy Harris, director of the Post Office's telecommunications systems strategy, components are chosen for their low power consumption, reliability and suitability for automatic production.

The Post Office's 1000th TXE2 electronic telephone exchange at Hagley, near Stourbridge. Here a technician is seen fitting an adaptor into the automatic switching system.

Black box protection in arms race

A report in the *Baltimore Sun* (May 16) says that the Americans wish to plant electronic 'black boxes' in Russian territory to verify compliance with an arms treaty. The monitors, which the Russians have so far rejected, would contain seismic and computer equipment. According to a *Daily Telegraph* (May 17) report from Washington, the Carter Administration is considering bringing a team of Russian experts to America to examine the devices.

The Carter plan is related to present talks in Geneva on a nuclear test ban treaty between American and Russian. Britain is taking part in these talks.

Solar-power satellite interference

At an IEE meeting in April it was made clear that solar power satellites, intended to take power from the sun, convert it to microwaves and beam it to earth, may produce so much radio frequency interference that the idea of using them may have to be abandoned. The interference could arise because of the very high powers — from 5 to 10GW — which would be transmitted to earth. It would require only a small fraction of this to cause severe interference.

The ground-receiving array, which would convert the microwave beam into usable electricity would, according to a representative of the Electrical Research Association, produce megawatts of harmonic radiation and it would be difficult to predict its direction and magnitude. A Home Office spokesman from the Directorate of Radio Technology said that further interference problems would result due to the microwave beam being scattered by plasma interactions in the ionosphere and by raindrops. The beam could also have an heating effect on the ionosphere.

Because of the lack of suitable areas on land the best receiving site for a solar satellite delivering power to Europe would be offshore. Patrick Collins, of Imperial College, London, who is making a study of offshore collectors, says that the lowest cost of floating antenna elements of a kind suitable for this is twice that of a land-based system. (Ref. *New Scientist* May 3, 1979).

Radar shows earth-like features on Venus

Pictures of an 80-million square kilometre area of Venus, obtained by a new high-resolution ground-based radar at Arecibo Observatory, Puerto Rico, are providing the most comprehensive view ever seen of the planet's surface. They show a wide variety of terrains, some similar to those on earth and some resembling those on the moon, which cannot be observed using optical telescopes because they are permanently hidden beneath a thick cloud layer. The findings indicate that volcanic and mountain-building processes similar to those on earth, and meteoric impacts, have played a prominent role in shaping the surface of Venus.

According to a report from NASA the pictures show a number of large craters, some 320km in diameter, most of which have prominent central peaks similar to those found in many of the Moon's craters. The Venusian craters, like the lunar ones, seem to be the result of the impacts of large meteorites and appear to have blankets of dust-like material on their floors.

One region of special interest to the observers is the area known as Alpha, which was first noted many years ago because of its very high reflectivity for radar waves. Alpha is circular and has a diameter of 1,120km. It contains a very large number of roughly parallel ridges about 19km apart and some of these can be traced for distances of hundreds of kilometres. The Alpha region does not appear to have a counterpart on earth even though it bears some resemblance to the mountain ridges of the Appalachian Mountains, or perhaps to extensive systems of sand dunes in the Arabian peninsula. A central dark object in Alpha suggests that the region may contain a volcano.

Another region of the planet which is prominent on the radar pictures is an area known as Beta. This is about 800km in diameter and has long tongues of rough material extending irregularly from it as far as 480km. Beta also has a central dark feature which resembles part of a volcano. Information from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, suggests that Beta has a height of about 10km.

Two parallel ridges extending more than 960km have been found in another area of Venus. These ridges are about 2100m high and form a structure exceeding the Grand Canyon in size.

The Arecibo Observatory is part of the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Centre, which is operated by Cornell University under contract to the National Science Foundation. However, the radar programme, being carried out by Donald B. Campbell, Barbara A. Burns and Valentin Boriakoff, is receiving additional support from NASA.

In addition to the ground-based radar studies, scientists associated with the Pioneer Venus orbiter are using a mapper instrument to determine altitude variations of the Venusian surface. The information obtained from both of these studies is expected to provide a large-scale picture of the planet's surface.

Guidance system and laser stick aids for the blind

Two new aids for the visually handicapped are being introduced in Sweden, according to a publication by the Swedish Board for Technical Development (STU). The first is an electronic guidance system, thought to be the first of its kind in the world, which has recently been taken into service at a shopping centre near Gothenburg. This system consists of a portable receiver and a live underground cable that runs under a predetermined route through the shopping centre. The receiver produces a discrete ticking sound as long as the user keeps to the route, but emits another signal if he or she deviates to the left or to the right. It is hoped that, eventually, the system will be modified so that it can inform the blind user where he or she is at given intervals.

The guidance system is based on a design used in a wire navigation system launched by AB Nivåkontroll a member of the Electrolux Group. In this system signals which are emitted by submerged electromagnetic cables are received by ships who use them to navigate in and out of port in poor visibility.

Plans are also under way to produce at least 1000 laser walking-sticks for the blind, but this depends upon the necessary financial support coming from the Swedish Authorities. The sticks emit an invisible laser beam which is bounced back if any solid object lies within two-metres of the user's path. If this happens, the stick, which was developed by the National Defence Research Institute (FOA), produces a sonic signal as a warning.

Regulo 4 receiver no danger to user

A housewife from Wychbold near Droitwich claimed that she was receiving "all sorts of music" from her cooker, and she said "It seems to be coming from one of the rings." Well, we had heard of home-brew receivers, "ringing" tuned circuits, oven crystals and hot anodes, but this, at first anyway, sounded like a cooked-up story.

In fact, her home is very near to the Droitwich transmitter which apart from radiating a standard 200kHz frequency, also broadcasts Radio 4. Because of the high radiation power of the transmission, the electric field near her cooker could be developing tens of volts per metre and this acting on a piece of metal of about one metre length will induce this magnitude of voltage across it. From here on something called the "rusty-bolt effect" takes over. This occurs as a result of, for example, two pieces of metal with an oxidised junction between them acting like a diode or cat's whisker. The transmitted signal arrives at the cooker "antenna" as a modulated carrier envelope. This is rectified, or detected, by the oxide junction and produces an audio signal by mechanically vibrating parts of the cooker — the ring probably. No amplifier is required due to the already high voltage involved, and the carrier is automatically removed because its relatively high frequency is too far away from the natural frequency of the cooker parts.

In a *Daily Mirror* report, where this story appeared, a BBC spokesman said, "There is no danger." This may sound obvious to an electronics engineer at first but it is a very serious comment. With the ever increasing radiation powers of broadcast transmitters and the ever-growing size of industrial structures, it is possible for voltages to be induced capable of igniting gas or oil (see News p.74 Oct. 1978 issue). It has not happened yet as far as we know but radio and refinery engineers should bear this in mind as they are aware that they are approaching the critical powers and sizes. However, as can be seen from our previous report, investigations have shown conditions to be safe so far and it is doubtful whether the housewife will ever be afraid of her gas cooker on this score.

Tories give fourth tv channel to IBA

One of the highlights of the Queen's speech opening the new Parliament on May 15 was that the Tories propose to lay before Parliament a bill to "extend the life of the Independent Broadcasting Authority for a further period beyond the end of 1981" and to give it "the responsibility — subject to strict safeguards — for the fourth tv channel." The IBA will be able to make appropriate use of the resources of the ITV companies, in particular to ensure that the extra channel will not become a burden on the tax payers.

Lady Plowden, the IBA chairman, said afterwards "We welcome the proposal in the Queen's speech to authorize the IBA to operate the fourth tv channel and look forward to discussing with the Government the detailed arrangements". An IBA spokesman told *Wireless World* that this was what the Authority wanted all along. "We have been asking for a second channel for donkey's years", he said.

What happens now really depends upon what appears in the bill which is presented to Parliament. On the technical side at least, it is expected to make little difference to the IBA, who got the job of setting up the Open Broadcasting Authority network anyway. The differences will occur in the programming and financing side. The OBA was never intended to be totally Government-funded — it was hoped that it would eventually become financially autonomous — and the IBA will initially require Government assistance in the initial stages in any case. One argument for the OBA was that it would help the independent producer who wishes to get his programmes broadcast. Safeguards proposed by the IBA should, however, ensure that he will still get the same deal.

...and now the electronic phrase book

The latest consumer offering based on the ubiquitious microprocesser is a pocket language translator. Two similar but independent products have recently been announced in the UK following their launches in the USA about six months ago.

The LK 3000 from Lexicon uses a Mostek 3870 processer and comprises a hand-held keyboard, 16 character alphanumeric l.e.d. display and m.o.s. controller. The unit accepts a range of modules each of which accommodates a 3870 and a 64K r.a.m. for a programme store of around 2,200 words and phrases in, for example, English and French. Lexicon's marketing vice president Christopher Washburn was optimistic when stating that new modules storing around 7,500 words and phrases in a 128K r.a.m. would be available in September. Each module has an internal rechargeable battery which keeps the volatile memory powered for a year. As well as a selection of language modules there is a calculator version which also offers metric and currency conversion.

The Cherry translator is also based on the Mostek 3870 but unlike the LK 3000, it has the processor and 2K of r.o.m. in the main keyboard. With this system a calculator and metric conversion programme are part of the main unit. By plugging in up to three memory capsules, each containing 32 bytes of r.a.m. and 32K of r.o.m., the translator can operate with three languages at once and offers total store of 7000 words and phrases.

Lexicon and Cherry say that their respective units will be supported with new memory modules ranging from games and calorie counters to user — programmable types which can accept data such as telephone numbers via the keyboard. This, say the makers, means that the translator will not become obsolete within a few months as did many of the early electronic calculators and wristwatches.

Denmark produces cheap microcomputer for schools

Borg Christensen of Tonder College of Education in Denmark has designed a microcomputer which, priced at about £1000, can be offered as a cheap replacement for the computers which about half of the Danish schools now use. The computer's software enables it to run a language called COMAL and to link with ICL machines.

The new Danish system, which has been given the name COMET, is similar to the Research Machines 380Z microcomputer which many British schools, use, but it has a much faster cassette backing store and, as yet, does not have television graphics.

According to a report in the *Daily Telegraph* (May 15) orders for 300 machines have already been placed and at least two UK educationalists are showing interest in the COMAL language. Roy Atherton, who is the head of the Computer Education Resources Centre at Bulmershe College, Reading, has already been to Copenhagen for discussions with Mr Christensen and ICL staff there. The other educationalist is Dr Max Bramer, lecturer in computing at the Open University, who is interested in COMAL because it is similar to part of the University's new computer language.

A seminar on computer languages for schools may be arranged this summer in Reading with Mr Christensen as the principal speaker.

Set makers gloomy about teletext

Despite the fact that teletext has now been on the air in Britain for nearly five years (the BBC started broadcasting it in 1974) the sales of television sets fitted with teletext decoders have been disappointing. Officials of BREMA, the set makers' trade association, were unable to give *Wireless World* an exact figure for the total number of teletext sets sold in this five-year period but they estimate that total deliveries to dealers have been no more than 15,000 to 20,000. (For comparison, UK deliveries of colour television sets in the year 1978 alone were 1,736,000). BREMA is obviously worried about this lack of public interest. In its annual report for 1978 it says. "If teletext is not to stagnate, wither and die, a realistic pricing policy, coupled with Government support and further major promotions will be needed in 1979."

At another point the report remarks that the teletext market for 1978 "was sluggish, with sales in the first three-quarters of the year amounting to a mere 2,000 sets . . . However, although deliveries in the last quarter of the year rose to 7,000 the overall response was disappointing". It appears that the bulk of the teletext receiver deliveries have in fact been made in 1978. In introducing the report at this year's annual general meeting, the president of BREMA, Lord Thorneycroft, said that, although there were many exciting things happening in electronics development, in Britain at any rate there was a "huge further step" before the public could be induced to accept them in the form of new consumer electronic products. In the USA, on the other hand there was such a vast market for consumer products that new electronic devices for them could be made and sold in sufficiently large numbers to keep prices very low for the public.

Ministerial responsibilities within the D. of I. allocated

On May 9 Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for In Industry, allocated ministerial responsibilities within the Department of Industry.

The Minister of State, Lord Trenchard, will be primarily responsible for the private sector and regional policy. He will also be the department's spokesman in the House of Lords. The Minister of State, Mr Adam Butler, will be responsible for aerospace, shipbuilding and shiprepairing, the Post Office, steel (including the private sector), Cable and Wireless, the National Enterprise Board and its subsidiaries, and research and development.

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Mr David Mitchell, will assist Lord Trenchard. The Secretary of State, who will have responsibility for small firms, will also be assisted by Mr Mitchell. The Parliamenary Under-Secretary of State, Mr Michael Marshall, will assist Mr Butler.

Bubble memory business computer

An American Company, Findex Inc., has introduced a general-purpose microcomputer which uses a bubble memory for its mass storage. The computer uses a Basic language and has a upper- and lower-case alphanumeric plasma display, and an integral printer, yet fits into a compact portable unit weighing less than 20lb.

In the bubble memory, which has 128K bytes of memory that can be expanded in increments of 128K, binary information is stored in a stationary, magnetic garnet chip in the form of uniformly-spaced magnetic domains. These are arranged in closed loops, where the presence of a bubble represents a binary "one" and the absence of a bubble represents a binary "zero." Induced magnetic fields cause the bubble loops to rotate within the chip so that information may be recorded by an inbuilt generator, or read by an integral detector.

Spot-frequency distortion meter

Measures very low (0.00001%*) levels of harmonic distortion.

by J. L. Linsley Hood

This article describes a spot frequency distortion measuring instrument which uses a bootstrapped notch filter technique to avoid typical parallel T problems of 2nd and 3rd harmonic attenuation. Oscillator amplitude stabilization is achieved by a Darlington-based Wheatstone bridge arrangement with a thermistor controlling currents in each limb. The final combination of oscillator, notch filter and wide bandwidth millivoltmeter offers marked improvements in noise factor and linearity, permitting the resolution of much lower levels of harmonic distortion than is normally possible.

THERE IS NOW considerable interest among engineers in the use of distortion measuring systems as a general tool for circuit performance analysis. While this can most conveniently be done by the use of a spectrum analyser, giving rapid identification of the nature of the harmonic impurities, with equipment of this type the lower level of detectable distortion is usually about —80dB or 0.01%, while the areas of current interest are 10 to 100 times less than this. For these applications therefore, the somewhat laborious methods of notch filtering for a single measuring frequency are still required.

As it is feasible, with relatively simple circuits, to measure waveform impurities below 0.0001% (—120dB) and to generate sinewaves with impurity contents of about 0.0002%, the methods employed here may be of interest to those engaged in circuit analysis, as a means of attaining a more detailed view of non-linearity. In order to reduce the complexity of construction, the equipment was designed to operate at five 'spot' frequencies within the audio band — 100Hz, 300Hz, 1kHz, 3kHz and 10kHz.

Measuring apparatus

The most straightforward way of determining the amount of distortion present in a pure sinusoidal waveform is to interpose a sharply tuned notch-filter between the input waveform and a measuring circuit and while there are several suitable filters, the most convenient of these is the 'parallel T' network, shown in a schematic measuring apparatus in Fig. 1. The transmission and impedance characteristics of a simple T network are shown in Fig. 2, which demonstrates the difficulty inherent in the use of a passive 'parallel T' of this type in the signal path. There would be significant attenuation of both the second and third harmonics of the incoming signal, leading to an inaccurate measurement of the level of distortion.

The sharpness of this notch can be increased by the application of overall negative feedback around a loop containing the 'parallel T' and a suitable

*For 10V r.m.s. input signal.

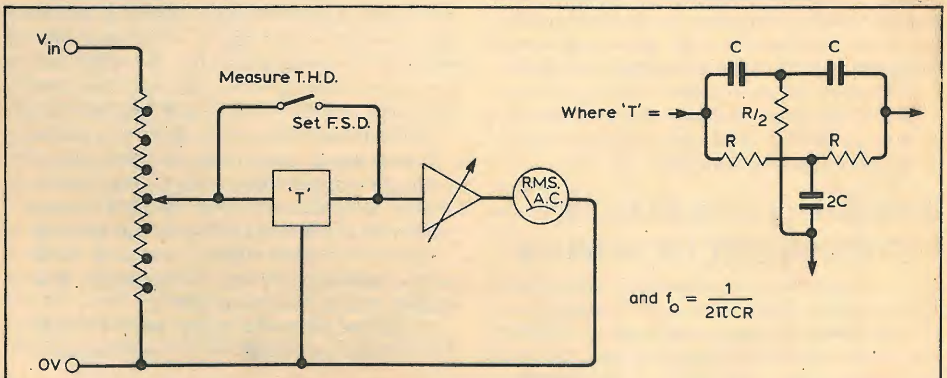


Fig 1: Conventional parallel T distortion measuring arrangement and the basic T circuit

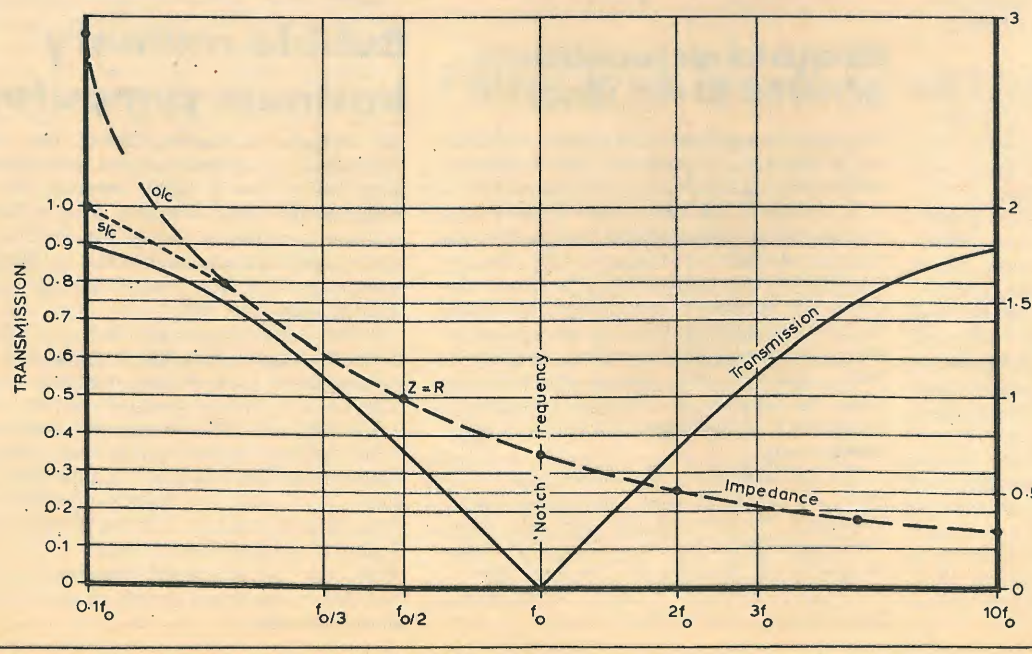


Fig. 2: Typical attenuation of 2nd and 3rd harmonics in the parallel T signal path

following amplifier so that for the same attenuation at the notch frequency, the transmission at $f_n/2$ or $2f_n$ can be made substantially identical to that at much lower or much higher frequencies and this is an arrangement which has been employed in commercial 'parallel T' distortion meters[1]. Unfortunately this method suffers from the disadvantages that the input circuit is made more complex and that there is some injection of amplifier noise into the notch filter, lessening the sensitivity of the system.

An alternative approach, which leads to simpler circuit configurations, is to apply positive feedback to the 'common' limb of the T, by means of a 'bootstrap' arrangement of the type shown in Fig. 3. This leaves the input to the T free from other circuit connections, so that it may be taken directly to a low impedance input attenuator. The sharpness of the notch can be controlled by the extent to which the 'bootstrap' voltage approaches that of the input voltage to the amplifier. In general, too sharp a notch will make the equipment less easy to operate, so the proportion of the input voltage applied to the 'bootstrap' connection is chosen so as to achieve a generally flat response in respect of second and higher harmonics.

The characteristics of the notch filter, with regard to both the notch frequency and its equivalent output

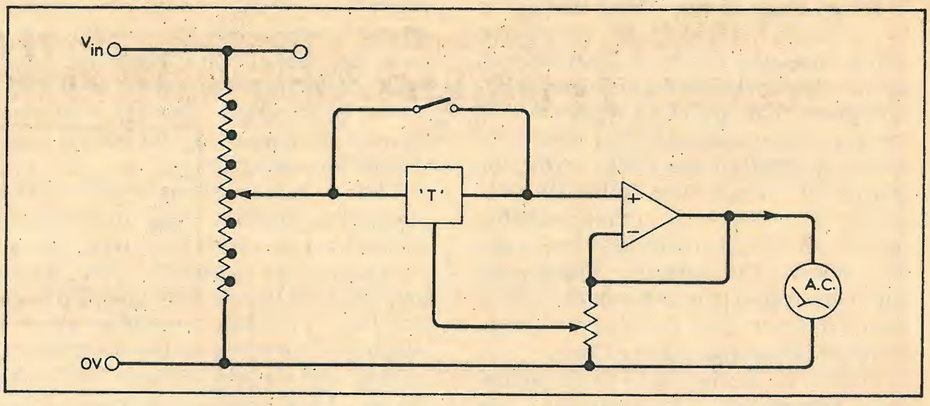


Fig 3: *Bootstrapping the network*

and 'noise' impedances, are influenced by the impedance seen at the input to the T. The input attenuator should therefore be of the constant impedance type. Suitable values for this can readily be calculated[2]. Ideally, the parallel T should be fed from an impedance which is not more than one-tenth of the nominal impedance of the T and the

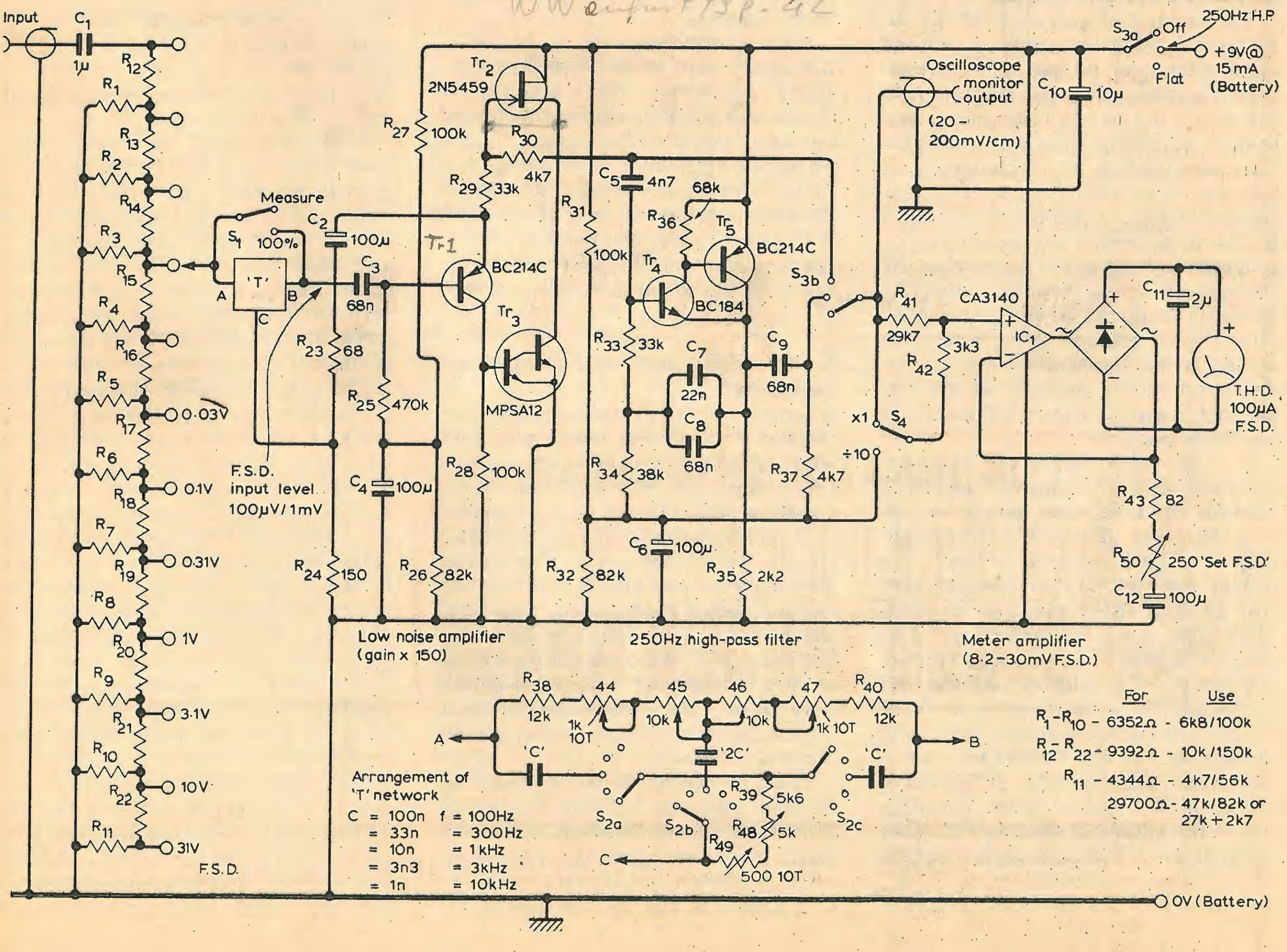
Fig 4: *Distortion meter circuit. Instructions for making up odd value resistors (R_1-R_{10} etc.) mean "use" 6k8 and 100k in parallel*

following amplifier should have at least 10 times its input impedance over the frequency range of interest.

Bootstrapped T circuit

A suitable electronic circuit, which employs a bootstrapped T as the notch element, and largely satisfies the circuit requirements is shown in Fig. 4. In this, the T network is fed from an input attenuator having a voltage attenuation of $\sqrt{10}$ (3.162) or 10dB, and a characteristic impedance of 3.3kΩ. The output of the T is taken to a low-noise amplifier with an input impedance of about 300kΩ, and a gain of 150. The effective input noise is mainly determined by the impedance characteristics of the T.

A wide-bandwidth a.c. millivoltmeter



is driven from this amplifier through a two position (x1 and x1/10) attenuator and an optional 250Hz, —20dB/octave, 'bootstrap' filter[3], with a high-pass characteristic. The use of an RCA CA3140 c.m.o.s. operational amplifier allows an effective 100kHz bandwidth, ± 1dB, for the meter circuit. The full-scale sensitivity of the meter circuit is adjustable by the 'set f.s.d.' control over the range 8.2 - 30mV. The complete instrument can be operated from a 9 volt transistor radio battery and the current consumption is approximately 15mA.

Tuning of the notch to the nominal 'spot' frequencies is by means of a 10k twin-gang and 5k single-gang potentiometer. Fine tuning is then accomplished by two 1k and one 500Ω ten-turn potentiometers.

The ultimate sensitivity of the instrument, assuming an adequately low noise component in the input signal under test, is less than 0.0001% for a 1 volt (r.m.s.) input signal, or less than 0.00001% for a 10 volt (r.m.s.) input signal. At these harmonic distortion levels, even assuming adequate freedom from mains-frequency hum — which can be obtained with care in the screening of the instruments and the layout of connecting leads — the effectiveness of the plug and socket connections is extremely important and gold-plated connectors should be used if available.

Operating the instrument

The method of operation of the instrument is relatively simple, in that the input attenuator is used in two roles, that of adjusting the input magnitude of the signal fed to the instrument, and that of adjusting the f.s.d. harmonic distortion reading. The technique is as follows — assuming an appropriate sinusoidal signal is applied to the input of the instrument, the sensitivity is progressively increased by moving the slider of the input attenuator switch (S_1) upwards from the lowest sensitivity (30V r.m.s.) position until a suitable setting is found, at which a full scale deflection can be obtained on the output meter with S_4 in the 'x1' and S_5 in the '100%' position.

S_5 is then switched to the 'measure' position, and S_1 is moved upwards towards the maximum sensitivity setting, with each upward step corresponding to a 10dB increase in the meter display sensitivity. In percentage terms, this gives a step sequence of 100%, 31.6%, 10%, 3.16%, 1%, and so on. If an input voltage of 1 volt (r.m.s.) is applied, the maximum sensitivity position will correspond to a f.s.d. value of 0.01%. Since the input noise of the instrument, integrated over the 100kHz measuring bandwidth, gives a meter deflection of less than 1% of the full scale, a reading due to the harmonic residues and other components of the input signal (0.001%) can be seen on a suitable meter. If a 3 volt input signal is available, the maximum f.s.d. input sensitivity setting would be equivalent to 0.00316% and if a 10 volt signal were available, a full scale deflection equivalent to 0.001% would be provided, allowing minimum detection levels of 0.00003% and 0.00001% respectively.

These assumptions have been checked in practice using an oscillator whose t.h.d. at 1 volt (r.m.s.) output was measured at 0.0002% and when amplified to the 10 volt level through the best available amplifier gave a reading of 0.00018% on the 0.001% f.s.d. setting. Once again, at these levels, the fitting of the plug and socket connections is critical and the notching-out of the fundamental is a matter of some skill.

Although the component values for the notch filter of Fig. 4 are those chosen to give an adjustment of ±30% about the mean centre frequencies, it is obviously practicable to extend this so that the ranges overlap.

The 'scope output point can be used for a visual or instrument analysis of the harmonic structure of the residues and provided that the fundamental has been removed more simple techniques are often adequate such as a phase sensitive rectifier operated from an external oscillator, frequency-locked through a p.l.l. to a simple multiple of the input frequency.

For simplicity, an average-reading millivoltmeter has been employed as the output meter rather than a more complex 'true r.m.s.' (thermal energy equivalent) system.

A minor practical snag in the use of this instrument with the simple constant impedance input attenuator shown is that the capacitive coupling of the input signal to the input to the T across the attenuator switch leads to a small change in the notch frequency as the input attenuation level is changed, with the consequent need for some readjustment of the null frequency. Better input screening could avoid this.

A low-distortion spot frequency oscillator

A similar, but rather more complicated, 'parallel T' distortion meter was built some ten years ago and used as a test instrument for the assessment of oscillator performance characteristics, — a number of experimental oscillator circuits were examined by this means. This exercise was instructive in many ways, of which the two most vital were the demonstration of the need for a very low noise level (which precludes the use of most integrated circuits) and the need for very high frequency stability, if a fundamental-nulling measuring technique is to be used.

The attainment of a stable operating frequency demands a highly frequency-selective feedback network and of the many forms available, the 'parallel T' offers the best ratio of performance to complexity. If this type of network is included in the feedback path of a high gain inverting amplifier, of the form shown in Fig. 5, the system gain will be very high at the null frequency and will tend to zero at frequencies remote from this. If the T is slightly unbalanced, in the manner proposed by Bailey[4], so that some positive feedback is given at the notch frequency, the system will oscillate without further persuasion, though with some small penalty in waveform purity due to the lesser discrimination in the feedback ratio.

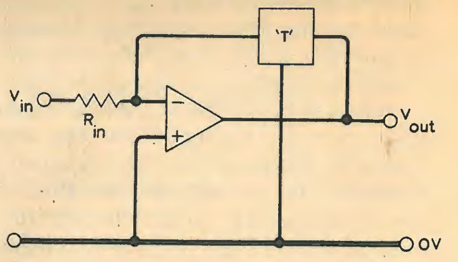


Fig 5: *A high gain null circuit.*

Alternatively the T network could be left as a straightforward notch element, having zero transmission — and consequently zero negative feedback — at some specific frequency and a small magnitude sinusoidal signal could be injected into the amplifying device from an external source. Since the amplified signal will have a high degree of monotonicity, because of the frequency/gain characteristics of this circuit arrangement it could be anticipated that the harmonic distortion of the input signal would be lessened by such an amplifier stage.

If this input signal could now be derived from the output of the amplifier through a network which adjusted the magnitude of the fed-back signal in a manner which maintained the output at a constant amplitude, the result would be an oscillator having a waveform purity and signal-to-noise ratio determined almost exclusively by the effectiveness of the amplifier arrangement.

The design problem therefore simplifies into that of providing a circuit block of low input noise level, overall good linearity (especially in respect of the output stage which has to handle the greatest signal level) coupled with as high an open-loop gain as is practicable, and some means of deriving a feedback signal from the output of the amplifier whereby its magnitude and phase can be made to be dependent on the output signal level.

In view of the requirement that the amplifier stage should be phase inverting, the practical choice of amplifier configuration is limited to that of a single gain stage or a two-stage amplifier with the input devices arranged as a long-tailed pair. The difficulty of obtaining overall loop stability in a feedback amplifier having three or more gain stages connected in cascade discourages the consideration of this alternative where a wide bandwidth is necessary.

Initial exploration of the first of these two possibilities showed that it was possible to obtain stage gains in the range 50,000 to 100,000 from a single transistor in a Liniac[5] configuration if the amplifying device was isolated from its load by an f.e.t. in the manner shown in Fig. 6. However, the need to couple the amplifying stage to an output point having an impedance of some 600 ohms required an impedance transformation circuit which added considerably to the component count and detracted from the original simplicity of the concept.

If a two-stage design is chosen, it is essential that the gain of the first stage is sufficient to ensure that the noise contribution of the second can be ignored. In general this implies that a relatively high first stage load is necessary, which in turn indicates the choice of either a field-effect device as the second stage amplifier, or a compound configuration of junction transistors. One of the monolithic small-signal Darlington devices meets this requirement admirably and has an input impedance which is sufficiently high to have little effect on the impedance of the collector load of the preceding stage. Also, the stage gain of such a device feeding a constant-current source has been shown to be of the order of 2000-3000[6].

Taylor shows[7] that the use of an input long-tailed pair, because it is basically a push-pull configuration, leads to the cancellation of even-order harmonic distortions, particularly when the devices are matched in characteristics and operating conditions, but also even when the devices are mismatched. A possible gain stage of this type, using an input long-tailed pair and a Darlington transistor second stage is shown in Fig. 7. This has a low-frequency open-loop gain of the order of 200,000 or geater, which allows a substantial measure of loop feedback to be applied and avoids the pitfall demonstrated by Baxandall[8] that low levels of negative feedback may exchange a small measure of non-linearity for a whole host of high-order distortions.

Fig 6: *Exploratory high gain amplifier*

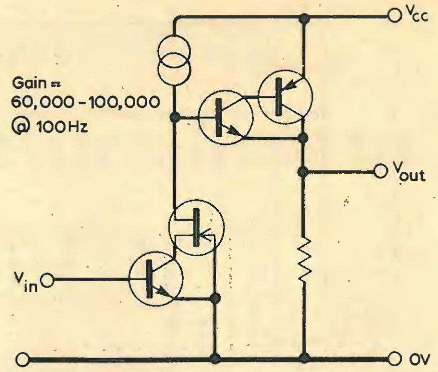
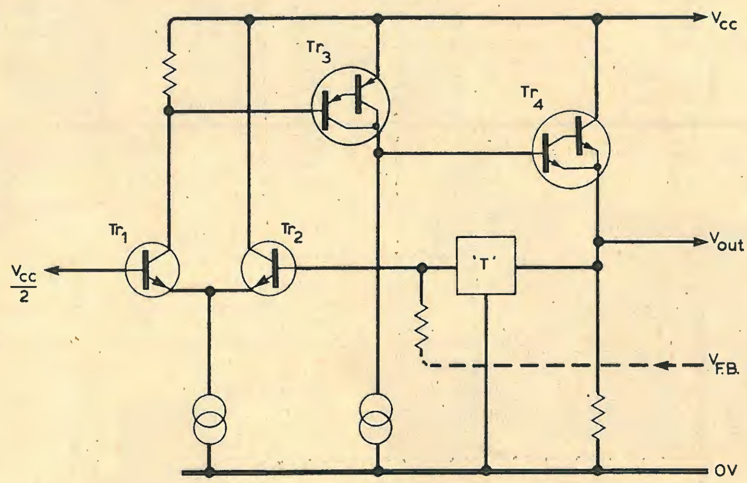


Fig 7: *Simplified design which approaches the shape of the final version*



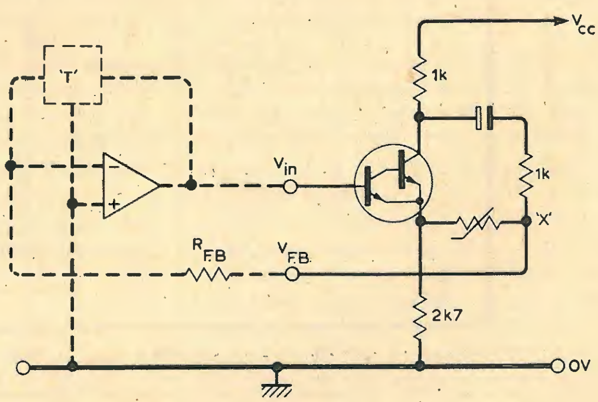


Fig 8: *Thermistor-controlled "Darlington bridge" – this part of the oscillator helps to stabilize output signal amplitude*

Output amplitude stabilisation

The stabilisation of the amplitude of a low-distortion oscillator is a difficult problem, for reasons explained previously[9] and this difficulty is exacerbated by any requirement that the amplitude stabilisation circuit should contribute as little as possible to the overall distortion figure. In this case, the technique adopted is that shown in Fig. 8. This takes advantage of the fact that in a Darlington transistor, the collector and emitter currents are substantially identical and this allows the thermistor to be operated as one limb of a Wheatstone bridge type configuration. Since the ratio of the collector to emitter limbs is 1 : 2.7 the bridge will be balanced (for zero output at point 'X') when the thermistor achieves an internal resistance value, due to the heating effect of the circulating current, of 2.7kΩ. If the applied voltage to the control circuit falls, the thermistor will cool somewhat, which will cause the phase of the feedback signal to be positive, thereby increasing the magnitude of the output. If the magnitude of the signal input to the control circuit increases, then the resistance of the thermistor will fall and the phase of the feedback signal will become negative, causing the output of the oscillator to decrease.

