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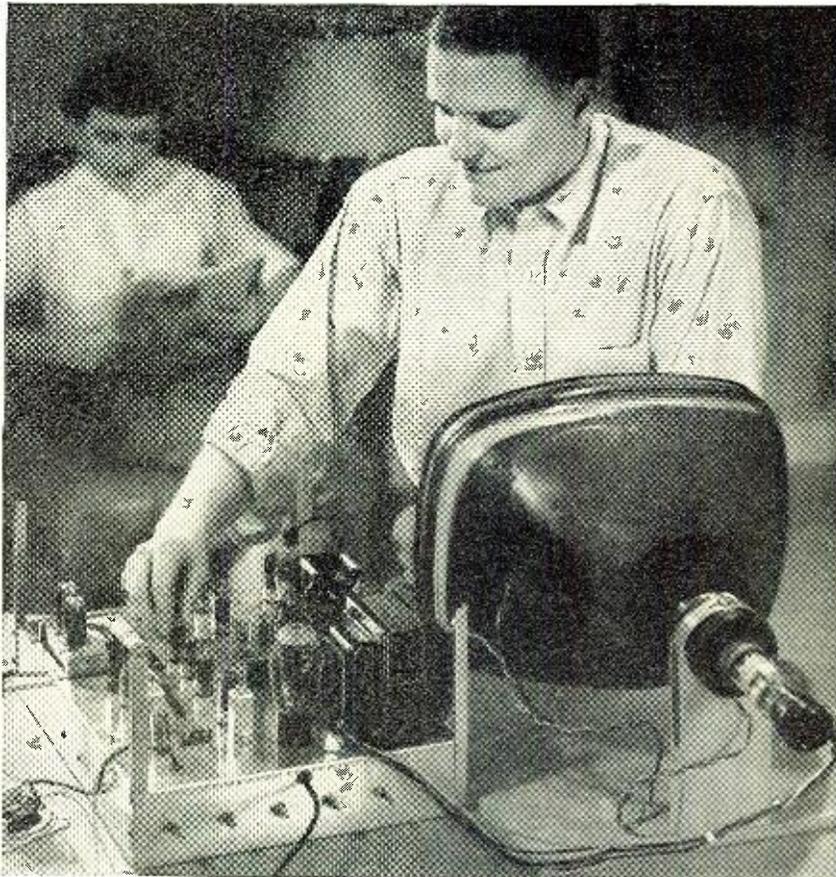
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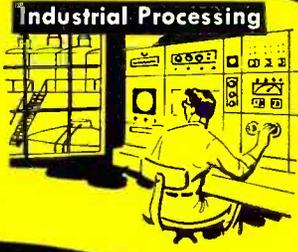
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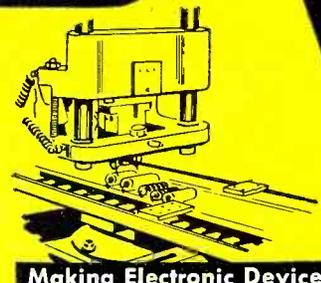


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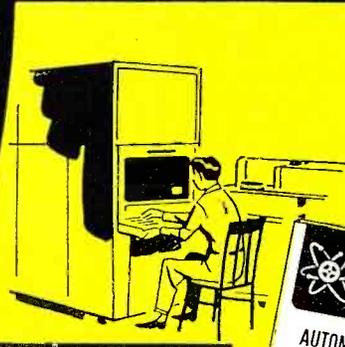
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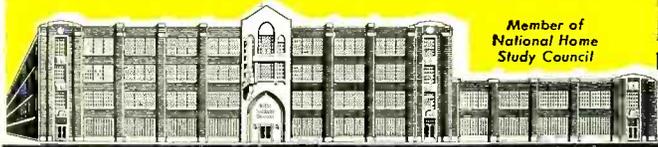
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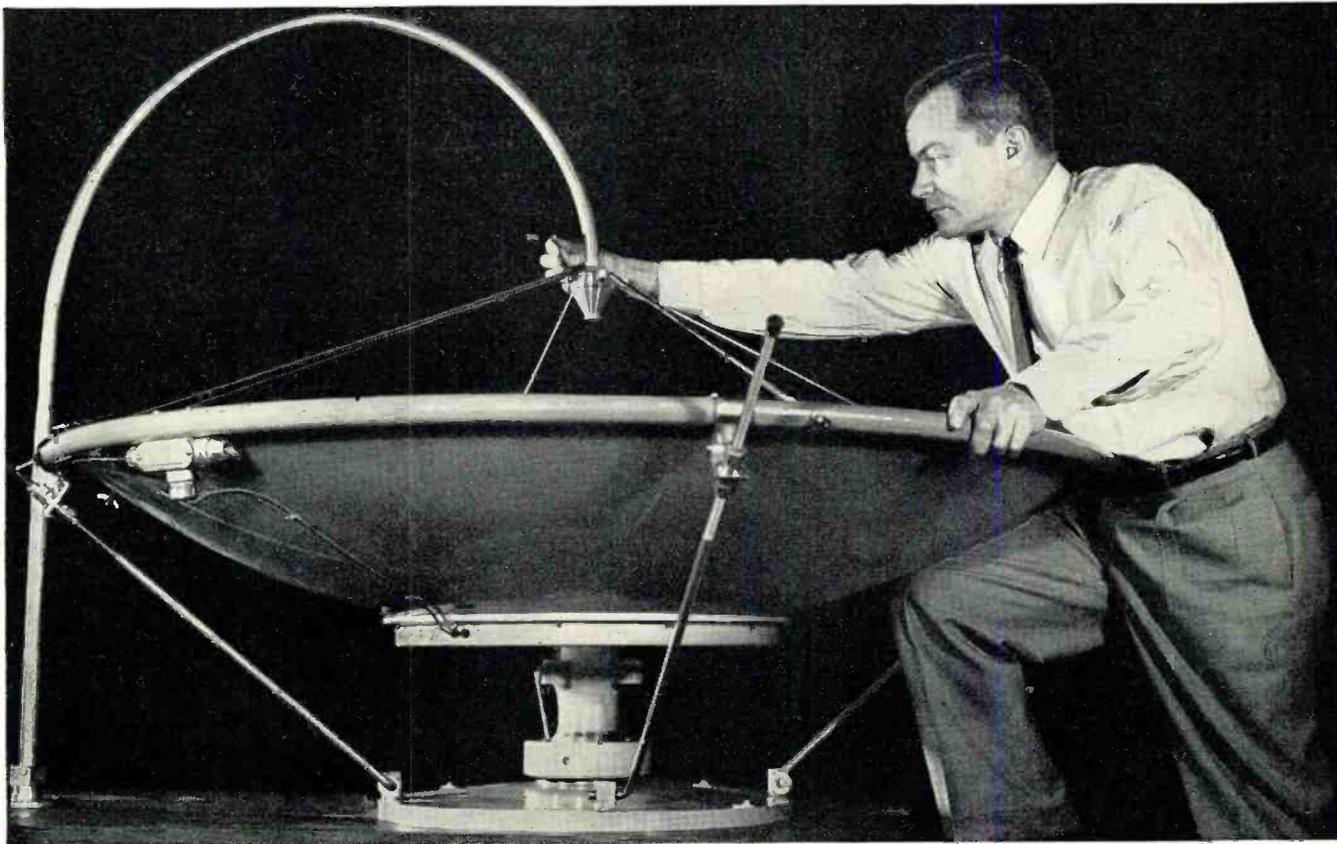
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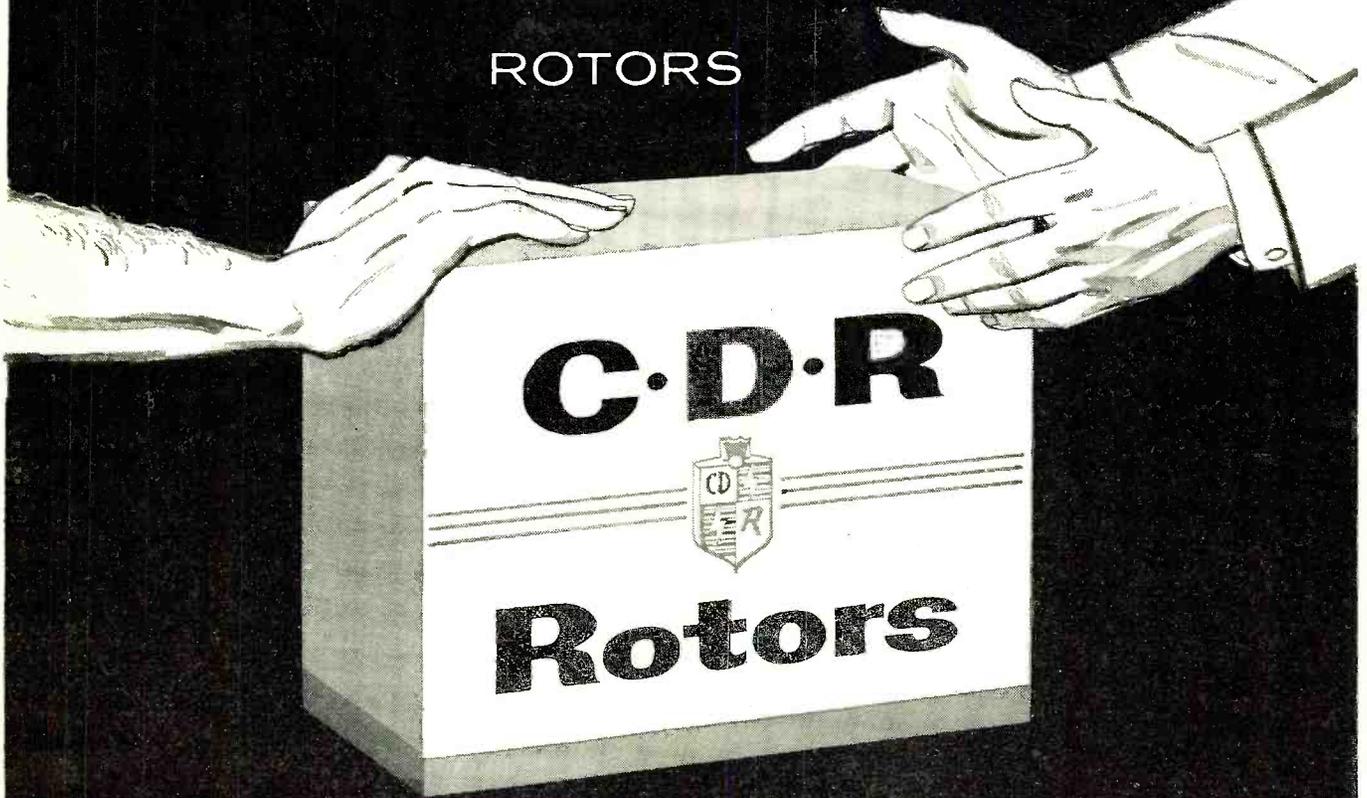
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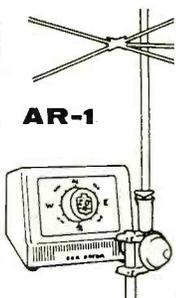
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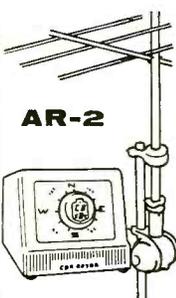
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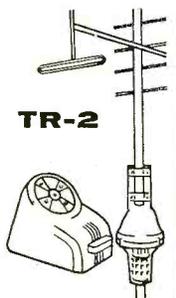
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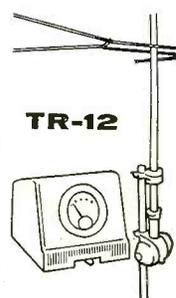
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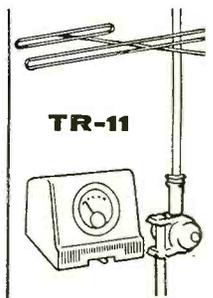
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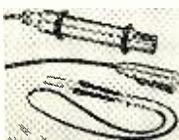


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A large number of trained specialists worked several years over the original concept before the design was finalized and it was necessary to hire a large working force of other technical people trained specifically to carry out the original design. Still more skilled personnel were and are required for the continuous maintenance of the equipment. Without this vast army of designers, engineers, operators, installers, and clerical help, this computer could not have been brought into existence.

Another example is the computer installed at the Army Signal Supply Agency in Philadelphia. The very latest in electronic computing equipment has been installed so that complete world-wide records can be maintained and continuously evaluated. Records of stock are kept, supply demands are noted, routine decisions are made, and many other daily tasks performed by this computer. This particular installation utilizes a great number of magnetic tape recorders whose primary function is to store instructions for the programming of the computer, to retain inventory figures, and to supply other pertinent facts which result from the "memory" capabilities of the device. Recording speeds on the order of 75 inches-per-second are used along with a seven-head recording mechanism so that seven tracks of information may be recorded and read simultaneously.

In order to design and manufacture such a complicated device, a large number of technical personnel was

again required. Once a computer is installed and placed in operation, however, there is still the daily necessity for continual maintenance and adjustment of the unit. As an example, six engineers and three technicians get up at the crack of dawn (or before) and report to the machine at 5:20 every morning in order to set up and check the machine for the day's operation.

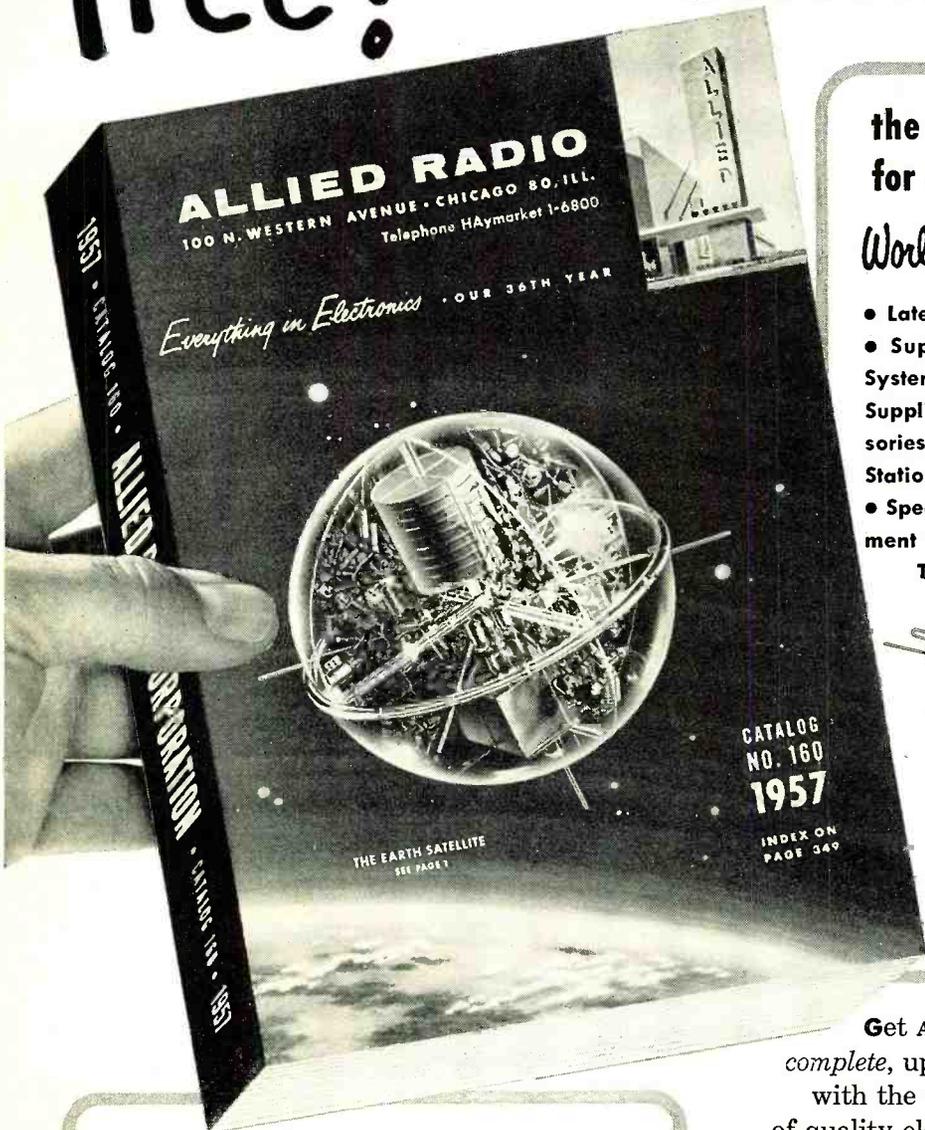
Contrary to many beliefs, more personnel is required on the payroll than was actually required at the Supply Agency prior to the installation of the computer. This may be attributed to several factors, some of which are as follows: Workers previously classified as clerical help *per se* will probably be up-graded and trained to meet the more severe demands for skilled labor as a result of the installation of the computer. This, then, would increase the earning capabilities of the workers. Because of the extreme speed of the unit, much more can be accomplished and more data can be processed in a shorter period of time. Accordingly, it will be necessary to have more people capable of carrying out the "decisions" made by the computer. These then are two examples where additional labor is required through automation.

In the case of the military, however, where every attempt must be made to conserve manpower, we find that the use of computers contributes to this requirement to a large degree. Consider, for example, the case of defensive armament on the new B-52 intercontinental jet bomber. This long-range aircraft originally required the services of six gunners to operate its defensive weapons. The computer permits the same defensive advantages and requires but a single operator to fire the guns. The B-52 employs a single movable turret comprising four 50-caliber guns. This armament is tracked and aimed by radar and by optical devices which feed the information into the airborne computer. The computer sets up the fire control problem, aims the guns, and determines the point of intersection, and then tells the gunner when to fire. The action is precise and deadly. While the above represents a military application of electronic computers, we must not overlook the widespread interest in commercial applications of automation. We conclude, therefore, that the computer—in spite of its great capability—will, because of its very peculiar requirements, make more and more demands for skilled personnel for its operation. . . . O.R.

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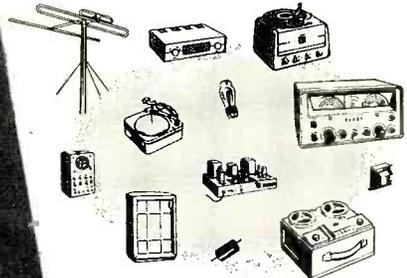
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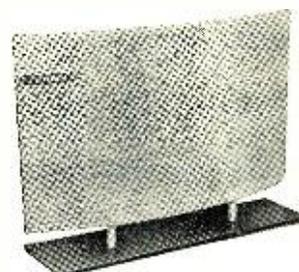
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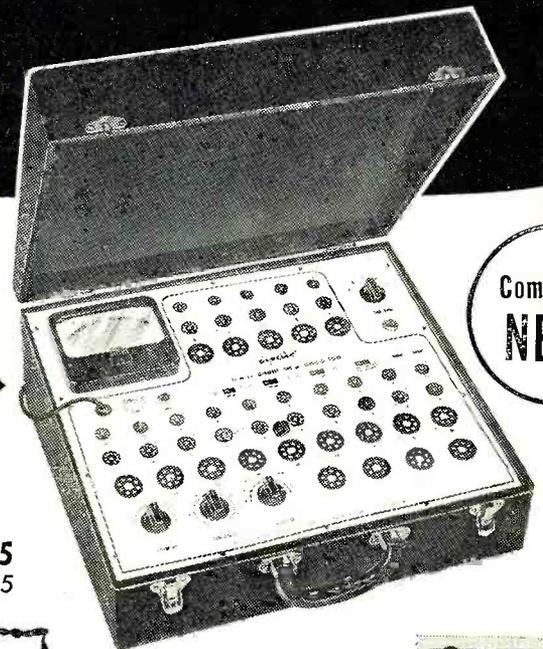
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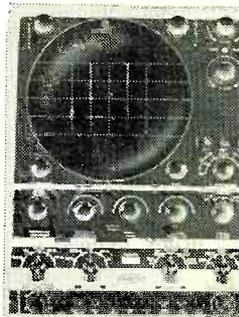
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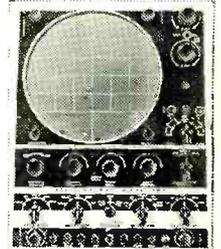
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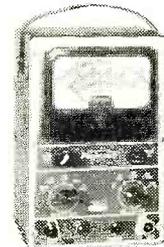
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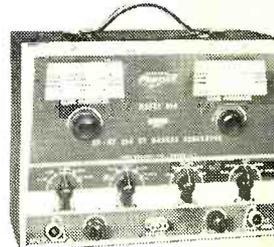
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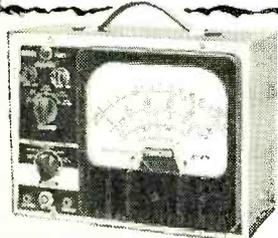
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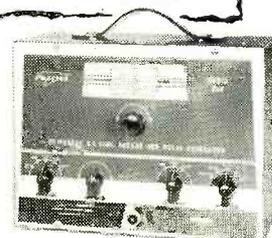
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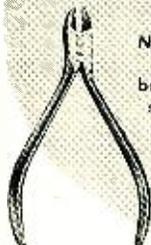
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AN EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING prediction that the future of the ultra-highs looked bright indeed, made by the FCC's headman during an appearance before the communications subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee, impressed the committee so, that they granted general approval of the Commission's long-range program to shift all, or a major portion, of the TV stations to u.h.f.

Admitting that he had received no definite assurances that all of technical problems that now obtain on the high bands could be resolved, the chief commissioner said that he was confident though that engineers would eventually solve this problem, as they have solved other problems that have troubled the broadcasting industry. The Commission is doing everything possible, the Senators were told, to help manufacturers develop more efficient antennas, accessories, receivers, and transmitters for the upstairs frequencies.

THE RECENT AIR COLLISION in the Far West and the flurry of warnings that more crashes are certain to come, if some drastic rules are not adopted, prompted the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics in Washington to issue a notice announcing release of a special report on mid-air collision control that they had prepared.

The report, prepared by a committee comprising more than 35 members of organizations representing all segments of the aviation industry concerned with air-traffic control, details

a series of stiff requirements that an electronic proximity warning system should meet to reduce the hazard of mid-air crashes.

The requirements provide that a warning be given to the pilot of the penetration by another aircraft of a protected volume of airspace; i.e., horizontal airspace protection over a radius of 10 miles surrounding the aircraft; vertical protection for 800 feet above and below flight level at all altitudes up to 30,000 feet and 1600 feet above and below flight level at higher altitudes. The requirements also specify reliability under all weather conditions, availability to all types of aircraft, simplicity of operation and of interpretation of information, and accurate maintenance capabilities.

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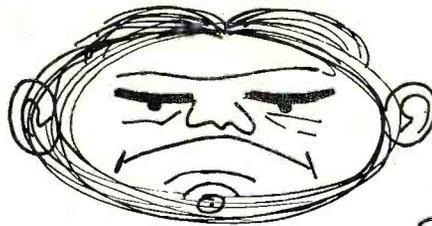
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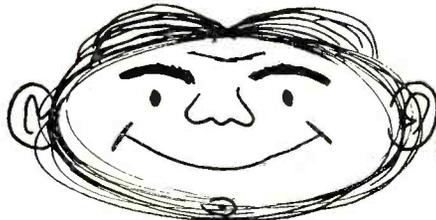
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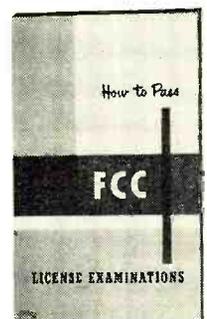
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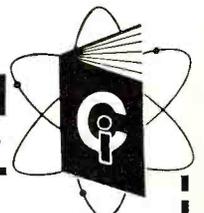
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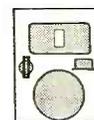
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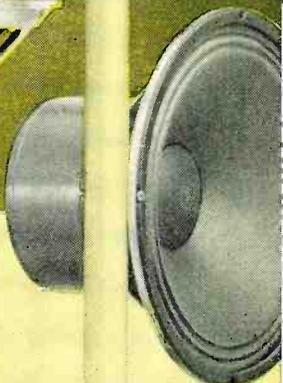
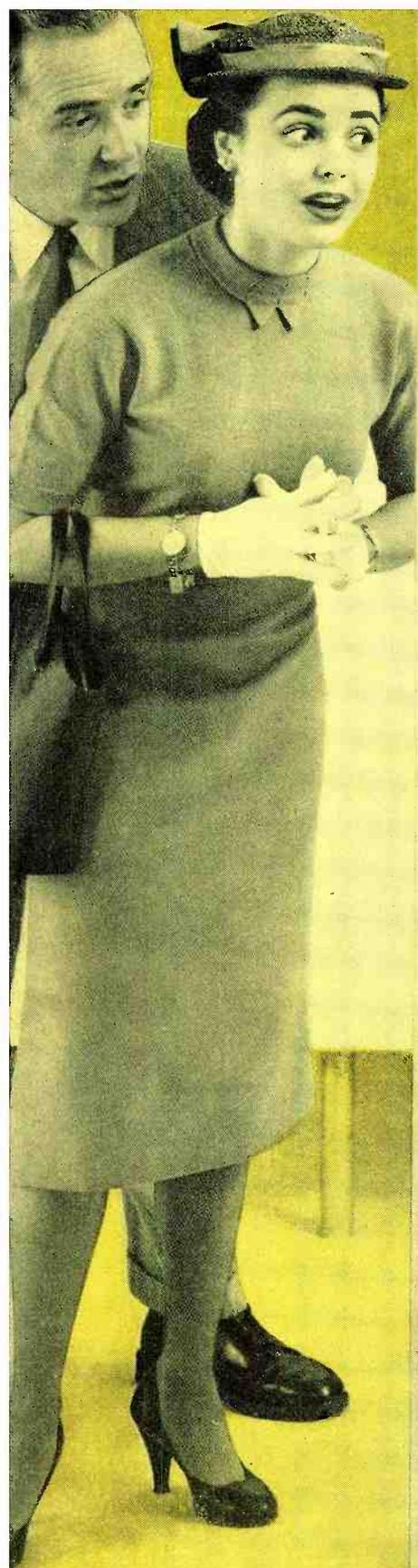


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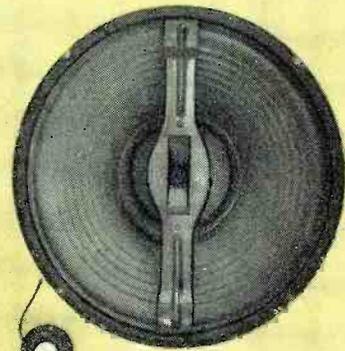
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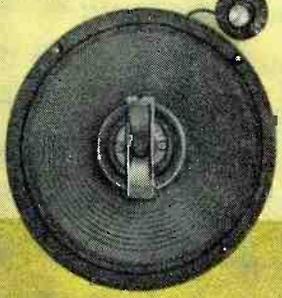
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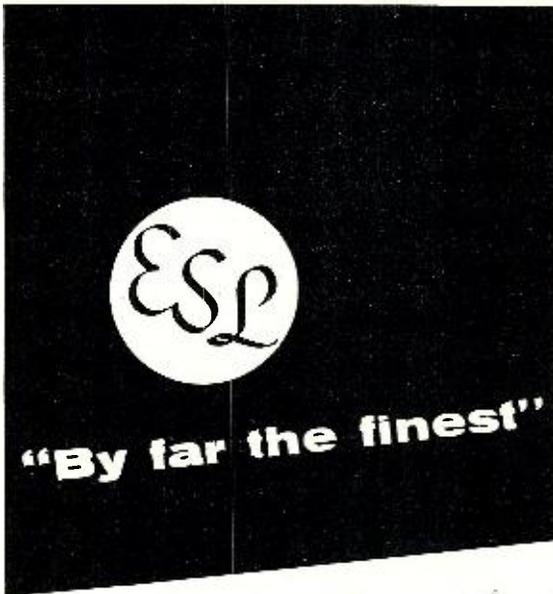


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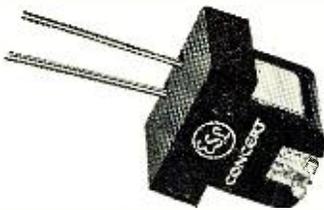
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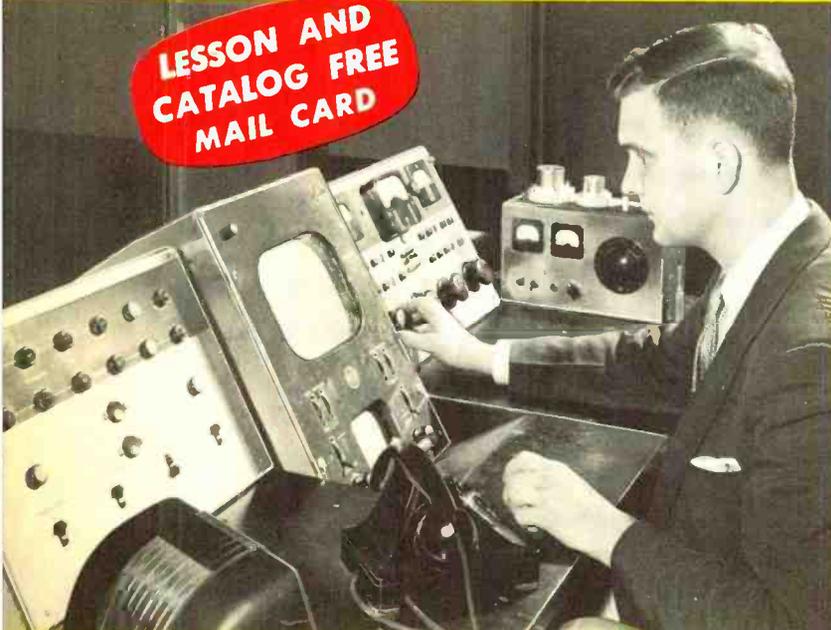
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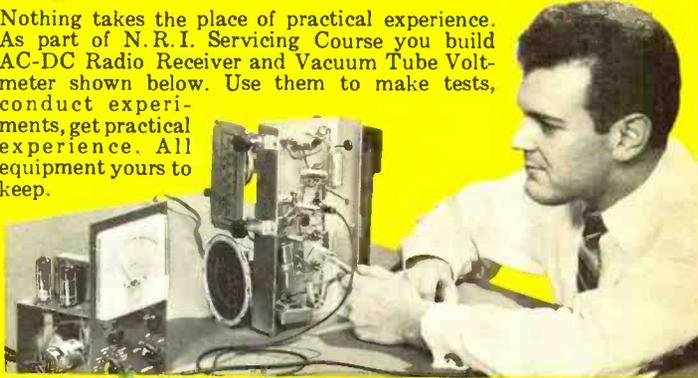
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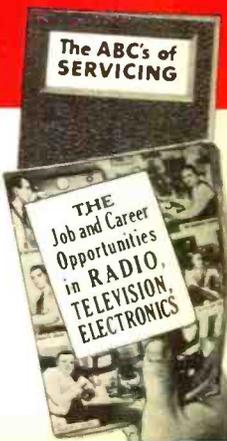
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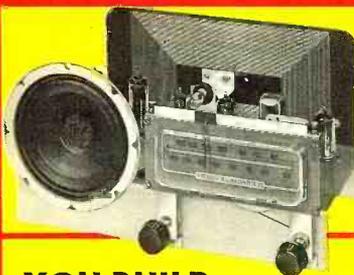
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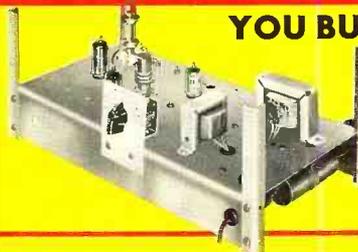


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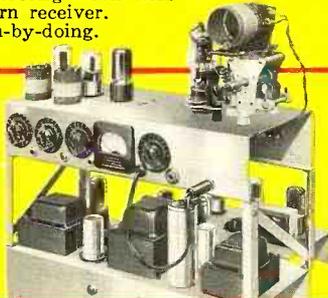


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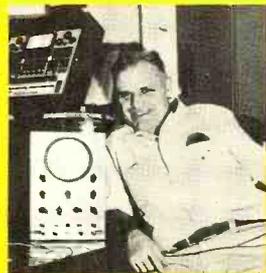


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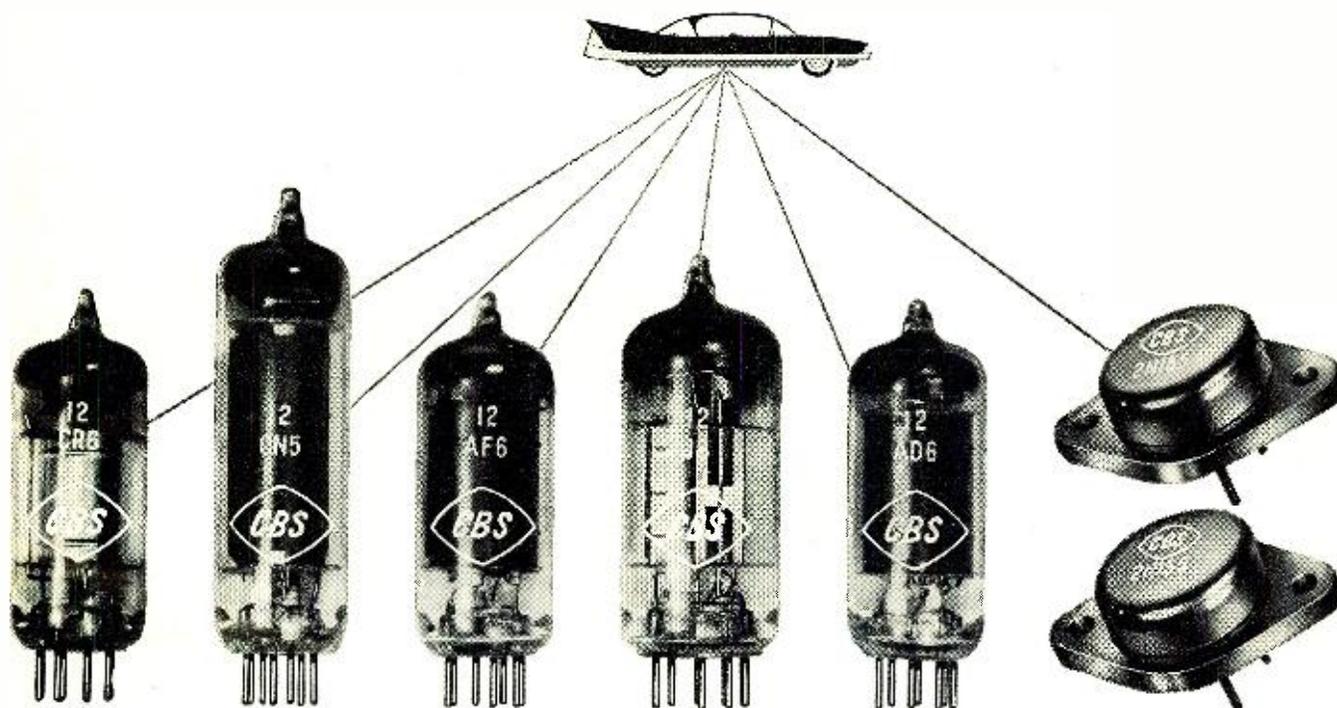
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As the 1957 automobiles come into use this fall, you will find CBS ready to supply you with these new tubes and transistors. That's only natural. CBS pioneered the first auto radio tube kit. CBS has specialized for years in supplying auto radio tubes to leading set manufacturers. And now CBS advanced-engineering pioneers again with new hybrid auto radio components.

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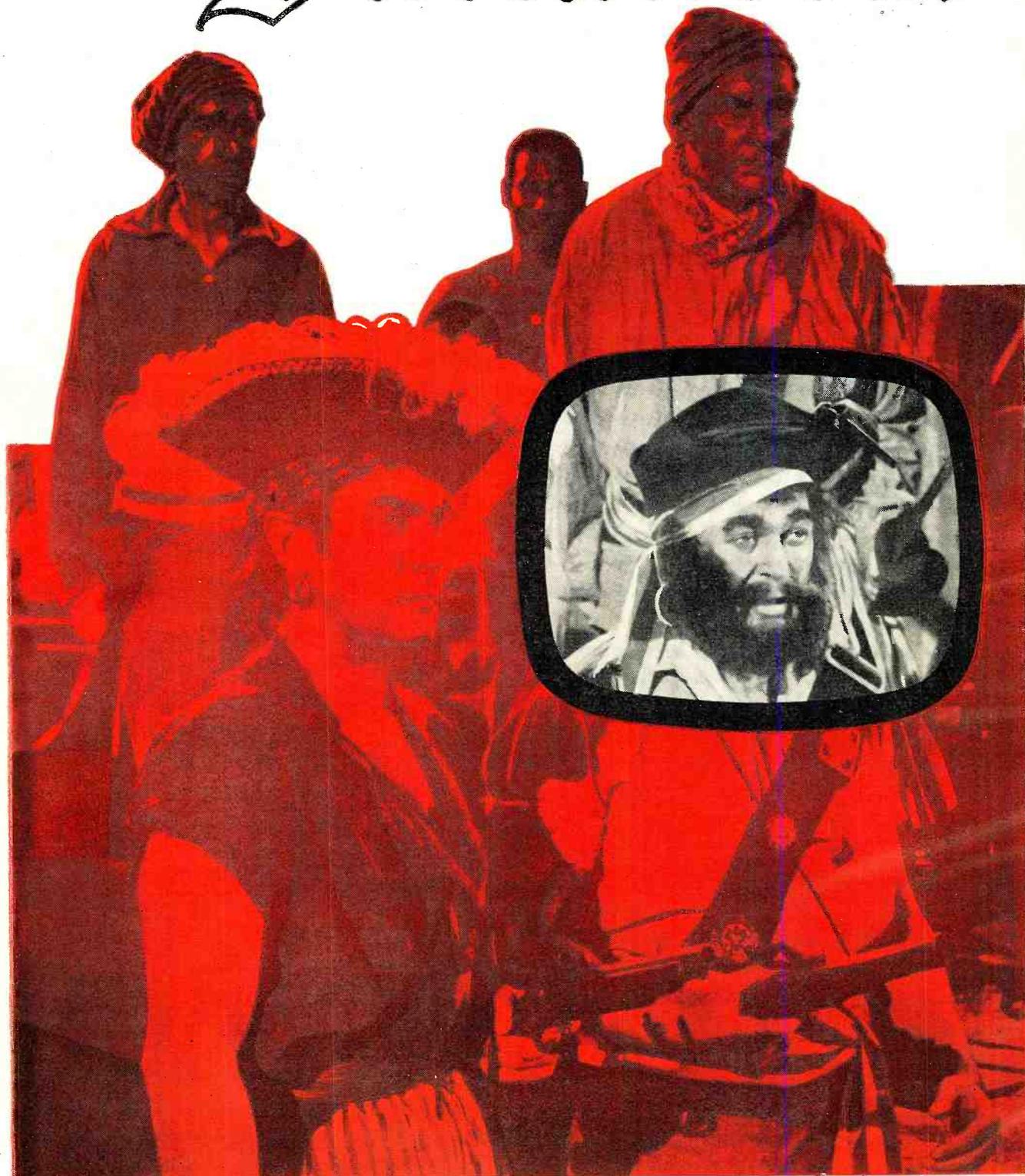


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new Sylvania TV SHOW

launches a dramatic new advertising program for TV Service Dealers



Biggest TV news this fall for you as a service dealer is Sylvania's new adventure thriller "The Buccaneers." Packed with exciting pirate lore, Sylvania's new TV show offers entertainment for the entire family.

And it offers you a brand-new opportunity to build your service business through a dramatic new consumer advertising campaign, "TV SMOG."

Millions of TV set owners will be reminded that TV Smog comes from old worn out picture tubes and receiving tubes. And they'll be reminded to see the service dealer who displays the Sylvania Radio & TV service sign for a TV Smog check-up.

To supplement this powerful TV advertising, a complete campaign in *TV Guide* magazine will also steer the TV set owner to you for a TV Smog check-up.

Get behind this TV Smog promotion: identify yourself as the dealer in your neighborhood who features "Silver Screen 85" picture tubes and Sylvania's quality brand receiving tubes.

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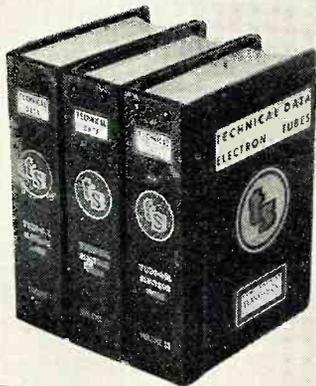
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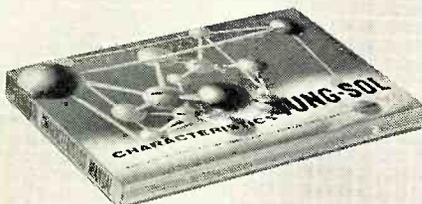
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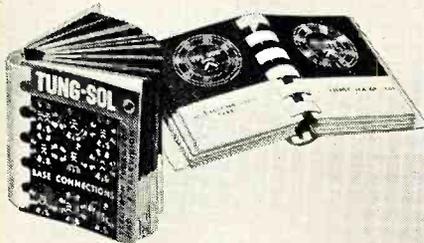
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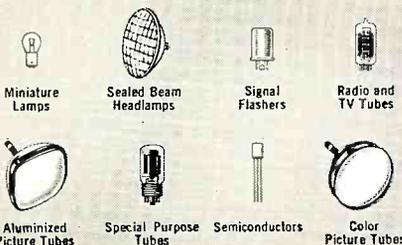
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Within the Industry

ERNEST B. MULLINGS has been promoted to the post of assistant advertising manager of the *Heath Company*, according to Robert Erickson, president of the firm. He has specialized in electronics, was an Army radio instructor, holds a ham license, operating with call letters of W8VFN.



Mr. Mullings' previous experience as a project engineer and technical editor, rewrite man, editor of government news releases, and senior technical correspondent for *National Radio Institute* provides a background which will serve him in good stead in his new position. For the past two years he has been responsible for all copy preparation appearing in the company's advertising.

In his new position he will assist Mr. C. M. Edwards, the firm's advertising manager.

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FERRODYNAMICS CORPORATION has been formed to manufacture magnetic recording tapes for commercial, home, and military applications. The firm has established headquarters at Lodi, New Jersey . . . **C. M. SALISBURY AND ASSOCIATES** has been established as a manufacturers' representative firm with headquarters at 1453 7th Avenue, San Francisco 22, California. The agency will cover the northern California territory, servicing industrial accounts and jobbers . . . **SARGENT-RAYMENT CO.** of Oakland, California has changed its corporate name to **ELDORADO ELECTRONICS CO.** and is diversifying its operations to include research, development, and manufacture of nuclear and industrial electronic devices for both commercial and military markets . . . **STEWART-WARNER ELECTRONICS** has entered the facsimile transmission and reception equipment field with the purchase of the entire facsimile business of **THE ALLEN D. CARDWELL ELECTRONICS PRODUCTIONS CORPORATION** . . . As part of its expansion program, **AMPHENOL ELECTRONICS CORPORATION** has purchased the assets of the **EXACT METAL SPECIALTIES COMPANY**, a Chicago screw machine firm . . . **FEDERAL TELEPHONE AND RADIO COMPANY** of Clifton, N. J. has purchased certain assets of a subsidiary of **ELECTRONICS SPECIALTY COMPANY** of Los Angeles . . . **HAYDN SOCIETY RECORD COMPANY** has been reorganized and refinanced under the leadership of Howard Rikoon, who represents the group of businessmen which purchased the firm. Former offices at 40 East 19th St., New York City

are being temporarily retained as headquarters . . . **PRECISION METER CO., INC.** has been formed at 126 Greenpoint Avenue, Brooklyn 22, N. Y. The firm will manufacture a full line of meters and handle the production of special meters on a custom basis . . . **THOR-DARSON-MEISSNER** of Mt. Carmel, Illinois has purchased all the assets and goodwill of the transformer division of **MARK ELECTRONICS** of Bloomfield, New Jersey. All production facilities will be transferred to Mt. Carmel . . . **CARRIER CORPORATION** has announced the formation of **COLORADO RESEARCH CORPORATION** in Denver. The new subsidiary will specialize in electronics and applied physics . . . Formation of a new manufacturing entity, known as **UTRAD CORPORATION**, to continue the operation of the transformer division of **UTAH RADIO PRODUCTS, INC.** has been announced. The new company has headquarters at 812 E. State Street, Huntington, Indiana.

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MORGAN A. GUNST, JR. has been named vice-president of *Chromatic Television Laboratories, Inc.* and general manager of the firm's West Coast development laboratory in Emeryville, California.



He joined the *Paramount Pictures* affiliate in 1951 as manager for military contracts. Until his appointment as general manager, he served as product manager. The company is engaged in research and development in the color television and radar fields utilizing the *Lawrence* color tube.

He was formerly associated with the radiation laboratories of the University of California and M.I.T. He also served as a senior engineer for *Lockheed Aircraft Company*.

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JOHN N. McCAUL has been named supervisor of sales service engineering for electronic products of *Sylvania Electric Products Inc.* He will make his headquarters at Teterboro, New Jersey . . . *Bell Sound Systems, Inc.* of Columbus, Ohio has named **JOHN S. BOYERS** to the post of manager of engineering . . . **WALTER T. HANNIGAN**, former chairman of the board of governors of "The Representatives of Electronic Products Manufacturers, Inc." and chairman of the association's New England Chapter passed away recently . . . **ROBERT F. FELAND, JR.** has been appointed sales manager of *Cal-Tronics Corp.* of Los Angeles . . . *Ampex Corporation* of Redwood City, California has elected **ROBERT SACKMAN** vice-president and appointed **RUSSELL J. TINKHAM** mana-

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and hundreds more to be built; more than 34 million sets in the country and sales increasing daily. Soon moderately priced color television sets will be on the market and the color stampede will be on.

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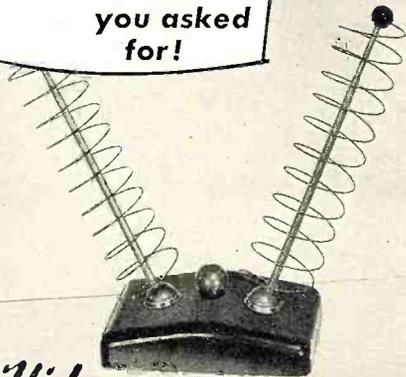
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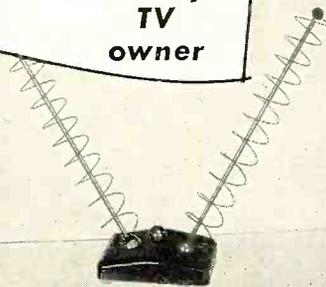
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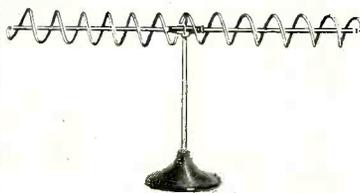
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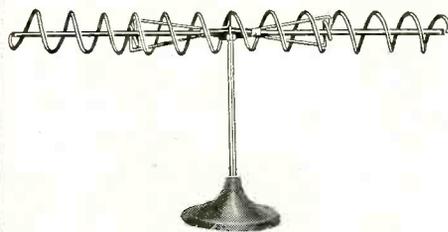
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ager of audio custom engineering . . . **STANLEY S. SIEVERS** has been named television field engineer for *Kay Lab*, San Diego electronics and television equipment manufacturer . . . *G-C Electronics Mfg. Co.* of Rockford, Ill. has appointed **WILLIAM H. DEAN** to the post of sales manager . . . **WILLIAM F. SHARKEY** has been named advertising manager of *I.D.E.A., Inc.*, Indianapolis, Indiana electronics manufacturing firm. He joined the company in 1949 . . . **ROBERT C. KOCMOUD** is the new sales promotion manager of *General Cement Mfg. Co.* of Rockford and all of that firm's sales divisions.

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WALTER CLEMENTS is the new jobber sales manager of *Littelfuse, Inc.* of Des Plaines, Ill.

In his new position, Mr. Clements will direct the company's sales activities to the electronic and automatic replacement markets. He formerly served as sales engineer for the firm, joining the company in 1950 as a member of the sales department.



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DONALD H. STOVER, formerly service manager of *Sentinel Radio Corporation*, has been appointed Service Coordinator of the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Al Coumont.

Mr. Stover will continue Mr. Coumont's work in coordinating the industry's service activities and, in addition, will undertake an intensive field job of promoting the Association's vocational training program for radio-TV-electronic technicians in vocational schools throughout the country.

Before joining *Sentinel* in 1953, Mr. Stover was associated with the *RCA Institute* in Chicago and the *RCA Victor Employee Training Program* and the *RCA Service Company* at Camden, N. J.

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DR. HERBERT BANDES has been appointed to the newly created post of chief engineer, semiconductors, of the Electronics Division of *Sylvania Electric Products Inc.*

In his new post, Dr. Bandes will be responsible for the development and engineering of transistors, diodes, and other semiconductor devices manufactured at the division's plants in Woburn.

Dr. Bandes joined the firm as a senior engineer in 1944. He received his doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of Michigan in 1938.

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LAFAYETTE RADIO is now servicing its mail order customers from a new building at 165-08 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, New York. The company's metropolitan

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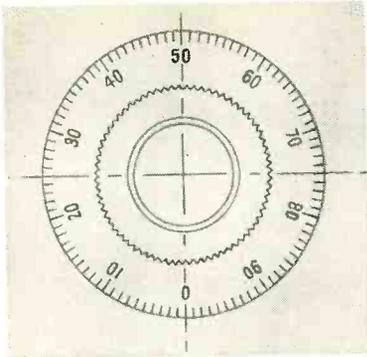
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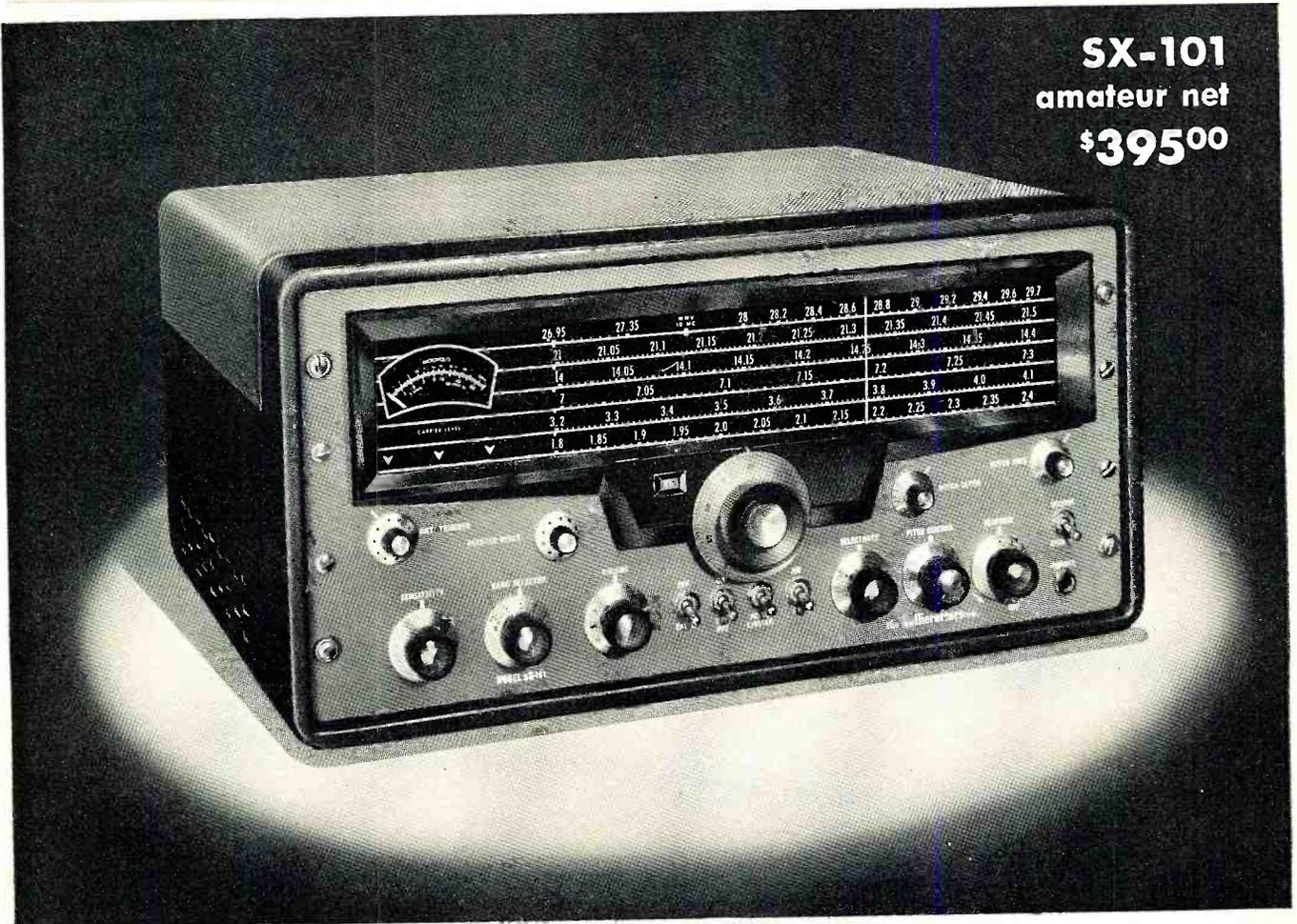
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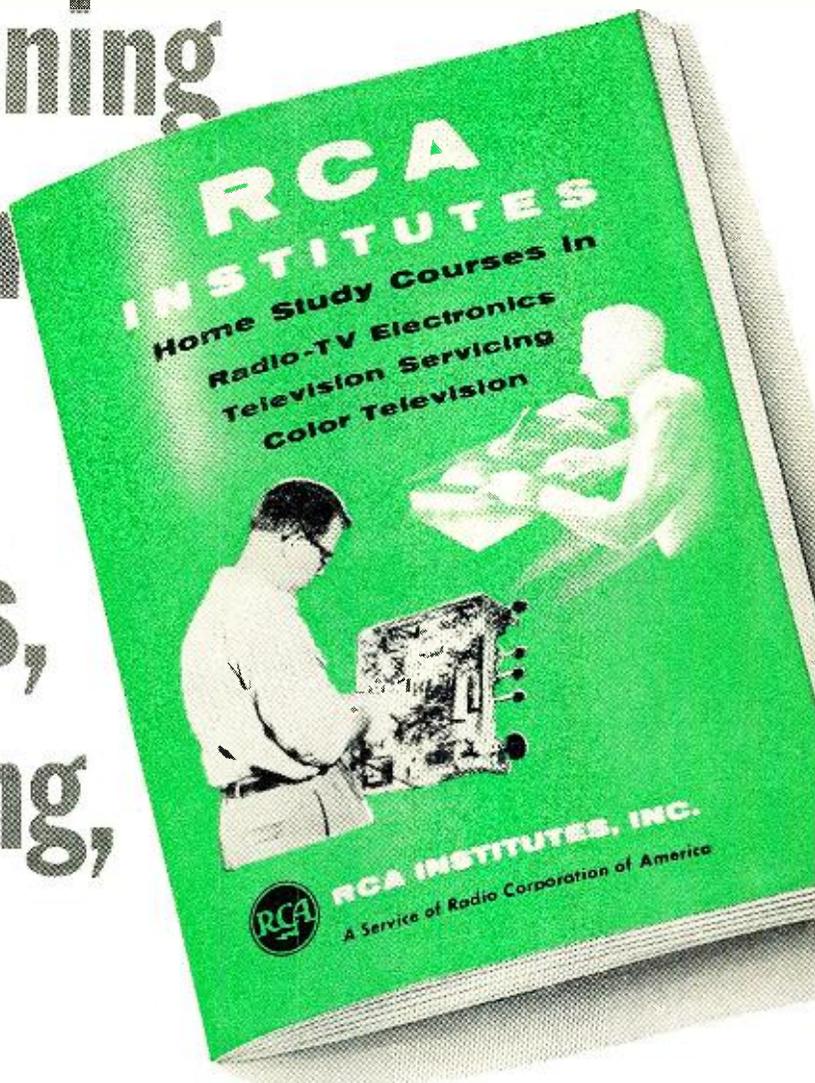
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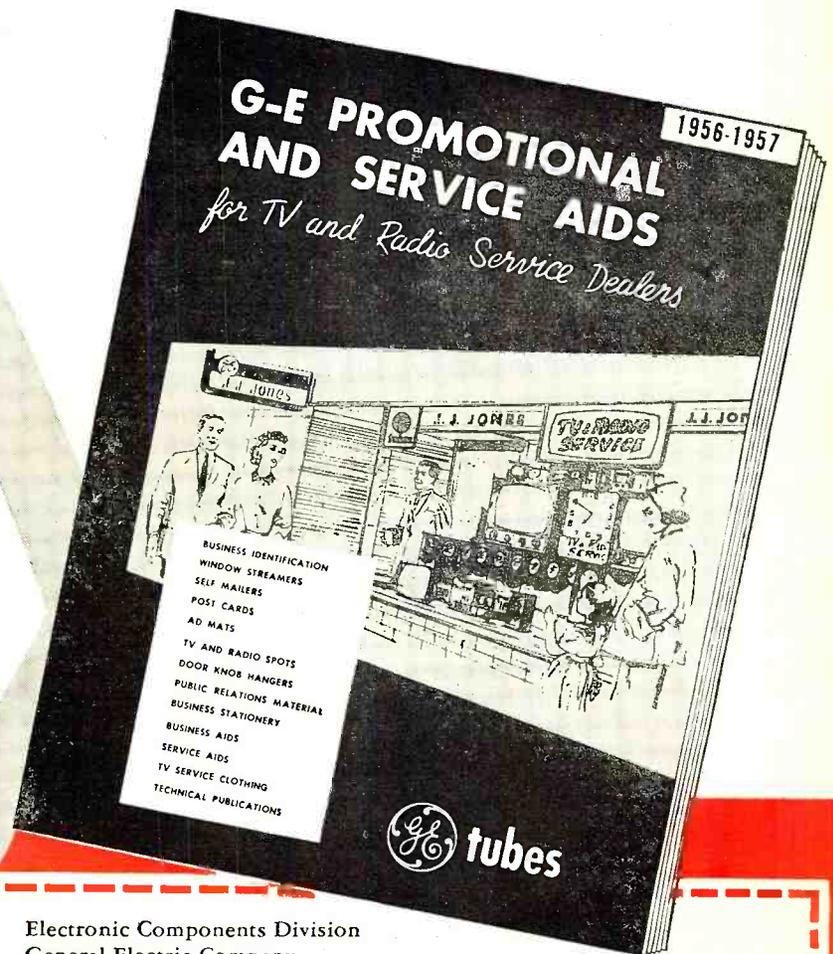
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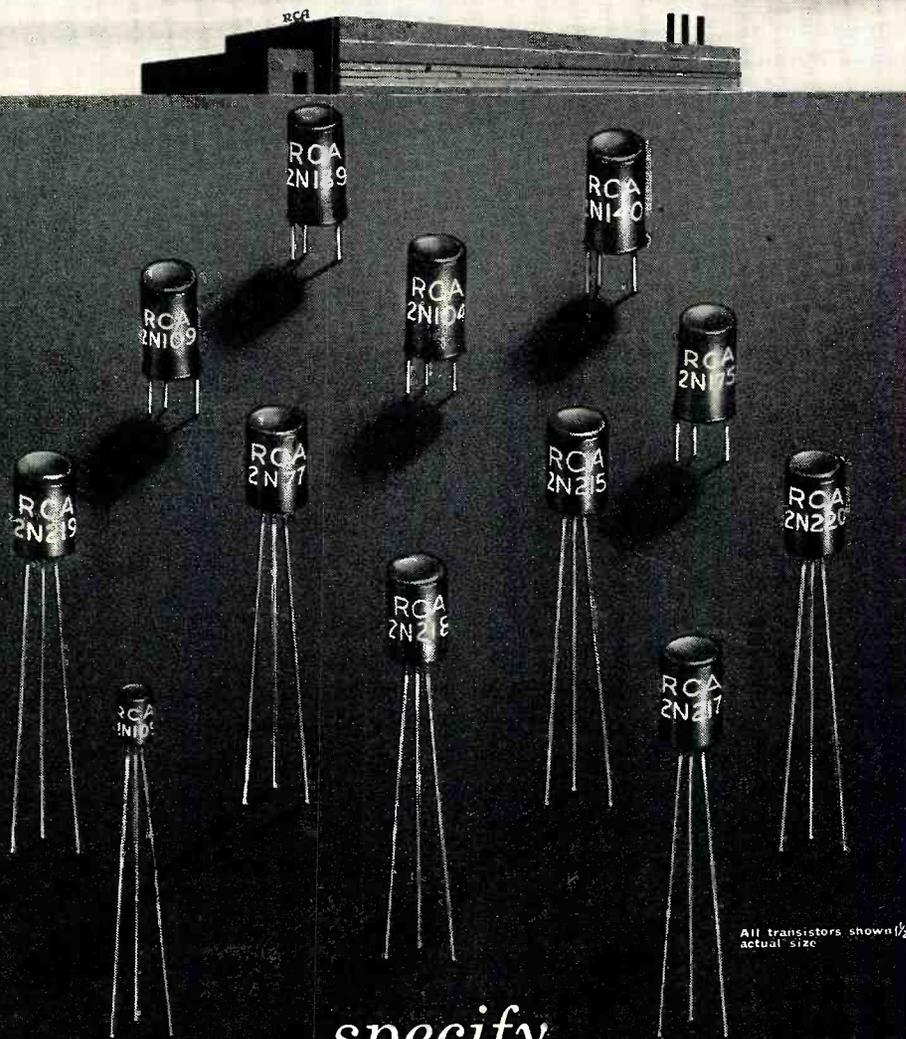
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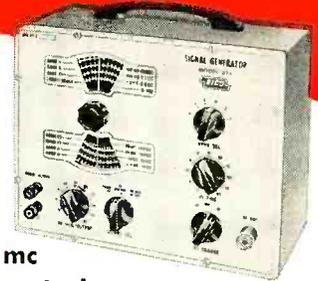
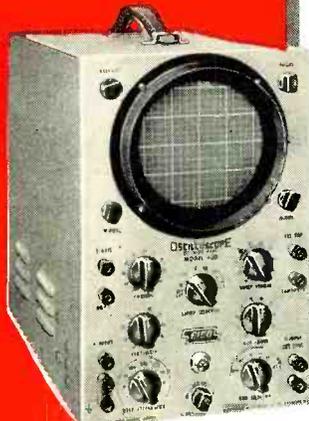
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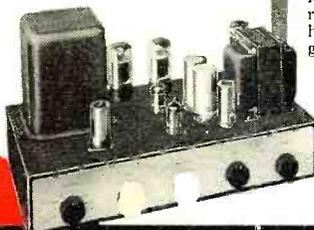
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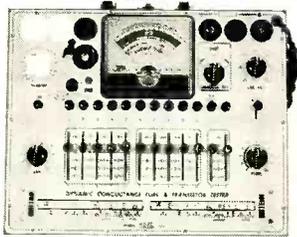


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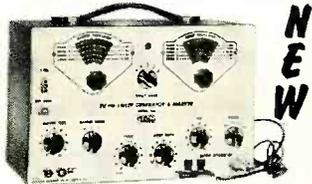
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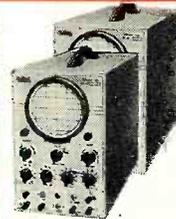
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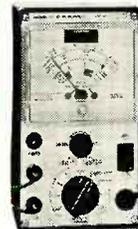
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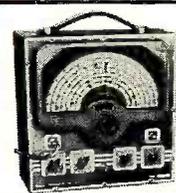
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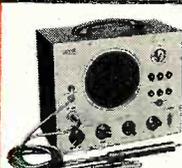
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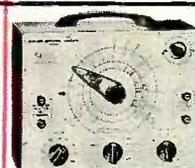
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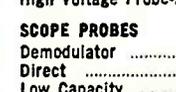


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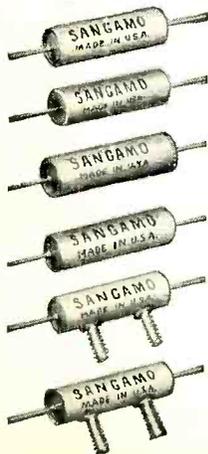
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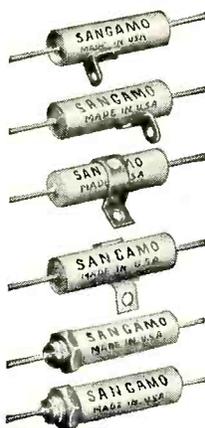
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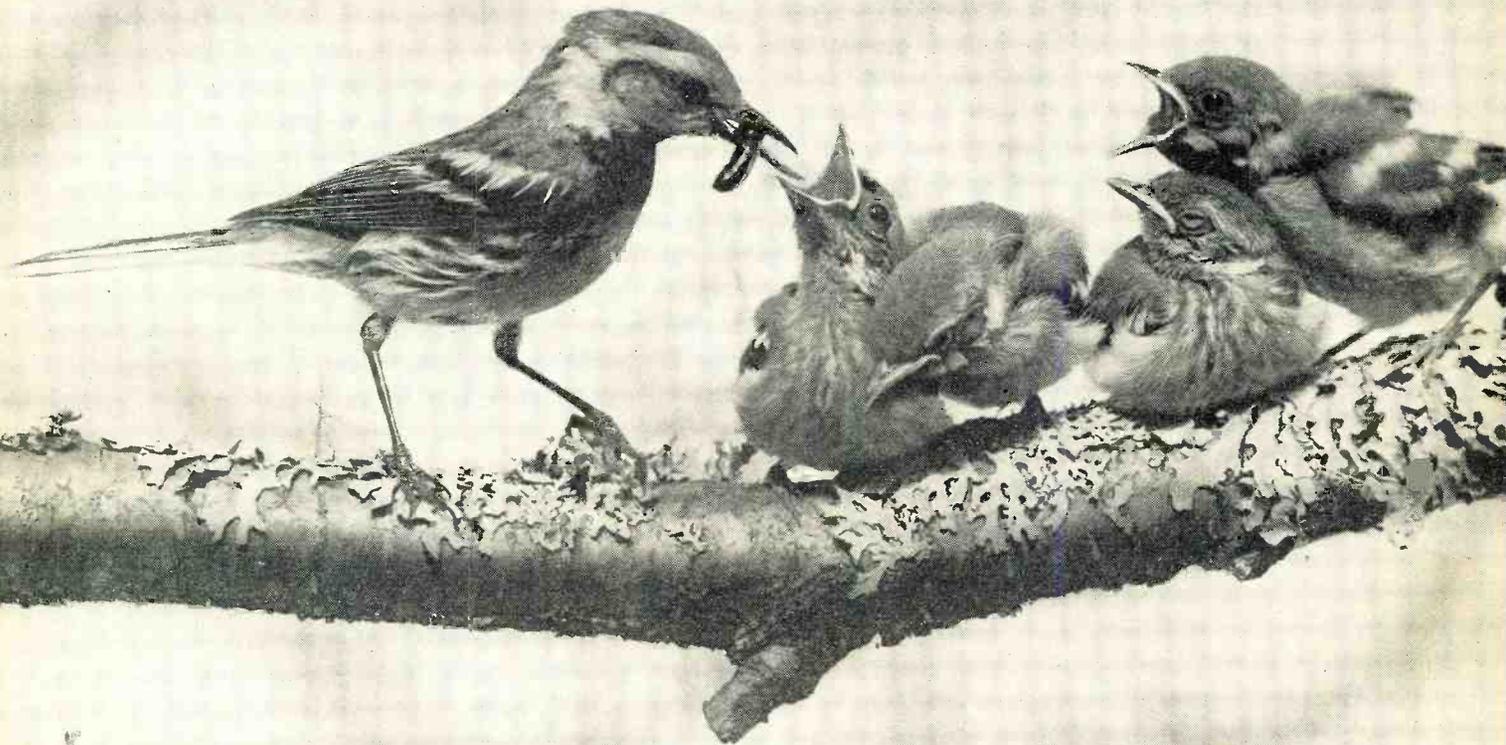


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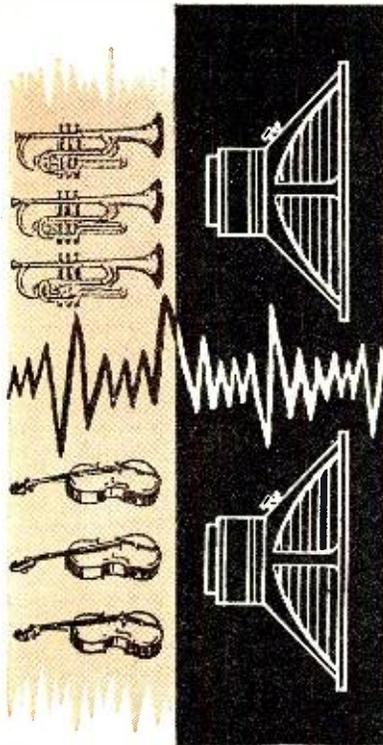
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Why Do Loudspeakers Sound Different?