In operation, the total magnitude of the signal present at the base of Tr_2 is very small, so that the non-linearity contribution due to the curvature of I_c/V_b characteristics of the input devices is also very small. This demonstrates one of the reasons for the superiority in performance of this (parallel T) type of circuit over the conventional Wien bridge system, in which there is normally one-third of the output signal present at the base of the input transistor with consequently greater contributions from the input device to the overall non-linearity of the circuit.

The final circuit of the oscillator is shown in Fig. 9 and the measured distortion characteristics are shown in Fig. 10. Loop stabilisation is achieved by

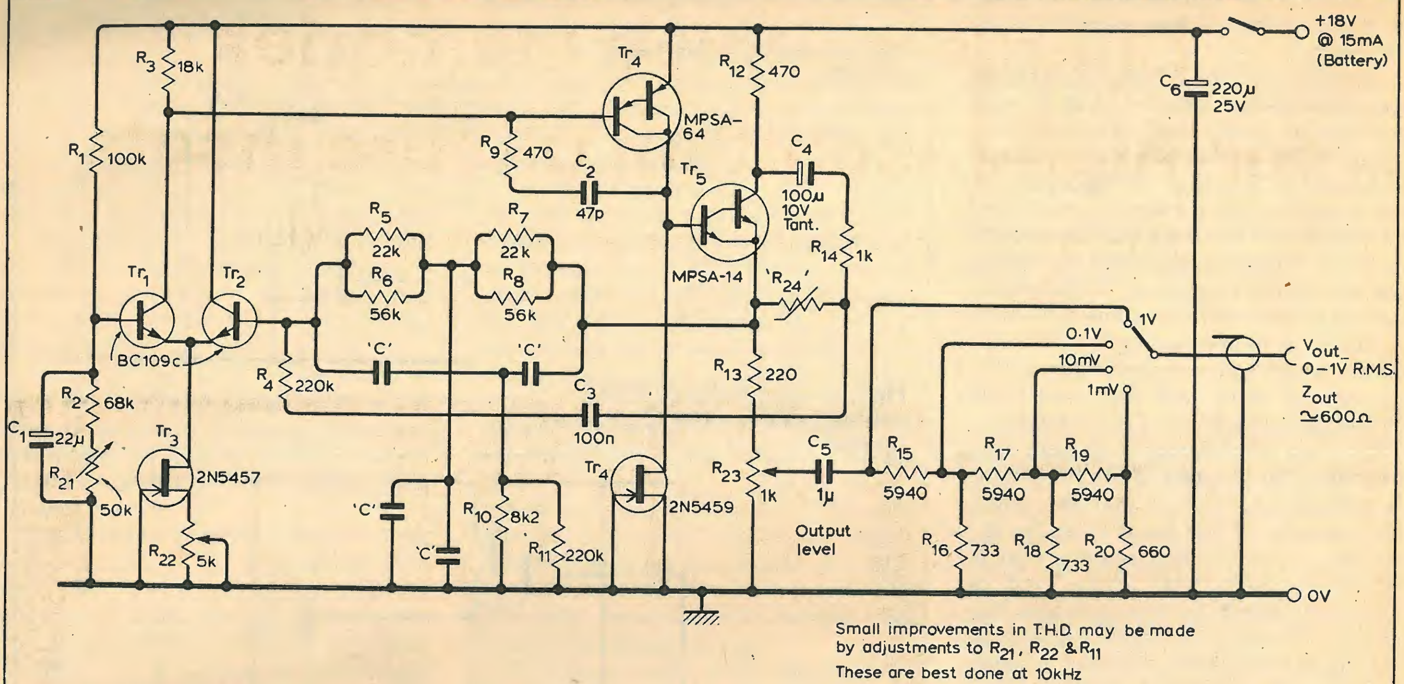


Fig 9: *Complete schematic of the spot-frequency oscillator*

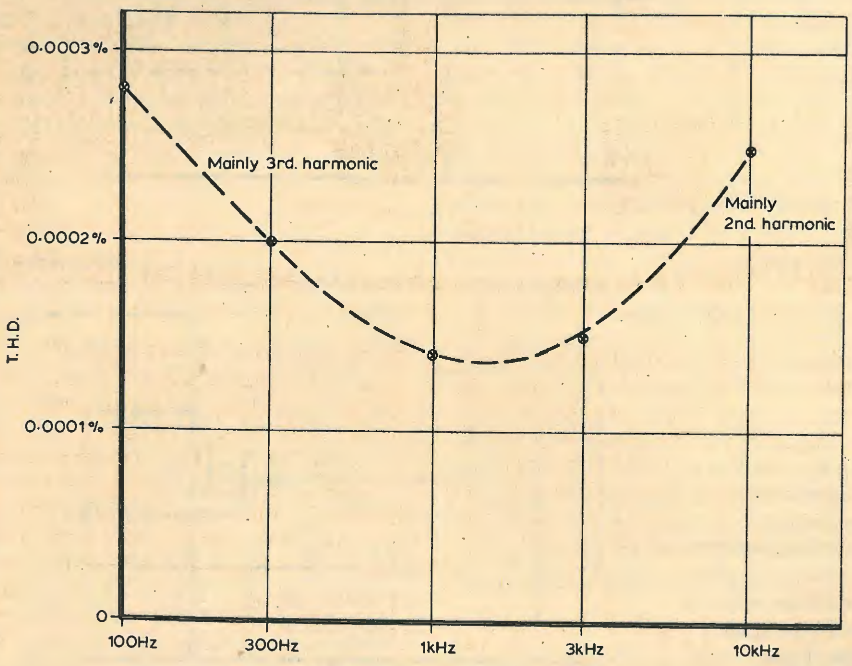


Fig 10: *Measured distortion characteristics*

adding a dominant lag capacitor between collector and base of Tr_4. The values shown have proved adequate to prevent squegging in three experimental models of this oscillator, but in two of the three cases a 3pF capacitor was quite adequate, with consequent improvement in the h.f. open-loop gain and rather lower t.h.d. figures at 10kHz than those shown in Fig. 10.

While the author's own model of this unit operates only at the five spot frequencies shown, obtained by switching the capacitors in the T (polystyrene foil types) there is no reason other than complexity of switching for the restriction of its operating frequencies to those shown.

The first unit of this type was built using resin dipped carbon film resistors, and this is still in service. A subsequent unit employing metal film resistors throughout showed a small improvement both in t.h.d. and background noise level. Unfortunately for the conclusiveness of this experiment, a similar improvement in the prototype was obtained by replacing the Motorola 2N5089 input devices with Motorola BC109Cs. The f.e.ts are also preferably Motorola types.

Thermistor "R24" should be an STC R54 or equivalent type. Resistance at 20°C should be approximately 50k falling to about 270Ω in operation. This makes other items such as the GM473 or VA3410 suitable.

The measurement of the residual harmonic distortion and noise is greatly facilitated by the monitoring of the signal on an oscilloscope. Even so, the operation of any notch filter with a rejection ratio of 120dB or so requires a certain delicacy of touch and conditions of reasonable tranquillity.

Printed circuit boards

Two glass fibre p.c.bs are available for the distortion meter and oscillator at a cost of £5 the set from M.R. Sagin, 23, Keyes Rd., London, N.W.2.

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Charge-coupled memories for high-resolution picture insets

Monitoring a second channel inserted into the main picture

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Charge-coupled device memories have been developed for use in a "picture-in-picture" system, for viewing and monitoring a second channel on a small image, inserted in the main tv picture. The system employs two standard receiver sections tuned to the main viewing channel and the channel for the inset picture. Two 72 x 128 c.c.d. memories store the out-of-phase second channel video information and write it out, synchronized with the main programme, enabling a stable inset location in the upper left hand corner. By choosing the lines to be stored very carefully, an interlaced inset is obtained.

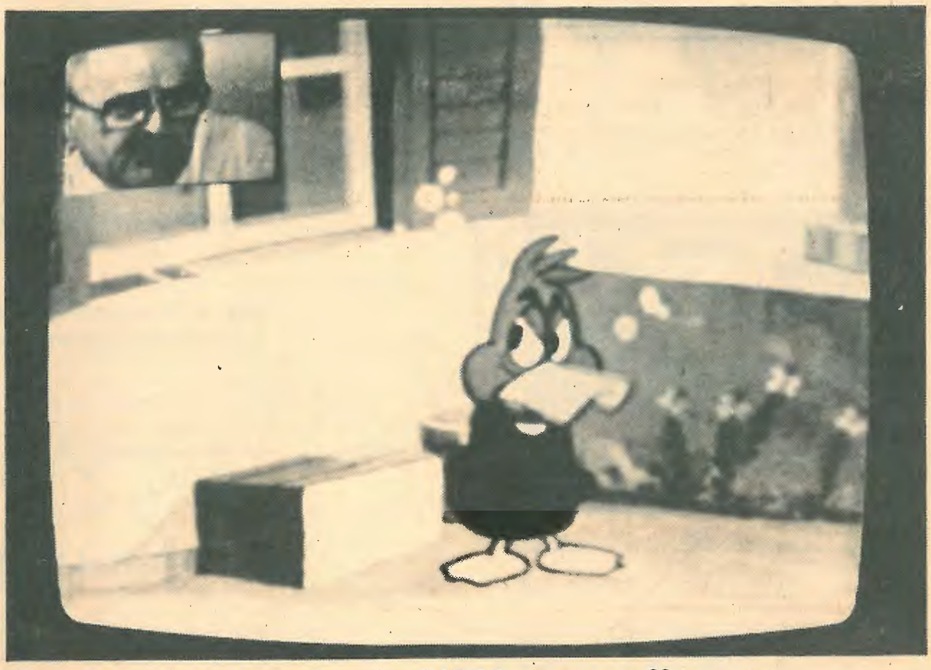

Fig. 1. *Typical inset picture from the BARCO system on a 66cm screen.*

SINCE 1973, several makers have offered second-channel monitoring on consumer television sets. Nordmende was first, marketing a set with two picture tubes which allowed two programmes to be viewed at the same time, one on the main 60cm screen and another on an adjacent 20cm screen. A button allowed switching between the two screens.

Several years later, in 1977, Saba and Telefunken developed their system, making it possible to display a partial black-and-white picture of a different programme in the corner of the main colour picture. The inset measures 16 × 18 cm on a 66 cm tube. The system uses a video-switch controlled by logic circuitry, which chooses the corner of the main colour picture to use for the inset according to the phase shift of the two transmitters, so that horizontal and vertical blanking bands do not show. The black and white inset has the resolution of a normal picture but only displays part of a picture quadrant.

The Saba system had not been on the market very long when Grundig appeared with their "Vollbild im Bild", developed by ITT. This system delivers a stable second picture located in the middle of the lower edge of the screen. The inset, measuring 8 × 11.5 cm, consists of a full black-and-white picture of 116 lines (58 per field) with 64 picture elements per line. The system uses two bucket-brigade memories for storing the reduced size picture, synchronized with the second-channel video signal, and to read out the stored video information synchronized with the main picture signal. Only one line in four is stored, while the bandwidth of the second programme video signal is reduced to 0.75 MHz. Sharp is also going to use this system, according to recent information.

Separately BARCO have developed their own system, using two c.c.d. (charge-coupled device) memories. The inset picture is located in the upper, left-hand corner of the main colour picture. The linear dimensions of the monochrome inset are 1/4 of the normal picture.

	Nordmende	SABA Telefunken	ITT-Schaub-Lorenz Grundig Sharp	Barco	Fairchild X still in development	Philips
Display	2-4 picture tubes	picture inset	picture inset	picture inset	picture inset	picture inset
System	separate	video-switch	2 bucket brigade memories	2 ccd memories	2 ccd memories	digital memories
2nd picture format	full picture	picture quadrant	full picture	full picture	full picture	?
Picture size	12 x 16 cm	16 x 18 cm	8 x 11,5 cm	10 x 13 cm	X	?
Lines per field	287,5	116	58	72	90	?
Points per line	525	179	64	128	120	?
Horizontal resolution	5MHz	5MHz	3MHz	5MHz	X	?
Interlaced 2nd pict.	yes	yes	no	yes	X	?
Line time	52,48 μs	17,89 μs	10,67 μs	12,8 μs[1]	X	?

Cc.d. memory

Signals originating from two different transmitters are normally out of phase,

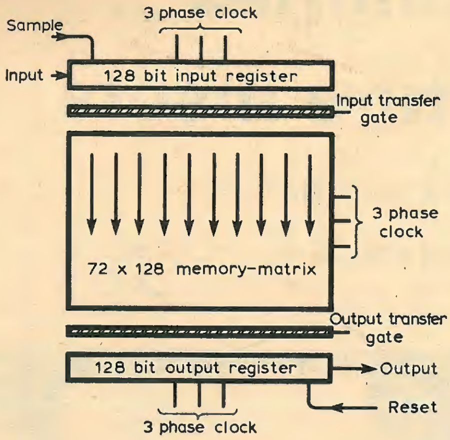

Fig. 2. *Organization of the 72x128 c.c.d. memory.*

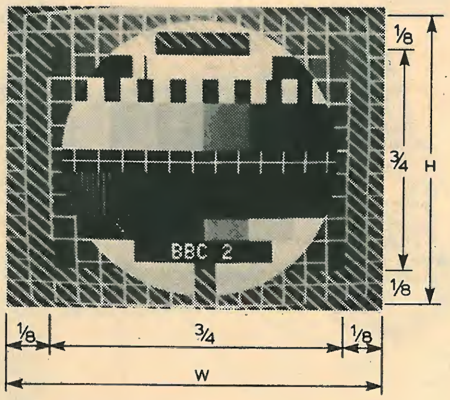

Fig. 5. *Eliminating one eighth of the picture at each edge loses a negligible amount of information.*

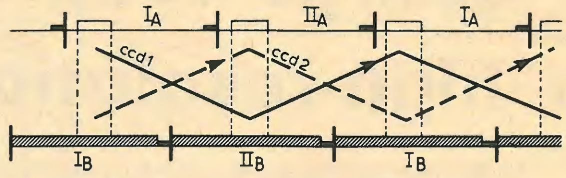

Fig. 3. *Reading and writing of both memories. Main picture is A series; inset is B. C.c.d.2, for example, reads from first field of B, writes in second field of A, reads in first field of B, etc.*

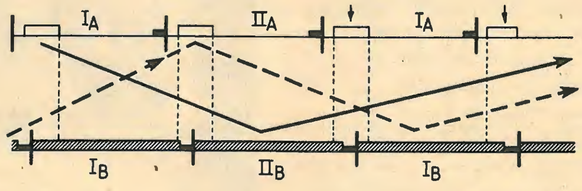

Fig. 4. *Phase variations sometimes mean that a memory would need to read and write simultaneously.*

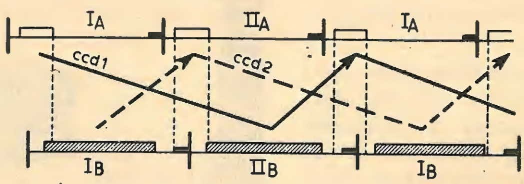

Fig. 6. *Result of reading only three quarters of picture: problem of Fig. 4 avoided.*

the phase difference varying in time. It is therefore necessary to store the second-channel information in a memory until the right moment has come to write out the stored information.

Conventional digital memories cannot be used for this application, since the analogue tv signal then needs a.-d. and d.-a. conversion, which cannot be realized economically at the frequencies required. Analogue memories such as b.b.ds (bucket-brigade devices) or c.c.ds (charge-coupled devices) must then be used. Of both these devices, c.c.ds have the advantage of being able to reach higher read and write speeds, so they can achieve a higher bandwith and give a better picture resolution. Thanks to a special technology that eliminated the so-called dark current spikes, fabrication of c.c.ds which could contain a whole video field became possible. The spikes caused unacceptable spots in the picture.

C.c.ds may be constructed as memory cells in a serial fashion, one following the other, or as a serial-parallel-serial (s.p.s.) structure. In the latter case the c.c.d. memory cells form a matrix. The information is first serially read into the "read-in" register cells and then shifted in parallel one row down. For the "picture in picture" application the s.p.s. structure is more suitable than the serial type because the maximum bandwidth is determined by the number of shifts the information has to make from cell to cell. For a 100×100 s.p.s. structure there are 200 shifts, while for a serial structure with the same number of cells there are 10,000 shifts.

Memory format. The reproduction of a picture with a cathode ray tube can be taken as a mixed version of point per point reproduction. In the vertical sense the display is discrete (expressed as a number of lines), while in the horizontal sense the picture is continuous (defined by the bandwidth of the transmitted a.m. signal). A tv standard is composed in such a way that horizontal and vertical resolution are the same. The BG standard, for example, has a bandwidth of 5 MHz, where the picture consists of 575 effective lines.

Considering the chosen s.p.s. organization of the c.c.d. memory, the number of elements has to be defined as a product of lines (L) and columns (C). To reconstruct a black and white picture in the BG standard, not only the transmitted bandwidth and the effective information time per line in the horizontal sense must be considered but also the effective number of lines in the vertical sense. So calculation gives L = 575 and C = 525.

Because the inserted picture is four times smaller, proportionally less lines and columns are needed. The memory capacity can be reduced to (575/4) L × (525/4) C or 144 L × 128 C, in convenient numbers of bits. However, a transmitted picture in the BG standard is composed of two interlaced fields, so the memory can be split into two memories of 72 L × 128 C. Each memory then stores one field of the picture.

BARCO system

Essentially the system works as follows. Two c.c.d. memories read in alternately one field (every fourth line) of the second channel picture after which c.c.d. 1 writes out the information into field 1 of the main picture and c.c.d. 2 into field 2 as in Fig. 3. The field which is read into the c.c.ds is always the first complete field of the second channel picture. As the phase of both transmitter signals varies in time, the situation shown in Fig. 4 can occur. Neither c.c.d. 1 nor c.c.d. 2 in this situation can write out into every field of the main channel, since each time there is an overlap of read and write time. Some fields would, therefore, be lost.

To limit the number of memories to two, one-eighth of the picture is omitted at each edge, since the borders contain least information. Fig. 5 shows the result. By shortening the read-in time to 3/4 of the normal time the problem shown in Fig. 4 is solved, as indicated by Fig. 6.

In writing out the information line by line, the height of the picture is reduced three times, since only one line in three is stored. The height of the inset becomes 3/4 divided by 3 or 1/4 of the normal picture height. In the same way, only 3/4 of a line is read into the memory, so to obtain the resolution of 5 MHz for the inset, the bandwidth of the input memory signal may be reduced to 5/3 = 1.66 MHz, because the writing-out is three times faster. The read-in and write-out clock frequencies, which must be double the bandwidth, are then respectively 3.33 MHz and 10 MHz. This means that in the horizontal sense as well the picture is compressed by 1/3. The width of the inset therefore becomes 1/4 of the normal picture width.

Interlacing of inset. It might be assumed that c.c.d. 1 always reads in the second field of channel 2 and c.c.d. 2 field 1, but this is not the case. There are two critical situations, according to the phase shift between the two transmitters. In the upper diagram of Fig. 7 the field frequency of the second transmitter is

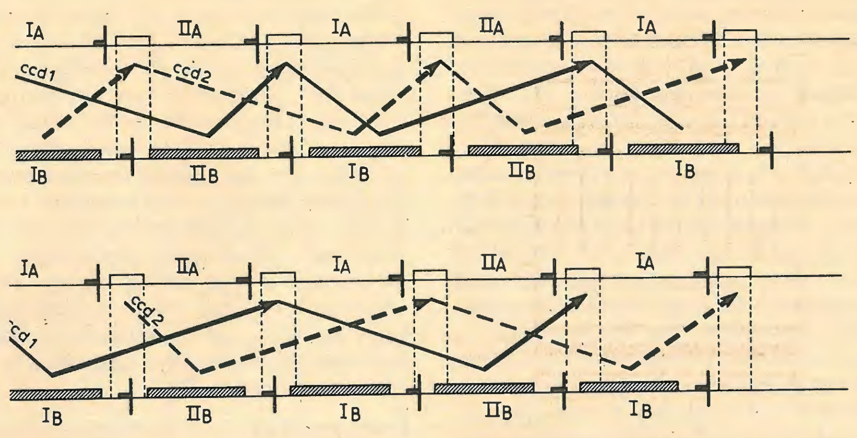

Fig. 7. *If raster frequencies of two pictures differ, one field of inset is either displayed twice or not at all.*

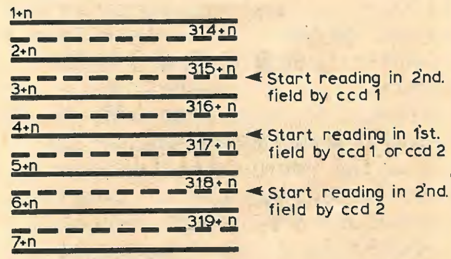

Fig. 8. *Memory 1 always writes in first field of main picture, which means that it reads-in three lines above Memory 2.*

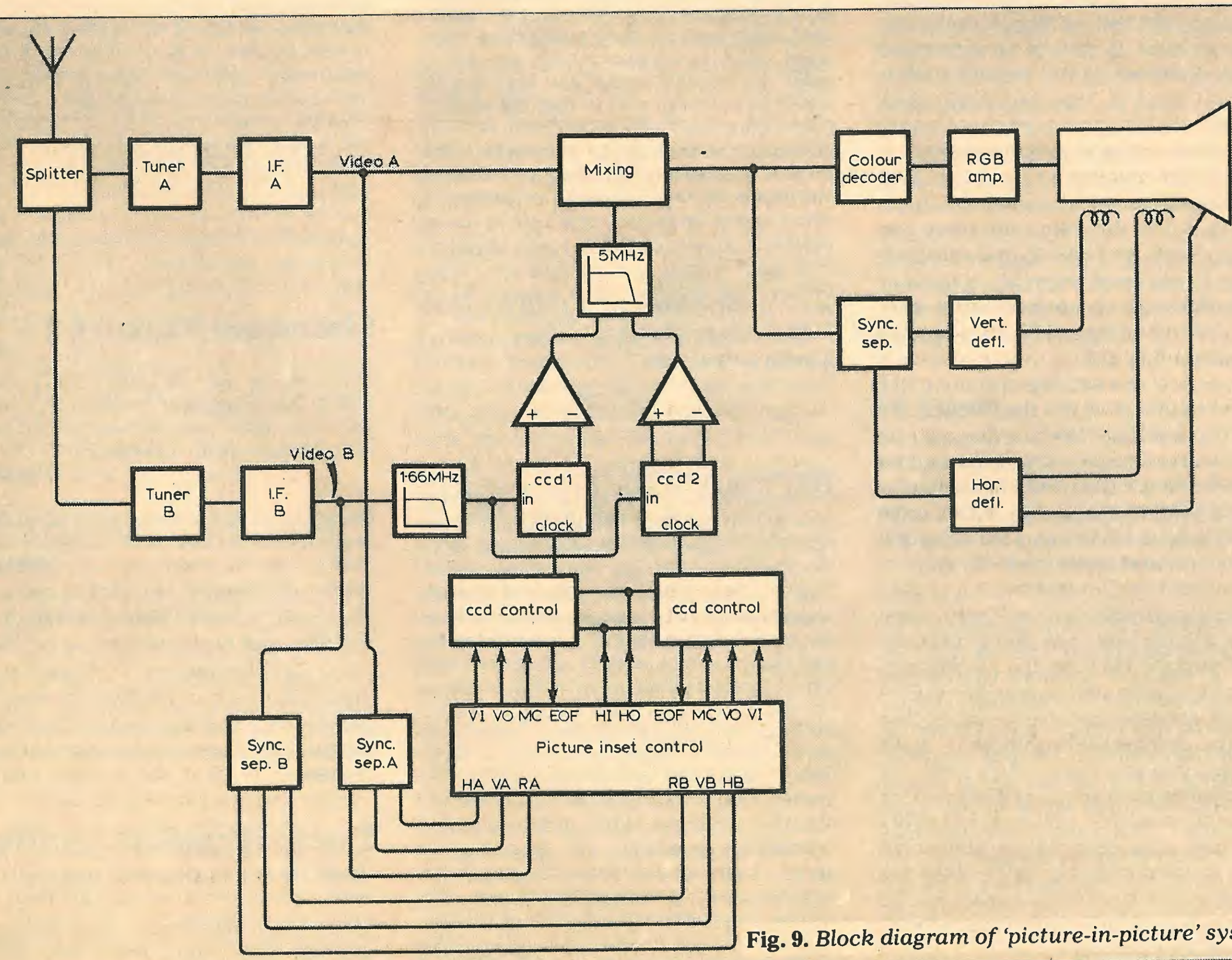

Fig. 9. *Block diagram of 'picture-in-picture' system.*

lower than the field frequency of the main transmitter, and in the lower half, higher. Consequently, the field 1_B is either displayed twice or not displayed at all. At this moment the next complete field to be read in changes from the first to the second memory, or vice versa.

To obtain an interlaced inset, it is necessary to choose very carefully the lines to be stored in the memories. Different systems can be used but the best results are obtained with a system where the writing out of the memories is coupled to the field-information of the main transmitter. The first memory — c.c.d. 1 — always writes out into the first field of the main transmitter, beginning with line 1 + *m* (*m* is the vertical position of the inset) and ending with line 72 + *m*. The second memory – c.c.d. 2 – always writes out into the second field of the main transmitter, beginning with line 313 + *m* (this is the line under line 1 + *m* of the first field) and ending with line 385 + *m*. After a memory has written out, the next complete field of the second transmitter is read into that memory.

If this field is the first field, then reading in is started with line 4 + *n* (*n* defines the line on which we start) without considering for which c.c.d. the information is destined. If the field is the second field, then the line that is read in depends on which c.c.d. the information is destined for.

If the second field is read into c.c.d. 1, then we start with line 315 + *n*. This line is situated above line 4 + *n* of field 1 and is later on written out above the information of c.c.d. 2, so that an interlaced inset is obtained. If the second field is read into c.c.d. 2, then we begin with line 318 + *n*. This line is situated under line 4 + *n*, and is later on written out under the information of c.c.d. 1. Also in this case we obtain an interlaced inset, as in Fig. 8. The diagram shows that the read-in lines of field 2 are situated exactly in between the read in lines of field 1, thus giving optimal resolution. This cannot be obtained with a system that reads 1 line in 4.

In practice, the writing out of c.c.d. 1 starts with line 26 of the first field of the main transmitter. The writing out of c.c.d. 2 starts with line 339 of the second field. The first field of the inset transmitter is read in, beginning with line 56 and the second field begins with line 367 for c.c.d. 1 and line 370 for c.c.d. 2.

C.c.d. matrix. The control circuitry in Fig. 9 generates 13 clockpulses to allow the 72 × 128 c.c.d. memory to operate. The status output (EOF) indicates when the matrix has completely read in or written out. Another output controls the mixing of the output signal of the c.c.d. with the video signal of the main programme. Horizontal and vertical synchronization inputs are provided for read and write timing. Next we have the control-input, (MC) that switches the memory from read to write. In the position "read in" the memory starts reading in after the reception of the vertical start pulse (VI).

Seventy-two lines are read in and shifted down into the parallel register, synchronized by the horizontal start pulse (HI). After all 72 lines are read in, the control logic waits for the write out command. Now writing out happens in a similar way as reading in. Horizontal (HO) and vertical (VO) write-out start pulses now synchronize the whole sequence. First, the information is shifted out of the parallel register into the output register, which is then written out. When all 72 lines are written out, the control circuitry waits for a new read in command.

Inset control. Both memories of the picture-inset generator each have an identical c.c.d. control, controlled in turn by the picture-inset control in such a way that reading in is synchronized with pulses of the inset-transmitter B, while writing out is synchronized with pulses of the main programme transmitter A. The circuitry ensures an interlaced inset. Continuity of the inset is not affected by the two transmitters being out of phase (no half picture or flicker with a change in the phase difference). Therefore, vertical (VA and VB) and horizontal (HA and HB) sync. pulses are needed and also field information (RA and RB) from both transmitters.

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Books Received

The New Penguin Dictionary of Electronics is compiled by Carol Young, and replaces the earlier dictionary, published in 1962. The word 'electronics' in the title is not an indication of bias towards devices and materials; the book embraces all fields of electronic engineering, including communications and computing. It is obviously hardly possible to include every term in current use and, indeed, there are one or two surprising omissions, such as accelerometer, secondary radar, totem-pole output and the Nyquist criterion. It is also odd to find the spelling Schockley, and to see no reference to Mossbauer, Cerenkov or Czochralski. But these are somewhat pettifogging criticisms and the book is a fine work of reference, which is well up to date with such words as Prestel. Cross-referencing eases problems with such entries as Chebishev and Tchebyshev. This 618-page book costs £1.25, or £7.97 in hardback, and is published by Penguin Books Ltd, 17 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0BD.

Operational Amplifiers, by G. B. Clayton, is the second edition of an eight-year-old book, now largely rewritten to take account of the many new types of amplifier which have been introduced in the intervening period. This is not simply a collection of circuits using op-amps, but is an attempt to provide the reader with sufficient general information on the characteristics of devices and circuit configurations to enable him to design circuits and systems from scratch. A chapter on fundamentals precedes two sections on performance characteristics and testing, which inform the rest of the chapters on applications. A final chapter provides information on practical points, such as stability, interference avoidance, etc. Exercises are given at the end of each chapter, with answers, and the appendices consist of a number of applications and further calculations on common-mode rejection and frequency/phase response. The book is published by Butterworth and Co. (Publishers) Ltd, 88 Kingsway, London WC2B CAB, contains 410 pages and costs £9.50 in hardback.

Radio Amateur's Examination Manual, by G. L. Benbow (93HB) is designed to provide sufficient information, both procedural and technical, at the level needed to enable readers to pass the R.A.E. The new syllabus and revised multiple-choice format of the examination papers have caused a complete revision of the book, which is the eighth in the series. Two sample examination papers, with answers, are included. The 120 page, paper-back book is published by the Radio Society of Great Britain, 35 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2AE at £2.16 by post.

Literature Received

Brochure on the SE Labs (EMI) model SE6300 12in, ultraviolet oscillograph is available from their Instrumentation Division, Spur Road, Feltham, Middlesex TW14 0TD
WW 419

Equipment for the prototype and small-scale production of printed-circuit boards is illustrated in a brochure from the Cupro Products Divison of Lektrokit Ltd, Sutton Industrial Park, London Road, Earley, Reading, Berks RG6 1AZ
WW 420

A catalogue describing a range of small computers, valves and television picture tubes can be obtained from Solus (Electronics) Ltd, Kirkwood Road, Cambridge CB4 2PF
WW 421

Teletext remote control

Figure 2 of this article, which appeared in the April 1979 issue, contained an error, for which we apologize. A 1 MΩ register, R_5, should be connected between the junction of R_4 and C_5 and pin 5 of IC_3.

WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO

Super-regeneration — only a toy?

The very simple "super-regenerative" high-gain detector, invented over 55 years ago by Howard Armstrong for medium-wave broadcast reception but rapidly superseded for that purpose by his development of a practical superhet, has always been a technique of tantalising promise but only limited practical application. Admittedly, it helped amateurs pioneer the old 56 and 112MHz bands in the 1930s and was widely used in wartime for such purposes as tank sets and Bert Lane's 450MHz S-phone spy radio; but for many years it has virtually faded from sight except as a beginner's toy and for radio-control receivers. Critics point to the inherent poor selectivity, excessive radiation (this can be much reduced by an r.f. stage or by a simple diode technique developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories a decade ago) and the extremely high inter-station noise. Again, although suitable for both a.m. and broadcast f.m. reception, it presents problems for n.b.f.m., s.s.b. and c.w.

But very much to its credit are high sensitivity (typically around 0.5 microvolts), extremely low-cost, inherent a.g.c. action and good discrimination against impulse interference.

One of the few recent surveys of the potential of the super-regenerative detector appears in the New Zealand journal *Break-in* (November 1978) by Nat Bradley, ZL3VN. He has carried out many experiments using field-effect transistors in both self-quenched and separately-quenched arrangements, including the use of squelch gates to tame noise in the absence of signals, and also use of the 'super-regen' for n.b.f.m. reception (by injecting a stable carrier at signal frequency) and for c.w. (by using the squelch gate to key an audio oscillator). His conclusion is that "the super-regenerative receiver is a fascinating and unnecessarily maligned device. Modern techniques can give added performance and versatility at low cost. Its use (up to about 1000MHz) could well be re-examined with an eye to getting the most from the least."

Improving the UA3IAR "quad"

Attention was drawn in the December 1978 WoAR to a novel form of switched quad-type aerial developed by the Russian amateur L. Vsevolzhskii, UA3 IAR. This uses an octahedral wire structure supported by a single pole and requiring no special framework or mechanical rotation, yet capable of being switched to direct the beam towards any quadrant. But it was pointed out that the system is unlikely to have a forward gain exceeding about 3.5dB (reference dipole).

A number of British amateurs have been experimenting with such aerials with a view to increasing gain and bandwidth, reducing sidelobes and providing operation on more than one band. The low gain results primarily from the current maxima being at the pinched-in vertices of the array. One technique which has already been shown largely to overcome this problem (though making quadrant switching rather more complex) has been proposed and tested by Leslie Moxon, G6XN. This consists of re-arranging the feed points so that the array is vertically rather than horizontally polarised. This increases the spacing between the current maxima, while it also automatically decreases this spacing when the aerial is excited at higher frequencies. A multiband version has a gain of the order of 7-8dB on 28MHz and approaching normal quad two-element performance (about 6dB gain) on 14MHz. Further options remain to be tested, but the work seems to confirm that such modified octahedral structures may turn out to provide highly effective wire beam arrays at low cost, relatively simply.

Scanning the bands

A recent issue of *CQ-TV* (journal of the British Amateur Television Club) reports growing interest in fast and slow scan amateur television in Yugoslavia, including the use by YU1PKW of a 1.2kW linear amplifier (built for 432MHz 'moonbounce') with a 128-element colinear aerial.

An amateur tv repeater (432MHz 'in-band') is being set up on Mount Belmont (450m a.s.l.) near Wellington, New Zealand following tests at a temporary location. It works to 625-line PAL (System B) standards with output frequencies 17.5MHz above input frequencies. It operates only on broadband tv type signals, both vision and sound.

WB6NMT, California has become the first amateur station to make 'moonbounce' (earth-moon-earth) contacts on four bands: 50, 144, 220 and 432MHz.

Chris Bartram, G4DGU, has heard meteor-scatter 'pings' on the 432MHz band and is endeavouring to obtain contact with Sweden using this mode: only two 432MHz meteor-scatter contacts have ever been completed by amateurs on this band. These were between Swedish stations SK6AB and SM2AID in 1977 and between W0LER and W2AZL in 1972.

Contacts between New Zealand and Australia were made during January on 144MHz and also, for the first time, on 432MHz. The 432MHz s.s.b. contact between ZL1TAB, Auckland and VK2BQJ, Oyster Bay, near Sydney, was over a distance of almost 2150km.

Fines and costs totalling over £900 have been imposed at Camberwell Court under charges arising from deliberate interference to the London 144MHz repeater at Crystal Palace by two men operating from a vehicle. Local amateurs detected and traced the source of the interference which included transmissions of music and obscene language.

From all quarters

A potential threat to the low-frequency end of the 14MHz band could arise from the demands to be made by many countries at WARC79 for a new 13.6MHz broadcasting band extending right up to the edge of the 14MHz amateur band. Even if the broadcast stations keep within their proposed band, one can imagine the effects of a 500kW station with large aerial array on, say, 13997.5kHz – and even more vividly the possibility of the 'jamming' stations it would be likely to attract!

In what is clearly an effort to keep down the cost of amateur equipment, American and Japanese firms are introducing new low-power (10-20W) h.f. transceivers which could later be used with linear amplifiers or with v.h.f. transverters. Examples include the Trio TS120V and the Atlas 110 which in the USA is being sold (less power supply) at $388 (about £200) and is being claimed as "the first price breakthrough in amateur radio equipment in a decade."

In brief

The Irish Department of Posts & Telegraphs has introduced a Class B licence and such licences will be available to British Class B amateurs visiting the Republic . . . At the end of 1978, the number of UK amateur licences totalled 24,711, an increase of 1427 during the year . . . For the first time membership of the RSGB has exceeded 23,000 in 135 countries . . . The 1979 'Jamboree-on-the-air' organised by the Scouts will take place over the weekend October 20-21 . . . Mobile rallies are due to be held at: June 24 Longleat Park and Castlewellan Forest Park (Bangor); July 1 Upton-on-Severn . . . Raynet (the amateur emergency service) has been authorised to provide ship-to-shore radio links up to two miles from the shore, during oil-pollution operations.

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The Heaviside signal

An alternative view of the transverse electromagnetic wave

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This article proposes a different picture of electromagnetic propagation from the familiar "rolling wave" idea in which electric and magnetic fields topple over and forward, continually changing into each other as they go. The author postulates "an unchanging slab of E x H energy current" travelling forward at the speed of light, and names it "the Heaviside signal" after a concept expressed in the writings of Oliver Heaviside. This process does not rely on a causal relationship between the electric and magnetic fields, which are seen as co-existent.

MAXWELL faced up to the paradox that whereas electric circuits, in order to function properly by allowing the passage of electric current, were thought to require a complete closed circuit of conductors, electric current still seemed to flow for a time when a capacitor (which of course is an open circuit) was placed in series with the closed loop of conductors. He "cut the Gordian knot" (according to Heaviside)[1] by postulating that a new kind of current, which he called "displacement current", leapt across the plates within the capacitor. This electric current, which was uniformly distributed in the space between the capacitor plates, could even flow through a vacuum.

Maxwell followed up this daring idea by suggesting that electromagnetic waves might exist in space. Scepticism about his postulated "displacement current" was silenced in 1887 when Hertz discovered the predicted waves in space. The classic pre-Popperian requirement of a good scientific theory seemed to have been met – the prediction of further results which are later confirmed by experiment.

There are two versions of the transverse electromagnetic wave, the "rolling wave," and what we shall call here the "Heaviside signal." We shall discuss only the wide variety of views among those who believe (with the relativists) that there is no instantaneous action at a distance.

The rolling wave

The lack of action at a distance creates a fundamental difficulty for the wave in space if it is to be launched by a force in the direction of propagation. The key to the ability of a force to project a wave is that there is a pressure difference between two points along the line of propagation. However, knowledge of a difference in pressure between two points A and B which are separated by distance implies instantaneous knowledge at B of the pressure at A; that is, instantaneous action at a distance, which has been outlawed.

This dilemma seems to be overcome if it is postulated that the force which projects the wave is a lateral, shear, force. It seems a shear force can act at a point, and so not contradict relativity whereas a longitudinal force cannot.

The above kind of reasoning, combined with the postulation of displacement current, which seemed to flow at right angles to the direction of propagation, joined forces to create the notion of the rolling wave. The rolling wave contains alternating concentrations of magnetic energy $\frac{1}{2}\mu H^2$ and electric energy $\frac{1}{2}\epsilon E^2$ in the direction of propagation. It is useful to think of a road with alternate red trucks and white motor cars. The magnetic energy or flux (by Faraday's law of induction) generates electric energy and displacement current ahead of itself, which in turn (by the Biot-Savart Law) generates magnetic flux, or energy, ahead of *itself*. Each type of energy, or flux, topples over and forward, changing as it topples into the other kind of energy. It is as though in the road containing the alternate red trucks and white cars, first the red trucks reappear as white cars a little further ahead while at the same time the white cars turn into red trucks a little further ahead; then the trucks and cars change back again, moving forward a little with each metamorphosis. The analogy with the pendulum has been proposed. One can think of a long line of pendulums, alternate ones having potential energy and kinetic energy, and communicating their energy forward step by step with a change of type of energy at each one.

The Heaviside signal

Opposed to the rolling wave is what we have called the Heaviside signal. The most highly developed form of this view is that at any point in space, an electromagnetic signal always contains one kind of energy only, which is equal to the product of E and H at that point, where

$$\frac{E}{H}=\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}. \qquad \text{Energy density} = \frac{E.H}{c}$$

Further, the Heaviside signal always travels forward unchanged at the speed of light, $c=1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$, and never any slower. E, H and c are always mutually perpendicular.

The two men most likely to understand the "Heaviside signal" point of view and to oppose the "rolling wave" were Oliver Heaviside himself, in honour of whom it has been given its name, and Poynting, the man whose name is attached to the vector $E \times H$. However, their writings show that neither man arrived at a full understanding of the Heaviside signal described in the previous paragraph.

Heaviside vacillated between the two views, the rolling wave and the Heaviside signal. He always applauded the idea of displacement current, which appears to put him on the side of the rolling wave. Further, on page 6, art. 453 of volume 3 of his "Electromagnetic Theory", when he says that the curl of E, not E itself, is the real source of the waves, he is again arguing for the rolling wave. Curliness is obviously a bid for shear, vorticular forces, a concept intrinsic to the rolling wave. However, elsewhere he seems to stand firmly for the Heaviside signal. For instance *(ibid*, art. 451, page 4), he says, "It carries all its properties with it unchanged," which is a clear statement of the Heaviside signal. In art. 452, the mention of a "slab" of signal is strongly on the side of the Heaviside signal. Heaviside mentions the slab elsewhere in his writings. One does not conceive of slabs rolling, or generating shear forces or stresses. Almost by definition, a slab, like a slab of heavy granite, moves forward unchanged at constant velocity.

Professor Poynting, who first suggested that energy was distributed in space with a density $E\times H$, also had a partial vision of the Heaviside signal. He definitely did not know that E is always perpendicular to H, and that the $\times$ in $E\times H$ means simply multiplication. (He had a term $\sin\theta$ for the angle between them.) Poynting was writing before the general agreement that light is electromagnetic, and so did not know that this Poynting energy $E\times H$ always moved forward (in the third dimension) at a constant speed, $1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$, the velocity of light in the medium.

Poynting had a very good grasp of the direction of energy flow and its magnitude, but did not seem to understand the importance of reflections at a change of medium, which leads one to think of one energy current $E \times H$ flowing backwards along its previous path, passing through the next portion of forward travelling energy current. This superposition of forward and backward energy currents (implicit in the phrases "phase velocity" and "group velocity") has prevented a clear understanding of the electromagnetic wave.

For fifty years, technology did not give us the power to drive the medium with an electromagnetic signal. With the low power at our disposal, all we could do was resonate the medium with periodic (sinusoidal) excitation in the same way as we move a child on a swing. In a resonant medium, energy is necessarily flowing in both directions; most of the forward energy returns to aid the source on the next cycle.

Our inability to drive a medium except periodically insinuated itself into our group psyche, until we came to assert that nature *was* periodic (and even that it was sinusoidal). Implicit in this view were the wrong beliefs that

(1) electromagnetic energy is necessarily contrapuntal,
(2) $E/H = \sqrt{(\mu/\epsilon)}$ is not always true, (e.g. when two waves are passing through each other so that H cancels but E does not, so that $E/H = \infty$), and
(3) signals can travel slower than the speed of light $1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$).

The absurdity of this third idea is easy to demonstrate if we consider a two directional highway. If all cars move at 60 m.p.h. but some (A per hour) move eastwards and some (B per hour) move westwards, no one would argue that the total passage of cars eastwards per hour past a reference point, that is, $(A-B)$, would help us to determine the velocity of cars by the formula

Flow of cars $= (A-B)$ per hour
Distance between cars $= L$
Therefore velocity of cars $= (A-B)L$ m.p.h.

However, this seems to be done, at least subconsciously, with phase velocity and group velocity. The very terms imply some such calculation.

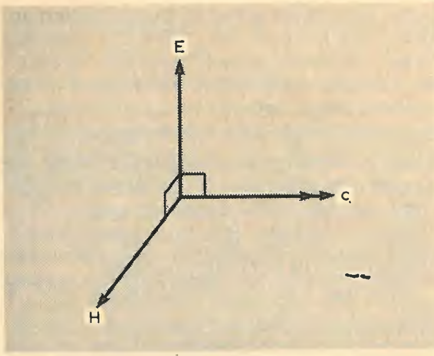
Some ten years ago the successful manufacture of high speed (1ns) logic elements capable of driving a 100 ohm load made it possible, for the first time for fifty years, to drive a medium rather than gently resonate it, as a matter of normal routine. Those driving a high speed logic step could clearly see it travelling at the speed of light for the dielectric (never any slower) and remaining unchanged on its journey. For the first time for seventy years, high speed digital engineers were privileged to see the Heaviside signal, an unchanging slab of $E \times H$ energy current guided between two conductors from one logic gate to the next. Reflections were prevented by proper termination at the destination, so that notions of phase velocity and group velocity evaporated. We saw a slab of energy launched from one point, travelling unaltered, to be absorbed by the terminating resistor at the destination.

At this point we just *had* to unburden ourselves at the theoretical level of implicit contrapuntal notions. A beautiful vision resulted, now called the Heaviside signal, of a lateral strain $E \times H$ (where $E/H = \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$ which by definition travelled forward at velocity $1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$. As it travelled forward it filled (or probed) the space ahead of it in the same way as the ripples on the surface of a pond will fill the space (surface) as they come to it. Logic designers maintained a near constant aspect ratio in the space ahead, because whenever this slab came to a change in aspect ratio (= change of characteristic impedance, better termed characteristic resistance) some of the energy current would double back on its tracks according to the well-known laws of reflection. However, this did not lead back to the old "phase velocity" and "group velocity" notions; rather, the slab of energy current split into two slabs, one to continue forward and the other to return, both slabs continuing to probe, or fill, the space presented to them on their journeys.

The Heaviside signal offers us a dramatic simplification of our view of the fundamentals of electromagnetic theory.

Definitions

First define energy current (= TEM wave = Poynting vector) as our primitive, where energy current is as follows:



Now $\sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$ and $1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ can be independently defined. Let us define

(a) $\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = \frac{E}{H}$

which defines a constant of proportionality for the medium.

(b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} =$ velocity of propagation c,

again a constant for the medium.

(c) Define $D = \epsilon E$, $B = \mu H$

Derivations

$$\frac{E}{H} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}, \quad B = \mu H$$

$$\therefore \frac{E\mu}{B} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore \frac{E}{B} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = c \quad (2)$$

$$\therefore E = Bc \quad (3)$$

By definition*,

$$c\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = -c\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \quad (4)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \quad (5)$$

This is equation (12.5.1) in Carter (G. W. Carter, The Electromagnetic Field in its Engineering Aspects, Longmans, 1954, page 268), when he believes he is *deriving* the TEM wave, which is supposed to *result* from a causality relationship between E and B (Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction). Carter is clearly developing the rolling wave.

We see then that the equation $\partial E/\partial x = -\partial B/\partial t$ is a simple derivation from the definition of the Heaviside signal and is not based on $\partial B/\partial t$ *causing* E, as Faraday thought he had discovered.

We have shown that the passage of a TEM wave and all the mathematics that has mushroomed around it does not rely on a causality relationship (or interchange) between the electric and magnetic field. Rather, they are co-existent, co-substantial, co-eternal. The medium can only be strained in the two lateral dimensions (E and H) in fixed proportion. [In a similar way, *pressure* in a liquid in direction x does not *cause* pressure in the y (and z) direction; they co-exist.]

Faraday's great discovery in the 1830s was *not* electromagnetic induction; not a causality relationship. His great achievement was to discover that *change* was important. This started us on the road to discovering the now postulated primitive, the Heaviside signal, which can only move; it cannot stand still. Heaviside put together the main features of the new concept, but it took another century to put flesh on to the bare bones.

Reference

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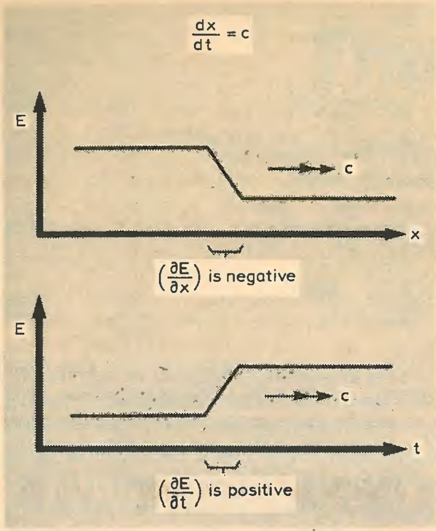
Appendix 1

By convention, if a voltage step is travelling from left to right (i.e. in a positive direction) it has a positive velocity; dx/dt is positive

$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$ is positive but $\frac{\partial E}{\partial x}$ is negative. This (reversal) problem is well known by anyone who has drawn out an oscilloscope trace on to paper with voltage and distance axes. This explains the minus sign in equation (4) in the article. When we travel, we *gain* distance while we *lose* time. However, we regard our velocity dx/dt as positive.

It is strange that this ambiguity in sign convention had led to a negative sign in electromagnetic theory. This in turn intro-

*See Appendix 1



duced the idea of a "Lenz's law" reluctance, or back e.m.f., in which lies nested the idea of causality,

$$i \rightarrow \int H dl \quad \text{and} \frac{dB}{dt} \rightarrow v$$

In fact, electric and magnetic fields have a positive relationship, and co-exist rather than cause each other.
Numerically,

$$c\left|\frac{\partial E}{\partial x}\right| = \left|\frac{\partial E}{\partial t}\right|$$

Therefore, since by convention $\partial E/\partial t$ is positive, $\partial E/\partial x$ is negative and c is positive, we must conclude that

$$c\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

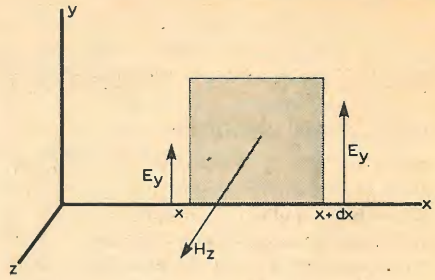
Appendix 2: the rolling wave explained

In this article, two mutually contradictory versions of the transverse electromagnetic wave have been described and compared. These were the rolling wave and the Heaviside signal. This appendix contains the first half of a very clear description of the rolling wave taken from "Fundamentals of Electricity and Magnetism" by Arthur F. Kip, Professor of Physics, University of California, Berkeley, published by McGraw-Hill, 1962, page 320. Only enough of that description is reproduced to make his approach clear.

"... Our demonstration involves the use of the first two Maxwell equations to show that such a postulated time and space variation of E gives rise to a similar time and space variation of H (but at right angles to E) and that this H variation acts back to cause the postulated variation in E. Thus, once such a wave is initiated, it is self-propagating.

"The figure below is used to show the application [of Faraday's law of induction] to the plane E wave, postulated to be moving along the x direction. A convenient closed path is drawn in the xy plane, around which we shall take the line integral of E. This is equated through [Faraday's law] to the rate of change of flux H through the plane bounded by the path of the line integral. Only the vertical parts of the line integral contribute since E is in the y direction, so that $E.\partial x = 0$. If we go around in a counter-clockwise direction, the line integral around the path chosen becomes

$$\oint E \, . \, dl = (E_y)_{x+dx}dy - (E_y)_x dy$$
$$= [(E_y)_{x+dx} - (E_y)_x]dy$$



where we are to take the values of E_y at $x + dx$ and x, respectively. The difference between these two values of E_y at the two positions is $(\partial E_y/\partial x)dx$, so we can write the line integral of Faraday's law of induction as

$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} dxdy = -\mu_o \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial t} \; dxdy$$

Since this relationship is true for any area dxdy, we may write

$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} = -\mu_o \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial t}$$

(This ends the extract from Kip. To get to the Carter equation we have to replace μH by B, of course.)

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A slice of the action

The Faraday Lectures, which started in 1924 as a memorial to Michael Faraday, continue their ever-more spectacular progress. This year's lecture, entitled "The Diagnostic Electron," was concerned with medical diagnostic instruments from wooden stethoscopes to computer tomography. Since the lecture was prepared and staged (Faraday lectures are staged, not read: this one gave the IEE lecture theatre an ambience the Magic Circle would have been proud of) by EMI, the latter equipment was modestly mentioned. Computer tomography(c.t.) is the technique embodied in the EMI brain and body scanners, in which X-rays are passed through the body in many different directions, though all in one place, the differing attenuations being sorted out by computer and assembled to give a picture of the 'slice' through the brain or body. The technique was first announced in 1972 and, since Godfrey Hounsfield, the originator, was a research engineer at EMI, the company was several years ahead of any possible competition.

Not for long, though. The largest market for heavyweight medical equipment is the USA, in which country hospitals have to compete for patients by offering them the latest, shiniest and demonstrably most expensive equipment. Since c.t. is adequately covered by all three adjectives, at half-a-million apiece for a whole-body scanner, it became *de rigeur* for any hospital with a hope of keeping an acceptable image to acquire a scanner. The world's electronics industry, ever on the lookout for a money-spinner, declared civil war for the honour of serving mankind.

The one saving grace about war is that it is a tremendous spur to development, and that characteristic is also true of commercial hostilities. For example, the prototype brain scanner took 4½ minutes to produce a picture: this was the first line of attack and the time has now been reduced to a few seconds. EMI have lost a good deal of the development lead they started with, as was inevitable, but they are still a force to be reckoned with and are currently working on a newer technique of scanning, using the phenomenon of nuclear magnetic resonance instead of X-rays. The newer method is said to be safer than using X-rays, since the stimulating radiation is at radio frequency. N.m.r. also offers the possibility of chemically analysing the substance under examination, rather than simply indicating where it is.

The company has achieved some success already and has a lead once again, but it is known that companies in the US and UK (GEC say they have had a "substantial team" working on the problem for two years) are involved in n.m.r. research and it seems unlikely that anyone will benefit commercially to the extent that EMI did with the X-ray scanners.

N.m.r. is the effect obtained when a steady magnetic field and an r.f. field interact at nuclear level. The nuclei behave as spinning bar magnets, which are caused to precess about the steady field axis when the r.f. field is at the correct frequency. In this condition, energy is absorbed from the r.f. generator, the amount of absorption depending on material density. Variations of the magnetic field produce resonance in different types of material.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WAVELENGTH CHANGES ON LF AND MF

There has been surprisingly little reaction from your readers to the BBC a.m. sound radio changes which, although publicised as wavelength changes, have turned out in fact and more importantly to have been large power and transmitter location (or allocation) changes. In this area for example Radio 3, previously received as a strong interference-free signal from Daventry (150kW, 464m) is now radiated from Brookmans Park at the reduced power of 50kW. In consequence this programme suffers interference, fading and distortion after dark. Judged from a car radio the Daventry transmitter gave a reliable service extending from the south coast to north Yorkshire and it is surprising therefore that this transmitter should have been closed down instead of merely being switched from 464 to 247 metres.

One feels compelled to ask what sort of a new wavelength plan was agreed by our bureaucrats which permitted an important UK wavelength such as that of Radio 3 to be shared with a foreign station?

In contrast with what has happened to Radio 3 in this area we now have two powerful transmissions of both Radio 1 and Radio 2 (i.e. four 140/150kW transmitters on 275, 285, 330, and 433m) located at Brookmans Park and Droitwich. Thus in the unlikely event of interference being experienced on one wavelength an alternative is available in each case.

As I am unable to see the need for two pop channels and require neither, I feel strongly that there is gross imbalance between the service provided for Radio 3 on the one hand and Radios 1 and 2 on the other. In fact it would appear that Radio 3 has been downgraded to the level of local radio because Radio London (206m) is transmitted from Brookmans Park at the same power as Radio 3 (50kW). If the latter power is considered necessary to provide local coverage for Radio London then surely much higher power is needed to serve the larger Radio 3 area.

No doubt the BBC reply to all this would be to say "switch to v.h.f.," but why should I have to go to the expense of replacing my existing a.m. car radio by a more costly v.h.f. type just to receive one station? Furthermore having gone to the trouble and expense of constructing an excellent *Wireless World* design of v.h.f. receiver and stereo decoder it is exasperating to find that many music programmes are not radiated on v.h.f. Instead these frequencies are reserved for Open University or other educational programmes where neither wide frequency range nor stereo are required.

In conclusion, and recognising that radiated power may not be the only criterion, it is clear that nationwide (and neglecting transmitters below 10kW) the changes have produced an increase in the aggregate power of Radio 1 transmissions by a factor of three (260 up to 740kW) and of Radio 2 by nearly 50% (400 up to 580kW), so that no less than 1320kW are devoted to pop. In many areas the m.w. band must now closely parallel that in North America where one may tune from one end of the band to the other finding nothing but inconsequential talk, advertisements and pop.

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When the BBC announced its wavelength changes a year or so ago, I think it was pretty obvious that it had decided to allocate its transmitters and frequencies on a basis of audience size rather than the quality or importance of the service, presumably with an eye to obtaining the largest possible audiences in competition with the commercial services in order to justify its annual claim for an increased licence fee. If this ploy had resulted in the maintenance of Radios 3 and 4 at their existing coverage, it might have been justified, but all that actually seems to have happened is that they have both disappeared from the medium waves to all intents and purposes.

The Radio 3 transference to 1215kHz has been a complete disaster in this area. Whereas we previously had an excellent fade-free service at all times, we now have a daytime signal ruined by continuous phase distortion caused by the large number of transmitters on the channel, while at night it is simply a non-stop babble of foreign interference. We were told by the BBC that 647kHz was going to be unusable because of Continental interference (from Albania, in daylight?) so the very logical step was taken of handing the channel over to the European Service, so they could have the fun of fighting the interference on its home ground.

The move of Radio 4 to the long wave channel was a move I thought was sensible, and so it has proved to be as far as car radio reception is concerned, but it was certainly a mistake as far as the users of small portables around the house are concerned. Long waves seem much more liable to all sorts of interference, apart from most small portables being apparently less sensitive on this waveband than on medium waves. An advantage I thought might exist, the ability to listen to Radio 4 while on the Continent, has been partly nullified by the Russians apparently opening up a new transmitter on the same frequency. Incidentally, just why is Droitwich transmission so weak compared to other long-wave stations? Last year, I noticed while in Northern Scotland that although this station was rather difficult to listen to, I had no problems hearing the French stations on 164 and 181kHz loud and clear.

Might I dare to suggest to the BBC engineers that they consider the following points?
1. Multiple transmissions on a single channel are a mistake. Unless all transmitters are phase-locked, all it does is guarantee grinding phase distortion in many areas where otherwise the field strength would be perfectly adequate. In the case of R3, why not use the now disused Daventry mast to radiate 1215kHz at high power (500kW?) and switch off all the other transmitters except maybe some in Scotland? This wouldn't help the night-time problem, but we could at least listen at other times.
2. Step up the radiated power on 200kHz. The Droitwich transmitter and aerial are rather old and small by modern standards — is it not time the BBC built a new single-purpose station with a really big and efficient aerial?
3. What about duplicating the R4 service on a single short-wave channel, as the Germans do? The World Service can surely spare one channel in the 49 metre band. Having the 49 metre band on my car radio, I often listen to the World Service on 5975kHz while driving around the UK and Continent, and find reception most reliable even although it is not intended to cover the area.

W. Blanchard
Dorking
Surrey

The BBC replies:

Dr Crook and Mr Blanchard have provided some interesting and thoughtful comments on the frequency changes we made last November, which reflect in many ways the correspondence which we have had from listeners generally.

We have to face the fact that conditions on the long and medium wavebands have been deteriorating for many years, due to the increasing number of transmitters in the European area and elsewhere, and to the use of higher and higher powers. In reviewing the results of the Geneva Conference, it was clear that the interference levels on many of the UK frequencies would increase, as the new transmitters authorised at Geneva came into service. (The Plan provides for the period 1978 to 1989 and many of the stations listed have not yet been built.)

The BBC has four national radio networks and with the medium and long wavelengths available it is possible to provide good, but not perfect, coverage for three of them, and partial coverage for the other. V.h.f. does not provide a complete alternative, firstly because many listeners do not have or use v.h.f. receivers; secondly because at present we only have enough v.h.f. frequencies for three national networks, one of which is shared by Radio 1 and Radio 2.

In planning the changes the first priority was given to Radio 4, which we wanted to make readily available throughout the United Kingdom. Apart from its large audience, Radio 4 is relied upon by many people for important services such as news, weather forecasts and motoring information. Thus, it was decided to use the one long wave channel for Radio 4.

Secondly, it was decided to improve the coverage of Radio 1, which is our most popular programme. This could only be achieved by using two medium wave channels. These provide almost national coverage in the day time, but something very much less at night time.

Thirdly, we wanted to retain the best possible coverage for Radio 2, our second most popular programme. With Radio 4 on long wave, this could only be done by using two medium wave channels, to provide a coverage roughly similar to that of Radio 1.

This leaves Radio 3, with only one medium wave channel remaining. Radio 3 has an audience which is numerically very much smaller and it could be argued that this should be a v.h.f. only service, as in many other countries. We know that a high proportion of Radio 3 listeners normally use v.h.f. but we wanted to retain as much medium wave coverage as possible – particularly for those listeners in motor cars and with small portable receivers.

If anyone should complain about the priority accorded to Radio 4, Radio 1 and Radio 2, they should remember that any broadcaster has an obligation to meet the needs of the audience as a whole, and this must take account of both numbers and programme preferences.

Radio 4's move to long wave has made the programme audible over the whole of the United Kingdom. Unfortunately, long wave reception is more susceptible to many kinds of electrical interference, and especially to television receiver line timebases. V.h.f. provides an alternative for many listeners, but unfortunately the v.h.f. channel has to be used for educational programmes for considerable periods each day. Some experiments have recently been made to see if it would be practicable to transmit some of these programmes at night time when the transmitters are not otherwise required.

The power of our main long wave transmitter has been increased over the years from 25 to 150 and latterly to 400kW. Many of the long wave transmitters on the Continent now use powers of up to 2MW; this certainly achieves greater range and penetration in the face of interference, but it is very expensive both in capital and running costs.

It is doubtful if the use of a channel in the 49 metre short-wave band could be justified for a domestic service, and in any case very few listeners in this country use short-wave receivers.

Mr Blanchard comments on our use of 1215kHz, with a number of medium power transmitters in various parts of the country. Like every other channel, this one is shared with a number of Continental transmitters and it is therefore necessary to provide relatively high field strengths at night time if reasonable reception is to be obtained. The existing system at least provides a service in all of the larger conurbations, but inevitably there are gaps in between, in those areas where signals from two or three different transmitters are received at comparable strengths. Frequency stability is of course crucial and Mr Blanchard will be interested to know that the Radio 4 UK long wave transmitters are already phase-locked. If this proves successful, the principle could be extended to other networks.

The alternative of using a single high-power transmitter at some central point like Daventry has been considered; it would certainly provide a good day time service in central England, and a night time service of sorts to the whole country. We doubt if Radio 3 listeners would take kindly to a sky wave service of this sort and in the day time many areas would be left with no service at all.

In the years ahead, we are convinced that the future development of radio must depend largely on v.h.f. and we are already planning a radical overhaul of our v.h.f. networks. There is also a very real hope that additional v.h.f. frequencies will be made available for broadcasting, and this would enable us gradually to provide a more comprehensive service on v.h.f. so that listeners would be less dependent on medium and long-wave reception.

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UNIONS AND ELECTRONICS

For many years I have looked upon your journal as one which takes a constructive view of the success of electronics. It was disappointing to see two pages of the May issue devoted to the repeated disruptive plugging of a trade unionist ("The role of the specialist in microelectronics").

Professional engineers in the private sector, where I work, are not highly militant. However, the exhortations of unions for engineers to take up cudgels and join the unions are backed up by frequent incompetence of the employers' personnel management. Non-union engineers are neglected by employers who appear to deal only with 'the union'. As the years pass, the sour attitude of the engineers slowly worsens.

I have seen so often that preoccupation with union matters pulls the attention in the opposite direction to work. By joining the staff of a company the engineer signifies his agreement to the terms of employment. If an engineer thinks he is worth better treatment than he is getting, let him prove it by finding an employer who will offer him something better. Until that time, he is under contract to provide a willing service for the rewards which he accepts by agreeing to come to work.

If, on the other hand, he cannot find a better offer, he will not improve society by resorting to artificial salary boosters such as registration, trade union armies and the like.

J. M. Bentley
Old Woodhouse
Leics

OVERSIGHT IN COSMOLOGY

It was refreshing to have Mr Hulme answer my point so painlessly (June letters) and confirm that although the energy is present there is zero field. *Of course* with zero field there can be no detection. *That* was my point. I cannot bring myself to agree with his radius but will retract a little and take Secama's figure of 10^{17} light years. This gives a source/sink ratio of about 10^{53}:1 for about 50 discrete frequencies (hydrogen and helium predominate). Thus we have 2×10^{51} sources for each frequency, which seems good enough odds to escape detection!

Plucking a figure out of the air, let us assume that light which starts at, say, 10^{-6} Mλ is red shifted to 1Mλ, then the energy density at the surface of the earth will be of the order 10^{64} W/cm^2 (quite wrongly, I used the earth-sun distance in the preliminary calculations). This radiation will pass the atmosphere and almost everything else because there can be no excitation and therefore no energy exchange. Why should the light be red shifted? Light is a transverse wave propagated from what is essentially a point source. This being so it is *forbidden*, by geometry, from having parallel boundaries.

If the propagation characteristic of space is constant, and surely it must be, then light *must* be red shifted linearly with distance regardless of Doppler.

This leaves a bit of a problem though, doesn't it? I mean, what shall we do with all that radiation pressure which *doesn't* cancel? Pretend it away as Einstein did with gravity? Or shall we call it gravity? Well, I know that if I call it gravity I can quantify it into the strong force so I *shall* call it gravity.

You know, I really do believe that I have comprehensively falsified Albert Einstein's general relativity!

By the way, the pressure was the *second* oversight!

Alex Jones
Alderney

MILITARY ELECTRONICS

The January editorial on the prostitution of electronics for military purposes is, in my opinion, probably the most important item which *Wireless World* has published in its sixty-odd years of existence, but the reaction of readers, judged by the letters published, has been disappointing.

Professor Bell's attempt in the March issue to equate swords with ploughshares is not convincing. The evil that is done by one far exceeds the good which is done by the other. It is no more necessary to make swords in order to produce ploughshares than to do vice-versa, and the fewer swords that we make the more ploughshares we will have.

In the same issue I attempted to put the blame onto the militarists of *both* sides, but Mr Richardson, in the April issue, distorts the picture by concentrating attention entirely onto the Eastern bloc. I do not deny his criticisms, and will even add to his list by mentioning the massacres at Katyn and of the Russians who were returned under the Yalta agreement, but the actions of the Soviets need to be balanced against the annexations of large areas of Mexico by the USA, their treatment of Indians and blacks, their installation and support of corrupt military dictatorships in Taiwan, Iran, Chile, South Korea and most of South America, their appalling actions in Vietnam, which included according to Colby the CIA chief, the execution of over 22,000 opponents of the Diem regime.

Let the circuit be brought back into balance before *Wireless World* returns to its traditional role and does not become, like many electronics journals in the USA (and probably Russia), just a mouthpiece for the armaments industry.

Roy C. Whitehead
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EXCLUSIVE CB SYSTEM FOR BRITAIN?

I read with some alarm the letter from Mr James Bryant to the previous Prime Minister (News, April). So Mr Bryant wants Britain to "lead the world into a new generation of c.b. radio". In fact his main objective appears to be to ensure that in the event of the legalization of c.b. in this country a new non-standard system will be specified which will enable an exclusive "club" of British manufacturers to cash in on this new consumer bonanza, the consumer being at the mercy of any mutual "arrangements" regarding prices etc they can get away with. I wonder what Mr Bryant's interests are in all this? Is he in the employ of one of the un-named companies who have stated their willingness to manufacture this equipment?* He certainly seems to have some axe to grind against 27MHz!

As for the suggestion of c.b. on 900MHz, I cannot see that being at all practical in built-up areas using cheap hand-held equipment. The "identi-chip" method of determining the origin of a particular transmission sounds fine until one realizes that any electronics "bod" worth the name could easily by-pass or mute its coded output. Assuming that the system was a practical proposition, are we to have yet another computerized monstrosity like the DVLC at Swansea to keep track of all the c.b. sets in Britain?

Britain has always been a country which encourages free international trade. The proposed system seems designed to restrict it.

Finally, are we not supposed to fall in line with the edicts of the EEC in matters relating to the harmonization of technical standards? All other c.b. in Europe is on 27MHz.

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* Mr Bryant is employed by Plessey and makes no attempt to conceal this fact.–Ed.

DISPLACEMENT CURRENT

The two articles on displacement current which have recently appeared in your magazine (December 1978, March 1979), contain the sensible suggestion that one should regard currents and charge distributions as the consequences of electromagnetic waves rather than as the sources of these waves. Apart from this, the articles are wrong in almost every detail and it is vital that this should be clearly demonstrated before undue damage is done.

The basic demolition process is simple. In Maxwell's equations for a dielectric medium we have,

$$\text{div}\,\mathbf{D}=0,\quad \text{div}\,\mathbf{B}=0,$$

$$\text{curl}\,\mathbf{H}=\frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t},\quad \text{curl}\,\mathbf{E}=-\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t},$$

Writing $\mathbf{D}=\epsilon\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}=\mu\mathbf{H}$ for a linear, homogeneous, isotropic medium, these equations give the wave equation for $\mathbf{E}$ (or $\mathbf{H}$),

$$\nabla^2\mathbf{E}=\mu\epsilon\frac{\partial^2\mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

which means that electromagnetic waves travelling with a speed of $1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ can exist in the dielectric. The wave equation occurs due to the presence of the term $\partial\mathbf{D}/\partial t$, which Maxwell introduced and called "displacement current". Without this term the wave equation would not appear and electromagnetic waves would not exist. There is a fair amount of evidence that electromagnetic waves *do* exist, and I doubt if Catt, Davidson, and Walton would deny this. I would like to believe that they are only objecting to the name "displacement current", but if that were the case there would hardly be any point in making such a vicious attack, and after re-reading these remarkable essays a number of times I have a feeling that C, D, and W really believe that electromagnetic waves can exist without $\partial\mathbf{D}/\partial t$ occurring in the equations. A consultation with any competent mathematician should convince them that this is not so.

The above argument may not be very convincing to the non-mathematical reader and perhaps C, D, and W won't like it very much, because one gets the strong impression that these gentlemen have probably used Maxwell's equations in only the most trivial of problems. It is therefore necessary to criticise the articles in some detail. Take, for example, the simple reflection treatment given in the appendix to the first article. This applies to a uniform transmission line but not, as stated in the appendix, to a non-uniform line. For a uniform line the wave equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2}=LC\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2}=\mu\epsilon\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2},$$

where L and C are the inductance and capacitance per unit length. The error probably arises due to the following plausible but erroneous argument: "In the circular capacitor L and C vary with r,

$$L=\mu\frac{d}{2\pi r},\quad C=\epsilon\frac{2\pi r}{d}$$

Hence the product LC is still constant and equal to $\mu\epsilon$. So the wave equation for the circular capacitor will be

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2}=\mu\epsilon\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2}\text{"}$$

If the wave equation is properly derived from the basic equations it will be found to be

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2}+\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}=\mu\epsilon\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2}$$

The reason why the reflection process described for the uniform line does not apply in this case is that there is a continuous reflection from the wave front due to the continuous variation of Z_0. Another serious error is that the authors regard the "radius of the input wires" to be the "input end" of the circular transmission line. If they had taken the trouble to consider the Poynting vector field, they would have discovered that the energy enters the capacitor dielectric at the outside radius, and that this outside radius is the input to the capacitor. When they take a sector of this capacitor (Fig. 1(c) of the first article) they *do* have a line supplied at the inner radius. Hence it is incorrect to regard the complete capacitor as a large number of such sectors ("pie-shaped"!) in parallel.

In the second article, and also in their reply to Mr P. I. Day's sensible letter, the authors ask "where, then, is the displacement current in the transmission line?". The answer, of course, is that in general it flows in all parts of the dielectric, but by choosing a "step" wave (a physical impossibility) they have pushed all of the displacement current into an infinitely thin sheet in the wavefront and have lost sight of it. But we haven't. A step is a very useful concept as the limiting case of, say, an exponential rise, but if the limiting process is improperly understood and causes one to lose things, it is advisable not to use it. And do I detect a rather nervous reaction to Mr Day's use of the frequency domain? Did they for one awful moment think that they saw the ghost of Maxwell's displacement current? They need not worry, it is not dead yet and *they* are certainly not capable of killing it.

These three gentlemen see fit to criticise Maxwell for lack of insight, and assert that Maxwell did not realise that displacement current was not uniformly distributed within a capacitor. In other words, that he was not capable of getting the correct solution to his own equations! And finally they praise Heaviside for "missing it only by a whisker". In fact Heaviside was never in any such danger, but I am afraid that Catt, Davidson, and Walton have dropped right in it!

May I suggest that your readers will be well advised to approach the "further reading" with great caution.

B. Lago
Doxey
Stafford

The authors reply:

Dr Lago's letter raises some interesting points which probably deserve fuller treatment than we are able to give here. We are interested that he should feel that "undue damage" can be done to Maxwell's theory through this series of articles. It would seem that he sees himself in the role of priest defending the faithful from the dangers of heretical doctrine. If this is indeed necessary then it says little for the understanding of electromagnetic theory by the faithful. Surely engineers and scientists are competent to draw their own conclusions from a public debate without such protection.

Dr Lago states "Without this term (displacement current) the wave equation would not appear and electromagnetic waves would not exist". Would that life were so simple! In fact this statement is a non-sequitur. All that he is able to state from his position is something like, "In Maxwell's theory displacement current is essential to the existence of a wave equation and hence of electromagnetic waves; therefore, if displacement current is removed, electromagnetic waves *as understood by Maxwell* would not exist". To illustrate, before Lavoisier it was thought that the process of combustion involved, or rather depended upon, the removal of a substance, 'phlogiston', from the burning material. Someone who believed the phlogiston theory would no doubt have asserted that "without phlogiston it is impossible for things to burn". But he would have been quite wrong because the argument is premised on a faulty theory. In the same way we regard the Maxwellian framework as faulty. We have no doubt that electromagnetic radiation exists and there is nothing in our articles to suggest otherwise. What we chiefly object to is the spurious causality and physical meaning given to the term $\epsilon(\partial\mathbf{E}/\partial t)$ which is a barrier to the deeper understanding of electromagnetic processes.