By NORMAN H. CROWHURST

IN THE quest for high fidelity one often meets what seems to be an indefinable something about a particular reproduction. Often when we compare various loudspeakers, there seem to be differences that are difficult to account for in simple terms of frequency response or distortion, a subtle difference in tone, whereby one loudspeaker seems to give much more effective presentation of brass instruments than another, while the second one seems more effective on strings. And yet careful listening tests, as well as measurements, would suggest that both units were sensibly free from resonances in the response curve and of very similar fidelity.

The other day, for example, while listening to an extremely good loudspeaker unit, a friend commented that a solo violin—while it sounded definitely like a single instrument—*sounded like a very large violin!* This was not because the instrument was played particularly loud or because it emphasized any particular harmonics in the violin. It sounded perfectly natural yet it did sound unnaturally “large.”

Based on the usual concept of sound reproduction, these differences are rather difficult to explain. We are told that the original sound waves are converted into electrical impulses and then reconverted into sound waves, by which is meant a succession of pressure variations that are propagated through space. Based on this simple concept, we ask ourselves, if the pressure fluctuations propagated faithfully copy the original, how can there be any difference? The fact is that matters are a little more complicated than this simple statement would lead us to believe.

Because the differences we note are

A discussion of the various loudspeaker characteristics with regard to frequency response, nonlinear distortion, and the wave distribution of the loudspeaker propagation.

difficult to explain in accepted terms does not mean, however, that they cannot be accounted for by physical phenomena. There is nothing psychic about the reproduction of sound. The impression conveyed to us has to be transmitted by means of wave propagation and it must be some characteristic of this transmission that makes us aware of these subtle differences.

Because a better understanding of these things will undoubtedly enable readers to make a more intelligent and critical approach to the “ultimate” in high fidelity (please note the author does *not* suggest anyone will ever reach it!), we shall endeavor to explain some of the things that can produce these differences. There are three physical factors about the performance of a loudspeaker which are responsible, either individually or jointly, for the differences we notice: (1) the frequency response and its effect upon transient performance, (2) forms of nonlinear distortion due to the loudspeaker unit itself and, certainly not the least important, (3) the wave distribution of the loudspeaker propagation.

We have been taught that sound is propagated by means of a longitudinal vibration. This technical expression means that air particles in the path of sound travel vibrate to and fro along the direction in which the sound wave is traveling. While, fundamentally, this is true, we encounter so many complicating factors

that, in practice, it is seldom completely true. When considering sound transmitted over vast distances this fundamental principle applies closely, but it is not customary to place a loudspeaker in a field and go listen to it half a mile away! Under our more usual listening conditions sound is not propagated in quite this simple manner, as we shall see.

Frequency Response and Transients

Taking up the matter of frequency response, it can be rather potently illustrated by a microphone that was once developed. Due to the fact that microphones in those days were beset by numerous resonance problems, the idea was conceived of designing a microphone with just one big resonance, so as to avoid all the little ones.

To do this, the diaphragm was mounted so as to provide a resonance with the interior of the microphone, which consisted of just one large cavity. All the smaller cavities were connected with this cavity by holes that were large enough to avoid producing individual resonances. This cavity was then loosely filled with some kind of acoustic damping material that reduced the amplitude of the resonance somewhat but still left a response with a peak about 30 db high at a frequency in the region of 600 cycles.

When an electrical absorption circuit with a dip or hole about 30 db deep at this same frequency and of the correct bandwidth was applied, the over-all response came out very close

to flat. At the time the microphone was developed it had a measured response much closer to flat than had ever been produced before without finagling.

But did this mean that the acoustic resonance would never be audible? While the microphone did sound quite good, the resonance nevertheless did show up on occasion. An acoustic resonance not only amplifies that particular frequency to somewhere in the region of thirty times the intensity of frequencies above and below it, but it takes time to build up this resonance and also time for the resonance to decay again. In the case of the electrical absorption circuit this, too, takes time to build up the resonant action and to decay away again.

The result of this fact showed that while steady tones were uniformly reproduced throughout the entire frequency spectrum, frequencies in the vicinity of 600 cycles did not behave the same on transients. The growth and decay rates of these tones passed on to the electrical circuit differed from the growth and decay rate of the original sound, because of this buildup and die-away effect in both the acoustic and electrical resonances.

Well, no modern loudspeaker produces an effect as drastic as this! At the same time, however, the frequency response is achieved by judicious manipulation of various resonance effects, due to various portions of the diaphragm under breakup conditions and so on. While this may ultimately result in a response curve that is flat within ± 4 db, or some such figure, over the entire audio band, *the unit retains a form of coloration that becomes particularly noticeable on transients.*

It is true that the ear cannot perceive differences of as little as 4 db at different points in the frequency response taken as an over-all synthesis of sound, but it can perceive differences in the buildup and decay characteristics of individual tones, when they differ either from the original sound, or from another reproduction of the same transcription. The kind of differences caused by these features is particularly noticeable on the reproduction of the instruments that are struck or plucked, and which are generally recognized as being difficult to reproduce with fidelity.

Non-Linear Distortion

Much work has been done and published about distortion in amplifiers, but nowadays amplifier distortion is at such a low level that *any* loudspeaker will produce more distortion than a modern amplifier.

Harmonic distortion is not too important, because all tones possess harmonics and slight changes in the exact magnitude of individual harmonics in the reproduced sound do not noticeably alter the character of the tone. The important aspect of distortion is the intermodulation it produces.

Reproduction that is relatively free from intermodulation distortion brings

out the character of all the different tones clear and distinct, whereas the presence of intermodulation, by producing low level spurious tones all over the spectrum, confuses the sound and makes the individual tones no longer clear, separate, and distinct. The different instruments in an orchestra, for example, do not sound like separate instruments but part of a cacophony of sound.

Wave Distribution

The foregoing bases for difference in sound are both fairly well known. The third one—the reasons related to wave distribution—is less well known and yet probably, in many respects, quite as important.

Of recent years there has been a realization that the high frequencies from a loudspeaker do not get distributed as uniformly as the lower frequencies. This is the reason behind the construction of acoustic lenses and other devices to distribute the high frequencies better. But is uniform distribution of all the component frequencies natural sound?

Consider, for example, a solo trumpet played in an auditorium. Due to the very property of loudspeakers just mentioned, the fundamental and lower frequency components in the trumpet get distributed in all directions, while the upper harmonics get squirted along the axis of the trumpet, as suggested in Fig. 1. If you happen to be on the axis of the trumpet, the sound is usually uncomfortably intense. A more usual listening position is off axis, where the lower frequencies reach you directly while the higher frequencies ricochet around the auditorium before reaching you. This gives you the sound characteristic of the trumpet being played in the particular

auditorium where you happen to be. If the sound reaches you in some different manner, it would not sound as natural.

As another example, think of a grand piano. When the top is closed, the sound from the piano is much quieter than with the top open. But this is not the only difference: the character of the sound changes too—not that one can pinpoint the change in character as being a difference in the evident resonances or frequency response of the piano—it is a *difference in the way the sound comes out.*

This difference is due to the fact that the sound board of a grand piano is horizontal; it radiates downwards from the under side of the piano, toward the floor; and it also radiates upwards and is reflected from the top, when this is supported at its conventional angle as shown at Fig. 2. The combined radiation of sound waves due to this effective *double source* produces the sound recognized as characteristic of a grand piano. No other form of sound radiation can quite duplicate it.

The grand piano is one example of a wave that is not longitudinally propagated. The waves emanating from top and bottom of the sound board are out-of-phase—one pushes when the other pulls. This means that air particles in the path of sound away from the piano have a movement that is partially up and down, instead of simply to and fro.

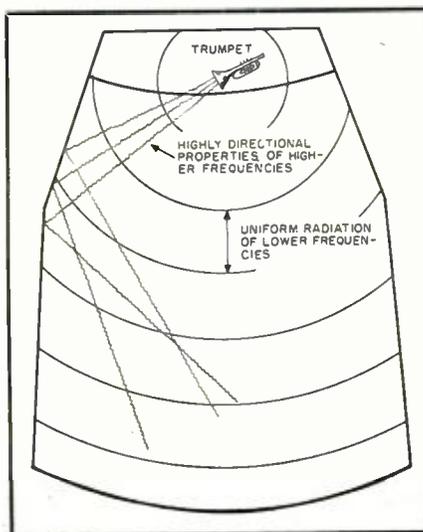
This aspect would probably not be so important, were it not for our binocular perception. To prove how binocular perception helps distinguish sounds one from another and identify the characteristics of individual sound, it is instructive either to make a recording with a microphone well away from the source of sound and then listen to the reproduced sound on playback in the same room or to listen to the sound on headphones and compare the sound in the headphones with the sound in the room.

In either case a distinct difference will be noted. The sound received by the microphone and recorded, or relayed to the headphones; as the case may be, not only lacks the character of the original sound, but also possesses an apparently emphasized degree of room reverberation. The room sounds twice as "echo-y" as it does listening to the live sound.

The reason for this is that our two ears can discriminate between the original sound and the echo, for example, due to the fact that they travel in different directions around us, but the microphone has no means of discriminating between sounds from different directions.

The use of a ribbon or other directional type of microphone will help to reduce the excess reverberation effect, but it will not convey a more satisfactory impression of the original character, for the reason that it discriminates against the reverberation, rather than enabling it to be heard as

Fig. 1. The characteristic of a trumpet or similar instrument, played in an auditorium, is partly due to the different way it distributes the fundamental and higher harmonics of the tones it plays. The lower frequencies are distributed uniformly, while the higher ones get "squirted" by the horn of the trumpet. Any other way of distributing its sound would result in reproduction that did not sound like a horn.



a separate entity, as happens, subconsciously, in the original.

This is the principal reason why various systems of so-called stereophonic sound achieve a greater realism for many presentations than *any* single loudspeaker system. Stereophonic improves many presentations, but still sounds unnatural with some program material.

From the foregoing it becomes evident why different loudspeakers with apparently identical responses do present different instruments more effectively. A loudspeaker, for example, that has a tweeter ejecting a narrow angle of sound will present trumpets more effectively, because the radiation of the reproduced sound is more like the radiation from the original instrument. The lower frequencies get distributed uniformly into the room, while the high frequency components get squirted from the tweeter rather like the original trumpet.

A large reflex cabinet with various vent arrangements and apertures, perhaps down both sides, for sound to emerge from or a folded horn, gives a more realistic presentation of grand piano music than a single direct radiator type unit, for reasons that become evident from the foregoing discussion of the characteristics of a grand piano.

Placement in Listening Room

One could go on to a detailed discussion of many other instruments and kinds of presentation, but there is just one more feature to be mentioned which contributes to the differences between loudspeakers. This is the effect of the room in which they are placed and their position in that room.

All our living rooms are shaped like some kind of large box, with definite dimensions, and any box tends to be an acoustic resonator at a whole sequence of frequencies. The fundamental frequency will be the one at which the whole volume of air in the room resonates, and above this there will be a whole family of resonant frequencies set up by reflections between the wall opposite the speaker and the one behind it. Each member of the family of frequencies will be characterized by the fact that its half wavelength will divide into this room dimension an integral number of times.

When the loudspeaker is placed against one wall facing the opposing wall then the particular family of frequencies emphasized by that dimension of the room will get emphasized in the reproduction from the loudspeaker. If the loudspeaker is moved to a different wall, or where the dimension of the room happens to be different, then a new family of frequencies will get emphasized and change the apparent tone of the loudspeaker. This is illustrated in Fig. 3.

This explains why even the same loudspeaker put in different positions in the room sounds entirely different. Maybe when placed along one side wall, the family of frequencies that

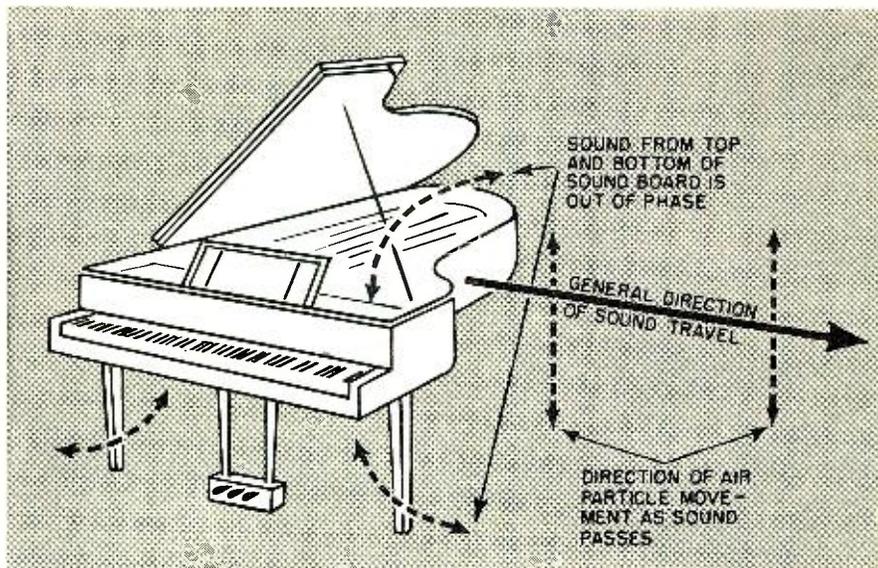


Fig. 2. Part of the character associated with a grand piano is due to its own particular way of propagating sound, shown here. As a result, the wave radiated is not the conventional longitudinal type of vibration, but appears to be transverse, at least in normal sized studios. If this kind of propagation is not duplicated, some of the "grand piano sound" inherent in the instrument will be irrevocably lost.

gets emphasized happens to coincide with natural resonances of the speaker itself and the result is that the speaker sounds particularly peaky; whereas placing it against another wall tends to minimize these same resonances and the response sounds much smoother in general.

Usually the best position for a loudspeaker is in the corner of a room facing diagonally across it. In this way none of the natural reflections of the room get emphasized particularly although, of course, standing waves are set up at various frequencies.

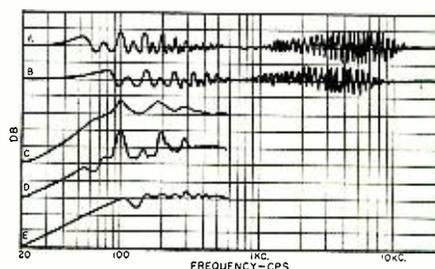
Summing up, then, we can see that loudspeakers sound different because of: (1) The peculiarities in their construction that contribute to their frequency response, and particularly the effect that these peculiarities have on transient reproduction; (2) Nonlinear distortion that introduces a degree of intermodulation that is sometimes not suspected; this generally tends to confuse the clarity of sound. In fact, the better a loudspeaker is in this respect, the more readily will the other two defects described here be observed. The confusion of sound caused by intermodulation in earlier loudspeakers actually was partly responsible for convincing listeners that the reproduction was more faithful than it really was, because it disguised the other effects we have mentioned; and (3) Finally there is this question of the wave pattern distributed by a loudspeaker.

It would seem from our discussion that no single loudspeaker system could reproduce equally well all kinds of sound material. Maybe this is an argument for setting up a listening room with a variety of reproducers, rather like an audio center, so that one can select the type of reproducer best suited to the program material being handled at the moment. In any event, this kind of variation is a very

useful feature from the viewpoint of loudspeaker manufacturers, because it enables them to make a variety of loudspeakers, all of which find a market because they serve a useful purpose. It is impossible to establish one particular unit as universally best.

We have not mentioned the differences in characteristics of individual people's ears, a term which we will take to include both the organ of hearing and the translating faculty of the brain! This again modifies the impression received and accounts for the fact that tastes differ—why different people will give you different answers as to which is the best sounding speaker. But let's not start all over! —30—

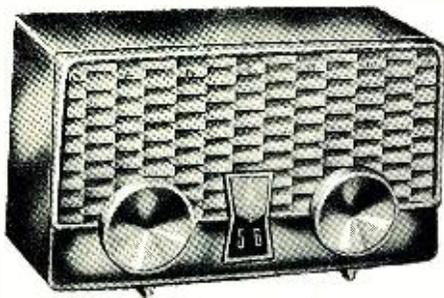
Fig. 3. How speaker placement in a room can affect response. At (A) and (B), curves representing the character the room adds to sound when the speaker is against an end and a side wall respectively, in a room approximately 20 by 12 feet. The variations at the lower frequencies are due to characteristic resonances associated with room dimensions and speaker placement; the rapid fluctuations at higher frequencies are due to standing waves set up by reflections from all kinds of surfaces in the room, and vary considerably from point to point. The fluctuations responsible for more noticeable differences in tone are those at the lower frequencies. At (C), the response of a loudspeaker without room effects and at (D) and (E), the same speaker in positions corresponding to curves (A) and (B). Note that the peaks in (D) are accentuated, while those in curve (E) are minimized. Refer to article.



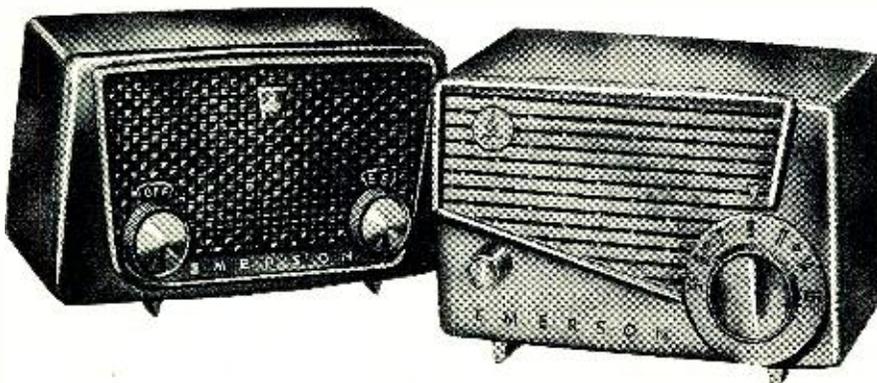
M Modularized S ets now available

The sets shown here are in production and being sold.

Why are modules used? Are they to be replaced or can they be repaired when bad?



Three Emerson a.c.-d.c. table model radios using modules are shown here. They are the model 853 (above), model 852 (below) and model 851 (below right).



THE radio and television sets on this and the facing page appear to be conventional receivers; they are however, the first commercially available sets which use a recently developed component which promises to revolutionize the manufacture of electronic equipment and its servicing. The components are modules and their use in electronic equipment enables the manufacturer to utilize automation to a higher extent than heretofore possible.

The use of printed wiring has many advantages for the manufacturer—it is cheaper, more uniform, and can be produced more rapidly than conventionally wired chassis. However, one potential advantage of the use of printed-wiring boards has not been realized and that is the saving of space. Circuits using printed or etched wiring with conventional components occupy about the same amount of space as a conventional chassis with point-to-point wiring. This is due to the fact that components must be placed side-by-side and the “wiring” be fairly wide for satisfactory conduction since it is rather thin. Also, an appreciable amount of the circuit board is used to insulate the “wires” from each other. The use of modules overcomes these drawbacks and allows for the most efficient use of printed wiring.

Note the chassis used in the *Motorola* model 66L1 portable radio. Just

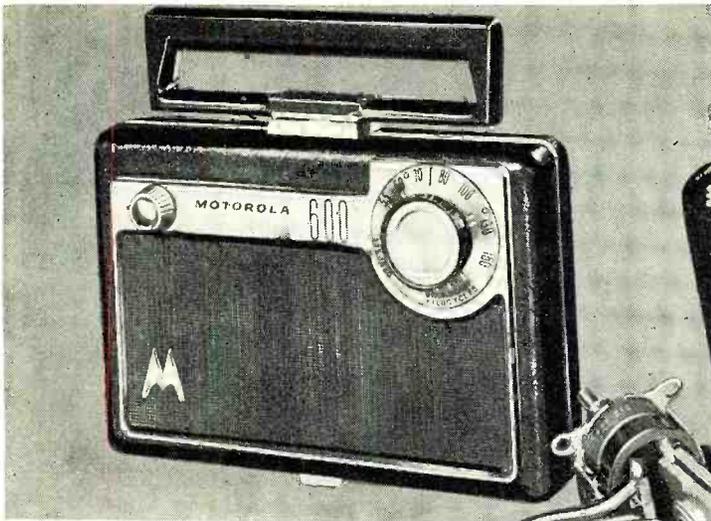
about all of the conventional fixed components in this chassis have been modularized, *i.e.*, printed or placed onto wafers which are then stacked vertically and connected as a unit to the chassis. The large electrolytic capacitor, selenium rectifier, i.f. transformers, tuning capacitor, volume control, and switches are not modularized because of their size or function. Actually, therefore, the amount of space taken by the complete chassis is little more than the volume of the components themselves. This allows for the ultimate in compactness and the greatest amount of flexibility in the design of the final product. There are other advantages to the manufacturer in the use of modules. The circuits can be more rigidly controlled and are more uniform because the manufacture of modules is completely automatic; they are even tested by the same machine that makes them.

The total price of a module of five wafers, for example, is at present higher than the price of the same five conventional components wired into a chassis separately. However, this price differential will most certainly disappear with large-scale production and use. As a matter of fact, the cost of using modules will be less than that of using conventional components because of the savings in labor and time.

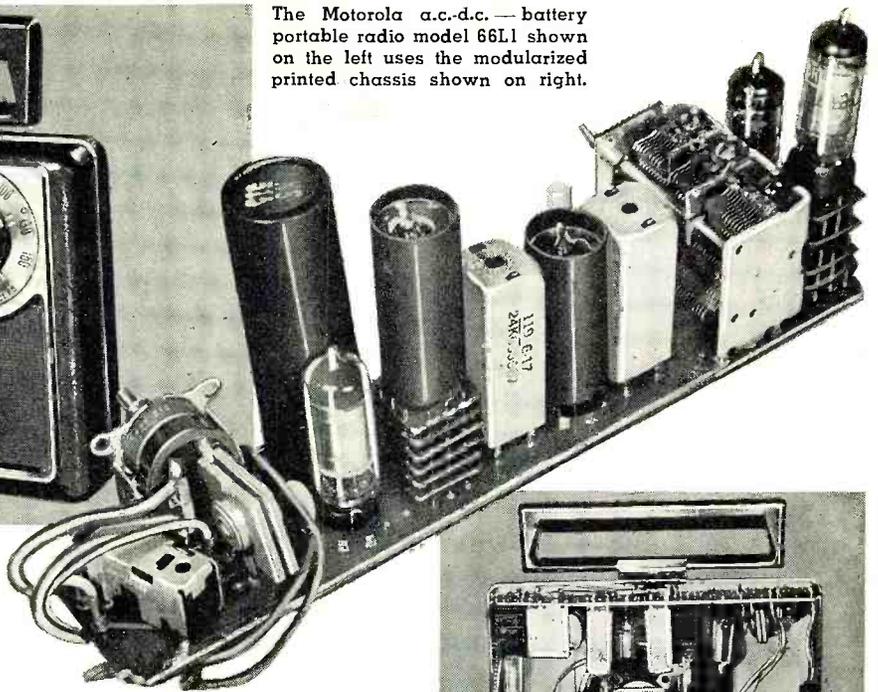
Modules allow a degree of standardization not yet attained in the electronics industry. It is conceivable that, in time, three or four standard modules will be combined in various ways to make any radio receiver. The same can be true for TV. This will simplify the stocking of parts and will make for less expensive inventory.

For the consumer, the use of modules means ultimately lower cost products. With the decrease of labor cost and, eventually, parts cost, will come a decrease in price of radio receivers and most certainly television sets. Whether modularized equipment will require less servicing has not yet been determined and to this end one experiment being carried out by the *Emerson Radio and Phonograph Corp.* is of interest.

Among the television receivers now
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The Motorola a.c.-d.c. — battery portable radio model 660L shown on the left uses the modularized printed chassis shown on right.



marketed by this company are two chassis which contain modules in part of their production runs. Half of these chassis contain a printed-wiring panel using conventional components; the other half contains a similar printed-wiring board using modules. The consumer will not know which set he has, but the manufacturer will, and is keeping close watch on these sets. In this way, *Emerson* will be able to make very accurate comparisons as to the cost, operation, and serviceability of modularized receivers. The basic models used in this experiment are the 1200, 1202, 1208, 1208, and 1220. The chassis involved are the 120325 and 120306. Each of these models has a u.h.f. counterpart. The section of the receiver which is modularized consists of the vertical and horizontal oscillators and sweep circuits.

Servicing

When defective, modules are replaceable like vacuum tubes, except that they must be unsoldered from the circuit. Special tools for this purpose are now or will shortly be available. One new item is a small soldering pot which contains a molten solution of solder. The bottom of the printed-wiring board, where the module is connected, is dipped into this pot. The hot solder melts the connections holding the module onto the board and the module may be taken off with ease.

Another tool which may be shortly available is a special soldering iron and soldering gun tip, shaped in such a way that it engages all of the module connections at the same time, allowing them all to be heated simultaneously for removal.

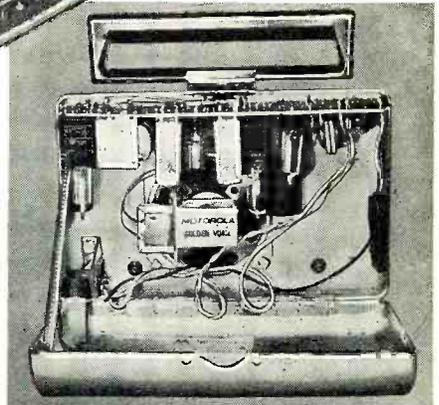
In general, when trouble is encountered in a module, it is advisable to replace it. Replacement modules for the ones used in the *Emerson* and *Motorola* receivers are now available from their distributors and cost between \$2.50 and \$3. With widespread use of modules, it is fairly certain that components manufacturers will make modules available through regular electronics parts distributors.

When necessary, modules can be repaired. A faulty wafer or individual

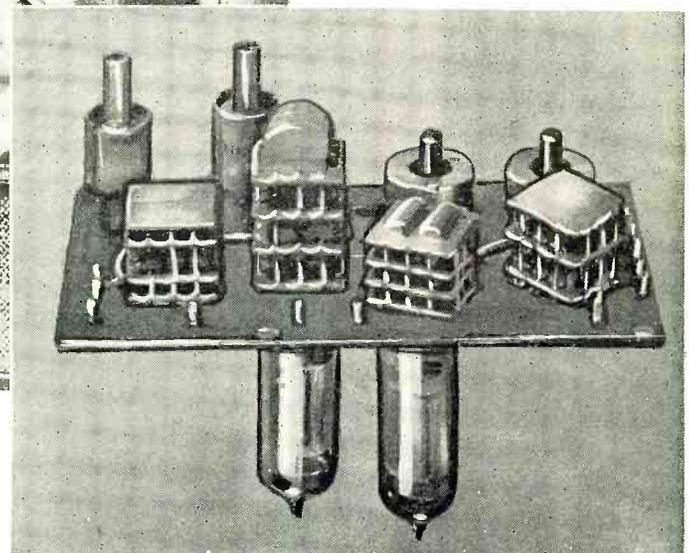
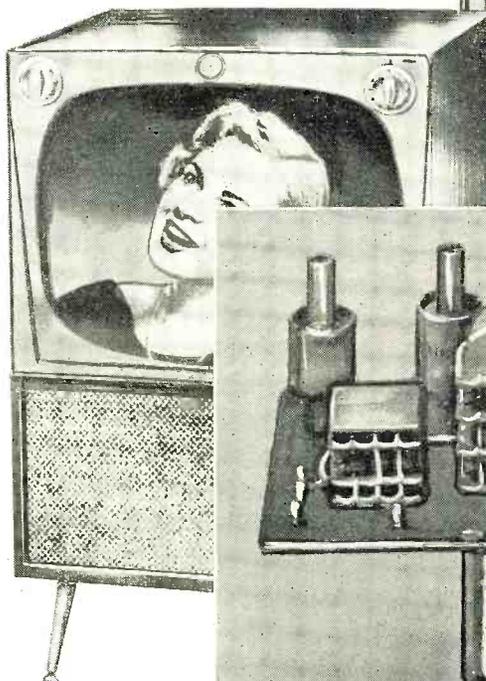
component may be tracked down in the same way as is presently done in conventional circuits. "Risers" or vertical wires are used to connect the various wafers together and to the circuit board. Conventional test equipment can be used to test the components which appear between the various "risers" and connecting points. If a faulty component is found, a new conventional component may be wired into the circuit right on the printed-wiring board on the opposite side from the module. Although modules can and

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Emerson model 1202 (below) and model 1220 (right) TV receivers using one modularized printed-wiring board (shown in insert).



Note how compactly the modularized chassis fits into the Motorola set, above.



Installation Notes on **ADMIRAL** COLOR SETS

Hints for installing the new Admiral low-priced color sets—also, unusual color TV circuits are explained.

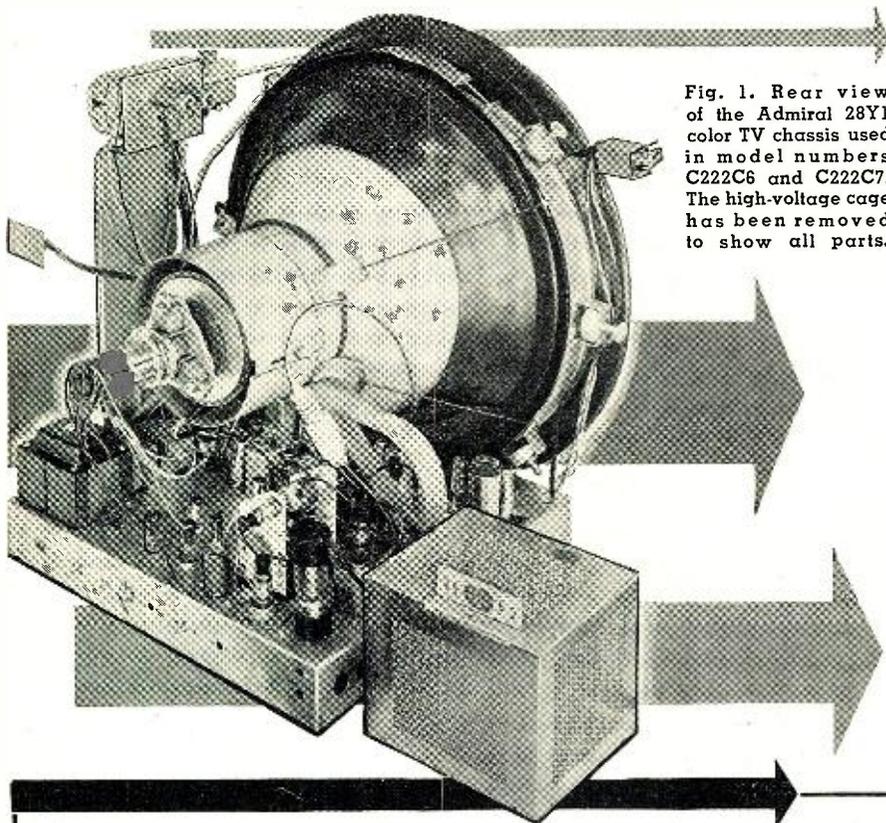


Fig. 1. Rear view of the Admiral 28Y1 color TV chassis used in model numbers C222C6 and C222C7. The high-voltage cage has been removed to show all parts.