We would like to assure Dr Lago that our experience in electromagnetic theory goes beyond "the most trivial problems" and one of us (DSW) lectured on electromagnetic theory in Trinity College Dublin.

Dr Lago is quite wrong to impute to us the facile misunderstanding of the pie-shaped transmission line. IC published a paper[1] in which the theory of the pie-shaped line is discussed with reference to power plane decoupling on multi-layer printed circuit boards. In this paper it is made quite clear that there is continuous reflection caused by the changing impedance seen by the step as it travels outwards to greater radii. We did in fact reference this paper at the end of the December 1978 article. In this latter article we do not claim to be treating the case of a circular capacitor in the mathematical appendix. We in fact refer to Fig. 2 which represents a uniform end-fed transmission line. This case is treated since it demonstrates the key features without requiring unnecessarily complex mathematics.

Incidentally, Dr Lago says that a zero risetime step is a "physical impossibility". This interesting statement merits further analysis. One would like to know whether he is attacking the concept or its practical realisation, i.e. is he against the Platonic ideal of a step or is he saying, as might Aristotle, that such a concept is not useful because it is not practically realisable? If the former then we assume he is also opposed to the sine wave concept since infinite time is required for its perfect realisation; if the latter then what physical principle determines the shortest risetime obtainable in practice? In the latter case the principle must precede the concept, i.e. there must be no circularity.

Finally, Dr Lago agrees with us (and Heaviside) when he states that "one should regard currents and charge distributions as the consequences of electromagnetic waves rather than as the sources of these waves." In that case is $\epsilon(\partial \mathbf{E}/\partial t)$ a *current* and therefore an effect or a *field* and therefore a cause, or is it both!

I. Catt, M. F. Davidson, D. S. Walton

Reference

1. "Crosstalk (noise) in digital computers", I. Catt, *IEEE Trans. EC-16*, Dec. 1967, pp. 743-763.

CITIZENS' BAND IN THE USA

Recently, while returning from London, I picked up a copy of your magazine at the Heathrow Airport news stand. It appears from the issue I have that certain people in Great Britain are contemplating something akin to the citizens' band, which here in the States is presently the Federal Communications Commission's principal headache. Although, as a licensed amateur, I disliked losing the eleven metre band, which was one of my favourites, I originally thought the idea of a citizens' service wasn't all that bad. Now, in retrospect, permit me a few comments and observations.

1. Enforcement of existing regulations is an impossibility. The FCC could double its existing field staff and still be unable to police the eleven metre band.

2. In a total of six hours of monitoring the c.b. channels here in Grand Rapids, fewer than 10% of the contacts monitored were legal by existing rules.

3. Out-of-band operation is commonplace, with stations heard throughout the spectrum from 26.6 MHz to 27.998 MHz.

4. Although the FCC has banned commercial production of amplifiers capable of operating in the 27-29 MHz portion of the spectrum, linear amplifiers for 27 MHz are readily available and widely used in c.b. circles.

5. Amateur transceivers are converted to c.b. use, giving v.f.o. control and power levels greatly in excess of the legal maximum.

6. Illegal linear amplifiers are often adjusted improperly, resulting in interference with other services.

7. Profanity, vulgarity, and deliberate interference with other stations is common.

The above is only a partial listing of the contents of the Pandora's Box that is c.b. radio. There are, of course, many operators that do their best to operate legally, but they have little chance when competing with the impossibly large number of "dip-sticks" that inhabit the 27 MHz jungle.

The solution . . .? If Great Britain cannot possibly survive without a citizens' service, put the miserable thing up high enough in frequency that the technology is beyond the ken of the week-end experimenter **and** charge a good stiff licensing fee. About fifty pounds per year sounds about right to me!

(Name and address supplied)
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USA.

INTERFERENCE FROM 555 TIMERS

The 555 and 556 timer integrated circuits are very popular and useful devices. But they are notorious for their tendency to interfere with neighbouring circuits. Interference is through transients on the power supply line. These transients are longer and heavier than those caused by t.t.l., because the 555 has a high-current totem pole output, which is switched comparatively slowly by the timing circuit.

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MICROPROCESSORS FOR CALCULATION

I am delighted to see your series of articles on "A scientific computer", using a microprocessor in conjunction with a 'number-cruncher.'

Having recently started working with microprocessors, I do not think the common items available are at all suited to calculations of any magnitude or complexity and consequently they may well be of far less value than the pundits would like us to think. I still feel that there is far too much rather desperate selling of what is available rather than a real attempt to find out what the market wants.

(Name and address supplied)
Procurement Executive,
Ministry of Defence

WIDEBAND NOISE REDUCER

I should like to compliment D. L. Harrison on his compander design described in your November 1978 issue. Used in conjunction with a Revox A77, it enables me to enjoy recordings made at 3¾ in/s as much as if not more than those made previously at 7½ in/s. The virtual elimination of tape noise is by no means the only improvement. Contributing equally to the comfort of listening is the fact that I no longer need to record at a high level in order to ensure an acceptable ratio of signal to noise, and peaks in the programme can remain undistorted.

Constructors of the compander, like myself, without access to distortion-measuring equipment should nevertheless include the optional trimming components shown dotted in the circuit diagram. A setting can be made by ear which is audibly better than leaving pins 8 and 9 of the compander i.c. disconnected. The adjustment is made easier if a reasonably pure tone from an oscillator can be played through the compander when it is switched to the expand mode.

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CARFAX CONFUSION

Horsham is a quiet Sussex country town, normally at peace with the world. Although not well bestowed with dreamy spires it has, as your picture shows (see p.53, May 1979) a Carfax.

It would be interesting to know the name of the spy who provided you with that photograph and what was said in the accompanying message. I also wonder who at *Wireless World* has *assumed* that the home of lost causes had suddenly become up to date. Ve aff vays of bending beams but if Oxford is to be the real target I hope that Horsham is not the actual victim.

M. J. L. Fadil, G4CC/G4CGY
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Full marks to sharp-eyed reader Fadil! Ve aff vays of confusing the reader, for which we apologize. However, just to keep the record straight, Oxford does have a Carfax, a cross-roads in the middle of the town. And the origin of this old name, thought to be the Latin *quadrifurcus* or the French *quatre voies*, seems quite appropriate to a traffic information system, by indicating the basic four directions in which a vehicle may travel. – Ed.

"SPURIAE" (April letters)

I wonder why
We specify
Spurious
As spuriae?
For instance:
It's curious
(Or curiae?),
That furious
Aint furiae,
Luxurious
Luxuriae.
And so on.
This verse
Has no moralae,
I only ask that
We all try
Hard in future
Not to use
Spurious words
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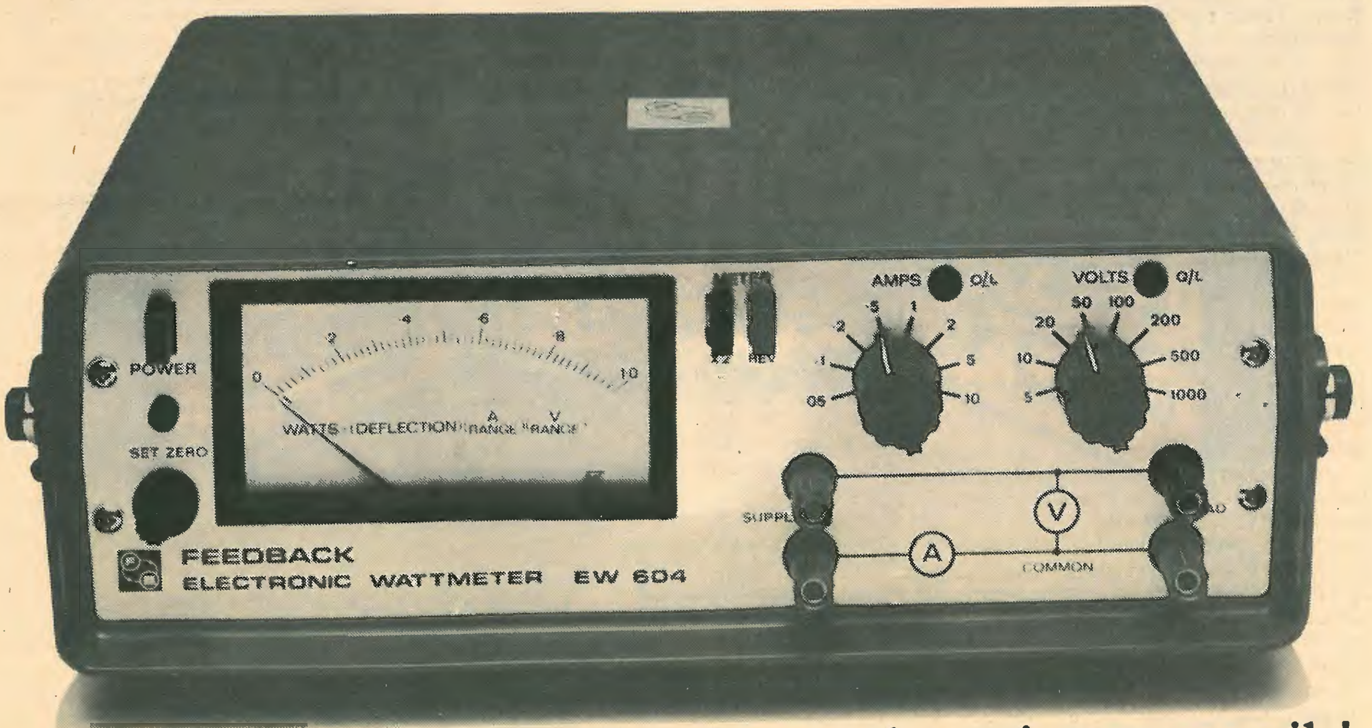

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A scientific computer — 4

More programming in high and low level languages

by J. H. Adams, M.Sc.

THE MORTGAGE PROGRAM in Table 8 computes, from a given principal, annual interest rate and period for which a loan is to run (represented by P, I and T in the program), the monthly repayment and repayment schedule for a standard mortgage. The format closely follows that of standard BASIC. In line 6, an interest factor

$$K = 1 + \frac{I}{100}$$

is calculated, whilst the expression evaluated in line 7 is

$$B = \frac{K^T}{K^T - 1} \times \frac{IP}{1200}$$

using the stack operation ENT to push K^T into the Y and Z registers of the stack as shown in Table 9. A special

Table 9 Stack operations for the mortgage program.

COMMAND	X	Y	Z	T
YX	K^T	-	-	-
ENT	K^T	K^T	-	-
ENT	K^T	K^T	K^T	-
1	1	K^T	K^T	-
-	K^T-1	K^T	-	0
/	$\frac{K^T}{K^T-1}$	-	0	0

print format is used in lines 13 and 19 to round the displayed values of B and P to the nearest penny.

Table 10 shows two separate programs cascaded into the programming area. The first is run by the command RUN 4 and is a game which simulates the landing of a rocket on Earth. Lines 4 to 8 set a fuel level of 120 (F), a velocity of −50m/s (V) and an initial height of 250m(H). After presenting this information, the computer waits for the player to type in a one second burn of fuel, B, which is checked against the present amount of fuel (line 14) and then used to reduce the velocity by B−5, provided that there is enough fuel available.

The aim, of course, is to simultaneously reduce the velocity and height to zero, without running out of fuel. The

Table 8 Print out of a mortgage program based on the high level language.

```
003 PRINT "                    ***MORTGAGE PROGRAM***"
004 PRINT "    INPUT PRINCIPAL, INTEREST RATE & TERM"
005 INPUT P I T
006 LET K=I 100 / 1 +
007 LET B=K T YX ENT ENT 1 - / I * 1200 / P *
013 PRINT "  MONTHLY REPAYMENT ="B2
014 LET B=B 12 *
015 PRINT "      ***REPAYMENT SCHEDULE***"
016 FOR X=1 STEP 1 UNTIL T
018 LET P=P K * B -
019 PRINT "AFTER"X0, " YEARS YOU OWE"P2, " POUNDS"
021 NEXT X
024 END

ODED
```

Table 10 Cascaded programs for a rocket landing game and the solutions of F (x)=0.

```
004 LET C=0
005 LET F=120
006 LET V=-50
007 LET H=250
008 PRINT "HEIGHT="H2, "M  VELOCITY="V2, "M/S  FUEL LEFT="F0, "UNITS".
009 LET C=C 1 +
010 INPUT B
011 IF C<15 THEN 14
012 ERASE
013 LET C=0
014 IF B>F THEN 25
015 LET F=F B -
016 LET B=B 5 -
017 LET J=H
018 LET H=H V + B 2 / +
019 IF H<0 THEN 30
020 LET V=V B +
021 IF H=0 THEN 37
024 GOTO 8
025 PRINT "OUT OF FUEL  PREPARE TO CRASH."
026 END
030 LET V=V SQ J 10 * + RT
031 PRINT "YOU HAVE CRASHED AT"V2, "M/S."
032 END
035 PRINT "WELL DONE, YOU HAVE LANDED.".
036 END
037 IF V=0 THEN 35
038 PRINT "YOU HAVE LANDED TOO FAST.  HAVE A NICE STAY "
039 END
098 PRINT "  THIS PROGRAM USES NEWTONS METHOD FOR SOLVING"
099 PRINT "THE FORMULA F = F(X).  ENTER AN INITIAL GUESS FOR X NOW. . ."
100 INPUT Q
101 ERASE
102 LET X=Q
105 GOSUB 200
110 LET G=F
115 LET X=X 1.00001 *
120 GOSUB 200
125 LET T=G SQ RT
127 TOP
130 IF T<0.000001 THEN 190
135 LET Q=1 F G / 1 - REC 0.00001 * - Q *
137 PRINT Q8
140 GOTO 102
190 PRINT "THE SOLUTION IS X="Q6
195 END
200 LET F=X LN X 3 * + 10.8074 -
205 RETURN

100F
```

exercise is based upon standard Newtonian equations of motion; $s=u+\frac{1}{2}a$ and $v=u+a$. Crash velocities are worked out (line 30), using $v^2=u^2+2as$. In the program execution, C acts as a go counter, clearing the screen every 15 burns. This might seem unnecessary, as it takes some unusual playing to avoid a crash and not win in that number of attempts. There is a simple technique for predicting solutions to this game, but I will leave the reader to deduce this.

One of the most economical solutions uses burns of 0, 0, 0, 25 and 50. For a more daunting version, the 2 in line 18 can be made an inputted variable (which will affect the acceleration due to gravity) or, even more difficult, a function of the value of H.

The second program uses Newton's method to solve the equation $F(x)=0$. The equation in this case, $Ln(X)+3X-10.8074=0$, is written at line 200 and, as it is required twice in the program, it is called as a subroutine at lines 105 and 120. Given an initial guess Q, at line 100, the computer calculates the next guess at Q by

$$Q-\frac{F(Q)}{F'(Q)}$$

calculated by the approximation

$$Q1-\frac{0.00001F(Q)}{F(1.00001Q)-F(Q)}$$

Line 125 assigns the absolute value of G to T, G being the difference between two successive values for Q and, if T is below the criterion of accuracy set in line 130, the program branches to line 190 and prints out a final rounded solution for X.

Note that if these two programs, or any material with more than 31 lines, are loaded, a LIST or DEL command will list the first 31 and then display LIST INCOMPLETE, preceded by the next valid line number on the top line of the screen. To display the rest of the program, or the next 31 lines, press the space bar.

Table 11 Program for analysing the pre-amplifier in Fig. 19.

```
005 INPUT A D B E C F
006 PRINT "FREQ            GAIN (DB)"
008 LET A=A 1000 *
011 LET B=B 1000 *
014 LET C=C 1000 *
017 LET D=D 1E12 /
020 LET E=E 1E12 /
023 LET F=F 1E06 /
026 LET W=PI 2 *
028 LET G=W D A * * SQ 1 +
030 LET H=W E B * * SQ 1 +
032 LET I=A SQ D * G / B SQ E * H / +
034 LET J=A G / B H / +
036 LET K=W C F * *
038 LET L=J W K I * * - SQ W I * K J * + SQ + RT C / K K REC + /
040 LET L=L 60 / LOG 20 *
044 LET M=W 2 / PI /
047 IF M>20000 THEN 200
048 PRINT M1 L0
052 LET W=W 10 RT RT
053 GO 28
200 END

0E15
```

Table 12 Computer run of results for the pre-amplifier.

FREQ	GAIN (DB)
1.0	6.
1.8	11.
3.2	15.
5.6	19.
10.	21.
17.8	21.
31.6	19.
56.2	16.
100.	12.
177.8	8.
316.2	4.
562.3	2.
1000.	0.
1778.3	-2.
3162.3	-5.
5623.4	-9.
10000.	-13.
17782.8	-18.

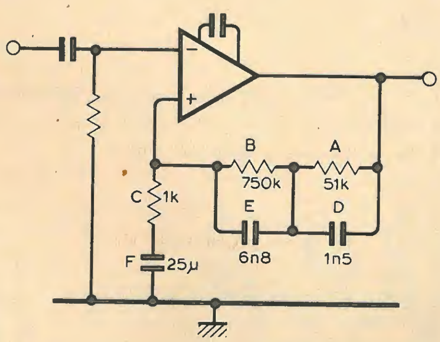

Fig. 19. *Typical RIAA equalised pre-amplifier based on the MC1303. The results of a computer run on this circuit are shown in Table 12.*

Table 13 Program for computing the intercept and gradient of the best fitting straight line.

```
001 LET A=0
002 LET B=0
003 LET C=0
004 LET D=0
005 LET N=0
006 LET E=0
007 INPUT X Y
008 LET N=N 1 +
009 LET A=A X +
011 LET B=B Y +
013 LET C=C X Y * +
015 LET D=D X SQ +
016 LET E=E Y SQ +
018 LET M=C A B * N / - D A SQ N / - /
019 LET L=B N / M A * N / -
021 PRINT 'AFTER'NO, 'PAIRS, M='M7 'C='L7
023 LET R=C A B * N / - SQ D A SQ N / - / E B SQ N / - /
024 LET R=R 100 *
025 PRINT 'COEFFICIENT OF DETERMINATION='R2, '%   '
027 TOP
029 GO 7

0DA7
```

Scientific numbers

The computer switches to a scientific display on numbers greater than 99,999,999 or less than 0.0001. Numbers appearing in programs or being entered in response to an INPUT line, may be entered scientifically or in floating point, provided that they are within the computers range. When entering scientifically expressed numbers, a space is not required at the end of the figures because the E entered in the figures tells the computer that only two more digits are to be entered. The standard form of one figure in front of the decimal point will always occur in displayed results, but need not be adhered to when entering because the computer recognises 1.00E02, 100E00, 0.01E04, .001E05 or 1000000E-04 as all being 100. This is demonstrated in the next program. Fig. 19 shows a recommended circuit for the Motorola MC1303 dual amplifier used as a RIAA equalised phono pre-amplifier. Tables 11 and 12 show the program for, and a run of, an analysis of the circuit. Values are entered in the most convenient units, resistors in kilohms, D and E in picofarads, and F in microfarads, and then scaled to their basic units in lines 8 to 23. The equations for working out the gain at various frequencies are;

$$G=1+(WDA)^2$$

$$H=1+(WEB)^2$$

$$I=\frac{A^2D}{G}+\frac{B^2E}{H}$$

$$J=\frac{A}{G}+\frac{B}{H}$$

$$K=WCF$$

$$L=\frac{((J-WKI)^2+(JK+WI)^2)^{1/2}}{C(K+1/K)}$$

The last equation is a good argument for Reverse Polish. Note that in; line 26 π can be called as PI.

line 38 full use is made of the 4 level stack for storing intermediate values and results. This line actually consists of more than one v.d.u. line's worth of characters, and it therefore overruns into the next line.

line 38 & 52 RT is an abbreviation of ROOT. In word recognition, the computer only considers the first and last letters of a word, which allows for considerable laxity in typing.

When establishing the relationship between two sets of data, the first test is usually one of proportionality, i.e. will the data, if plotted, give a straight line? Table 13 lists a program which uses linear regression to compute the intercept and gradient of the best fitting straight line for a series of pairs of co-ordinates (horizontal, then vertical), read in at line 7. Each set of data updates the values of M and C, and also takes part in the calculation of a coefficient-of-determination, which gives a measure of the fit of the line to the co-ordinates. Note the use of the command TOP at line 27, which clears and resets the data entry point to the top of the screen each time.

Low level programming

When low level programming is used, charts of the type shown in Table 14 are very helpful for translating between the mnemonics for the Z80 operations and the actual hexadecimal codes. If the charts are used in conjunction with the technical manual for the MK3880/Z80, program assembly and disassembly is

Table 14 Conversion charts for the Z80 instruction set.

Second character of Z80 code

First character	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	NOP	LD BC,nn	LD(BC),A	INC BC	INC B	DEC B	LD B,n	RLC A
1	DJNZ	LD DE,nn	LD(BC),A	INC DE	INC D	DEC D	LD D,n	RL A
2	JRNZ,e	LD HL,nn	LD(nn),HL	INC HL	INC H	DEC H	LD H,n	DAA
3	JRNC,e	LD SP,nn	LD(nn),A	INC SP	INC(HL)	DEC(HL)	LD(HL),n	SCF
4	LD B,B	LD B,C	LD B,D	LD B,E	LD B,H	LD B,L	LD B,(HL)	LD B,A
5	LD D,B	LD D,C	LD D,D	LD D,E	LD D,H	LD D,L	LD D,(HL)	LD D,A
6	LD H,B	LD H,C	LD H,D	LD H,E	LD H,H	LD H,L	LD H,(HL)	LD H,A
7	LD(HL),B	LD(HL),C	LD(HL),D	LD(HL),E	LD(HL),H	LD(HL),L	HALT	LD(HL),A
8	ADD B	ADDC	ADD D	ADD E	ADD H	ADD L	ADD(HL)	ADD A
9	SUB B	SUB C	SUB D	SUB E	SUB H	SUB L	SUB(HL)	SUB A
A	AND B	AND C	AND D	AND E	AND H	AND L	AND(HL)	AND A
B	OR B	OR C	OR D	OR E	OR H	OR L	OR(HL)	OR A
C	RET NZ	POP BC	JPNZ,nn	JP,nn	CNZ,nn	PUSH BC	ADD n	RST 0
D	RET NC	POP DE	JPNC,nn	OUT A,(N)	CNC,nn	PUSH DE	SUB n	RST 16
E	RET PO	POP HL	JPPO,nn	EX(SP),HL	CPO,nn	PUSH HL	AND n	RST 32
F	RET P	POP AF	JPP,nn	DI	CP,nn	PUSH AF	OR n	RST 48

First character	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	EX AF,AF'	ADD HL,BC	LD A,(BC)	DEC BC	INC C	DEC C	LD C,n	RRC A
1	JR,e	ADD HL,DE	LD A,(DE)	DEC DE	INC E	DEC E	LD E,n	RR A
2	JRZ,e	ADD HL, HL	LD HL,(nn)	DEC HL	INC L	DEC L	LD L,n	CPL
3	JRC,e	ADD HL,SP	LD A,(nn)	DEC SP	INC A	DEC A	LD A,n	CCF
4	LD C,B	LD C,C	LD C,D	LD C,E	LD C,H	LD C,L	LD C,(HL)	LD C,A
5	LD E,B	LD E,C	LD E,D	LD E,E	LD E,H	LD E,L	LD E,(HL)	LD E,A
6	LD L,B	LD L,C	LD L,D	LD L,E	LD L,H	LD L,L	LD L,(HL)	LD L,A
7	LD A,B	LD A,C	LD A,D	LD A,E	LD A,H	LD A,L	LD A,(HL)	LD A,A
8	ADC B	ADC C	ADC D	ADC E	ADC H	ADC L	ADC(HL)	ADC A
9	SBC B	SBC C	SBC D	SBC E	SBC H	SBC L	SBC(HL)	SBC A
A	XOR B	XOR C	XOR D	XOR E	XOR H	XOR L	XOR(HL)	XOR A
B	CP B	CP C	CP D	CP E	CP H	CP L	CP(HL)	CP A
C	RET Z	RET	JPZ,nn	*	CZ,nn	CALL,nn	ADC n	RST 8
D	RET C	EXX	JPC,nn	IN A,(n)	CC,nn	@	SBC n	RST 24
E	RET PE	JP (HL)	JPPE,nn	EX DE,HL	CPE,nn	‡	XOR n	RST 40
F	RET N	LD SP,HL	JPN,nn	EI	CN,nn	@	CP n	RST 56

@, DD or FD preceding underlined codes, exchanges the operand IX or IY respectively, for HL. In both cases the displacement, implicit in an indexed operation, follows the code.

*, ‡, CB and ED precede codes shown below.

Op-codes preceded by CB

Second

First	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	RLC B	RLC C	RLC D	RLC E	RLC H	RLC L	RLC(HL)	RLC A	RRC B	RRC C	RRC D	RRC E	RRC H	RRC L	RRC(HL)	RRC A
1	RL B	RL C	RL D	RL E	RL H	RL L	RL(HL)	RL A	RR B	RR C	RR D	RR E	RR H	RR L	RR(HL)	RR A
2	SLA B	SLA C	SLA D	SLA E	SLA H	SLA L	SLA(HL)	SLA A	SRA B	SRA C	SRA D	SRA E	SRA H	SRA L	SRA(HL)	SRA A
3									SRL B	SRL C	SRL D	SRL E	SRL H	SRL L	SRL(HL)	SRL A

Bit tests, 01xx xyyy (binary)
Reset bit, 10xx xyyy (binary) where xxx is the bit number, yyy the register code
Set bit, 11xx xyyy (binary)

B—0 H—4
C—1 L—5
D—2 (HL)—6
E—3 A—7

Op-codes preceded by ED

	0	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	D	E	F
4	IN B,(C)	OUT(C),B	SBC HL BC	LD BC,(nn)	RET N	IM O	LDI,A	IN C,(C)	OUT(C),C	ADC HL BC	LD(nn),BC	RET I		LD R,A
5	IN D,(C)	OUT(C),D	SBC HL DE	LD DE,(nn)		IM 1	LD A,I	IN E,(C)	OUT(C),E	ADC HL DE	LD(nn),DE		IM2	LD A,R
6	IN H,(C)	OUT(C),H	SBC HL HL				RRD	IN L,(C)	OUT(C),L	ADC HL HL				RLD
7			SBC HL SP	LD SP,(nn)				IN A,(C)	OUT(C),A	ADC HL SP	DL(nn),SP			
A	LDI	CPI	INI	OUTI				LDD	CPD	IND	OUTD			
B	LDIR	CPIR	INIR	OUTIR				LDDR	CPDR	INDR	OUTDR			

To find the mnemonic corresponding to a particular hex op-code, look for the first digit of the byte down the side of the tables and for the second digit across the top.
To find the op-code corresponding to a particular mnemonic, reverse this process.

quite easy. As an example, Table 15 shows an analysis of the first part of the BURP monitor starting at address 0800. There are many subroutines in the computer's operating system and these are useful when low level programs are being written. Table 16 lists the subroutines with their CALL addresses, mnemonics and a brief description of their functions.

Development and use of machine code programs is generally a matter of personal requirement and therefore the demonstration programs will probably be of little practical use to constructors. One, however, listed in Table 17, which might be of interest to other teachers, shows the results when quanta of energy are randomly swopped between 2048 atoms (as used in Nuffield A level physics). To generate the pseudo random numbers, a 17-bit shift register with its input being the exclusive OR of the 16th and 17th bits, is set up in the Z80. There are two versions, RUN 1CCD gives a display of the atomic matrix up-dated every 256 swops and RUN 1C00 does the same, but also totals, in decimal, the number of sites with one quantum, with two quanta etc. Modifying the byte 1C04 from 31 to 32 or 33 alters the initial filling up of the matrix from all ones to all twos or threes respectively.

Tape interface

The tape commands operate in the low level language, therefore, if a high level language program is to be recorded, its final address must be noted from a high level LIST. When recording it is worth spacing the blocks of recorded data because a 2 kilobyte block only requires 45 seconds of tape, and individual blocks are then easier to find. The leader of stop bits recorded automatically at the start of each recording lasts for about four seconds, so, when a recording is to be read into the computer, cue the tape just into this leader, type READ XXX, i.e. the first three characters of the hex address, start the tape and then type the last digit of the address.

In the kit of parts available for this design, one of the panel l.e.ds monitors the data stream and is turned on by the stop bits to indicate by flickering that data is being read in and, by steady illumination, that the recording has finished.

The TAPE command leaves the recording tone in the stop state so that, after the four second trailer, when the computer returns to the READY state the tone is left in the correct state for the next recording. When this trailer is reached during a READ, the computer must be interrupted by pressing a key.

Although the receiver is fairly flexible about frequencies and gives a 1 or 0, depending upon which side of 2kHz the tone is, the input from the tape recorder should be at least IV r.m.s. For recording, the output variable resistor should be set so that, without overloading the input of the tape recorder, it is possible to over-record by a few dB, quantity rather than quality being the main criterion. There is no fine adjustment of the generated frequencies because of the flexibility of the receiver design. Several different interfaces and tape decks have been tried, but a consistent error rate has been impossible to establish, even with a judiciously placed finger slowing down the tape transport.

To be continued

Table 15 Operation of part of the BURP monitor.

Hex bytes	Mnemonic	Operation performed
31 DF 1F	LD SP,1FDF	Loads the Z80 stack pointer with 1FDF
11 00 80	LD DE,8000	Loads the 16-bit register pair, DE, with 8000, which is the address of the top left-hand corner of the v.d.u.
CD CE 03	CALL 03CE	Calls the subroutine at 03CE (see Table)
20 02 02...1D		Data for the preceding subroutine (displays 'BURP')
E7	RST 32	A special one-byte CALL to a subroutine at 0020, its effect is to print a space
E7	RST 32	As above
D5	PUSH DE	Stores DE in a section of the r/w.m., using the stack pointer as a pointer to, and a reminder of, this storage 'stack'
CD C4 03	CALL 03C4	Calls the subroutine at 03C4 (clears the rest of the v.d.u. top line)
D1	POP DE	Restores the stored value of DE to the DE register pair
3E 04	LD A,04	Loads register A with the byte 04
32 E01F	LD (1FEO),A	Loads memory location 1FEO with the contents of register A
1E 08	LD E,08	Loads register E with 08. Screen address is set eight spaces in on the top line, ready for a command

Table 16

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*****SUBROUTINES IN MACHINE CODE*****

0254 LEAD   PROVIDES LEADER FOR TAPE.
0260 TCHAR  RECORDS (A) ON TAPE AT 300 BAUD
027F PADD   (HL) + A SPACE TO TTY
028E AHEX   CONVERTS 4 BIT HEX TO 'ASCII'
029D ASCII  'ASCII' TO TTY CONVERTER
02A5 PHEX   INSERTS SHIFTS AND SENDS TO TTY
02CC        LOOK-UP TABLE FOR TTY
02EC PSPA   TYPES A SPACE
02F0 PNEW   CARRIAGE RETURN, LINE FEED + FIG SHIFT
0301 PCHAR  UART FOR TTY
0317 LIST   LIST SUBROUTINE
0336 TIME   TIME DELAY, FOLLOWED BY LOP COUNT
0345 TCLR   CLEARS TOP LINE AND SETS TO 8000
034E 8SPA   ROUNDS SCREEN ADDRESS UP TO XXX0 OR XXX8
0355 INWRD  INPUTS AND ENCODES KEYBOARD (LAST - FIRST)
0372 MSPA   SPACER USED IN LIST AND LOAD
0393 CLR    CLEARS THE SCREEN
039F DADD   (HL) + A SPACE TO VDU
03A9 DHEX   DISPLAY A HEX BYTE ON THE VDU
            (03A9 IF THE BYTE IS IN (HL), 03AA IF IN (A))
03C4 ELIN   CLEARS OFF REST OF CURRENT VDU LINE
03CE DLIST  DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING DATA
03DE LADD   LOADS HL FROM KEYBOARD
03E7 INHEX  READS IN AND FORMS HEX BYTE
03F6 IN     READS KEYBOARD AND CONVERTS TO 4 BIT HEX
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Table 17 Demonstration machine code program which shows the results when quanta of energy are randomly swopped between 2048 atoms.

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1C00 21 00 0C 36   31 23 7C FE   14 20 F8 D9   21 80 0C 11
1C10 80 80 7E 12   13 23 00 7C   FE 14 20 F6   11 00 80 3E
1C20 30 06 0E C5   F5 21 00 0C   01 00 00 F1   F5 BE 20 01
1C30 03 23 7C FE   14 20 F4 C5   E1 C5 D5 11   30 30 01 E8
1C40 03 CD 82 1C   53 1E 30 01   64 00 CD 82   1C 06 30 7D
1C50 FE 0A 38 05   04 D6 0A 18   F7 E1 72 23   73 23 70 23
1C60 C6 30 77 23   EB C1 CD 4E   03 F1 C1 3C   10 B5 D9 06
1C70 00 CD 97 1C   7E FE 30 28   F8 35 CD 97   1C 34 10 F1
1C80 18 89 A7 E5   ED 42 E1 D8   ED 42 1C 18   F5 10 F1 18
1C90 B3 FF FF FF   FF FF FF CB   A9 7A E6 C0   EA A1 1C CB
1CA0 E9 CB 21 CB   13 CB 12 D5   E1 7C E6 07   C6 0C 67 C9
1CB0 21 00 0C 36   31 23 7C FE   1C 20 F8 06   00 CD 97 1C
1CC0 7E FE 30 28   F8 35 CD 97   1C 34 10 F1   D9 21 00 CC
1CD0 11 00 80 7E   12 13 23 00   7C FE 14 20   F6 D9 18 DB
1CE0 FF FF FF FF   FF FF FF FF   FF FF FF FF   FF FF FF FF
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Converting between analogue and digital quantities — 3

Analogue-to-digital converters using the feedback technique

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In this section, the author examines the commonly-used methods of converting analogue information into a digital form, limiting the discussion to those types for which cheap integrated circuits are obtainable.

TWO MAIN CLASSES of analogue-to-digital converter can conveniently be established: the feedback converter and the integrating type.

Feedback converters

The general circuit technique underlying the operation of a feedback converter is illustrated by the block diagram in Fig. 14, in which the system consists of a d.-to-a. converter, a comparator and digital logic circuitry. The logic circuitry increments the digital input number applied to the d.-to-a. converter and the comparator senses when the analogue signal produced by the converter becomes equal in value to the analogue input signal which is to be measured. Conversion is complete when this equality occurs and the digital number which is then present at the d.a.c. input represents the digitally-encoded value of the analogue input signal. The ramp type a.-to-d. converter, the tracking converter and the successive-approximation type are all feedback designs based upon the general schematic of Fig. 14, the three techniques differing in the type of digital logic circuitry which they use.

Ramp-type converter. The ramp, or count-up, converter is probably the simplest in concept, the digital logic circuit consisting essentially of a counter. At the start of a conversion the counter is set to zero: it then counts up clock pulses, while the digital logic levels representing the count are applied to the logic inputs of the d.-to-a. converter. The count is stopped by the comparator when the converter output becomes equal to the externally-applied analogue input signal, at which point the stored count constitutes the digital output of the a.-to-d. converter system.

A ramp-type converter system can be implemented by simply adding a comparator to the d.a.c. counter system described in Fig. 11 of part 2 of the article, a suitable arrangement being shown in Fig. 15. The data inputs of the 4-bit 74191 binary counters are connected to logic 0, whereupon bringing the load inputs on pin 11 to logic 0 sets the counters to zero. When the load input is returned to logic 1 (open), clock pulses are counted and the d.a.c. output is incremented until the voltage I_oR_{in} becomes equal to the analogue input voltage. The comparator output then goes to state 1 and stops the count. The static counter outputs represent the natural-binary digitally-encoded value of the analogue input signal expressed as a fraction of the full-scale analogue input, where the normalized full-scale analogue input has the value $I_{ref}R$. $V_{in}=255/256\ I_{ref}\ R_{in}$, giving a digital output 11111111.

In a ramp-type converter the conversion is completed at the instant at which the d.a.c. analogue output becomes equal to the analogue input signal. The system in Fig. 15 uses a current comparison technique and in this case conversion is completed when $I_0=V_{in}/R_{in}$. If the analogue input now decreases The digital output in a ramp-type a.d.c. 'holds' until the analogue input increases, when the counter increments up again until equality of analogue input and d.a.c. output is again reached. The digital output in a ramp-type d.a.c. thus represents the maximum value of the analogue input during the time between counter resets.

The conversion time in a ramp-type converter is not fixed, but depends upon the size of the analogue input expressed as a fraction of the full scale. In the system of Fig. 15

conversion time $=(V_{in}/I_{ref}R_{in})2^nT_c$ . ... Eq. 12

where n is the number of logic bits in the d.a.c., ($n=8$ in Fig. 15) and T_c is the period of the clock pulses. For example, if the clock frequency were 1 MHz, $T_c=1\mu s$ and a full scale less one l.s.b. conversion involving all eight bits would take $256.255/256=255\ \mu s$.

Tracking converter. This circuit is very similar to a ramp-type converter, but employs an up/down counter instead of an up counter. A few simple changes to the connections between the comparator and counters of the system of Fig. 15 will turn it into a tracking converter. The comparator output is connected to the counter up/down control inputs on pin 5, instead of to the enable inputs.

The comparator in a tracking converter controls the counting mode; if the output of the d.a.c. in the system is less than the analogue input signal, the converter is made to count up until the d.a.c. output becomes equal to the analogue input signal. If the analogue input now decreases the change is sensed by the comparator, which makes the counter count down. The comparator at all times sets the counting mode to force equality between the d.a.c. output and the analogue input: once this equality is reached, the logic levels present at the d.a.c. input represent the digitally en-

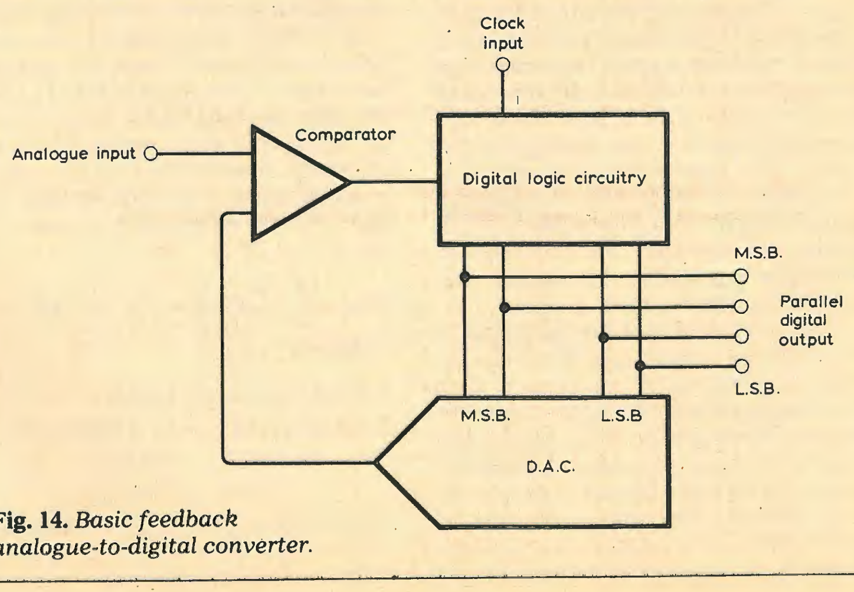


Fig. 14. *Basic feedback analogue-to-digital converter.*

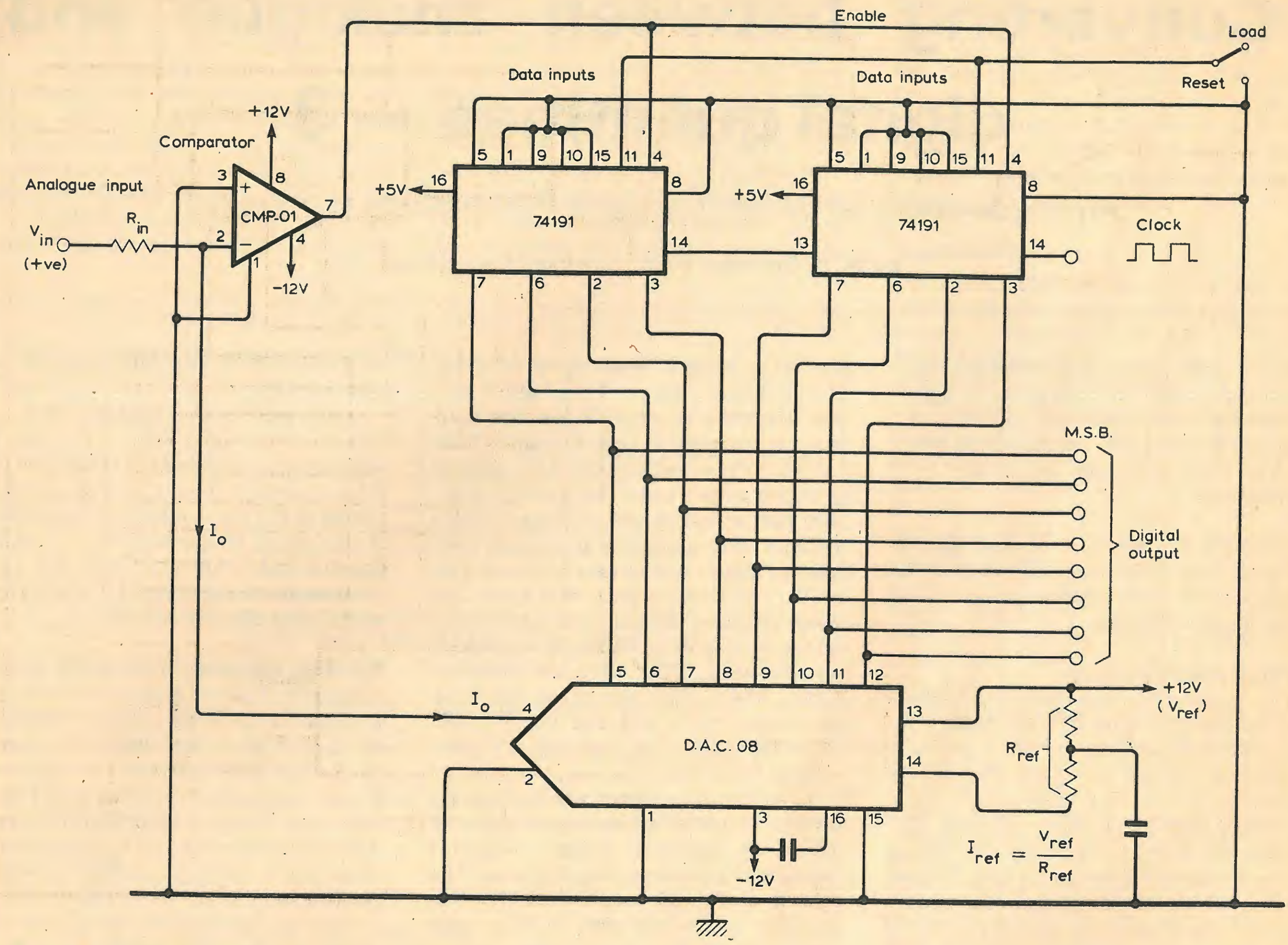


Fig. 15. *Practical ramp-type a.-to-d. converter, with up counter.*

coded value of the analogue input. In fact, with a constant analogue input signal the digital output 'dithers' or alternates between the two output states which span the theoretically correct output value.

A bipolar tracking a.-to-d. converter can be made by using offset binary operation of the d.a.c. in the system – an example of such a system is given in Fig. 16. The operational amplifier converts the DAC 08 output current into a bipolar output voltage. The comparator now performs a voltage comparison and in this configuration it presents a high input impedance to the analogue input signal. The type D flip-flop which is connected between the comparator output and the counting mode control inputs ensures that the comparator completes a transition before the next change in counting mode occurs.

The conversion code for the circuit of Fig. 16 is the symmetrical offset-binary code previously given in Table 6. If an alternating analogue input signal is applied the digital output tracks the analogue input provided its rate of change does not exceed the loop slew rate, which is the maximum rate at which the d.a.c. output can change. Since this output is incremented one l.s.b. at a time:

Loop slew rate $= f_c \times V_{LSB}$ . . . (13)

where f_c = clock frequency

and $V_{LSB} = \frac{1}{128} \cdot I_{ref} \cdot R_1$

(From Table 7)

Note that the analogue input signal is reconstructed at the output terminal of the operational amplifier in Fig. 16, the loop forcing the output of the operational amplifier to track the analogue input signal. The trace in Fig. 17 shows the effect on this output signal of using an alternating input signal whose rate of change exceeds the loop slew rate. A clock frequency of 100kHz was used and with the component values of Fig 16,

$$V_{LSB} = \frac{1}{128} \cdot \frac{V_{ref}}{R_{ref}} \cdot R_1 = \frac{1}{128} \cdot \frac{12}{6} \cdot 3.9$$
$$= 60.9\text{mV}$$

Substitution in Eq. 13 gives

Loop slew rate $= 10^5 \times 60.9 \times 10^{-3}$
$= 6090\text{V/s}$
$= .006\text{V}/\mu\text{s}$

Examination of the slew-rate-limited portion of the trace in Fig. 17 gives a measured loop slew rate of

$$\frac{9.5}{1.6 \times 10^{-3}} = 5.94 \times 10^3 \text{ V/s}.$$

If the counter in a tracking converter is stopped (in Fig. 16 by bringing the 'enable' inputs to logic 1) the system acts as a sample hold with arbitrarily long hold time and no droop. Both analogue and digital outputs are available.

Successive approximation. This conversion method provides a more rapid conversion than the other two feedback techniques. In this type of circuit, the logic performs a series of 'trial' conversions, instead of incrementing the d.-to-a. converter one l.s.b. at a time. In the first trial, the control logic applies the m.s.b. to the d.-to-a. converter and the analogue output (½ full-scale) is compared with the analogue input signal by the comparator. If the d.a.c. output is less than the analogue input, the m.s.b. is retained, being switched off if the d.a.c. output is greater. The control logic then goes onto apply the next m.s.b. which is again retained or discarded. The process of trying the addition of successively smaller bits and retaining or discarding them goes on until the l.s.b. is reached. The conversion is then complete.

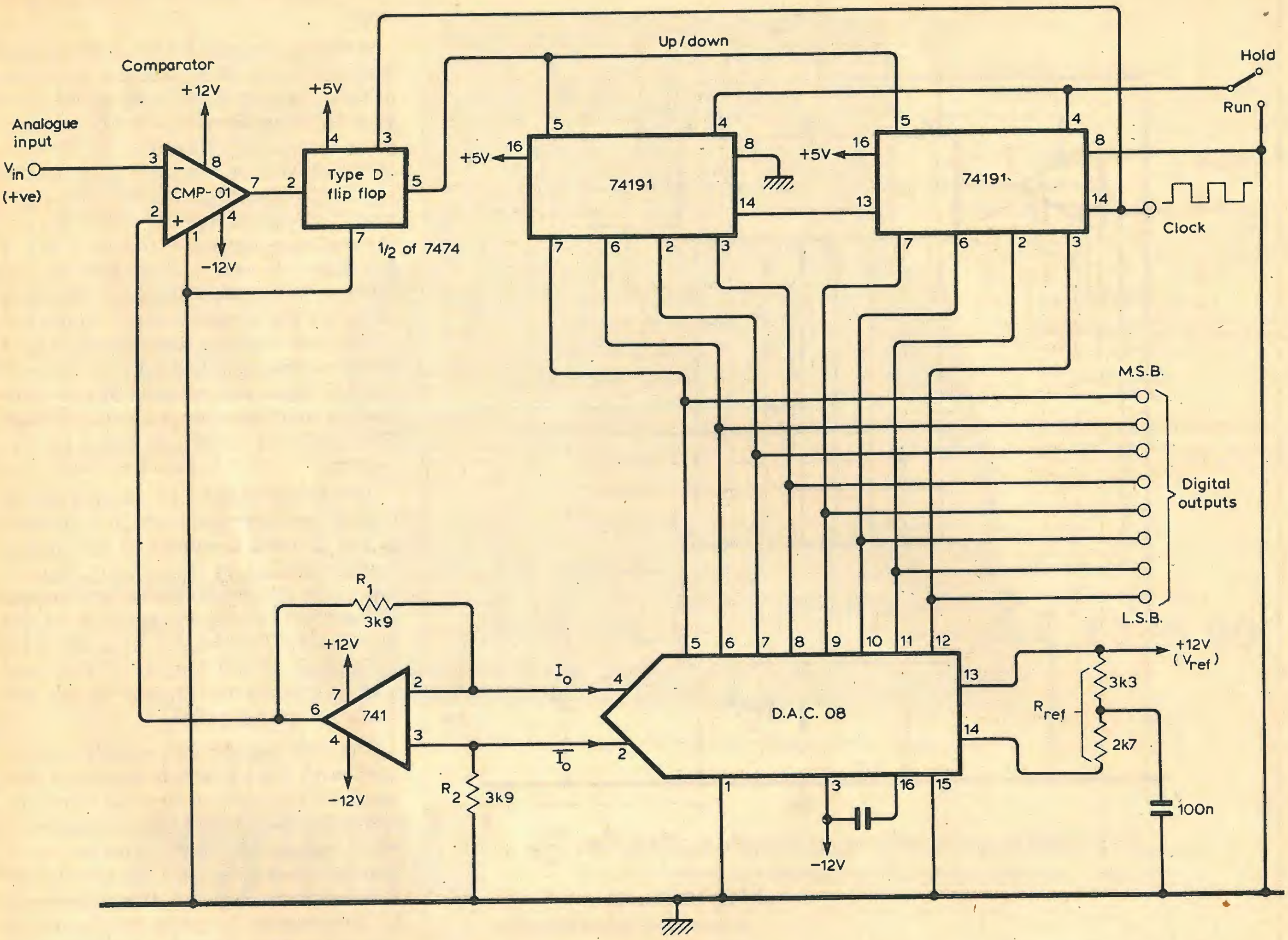


Fig. 16. *Tracking a.-to-d. converter, using up/down counter mode of 74191.*

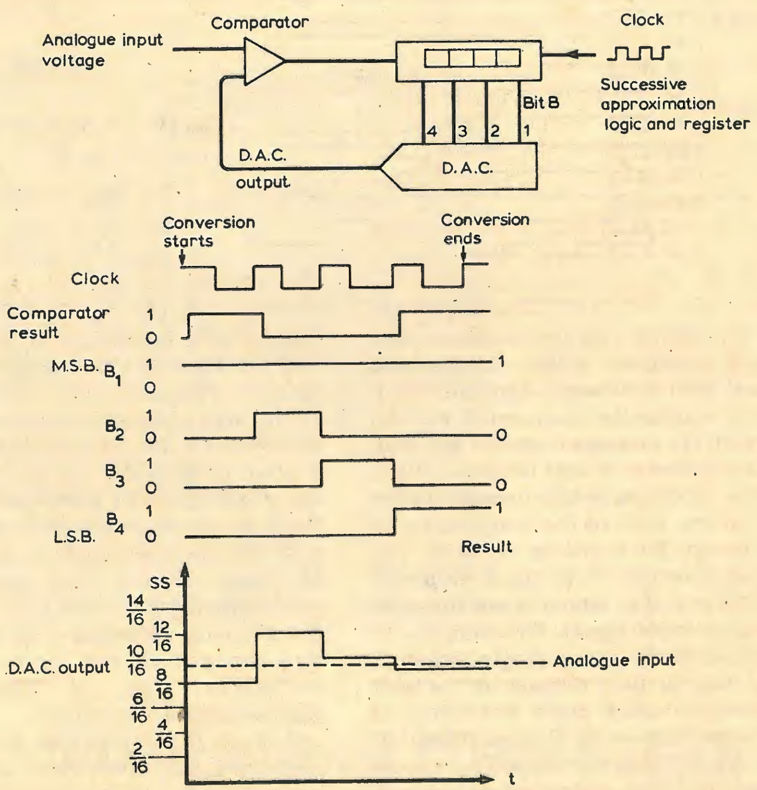
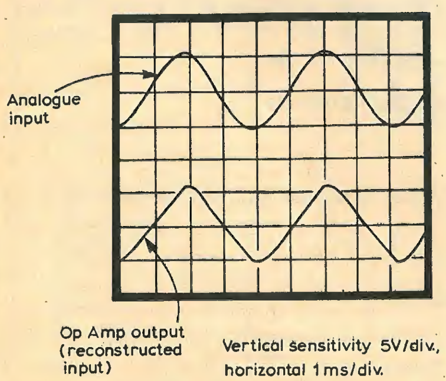
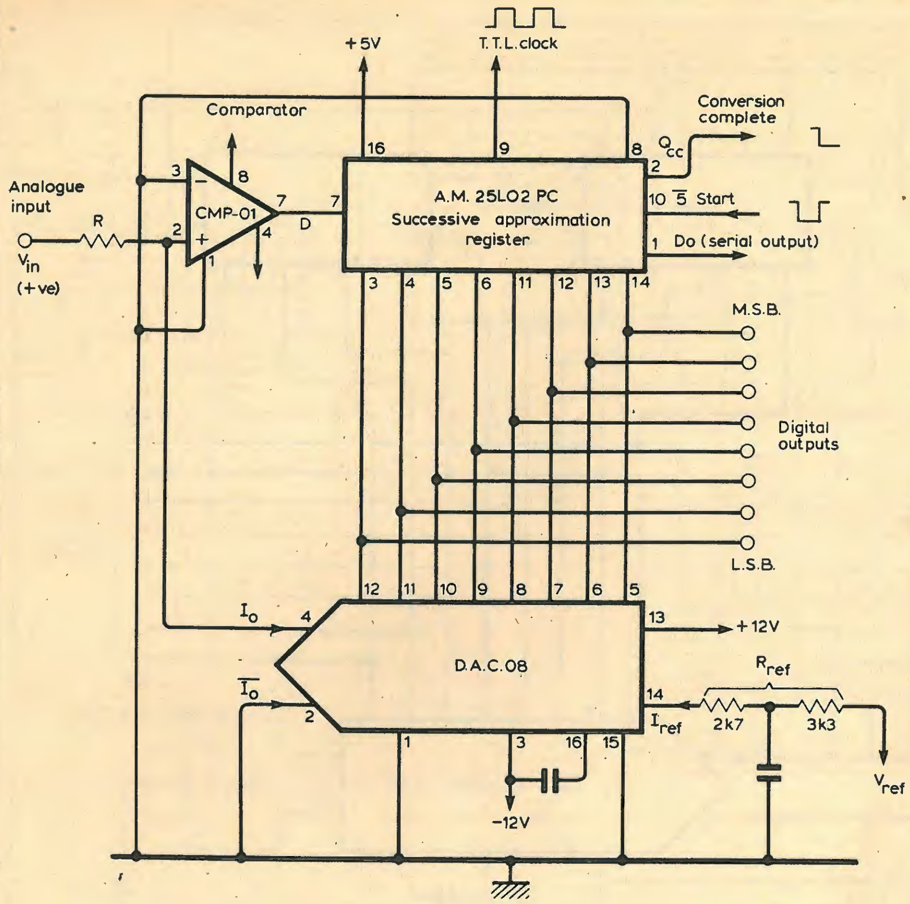


Fig. 18. *Sequence of operations in successive-approximation converter.* ▶

Fig. 17. *Bottom trace shows slew-rate-limited version of the input (top) to circuit of Fig. 16. Clock frequency 100kHz.*





Digital outputs $x_1, x_2 \ldots x_8$ determined by: $x_1 2^{-1} + x_2 2^{-2} + x_8 2^{-8} = \frac{V_{in}}{I_{ref} R}$

▲**Fig. 19.** *Practical successive-approximation converter.*

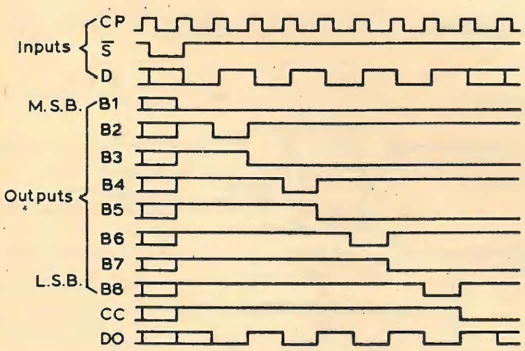


Fig. 20. *Timing diagram of circuit in Fig. 19.*

A simplified representation of the timing sequence which occurs in a typical 4-bit successive-approximation a.-to-d. conversion is shown in Fig. 18, in which the analogue input is assumed to lie between 9/16 and 10/16 full scale. On the clock pulse low-to-high transition, at the start of the conversion, all bits except bit 1 are set to zero. The analogue output of the d.a.c. produced by bit 1 is 1/2f.s., which is less than the analogue input signal. The comparator indicates this by giving a logic 1 which is fixed into the Bit 1 register on the next low-to-high clock pulse transition, at the same time as bit 2 is switched on. The d.a.c. output of 12/16f.s. is now bigger than the analogue input signal, so the comparator sets a logic 0 in the Bit 2 register on the next clock low-to-high transition, at which time Bit 3 is switched on. So the conversion proceeds and is completed (digital output 1001) on the fifth low-to-high transition of the clock pulse.

The digital logic circuitry required to implement a successive-approximation a.-to-d. conversion can be assembled using standard t.t.l. logic gates and flip flops, but from a user standpoint it is generally more convenient to make use of an m.s.i. device called a successive-approximation register (s.a.r.). These are available in single d.i.p. packages, and contain all the logic circuitry necessary for a successive-approximation converter.

A system which can be readily assembled for experimental evaluation is shown in Fig. 19. It consists of a d.a.c., a comparator and a successive approximation register. The 2502 t.t.l. s.a.r. is suggested for use, since it gives a digital output, obtained as a result of a conversion, in both serial and parallel form.

A timing diagram for the 2502 register is shown in Fig. 20. Notice that its action differs slightly from that given previously in Fig. 18 in that the first clock-pulse low-to-high transition at the start of the conversion sets all bits except the m.s.b. to logic high rather than logic low. If all bits except the m.s.b. are on, the analogue output of the d.a.c. is 1/2 full scale – 1 l.s.b., rather than 1/2 full scale, as in Fig. 18. If the d.a.c. output is less than the analogue input signal the conversion requires that the m.s.b. (1/2 full scale) be switched on and retained and the input connections to the comparator must be arranged so that a high level appears at the D input to the register.

The action of the s.a.r. is such that it causes the logic state which is present at the D input to appear at the appropriate position in the output register and at the DO output pin (serial output) at each low-to-high transition of the clock pulse. At the same time, the level appearing at the output of the next less-significant bit register is set low ready for the next trial.

The 2502 register can equally well be used with d.a.c.s which require a low logic level to turn on their bit currents. It is simply necessary to interchange the input leads to the comparator so that it presents the current turn-on level to the D input of the register. This action can be investigated by using the $\overline{I_0}$ output line of the DAC 08 (pin 2 instead of pin 4) and interchanging the comparator input leads. The $\overline{I_0}$ analogue output current bits are turned on by a low logic level and the digital output obtained as a result of a conversion should now be interpreted as logic low, representing a logical 1. Alternatively, if the positive-high logic interpretation is retained, the digital output code must be interpreted as complementary binary.

The action of the successive-approximation a.-to-d. converter system of Fig. 19 can be investigated experimentally by observing the waveforms which appear at various circuit points during a conversion. In order to obtain repetitive conversions the conversion complete output signal (at pin 2 of the s.a.r.) is connected to the start conversion input (pin 10 of the s.a.r.) and the signal which appears here is used as the external trigger input to the oscilloscope.

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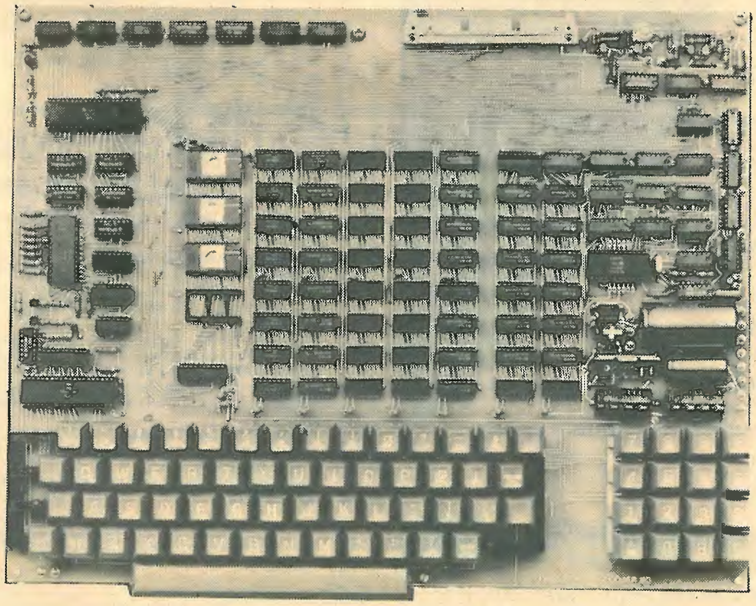

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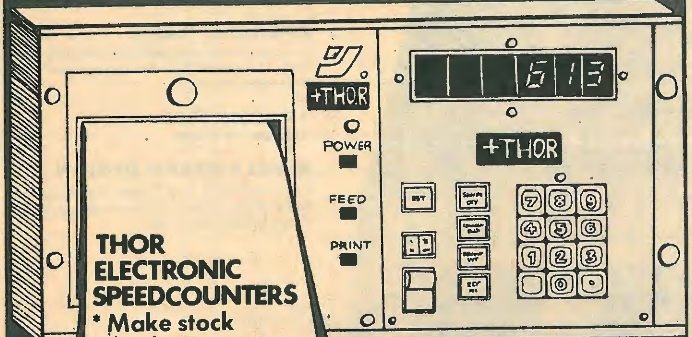

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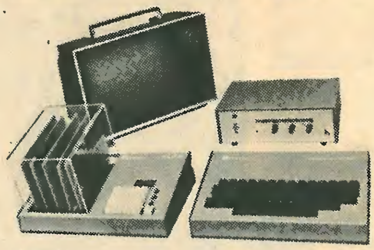

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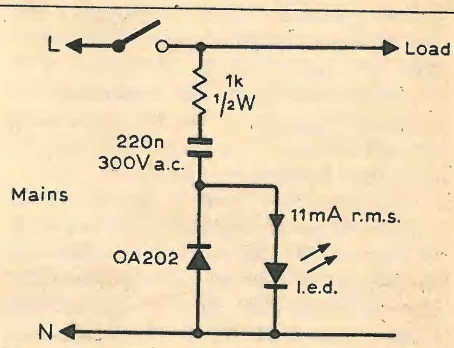

Constant power panning

Stereo mixers usually include one or more mono microphone inputs with a pan control. Fig. 1 shows a basic circuit which requires a ganged control and suffers from a response which declines by —3dB at the centre.

The circuit in Fig. 2 gives a practically constant audio power at any position by closely approaching the condition where $R_1 = R_2/\sqrt{2}$. There is a slight deviation from constant power intermediately between centre and L or R of about 0.13dB but this is negligible. The outputs are buffered by the non-inverting voltage follower stages.

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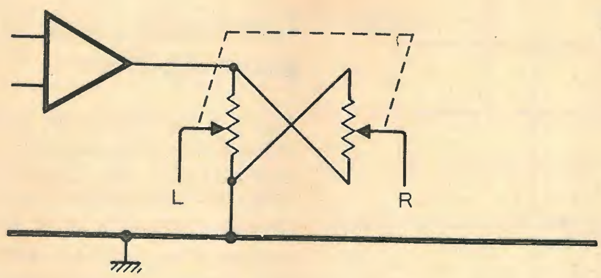

Fig. 1

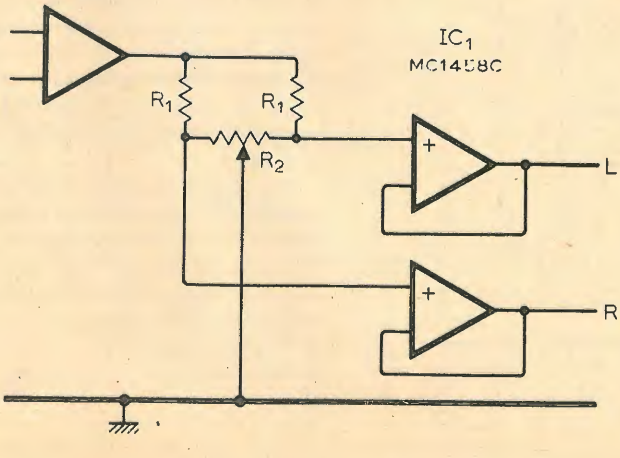

Fig. 2

High voltage regulator

For regulator applications such as the video output stage of a colour monitor, this unit only uses one high voltage transistor and does not use a high voltage Zener diode. Transistor Tr_3 forms an error amplifier which compares the voltage at the junction of R_5 and R_6 with the base of the series pass transistor. Resistors R_2, R_3 and Tr_2 form a current limit. Purists will doubtless observe that the voltage drop across the current sensing resistor is not cancelled by the feedback loop, but this was of no consequence in my application.

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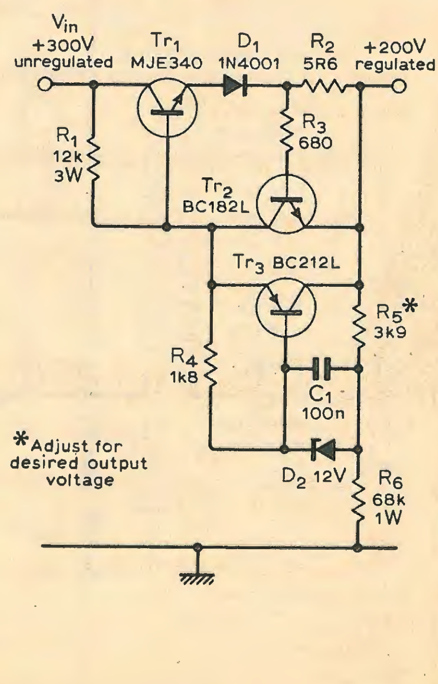

Pulse controlled power dissipation

When operating a three-phase stepper motor at clock rates below 20Hz, a power dissipation problem occurs. For example, if each phase is 15Ω and is on for 50ms when operating from a 28V supply, each winding will develop $28/15 \times 50 \times 10^{-3} = 13W$.

This can be reduced by switching the motor supply on and off in synchronism with the phase clock as shown. The phase energising voltage is reduced to a holding voltage V_2 which generates enough torque at the motor pinion until the phase pulse is removed.

Transistor Tr_1 and a Zener diode switch the series transistor Tr_2 between 28V and 6V2. The monostable fires on the negative edge of each phase pulse and R_2 in parallel with C_1 causes the base voltage of Tr_1 to decrease exponentially after each 1ms pulse. With this system the dissipation in each phase is reduced to $28/15 \times 1.2 \times 10^{-3} = 2.24W$.

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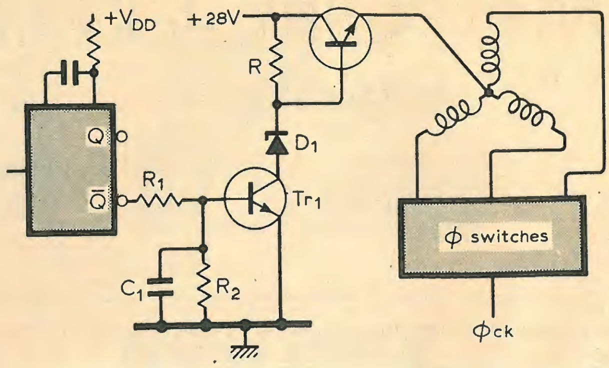

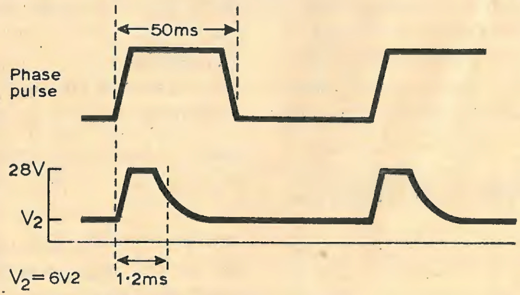

Cascode microphone pre-amplifier

This unconventional pre-amplifier offers low noise, wide dynamic range and stability. To obtain a low noise level it is usual to operate the first transistor with a very low collector voltage. This, however, limits its output and requires a second voltage amplifier. With two transistors the open loop gain is high and this requires a large amount of negative feedback. In the cascode circuit the diodes bias the base of Tr_2 to about 1V and the collector of Tr_1 is thus at about 0.5V. Transistor Tr_1 acts as a current amplifier and therefore the noise contribution of Tr_2 is very small. All of the voltage gain is provided by Tr_2 with its collector bootstrapped, and emitter follower Tr_3 reduces loading on this stage.

Transistor Tr_1 should be a low noise type and Tr_3 should have a gain of about 200. With a nominal input of 60μV into 50Ω, the output is 30mV into a load of not less than 25kΩ and the overload margin is about 45dB.

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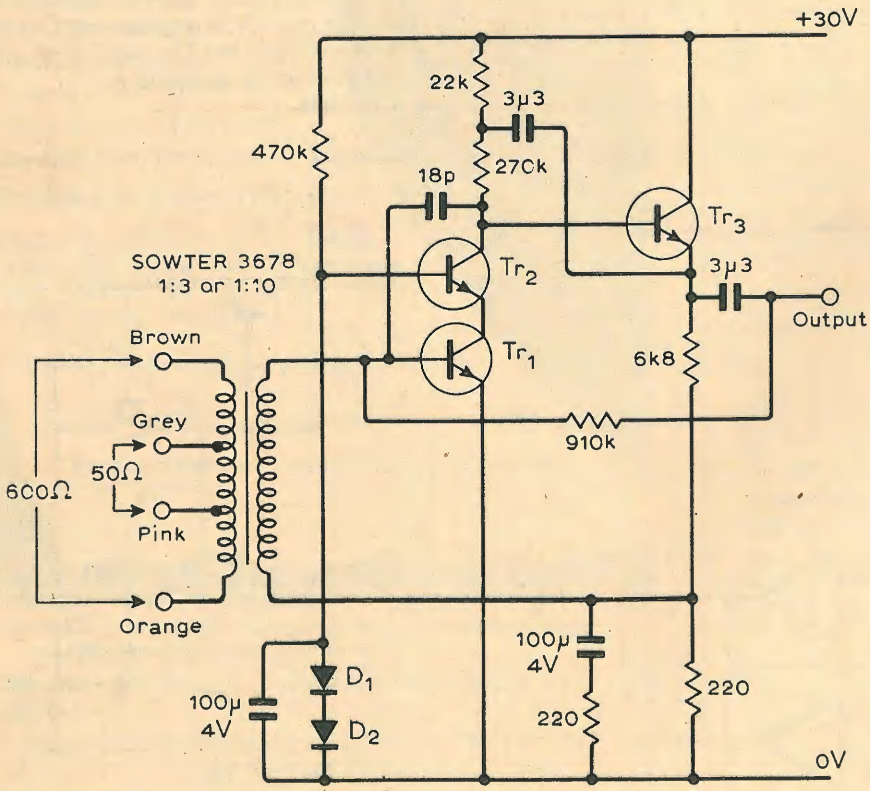


Meteosat earth station — 2

V.h.f. receiver and demodulator details

by M. L. Christieson

The first part of this article described the oscillator, mixer and antenna stages for the s.h.f. section of the Meteosat earth station. It also provided p.c.b. details for the mixer and amplifier circuits used. This second part describes the v.h.f. receiver and demodulator and gives further background information relating to the operation of the satellite.

NO REFERENCE has been made so far to the v.h.f. receiver for 137.5MHz. As shown in the general block diagram, Fig. 1, the receiver consists of a 137.5/26MHz converter and a tunable receiver with an i.f. of 455kHz. Because there are many designs for crystal-controlled converters working in this region, particularly for the 144MHz amateur band, no design is specified here. However, some converters are a little noisy, and a good preamp should be used after the S-band mixer if the noise performance is to be determined mainly by the antenna preamp. Fig. 9 shows the schematic diagram of the preamp used, although there is nothing special about it. The usual screening precautions should be taken in the construction.

The final receiver is a modified commercial type in the prototype system. The major change is the 25kHz i.f. bandwidth which is much wider than a normal 455 kHz i.f. amplifier. This low i.f. was chosen to give a large output voltage swing from the phase-lock-loop f.m. demodulator. The i.f. bandwidth problem, and general nonlinearity, can be improved by using degenerative or frequency compressive feedback, a technique often employed in satellite receiver systems for threshold extension of f.m. demodulators[2]. The circuit diagram of the demodulator is shown in Fig. 10. This uses a phase-lock-loop i.c., followed by a feedback amplifier.