GOOD service begins with a good installation. The basic installation and convergence procedures required by the Admiral color TV receivers using the 21AXP22A three-gun color picture tube (see Fig. 1) are described in detail in the service notes for these sets. These should be studied very carefully before an installation is attempted. A few basic installation rules which apply to the Admiral sets will be reviewed here for emphasis.

The service technician should be equipped to disable the various safety interlocks incorporated in these sets. A clip lead can be used to bypass the interlock switch behind the picture window. A common installation and service tool will undoubtedly be the plastic "plug" required to disable the high-voltage shorting interlock when the cabinet back is removed.

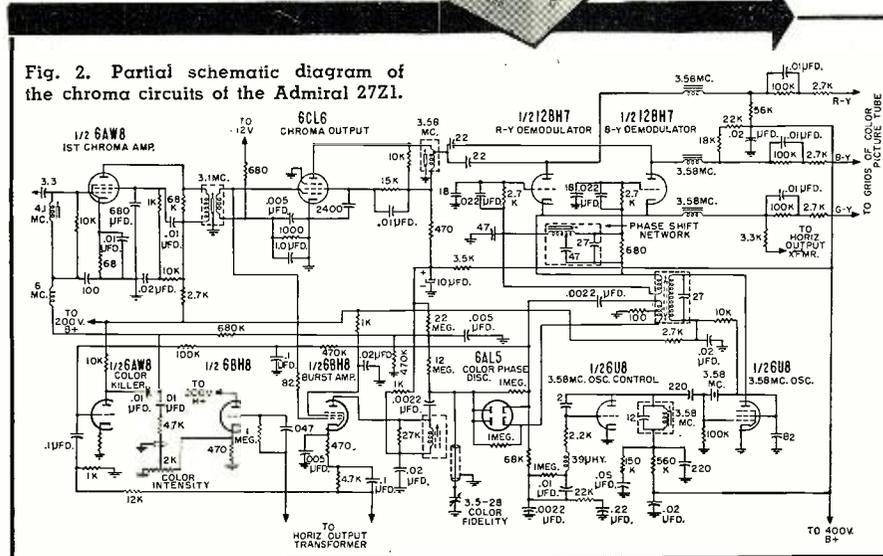
Although the metal parts of the picture tube are demagnetized by the factory before the receiver is shipped, they sometimes become remagnetized before the receiver is finally installed, making it impossible to obtain satisfactory purity and convergence. As a precautionary measure to avoid lost time, many technicians routinely demagnetize the picture tube with the receiver in its final operating position in the customer's home, before making any adjustments. This means that another service tool for color will be a suitable degaussing or demagnetizing coil. These can be purchased, or the technician can wind his own. About 400 turns of No. 20 magnet wire wound on a 12- to 14-inch diameter form and equipped with a long a.c. power cord, works very well.

The color stripe signal transmitted by many TV stations consists of a burst of 3.58 mc. appearing just before and immediately following the horizontal blanking pulse in the composite black-and-white video signal. Since, therefore, the receiver color circuits are gated on by this stripe signal only during horizontal retrace time, it is necessary to shift the phase of the horizontal oscillator so the horizontal flyback pulse will coincide with at least part of the 3.58 mc. color stripe burst immediately following the blanking pedestal. Shorting the color stripe test point on the back apron of the Admiral chassis to the chassis produces the necessary phase shift of the horizontal sync pulses, thus shifting the phase of the horizontal oscillator and allowing the color stripe to be correctly reproduced with the receiver otherwise properly tuned and adjusted.

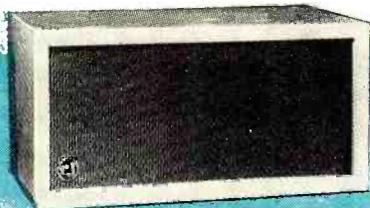
The last but most important part of every color receiver installation should be instructing the customer. The operating instructions packed with the receiver should be reviewed with all those who will operate and use the

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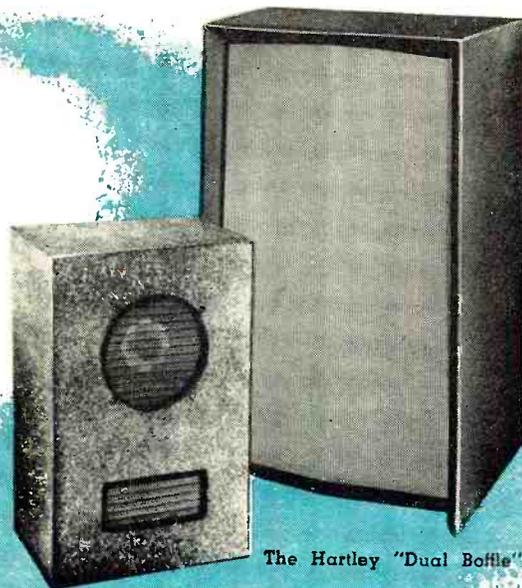
Fig. 2. Partial schematic diagram of the chroma circuits of the Admiral 27Z1.



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LOUDSPEAKER BAFFLES AND ENCLOSURES

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Part 7. A discussion of loudspeaker baffles and enclosures and the important role they play in realistic reproduction.

SOME aspects of audio engineering, such as amplifier design, can be done with precision. Speakers, as the last few articles in this series have indicated, are not such an exact science; room acoustics is partly exact, partly guesswork; the design of speaker mountings and enclosures can be undertaken on a strict mathematical basis. But when you come to the practical usage of speakers in their enclosures in *your* listening room, there is a combination of unforeseen factors that makes the final decision a matter of quite exceptional difficulty. Here, more than anywhere else, the decision comes from the sort of reproduction you like, and it could be that what I like is not what you like. Yet throughout this series the aim is to guide you into achieving realism, that is, freedom from distortion.

The response of a speaker measured in free air is directly associated with its design. If it were a perfect speaker with a linear response it might not sound so good in a room with nonlinear characteristics as another with a less perfect performance. The defects of the speaker might neutralize the defects of the room. But a perfect speaker's response is modified by the way it is mounted or housed, and no mounting is perfect; every type, flat baffle, cabinet, or horn, has its own acoustic properties, for none is acoustically inert. When the speaker is used in your nonlinear listening room, four sets of data affect the final performance—the speaker in free air, the behavior of the mounting or housing, the performance of the speaker when mounted, and the room acoustics. These four factors cannot be merged in any precise and scientific manner, but I can lay down for you a number of guiding principles to bring some sort of order out of the seeming chaos.

There are as many different ways

of mounting or housing speakers as there are designers who had a brain-wave. Some enclosures work very well with certain speakers, because the enclosures were designed to neutralize the defects of the particular units for which they were designed. Some speakers work well with horns, others do not; some work better on flat baffles than in boxes, and so on. What you must not do is to choose a speaker that appeals to you for certain reasons, an enclosure that may make an entirely different appeal, and bring them together in a room without regard to any other consideration than where the combination looks best or is most convenient. Of course, you can do just that if you want to, but the odds against your getting realistic reproduction are pretty high. What, then, is the best way of setting about the problem?

Flat Baffles

At low frequencies, the sound waves from the front and back of a speaker diaphragm must be separated, because the sound from the front is 180° out-of-phase with respect to that from the back. At medium and high frequencies the wavelength is too short for cancellation to occur, but bass frequencies have wavelengths up to several feet. Without some form of baffle reproduction of low frequencies is impossible, and a large baffle is needed for very low frequencies. Fig. 20 shows the bass attenuation resulting

from the use of various sizes of finite circular baffles. You will notice that an 8-foot diameter baffle causes a loss of 5 db at 70 cps, so the problem is a very real one, for where can we place even an 8-foot baffle in a room without it being an eyesore? Note particularly a point not always realized: you can't make good this loss by giving the amplifier a bass boost, for the loss is inherent in the mechanics of the sound waves themselves in relation to the baffle; if you try bass boosting you are, in effect, pouring your audio watts down the drain.

From time to time audio enthusiasts have decided to put up with the inconvenience of a large baffle in the interests of high fidelity, but there are two reasons why they didn't get it. Of course, they got the bass, but they got other things they didn't bargain for. It is not difficult to appreciate that a large baffle is likely to be less rigid than a small one unless it is very thick and heavy. Since all baffles are flexible to some degree, they will bend when "activated" by a speaker. Every baffle has its own natural resonant frequency, which you can prove for yourself by hitting it with your closed fist. But it also produces harmonic frequencies, for the thud you hear when hitting it does not sound like the note of a pure sine wave. The harmonics are the result of the baffle nodding; second harmonic nodes occur by bending across a diagonal or a midway axis; third harmonic by bend-

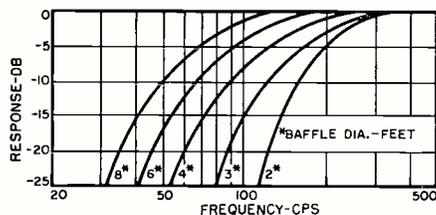


Fig. 20. Base loss of finite circular baffles.

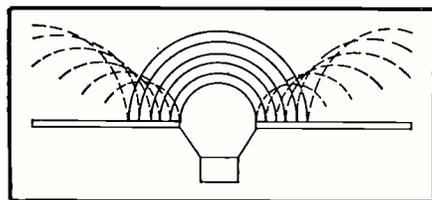


Fig. 21. Waves radiating from speaker are reflected from baffle, causing interference.

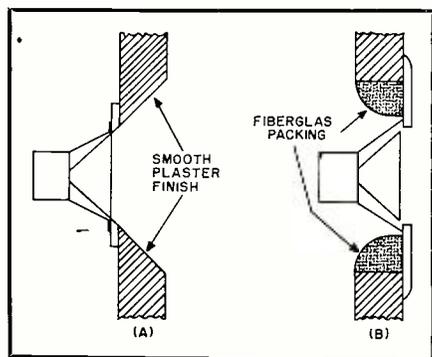


Fig. 22. Mounting a speaker in a wall. (A) Speaker on small baffle on the far side of the wall from the listening room. The hole in the wall should be funnel-shaped, smoothed off with plaster. (B) Speaker mounted in the wall. Front baffle covers a hole twice the diameter of the speaker. The hole can be circular or square but must be "radius-ed" off with Fiberglas or similar material. In each case the treatment is needed to avoid "tunnel effect."

ing across two axes dividing the baffle into three equal zones, and so on. Harmonics up to the 7th can be perceived, and in this way a speaker may reproduce a sine wave input as a pure note, but the activated baffle becomes a producer of complex notes. The cure for this is to make the baffle as stiff as possible by strong bracing, particularly along the outer edges.

Another form of distortion occurs even with an infinitely rigid baffle. Fig. 21 shows a section of a speaker mounted on a flat baffle. The emergent sound waves have a hemispherical form and partially impinge on the front of the baffle. From this they are reflected in the way I have described in an earlier article. In the diagram the emergent waves are shown by solid lines, the reflected waves by dashed lines. These waves mutually interfere and cause uneven response.

Finally the placement of the speaker on the baffle has a bearing on the response. The effective size of the baffle is the shortest distance from the center of the front of the speaker, round the baffle, and on to the center of the back. This distance is equal to the diameters of the circular baffles cov-

ered in the graph of Fig. 20. In a square baffle, those parts outside the circle can have no baffling effect. If the speaker is exactly in the center of the baffle and a response curve is taken of the speaker so mounted, there will be found a characteristic narrow dip in the lower register. This can be avoided by placing the speaker off center or making the baffle of irregular shape, but the effective baffle size is reduced, for still the shortest path from front-to-back determines the bass cut-off.

The only truly satisfactory flat baffle is the time-honored one of mounting the speaker in a wall between two rooms. Such a baffle is virtually infinite, it is rigid, and, with suitable draperies, is non-reflecting. The short tunnel in the wall should be flared at not less than a 45° angle outwards from the speaker when the speaker is mounted on the far side of the wall from the listening room. If the front of the speaker is flush with the wall, then the hole in the wall must be about twice as large as the speaker, the front sealed with a small thick baffle, and the empty space filled with Fiberglas or similar sound absorbing material. See Fig. 22.

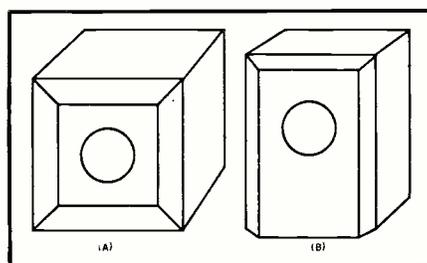
From what has been said it will be fairly obvious that closet and cupboard doors do not form very good baffles, unless they are strong and thick. Moreover the space behind the door may cause undesirable reverberation effects, which will be considered more fully in the next section.

Folded Baffles

The flat baffle can be made more compact by being folded into a box. As before, the effective baffle size is the distance from the front of the speaker, across the front, along a side and on to the back of the speaker. As far as pure baffling is concerned it is of no consequence whether the box type cabinet is large and shallow or small and deep, but there is a great difference in the acoustic properties of two such enclosures.

A box baffle partially encloses a column of air; this air will resonate at a frequency determined by its volume, as happens with organ pipes. For a given size of pipe the frequency of the emitted sound depends on whether the pipe is open or closed ("stopped"). An open back box baffle resembles a short wide pipe; a closed box baffle is like a stopped pipe. A shallow box baffle has very little air column resonance, and

Fig. 23. Deeply chamfered cabinet edges give smoother bass response. See text.



so needs no treatment except bracing to prevent cabinet resonance. A deep box baffle (of cubical shape, for example) has a pronounced air column resonance, and lining it with sound-absorbing material has no effect on this resonance. The lining will help damp out cabinet resonance and standing waves caused by reflection from the interior sides of the box, but the contained air is still in the box.

Whether the back is closed or open, distortion caused by reflected waves (Fig. 21) will occur. The distortion is revealed by an irregular response particularly at the lower end of the frequency spectrum. It has been proved that these irregularities can be smoothed out by chamfering the edges of the cabinet, as shown in Fig. 23. If the box is quite spherical there are no irregularities at all, as could be imagined from a consideration of the disposition of the reflected waves; but a spherical enclosure is an extremely inconvenient thing to make. Chamfered corners are, therefore, the best compromise, and if the floor-type enclosure of Fig. 23B is adopted, the speaker should be located so that it is not equidistant from the top and sides, nor in the center between top and bottom. An intermediate position will be the best way of obtaining an asymmetrical baffle to avoid the dip mentioned previously.

This type of enclosure, since nothing can be done to eliminate air column resonance, should be rather large and shallow, which suggests the floor type; but if such an enclosure is placed against the wall, the air is trapped and the air resonance will be pronounced. With a definite closed back, new problems are encountered, and these will be discussed later. For the moment I just point out that cabinets of the Fig. 23B type should be placed across the corner of the room and the top should *not* be of triangular form to close the gap between cabinet and walls.

Hartley "Baffle"

I describe this specialized enclosure not for any commercial reasons but because it is a unique design of some general interest. There is quite a strong feeling among many acoustic engineers that the reproducing system should have no resonant properties at all. It is argued that resonances are tricky things to deal with, and the safest way out is to prevent them happening in the first place. This has always been my belief, which led me to designing speakers that had no audible bass resonance, even if the consequences were a reduction in sensitivity through the need for very free cone suspension.

I knew that a hole in the wall was as near a perfect flat baffle as we can ever get, but very few can manage this happy state of affairs. Putting the speaker in a closed lined box simulates an infinite baffle, but the enclosed air resonates. If the whole of the space inside is filled with sound

absorbing material to eliminate the air resonance, the freedom of suspension of the speaker will be impaired owing to the stiffness of the air compliance.

The inert non-resonant device I finally produced I called a "Baffle," an abbreviation of box baffle. A cross-section is given in Fig. 24. It is quite unlike any other form of enclosure, for it is an acoustic filter. In electrical filters we have inductance, capacity, and resistance; in mechanical filters (and acoustics is a form of mechanics) the elements are masses, springs, and friction. In the "Baffle" the sound waves from the back of the speaker hit the second screen (the first is merely an anti-reflection device); if it were not perforated the screen would be unduly stressed, so part of the pressure passes through to the third screen, and so on. The diagram shows two graded filter stages, but except in deep cabinets, one filter with up to 8 screens is all that is necessary. The semi-porous screens of carpet felt act as masses, their slight elasticity and the air pockets between the screens as springs, and their acoustical semi-transparency as friction. The back must not be rigidly closed, and all that emerges from the rear is a very low-pitched "grumble" which has no harmful effect on the speaker output. Wrapping the felt around the wooden frames of the screens is an essential feature of the device. The screens are rather a tight fit in the box and the felt is slightly compressed as the screens are slid into place. Every part of each side is therefore properly damped against nodes and resonances, and thinner wood can be used for the box than is necessary for any other form of enclosure.

The "Baffle" has been described for home constructors (*"Radio-Electronics,"* February, 1956) with interesting consequences. Designed for my own speakers, I did not suppose it would be much favored for housing speakers that normally require a reflex enclosure for neutralizing the bass resonance of the speaker. It turns out, however, that owners of more conventional speakers than mine have made it up and like it very much indeed. They say that the "Baffle" gives very clean and clearcut reproduction having noticeable "presence." This is due to the almost complete suppression of cabinet and air-column resonances. With these removed, the bass resonant frequency of the speaker is not unduly noticeable. These experiences suggest that the "non-resonant school" has some justification for thinking that way.

Closed Box Baffles

The closed box "infinite" baffle differs from the hole-in-wall infinite baffle, for in the former the air is trapped and in the latter it is free. This has a profound effect on the reproduction. The closed box is a resonator, frequently called a type of Helmholtz resonator, although the distinguished

physicist did not invent it, but he did analyze its properties. The air within the box resonates at a frequency determined by the volume, and the sharpness of the resonant peak depends on the reflective power of the internal surfaces of the box. Moreover, about 25% of 3rd harmonic of the fundamental resonant frequency is generated when the air is activated by the speaker diaphragm. In addition, for reasons given in an earlier part of this series, reflections from the sides of the box create standing waves. All three phenomena cause distortion and must be eliminated as far as possible. The sharpness of resonance is flattened by lining the box with sound absorbing material; if there is sufficient thickness of lining the 3rd harmonic will be suppressed, as will standing waves at all but low frequencies. The basic physical properties of a closed box are, therefore, that it must be very strongly constructed (since the bass is not wholly absorbed) and lined with a substantial thickness of acoustically absorbent material.

Under these conditions it will be found that interaction of the bass resonance of the speaker and the air resonance of the closed space results in an effective raising of the bass resonant frequency of the speaker. The larger the speaker cone the larger must be the box, and as a rough working guide it can be taken that an 8-inch speaker requires 5 cubic feet of cabinet volume, a 12-inch 14 cubic feet, and a 15-inch 20 cubic feet. The normal speaker bass resonance should be as low as possible, which implies free suspension, and, contrary to what might be expected, the larger the cone the "free-er" must be the suspension. A large cone moves more air than a small one, and the air trapped behind the cone is what causes the rise in frequency, hence, the need for larger boxes with large speakers. If, therefore, you wish to use a small closed box, a small speaker must be used with it to avoid an undue rise in resonant frequency, but the small speaker of conventional design is not very effective at low frequencies. This dilemma can be avoided by providing some form of air leak in the cabinet.

Vented Box Baffles

Robbins and Joseph have devised an enclosure which is stated to be a modified Helmholtz resonator, and is shown simplified in Fig. 25. The box is not substantially larger than the speaker itself, but a form of air duct is provided by the space between the small baffle carrying the speaker and the front of the box. It is claimed that this reduces the sharpness of the resonance of the air within the box, producing a two-peak curve comparable to that of a reflex housing. If the speaker is intended to reproduce the whole frequency range, then, as pointed out in Part 1 of this series, the slot should be vertical to secure horizontal dispersion of the high frequencies. Some models of the enclosure have a

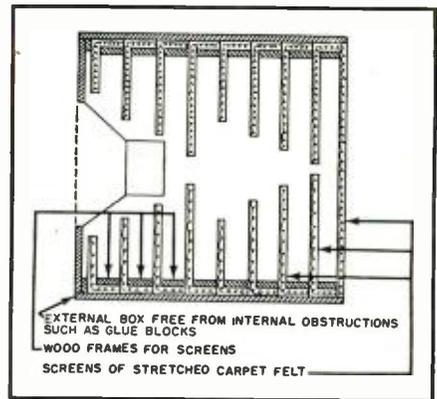


Fig. 24. Cross-section of Hartley "Baffle."

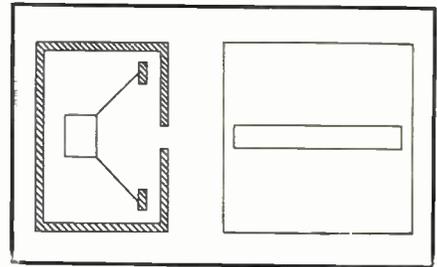


Fig. 25. Section and front of R-J box baffle.

slot at the bottom, suggesting that no attempt is made to reproduce the highs, which makes the unit simply a woofer. Obviously the performance of the whole assembly must depend on the size of the box, the size and bass resonant frequency of the speaker, the thickness of the air duct, and the size of the slot. A comprehensive mathematical analysis of these critical dimensions has not been published.

A different type of vented enclosure is the acoustic labyrinth, shown in section in Fig. 26A. This is virtually an air column loading the back of the speaker diaphragm, in contrast to a horn which loads the front. The operation differs from that of the horn, for whereas a horn gives correct loading over the whole frequency range (if big enough) the labyrinth can only act as an efficient load at its resonant frequency. The dimensions should be such that the effective length of the air column (taken along the center line) is one quarter of the wavelength of the bass resonant frequency of the speaker. The wavelength, of course, equals the speed of sound (1129 ft. per sec.) divided by the frequency in cycles-per-second. Under these conditions the air column resonance will neutralize the bass resonance of the speaker. The whole of the interior surfaces must be covered with sound absorbing material to prevent reflections as far as possible. This will cause considerable attenuation of the high frequencies from the rear of the speaker. A tweeter may be necessary to maintain over-all balance.

Acoustic Phase Inverter

The most popular vented enclosure is that usually called the bass reflex, due originally to A. L. Thuras (U. S. *(Continued on page 156)*)

A 2-Meter Grounded-Grid Preamp

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Construction details on a broadband, air-cooled unit which uses two 2C39A surplus tubes for stable two-meter operation.

THE device to be described in this article is not meant to be the ultimate in 2 meter r.f. stages by any means, but if you like to tinker and experiment, here's something to sink your soldering iron into. Just think, it might make a good bookend to hold up those old radio magazines, too.

With everyone bringing out his

pet circuits of cascodes and cascades, here's another to add to the long list; the author's entry is a broadband grounded-grid r.f. stage, air cooled, which uses transmitting tubes in a receiving circuit.

Before getting into the soldering iron and screwdriver department, a brief explanation of this air-cooled

monster is in order. The tube chosen was the 2C39A because it offers some intriguing features. Now don't do a back-flip out of your chair; it's true these tubes are expensive new but there are surplus tubes on the market from many sources.

The interesting features of this tube might help you forget its price. Consulting a manufacturer's data sheet for the 2C39A or a radio handbook you will see that the average μ is 100 and the transconductance is around 22,000 μ mhos. This is a good point in anybody's book. Under actual test conditions the transconductance runs as high as 25,000 to 30,000 μ mhos in some cases. The tube is a "natural" for grounded-grid service because of its unique construction. Some of you 420 mc. operators might keep in mind that the 2C39A is ideally suited for use on that band, at low voltage applications, for receiver front ends.

Another startling feature is the power supply. If you have access to one of your local power company substations, you're all set. Not being able to arrange such facilities, the author used the old-fashioned method the power company supplies and my old GF-11 power supply which gave me about 600 volts d.c. In operation each tube pulls 35 to 90 ma., depending on where you set the variable cathode resistors. Consulting the data sheet again you will see that the 2C39A develops its high transconductance at a plate voltage of 600 volts d.c. and 70 ma. and that the tube must be air cooled. If you can sneak the rig into the family refrigerator, you might accomplish something. You could try confiscating the family vacuum cleaner for cooling but that is probably out, unless you only want to clean up the

Fig. 1. Over-all view of the two-meter, grounded grid preamp. The chassis measures just 8 x 5½ x 3½ inches in all.

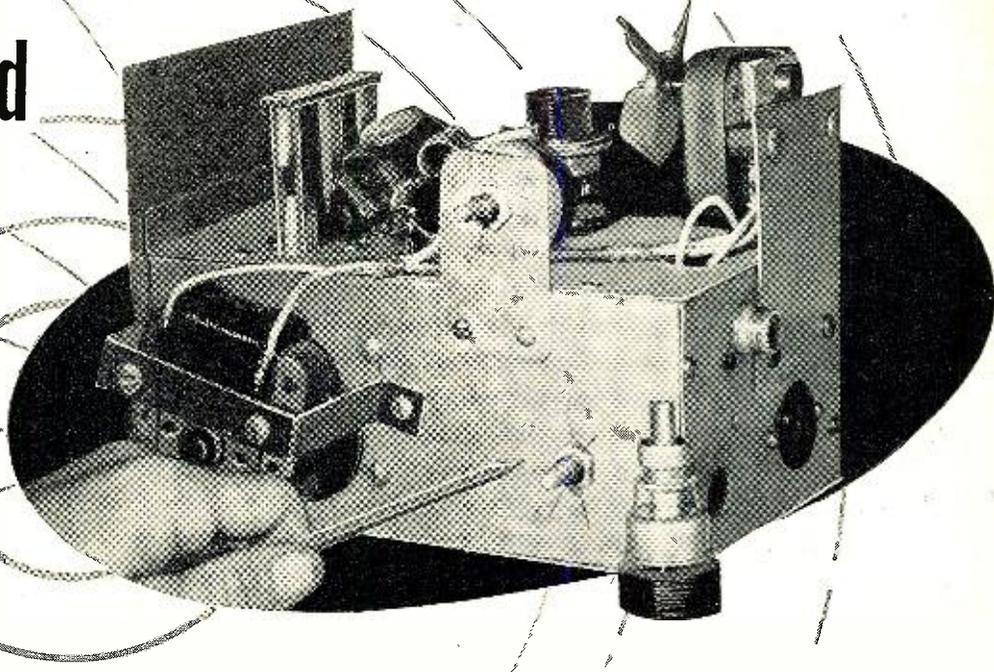
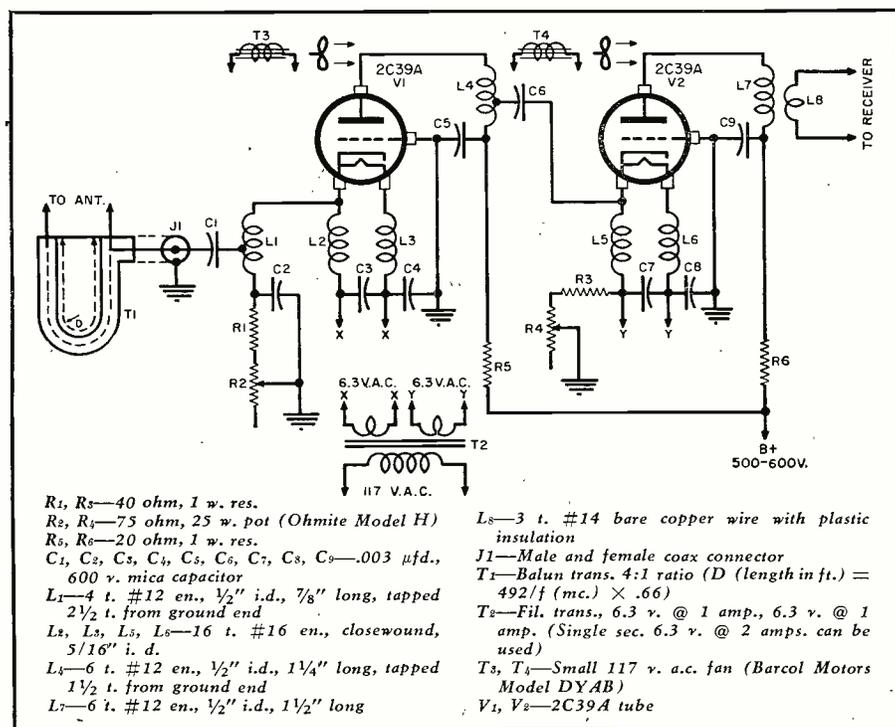


Fig. 2. Complete schematic of preamp. The coils are hand wound. Refer to article.



ham shack floor. The author finally settled for two small 117 volt a.c. fans, which can be purchased at most local radio houses.

A few of you are probably shaking your head and muttering: "Why spend all that money on tubes and look at the power requirements." Yes, it's true it pulls enough current to run a good sized transmitter on 2 meters but most ham shacks usually have one or two universal power supplies that can be used and if you inquire at enough surplus houses a pair of tubes can be bought fairly cheap.

Now that all the readers have been scared off, let's continue. The unit described here is presented without any fancy claims of signal-to-noise ratio, db gain, or umteen pages of mathematics. The circuit is a basic grounded-grid adapted for use with the 2C39A. Each tube is very effectively shielded from the other by operating one tube upside down and by a shield between the two tubes. The tubes are highly stable in operation and there is no sign of oscillation with either tight or loose coupling.

The entire r.f. stage was constructed and tuned to the middle of the 2-meter band with only a grid dip meter and no adjustments were found necessary when the unit was put into operation. If no grid dip meter is available, very little adjustment will be needed if the circuit of Fig. 2 is followed.

You will notice that there are no means for tuning either tube. The pre-amp was made broadband so that it wouldn't be necessary to twiddle dials all night on those weak ones.

For those who like the feel of at least being able to control this monster, two variable cathode potentiometers were provided to adjust the plate current and the gain on weak signals.

The balun transformer shown in Fig. 2 (T_1) should be used for best results when using a balanced feed-

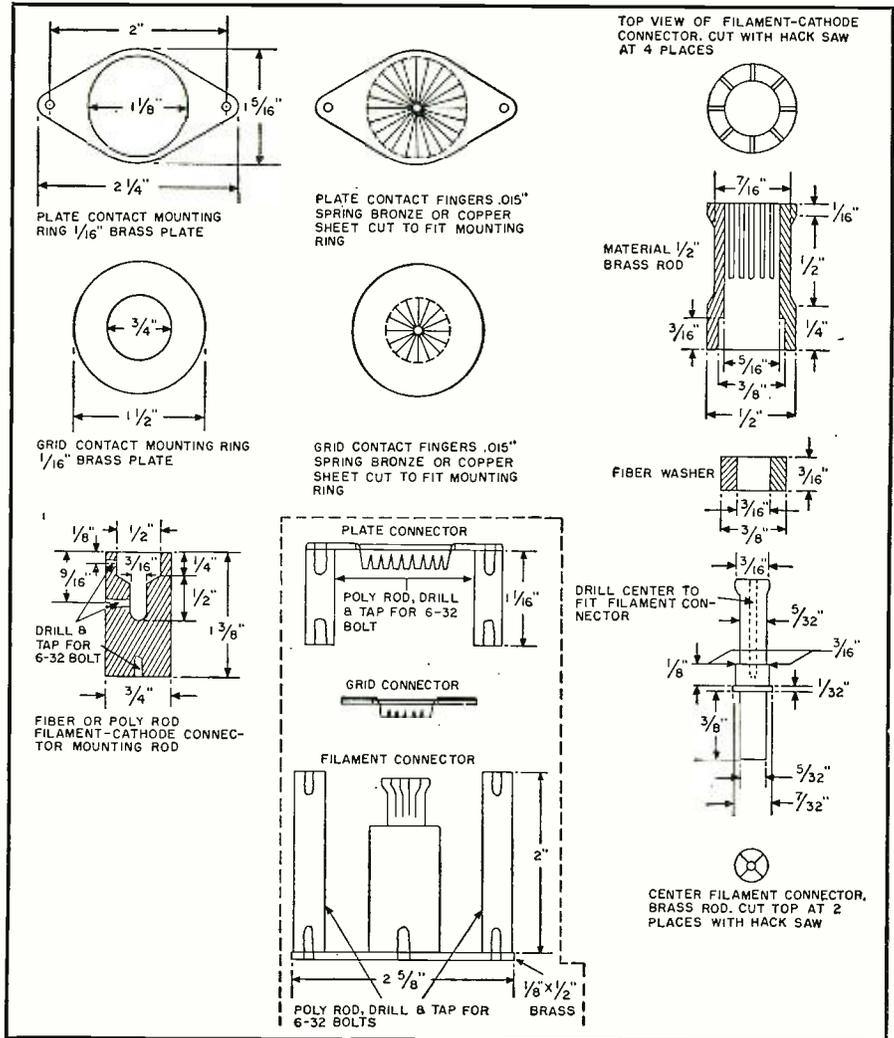


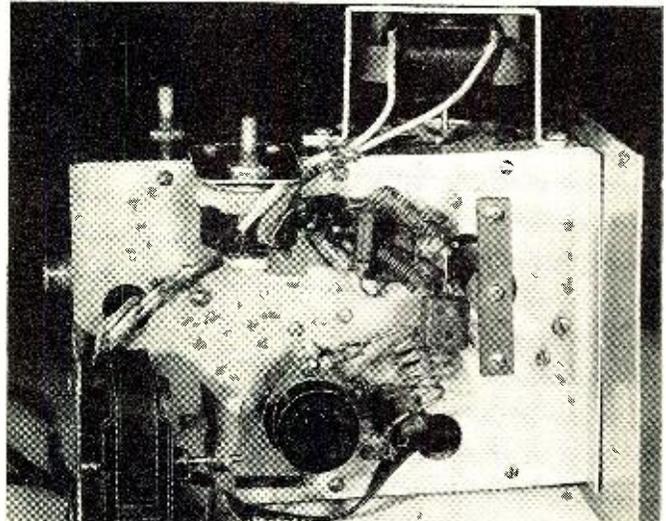
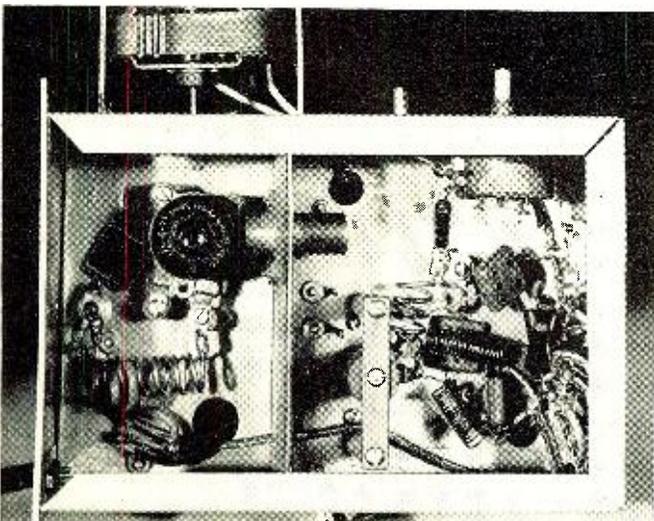
Fig. 3. Mechanical details of the tube mounting and contact fingers.

line; otherwise, a loss in gain will result. The tap on L_1 , shown in Fig. 2, indicates that C_1 is connected at $2\frac{1}{2}$ turns from the cold end. A slight reduction in gain will be noticed on an

"S" meter if the tap is moved back 1 turn. The tap on L_1 offered the same results when C_6 was moved 1 turn. The coupling of L_7 and L_8 should be as
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Fig. 4. (Left). Bottom view of the preamplifier showing V_2 on the left. L_7 and L_8 are shown at the bottom left. The shield separating V_1 and V_2 shows a section of copper tubing protruding through the shield. This was added after the unit was built and is used with a high-pressure blower. L_1 and C_1 are visible at right of shield. The coaxial connector is input from the antenna.

Fig. 5. (Right). Top view showing L_1 connected to the plate contact ring of V_1 . The r.f. chokes, L_5 and L_6 , are shown at the top right of the photograph with R_3 and R_4 to the left of the r.f. chokes. The twin-lead is the output to the receiver.



A Special Purpose Transistor Preamp



Fig. 1. Over-all view of the author's transistorized amplifier. It is housed in a 3" x 3 1/2" x 2 1/8" interlocking cabinet.

Details on a single-stage unit which can be used as an audio preamp, in Geiger counters, or photoelectric cells.

A VIBRATION study problem on oil seals at the *National Motor Bearing Co., Inc.* of Redwood City, California, required development of a special audio amplifier. For a number of reasons it was decided that a transistor amplifier would be most suitable. The basic requirements were: low-frequency response to less than 10 cps; high-impedance input and output, consistent with a high voltage gain; and a minimum of or, if possible, no distortion.

Although the practical application in this case is of interest only to a limited number of readers, there are many other uses for such a unit. This amplifier is particularly applicable as a preamplifier for crystal microphones or crystal pickups which feed into a sub-

sequent high-impedance stage or, as in the author's case, directly into an oscilloscope for wave and distortion analysis.

Other possible applications include Geiger counters or scintillometers; water, gas, and air pipe locators; high-impedance bridge circuit amplifiers for instrumentation purposes; computers; police investigation devices; and photoelectric cell amplifiers, to name a few.

Development of Unit

The fact that even the best high-fidelity transformers are limited in their very-low-frequency responses is well known. Transistor transformers are no exception, in fact, are very poor in this regard, as it soon transpired.

A number of such circuits were tried with various components, but found quite inadequate below about 80 cps.

Resistance coupling was next attempted with the idea of using a high-impedance grounded-collector stage followed by a grounded-emitter output stage. This combination produced very low gain, in fact, about that equal to the inherent noise level. A single grounded-collector stage gave less than unity gain as a voltage amplifier, hence this system was abandoned.

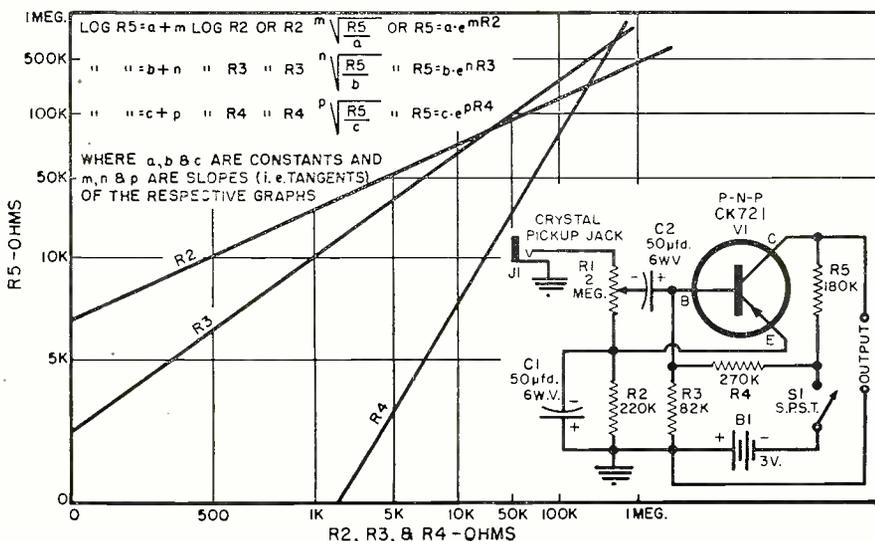
At this point it was decided to try checking the characteristics of an RC-coupled grounded-emitter stage. It was soon apparent that this might prove satisfactory if the input signal voltage is limited to a relatively low value, in order to avoid distortion, irrespective of frequency. Optimum voltage gain is, of necessity, intimately associated with high-impedance circuits (i.e., low current) in any amplifier. A program for determining optimum component values under simulated operating conditions was undertaken. This consisted of first holding a particular resistance constant while varying all others, and second, adjusting all simultaneously in small increments or decrements. It was found that more than .02 volt input would saturate the CK721 and that at less than about .0005 volt the signal-to-noise ratio was poor. As a compromise, an input voltage of .001 volt from a crystal vibration pickup was used during the following tests. The pickup was excited by a headphone in turn driven by a signal generator over a range of 10 cps to 10 kc.

The graphs of Fig. 2 demonstrate the relations which existed to a first approximation and with an estimated accuracy of not more than two significant figures. Component values noted on the various curves are those listed for the circuit shown in the inset.

For those who may be interested in industrial transistor research and application developments or perhaps as a college thesis problem, it may be worth noting that the graphs of Fig. 2 appear to be exponential (or logarithmic) in form. That is to say, they take the general form of $R_5 = k \times e^{ax}$ or $R_5 = k \times x^n$ (or $\log R_5 = \log k + q \log x$) where $x = R_2, R_3,$ or R_4 as the case may be. As a general guide it should be noted that (a) with R_3 and R_4 fixed, R_5 increases as R_2 increases; (b) with

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Fig. 2. Curves for the CK721 transistor when used as a voltage amplifier (maximum sensitivity) with RC-coupling and schematic of the finalized amplifier circuit.



1957

A \$500 color TV set and 9 other models plus complete service contracts may make this the first big color year.

AN INDICATION that 1957 may be a big year for color TV can be seen in the fact that the new line of RCA color sets includes a total of ten different models, grouped into three basic series, "Special," "Super," and "Deluxe."

All RCA color receivers use the 21-inch round, three-gun, shadow-mask type color picture tube with a viewing area of 254 square inches. They are all automatically usable for either color or monochrome broadcasts and while the basic models feature a v.h.f. tuner, a u.h.f. tuner is optional in areas where both types of reception are available. The inclusion of the u.h.f. tuner is indicated if the receiver model number is followed by the letter "U."

Lowest priced of the RCA sets is the "Special" series which actually contains only the "Aldrich," Model 21CS-781, with a nationally advertised list price of \$495. This is a table model available in mahogany or limed oak with a matching stand provided at extra cost. The "Super" series is the medium-priced line with three sets from \$550 for the "Stanwyck" consolette to the "Dartmouth" consolette at \$650. For the higher-priced market, a total of six models are offered ranging from the "Whitby" open console priced at \$695 to the "Wingate" at \$850. The latter is a colonial style full-door console and is made of maple and French walnut veneers and solids.

All RCA color receivers are now being shipped with the picture tube in place and should, in theory, be very simple to install. In practice there are several problems which are likely to crop up and RCA discourages the average customer from installing the receiver himself. One of the problems is the misadjustment of various color controls which may occur in transit. Another is the frequent limitation which an apparently good antenna shows when a color receiver is connected to it. Ghosts, smearing, and limited bandwidth or detuning are sometimes tolerable in black-and-white sets but are quite objectionable when color transmissions are received.

Still another problem is the occa-



Color Sets

Mr. David Sarnoff, Chairman of the Board, RCA, shown here presenting a \$500 "Aldrich" color TV with 21" tube.



sional magnetization of certain components of the receiver due to transportation. This occurs when any ferric metal is moved across the magnetic lines of the earth, and may result in color impurities and/or poor convergence. A special demagnetizing coil is used to remove this defect.

Service

The RCA Service Company offers several plans for the installation and service of color sets. For installation alone their regular charge is \$25. This applies in cases where a usable antenna already exists and where no special couplers or divider networks are required. Installation of the receiver and final adjustments on both color and monochrome transmission only are included in this price.

All components in the color set are guaranteed for 90 days. The color picture tube is guaranteed for a full year like new black-and-white picture tubes. In addition, most dealers recommend that one of three RCA Service Co. service contract plans be taken at the time a color set is purchased. One plan provides installation to an existing antenna and a full year of unlimited service at a cost of \$99.50. This contract includes both labor and materials for any defect or trouble

that might occur within the first year. The black-and-white set 1-year service contract with this company costs \$59.

Optimistic customers may feel that the first three months are the most critical and for them, RCA offers a 90-day service policy which also includes installation to an existing antenna and unlimited service for the period stated. This 90-day policy costs \$39.95.

Still another plan provides installation, 90-day service, and one year parts guarantee. The price of this contract is \$69.50 with a flat charge of \$7.50 for each service call after the 90-day period.

All of the preceding service and installation charges are based on the presence of a usable antenna. Installing a roof or window antenna in the New York metropolitan area, for example, costs a flat \$35. Special installations requiring more elaborate equipment naturally run higher.

Recent experiences of many TV service technicians seem to indicate that antennas which have been up for five years or more should be replaced when a color TV set is installed. The mechanical mounting as well as electrical connections are often so badly corroded that the replacement might

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A Flying Spot Scanner for the TV Technician

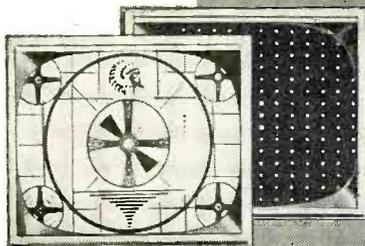
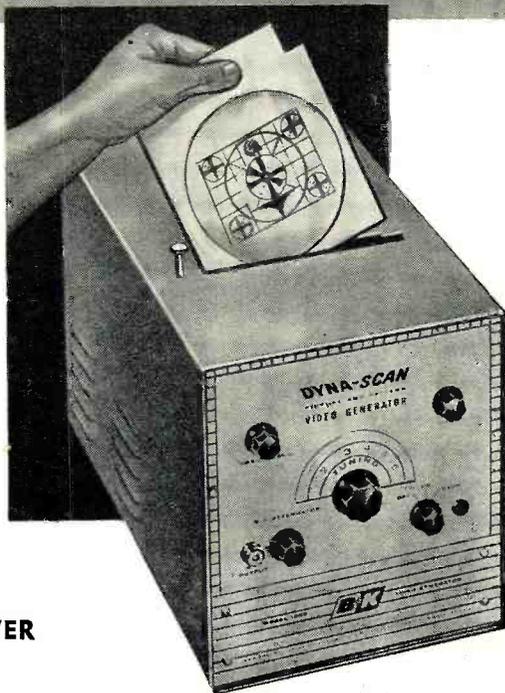


Fig. 1. Indian-head pattern slide being inserted into the "Dyna-Scan" picture and pattern video generator. When attached to a TV receiver, this pattern appears on the picture tube. A dot pattern slide or photo is reproduced on a TV set in same manner.



This inexpensive flying-spot scanner is a unique test instrument for black-and-white and color TV servicing.

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A FLYING-SPOT scanner is probably one of the most versatile pieces of video equipment that has yet been produced. In essence it is a camera which reproduces still pictures and these can take almost any form imaginable. For example, suppose it is desired to check the over-all frequency response of the video section of a television receiver. To do this, a conventional test pattern slide is inserted into the scanner, and the scanner signal is then applied to the television receiver. The appearance of the pattern on the picture-tube screen shows exactly how the receiver is performing.

This is but one use; there are actually many more; for example, testing the shading and contrast capability of a receiver and its vertical and horizontal linearity, special video amplifier checks, and static and dynamic

convergence in color receivers, among others. There are, in addition, non-servicing applications of this device because this is a miniature video transmitter capable of lending itself to paging systems at conventions and to the advertising of special sales and other merchandise on any number of receivers hooked into a common master antenna system.

Until recently, flying-spot scanners were more or less restricted to broadcast stations because of their high cost. Within the last few months, however, an economical scanner has been developed and placed on the market by *B & K Mfg. Co.*, Chicago, Ill. Shown in Fig. 1, this scanner is not only useful in the service shop but, because of its light weight and compactness, it can be taken into the customer's home, if desired. Thus it widens the scope of the technician's

portable test equipment and permits more extensive checking than was heretofore possible.

The heart of this instrument is a specially designed 5-inch cathode-ray tube which provides the flying spot of light that scans any slide placed in front of it. Whatever light passes through the slide reaches a light sensitive phototube and then produces an output current which is proportional to the intensity of the received light. These current fluctuations pass through a load resistor and the video signal is born.

The cathode-ray, or "scanner," tube used in the "Dyna-Scan" Model 1000 picture and pattern generator is specially designed to match the spectral response of the photomultiplier pickup tube. The phosphor behind the faceplate of the tube stops emitting light almost immediately after the electron stream ceases its bombardment; this allows very fine vertical lines to be reproduced without distortion.

The dot of light produced by the scanner starts at the top of the faceplate, sweeps across to one side, is blanked while it returns to the starting side (retraces), sweeps across to the second side, is blanked while it returns to the starting side (retraces), etc., until it finally reaches the bottom of the screen. It is then blanked and returned to the top of the screen. If a slide with the letter "A" is placed over the face of the scanner tube, the dot of light and photomultiplier tube translates the entire pattern, spot by spot, into a video signal.

It will be appreciated that the current initially developed in the phototube by the arriving light rays is exceedingly minute. This current, however, is subject to a process of internal multiplication within the phototube so that it is amplified approximately 1 million times as it leaves the tube and develops the corresponding video signal across the load resistor. This process of internal multiplication is achieved by a series of plates, called dynodes, which are coated with a substance which emits several electrons for each impinging electron. Thus, when the electrons on the phototube cathode are activated by the scanner light beams, they leave the cathode

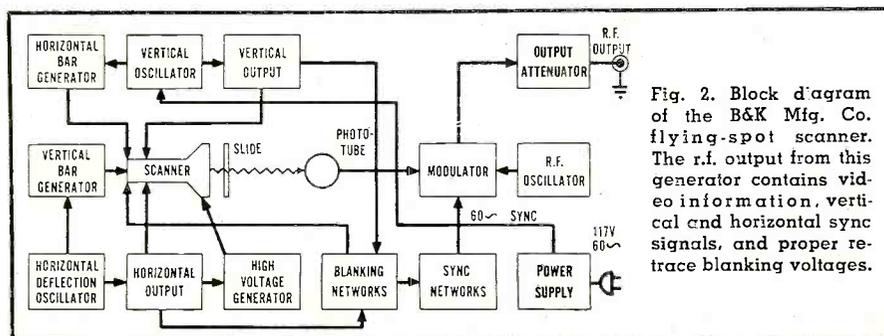
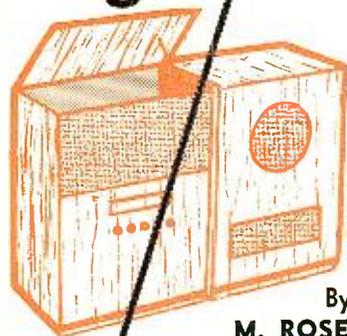
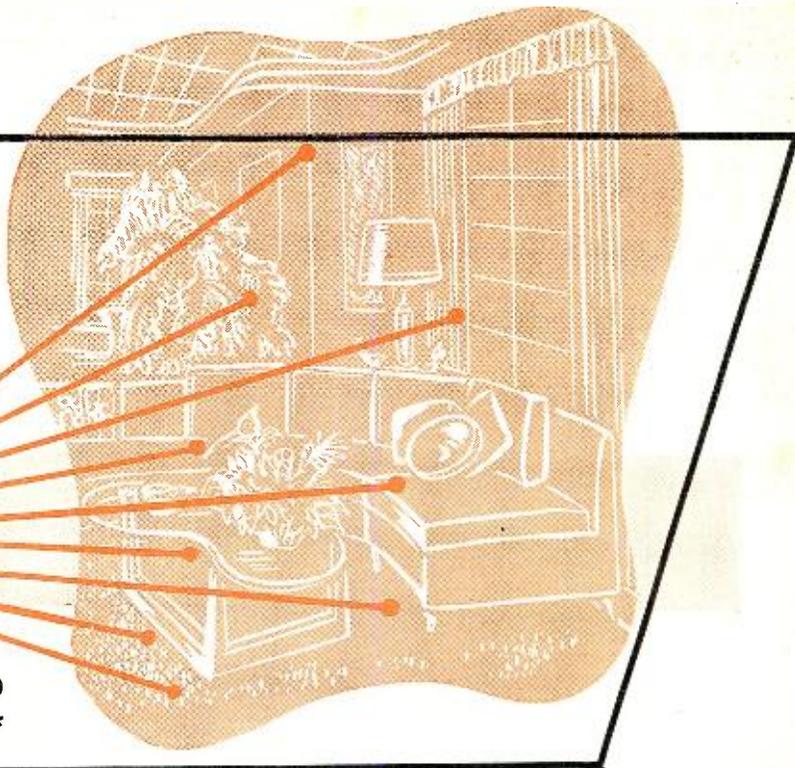


Fig. 2. Block diagram of the B&K Mfg. Co. flying-spot scanner. The r.f. output from this generator contains video information, vertical and horizontal sync signals, and proper retrace blanking voltages.

Room Acoustics for Hi-Fi Listening



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Add "presence" to the reproduction of music in your home by following these simple rules for improving acoustics.

WHILE a hi-fi enthusiast may have spent considerable time, thought, and money in acquiring the components of his system, probably very little effort has gone into consideration of the acoustical characteristics of the room where the music is to be heard. Acoustical conditions change the character of each note as heard by the listener such as its duration and intensity. Acoustic conditions also determine the distribution of sound throughout the room and the amount of power required from the sound source. By proper control of these conditions, the illusion of "presence" can be obtained as explained later in the article. Designers of auditoriums, sound studios, lecture halls, etc., recognize this, whereas the average hi-fi enthusiast has little knowledge of the subject. Dealers in high-fidelity equipment should also be aware of the acoustic conditions in their showrooms in order to display their merchandise to best advantage. Very frequently, the same equipment will sound different in one's own living room than in the showroom because of differing acoustic conditions.

This article will give the reader an appreciation of the factors that influence the acoustics of a room. In addition, a simple formula will be presented that will enable the reader to calculate the reverberation qualities of his own listening room and ascertain whether satisfactory acoustic conditions exist.

"Live" and "Dead" Rooms

The acoustical engineer often speaks

of a room as being "live" or "dead," which refers to the amount of echo (also called reverberation) present. An example of a "live" room is a museum gallery where the floors and walls are concrete or marble. When one talks or takes a step in such a room, the sound waves are reflected from the walls, floor, and ceiling, bouncing around the room, echoing and re-echoing, persisting for a relatively long time. In contrast, if one walks or talks in an acoustically treated theater or studio, there is little echo and sounds persist only for a very short time. These are known as "dead" rooms. When a person is talking in such a room, it sounds as if he were outdoors, where there are no sound wave reflections. A person's ears are generally accustomed to listening to music and speech indoors where a certain amount of reverberation is present. Music and speech sound different outdoors because of the absence of this reverberation.

Reverberation Time

The difference between a "live" room and a "dead" room is the difference in the time it takes for a sound to die out in such rooms. The walls, ceiling, floor, and other objects in a room all absorb energy from sound waves striking them. If the amount of absorption is large, as in an acoustically treated theater, sounds will die out rapidly. If absorption is small, as in a marble museum gallery, sound waves will echo back and forth a number of times before their energy is finally absorbed. Therefore, a sound

will require a longer time to die out.

Acoustical engineers measure the "liveness" or "deadness" of a room by its reverberation time. Reverberation time is defined as the amount of time it takes for the energy of a sound wave to decrease to one millionth of its original value in the room. This definition is based on the fact that for the average person, this is the time it takes a sound of average intensity to decay to inaudibility in the room. A highly reverberant or "live" room would have a reverberation time of about 4 or more seconds, while the reverberation time of a "dead" room would be about 0.3 second or less. One can note the difference between the reverberation time of various rooms by simply clapping hands and noting how long it takes for a sound to die out. With a little practice, a rough comparison of the reverberation times of different rooms may be obtained.

Effect of Reverberation

In addition to the primary source of sound in a room such as a person, orchestra, or loudspeaker, reverberation (in other words, echoing) introduces secondary sounds which modify the characteristics of the direct sound. As far as speech is concerned, reverberation reinforces the primary source of sound so that less loudness from the person talking is needed. However, if the reverberation time of the room is too long, overlapping of syllables occurs, because the reflected sound interferes with that coming directly from the person talking. This causes syllables to become indistinct, speech to become garbled and the intelligibility of the speech suffers.

In music, reverberation in the room is also an important factor to consider and its effect depends upon the type

of music. For example, if dance music having short clipped notes is played in a room or hall having a long reverberation time, reflected sound will interfere with notes directly from the orchestra, causing unpleasant listening. On the other hand, an organ oratorio played in such a hall with a long reverberation time is enhanced. Reverberation in a room also tends to distribute sound more evenly throughout the room, which is an important factor to consider if a large audience is present. In addition, less power is required from an orchestra or loudspeaker for a given amount of loudness when the reverberation time of a room is larger.

Optimum Reverberation Time

In rooms used for unamplified speech, such as lecture halls, classrooms, and auditoriums, there is an optimum reverberation time. The compromise is between a long reverberation time giving higher volume and better sound distribution over the audience and a short reverberation time giving less overlapping of syllables and greater intelligibility of the spoken words. The optimum reverberation time for unamplified speech has been found, by experience, to be about 1 second, more or less, depending on the room volume.

In rooms used for unamplified music, such as concert halls and recording studios, satisfactory acoustical conditions are subjective and a matter of individual preference. The preferred reverberation time is, to some extent, a matter of musical taste which depends on the composition, the conductor's interpretation, the musicians, and the listener. Measurements of the reverberation time of the leading concert halls in Europe and the USA, judged to be acoustically satisfactory by musical authorities, have been made. These measurements indicate that satisfactory acoustical conditions result when the reverberation times range from approximately 1 to 2.5 seconds, depending on the room volume and the type of music. Acceptable limits for both speech and music as a function of room volume are shown in Fig. 1.

Reverberation Time for Hi-Fi

Factors such as loudness and uniformity of sound distribution can be readily controlled in rooms where speech and music are reproduced by amplifier and loudspeaker systems such as in motion picture theaters, auditoriums with p.a. systems, and one's own living room. Therefore, such

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| Varnished wood | .07 |
| Parquet or hardwood flooring | .07 |
| Heavy carpeting or rugs | .40 |
| Thin carpeting or rugs | .20 |
| Linoleum | .02 |
| Plastered wall or ceiling | .03 |
| Plywood wall | .10 |
| Wooden doors | .10 |
| Marble surfaces | .02 |
| Wallpaper | .04 |
| Glass window panes | .10 |
| Open window | 1.00 |

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| Curtains and draperies (heavy) | .50 |
| Cotton curtains | .20 |
| Concrete or brick | .02 |
| Upholstered areas | .50 |

ABSORPTION OF COMMON OBJECTS (in Sabine Units)

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Person | 5.0 |
| Wood chair | .3 |
| Small wood table | .3 |
| Sofa, upholstered | .8 to 16.0 |
| Chair, upholstered | 4.0 |

Table 1. Absorption coefficients of common materials and home objects (in Sabine units)

factors need hardly enter into a determination of optimum reverberation time for these rooms.

The effective reverberation heard by the listener in such rooms will be a combination of that of the studio where the speech or music originated and the room where the speech or music is heard. The listening room should not add to the reverberation of the music emanating from the studio, so the listening room's reverberation time should be relatively short. However, if the listening room is excessively deadened, then most of the sound heard will be that coming directly from the loudspeaker, which is too directional to sound natural. It will sound as if one were listening to the loudspeaker out-of-doors where no objects, such as walls or ceiling, are present to reflect sound waves. A suitable reverberation time for a listening room is approximately 0.3 to 0.6 second.

The reverberation time of the listening room can, to a great extent, give the listener the illusion of "presence." For example, if an announcer is speaking in a studio having a very short reverberation time, the listener in an ordinary room has the impression that the announcer is present in the listening room since the reverberation of the listening room will be predominant. However, if the studio has a considerably longer reverberation time than the listening room, the listener has the impression that he is actually in the studio. To meet the requirements of different program material, many studios have variable reverberation time characteristics obtained by the use of removable acoustical wall paneling. Interesting musical effects can be obtained by the use of "echo" chambers and electrical devices which artificially introduce reverberation into a musical composition.

The following examples illustrate how the reverberation times of the studio and the listening room combine. If a studio has a reverberation time of 0.3 second and that of the listening room is 0.4 second, the resultant reverberation heard by the listener will

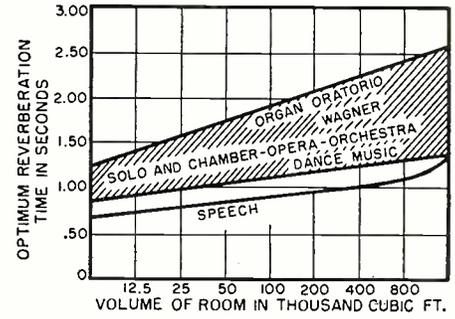


Fig. 1. Optimum reverberation time for recording studios and concert halls for music and for unamplified speech. See text.

be about 0.6 second, an increase of about 100% over that of the studio. If the studio has a reverberation time of 1.5 seconds and that of the listening room 0.4 second, the resultant reverberation will be about 1.65 seconds, an increase of about 10% over the studio. These figures illustrate that since the optimum reverberation time for music studios is about 1 to 2.5 seconds, a listening room reverberation time of about 0.3 to 0.6 second will have little influence upon the reverberation qualities of the original music.

In modern motion picture theaters, the designers have purposely made the reverberation times low (0.6 second or less) permitting the originating sound studios to introduce the desired reverberation time. For a cathedral setting, the reverberation time introduced by the originating studio is made long. For an outdoor setting, it is made short or zero. It should be noted that once reverberation has been introduced into the recording, it cannot be removed at the listening room, but can only be made greater.

For hi-fi listening, it is desirable that the studio where the music was originally recorded or played contribute the major part of the reverberation introduced. Therefore, the listening room should have a reverberation time of 0.6 second or less, since its effect on the reverberation qualities of the music will then be negligible. (Continued on page 159)

Table 3. The absorption of the various parts of a household listening room, with the normal complement of furniture.

Table 2. Absorption of various parts of an empty listening room.

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| Ceiling (plastered) | 16' x 12' x .03 | 5.76 |
| Floor (parquet) | 16' x 12' x .07 | 13.44 |
| Walls (2 plastered) | 16' x 9' x 2 x .03 | 8.64 |
| Walls (2 plastered) | 12' x 9' x 2 x .03 | 6.40 |
| Window panes (2) | 2' x 5' x 2 x .10 | 2.00 |
| Wooden door (1) | 3' x 7' x .10 | 2.10 |
| One person in room | | 5.00 |
| Total absorption = A = | | 43.34 |
| | | Sabine units. |

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| Ceiling (plastered) | 16' x 12' x .03 | 5.76 |
| Floor (heavy carpeting) | 16' x 12' x .40 | 76.80 |
| Walls (2 plastered) | 16' x 9' x 2 x .03 | 8.64 |
| Walls (2 plastered) | 12' x 9' x 2 x .03 | 6.40 |
| Heavy drapes over windows | 2' x 5' x 2 x .50 | 10.00 |
| (Windows not included since they are covered and not a factor) | | |
| Wooden door (1) | 3' x 7' x .10 | 2.10 |
| Sofa (medium size) | | 12.00 |
| Upholstered chairs (2) | 4 x 2 | 8.00 |
| End tables (2) | .3 x 2 | .60 |
| Three persons in room | 5.0 x 3 | 15.00 |
| Total absorption = A = | | 145.30 |
| | | Sabine units. |

Probing with a V.O.M.

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You can use the v.o.m. more widely now in repairing TV, radios, and appliances, with the new probes available.

THE volt-ohm-milliammeter is the most widely used instrument in radio and TV servicing. Sales figures show that even the vacuum-tube voltmeter runs a distant second place to the popular v.o.m. Two of the reasons for this preference are that the v.o.m. is simple in construction and it requires no source of external power.

Recognizing the widespread preference for the v.o.m. throughout the service trade (including industrial maintenance and refrigeration, air conditioning, and appliance servicing), manufacturers make available accessory probes for the v.o.m. These probes extend the field of usefulness of the meter and permit the operator to get the most from it.

Among the various v.o.m. probes which are available, the signal-tracer probe has proved very popular within the past year. The signal-tracer probe is a special detector unit adapted to the characteristics of conventional v.o.m.'s, and permits checking of signal voltages in the local oscillator, i.f., picture detector, video amplifier, horizontal oscillator, sweep, damper, and flyback circuits. Tests of signal voltages can also be made in the sync, intercarrier sound, and audio frequency sections of a TV receiver.

The output from the probe is applied to the d.c. input of the v.o.m., and the probe is used in place of the conventional test leads for the instrument. A test of local oscillator operation is made by applying the probe to a "floating" tube shield over the oscillator-mixer tube, as shown in Fig. 1. The v.o.m. is operated on the lowest d.c. range; no reading indicates a dead oscillator. More voltage will be obtained on low channels, when the os-

cillator is working, than on channels 7 to 13, with a reading from 1.5 to 2 volts for normal operation.

Fig. 2 shows how the sweep output signal is checked. The probe tip is merely held alongside of the glass envelope of the horizontal output tube. (Never touch the probe to the plate cap of the tube, or the probe will be burned out.) This capacitive coupling to the plate of the horizontal output tube gives a reading of about 1 volt when the horizontal output signal is up to par. The ground lead of the probe must be connected to the chassis in all such tests.

Test adapters for tube sockets are useful to make checks of the horizontal oscillator, i.f., and sync signals. Fig. 3 shows a test adapter plugged into a tube socket, and the tube in the adapter. This allows signal checks under dynamic conditions of operation. An indication of about $\frac{1}{2}$ volt at the input of the picture detector, for example, shows that the r.f. and i.f. systems are OK. Of course, the receiver must be tuned to a TV station to make i.f. tests.

When such test adapters are not available, the tube can be pulled, and a check of signal level can be made at the socket grid terminal by inserting the probe tip. For example, grid drive to the horizontal output tube will read about 20 volts in this test, if the horizontal oscillator is working properly, and supplying drive signal to the horizontal output tube. Drive to the horizontal yoke can be checked as illustrated in Fig. 4, by attaching a clip to the probe tip, and clipping the probe input to the insulation of the lead to the yoke winding.

The value of such tests is apparent,

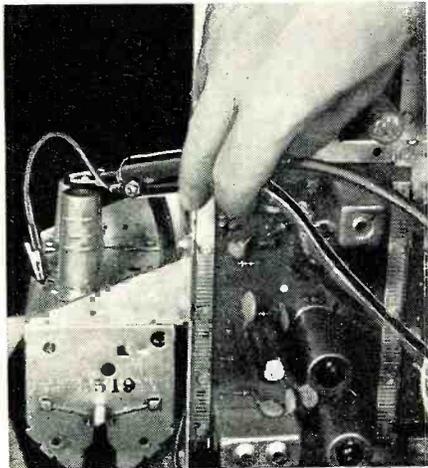


Fig. 1. Touching a signal tracing probe to the "floating" tube shield of the mixer-oscillator tube of a TV set will indicate if the local oscillator is working.