A varicap diode has been added to the local oscillator of the receiver and the control voltage is obtained from the output of the feedback chain. (Automatic frequency control can also be added if required.) The amount of compressive feedback is controlled by a preset resistor. The simple circuit used here is liable to oscillate if too much feedback is used but the desired effect can be obtained before the onset of such oscillation. Amplification at sub-carrier frequency is achieved using operational

Fig. 9. *Circuit diagram of the 137MHz preamplifier used between the mixer and converter to increase the signal-to-noise ratio at the converter output.*

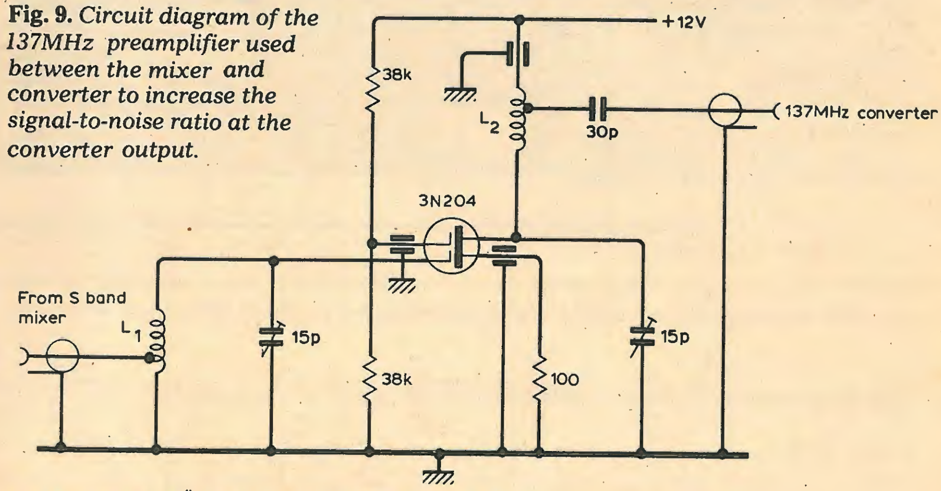
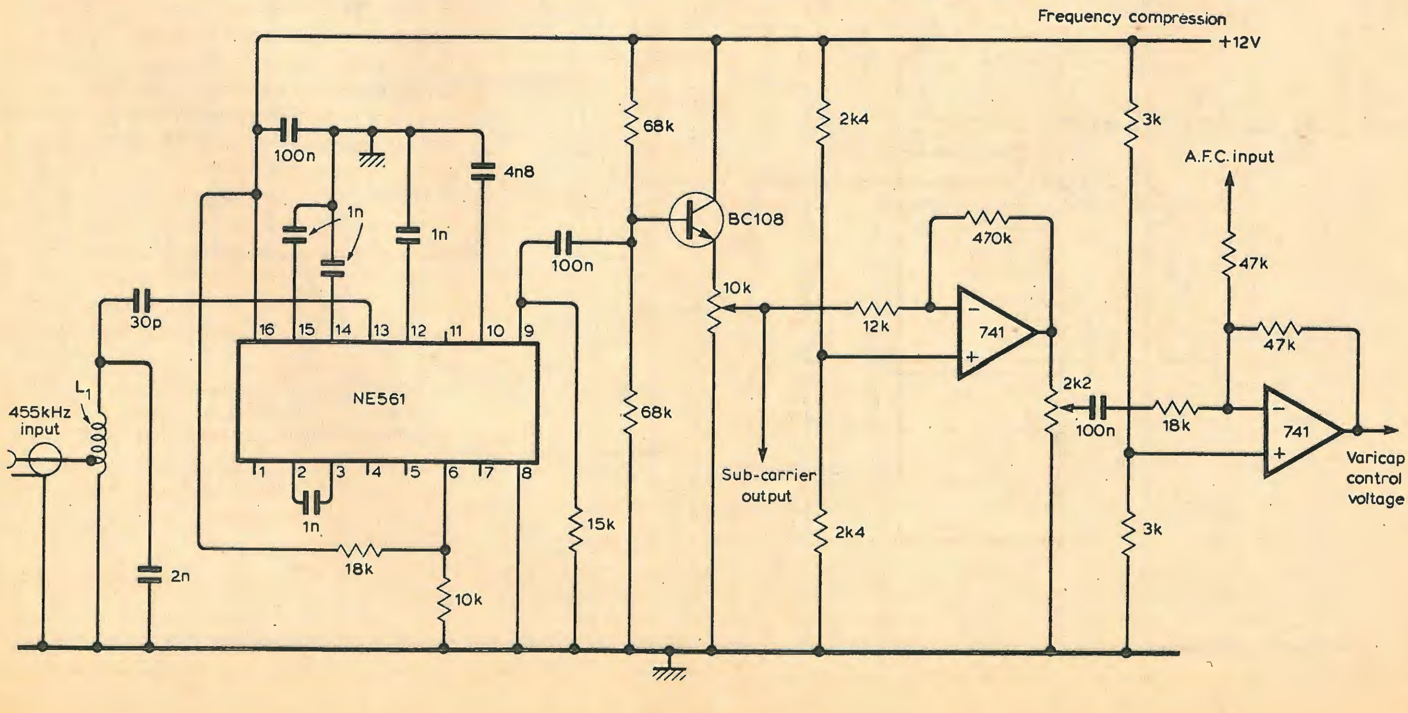


Fig. 10. *F.m. demodulator and frequency-compressive feedback circuits.*



amplifiers. These are arranged to work on a single supply to make interfacing with the other equipment easier. The output from the demodulator is the amplitude-modulated 2400Hz sub-carrier.

Several methods have been described for amplitude demodulation of the sub-carrier. This system uses the sample-and-hold method described in a previous design for A.P.T.[3]. To obtain high quality pictures some signal processing is necessary. This is most easily achieved before the sample and hold stage and also means that a.c. coupling can be used in the processor unit. The modulation characteristics are different according to the type of picture being radiated. Two switched positions are available on the contrast expander, one for visual, and one for infrared and water vapour. After expansion the signal is passed to a variable gain amplifier for setting the required contrast.

Fig. 11 shows the circuit diagram of the contrast expander and amplifier and includes expected waveforms. The presets controlling the diode bias must be adjusted to give equal positive and negative peaks on the output waveform, while maintaining the required centre dead-band. The video bandwidth, as shown in the modulation characteristics, is approaching the sub-carrier frequency. On an initial test, only positive peaks of the sub-carrier were sampled. A modification was incorporated such that both positive and negative peaks were sampled, resulting in better picture definition due to the increased sampling rate. The circuit shown in Fig. 12 is a precision full-wave rectifier, with a preset to ensure the minimum of modification to the dead-band characteristic. These should be set in conjunction with the diode bias presets in the expander to give equal pulse heights derived from both positive and negative half cycles of the sub-carrier at all input amplitudes. For this stage, a

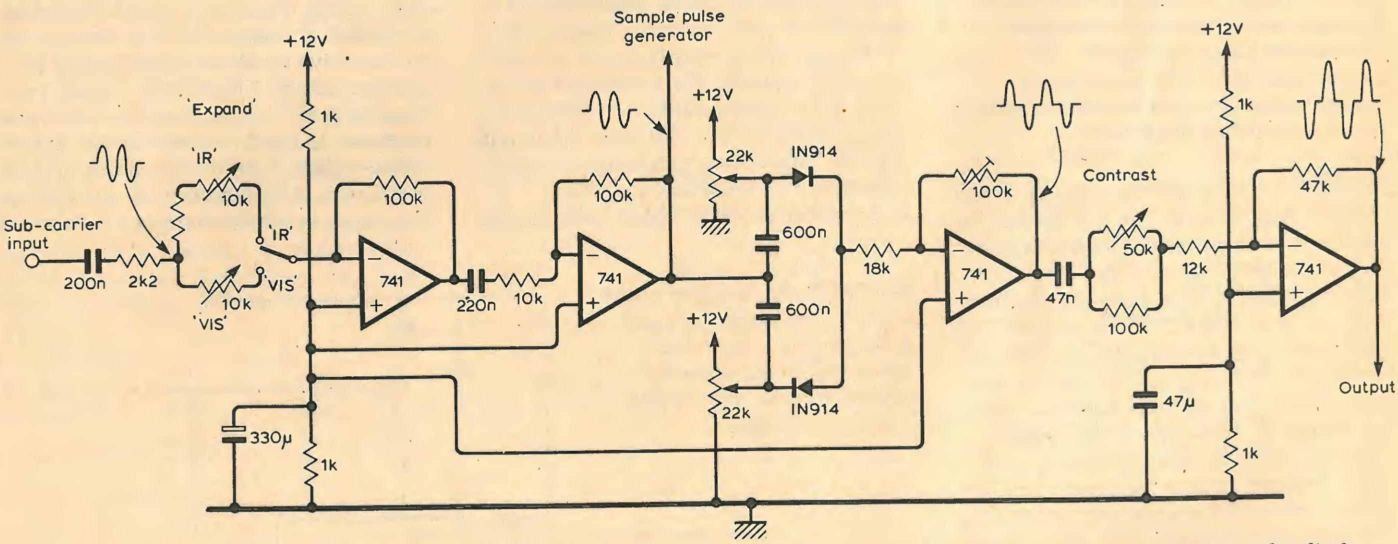
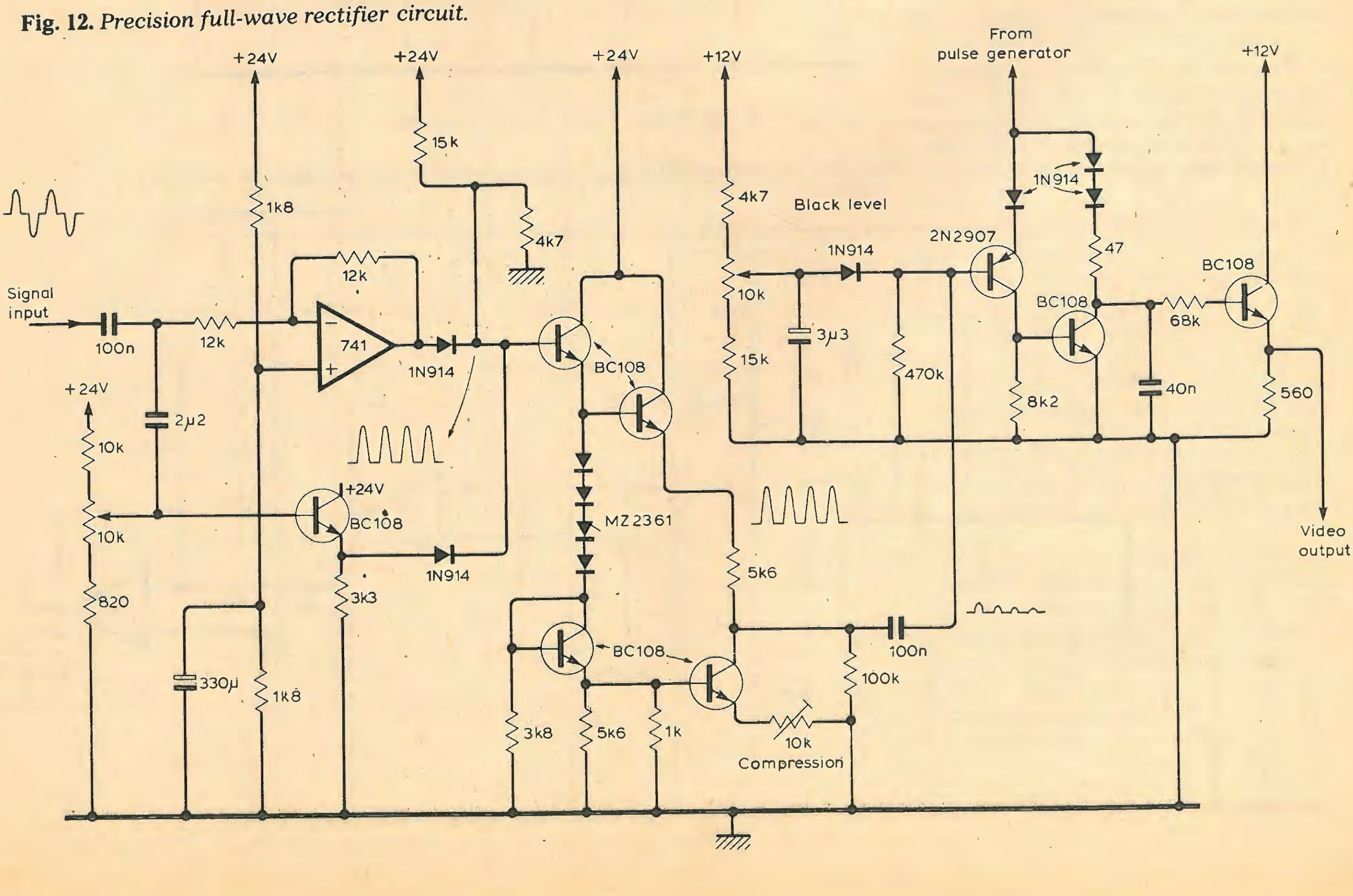


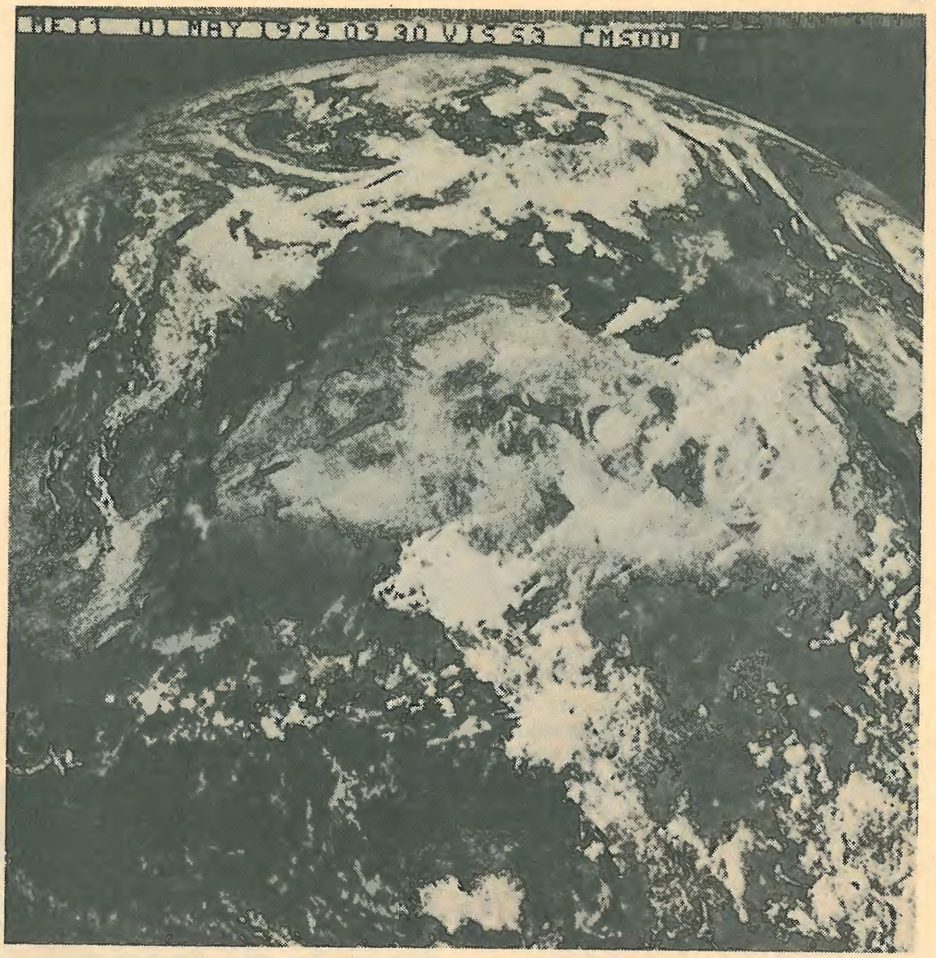
Fig. 11. *Circuit diagram of contrast expander and amplifier, showing expected waveforms. The presets controlling the diode bias are adjusted to give equal positive and negative peaks on the output waveform.*

Fig. 12. *Precision full-wave rectifier circuit.*



single-ended 24V supply is used because the peak levels are quite high. If the signal is applied directly to the sampling stage, noticeable 'whiting out' occurs on pictures when the contrast is set high enough to display geographical features. It is necessary, therefore, to compress the white portion of the signal. Various methods were tried but the most successful was the circuit shown in Fig. 12, which has the advantage of a variable compression characteristic. When there is no signal the compression transistor should be just switched off by means of the diode chain voltage drop. The output then follows the input for small signal levels quite closely. As the signal becomes larger, the compression transistor switches on and forms the lower end of a potential divider and this reduces the output level proportionally to the input signal as set by the preset. Sufficient compression can be applied to leave some variation in cloud (peak white) while expanding the grey land areas. This applies to the visual pictures and to a lesser extent to the other two types. The compressor is left in for all pictures. The output, which is d.c. restored as the signal is not symmetrical, is applied to the sample-and-hold stage in Fig. 12. This is a modified version of the previous design[3].

The sample pulse generator appears in Fig. 13. The signal is derived from the amplified sub-carrier output in the expander. It is limited and filtered to ensure solid locking at very low black levels when the signal to noise ratio is worst. The preset in the filter adjusts the phase shift and must be set such that the sample pulses coincide with the sub-carrier peaks. A phase-lock loop is



Visible picture taken on May 1, 1979 using the author's new seven-foot diameter dish antenna. Area shown is only a portion of the area covered by the satellite camera. See "Modifications" on page 97.

Fig. 13. *Circuit diagram of the sample pulse generator.*

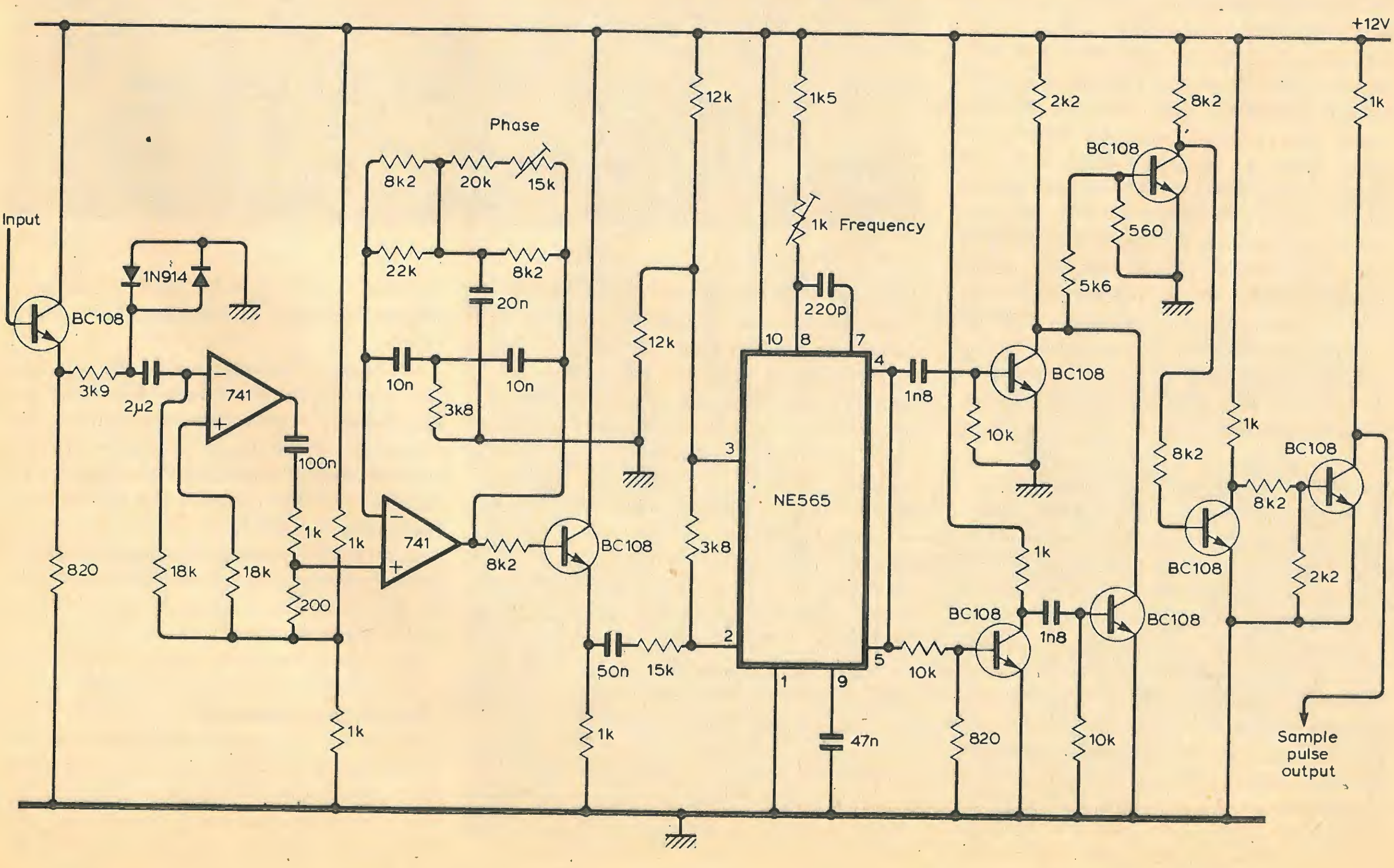


Table 2. Coil details. All dimensions in inches. The **local oscillator coils** L_1 to L_9 and the relays RL_1 and RL_2 in the table below are shown in Fig. 7.

Coil	Turns	Dia.	Length	Wire SWG	Tapping details
L_1	6	0·25	0·5	22	3t from collector
L_2	8	0·25	0·5	22	7t " "
L_3	3	0·4	0·5	18	2t " "
L_4	3	0·4	0·5	18	Centre tap
L_5	Copper plate 14SWG. 1·2 long, 0·25 wide tapped at 0·6 and 1·0 from cold end				
L_6	1	0·4	0·2	18	———
L_7	Copper plate 14SWG 0·8 long 0·4 wide				
L_8	" " " " 0·6 " 0·35 "				
L_9	" " " " " " " "				
RL_1, RL_2	Dual in line reed relays, energised for channel selection.				

The **mixer coils** L_1 to L_3, shown in Fig. 4, are fabricated on 1/16 E10 glass-fibre board, with the earth plane retained.

L_1, L_2 } 1 turn, 36 SWG wire 1/16 diameter r.f. chokes.

L_3 6 turns, 18 SWG wire 3/16 diameter, 3/8 long

Meteosat pictures taken in September 1978 using the author's four-foot dish antenna.

locked to the filtered output and the square wave edges from it generate the pulses required. These pulses are then squared up by the succeeding stages and applied to the sample-and-hold detector. The output from the detector is a waveform of IV pk-to-pk (positive polarity) and is taken via an emitter follower.

Picture printing technique

There are several ways to produce a hard copy image from the video output. Two methods suitable for amateur construction have been described fully in previous articles [3, 4, 5]. They employ rotating drums and oscilloscope tube photography and are both capable of producing excellent results. The video output must of course be interfaced with the selected system. The prototype described here uses a Mufax wet-paper facsimile machine, converted for the correct speed, and a rebuilt picture-writer amplifier. This has the advantages that pictures can be inspected while they are being printed, and the images produced are somewhat larger than those produced by the photographic processes. Whichever method is used, the phasing signal and line speed will have to be set to suit the Meteosat A.P.T. The picture has an aspect ratio of 1:1 or an index of cooperation of 267.

The entire video chain is finally adjusted on test to produce the most pleasing pictures.

Satellite operation characteristics

Although Meteosat runs a daily schedule, due to the experimental nature of the system at this time, it is subject to change and occasional interruptions. Each hour is divided into four-minute periods, the first starting at 2 minutes past the hour and the last starting at 58 minutes past the hour. A particular picture will occupy one of these slots and will start at the slot time and end 30 seconds before the next slot time. The carrier is not radiated when no picture is scheduled. Pictures in digital form conform to a different standard and can be recognized by the apparently unmodulated carrier and pulsed sidebands. At certain times of the day a test pattern is radiated, and at other set times 'Administration Notices' are transmitted containing operational information such as schedule changes. A greater number of pictures are transmitted during daylight hours when the visual images are sent. A complete set of visual images are usually sent once a day enabling a composite picture of the world to be constructed. Pictures of the European area are sent more often. Regular sets of nine infrared and water vapour pictures are sent to enable a composite world picture to be constructed.

Exact schedule information can be obtained from the European Space Agency at the following address: Meteorological Operations Manager, E.S.O.C. — M.D.M.D. (MET), Robert Bosch Strasse 5, 61 Darmstadt, W. Germany.

Although the system described is for the European Meteosat, there is no reason why the frequency cannot be changed slightly to receive other meteorological satellites operating in S band over other parts of the world, the American GOES for example. It is intended that a series of five satellites will provide pictures of all parts of the world in the next few years, Meteosat and GOES being the first.

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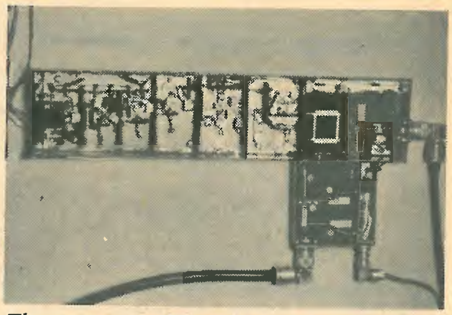


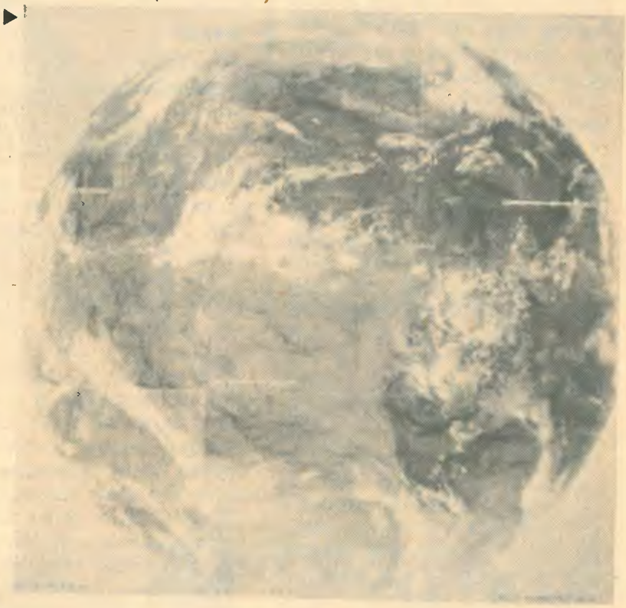
The converter (also shown in schematic form in Fig. 8, Part 1). Picture clearly shows the mixer and preamplifier (far right) and the oscillator and tripler stages (left). The prototype is not fitted with covers.

◀ *Four-foot diameter dish antenna used by author on his Meteosat earth station. Dipole and reflector can just be seen mounted at the dish focus.*

Modifications

Since the author wrote this article he has made some modifications to his own Meteosat station. These have significantly improved the picture quality but have unfortunately also increased the component cost. The phase-lock-loop circuit in Fig. 10 has been changed to incorporate a Plessey SL650. This has improved subcarrier linearity, and thus the performance of the frequency-compressive feedback circuit. In order to further reduce the signal noise, which produces faint 'smudges' on the picture, he has replaced the four-foot-diameter dish antenna with one measuring seven feet in diameter and replaced the dipole antenna with a waveguide-fed horn antenna. A picture produced using the modified station is shown on page 95. This picture demonstrates the wide coverage area which Meteosat can provide because of its high 'orbit' height.

A composite infrared picture of hemisphere received during September 1978 on the author's four-foot diameter dish antenna. ▶



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Notes on Part 1.

The polarities of the two MBD102 diodes in Fig. 8 should be as per Fig. 4. Ref. 2 on page 61 should read Ref. 1.

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High power M.O.S.F.E.T. audio amplifier

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potentially speaker-damaging frequencies below about 20Hz. However, the amplifier is expected to operate in the a.c. coupled mode in normal use. Other performance details include a frequency response of 20Hz to 20kHz (+0 and −0.2dB) when a.c. coupled and total harmonic distortion of less than 0.008% (measured at 1kHz and 200 watts into 8Ω). Hum and noise are both claimed to be −110dB referred to maximum output. The amplifier is also provided with twin l.e.d. columns labelled "peak watts" in 6 notches up to a maximum of 200. Since the peak output (which may only be of short duration) would indicate a figure well in excess of the claimed 250W "r.m.s." output, the designation "peak" appears to have little relation to the true output power. Rear panel switching permits the unit to operate in the bridged mono mode, in which case more than 500 watts continuous should then be available. Pace Studio Equipment Ltd., 32 Tresham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough, Cambs.

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Fibre optic tachometer

Measurement of the speed of very small shafts and shaft diameters in remote locations is made relatively simple by means of an add-on unit for a direct-reading tachometer. The D20 digital tachometer, manufac-

tured by Graham and White, now includes a fibre optical fibre extension probe which enables a beam of light to be projected on to the rotating surface. Light pulses, reflected from a strip of suitable tape, are accepted by the single lens reflex system in the instrument; these are ultimately displayed as a numerical reading. Measuring range is from 50 to 20,000 r.p.m. with typical accuracies of ±2 r.p.m. at 5,000 r.p.m. After a measurement has been made, the last reading can be recalled by pressing the memory button. Graham and White Instruments Ltd., 135 Hatfield Road, St. Albans, Herts AL1 4LZ

WW 304

CB receiver/monitor

What is believed to be the first commercially-produced citizens' band receiver in the UK is now being marketed by Chromatronics. The manufacturer claims that it is "useful in war-

ning operators of radio-controlled models of any potential sources of interference on the 27MHz waveband, including illegal citizens' band radio transmissions, other radio modellers or even sunspot activity. The early detection of such interference sources can help to prevent expensive models being "shot down" or sent out of control." The "Bristal" is a 3 band superhet receiver with facilities for tuning over the whole of the 27MHz model control band, as well as receiving broadcast a.m.

(medium wave) and f.m. transmissions. Clearly, this receiver can also be used to check the operation of model control transmitters. The unit is portable and weighs 0.45kg (1lb) and is powered by a single 9V battery. It has a built-in 76mm loudspeaker and a jack is provided for earpiece use. The price is £17.95 including v.a.t. and post and packing. Chromatronics, Coachworks House, River Way, Harlow, Essex.

WW 305

Home computer

The introduction of the Nascom 2 microcomputer marks a further development of this company's popular Nascom 1 home computer. The more powerful version also uses the Z80 processor and is equipped with a new 2K monitor known as Nas-Sys 1, a 1K video r.a.m., a standard 8K microsoft Basic r.o.m., and an 8K static r.a.m. The computer is assembled on a single 305×203mm p.c.b. and all of the bus lines are compatible with the existing Nasbus. Serial operation for the on-board cassette and teleprinter interfaces is handled by a u.a.r.t. whose input and output are independently switchable. Nascom 2 also incorporates an uncommitted parallel i/o which gives 16 programmable lines, addressable as 2 × 8-bit ports. A 2K r.o.m. socket is provided for a graphics option which is software selectable and is based on a 96 × 48 point grid. The basic Nascom 2 is priced at about £295 + v.a.t. Nascom Microcomputers Ltd., 121 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts.

WW 306

Frequency synthesiser

Covering a frequency range of 0.1Hz to 16MHz with 5½ digit resolution, the Lyons Instruments' "Syntest" frequency synthesiser instrument (SI-102) and a basic module (SM-102) are available at "a fraction of the cost of other products." Output is a square wave, with a sine wave converter available as a further module to provide low distortion sine (as well as triangle and square) output over the range 0.001Hz to 160kHz. This amounts to 1/100 of the synthesiser output frequency. Possible applications of the units include testing of audio and power circuits, r.f. transmitters and receivers, filters, psychological and acoustic studies etc. A particular application for the sine wave converter is variable mains frequency drive, where the synthesiser is set in the region of 5kHz, so providing a highly stable output variable in steps as fine as 10 millihertz or even down to 1 millihertz The SI-102 is a self-contained instrument priced at £425 while the SM-102 module is contained on a 110 × 165mm card priced at £295. Some lower cost 4½ digit resolution models are also available and the SM-010 sine wave converter costs £180. Lyons Instruments, Hoddesdon, Herts.

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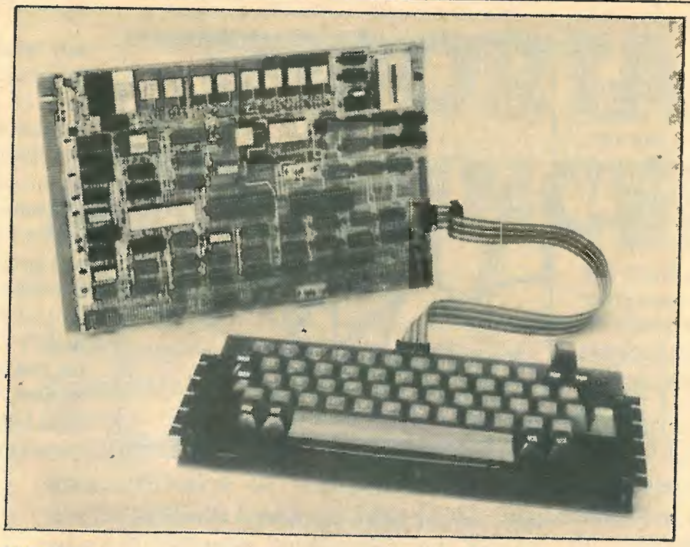

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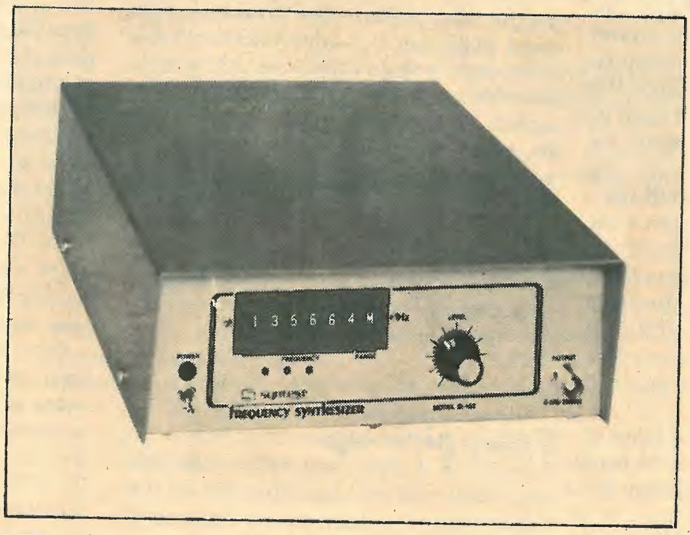

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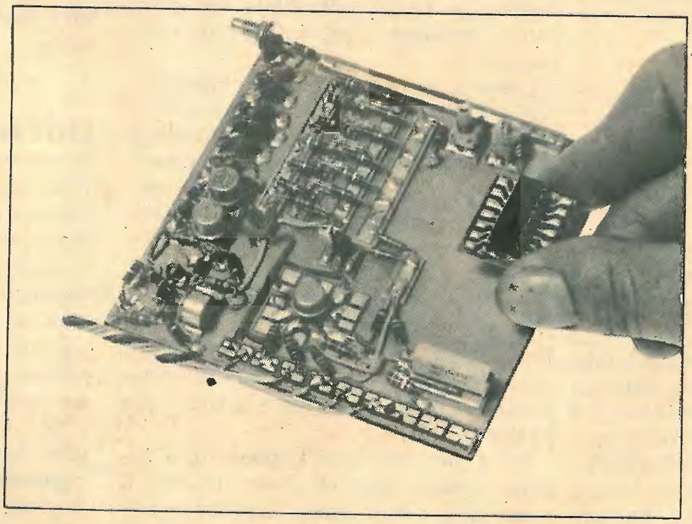

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Printed circuit breadboard

The act of converting a circuit design to the final printed board presents a number of problems and in most cases the practical results differ from the theoretical expectations. The Wainwright Mini-mount is a novel breadboarding system which consists of 23 different small printed circuit elements with pressure-sensitive adhesive on one side and an etched pattern of solder pads on the other. Components are soldered to the pads, the backing is removed and the circuit element is placed in the most practical position on a flat surface. In this way, a layout which very closely resembles the final version can be obtained and circuit performance quickly estimated. Tinned, copper-clad boards are available as a ground-plane base and stray capacitance to ground is claimed to be very small — comparable with that of a double-sided printed circuit. An advantage of the method is that each mini-mount can be used again, thereby saving components for re-use and in addition to easing prototyping problems the system can be used in the electronics hobby and educational fields. Wessex Electronics, 114-116 North Street, Downend, Bristol BS16 5SE.

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Cordless soldering iron

Service engineers literally "working in the field" should find the new Cordless gas-operated soldering iron from Kam Circuits a reasonable temporary substitute for the heat generally available from the mains. The iron operates for about two hours from a standard lighter fuel pressure can, and 80 watts equivalent heat is generated safely by a no-flame catalyser combustion process. The iron is self-igniting, temperature-controlled and is designed in such a way that it will not touch any surface on which it is placed at rest. Kam Circuits Ltd., Porte Mash Road, Calne, Wilts.

WW 309

Schottky diode switch

Switching speeds of better than 2ns and a bandwidth up to 500 MHz are features of a new solid state electronic switch recently introduced by Hatfield Instruments. This device is designated Type 2551 and is a single throw (s.p.s.t.) Schottky diode switch designed for remote switching applications. The specified operating temperature range is —55°C to +70°C and the on-off ratio is typically 80dB at mid-band. The unit is packaged in a standard relay header enclosure and is hermetically sealed as well as being shielded against electromagnetic interference. Hatfield Instruments Ltd., Burrington Way, Plymouth, Devon PL5 3LZ.

WW 310

SIDEBANDS by Mixer

Pub crawl

I suppose we've all heard the one about the motorist's insurance claim which stated quite categorically that his car had been struck in the rear by a stationary tree. Well, it might not be as funny as all that, because one or two of these mobile plants have been discovered in America, according to reports from the land of the free. Free? Traffic cops over there seem to have been a bit free with their traffic radar, it appears, because they have been observing trees doing an illegal 85 mile/h and the odd house loitering about at a contemptible 26 mile/h.

This had led to a lot of aggrieved drivers claiming to have been mistaken for motels and high-speed oak trees, to the consternation of police and judges. The standard type of radar used in the States is of the hand-held variety, aimed down the road, and while these seem to be reasonably accurate instruments, the common view is that they aren't used in the proper way. They can also be affected by electrical installations and large, stationary objects like buildings.