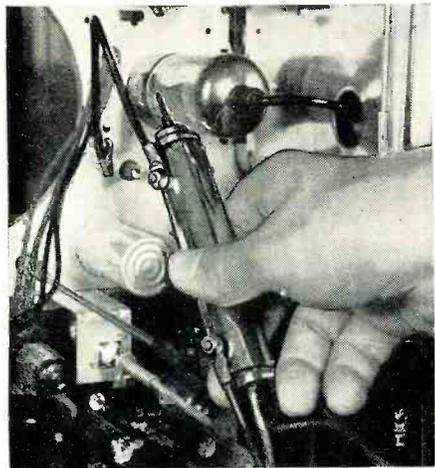


Fig. 2. The horizontal sweep output may be checked by touching a signal tracing probe to the outside of the output tube.

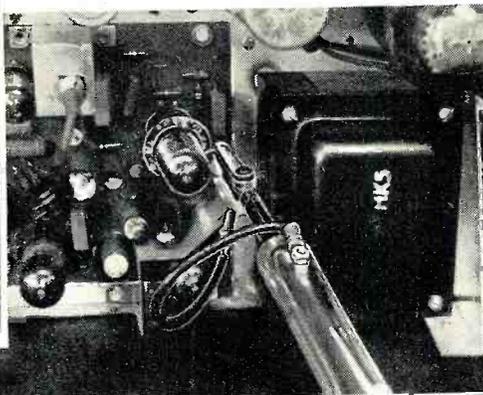


Fig. 3. Using a tube socket test adapter, as shown here, allows dynamic checks to be made above the chassis with a v.o.m.

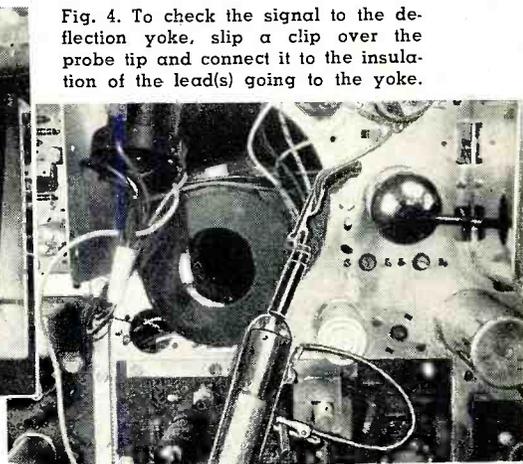


Fig. 4. To check the signal to the deflection yoke, slip a clip over the probe tip and connect it to the insulation of the lead(s) going to the yoke.

because a TV chassis is often pulled only to discover that the effort was wasted due to the fact that the fault was external, such as a defect in the yoke, or a faulty picture tube. Video signal drive to the picture tube can be checked easily by inserting the probe tip into the cathode (or grid terminal) of the picture tube socket. Again, the TV set must be receiving a TV station signal to make this test.

Other v.o.m. probes contribute greatly to the utility of the meter. A typical high-resistance probe converts the R x 10,000 ohms range of a v.o.m. to an R x 100,000 ohms range, and permits measurement of resistance values up to 200 megohms instead of the usual 20 megohms. Such a probe can be used to measure insulation resistance between socket terminals and insulation resistance between the primary and secondary of a vertical oscillator transformer.

A high-resistance probe is as useful in air conditioning and refrigeration service as in radio and TV work. For example, such a probe is used to test the motor compressor assembly of hermetically sealed units for internal grounds. The term "ground" is often misunderstood by the layman, who may confuse "ground" with short circuit. As a matter of fact, leakage resistance in the motor assembly up to 100 megohms can result in unpleasant shock or "tingle" to the housewife during humid weather, or when the floor is damp. The cabinet must be "floating" electrically, so that no potential difference will exist between it and ground during operation. Likewise, leakage resistance can be localized with the high-resistance probe to the wiring system external to the motor compressor assembly. Insulation resistance between the external wiring and the cabinet must also be in excess of 100 megohms.

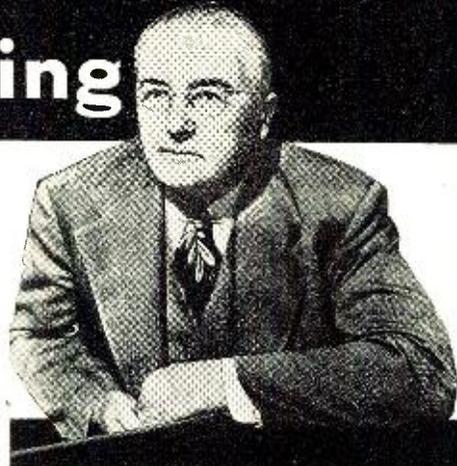
There are other types of accessory probes for the v.o.m. to further extend its fields of usefulness. Among these are the polarity-reversing probe, which provides fingertip control of meter polarity. The probe makes it unnecessary to reverse the test leads at the meter, or to reverse the test clips when making checks of grid bias voltages, sync voltages, cathode voltages, etc.

Another useful accessory probe is the range-splitter probe, which provides an additional 500-volt range on popular kit-type and factory-built v.o.m.'s, so that plate supply, screen, and "B+" voltages can be measured on a 500-volt range, instead of a 250-volt range. Some popular types of v.o.m.'s provide a 250- or 300-volt range, and a 1000- or 1200-volt range, so that voltage values between 250 (or 300) and 500 volts must otherwise be measured on the 1000-volt (or 1200-volt) scale. The range-splitter probe thus provides added operating convenience. A slide switch in the probe housing permits fingertip control of the conventional ranges, or selection of the new 500-volt range.

Test Equipment and Servicing

By RAY R. SIMPSON

The author, founder of Simpson Electric Co., Chicago, is celebrating his 50th year in the electronic instruments field. He began his career in 1906 when he went to work for the old Jewell Electric Co., a firm he later headed. In 1934 he organized the firm which bears his name. Today, Simpson Electric Co., with Ray Simpson as chairman of the board, has three plants — in Chicago, Aurora, Ill.; and Lac du Flambeau Wis. — and is one of the largest manufacturers of panel meters and radio-TV test equipment.



Predictions as to the increase in the test equipment and servicing industries with the rise of color TV.

COLOR television will bring new techniques and the necessity to learn them, new testing instruments, and new plant investment.

To get an idea of just how soon a radical new development like color television can make its way into almost every American home we need only take a backward glance at the servicing industry. Since 1920, it has worn seven league boots as standard equipment to keep up with the entertainment demands of our people. The man who serviced dad's two-tube radio set in 1920 owned about \$25 worth of testing equipment. His electronic education, picked up in his "ham" days, was good enough for the day, but he still spent roughly four hours on the average service job. Today, the average black-and-white TV service job takes only a half hour, but the practical engineer who is the modern service technician owns or uses at least \$1500 worth of test equipment.

Another indication of growth is found in my own division of the industry, designing and manufacturing the test equipment. In 1920, our entire industry yearly sales amounted only to \$50,000, while today, five of the largest manufacturers combined do a \$25,000,000 yearly business. Based on growth figures of only the past few years, I believe supplying the 100,000 service technicians in the United States with specialized testers to meet the challenge of color television is going to be a bigger than \$50,000,000 industry by 1960, a two-fold increase in four years.

Concretely, the need for new equipment to service a new dimension, color, will mean the production of 25,000 tube testers, 50,000 oscilloscopes, and 100,000 specialized colorsopes, color-bar generators, and variable dot generators—names which will become as much a part of servicing jargon as tube tester or v.o.m.

The biggest service tool in the service

kit of 1920 was a voltmeter used to measure the output of the batteries used to power the old radio sets. It cost about \$10. The advent of de Forest's vacuum tube added simple tube testers to the kit, and by the mid-thirties, the conscientious service technician carried a signal generator in his field case to make alignment tests of the larger console radios of the period.

Radios, of course, became less complicated, but television introduced video, synchronizing, and sweep circuits, and problems of proper picture adjustment. The electronic instrument field met the service technician's black-and-white TV needs with advanced sweep generators, signal generators, marker generators, oscilloscopes, and high voltage probes, as well as by refining the conventional meters and making them more sensitive. With the experience gained with these instruments and TV circuitry, the service technician should be able to keep the color sets operating. But he'll need new testers and the ability to use them to do it. His own increased plant expense will, of course, be reflected in the prices he charges for color servicing, but I believe the public will accept this just as they will accept and are accepting the much higher set costs of color television.

In addition to producing new instruments, many companies in our field are distributing educational literature on color servicing and a few are conducting nationwide service technician meetings where color servicing with the new instruments is explained and demonstrated.

I've indicated a pretty optimistic growth picture for the service technician and my own industry, because I can't see how we can do anything but grow. Each new electronic development will have its counterpart in new ways of measuring, controlling, and servicing that development.

Unionized Service Shops



By **WILLIAM LEONARD**

Why have radio and TV service shops in San Francisco signed a contract with the electrical workers union?

AFTER numerous fruitless and frustrating attempts to enlist the help of other industry elements in some program that would cure the ills of the independent electronic service industry in their cities, associations in Chicago and San Francisco have turned to labor unions as providing a possible solution to their problems. The San Francisco TV Service Guild recently signed a contract with Local 202 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. This contract, or labor-management agreement, merely provides for wages and working conditions; however, more than this is expected from the union. Some of the aims of the shops which have joined the union are municipal licensing and the elimination of cut-rate service operators. These goals the union will seek to attain.

The philosophy of union officials in working with independent service businesses was summed up by Edward John Bird, business manager of the Radio and Television Engineers Local 202 of the I.B.E.W.

"As business manager of a local union representing approximately a thousand television servicemen in this area, one would think that my interest would stop there, namely in the financial welfare of the people I represent. However, this is not so. I have as much, if not a greater interest in the economic status of the industry as a whole and the financial success of the individual employer whether he be big or small.

"The reasons, of course, are obvious. No employer can long endure if on the one hand he has to afford his technicians the economic rewards their individual and collective skills entitle them to, while on the other hand he is beset by every kind of unscrupulous and unfair competition from every conceivable angle.

"Accordingly, we have dedicated ourselves to rid this area of the 'gimmick boys,' and 'fly-by-nighters,' and their

ilk and will use every fair and legitimate measure to do so. We have approached every association in the eight Bay Area Counties and asked their cooperation in this endeavor. To say the least, the response, though at first on the slow side, is now assuming snowball proportions. As a union, we are very encouraged and grateful for the confidence afforded us by the various city and county associations and will leave no stone unturned to merit that confidence. Together we have a big job to do, but rest assured we will do it."

Many of the service dealers on the West Coast and elsewhere seem to feel that there are three main reasons why a healthy business climate does not exist for their profession. The first reason is that the parts distributors from whom they buy replacement tubes and parts, in many cases, also sell directly to the consumer at the same prices as to the service dealer. The service dealers point out that once the customer has bought a part or tube at the net price, he objects to paying a service technician the list price for a part that has to be replaced.

Another contributing factor in the opinion of many service dealers is the unrealistic price structure on replacement parts and tubes. The maintenance of list prices that allow for discounts which are much higher than for other similar products has led, they feel, to distrust on the part of the consumer. The average markup from net to list prices for TV receiving tubes, for example, is about 100%. Because of this, many service dealers are able to charge less than a realistic service charge for a call because they will make up the amount on parts profits. This, service dealers feel, has hindered the acceptance of realistic service charges by the public.

Ethical service dealers point out that the third big reason why the service industry is not a healthy one is because of the existence of unethical

"sharp" operators. Often, these operators sell a set owner more tubes than the set really needs to return it to proper operation. This he does by mis-adjusting the tube tester he uses so that good tubes will read bad. The extra tubes he sells this way more than makes up in profit for the low cost of the service call that he usually advertises. To these activities should be added those of the gyp operator whose sole aim is to pull sets for major overhaul jobs in the shop at exorbitant prices.

Members of the San Francisco Guild believe that unionization will help them overcome these problems.

Union Contract

The contract signed by the San Francisco TV Service Guild and Local 202 of the I.B.E.W. provides for a \$2.65½ minimum hourly wage for technicians. They also receive time and one-half for overtime past 40 hours per week. The contract makes shop owners members of the Union. The forty-two shops holding membership in the Guild signed the contract and the immediate objective is to bring an additional forty shops in the city into the Union.

Although the provisions are not specified in the contract, the Union has agreed to throw its full weight against part-timers and cut-rate shops. They plan a cooperative management-union drive to bring about city and county licensing of technicians and the passage of key zoning ordinances.

To relieve the shortage of trained technicians, the Guild and the Union are setting up an apprenticeship education program for the purpose of creating a new corps of qualified technicians. Under committee guidance, apprentices entering the trade will be sent to city vocational schools two nights per week for four years. Upon graduation, they will receive journeyman certificates. Also planned under joint management-union sponsorship is a "finishing school" program for journeyman technicians to get them ready for color.

Although other Bay Area associations have expressed an interest in the management-union type of contract, Union officials do not plan to expand their organizational efforts until the major goals have been reached in San Francisco.

In the opinion of Guild officers, if the objectives of their contract with the Union are effectuated, they will be able to meet the growing competition of manufacturer-sponsored centralized service successfully and keep the control of consumer service in the hands of efficiently managed independent service businesses. They do not feel that the contract will provide an umbrella for the inefficient service shop however ethical its operations may be. But they are of the opinion that given a clean business atmosphere in which to operate, the independently owned and managed service shops will provide the most efficient service at fair prices.

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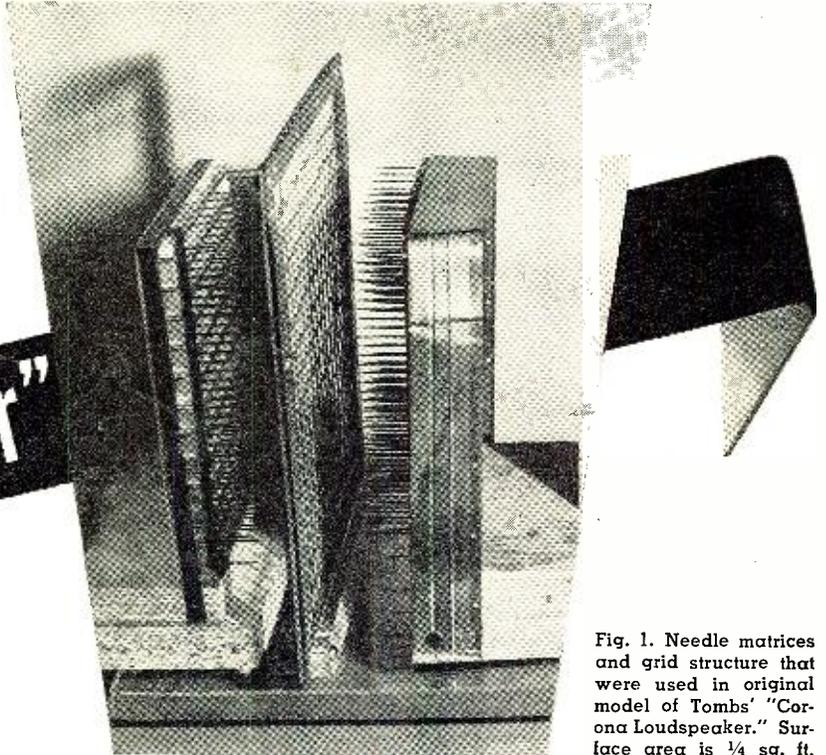


Fig. 1. Needle matrices and grid structure that were used in original model of Tombs' "Corona Loudspeaker." Surface area is $\frac{1}{4}$ sq. ft.

A LOUDSPEAKER which converts electrical energy directly into sound without any moving parts, and which reproduces the entire audio spectrum, has long been a dream of audio engineers and loudspeaker designers. The demonstration of a prototype of such a speaker in England (where it was invented) and recently before the New York Section of the Audio Engineering Society indicates that the dream may finally become a reality. The inventor of the "Corona Loudspeaker," so named because it is based on the corona-wind phenomenon, is Dr. David M. Tombs, a New Zealand born engineer who was formerly Senior Lecturer in Telecommunications at the Imperial College of Science and Technology of London University, and now director of the research department of *Hoover Ltd.*

Patent applications have been filed on the "Corona Loudspeaker," and exclusive rights for North America have been assigned to the *Televox Co.*

It has been known for many years that corona, a byproduct of high voltage, is accompanied by a movement of air away from the discharge point. TV service technicians and experimenters have, on occasion, been made aware of this effect when working in or near the high voltage sections of TV receivers. Reasoning that any source of wind might also be a potential source of sound, since sound is, after all, a sort of a.c. wind, Dr. Tombs constructed special apparatus in order to study the phenomenon more closely and to find a method of modulating the corona winds. A convenient method of observing the direction, strength, and pattern of the winds was found by injecting smoke into the corona field.

Details on a novel experimental design which employs a modulated wind, due to corona discharge, to produce sound.

Starting with a pair of electrodes, one of which was sharply pointed and the other blunt, it was found that a corona wind moves away from the sharp point only. The next step was to mount a smooth ring coaxially around the sharp electrode, in the expectation that it might be made to act as a grid to control the corona current, and hence the corona wind. The inventor found that with a grid potential of "the same order of voltage as the sharp electrode" there is a position of the grid with respect to the tip of the sharp electrode "at which comparatively small changes of the grid potential produce a maximum effect on the intensity of the corona wind . . ." This is shown diagrammatically in Fig. 2A.

The "plate characteristics" of this corona triode were plotted for various geometries and voltages. (By various geometries is meant that the relative distances between electrodes and grid were varied, as well as the diameter of the grid itself.) The resulting family of curves bears a striking resemblance to those of certain vacuum-tube triodes.

In this application the electronic amplification (a voltage gain of about three) is "thrown away" since we are interested only in the byproduct,

namely, the acoustic output. This output can be described as modulated d.c. That is, there is both sound and a steady, background, uni-directional wind.

Dr. Tombs next experimented with two sharply pointed opposed elec-

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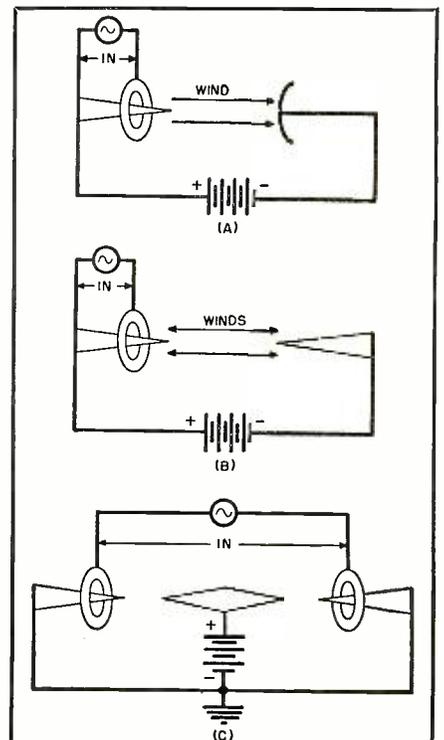
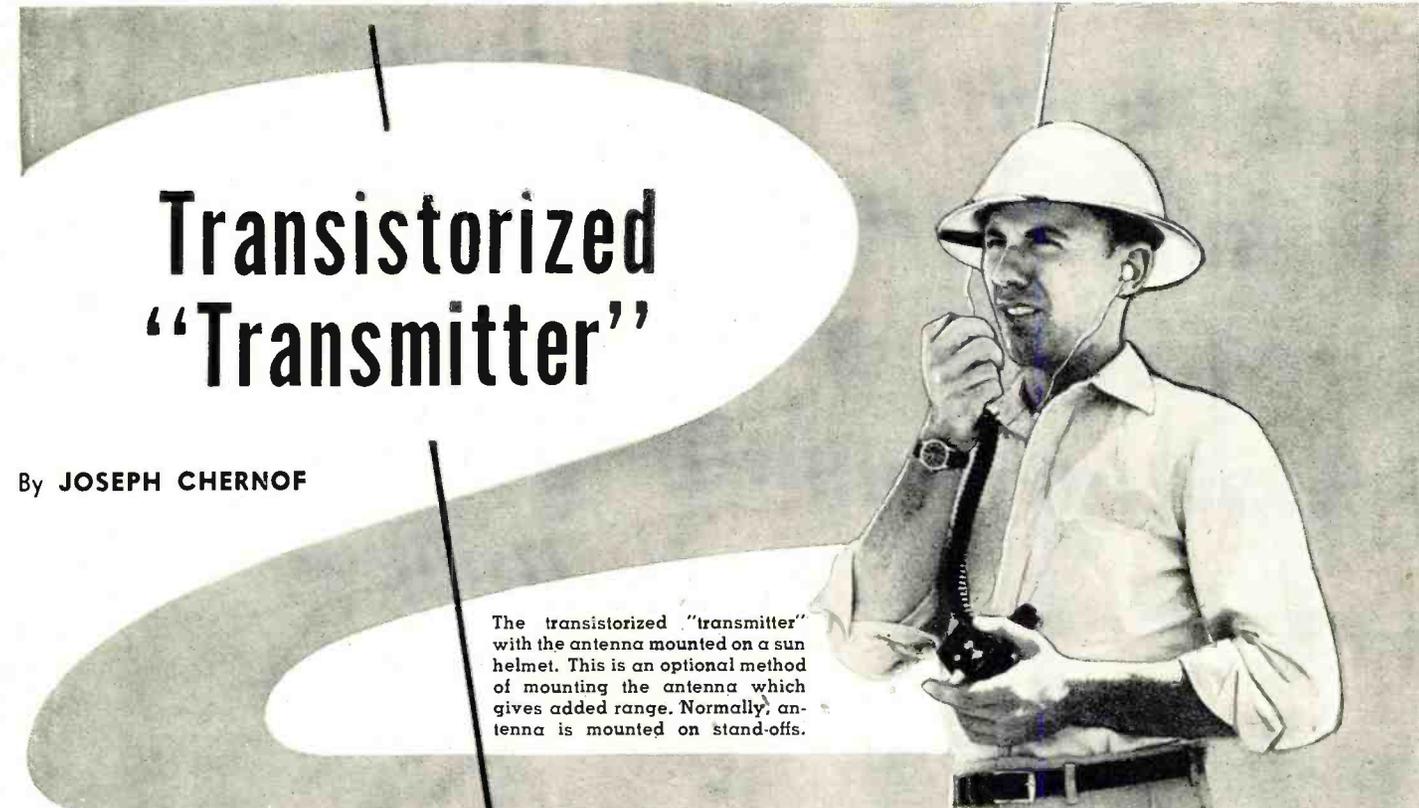


Fig. 2. (A) Simplest form of "Corona" triode speaker which produces steady "background" wind. (B) Advanced form in which winds are balanced on no signal. (C) A push-pull version of the original "Corona Loudspeaker."

Transistorized "Transmitter"

By JOSEPH CHERNOF



The transistorized "transmitter" with the antenna mounted on a sun helmet. This is an optional method of mounting the antenna which gives added range. Normally, antenna is mounted on stand-offs.

Construction details on a compact, low-power unit for use as wireless mike, wireless intercom, or like applications.

AFTER absorbing a number of articles on transistor receiver construction, etc., the writer has watched with great interest for some information on the use of transistors in r.f. transmission applications. To date, there has been very little information on this subject available, so the writer, with considerable trepidation, set out to investigate the situation. The results have been very interesting. Surprisingly enough, the transistor is at its most efficient when used as an r.f. oscillator and modulation poses no great problem. The unit to be described is quite simple and is intended more as an indication of the possibilities of the transistor in transmitter work than as a finished product.

This transmitter is shown schematically in Fig. 1. Total current drain for the unit amounts to 1.4 milliamperes with the microphone keyed and is only a few microamperes when not being keyed. This latter current represents the leakage across the back biased collector-base junction with zero emitter current.

The transmitter tunes from approximately 1.3 mc. to 2.0 mc. using the components shown. The r.f. output is greatest at the low end of the band. An ordinary carbon microphone is used for modulation purposes. A whip antenna, fabricated from a four-foot length of brass welding rod, gives about a ¼-mile range with the antenna attached to the unit and somewhat more with the antenna raised to head level by being attached to a hat as shown in the photograph at the top of this page. Use of a reasonably long antenna would probably extend the

range of transmission well beyond the limits set up by the FCC for phono oscillators and other units radiating in the broadcast band.

The upper frequency limit of the transmitter is dependent on the type of transistor used. There are a number of units available commercially which will oscillate at frequencies well above 5 mc.; however, the writer limited his work to the most inexpensive units available. The final choice was a *Texas Instruments TI-300*, which has the advantage of being quite low in price. This transistor is of the *p-n-p* type.

Transistors oscillate with great ease so there was no difficulty in developing an oscillator circuit. The circuit finally chosen was that of the grounded-base amplifier with feedback. This is a better circuit for r.f. oscillators than the more conventional grounded-emitter amplifier since it has much the superior frequency response. Also, there is no phase shift between input and output current in the grounded-base amplifier so that all that is necessary to sustain oscillation is to feed back a portion of the output signal to the input through a coupling capacitor. The waveform obtained is excellent and stability is fairly good.

Referring to the schematic diagram, the "tank" circuit consists of a *Miller "High-Q Ferrite"* antenna coil. The adjustable ferrite tuning core on this coil covers a very wide frequency range

without need for an additional tuning capacitor. A portion of the signal developed across the tank circuit is fed back to the emitter through C_1 . Increasing the value of C_1 will drop the lower tuning limit of the unit down considerably with a corresponding decrease in the upper frequency limit. Since the antenna length available for portable use was limited, it was decided to settle for the highest possible operating frequencies.

Emitter current is supplied from a standard penlite cell through the microphone, a 1.5 millihenry r.f. choke, and a 1000 ohm pot which serves as modulation control. This is fairly simple to adjust with the aid of a nearby receiver, being set for the best compromise between loudness and distortion. Modulation is accomplished through variation of emitter current through the carbon mike. There is also a secondary effect due to the resistance of the mike being part of the r.f. feedback network. Since this effect gives both amplitude and frequency modulation, it has been minimized as much as possible through the r.f. choke and decoupling capacitor, but there is still enough of an effect left to give a little frequency modulation. Using a shielded cable for the mike lead also helps to reduce this. The FM effect is not too objectionable and is probably average for most modulated oscillator circuits.

The mike is a standard T-17, usually

available on the surplus market. Almost any carbon mike would be a satisfactory substitute here.

Collector power is supplied from an Eveready Model 413 miniature 30-volt battery. Manufacturer's specs limit the TI-300 transistor to a maximum collector voltage of 22½ volts, but the writer has put many hours on several of these units at 30 volts with no adverse effects. In any application where that last yard of range is not too important, a 22½-volt battery would be satisfactory. An ordinary toggle switch serves as the "on-off" control although a miniature slide-type switch would have been a better choice.

The antenna connection is taken directly off the top of the tank coil, which means that antenna length has a very noticeable effect on tuning. As one would imagine, the longer the antenna, the lower the frequency for a given tuning adjustment.

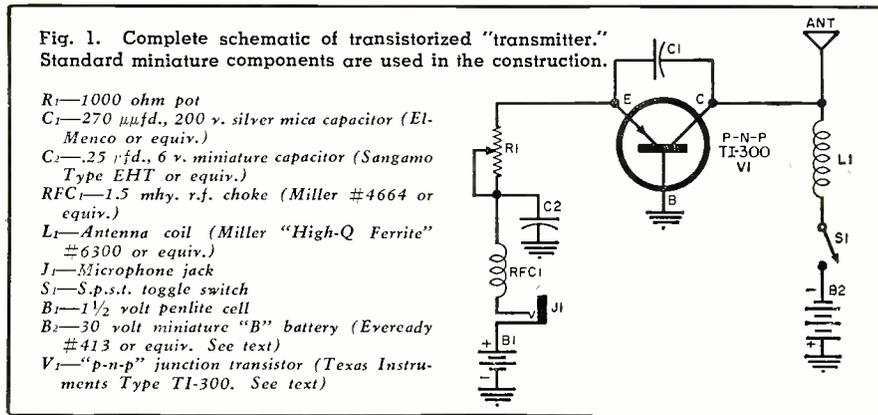
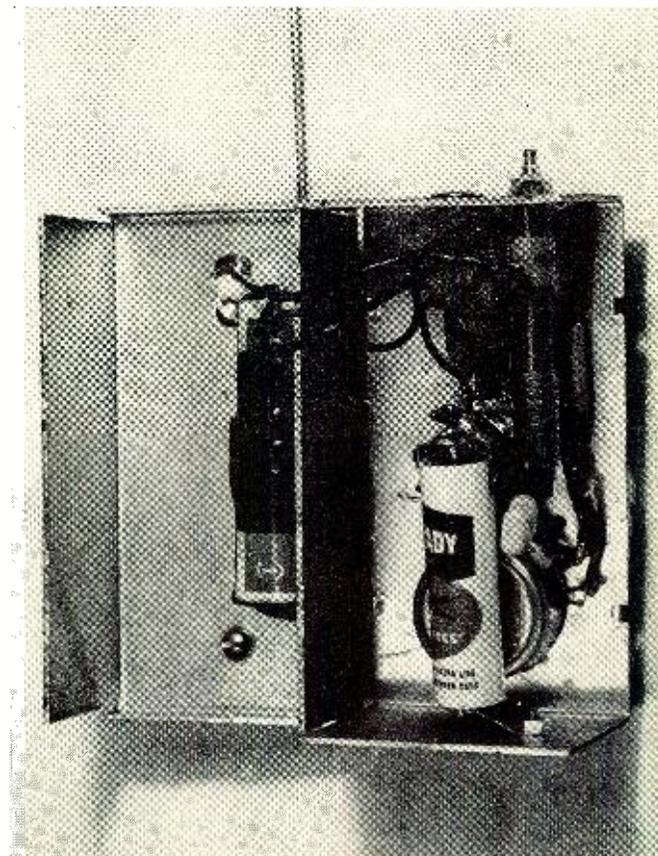
The entire unit fits very nicely into a miniature LMB box chassis, 4 x 2 x 1½ inches in size. The antenna may either be mounted directly on the case with miniature stand-off insulators or may be located elsewhere. As seen in one of the photographs, the chassis was held in the writer's hand and the antenna was mounted with stand-off insulators on his sun helmet. The entire unit could probably have been built in the sun helmet without too much trouble. Battery life should be excellent, since the only appreciable current drain will occur when actually talking into the mike. Audio fidelity is not outstanding, being equivalent or slightly worse than telephone quality, so the unit is not recommended as a phono oscillator.

It was found that the upper frequency range of the transmitter could be extended by replacing the TI-300 with an i.f. transistor such as the TI-2N146. For this higher frequency operation, the value of C_1 should be reduced by at least a factor of two. It should be noted that the 2N146, in common with most r.f. and i.f. units, is an *n-p-n* transistor and therefore cannot be directly substituted in this circuit. It is

Over-all view of the "transmitter." In this case, antenna is mounted on case with stand-offs. Mike is a surplus T-17 unit.



Internal view of unit. Circuit is built into a 4" x 2" x 1½" box chassis but could be built into sun helmet or other case.



first necessary to reverse the polarities of both the emitter and collector batteries, B_1 and B_2 , to avoid damaging the transistor. It would also be a good idea to replace the 30-volt battery with a 22½ volt unit as the manufacturer's specs on the 2N146 quote a 20-volt maximum.

As can be seen in the construction photographs of the transmitter, B_1 and B_2 have their leads soldered directly to the battery terminals. This is the cheapest and easiest method but makes battery replacement a little difficult. It is suggested that one of the miniature battery holders, such as the Austin-Craft, be used to permit easy battery replacement. Solder connections are then made to the eyelets on the holders.

Regarding the use of other low cost *p-n-p* transistors in the circuit, unfortunately these were not available for checking. However, judging from re-

sults obtained to date in working with transistor circuits, probably any type of *p-n-p* transistor of comparable characteristics would operate in the circuit.

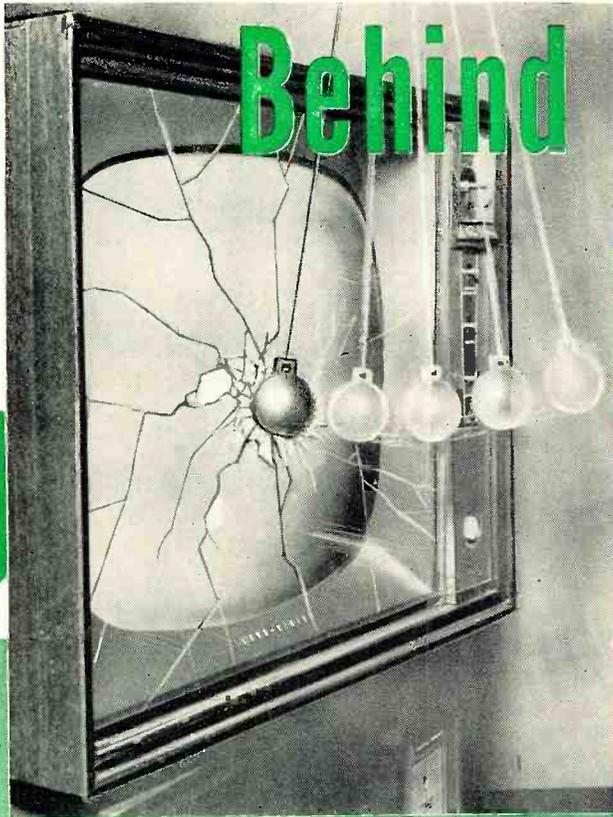
Some of the uses found for the unit, over and above the obvious broadcasting through home or car radios as a gag, have been as a part of a two-way setup for uranium prospecting in the local mountains, which ties in with a very broad application for a low-cost wireless intercom system for home or field use. This unit should also be excellent for Civil Defense use during emergencies where regular *Conecord* broadcasting facilities are tied up with high priority messages as an alternate means of communication between local groups. As far as ham use is concerned, with better stability built into the circuits and higher frequency transistors, use of transistorized transmitters on the ham bands should not be too far off.