The Home Office here point out that the Americans use 100 mW of transmitter power, which is ten times as much as that used over here, and think that this may have something to do with the somewhat extravagant claims for mobility in otherwise unexceptional inanimates.

British police tend to use the Marconi Peta, which is an across-the-road type, but the American Muniquip down-the-road instrument is also in use in a reduced-power form. Individual forces decide which equipment to use in their own areas.

Tit for tat

Those readers of this journal who pause briefly on the preceding two or three pages to their natural goal — this page – will find a reasonable mixture of new components, instruments and tools, selected in a way we think will interest them.

We are not noticeably short of material for the new products pages, since we receive, on the average, around twenty press handouts per day, or perhaps four hundred a month which can be considered for inclusion and any amount which are unsuitable. Those have to be screened and selected down to the few that are printed, having first been re-written, with an inevitable wastage of 95%.

All this is really self-defence. It is intended as a blanket reply to manufacturers whose press handout hasn't been selected and who ring up to ask why we haven't written a piece about their new breakthrough in grommet design, because it ought to have been, since they advertise in *Wireless World*. Selection of new products is solely on the basis of interest or enlightenment and has nothing whatever to do with advertising in any way. The people who prepare the product pages don't even see the advertisements before they are printed, or have any knowledge of what ads. are to be inserted. There, that's plain enough. Perhaps we will now receive a few less handouts which describe the new bit of gear and then go on to say "I feel sure this will interest your readers and by the way, please send your ad rates," thereby implying that if it is selected, the company will advertise.

Stray pick-up

Confession, so they say, is good for the soul. Well, my soul can do with all the help it can get, so here goes – I'm one of those people who peer over your shoulder in the train, trying to see what you're reading. There! I feel better already.

I also listen to snatches of conversation and, although it has been remarked that eavesdroppers never hear anything to their credit, they do have the consolation that what they do hear can make a perfectly ordinary, spirit-dulling train journey almost worthwhile. Either electronics is a more widely recognised art form than I had supposed, or the majority of practitioners of the art head south early every evening, but whatever the reason there's usually some conversation on the subject in the 17:33 to Epsom.

It's a pity they won't speak up a bit more though, because from the bits I hear, their little chats sound fascinating. The man I heard to declare "It uses op-amps that glow" clearly had something of importance to disseminate and if only I hadn't trodden on someone's toes in my excitement, thereby losing the rest of his dissertation, we might all be much wiser today.

There are moments of pathos, of course. One's heart goes out, for example, to the poor wretch who, it appears, "had his ear fixed to the wall" . . . Now, I'm not too clear on the precise method adopted here, neither am I certain whether the unfortunate was still an integral part of his ear at the time, but the whole business struck me, I remember, as hardly the sort of thing one would normally wish to broadcast.

One can actually learn quite a lot, in a random way, from the isolated little moments of revelation. I now know, for instance, that ". . . a.m. is yer ante meridian, ennit?" Well, of course, so it is, and if the propounder of this theory hadn't been looking for Capital Radio on the medium-wave band at the time, I would have been in absolute accord with him. I suppose he reserves v.h.f. for the afternoons.

Jumbo radio

If any visitor to Windsor Safari Park has been surprised at the sight of a warden, rifle at the trail, galloping along and trying to fly, I can explain. He has quite possibly just picked up a message on his personal radio, advising him that he is clear to take off on Runway 28 Left. They have been having problems at Windsor, it seems, with transmissions from Heathrow, which is only eight miles away. So much so that they are having a new Burndept system with tone squelch to get rid of the intrusions.

One wonders whether the interference has been a two-way problem. Many pilots of large airlines would want to check the accuracy of an instruction to switch on their headlights and wait for assistance in the event of a breakdown and would find little to argue with in an exhortation to refrain from winding their windows down, particularly when lions are with twenty-five yards.

Hot news

Devotees of J. B. Morton will remember with affection his life's work – the compilation of the list of Huntingdonshire Cabmen, published with becoming modesty under the nom-de-plume of Beachcomber. Those who regret the lack of a sequel to this absorbing chronicle of stormy, home-counties passion will be overjoyed to hear of a new work by a yet unrecognised author – the Complete Bibiliography of Hot-Wire Anemometry – said to be the most complete work of its kind in the world. The publishers feel that this bibliography may well be unique, and define the readership as being "anyone involved in hot-wire anemometry."

I think it very likely that it is unique. And it will be extremely difficult to surpass this feat, although the forthcoming guide to Victorian Manhole Covers in Greater London should run it a close second.

The bibliography appears in TSI quarterly, obtainable from Biral, P.O. Box 2, Portishead, Bristol, whose forgiveness I now ask. □

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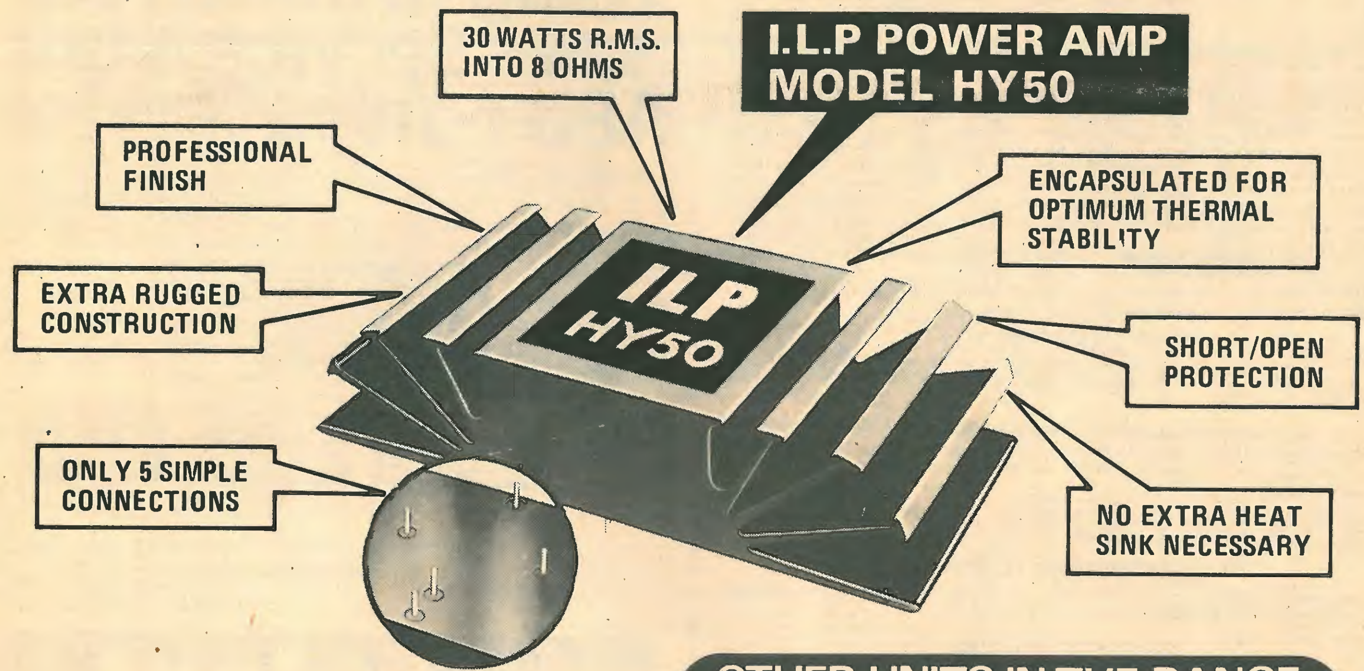

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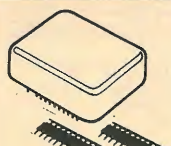

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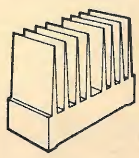

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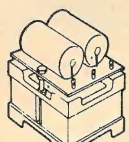

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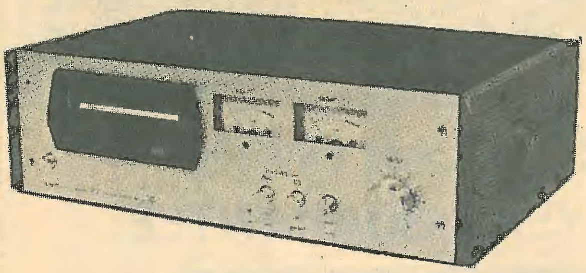


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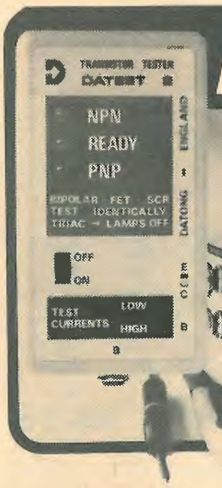
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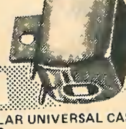

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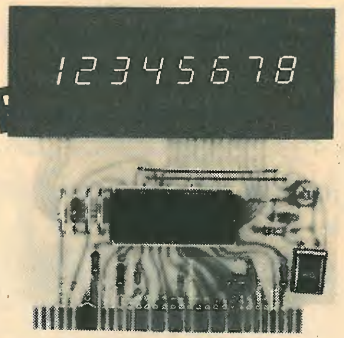

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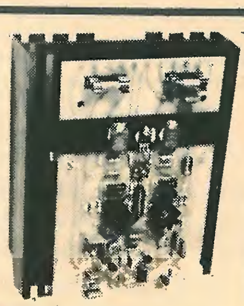

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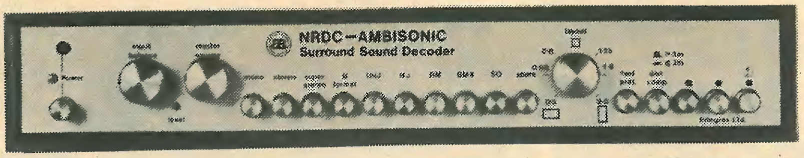
NRDC-AMBISONIC UHJ



SURROUND SOUND DECODER

The **first ever** kit specialy produced by Integrex for this British NRDC backed surround sound system which is the result of 7 years' research by the Ambisonic team. W.W. July, Aug., '77.
The unit is designed to decode not only UHJ but virtually all other 'quadrophonic' systems (Not CD4), including the new BBC HJ 10 input selections
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NEW S5050A STEREO AMP

50 watts rms-channel. 0.015% THD. S/N 90 dB, Mags/n 80 dB.

Tone cancel switch. 2 tape monitor switches.

Complete kit only **£63.90 + VAT.**

Wireless World Dolby(TM) noise reducer

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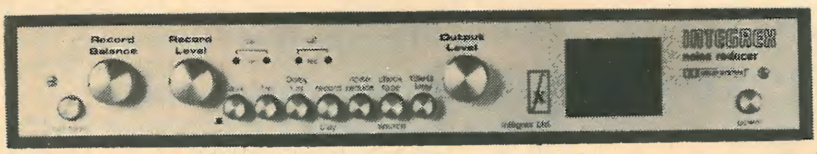

Typical performance
Noise reduction better than 9dB weighted.
Clipping level 16.5dB above Dolby level (measured at 1% third harmonic content)

Harmonic distortion 0.1% at Dolby level typically 0.05% over most of band, rising to a maximum of 0.12%

Signal-to-noise ratio: 75dB (20Hz to 20kHz, signal at Dolby level) at Monitor output

Dynamic Range >90db

30mV sensitivity.

Featuring:
- switching for both encoding (low-level h.f. compression) and decoding
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- provision for decoding Dolby f.m. radio transmissions (as in USA).
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S-2020TA STEREO TUNER/AMPLIFIER KIT

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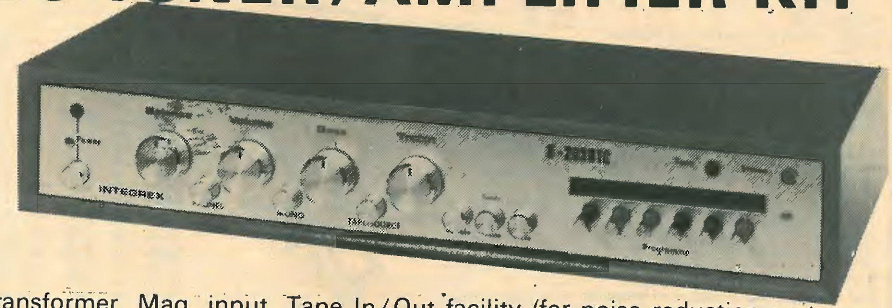
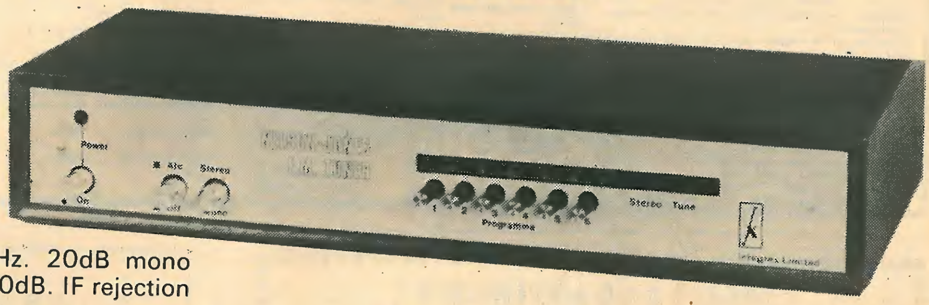


A high-quality push-button FM Varicap Stereo Tuner combined with a 24W r.m.s. per channel Stereo Amplifier.

Brief Spec. Amplifier Low field Toroidal transformer, Mag. input, Tape In/Out facility (for noise reduction unit, etc.), THD less than 0.1% at 20W into 8 ohms. Power on/off FET transient protection. All sockets, fuses, etc., are PC mounted for ease of assembly. Tuner section uses 3302 FET module requiring no RF alignment, ceramic IF, INTERSTATION MUTE, and phase-locked IC stereo decoder. LED tuning and stereo indicators. Tuning range 88—104MHz. 30dB mono S/N @ 1.2μV. THD 0.3%. Pre-decoder 'birdy' filter. **PRICE: £59.95** + VAT

Nelson-Jones Mk. 2 Stereo FM Tuner Kit. Price: **£69.95** + VAT.

NELSON-JONES MK. I STEREO FM TUNER KIT



A very high performance tuner with dual gate MOSFET RF and Mixer front end, triple gang varicap tuning, and dual ceramic filter/dual IC IF amp.

Brief Spec. Tuning range 88—104MHz. 20dB mono quieting @ 0.75μV. Image rejection — 70dB. IF rejection — 85dB. THD typically 0.4%.
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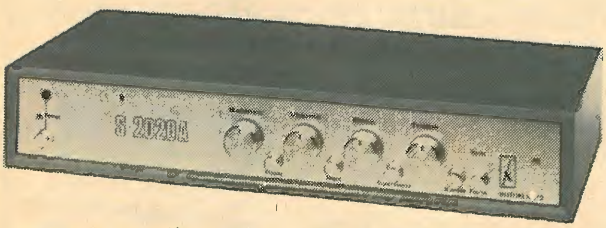
Sens. 30dB S/N mono @ 1.2μV
THD typically 0.3%
Tuning range 88—104MHz
LED sig. strength and stereo indicator

PRICE: Stereo £33.95 + VAT

S-2020A AMPLIFIER KIT



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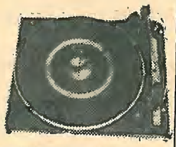

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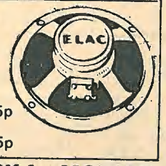

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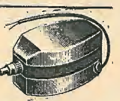

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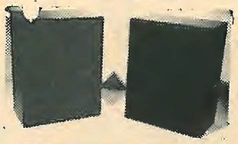

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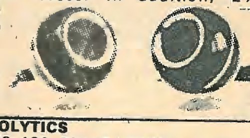

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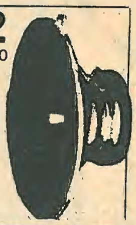

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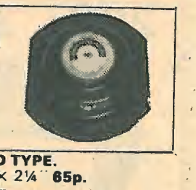

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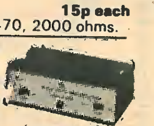

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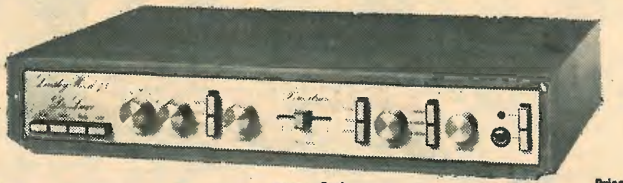

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The standard model of our kit for Mr. Linsley-Hood's 75 watt design has for a long time offered exceptional performance at a very modest cost with high quality high power ready-built units of comparable quality generally being over three times the price.

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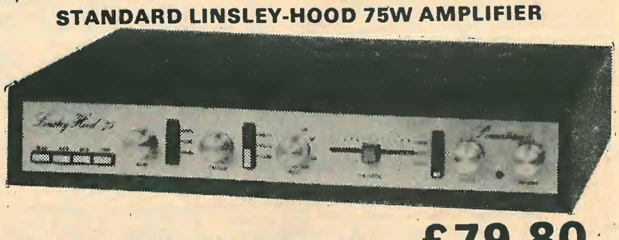
STANDARD LINSLEY-HOOD 75W AMPLIFIER



Pack	Price
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13. Set of miscellaneous parts including DIN skts., mains input skt., fuse holder, interconnecting cable, control knobs	£6.70
14. Set of metalwork parts including silk screen printed fascia panel and all brackets, fixing parts, etc.	£8.20
15. Handbook	£0.75
16. High Quality Teak Veneer cabinet 18.3" x 12.7" x 3.1"	£10.70

2 each of packs 1-7, 1 each of packs 8-16 inclusive are required for complete stereo amplifier. Total cost of individually purchased packs £93.25

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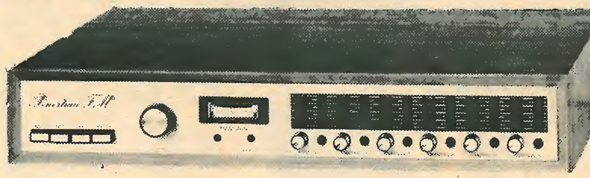
WIRELESS WORLD FM TUNER



Designed in response to demand for a tuner to complement the world-wide acclaimed Linsley-Hood 75W Amplifier, this kit provides the perfect match. The Wireless World (Skingley and Thompson) published original circuit has been developed further for inclusion into this outstanding slimline unit and features a pre-aligned front end module, excellent a.m. rejection and temperature compensated varicap tuning, which may be controlled either continuously or by push-button pre-selection. Frequencies are indicated by a frequency meter and sliding LED indicators, attached to each channel selector pre-set. The PLL stereo decoder incorporates active filters for "birdy" suppression and power is supplied via a toroidal transformer and integrated regulator. For long term stability metal oxide resistors are used throughout.

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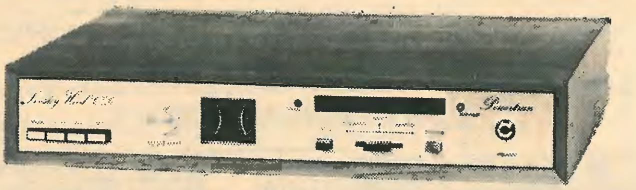

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Pack	Price
1. Stereo PCB (accommodates 2 rep. amps, 2 meter, amps, bias/erase osc. relay)	£3.35
2. Stereo set of capacitors, M.O. resistors, potentiometers for above	£8.95
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11. Set of miscellaneous parts, including sockets, fuse holder, fuses, interconnecting wire, etc	£3.80
12. Set of metalwork including silk screened fascia panel, internal screen, fixing parts, etc	£7.10
13. Construction notes	£0.50
14. High Quality Teak Veneer cabinet 18.3" x 12.7" x 3.1"	£10.70

One each of packs 1-14 inclusive are required for complete stereo cassette deck. Total cost of individually purchased packs £87.75

Matsushita WY 436 AZ head (optional extra) . £4.50
(free with compete kit)

Published in Wireless World (May, June, August 1976) by Mr. Linsley-Hood, this design, although straightforward and relatively low cost, nevertheless provides a very high standard of performance. To permit circuit optimization separate record and replay amplifiers are used, the latter using a discrete component front-end designed such that the noise level is below that of the tape background. Pushbutton switches are used to provide a choice of equalization time constants, a choice of bias levels and also an option of using an additional pre-amplifier for microphone use. The mechanism used is the Goldring-Lenco CRV, a unit distinguished in its robustness and ease of operation. Speed control and automatic cassette ejection are both implemented by electronic circuitry. This unit which is powered by a toroidal transformer and uses metal oxide resistors throughout offers an excellent match for the Wireless World Tuner and the Linsley-Hood 75 Watt Amplifier. Circuit changes as published in February, 1978, follow-up article are included in the kit AT NO EXTRA COST! A higher performance head (Matsushita WY 436 AZ head as recommended in the follow-up article) is offered as an optional extra but this will be automatically supplied FREE OF CHARGE with all orders for complete kits!

T20+20 AND T30+30 20W, 30W AMPLIFIERS

Designed by Texas engineers and described in Practical Wireless, the Texan was an immediate success. Now developed further in our laboratories to include a Toroidal transformer and additional improvements, the slimline T20+20 delivers 20W rms per channel of true Hi-Fi at exceptionally low cost. The **easy to build** design is based on a single F/Glass PCB and features all the normal facilities found on quality amplifiers including scratch and rumble filters, adaptable input selector and headphones socket. In a follow-up article in Practical Wireless further modifications were suggested and these have been incorporated into the T30+30. These include RF interference filters and a tape monitor facility. Power output of this model is 30W rms per channel.

SPECIAL PRICES FOR COMPLETE KITS

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T30+30 KIT PRICE £38.40 + VAT

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WWII TUNER

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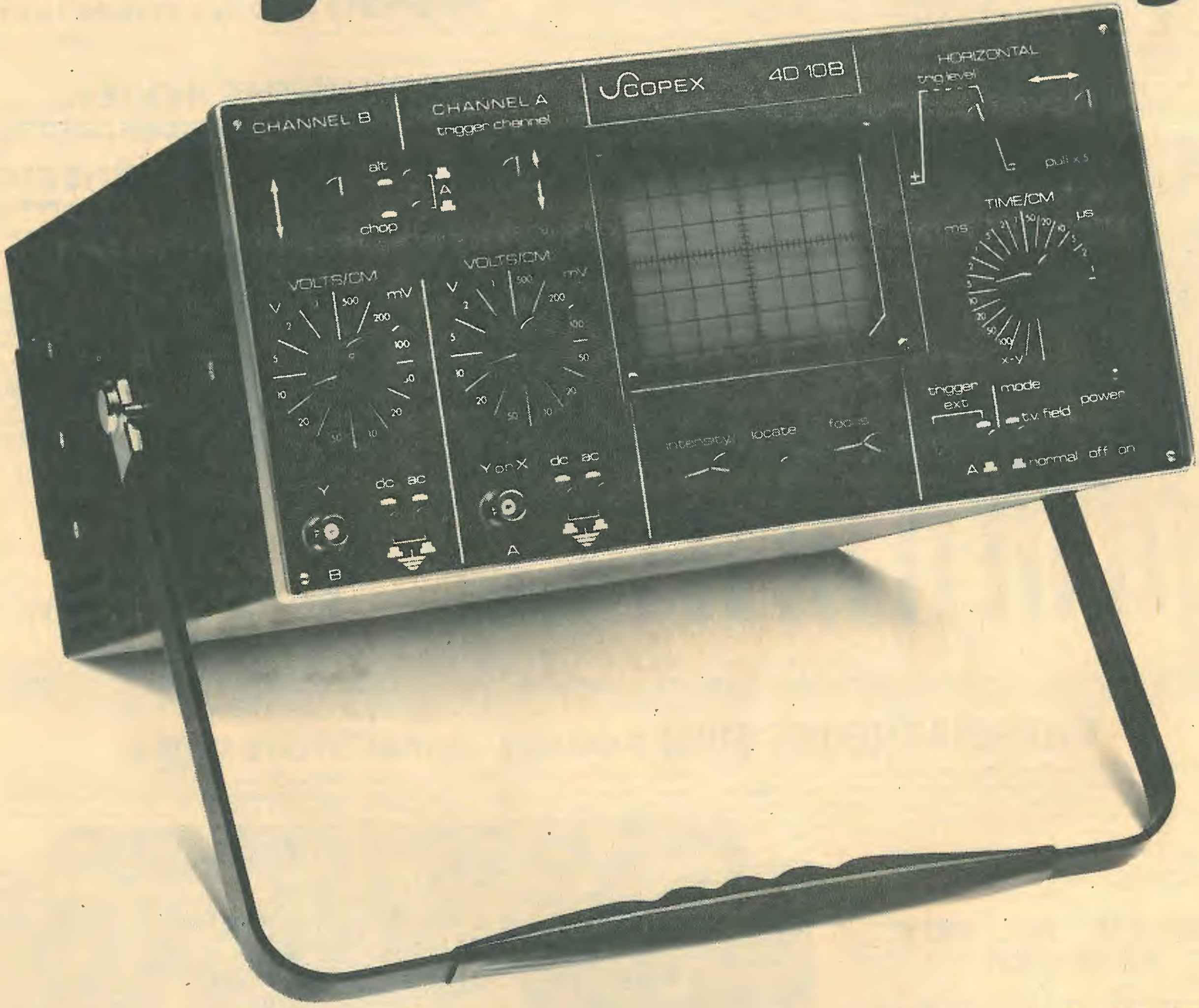

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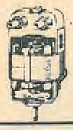
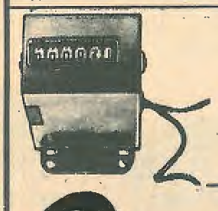


Six speeds are available 500, 800 and 1,000 r.p.m. and 7,000, 9,000 and 11,000 r.p.m. Shaft is ¾ in. diameter and approximately 1 in. long. 230-240V. Its speed may be further controlled with the use of our Thyristor controller. Very powerful and useful motor size approx. 2 in. dia. x 5 in. long. Price **£2.50.**



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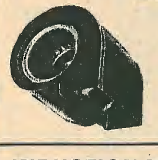

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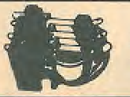

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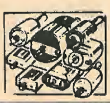
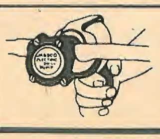
8 POWERFUL BATTERY MOTORS



For models, Meccanos, drills, remote control planes, boats, etc. **£2.**



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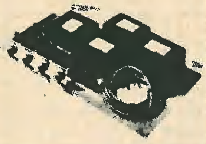

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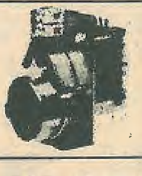

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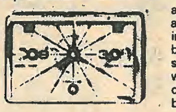

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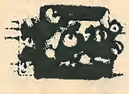

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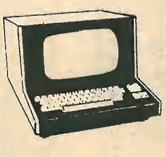

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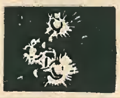

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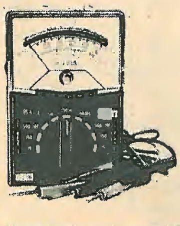

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THIS MONTH'S SNIP
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We can offer the ¾in. stack induction motor with a 6in. five-bladed fan, mount this on a stiff wire frame or a piece of handy angle and you will be able to keep yourself cool this summer.

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These are ½ watt, 1 watt and 2 watt types, all neatly packed in boxes with values clearly marked. Resistors themselves are colour coded and are perfectly standard, not every value of the range is included but they are reasonably spread over and there is not an unreasonable quantity of any one value. Ideal stock for retail shop or service depot. Price **£1,000 + VAT.**

SERVICE ENGINEERS ASSORTMENT IFs AND OSC COILS
Standard for many Jap and Hong Kong portable radios and cassettes etc. 100 assorted, price **£5.60.**

HEATING PAD
11in.×8¼in., wafer thin 250 watt. Price **£1.16.**

HEAT AND LIGHT LAMP
500 watt tubular like a short fluorescent tube, ideal for paint drying etc. Price **£3.95 + 20p,** post and special packing **£1.25.**

RADIOMOBILE CAR RADIO
12 volt L & M push button operation. Price **£28.12.**

CAR RADIO
L & M and with FM good quality, Far Eastern make, 12 volts. Price **£19.95.**

MAINS TRANSFORMER
30 volts 2 amp secondary upright mounting, primary and secondary wound on separate bobbins for additional safety. Price **£3.84.**

RELAY
Plug in, 3 changeover in clear plastic case 12 volt DC or 25 volt AC (or 3 volt DC), same price.

MERCURY OPERATED SWITCH
Glass encapsulated, 15 amp with 12in. very flexible leads. Price **£1.62.**

SPECIAL MULTI-CORE CABLES
14.0076 cores. PVC insulated and colour coded and each core with metal screen, PVC outer cover. The following types in stock: 4 core **75p,** 6 core **90p,** 7 core **£1.15,** 12 core **£1.50.** All per metre + VAT. Cut to any length, carriage extra if order under £6.

0-1 mA PANEL METER
Flush mounting and in a waterproof case made for American equipment, scale divided into zones but not numbered. Price **£2.70.**

TAPE HEAD CLEANERS
Suitable for any cassette or reel to reel machine, special fluid (Isopropyl alcohol) in felt-tipped dispenser. Price **35p.**

UNISELECTOR
Base mounting Tamsa 9 pole, 12 way 50 volt operation. Price **£4.66.**

PLUG IN UNISELECTOR
Ref No: AP 212958. Definitely a piece of precision equipment, it measures approximately 5in. high × 1½in. wide × 1in. thick, plugs into a 20 pin base. Probable cost would be at least £20 each. We only have a few, **£5.40.**

RE-DOING YOUR LIVING ROOM?
If you are thinking of making a log effect fire-piece, we have the fibreglass tops, which when lit up give the full log effect. Size approximately 17in.×10½in. Prica **£2.35.**

PAPST MOTORS
Sometimes described as the motor with the built-in flywheel. These are used in many good quality tape recorders and in other equipment where wow and flutter has been reduced to a minimum. We have five different motors in stock, these are all physically about the same size (about 3in. dia. × 2½in. deep). We quote their type numbers but we have no other technical information. Price includes the capacitor required: HSZ 20.50—4 540D dual voltage 125/220 50Hz **£7.50+60p+50p p.p.** HSZ 20.50—4 255D 110V 50/60Hz **£5.50+44p+50p p.p.** KLZ 20.50—4 540D 220V 50Hz **£7.50+60p+80p p.p.** KLZ 20.50—4 425D 115V 60Hz **£5.50+44p+50p p.p.** KLZ 20.50—4 468D 110V 50Hz **£5.50+44p+50p p.p.**

BATTERY CONDITION TESTER
Suitable for most batteries. That is zinc carbon types, marcury, manganese, nicad, silver oxide and alkaline batteries. The taster puts dummy lead on the battery and the meter scale indicates the condition by settling in a zone labelled 'Replaca', 'Weak' or 'Good' etc. Complete in case, size approximately 3¾in.×6½in.×2in. with laads, prods and instructions. Price **£5.95.**

TORQUE MOTORS
Elinco (USA make) ref. no: NCH3/1 1600 1/30 horse, 150V 50Hz, brand new condition. Unused spares for computers. Price **£5.95.**

TWO TRACK RECORD/PLAYBACK HEADS
For transistor circuits with separate erase head. Special offer this month **£1.08.**

CASSETTE MECHANISM
Jap made to rigid specification. These will fit many music centres and cassette players. Chassis siza approx. 4½in. wide by 5¼in. daep, 6V motor and tape position counter at the rear. The six levers for 'play', 'fast forward', 'rewind', 'stop', 'record, and 'eject' are all at the front, as is the auto mechanism to stop the motor when tape end is reached. These are new and unused end have stereo heads. Limited quantity, price **£15.25.**

COOKER CLOCKS
All are less knobs and glass fronts, but you will no doubt be able to take these from the clock you are replacing. Replacements for Tricity and other well known cookers, these are also suitable for other timed switching operations. All are 230/40 working, with switches rating at 25-30 amps, famous makes: — Cat. No. 5856 L, 40 amp, large clear dial size 5in.×3¾in. approximately. Made by Lux Time Canada Ltd. This has a normal stop and start facility plus 60 second minute minder. Price **£2.60.** Cat No. DDS 0663/2 made by Smiths, dial size approximately 40in.×3in. this has the clock on the right-hand side and the stop and start switches on the left-hand side. There is no minute minder: Price **£1.62+12p.** Cat. No. OCU/5600/2 made by Smiths, this has a round black dial approximately 3in. diameter, the stop and start is set by a knob in the lower right corner, a knob in the upper right corner opens a red section on the dial, this red section indicates the time the oven will be on. Price **£2.70.** Cat. No. 84363, this is a 5hr timer, the control knob of which automatically winds the mechanism and starts the timer, at the end of the selected time on a warning will ring. This can be very accurately set in mins, up to 5 hours. One complete rotation of the dial is 1 hour, as you wind for the second and subsequent hours the hours are shown through a panel in the dial. This sounds a bell-like alarm but could be made to operate a micro-switch. Price **£1.62.** Cat. No. ST 82/7, as above but with black dial instead of silver. Price **£1.08.** Cat. No. ST 82/8, similar to one above but for one hour only. Price **£1.08.**

SEMICONDUCTORS

TRANSISTORS

Type	Price
AC107	£0.23
AC113	£0.21
AC115	£0.21
AC117	£0.32
AC118K	£0.36
AC121	£0.21
AC122	£0.15
AC125	£0.19
AC126	£0.16
AC127	£0.19
AC128	£0.15
AC128K	£0.28
AC132	£0.21
AC134	£0.21
AC127	£0.21
AC141	£0.23
AC141K	£0.32
AC142	£0.21
AC142K	£0.32
AC151	£0.21
AC153	£0.23
AC154K	£0.32
AC154	£0.21
AC155	£0.21
AC156	£0.21
AC157	£0.27
AC165	£0.21
AC166	£0.21
AC167	£0.21
AC168	£0.27
AC180	£0.21
AC171	£0.27
AC176	£0.19
AC176K	£0.28
AC178	£0.27
AC179	£0.27
AC180	£0.21
AC180K	£0.30
AC181	£0.21
AC181K	£0.30
AC187	£0.19
AC187K	£0.30
AC188	£0.19
AC188K	£0.30
ACY17	£0.37
ACY18	£0.37
ACY19	£0.37
ACY20	£0.37
ACY21	£0.37
ACY22	£0.37
ACY27	£0.37
ACY28	£0.37
ACY29	£0.54
ACY30	£0.37
ACY31	£0.37
ACY34	£0.37
ACY35	£0.37
ACY36	£0.54
ACY40	£0.37
ACY41	£0.37
ACY44	£0.37
AD130	£0.75
AD140	£0.84
AD142	£0.91
AD143	£0.81
AD149	£0.64
AD161	£0.37
AD162	£0.37
ADT61/162	£0.75
ADT140	£0.59
AF114	£0.27
AF115	£0.27
AF116	£0.27
AF117	£0.27
AF118	£0.43
AF124	£0.32
AF125	£0.32
AF126	£0.32
AF127	£0.34
AF139	£0.37
AF178	£0.64
AF179	£0.64
AF180	£0.64
AF181	£0.62
AF186	£0.54
AF239	£0.41
AL102	£1.29
AL103	£1.27
ASY26	£0.41
ASY27	£0.43
ASY28	£0.41
ASY29	£0.41
ASY50	£0.32
ASY51	£0.32
ASY52	£0.32
ASY54	£0.32
ASY55	£0.32
ASY56	£0.32
ASY57	£0.32
ASY58	£0.32
ASY73	£0.32
AU104	£1.51
AU110	£1.51
AU113	£1.51
BC107	£0.09
BC107A	£0.09
BC107B	£0.10
BC107C	£0.11
BC108	£0.09
BC108A	£0.09
BC108B	£0.10
BC108C	£0.11
BC109	£0.09
BC109A	£0.09
BC109B	£0.10
BC109C	£0.11
BC113	£0.18
BC114	£0.18
BC115	£0.21

Type	Price
BC116	£0.21
BC116A	£0.21
BC117	£0.23
BC118	£0.16
BC119	£0.27
BC120	£0.43
BC125	£0.19
BC126	£0.25
BC132	£0.20
BC134	£0.20
BC135	£0.17
BC136	£0.20
BC137	£0.20
BC139	£0.35
BC140	£0.32
BC141	£0.30
BC142	£0.24
BC143	£0.24
BC145	£0.52
BC147	£0.08
BC148	£0.08
BC149	£0.09
BC150	£0.23
BC151	£0.25
BC152	£0.23
BC153	£0.28
BC154	£0.21
BC157	£0.11
BC158	£0.11
BC159	£0.11
BC160	£0.28
BC161	£0.41
BC167	£0.14
BC168	£0.14
BC169	£0.10
BC169C	£0.11
BC170	£0.10
BC171	£0.10
BC172	£0.10
BC173	£0.10
BC174	£0.17
BC175	£0.30
BC177	£0.17
BC178	£0.17
BC179	£0.17
BC180	£0.27
BC181	£0.28
BC182	£0.10
BC182L	£0.10
BC183	£0.10
BC183L	£0.10
BC184	£0.10
BC184L	£0.10
BC186	£0.24
BC187	£0.24
BC207	£0.12
BC208	£0.12
BC209	£0.14
BC212	£0.10
BC212L	£0.10
BC213	£0.10
BC213L	£0.10
BC214	£0.10
BC214L	£0.10
BC225	£0.20
BC226	£0.41
BC227	£0.18
BC238	£0.10
BC251	£0.17
BC251A	£0.18
BC301	£0.30
BC302	£0.31
BC303	£0.30
BC304	£0.41
BC327	£0.18
BC328	£0.17
BC337	£0.17
BC338	£0.17
BC440	£0.32
BC441	£0.32
BC460	£0.41
BC461	£0.41
BC477	£0.22
BC478	£0.22
BC479	£0.22
BC547	£0.11
BC548	£0.11
BC549	£0.11
BC550	£0.16
BC556	£0.16
BC557	£0.15
BC558	£0.14
BCY30	£0.59
BCY31	£0.59
BCY32	£0.85
BCY33	£0.59
BCY34	£0.65
BCY70	£0.16
BCY71	£0.16
BCY72	£0.15
BCZ10	£0.65
BCZ11	£0.65
BCZ12	£0.65
BD115	£0.54
BD116	£0.86
BD121	£0.70
BD123	£0.70
BD124	£0.76
BD131	£0.38
BD132	£0.38
BD131/132mp	£0.86
BD133	£0.43
BD135	£0.41
BD136	£0.38
BD137	£0.38
BD138	£0.38
BD139	£0.39
BD140	£0.39
BD139/140mp	£0.86
BD155	£0.86
BD175	£0.65
BD176	£0.65
BD177	£0.72
BD178	£0.72

Type	Price
BD179	£0.81
BD180	£0.81
BD181	£0.86
BD182	£0.97
BD183	£1.03
BD184	£1.19
BD185	£0.73
BD186	£0.73
BD187	£0.81
BD188	£0.81
BD189	£0.84
BD190	[illegible]
BD195	£0.97
BD196	£0.97
BD197	£1.03
BD198	£1.03
BD199	£1.07
BD200	£1.07
BD201	£0.86
BD202	£0.86
BD201/202mp	£1.84
BD203	£0.86
BD204	£0.86
BD203/204mp	£1.84
BD205	£0.86
BD206	£0.86
BD207	£1.08
BD208	£1.08
BD222	£0.51
BD225	£0.51
BD232	£0.50
BD233	£0.52
BD234	£0.50
BD235	£0.50
BD236	£0.63
BD237	£0.50
BD238	£0.65
BD239A	£0.54
BD240A	£0.54
BDX32	£2.38
BDY11	£1.40
BDY17	£1.94
BDY20	£0.86
BDX77	£0.97
BF115	£0.24
BF117	£0.54
BF118	£0.84
BF119	£0.84
BF212	£0.56
BF123	£0.68
BF125	£0.36
BF127	£0.68
BF152	£0.26
BF153	£0.27
BF154	£0.24
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BF156	£0.32
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BF159	£0.32
BF160	£0.34
BF162	£0.34
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BF164	£0.54
BF165	£0.54
BF167	£0.27
BF173	£0.22
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BF178	£0.28
BF179	£0.30
BF180	£0.32
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BF187	£0.28
BF188	£0.43
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BF197	£0.14
BF198	£0.16
BF199	£0.16
BF200	£0.32
BF202	£1.01
BF222	£0.97
BF224	£0.19
BF240	£0.19
BF241	£0.19
BF244	£0.34
BF257	£0.27
BF258	£0.27
BF259	£0.38
BF262	£0.68
BF263	£0.68
BF270	£0.39
BF271	£0.34
BF272	£0.86
BF273	£0.41
BF274	£0.43
BF324	£0.39
BF336	£0.32
BF337	£0.34
BF338	£0.41
BF457	£0.40
BF458	£0.40
BF459	£0.41
BF594	£0.34
BF596	£0.32
BFR39	£0.26
BFR40	£0.28
BFR79	£0.32
BFR80	£0.32
BFX29	£0.24
BFX30	£0.32
BFX84	£0.24
BFX85	£0.26
BFX86	£0.27
BFX87	£0.24
BFX88	£0.24
BFX90	£0.62
BFY50	£0.18
BFY51	£0.18
BFY52	£0.18
BFY53	£0.18
BIP19	£0.41

Type	Price
BIP20	£0.41
BIP19/20	£0.86
BSX25	£1.57
BSX19	£0.19
BSX20	£0.19
BSY25	£0.17
BSY26	£0.17
BSY27	£0.17
BSY28	£0.17
BSY29	£0.17
BSY38	£0.21
BSY39	£0.21
BSY40	£0.31
BSY41	£0.31
BSY51	£0.27
BSY95	£0.14
BSY95A	£0.14
BRY39	£0.49
BU105	£1.51
BU185/02	£2.11
BU204	£1.51
BU205	£1.51
BU208	£2.05
BU208/02	£2.43
E1222	£0.41
MAT100	£0.21
MAT101	£0.22
MAT120	£0.21
MAT121	£0.22
MJ480	£1.03
MJ481	£1.13
MJ490	£1.03
MJ491	£1.24
MJE340	£0.49
MJE370	£0.59
MJE371	£0.65
MJE520	£0.49
MJE521	£0.70
MJE2955	£0.97
MJE3055	£0.65
MJE3440	£0.56
MP8113	£0.56
MPF102	£0.30
MPF104	£0.38
MPF105	£0.38
MPSA05	£0.23
MPSA06	£0.23
MPSA55	£0.23
MPSA56	£0.23
N0120	£0.19
OC19	£0.62
OC20	£2.00
OC22	£1.62
OC23	£1.62
OC24	£1.46
OC25	£1.08
OC26	£1.08
OC28	£0.86
OC29	£1.03
OC35	£0.97
OC36	£0.97
OC41	£0.22
OC42	£0.24
OC44	£0.26
OC45	£0.22
OC70	£0.26
OC71	£0.16
OC72	£0.26
OC74	£0.26
OC75	£0.32
OC76	£0.38
OC77	£0.54
OC81	£0.24
OC810	£0.26
OC82	£0.26
OC820	£0.32
OC83	£0.28
OC84	£0.41
OC139	£0.86
OC140	£0.86
OC169	£0.38
OC170	£0.38
OC171	£0.38
OC200	£0.41
OC201	£1.03
OC202	£1.30
OC203	£0.92
OC204	£0.97
OC205	£1.24
P346A	£0.38
P397	£0.49
R2008B	£2.70
R2010B	£2.81
ST140	£0.16
ST141	£0.23
TIC44	£0.33
TIC45	£0.39
TIP29A	£0.43
TIP29B	£0.45
TIP29C	£0.49
TIP30A	£0.43
TIP30B	£0.45
TIP30C	£0.48
TIP31A	£0.43
TIP31B	£0.45
TIP31C	£0.48
TIP32A	£0.43
TIP32B	£0.45
TIP32C	£0.48
TIP41A	£0.46
TIP41B	£0.50
TIP41C	£0.52
TIP42A	£0.48
TIP42B	£0.50
TIP42C	£0.52

Type	Price
TIP2955	£0.65
TIP3055	£0.54
TIS43	£0.24
TIS90	£0.20
UT46	£0.22
ZTX107	£0.11
2N707	£0.52
2N708	£0.15
2N711	£0.32
2N717	£0.32
2N718	£0.27
2N718A	£0.54
2N726	£0.31
2N727	£0.31
2N743	£0.22
2N744	£0.22
2N914	£0.16
2N918	£0.32
2N929	£0.22
2N930	£0.19
2N1131	£0.19
2N946	£0.43
2N1132	£0.19
2N1302	£0.16
2N1303	£0.19
2N1304	£0.19
2N1305	£0.19
2N1306	£0.27
2N1307	£0.27
2N1308	£0.32
2N1309	£0.32
2N1599	£0.38
2N1613	£0.22
2N1711	£0.22
2N1889	£0.49
2N1890	£0.49
2N1893	£0.32
2N2147	£0.81
2N2148	£0.76
2N2160	£1.08
2N2192	£0.41
2N2193	£0.41
2N2194	£0.41
2N2217	£0.24
2N2218	£0.24
2N2218A	£0.22
2N2219	£0.22
2N2219A	£0.20
2N2220	£0.22
2N2221	£0.22
2N2221A	£0.24
2N2222	£0.22
2N2222A	£0.22
2N2368	£0.19
2N2369	£0.15
2N2369A	£0.15
2N2411	£0.27
2N2412	£0.27
2N2646	£0.51
2N2711	£0.24
2N2712	£0.24
2N2714	£0.24
2N2904	£0.19
2N2904A	£0.23
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2N2906	£0.17
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2N2907	£0.22
2N2907A	£0.24
2N2923	£0.17
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2N2925	£0.17
2N2926G	£0.10
2N2926Y	£0.09
2N2926O	£0.09
2N2926R	£0.09
2N2926B	£0.09
2N3010	£0.70
2N3011	£0.16
2N3053	£0.17
2N3054	£0.43
2N3055	£0.43
2N3391	£0.23
2N3391A	£0.25
2N3392	£0.23
2N3393	£0.23
2N3394	£0.23
2N3395	£0.25
2N3402	£0.24
2N3403	£0.24
2N3404	£0.33
2N3405	£0.47
2N3414	£0.18
2N3415	£0.18
2N3416	£0.33
2N3417	£0.33
2N3614	£1.08
2N3615	£1.13
2N3616	£1.13
2N3646	£0.10
2N3702	£0.09
2N3703	£0.09
2N3704	£0.09
2N3705	£0.08
2N3706	£0.09
2N3707	£0.09
2N3708	£0.08
2N3708A	£0.08
2N3709	£0.08
2N3710	£0.08
2N3711	£0.08
2N3772	£1.73
2N3773	£2.30
2N3819	£0.19
2N3820	£0.38
2N3821	£0.65
2N3823	£0.65
2N3903	£0.11
2N3904	£0.11
2N3905	£0.11
2N3906	£0.11
2N4058	£0.14
2N4059	£0.16
2N4060	£0.16
2N4061	£0.14
2N4062	£0.14

Type	Price
2N4284	£0.20
2N4285	£0.20
2N4286	£0.20
2N4287	£0.20
2N4288	£0.20
2N4289	£0.20
2N4290	£0.20
2N4291	£0.20
2N4292	£0.20
2N4293	£0.20
2N4921	£0.62
2N4923	£0.73
2N5135	£0.11
2N5136	£0.11
2N5138	£0.11
2N5172	£0.16
2N5194	£0.60
2N5245	£0.45
2N5294	£0.37
2N5296	£0.39
2N5457	£0.35
2N5458	£0.35
2N5459	£0.38
2N5551	£0.41
2N6027	£0.37
2N6121	£0.76
2N6122	£0.76
2S301	£0.54
2S302	£0.46
2S302A	£0.46
2S303	£0.60
2S304	£0.77
2S305	£0.86
2S306	£0.86
2S307	£0.86
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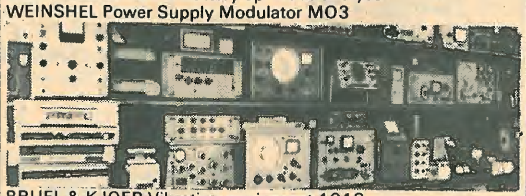

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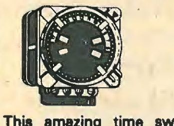

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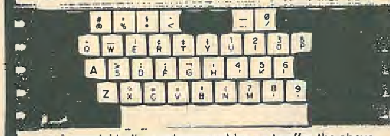

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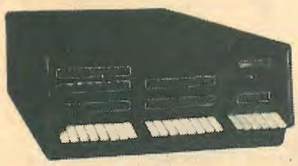

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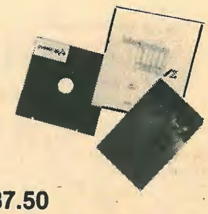

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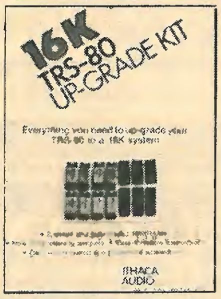

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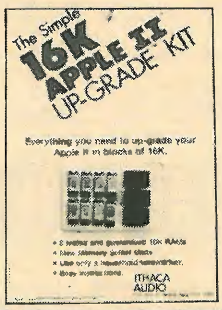

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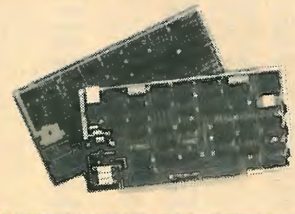

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7442A	50p
7443	112p
7444	112p
7445	100p
7446A	93p
7447A	60p
7448	80p
7450	17p
7451	17p
7453	17p
7454	17p
7460	17p
7470	36p
7472	30p
7473	34p
7474	30p
7475	38p
7476	35p
7480	50p
7481	100p
7482	84p
7483A	90p
7484	100p
7485	110p
7486	34p
7489	210p
7490A	33p
7491	60p
7492A	45p
7493A	33p
7494	84p
7495A	70p
7496	65p
7497	180p
74100	130p
74104	65p
74105	65p
74107	34p
74109	55p
74110	65p
74111	70p
74116	200p
74118	130p
74119	210p
74120	110p
74121	25p
74122	48p
74123	55p
74125	55p
74126	60p
74128	75p
74132	75p
74135	50p
74136	75p
74137	50p
74141	70p
74142	200p
74145	90p
74147	190p
74148	150p
74150	100p
74151A	70p
74153	70p
74154	100p
74155	90p
74156	90p
74157	70p
74159	180p
74160	100p
74161	100p
74162	100p
74163	100p
74164	120p
74165	130p
74166	140p
74167	200p
74170	240p
74172	720p
74173	120p
74174	93p
74175	65p
74176	90p
74177	90p
74178	160p
74180	83p
74181	200p
74182	80p
74184A	150p
74185	150p
74186	500p
74190	100p
74191	100p
74192	100p
74193	100p
74194	100p
74195	95p
74196	95p
74197	80p
74198	150p
74199	150p
74200	£10
74221	160p
74251	140p
74259	250p
74278	280p
74279	140p
74283	190p
74290P	180p
74293	180p
74298	200p
74365	180p
74366	180p
74367	120p
74368	180p
74390	200p
74393	200p
74490	225p

74LS SERIES

74LS00	14p
74LS02	14p
74LS03	18p
74LS04	16p
74LS05	25p
74LS08	25p
74LS10	20p
74LS11	40p
74LS13	45p
74LS14	72p
74LS15	45p
74LS20	20p
74LS21	40p
74LS22	28p
74LS27	38p
74LS30	20p
74LS32	27p
74LS42	70p
74LS47	90p
74LS51	24p
74LS55	30p
74LS73	60p
74LS74	40p
74LS75	45p
74LS76	45p
74LS83	110p
74LS85	100p
74LS86	40p
74LS90	60p
74LS92	70p
74LS93	60p
74LS96	110p
74LS107	45p
74LS109	80p
74LS112	100p
74LS113	90p
74LS123	70p
74LS124	180p
74LS125	60p
74LS126	60p
74LS132	95p
74LS136	55p
74LS138	60p
74LS139	60p
74LS148	175p
74LS151	100p
74LS153	60p
74LS154	200p
74LS155	90p
74LS156	90p
74LS157	60p
74LS158	120p
74LS160	130p
74LS161	100p
74LS162	140p
74LS163	110p
74LS164	120p
74LS165	180p
74LS166	180p
74LS173	110p
74LS174	90p
74LS175	110p
74LS181	320p
74LS190	100p
74LS191	100p
74LS192	150p
74LS193	140p
74LS195	140p
74LS196	120p
74LS221	140p
74LS240	175p
74LS241	175p
74LS242	170p
74LS243	170p
74LS244	195p
74LS245	250p
74LS247	140p
74LS248	140p
74LS249	140p
74LS251	140p
74LS253	140p
74LS257	120p
74LS258	160p
74LS259	180p
74LS266	100p
74LS273	130p
74LS279	90p
74LS298	240p
74LS324	200p
74LS365	160p
74LS367	160p
74LS368	100p
74LS373	180p
74LS374	195p
74LS378	200p
74LS390	150p
74LS393	150p
74LS445	140p
74LS668	100p
74LS669	100p
74LS670	400p

4000 SERIES

4000	15p
4001	17p
4002	17p
4006	95p
4007	18p
4008	80p
4009	40p
4010	50p
4011	17p
4012	18p
4013	50p
4014	84p
4015	84p
4016	45p
4017	80p
4018	89p
4019	45p
4020	100p
4021	110p
4022	100p
4023	22p
4024	50p
4025	20p
4026	130p
4027	50p
4028	84p
4029	100p
4030	55p
4031	200p
4033	180p
4034	200p
4035	110p
4036	295p
4037	115p
4038	120p
4039	295p
4040	100p
4041	80p
4042	80p
4043	90p
4044	90p
4046	110p
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4060	115p
4063	120p
4066	55p
4067	450p
4068	22p
4069	20p
4070	30p
4071	22p
4072	22p
4073	22p
4075	22p
4076	107p
4081	22p
4082	22p
4086	72p
4089	135p
4093	80p
4094	250p
4095	95p
4096	95p
4097	340p
4098	107p
4099	200p
40100	220p
40101	132p
40102	180p
40103	190p
40104	99p
40105	99p
40106	80p
40107	60p
40108	470p
40109	100p
40110	300p
40114	250p
4411	1100p
4502	120p
4503	70p
4507	55p
4508	290p
4510	99p
4511	150p
4514	265p
4515	300p
4516	110p
4518	100p
4520	100p
4526	108p
4527	150p
4528	100p
4538	120p
4543	180p
4553	450p
4560	250p
4569	250p
4583	90p
4584	80p
4724	250p
40014	90p
40085	200p
40097	80p
14411	1100p
14412	1100p
14433	1100p
14500	700p
14599	290p
CD22100	350p
CD22101	700p
CD22102	700p

INTERFACE ICs

MC1488	100p
MC1489	100p
75107	160p
75150	175p
75154	175p
75182	230p
75322	300p
75324	375p
75325	375p
75363	400p
75451	72p
75491/2	98p
8T26	250p
8T28	300p
8T95	150p
8T97	160p
81LS95	140p
81LS96	140p
81LS97	140p
81LS98	140p
9601	110p
9602	220p
9603	160p

93 SERIES

9301	160p
9302	175p
9308	316p
9310	275p
9311	275p
9312	160p
9314	165p
9316	225p
9321	225p
9322	150p
9334	225p
9368	200p
9370	200p
9374	200p

VEROBOARDS

	0.1	0.15 (copper clad)
2.5×3.75"	48p	43p
2.5×5"	57p	51p
3.75×3.75"	57p	—
3.75×5"	64p	64p
3.75×17"	222p	194p
4.75×17.9"	290p	—
Pkt of 100 pins		50p
Spot face cutter		86p
Pin insertion tool		118p
Vero Wiring Pen + 2 wire spools + combs		370p
Coxs		7p

LINEAR I.C.s

*AY1-0212	600p
*AY1-1313	668p
*AY1-1320	320p
*AY1-5050	211p
AY5-1224A	240p
*AY5-1315	600p
*AY5-1317	636p
*CA3019	80p
*CA3046	70p
*CA3048	225p
*CA3080E	72p
*CA3089E	225p
*CA3090AQ	375p
CA3130S	100p
CA3140E	70p
CA3160E	100p
CA3161E	140p
*CA3162E	450p
*CA3189E	400p
FX209	750p
ICL7106	880p
ICL8038	340p
LF356P	95p
LF358P	75p
LM301A	30p
LM311	120p
LM318	200p
LM319	225p
LM324	70p
LM339	75p
LM348	95p
*LM377	175p
*LM380	75p
*LM381AN	180p
*LM389N	140p
LM709	36p
LM710	50p
LM725	350p
LM733	100p
LM741	20p
LM747	70p
LM748	35p
LM3900	70p
LM3911	130p
LM4136	120p
*MC1310P	150p
MC1458	55p
MC1495L	350p
*MC1496	100p
*MC3340P	120p
*MC3360P	120p
MK50398	750p
MK57160	620p
*MM57160	620p
NE531	110p
*NE540L	200p
NE543K	225p
NE555	25p
NE556	70p
NE561B	425p
NE562B	425p
NE565	130p
NE566	155p
NE567	175p
NE571	425p
NE585-6N	300p
RC4151	400p
SAD1024	1500p
SFF96364	1150p
*SN76003N	175p
*SN76013N	140p
*SN76013ND	120p
*SN76023N	140p
*SN76023ND	120p
*SN76033N	175p
SN76477	250p
*SP8515	750p
*TAA621	275p
*TBA641B11	225p
*TBA651	180p
*TBA800	90p
*TBA810	100p
*TBA820	90p
*TCA940	175p
*TDA1004	300p
*TDA1008	320p
*TDA1022	600p
TDA10348	250p
*TDA2020	320p
TL072	95p
TL074	150p
TL084	130p
TL170	50p
UDN6118	320p
ULN2003	100p
XR2206	400p
XR2207	400p
XR2211	600p
*XR2216	675p
XR2240	400p
*ZN414	90p
ZN424E	135p
ZN425E	400p
ZN1034E	200p
95H90	800p
11C90	1400p

VOLTAGE REGULATORS
Fixed Plastic TO-220

1A	+ve		–ve	
5V	7805	75p	7905	90p
12V	7812	75p	7912	90p
15V	7815	75p	7915	90p
18V	7818	90p	7918	100p
24V	7824	90p	7924	100p

100mA	TO-92			
5V	78L05	35p	79L05	80p
12V	78L12	35p	79L12	80p
15V	78L15	35p	79L15	80p

OTHER REGULATORS

LM309K	135p	TBA625B	120p
LM317T	200p	78HGKC	725p
LM323K	625p	78HO5KC	675p
LM723	37p	78MGT2C	135p

OPTO-ELECTRONICS

2N5777	45p	ORP60	90p
OCP71	130p	ORP61	90p
ORP12	90p	TIL78	70p

OPTO-ISOLATORS

ILD74	130p	TIL111	90p
MCT26	100p	TIL112	90p
MCS2400	190p	TIL116	90p

LEDS

0.125"		0.2"	
TIL32	75p	TIL220 Red	18p
TIL209 Red	13p	TIL222 Gr	18p
TIL211 Gr	20p	TIL228 Red	22p
TIL212 Ye	25p	MV5491 TS	120p
TIL216 Red	18p	Clips	3p

DISPLAYS

3015F	200p	TIL311	600p
DL704	140p	TIL312/3	110p
DL707 Red	140p	TIL321/2	130p
707 Gr	140p	TIL330	140p
DL747 Red	225p	7750/60	200p
747 Gr	225p	NS85881CC	570p
FND357	120p		
FND500	120p		
FND507	120p		
MAN3640	175p		
NSB5881	570p		

4 DIGIT DISP DRIVERS

9638	200p
9370	200p

TRANSISTORS

AC126	25p
AC127/8	20p
AC176	25p
AC187/8	25p
AF116/7	30p
AD149	70p
AD161/2	45p
*AU107	200p
BC107/8	11p
BC109	11p
*BC117	20p
*BC147/8	9p
*BC149	10p
*BC157/8	10p
*BC159	11p
*BC169C	12p
*BC172	12p
BC177/8	17p
BC179	18p
*BC182/3	10p
*BC184	11p
BC187	30p
*BC212/3	11p
*BC214	12p
*BC237	15p
*BC337	16p
*BC338	16p
BC461	38p
BC477/8	30p
*BC516/7	50p
*BC547B	16p
*BC548C	9p
*BC549C	18p
*BC557B	16p
*BC559C	18p
BCY70	18p
BCY71/2	22p
BD131/2	50p
BD135/6	54p
BD139	56p
BD140	60p
BD189	60p
BD241	70p
BD242	70p
BDX53B	100p
BDY56	200p
BF200	32p
*BF244B	35p
*BF256B	70p
BF257/8	32p
BF259	36p
*BFR39	30p
*BFR40	30p
*BFR41	30p
*BFR79	30p
*BFR80	30p
*BFR81	30p
BFX29	30p
BFX30	34p
BFX84/5	30p
BFX86/7	30p
BFX88	30p
BFW10	90p
BFY50	22p
BFY51/2	22p
BFY56	33p
BFY90	90p
BLY83	700p
BRY39	45p
BSX19/20	20p
BU104	225p
*BU105	190p
*BU108	250p
BU109	225p
*BU205	200p
*BU208	200p
*BU406	145p
MJ481	175p
MJ491	200p
MJ2501	225p
MJ2955	100p
MJ3001	225p
*MJE340	65p
MJE2955	100p
MJE3055	70p
*MPF102	45p
*MPF103/4	40p
*MPF105/6	40p
MPSA06	30p
*MPSA12	50p
*MPSA13	50p
*MPSA20	50p
*MPSA43	50p
*MPSA56	32p
*MPSA70	50p
*MPSU06	63p
*MPSU07	90p
*MPSU45	90p
*MPSU65	78p
OC28	130p
OC35	130p
*R2008B	200p
*R2010B	200p
*TIP29A	40p
*TIP29C	56p
*TIP30A	48p
*TIP30C	60p
*TIP31A	58p
TIP31C	62p
TIP32A	68p
TIP32C	82p
TIP33A	90p
TIP33C	114p
TIP34A	115p
TIP34C	160p
TIP35A	225p
TIP35C	290p
TIP36A	270p
TIP36C	340p
TIP41A	65p
TIP41C	78p
TIP42A	70p
TIP42C	82p
TIP2955	78p
TIP4055	70p
*TIS43	34p
*TIS93	30p
*ZTX108	12p
*ZTX300	13p
*ZTX500	15p
*ZTX502	18p
*ZTX504	30p
2N457A	250p
2N696	35p
2N697	25p
2N698	45p
2N706A	20p
2N708A	20p
2N918	45p
2N940	18p
2N1131/2	20p
2N1613	25p
2N1711	25p
2N2102	60p
2N2160	350p
2N2219A	22p
2N2222A	22p
2N2369A	18p
2N2484	30p
2N2646	50p
2N2904/5	25p
2N2906A	24p
2N2907A	30p
*2N2926	9p
2N3053	22p
2N3054	65p
2N3055	48p
2N3442	140p
2N3553	240p
*2N3565	30p
*2N3643/4	48p
*2N3702/3	12p
*2N3704/5	12p
*2N3706/7	14p
*2N3708/9	12p
*2N3773	300p
*2N3819	25p
*2N3820	50p
2N3823	70p
2N3866	90p
2N3902	700p
*2N3903/4	18p
*2N3905/6	20p
*2N4037	65p
2N4058/9	12p
*2N4060	12p
*2N4061/2	18p
*2N4123/4	22p
*2N4125/6	22p
*2N4289	20p
*2N4401/3	27p
2N4427	90p
*2N4871	60p
*2N5087	27p
*2N5089	27p
*2N5172	27p
2N5179	90p
2N5191	83p
2N5194	90p
*2N5245	40p
*2N5296	55p
*2N5401	50p
*2N5457/8	40p
*2N5459	40p
*2N5460	60p
2N5485	44p
*2N6027	48p
2N6247	190p
2N6254	130p
2N6290	65p
2N6292	65p
3N128	120p
3N140	100p
3N141	110p
3N201	110p
3N204	100p
40290	250p
40360	40p
40361/2	45p
40364	120p
40408	70p
40409	85p
40410	85p
40411	300p
40594	97p
40595	105p
40673	75p
40841	90p
40871/2	90p

DIODES

*BY127	12p
BYX36-300	700p
*OA47	9p
*OA81	15p
*OA85	15p
*OA90	9p
*OA91	9p
*OA95	9p
*OA200	9p
*OA202	10p
*1N914	4p
*1N916	7p
*1N4148	4p
1N4001/2	5p
1N4003/4	6p
1N4005	5p
1N4006/7	7p
1N5401/3	14p
1N5404/7	19p
*IS920	9p

HEAT SINKS
For TO220 Voltage Regs. and Transistors 22p
For TO5 12p

BRIDGE RECTIFIERS

*1A	50V	21p
*1A	100V	22p
*1A	400V	30p
*1A	600V	35p
*2A	50V	30p
*2A	100V	35p
*2A	400V	45p
*3A	200V	60p
*3A	600V	72p
*4A	100V	95p
*4A	400V	100p
6A	50V	90p
6A	100V	100p
6A	400V	120p
10A	400V	200p
25A	400V	400p

***ZENERS**
2.7V-33V
400mW 9p
1W 15p

TRIACS PLASTIC

3A 400V	60p
3A 500V	65p
6A 400V	70p
6A 500V	88p
8A 400V	75p
8A 500V	95p
12A 400V	85p
12A 500V	105p
16A 400V	110p
16A 500V	130p
T2800D	130p

THYRISTORS

1A 50V	40p
1A 400V	65p
3A 400V	90p
8A 600V	140p
12A 400V	150p
16A 100V	150p
16A 400V	180p
16A 600V	220p
BT106	110p
C106D	45p
*MCR101	35p
2N3525	120p
2N4444	140p
*2N5060	34p
*2N5064	40p

LOUD-SPEAKERS

Size		
2½"	64R	70p
2½"	8R	70p
2"	8R	75p
1½"	8R	75p

MEMORIES

2102-2L	120p
2102L-4	120p
2107B	500p
2111-2	225p
2112-2	300p
2114	700p
4116	£11
5101	510p
6810	350p
74S201	325p
88S16	325p

ROM/PROMs

71301	700p
74S188	225p
74S287	350p
74S387	350p
74S470	650p
74S471	650p
74S571	1100p
93427	400p
93436	650p
93446	650p
93448	1000p

CPUs

1600	£12
6502	1200p
6800	900p
6802	1250p
8080A	550p
Z80	1150p

EPROMS

1702A	600p
2516	3200p
2708	900p
2716	£29

SUPPORT DEVICES

3245	400p
4002	
6820	600p
6821	600p
6850	700p
8205	320p
8212	225p
8216	225p
8224	400p
8228	525p
8251	700p
8253	1200p
8255	550p
8257	1100p
8259	1400p
Z80P10	650p
Z80CTC	650p
MC14411	1100p
MC14412	1100p

UART

AY-3-1015P	500p
AY-5-1013P	400p
IM6402	600p
TMS6011NC	400p

CHARACTER GENERATORS

3257ADC	990p
MCM6576	£10
RO-3-2513 U.C.	600p
RO-3-2513 L.C.	600p
SN74S262AN	1350p

KEYBOARD ENCODER
AY-5-2376 £10

TRANSFORMERS
(prim 220/240V)

6-0-6	100mA	88p
9-0-9	75mA	92p
12-0-12	100mA	95p
0-120	12500mA	280p
0-25V (5VA)		250p
9-0-9 1A		270p*
12V 2A		350p*
0-12-15		
20-24-30 1A		340p*
15-0-15 1A		265p*

(Please add 50p p&p charge to all marked * above our normal p&p charge).

***RESISTORS High**
*Stab 5% E12
Carbon Film

*¼W 10R-1M one value 7p/5pcs
*½W 10R-10M one value 5p/3pcs

*Miniature Presets
Hor/Vert 100R-1M 12p
*Carbon Track Pots
5K-1M Log or Lin
Single 30p
Single with Switch 80p
Dual 72p

LOW PROFILE DIL SOCKETS BY TEXAS

8 pin	11p	18 pin	25p	24 pin	33p
14 pin	12p	20 pin	28p	28 pin	42p
16 pin	13p	22 pin	30p	40 pin	51p

WIRE WRAP SOCKETS BY TEXAS

8 pin	30p	18 pin	70p	24 pin	90p
14 pin	40p	20 pin	75p	28 pin	110p
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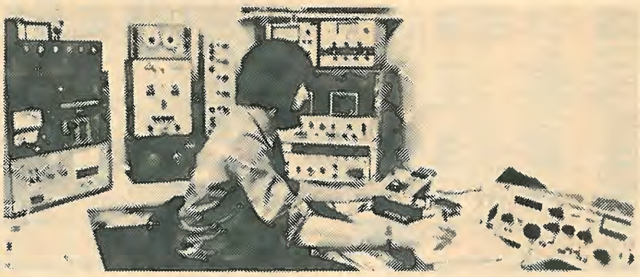

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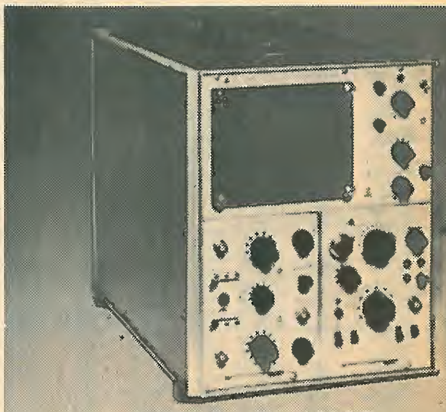

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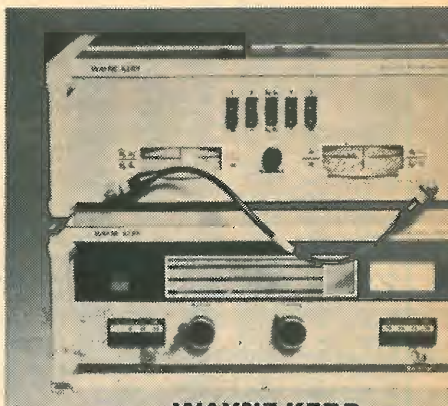

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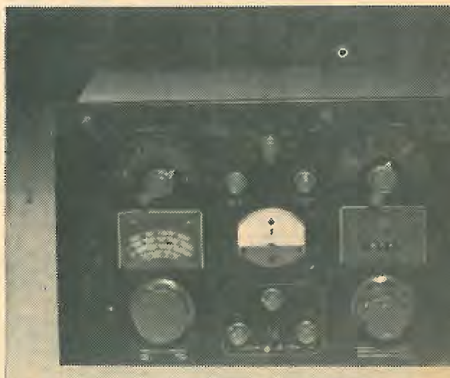

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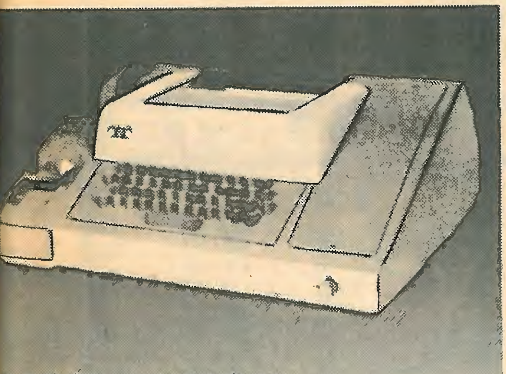

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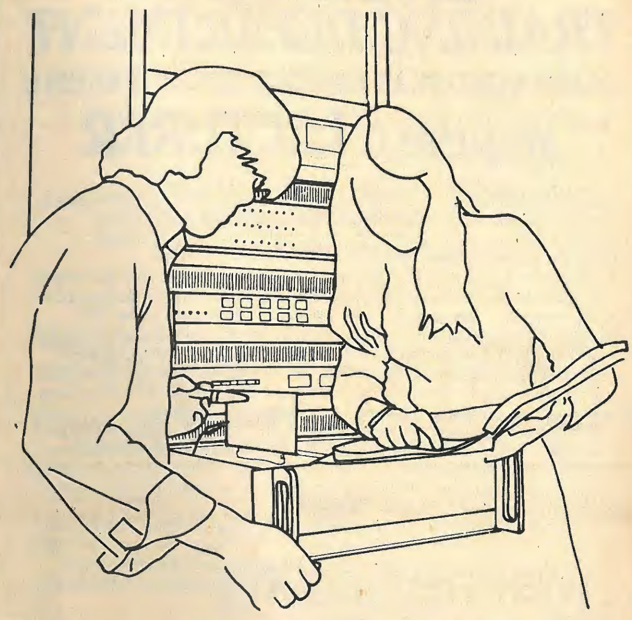

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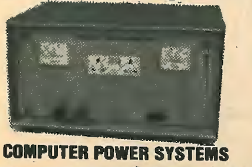

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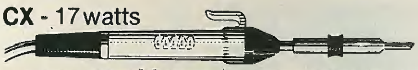

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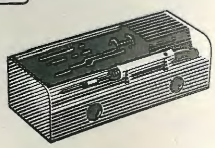

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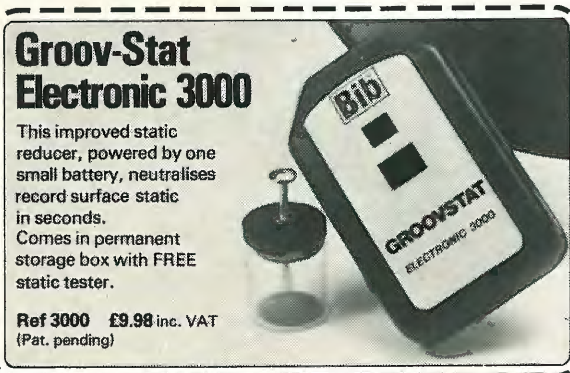

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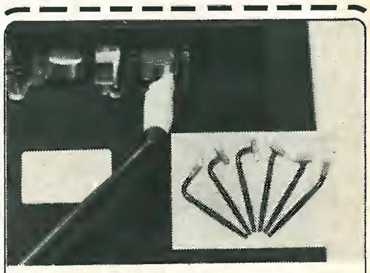

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