Behind the

UL

Label

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This is an Underwriters Laboratories test of the safety glass on a TV receiver. If the glass flies out toward the viewer as a result of being hit by a 1½ lb. steel ball, it is unsafe.

Do you know how a TV manufacturer protects you as a viewer or service technician from implosion shock, and fire hazards? Don't defeat the built-in safeties.

Fig. 1. This "guillotine" drops a weight upon the picture tube through a hole in cabinet. This causes the CRT to implode.



THE TV technician carefully slid the chassis of a 21" TV set out of the cabinet and placed it on his bench. The complaint was "no picture" and the technician's preliminary checks had revealed that there was no high voltage. Substitution of tubes had not corrected the trouble, so the set had been taken into the shop.

One of the first things the technician noticed as he eyed the chassis was that all the tube shields were wired down so that he wouldn't lose them, he thought. But the real reason was more important than that.

The chassis pulled by the technician may have resembled the one shown in Fig. 2. This is a "hot" chassis, that is, one side of the a.c. line is connected directly to it. The chassis is well insulated from the cabinet, which in this case is metal, but what would happen if one of those metal tube shields fell off in shipment and lodged between the "hot" chassis and cabinet? The resulting short circuit could give the set user a serious shock if he happened to be standing on, say, a grounded heat register as he touched the receiver after turning it on.

The use of captive tube shields is just one small detail in an exhaustive series of precautions taken by the TV set manufacturer to insure that his product will not constitute a hazard

in the hands of the user and his family. The watchman, who makes certain that the manufacturer doesn't overlook a point or perhaps try to save a penny or two is the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

Founded in 1894, *UL* is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. It is operated solely as a service and maintains complete facilities for testing TV receivers (as well as many other products) in New York, Chicago, and Santa Clara, California. A set manufacturer who desires to have his receiver "listed" with *UL* must first submit a sample of the set to one of these three testing stations. If the sample is approved, *UL* representatives then visit the manufacturer's plant at the beginning of production to insure conformity with the sample. Furthermore, if changes are made in the mechanical or electrical design of the receiver during production, the revised version must be re-examined.

In the television field, *UL* is concerned with three basic hazards:

1. Picture tube implosion
2. Electrical shock
3. Fire

Before any TV receiver is granted *UL* listing it must comply with *UL* published standards for TV sets. Notice that *UL* listing does not guarantee product performance such as a perfect picture, super-fringe performance, or non-slip sync; the *UL* engineers who perform the many inspections are rather indifferent to these characteristics. Their basic concern is the user's safety.

Although TV receivers can be marketed without *UL* listing, most manufacturers seek *UL* approval for some good reasons. A *UL* listing is accepted throughout the country as evidence of adequate protection against hazard; without it, the manufacturer must obtain approval of local authorities in certain areas. Also, the display of the *UL* label generally increases public acceptance of a product.

The TV technician has an important responsibility relative to all this. He must see to it that the many user safeguards designed and built into the set at substantial additional cost are not defeated, intentionally or otherwise, as the result of a service call or shop repair job.

Let's look at some of the many tests made by UL to help protect the user.

One of the first and most important tests which a new model must pass is picture tube implosion. The monstrous device shown in Fig. 1 is similar to the machine used by UL to implode picture tubes in TV receivers. This implosion test is made on all new models to test cabinet and safety glass strength and thus reasonably safeguard the user from the possibility of serious injury from projected glass fragments should the picture tube implode.

The test is made by boring a hole in the cabinet top directly above the rim of the picture tube. The implosion machine is then used to drive a one-inch steel bar through this opening against the rim of the picture tube with an impact of approximately 100 foot-pounds. This produces a "good" implosion, which means that the folks in the laboratory next door are apt to reach out and steady themselves when they feel the shock. The terrific impact of an implosion of this type usually demolishes the interior of the receiver as can be seen in Fig. 3.

UL requirements specify that on a test of this nature no material shall be violently expelled from the receiver enclosure, provided that the method of implosion does not impair the physical strength of the enclosure itself. Obviously, the safety glass must be securely mounted if it is to contain the full force of a 21" tube implosion. (A safety glass that has been removed for cleaning and replaced insecurely, either by the customer or service technician, constitutes an implosion hazard of the first degree. Precaution #1 therefore: *When replacing safety glass make absolutely certain that all retaining hardware is replaced.* One bolt may suffice to hold the glass in place—all are needed to withstand the tremendous blast of an implosion, otherwise the manufacturer wouldn't have spent the money to include them.)

The removable back on the set also comes in for some scrutiny on this test, particularly if the receiver is one of the smaller portable models that can be parked in the middle of the room rather than against the wall. The back must also be designed to withstand the force of the implosion and, here again, if the manufacturer uses eight screws for securing purposes where two would apparently do, the reason should now be clear.

Once the implosion test is passed, a second sample receiver is brought into use for further electrical and fire hazard inspections. Before proceeding into details of these other inspections, it might be appropriate at this time to point out the assumptions made by

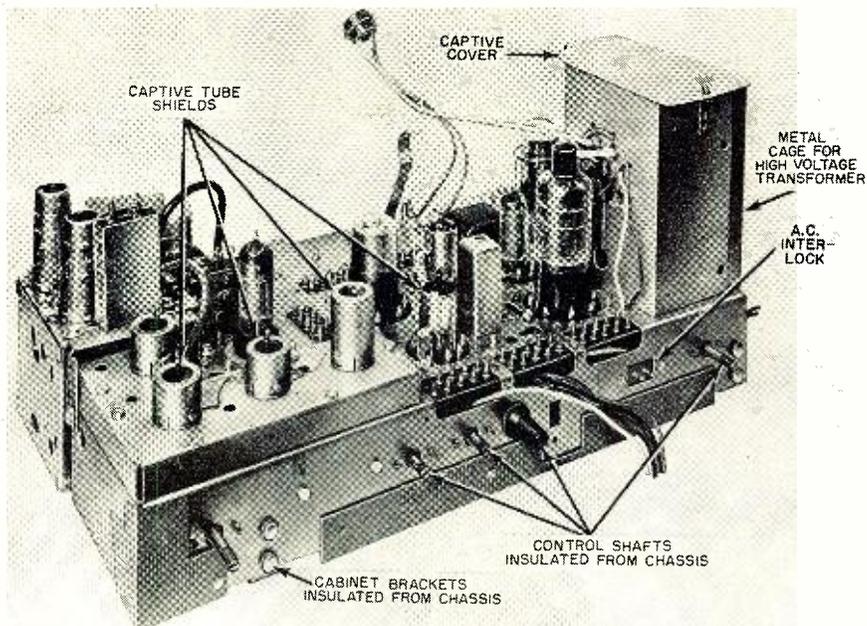


Fig. 2. Chassis of a TV set which uses a selenium rectifier low-voltage supply. This chassis is "hot" and as a result, the control shafts are insulated from it.

UL which have a direct bearing on the nature of the inspections.

UL assumes that the replacement of tubes and some types of fuses is a customer operation. This goes back to the days of radio when the customer took the tubes out of his radio and had them tested at the nearest repair shop. Admittedly, this practice is not widespread with TV, but the assumption remains. All adjustments with respect to focus, picture centering, and framing are considered customer adjustments, even though the back must be removed to perform some of these adjustments. Here again, the practice is not universal, but it is considered within the realm of possibility. Still another vital assumption is that the receiver will be subject to the unpredictable actions of children and must therefore be reasonably safe against inquiring little fingers.

It now remains for the engineers to design a receiver which has satisfactory picture and sound qualities and

is also safe in the hands of the consumer.

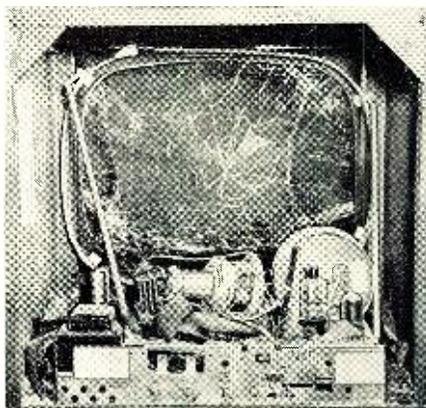
Perhaps the first UL required safeguard relative to the foregoing assumptions is a precautionary label on the back of the receiver which states in bold letters that the set is equipped with an electrical interlock to prevent dangerous electrical shock. Warning is given not to tamper with this device or to attempt to defeat its purpose. Despite this label, many technicians have probably come across TV sets operating in the home with "cheater" cord in use and the back cover entirely missing. A receiver in this condition is an open death trap if there are small children in the home. Several needless deaths due to this practice have been recorded. Technicians are urged to correct this situation when they come across it.

With the a.c. interlock on the back operating properly, the user is exposed to no shock hazard in removing and replacing small tubes. Closely allied with tube changing is fuse replacement and here the UL has a somewhat different philosophy.

Until recently, UL did not permit an essential fuse to be user-serviceable because the types of fuse receptacles available could be bridged or otherwise defeated with a piece of wire, metal foil, etc. Any user-accessible fuse, therefore, which was incorporated by the manufacturer, was shorted out of the circuit during the UL test and the equipment was then required to meet test requirements in this condition. Within the past year, however, a practically foolproof fuse and fuseholder have been devised and UL has given recognition to their use within definitely established limits. Fuses are now considered either "user serviceable" or "non-serviceable."

A "user serviceable" fuse must be clearly visible when the back of the

Fig. 3. Rear view of a TV receiver showing the interior after the picture tube has imploded. Note how CRT glass has scattered, but safety glass has not.



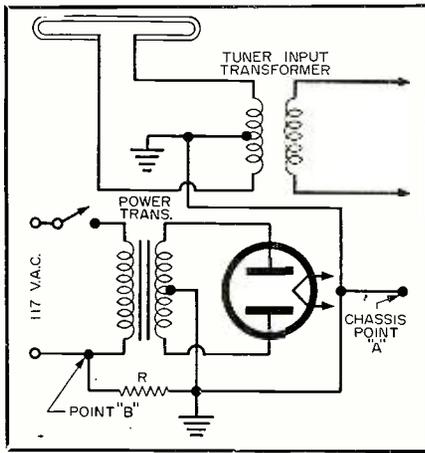


Fig. 4. Simplified low-voltage power supply and signal input circuits of a TV set showing the resistor from one side of the a.c. line to ground.

receiver is removed or the interior of the receiver is otherwise exposed and it must be labeled with data on the type and rating of a suitable replacement. A fuse in this category must also be mounted so that the user cannot defeat its purpose, that is, both terminals of the fuse cannot be exposed to invite a temporary repair with a piece of baling wire or metal foil.

A "non-serviceable" fuse, on the other hand, must be concealed from the user either by a cover of some sort (which cannot be removed without hand tools) or by wiring the fuse into the chassis at a point where it is not visible when the interior of the receiver is exposed. This type of fuse can be wired into the primary a.c. circuits or the high-voltage circuits, or both. Generally, it is desirable from a cost and design standpoint to wire in the high-voltage fuse as a "non-serviceable" type because extension of damper or other horizontal circuit wiring to enable convenient positioning of the fuse can produce undesirable feedback effects to other sections of the receiver.

Fire Hazards

As might be expected, the high-voltage transformer is generally considered the number one fire hazard and the *UL* test, therefore, requires that this component withstand, without breakdown, a voltage in excess of twice the peak operating voltage. Failure to pass this test requires that the transformer be enclosed in a metal container so that the flame of a breakdown arc cannot be propagated. If a cover or access plate is provided on the enclosure for service reasons, it must be made captive, that is, secured to the chassis so it cannot be completely removed or forgotten. A clip, chain, or hinge is usually provided to fulfill this requirement. (Precaution #2: Be sure the high voltage compartment is securely "buttoned-up" after servicing this section of the receiver.)

If the receiver is unusually compact, which appears to be the current

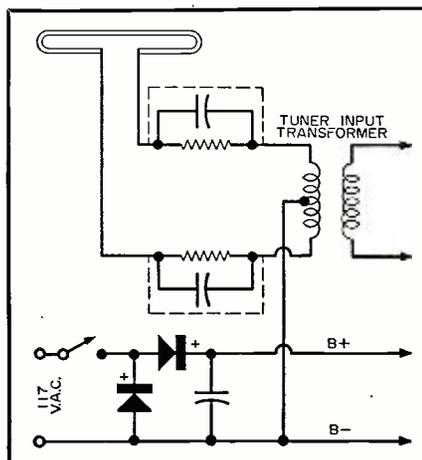
trend, heat generated by the larger tubes in confined areas is considerable and it is for this reason that some wooden cabinets have sections of the interior lined with metal foil or asbestos. One common installation precaution which should not be ignored is to make sure ventilation openings on the bottom and sides of the cabinet are not covered with adjacent books, magazines, knick-knacks, etc. Aside from contributing to possible fire hazard, the higher temperatures resulting from restricted vents can shorten the life of tubes and components.

The more inquisitive technician may have wondered why a high-value resistor is wired from the primary side of a transformer-type power supply to chassis ground, as shown in Fig. 4. This resistor provides a d.c. leakage path from chassis to earth ground by way of the power lines and thus prevents the possibility of a dangerous voltage build-up on the chassis and accessible metal parts. How can this voltage build up? The simplified diagram of Fig. 4 illustrates one source of high voltage—the antenna system.

It is well known that electrical storms can induce high potentials in exposed wiring such as antenna leads, and with the usual antenna input circuit, this voltage will appear on the chassis of the receiver, point "A" in Fig. 4. When this happens, point "A" can be thousands of volts in potential above point "B" which represents earth ground *via* the power lines. Without resistor *R* to provide a leakage path, this potential could break down the insulation of the power transformer and thereby develop a dangerous short circuit between the a.c. line and chassis.

The same condition can also develop if the service technician discharges high-voltage circuits to an external earth ground rather than to chassis. This is the reason for the warning label prominently displayed on the receiver chassis which states: *Warning: Discharging high voltages to earth ground produces a shock hazard between chassis and earth ground. High voltage should be discharged to chassis only.*

Fig. 5. Bridging the signal input filters in this circuit made the antenna "hot."



In the case of a "hot" chassis receiver, similar precautions must be taken when discharging high-voltage circuits. Discharge must be made only to "B—" and not to isolated metal parts such as cabinet, controls, brackets, etc. These isolated metal parts are generally insulated from "B—," hence, discharging high voltage to them can break down the insulation and result in a direct short circuit between "B—" and these exposed parts.

Occasionally a technician can unwittingly modify a circuit into a cracker-jack of a lethal machine in the belief he is improving things. An example of this was found by the author several years ago in a fringe area where all sorts of stunts were being tried in an effort to improve reception. Shown in Fig. 5 is the basic antenna circuit of a receiver which used a transformerless power supply. The center tap of the antenna input transformer connects to "B—," as does one side of the a.c. line. The technician removed the *RC* networks at the input to the tuner and connected the lead-in directly to the antenna input transformer as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 5. In so doing, he unknowingly connected the antenna circuit directly to one side of the a.c. line. Depending on line cord polarity, the antenna and lead-in would be either at ground potential or 117 volts a.c. above ground with virtually unlimited amperage behind it. Fortunately, the antenna at this installation was properly grounded so the only casualty was a burned-up antenna input coil.

To thwart small children, *UL* requires that cabinet openings in close proximity to hazardous circuits in the chassis be blocked. Some openings can remain unblocked if they are small enough and sufficient clearance exists between them and the danger points. Leakage current tests are made between all exposed metal parts and earth ground with the set in operation. Maximum allowable leakage current is five milliamperes. Thus, should a knob be pulled off, contact with the exposed shaft will draw off no greater current, even if the customer happened to be standing on, say, a wet basement floor as he tuned the receiver. This test also accounts for the insulated shaft couplings sometimes found on certain types of chassis. Woe to the unthinking technician who replaces a broken insulated shaft coupling with a solid metal bushing because it looks like the easy way out. Precaution #3: *Do not improvise mechanical repairs without first considering the potential hazards such work can create.*

The main purpose of this article has been to inform the service technician on some of the apparently "silly" practices TV manufacturers follow in designing and building receivers. If the information presented here can prevent one needless casualty, then the effort involved in its preparation will have been well worthwhile. —30—

A Portable

Audio Amplifier System

THE literature is replete with designs for amplifiers and preamplifiers whose main application is for living room use. However, there are many instances when the audio enthusiast is called upon to furnish an amplifier for parties, mobile public-address work, and special events. He seldom relishes the task of dismantling the living room amplifier, providing suitable enclosures, and rigging up the requisite power supplies. It is for such applications that the author has designed a "universal" system that is convenient for such uses besides serving as a high quality entertainment or public-address amplifier for the home.

Design Specifications

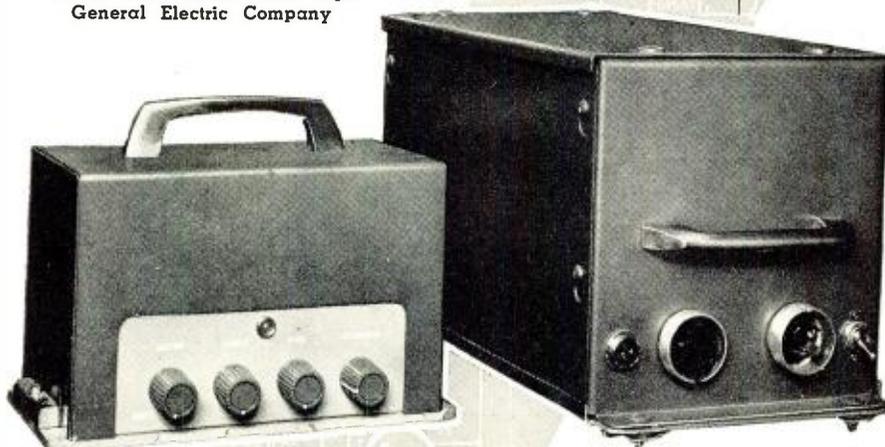
The first consideration was the rated-power output of the amplifier. If the required acoustic power is known, the electrical power may be found from the relationship:

$$\text{Electrical Power} = \text{Acoustic Power} / \text{Speaker Efficiency.}$$

It is unfortunate that the two expressions on the right side of the equation are not easily established. Let us, therefore, make certain preliminary assumptions which will lead to expected power requirements. The average orchestral intensity level has been found¹ to be approximately 75 db above 10^{-10} watt per square centimeter where 0 db is taken as the level of the weakest 1000 cps tone that can be heard by a normal ear in a silent room. Peak orchestral intensities up to 110 db have been measured with bass-drum-solo intensities reaching approximately 113 db.

The acoustic power required to produce a level of 75 db depends upon the volume and reverberation time of the room in which it is to be heard. Mitchell² has prepared data from which acoustic power may be determined if the room dimensions and characteristics of the reflecting surfaces within the room are known. For a room $30' \times 20' \times 10'$ (such as a game room), the acoustic power needed is on the order of 10^{-5} watts. Assuming a speaker efficiency of 5%, the electrical power is found to be $10^{-5} / (5 \times 10^{-2}) = 0.0002$ watt. If the peak intensity of 115 db is to be reproduced, 2 watts of electrical power will be needed; and, with a 6 db margin, an amplifier with 8 watts of electrical power will be sufficient. Since it is customary to rate amplifiers in this power region in multiples of 5, the amplifier to be described was designed for 10 watts output.

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Matching preamp with operating controls is shown at the left, with the associated power amplifier unit at the right.

Can be operated from 6- or 12-volt battery supply or from a.c. line. Power amplifier and matching preamp provide a 10-watt audio output with low distortion.

It is recognized that outdoor public-address work means that the intensity level will vary inversely as the square of the distance from the source, thus demanding more power for large areas. With re-entrant horns or compound-diffraction projectors, conversion efficiencies of 30% to 40% may be expected as compared to the 5% more typical of cone speakers, thus helping to compensate for the added power required.

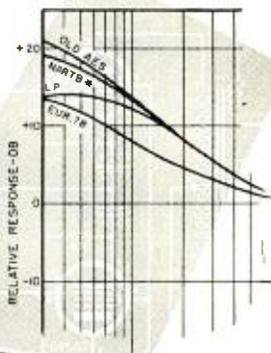
It was decided, at the outset, that no compromise in performance would be tolerated in order to achieve a compact and economical design. Since the best ears can perceive frequencies from 16 to 22,000 cps at intensities near the threshold of pain, there is no reason to exceed this bandwidth and very little reason to attempt to equal it. It was decided to hold to broadcast practice and design the main amplifier with a frequency response of 30 to 15,000 cps ± 1 db from a 1000 cps reference.

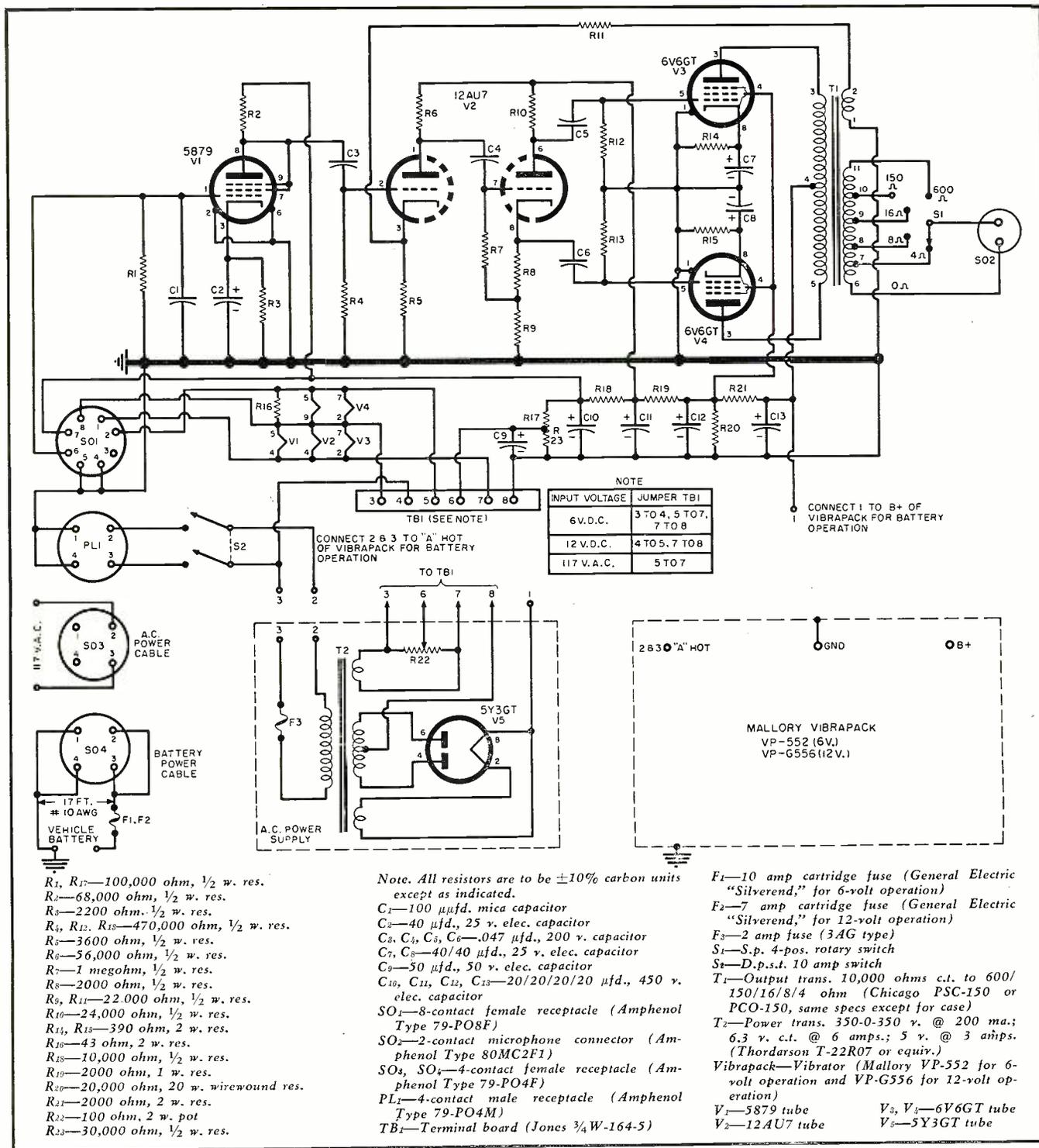
Bandwidth and power output specifications, in themselves, are relatively easy to meet until a distortion specification at rated power output is set. With a total harmonic distortion on

the order of 1%, few critical listeners are offended, thus 1% over the 30 to 15,000 cps band was chosen as the design specification. The intermodulation distortion compared to 1% harmonic distortion is approximately 4%. It is extremely important, in any amplifier design, not to be content with measuring the single-frequency distortion at the output. Internal feedback and non-linearities may cause cancellations that yield meaningless results when only the output is measured. It can be shown philosophically and demonstrated experimentally that two stages whose harmonic distortions are 3% may result in a measured distortion of, say, 1% at the output. The r.m.s. of the individual stage distortion, however, indicates the true performance of the amplifier. This is the reason for measuring the intermodulation, which takes into account the sum and difference products of each stage.

Finally, it was desired that the hum and noise level at the output of the main amplifier be at least 70 db below rated output.

In the preamplifier, it was deemed desirable to include four controls: "Loudness/Volume," "Treble," "Bass,"





- R₁, R₁₇—100,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₂—68,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₃—2200 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₄, R₁₂, R₁₈—470,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₅—3600 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₆—56,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₇—1 megohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₈—2000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₉, R₁₁—22,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₁₀—24,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₁₃, R₁₅—390 ohm, 2 w. res.
- R₁₆—43 ohm, 2 w. res.
- R₁₈—10,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
- R₁₉—2000 ohm, 1 w. res.
- R₂₀—20,000 ohm, 20 w. wirewound res.
- R₂₁—2000 ohm, 2 w. res.
- R₂₂—100 ohm, 2 w. pot
- R₂₃—30,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.

- Note. All resistors are to be ±10% carbon units except as indicated.
- C₁—100 μfd. mica capacitor
 - C₂—40 μfd., 25 v. elec. capacitor
 - C₃, C₄, C₅, C₆—0.047 μfd., 200 v. capacitor
 - C₇, C₈—40/40 μfd., 25 v. elec. capacitor
 - C₉—50 μfd., 50 v. elec. capacitor
 - C₁₀, C₁₁, C₁₂, C₁₃—20/20/20/20 μfd., 450 v. elec. capacitor
- SO₁—8-contact female receptacle (Amphenol Type 79-PO8F)
 SO₂—2-contact microphone connector (Amphenol Type 80MC2F1)
 SO₃, SO₄—4-contact female receptacle (Amphenol Type 79-PO4F)
 PL₁—4-contact male receptacle (Amphenol Type 79-PO4M)
 TB₁—Terminal board (Jones 3/4W-164-5)

- F₁—10 amp cartridge fuse (General Electric "Silverend," for 6-volt operation)
 - F₂—7 amp cartridge fuse (General Electric "Silverend," for 12-volt operation)
 - F₃—2 amp fuse (3AG type)
 - S₁—S.p. 4-pos. rotary switch
 - S₂—D.p.s.t. 10 amp switch
 - T₁—Output trans. 10,000 ohms c.t. to 600/150/16/8/4 ohm (Chicago PSC-150 or PCO-150, same specs except for case)
 - T₂—Power trans. 350-0-350 v. @ 200 ma.; 6.3 v. c.t. @ 6 amps.; 5 v. @ 3 amps. (Thordarson T-22R07 or equiv.)
- Vibrapak—Vibrator (Mallory VP-552 for 6-volt operation and VP-G556 for 12-volt operation)
 V₁—5879 tube V₃, V₄—6V6GT tube
 V₂—12AU7 tube V₅—5Y3GT tube

Complete schematic diagram of the power amplifier and rectifier circuit portions of the portable high-quality audio system.

and microphone "Mixer." Provision for equalization of the "New Orthophonic," AES, LP, and European 78 recording curves was made, but only the "New Orthophonic" equalization was incorporated.

With the current controversy over loudness controls, it was decided that a "universal" amplifier should have provision for operating the front panel control either as a loudness or volume control, hence the circuit to be described.

The treble control was designed for either boost or droop, the mid-position being flat. This allows "shading" the

equalization more closely for differences in room acoustics, playback level, and other recording curves. The bass control was designed for boost only, since bass droop is used so seldom. When bass droop is desired, the operation of the loudness control as a volume control removes the Fletcher-Munson compensation and gives the illusion of bass droop.

Microphone mixer controls are generally of multi-element or multi-stage design and were not felt to be sufficiently economical of space to warrant their use in this application. A new and novel mixer-fader circuit (Patent

Applied For) was developed for this use.

Again in the preamplifier, it was the designer's purpose to provide a circuit with negligible distortion, 1.0% harmonic distortion being considered tolerable. Hum and noise 70 db below full output was the accepted goal.

In order to meet the requirements set forth in the first paragraph, it was mandatory that both amplifier and preamplifier be capable of being operated from primary sources of 117 volts a.c., 6 volts d.c., or 12 volts d.c.

The following step was to determine an acceptable packaging arrange-



↑ Top view of the power amplifier with top and side panels removed. The audio output transformer can be clearly seen near the center of the chassis, while the power transformer is at the left. The four amplifier tubes, the electrolytic filter capacitors, and impedance selector switch are also visible on the chassis.

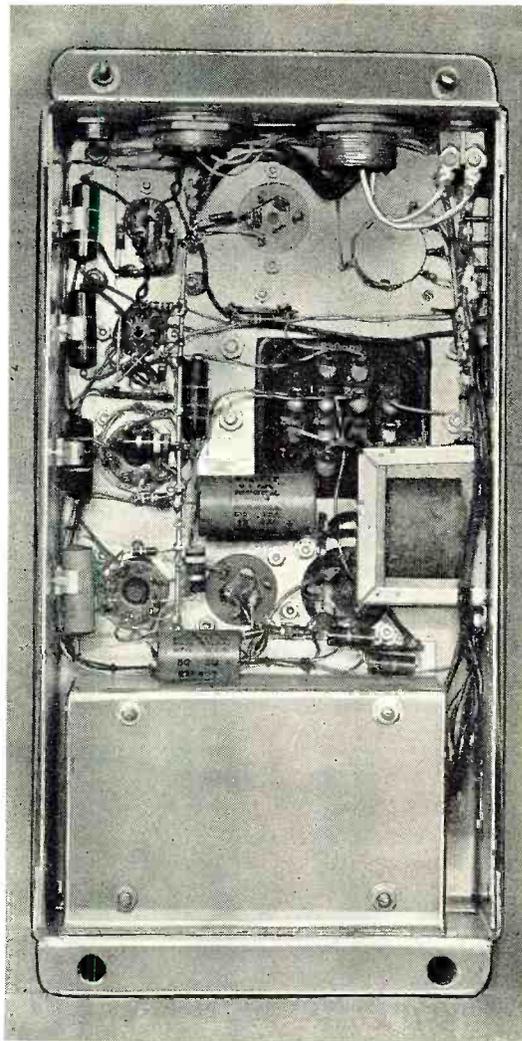
ment. Ease of service and portability were of paramount importance. For minimum chassis currents and induced hum into the low-level stages, two separate chassis for the main amplifier and preamplifier were chosen, thus also giving flexibility in mounting and operating the units. For vehicular use, the main amplifier could easily be trunk mounted; and, for home or party use it would be advantageous to have only the preamplifier at the operating position.

The Output Stage

Once the power output of an amplifier has been determined, the next step in the design is to select the output stage. A push-pull arrangement was chosen so that even-order harmonics would be cancelled, there would be no d.c. saturation in the core of the output transformer, and two small tubes of modest power requirements could be used rather than one large tube. Among the tubes that could have been used are the 6V6, 6L6, 807, 6146, etc. The available data for the 6V6 in the tube manuals show that 14 watts at 3.5% harmonic distortion may be expected with plate and screen voltages of 285 volts and zero signal plate current of 70 ma. It is true that each of the other tubes could produce the same power output at less distortion but with greater input power requirements. Since it is seldom wise to send a man to do a boy's job (he may be expensive to feed), 6V6GT's were selected. Bear in mind that the 14 watts are referred to the primary, thus allowing an output transformer whose efficiency is 70% or greater.

The circuitry which evolved with the use of the push-pull stage is relatively simple and straightforward; certain fundamentals being important and having been adhered to in this design. Since high G_m tubes operating at high currents always draw some grid current and since this current is generally not a linear function of grid voltage, hence causing distortion and limiting power, the grid resistors were kept to as low a value as possible, consistent

→ Underside of the power amplifier unit. Note the use of the ground bus immediately to the right of the line of four tube sockets for the amplifier tubes. All components are rigidly mounted so that the vibration to which a portable unit of this type may be subjected does not cause any serious problems.



with minimum loading on the phase inverter. The cathodes were biased with separate resistors rather than a single resistor of half the value. This arrangement tends to equalize the plate currents when two tubes, whose characteristics are slightly different, are used. These resistor values were carefully chosen to yield minimum distortion when the output stage was loaded via the output transformer to be described and when driven by the phase inverter—before the feedback loop was closed. This latter point is an important one which is often overlooked. In designing a feedback amplifier, the safest avenue to follow is to design the best possible amplifier without feedback and then apply just enough feedback to meet the design specifications. It is generally much wiser to apply 10 db of feedback to reduce 3% distortion to 1% than to apply 20 db to reduce 10% to 1%.

A bleeder in the screen circuit was used to improve regulation. (Note that the constant plate current curves shown for beam power tubes assume constant screen voltage.)

The Output Transformer

After the output stage is selected, a device to couple it to the load must be selected. With a push-pull stage, a transformer is the logical choice, but

a decision about the method of applying feedback must be made before the transformer can be specified. Among the more practical and popular methods of forming the feedback loop are: feedback from the plate of the output stage, from the load winding, and from a tertiary winding.

If feedback is taken from the plate of the output stage, the points to which the feedback can be applied are fixed by the number of stages. Also, the load presented by the feedback loop to the output stage must be very large with respect to the load resistance referred to the primary. Furthermore, the output stage "B+" must be very well filtered since it can be shown that as the feedback increases, the hum in the output will approximate the power-supply ripple.

Feedback, in any case, follows the relationship: $e_{out}/e_{in} = A/1-AB$ where: e_{out} = output voltage

e_{in} = input voltage

A = forward gain of the amplifier without feedback

B = portion of the output signal applied as feedback

The term "A B" is a complex variable and must never equal $1 + j0$ if the amplifier is to be stable. Thus, the limiting conditions for the design of the feedback amplifier are (a) all of the coupling networks in the "A B"

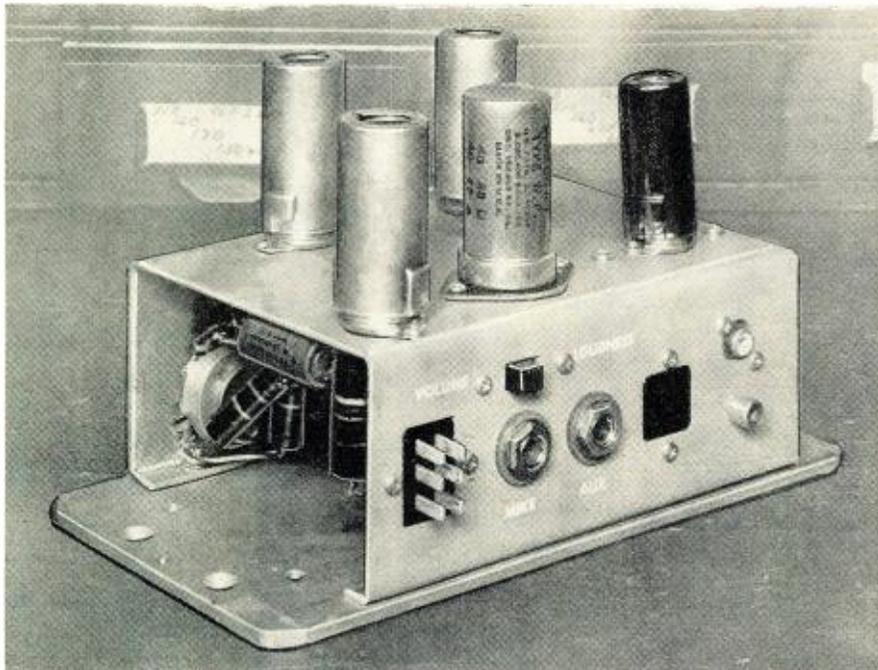


Photo of preamplifier unit with top cover removed. Rear panel is toward reader.

circuit are of the minimum phase-shift type, (b) all of the amplifying elements in themselves unilateral, and (c) all of the circuit parameters possess a value independent of time. Condition (a) implies a formal relationship between the amplitude transmission characteristic and the phase-shift of output relative to input of the network. Practically, the phase-amplitude characteristic must be controlled one octave above and below the signal-channel passband for every 10 db of feedback, plus an octave for margin.

When the feedback is taken from the load-winding of the output transformer, rather stringent requirements are placed on the transformer. If the passband of the forward amplifier is 30 to 15,000 cps, the phase-amplitude characteristic of the feedback loop must be controlled from 4 cps to 120 kc.

In order that the load winding be required to pass only the signal frequencies, tertiary feedback was

selected. Thus the signal circuit is sampled and the distortion products appearing in the transformer are fed back. Also, the hum voltage appearing at the output is reduced by a constant factor as the feedback is increased.

Transformer Design

The output transformer specifications must be quite rigid since it must be considered as another circuit parameter. The following are the more important items to be specified.

1. Since the transformer can deliver only about two-thirds of the available volt-amperes to the load, the reactance of the primary inductance at the lowest frequency to be amplified must be approximately twice the primary load impedance.

2. The leakage inductance of the primary to tertiary must be low in order not to load the primary; and, the tertiary surge impedance must be much smaller than the tertiary load. The first resonance of the tertiary

must be at or above the highest frequency in the feedback loop.

3. The turns ratio of tertiary to primary must be as close to "B" as possible.

4. The electrostatic coupling between windings must be kept to a minimum. Operating one side of the tertiary at ground potential is an important step in this regard.

The *Chicago Transformer* PSC-150 or PCO-150 (see parts list), although designed for p.a. work, has been found very satisfactory for use in this "universal" amplifier.

Phase Inverter-Voltage Amps

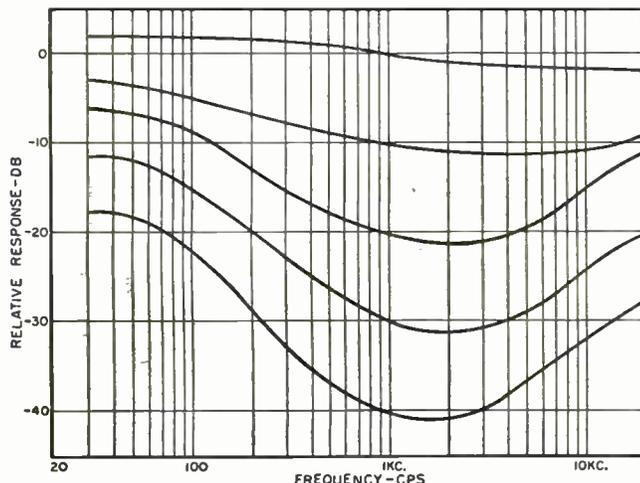
The output stage was fed from a split-load phase inverter despite the fact that the plate and cathode circuits are at different impedance levels, thus offering the possibility of different amplitude-frequency characteristics between plate and cathode circuits. These differences are distinct and measurable but are, for all practical purposes, undistinguishable even to critical listeners.

Feedback was applied to the cathode of the second voltage amplifier. A 5879 was triode-connected to serve as a low-noise first voltage amplifier and completed the tube complement for the main amplifier. The input required for 10 watts output was chosen as 0.5 volt r.m.s.

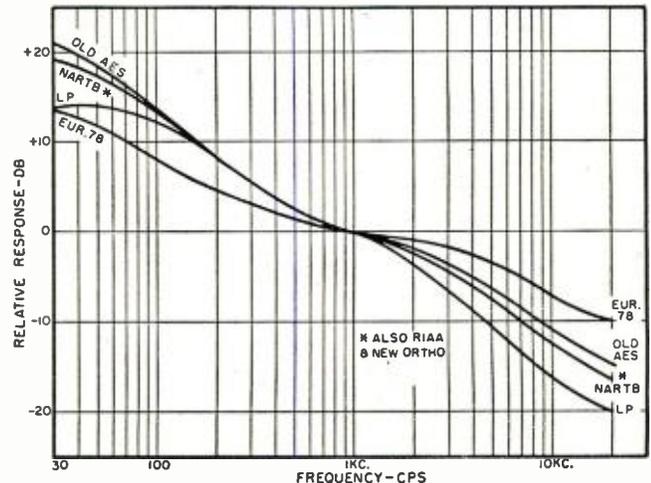
All ground connections were made to a ground bus connected to chassis ground only at the input. As a further precaution against hum, the heaters were biased at +50 volts d.c. to minimize heater-to-cathode leakage. The bias was applied to the arm of a 100-ohm potentiometer across the twisted pair used to feed the heaters. Adjusting this potentiometer for minimum hum enables one to reduce the output from 10 to 20 db over an unbiased arrangement.

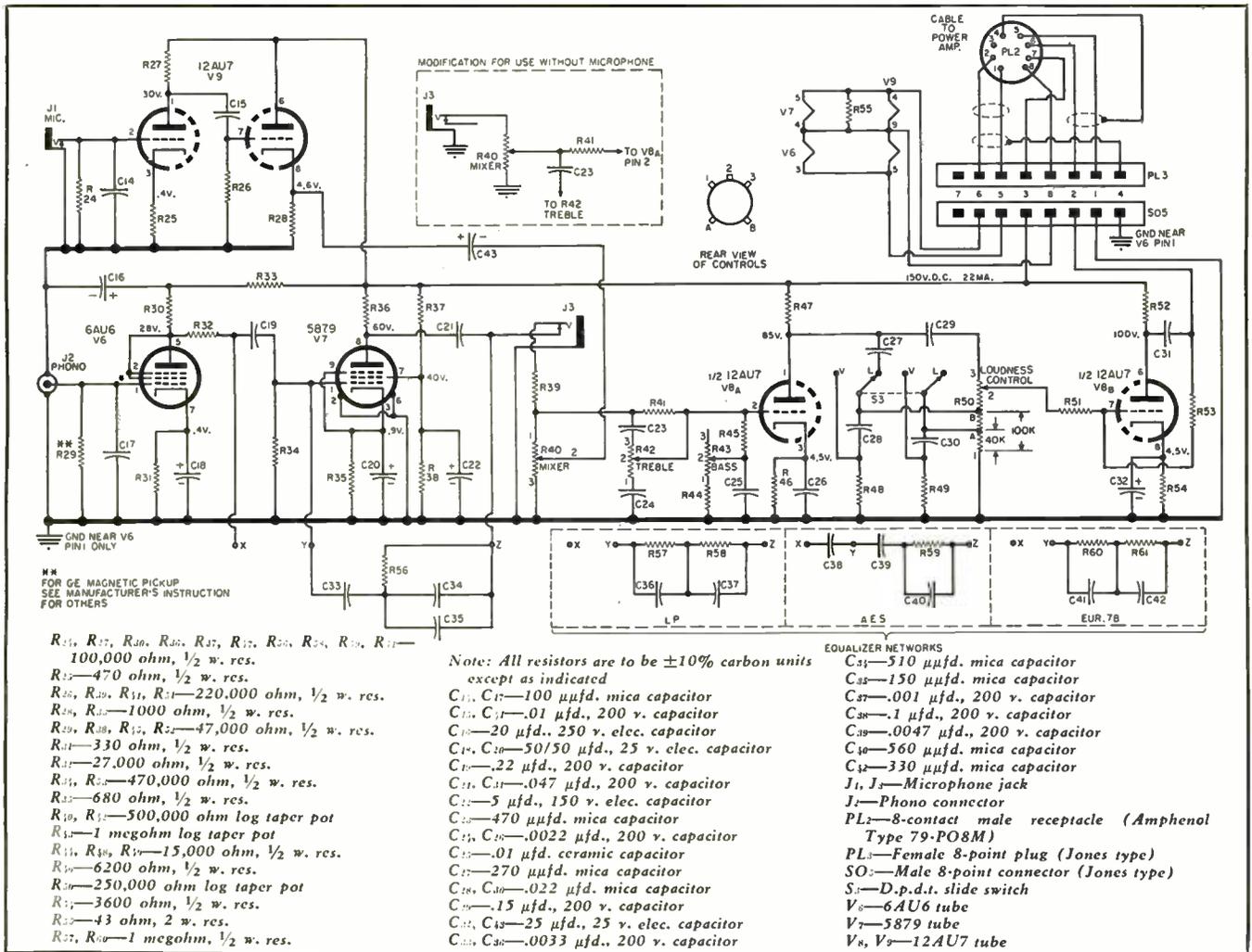
Both a.c. and d.c. power supplies were needed as indicated on the amplifier schematic. A d.p.s.t. "on-off" switch energizes either type of power supply, depending upon the input cable used. Other connections to adapt the amplifier for a.c. or d.c. use are made to terminal board TB₁. It is important

Preamp output from "Aux" input at various loudness settings.



Preamp output from "Phono" input at various equalizations.





Complete schematic diagram of the preamplifier-equalizer unit of the portable high-quality audio system.

to note that the cables for mobile use are AWG No. 10 for both the "A" hot and ground returns. The fuse block and fuse must have low d.c. resistance to eliminate excessive voltage drops between the battery and power supply.

Preamp-Equalizer Stages

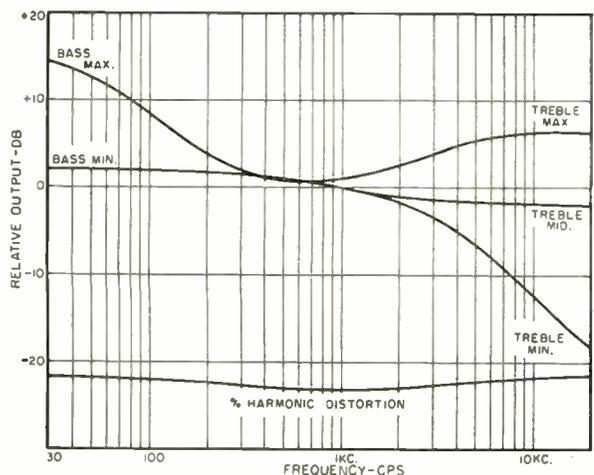
The input stage (V_6) for the preamplifier was designed around a triode-connected 6AU6. Several tubes are suitable as low-level amplifiers, but

the 6AU6 shows little variation from tube to tube and the noise level referred to the first grid is consistently in the range from 5 to 7 microvolts. The second stage, V_7 , was designed as a feedback-type equalizer. It is common to provide high-frequency equalization by varying the load on the magnetic pickup; and the low frequencies are often equalized by placing combinations of RC networks in shunt with one of the low-level stages. The

author prefers to take advantage of the distortion-reducing and gain-stabilizing properties of feedback equalization, hence the plate-to-grid feedback shown around V_7 . Resistor R_{20} from the plate of V_6 was included to isolate the feedback loop from variation in the plate resistance of V_6 . The compensating network comprising C_{23} , C_{31} , C_{35} , and R_{30} is for the "New Orthophonic" curve and provides equal-

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Preamp tone control ranges and harmonic distortion.



Frequency response and harmonic distortion of power amplifier.

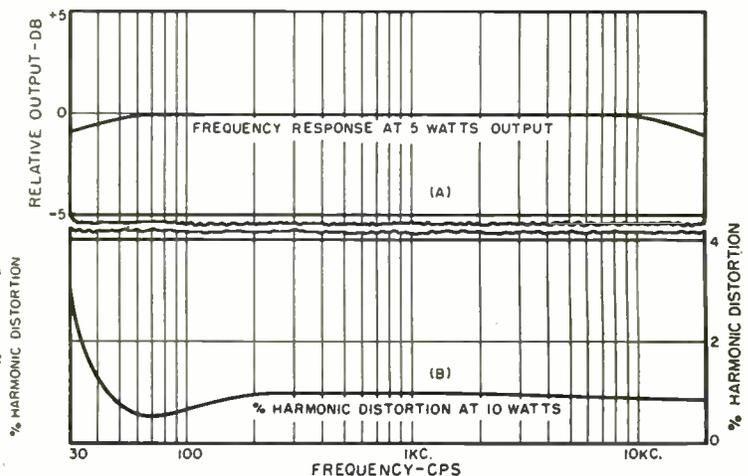


Fig 1. Zenith "Space Command" remote control unit may be used from a room other than the one in which the TV set is, as shown here. A microphone at the top center of the receiver intercepts the ultrasonic control waves.



Ultrasonic Remote Control

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An ultrasonic television control for the home—turns the set on and off, changes stations, and mutes sound without use of wires, batteries, light, or radio waves.

THE Zenith "Space Command" tuning system is a remote control device for a TV receiver which enables the viewer to change channels, mute the sound when desired, and turn the set on or off. These operations are performed from anywhere in the room without connecting wires by a small remote control device held by the viewer. The control box does not require tubes, transistors, or batteries.

Practical and novel use is made of ultrasonics as a medium for conveying control information from the control box to the TV receiver. Ultrasonics is particularly well adapted to meet the requirement that walls must confine the signals so that no interference can be caused to a similar receiver in an adjoining apartment. The ultrasonic microphone and selective circuits of

the amplifier in the TV set readily distinguish between the desired control signals and all sorts of noises which are usually present around the home, including the audio output from the speaker of the TV set.

Of particular interest is the method by which ultrasonic waves are generated in the control box. Four aluminum rods, about 2½ inches in length, are mounted on a bracket. When a key is pressed, a spring is compressed, then suddenly released and a little hammer strikes the end of one of the aluminum rods. This excites the rod which then vibrates at its resonant frequency, near 40 kc. The length of each rod determines its natural frequency; the four rods differ slightly in length from each other.

To produce the same sound energy electrically would require ten to one hundred milliwatts, depending on the efficiency of the transducer. At an average viewer-to-set distance, the energy can be detected for about one second.

The ultrasonic microphone in the TV set is of the condenser type. A strip of aluminized "Mylar" film, .0005" thick, is stretched across a frame at a distance of .004" from a metal plate. The mechanical stiffness of the air gap is mechanically resonant with the mass of the film at about 40 kc. The microphone is mounted on the upper edge of the picture tube escutcheon as shown in Fig. 1 and connected to the amplifier input by a shielded cable.

Fig. 2 is a complete schematic of the model 400. "Space Command" receiver. The microphone is polarized with 190 volts d.c. through resistor R_1 . The signals from the microphone are amplified many times by a 40 kc. high-gain amplifier consisting of the 6CB6, V_1 , and the pentode section of the 6AU8, V_{2A} . High sensitivity is needed as the control box must be capable of operating the set from anywhere within even a large living room. The triode section of V_{2B} operates as a tripler and drives the 6BN6 limiter at 120 kc.

Tripling was found highly desirable for the discriminator circuits following the limiter for reasons of circuit "Q" and coil size. It also reduces the amplification required at the fundamental key frequency, decreasing the possibility of spurious regeneration.

The 6BN6 limiter, V_3 , supplies a constant amplitude signal to the frequency discriminator circuits which are similar to those used in conventional FM receivers. The output from each discriminator is split to provide two opposite output control voltages. This permits the operation of two control channels from each discriminator, so that two discriminators provide for four channels. L_1 and L_3 are the primary coils and L_2 and L_4 are the secondary coils of the two discriminator transformers. These are tuned to center frequencies of 122.25 kc. for the higher channels and 114.75 kc. for the lower channels. The 6AL5's, V_4 and V_7 , complete the discriminator circuits.

A simpler version of this unit, the model "200," is made which uses just one discriminator circuit centered at 122.25 kc., providing two channels, one for turret tuning and the other for sound muting. In this model the tripling is done in the 6BN6 limiter; the triode section of the 6AU8 is used as a 40 kc. amplifier rather than a tripler. Since this model does not provide an "off-on" function, considerable economy is realized by utilizing the

power from the main video chassis.

The frequency separation between the peaks of each discriminator is 3 kc. The natural frequencies of the aluminum rods are so selected that, after tripling, each coincides with a discriminator peak. Assignments are shown in Table 1.

The diode loads are effectively in series across output points "A" and "B" for one discriminator and "C" and "D" for the other. R_2 , R_3 , R_1 , and R_5 are returned to a negative bias source from the cathode side of each diode load. This divides the combined output of the diodes with respect to the bias point "E." Thus, whenever "A" goes positive, "B" goes negative with respect to "E" by an equal amount; the same applies to points "C" and "D." In this manner, push-pull output is obtained from each discriminator. To illustrate the operation, assume that the "tune right" rod is struck; the resulting signal falls on the upper peak of the upper discriminator. Point "A" goes positive, removing the negative bias from the lower section of tube V_4 , and operating the "CW" relay. If "tune left" had been struck instead, point "B" would go positive, energizing the lower section of tube V_8 and the "CCW" relay.

Because this device is essentially an FM receiver, voltages produced across the diode loads by random noise or by any interference having symmetrical

| FUNCTION | KEY FREQ. | DISCRIMINATOR PEAK FREQUENCY |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| 4-CHANNEL MODEL "400" | | |
| ON-OFF | 37.75 KC. | 113.25 KC. |
| MUTE | 38.75 KC. | 116.25 KC. |
| TUNE LEFT | 40.25 KC. | 120.75 KC. |
| TUNE RIGHT | 41.25 KC. | 123.75 KC. |
| 2-CHANNEL MODEL "200" | | |
| MUTE | 40.25 KC. | 120.75 KC. |
| TUNE RIGHT | 41.25 KC. | 123.75 KC. |

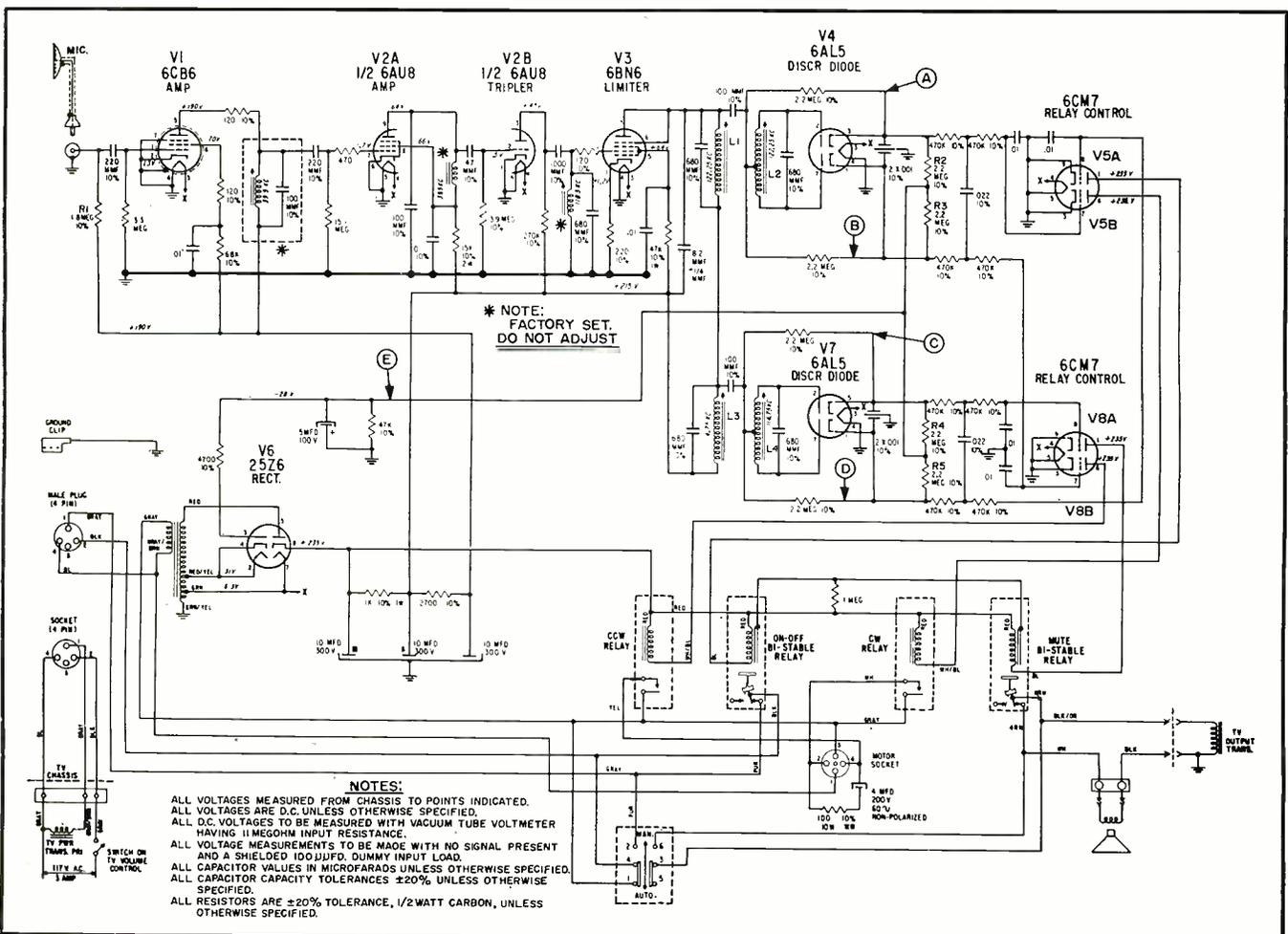
Table 1. Frequency of the signal transmitted by each key on the "Space Command" unit (for both models 200 and 400) and the corresponding discriminator signal.

distribution about the center frequency cancel out. Asymmetrical interference produces an output at the discriminators, but no matter how strong the interfering input signal may be, the discriminator output can never exceed the legitimate output obtained with the control box, and it can reach this level only if the interfering signal is exactly on the right frequency.

Without a signal applied, the negative bias supply keeps the triodes biased beyond cut-off. The bias voltage is so large that 60% of the peak output of the discriminator is required to operate the relays. Each discriminator output is connected to the corresponding triodes through an integrating network with a time constant of about 30 milliseconds. Most noise

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Fig. 2. Complete schematic diagram of the "Space Command" receiver model 400. All of this circuitry is contained in the TV set.

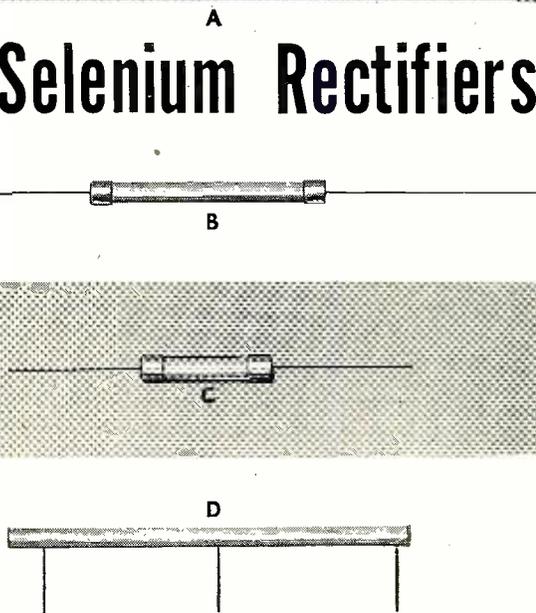


Applications

of Small High-Voltage Selenium Rectifiers

Fig. 1. Four of International Rectifier's high-voltage selenium rectifiers. (A) The type U200HFP, (B) the type U75HFP, (C) a type U50HFP, and (D) a type U50DP unit.

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Details on several popular and practical circuits which afford tubeless rectification for special applications.

CARTRIDGE-TYPE selenium rectifiers have brought simplicity and compactness to the design of high-voltage supplies. Tubeless operation results in freedom from warm-up time filament circuit complications, reduced heat radiation, increased ruggedness, unlimited life, and reduction of space requirements.

International Rectifier Corporation's high-voltage, cartridge-type selenium rectifiers are obtainable with ratings up to 9.9 kilovolts r.m.s. input for single units. These single rectifiers may be employed in conventional and special voltage doubler, tripler, and quadrupler circuits, as well as in simple half-wave and full-wave circuits. Polyphase operation is also possible, as with lower-voltage rectifiers. Besides half-wave units, standard cartridges are available in full-wave cen-

ter tap, voltage doubler, and single-phase bridge types.

Typical applications of these rectifiers include insulation test equipment, capacitor breakdown testers, magnetic amplifiers, bias supplies, oscilloscope high-voltage d.c. supplies, television high-voltage supplies, radiation detecting instruments (Geiger and scintillation counters), electrostatic dust and smoke precipitation, electrostatic spray painting, photoflash high-voltage supplies, photomultiplier tube supply, arc suppression in contact protection circuits, and many similar uses.

The accompanying illustrations show practical circuits for several small-sized devices employing selenium rectifiers to obtain high d.c. voltages. The simplicity of these devices, resulting from tubeless rectification, is evident. While each circuit is intended for a

specified application, other uses will suggest themselves.

Portable High-Voltage Supply

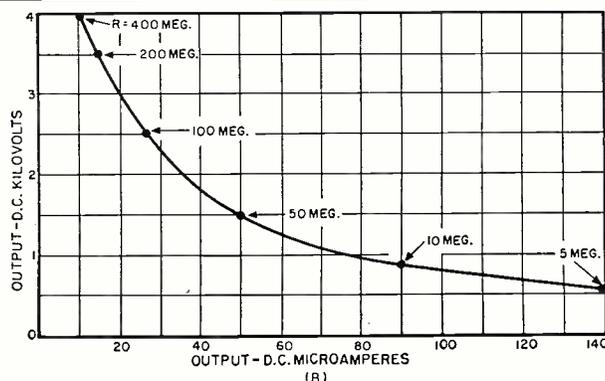
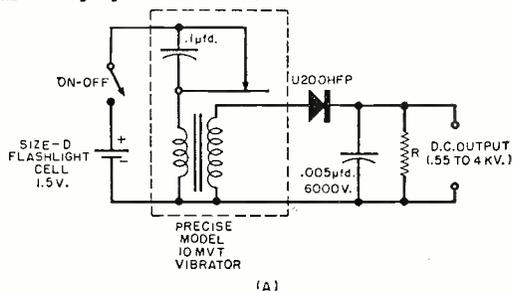
Fig. 2A shows the circuit of a mid-gate, low-current, high-voltage supply. Operated from a single Size-D flashlight cell, this unit is completely portable and self-contained.

The high a.c. voltage is supplied by a small vibrator transformer, Model 10MVT (*Precise Measurements Company*, Brooklyn 23, New York). This component is completely encapsulated and requires only four connections, two to the battery circuit and two to the rectifier-output circuit. The interruption frequency is approximately 250 cps.

The rectifier is an *International Rectifier* Type U200HFP. This unit, shown in Fig. 1A, is 7¼" long and ¼" diameter. Its peak inverse voltage rating is 9600 volts.

The maximum d.c. output voltage is 4 kv. Maximum output current, not coincident with maximum voltage, is

Fig. 2. (A) Schematic diagram of a mid-gate, low-current, high-voltage supply which is completely portable and self-contained. It operates from a 1½ volt flashlight cell. (B) A current versus voltage plot for various values of load resistance, R.



140 microamperes. Fig. 2B is a current vs voltage plot for various values of load resistance, R_L .

The vibrator is relatively noiseless acoustically. Very little trouble has been experienced with electrical hash from the contacts. If hash is observed in a particular installation, however, it can be eliminated or minimized by means of a 0.005 to 0.01 microfarad buffer capacitor shunting the high-voltage secondary winding.

At the low values of current drain indicated in Fig. 2B, the 0.005 $\mu\text{fd.}$ output capacitor will furnish sufficient filter action.

The high-voltage supply may be built into other equipment, such as radiation detectors, vacuum system leak detectors, dielectric breakdown testers, etc.

Geiger Counter Supplies

Vibrator Type: The circuit shown in Fig. 3 will supply -900 volts of regulated d.c. to a 1B85, or equivalent, Geiger tube and plus 80 volts at 0.2 ma. to one or two amplifier tubes in the counter circuit.

As in the preceding circuit, initial driving power is derived from a single 1½ volt Size-D flashlight cell. The cell operates a Model 10MVT miniature vibrator transformer, previously described. This feature provides simplicity and compactness, as well as economy and convenience of battery replacement.

Two Type U50HFP (Fig. 1C) selenium rectifiers are employed. The first, SR_1 , is "reverse-connected" to supply a negative potential of 900 volts to polarize the 1B85 Geiger tube. The second, SR_2 , is "forward-connected" to supply the positive plate and screen voltage to the amplifier tube, or tubes.

The high voltage is stabilized at -900 volts by a miniature gaseous regulator tube (Victoreen Type 5841). The smoothing action of this tube and of the R_2C_2 network filters the high voltage effectively. The loading effect of the ½ megohm resistor, R_1 , and leakage in the electrolytic filter capacitor, C_1 , reduce the positive output voltage to 80 volts. Sufficiently good regulation of the 80 volts by the combined load is obtained. Capacitor C_1 seems to provide adequate low-voltage filtering, since no serious humming or buzzing is discernible in a sensitive Geiger counter containing this power supply.

In addition to operating the vibrator, the 1½ volt cell can also heat the filaments of the amplifier tubes in the counter circuit.

Transistor Type: In Fig. 4, a transistor takes the place of the vibrator in the primary circuit of a battery-operated step-up transformer. The transistor functions as a low-frequency oscillator with clipped-peak waveform. The high a.c. voltage is presented to a selenium voltage doubler circuit consisting of two Type U75HFP, (Fig. 1B) rectifiers and the 0.002 $\mu\text{fd.}$ capacitors, C_3 and C_4 . This circuit is

adapted from the original arrangement by Chambers and Coleman.¹

The d.c. output is 2000 volts at 20 microamperes. This is adequate for a sensitive scintillation counter. The high turns-ratio midget transformer, T_1 , is a special component, Type TC-673 (Cam-Co Engineering Company, Culver City, California). The transistor oscillator is powered by a medium-sized 22½ volt "B"-battery (Burgess Z30NX, or equivalent). The low d.c. drain of 7½ to 10 milliamperes insures long battery life.

Efficient voltage doubling in the full-wave circuit is afforded by the two rectifier cartridges. However, a dual rectifier unit, like the International Rectifier Type U50DP, (Fig. 1D) may be used, if desired. For small over-all size, the electrolytic capacitors, C_1 and C_2 , may be of the subminiature tantalum variety.

In adjusting the unit, the following steps should be observed. (1) With switch S_1 open, set rheostat R_2 to its maximum resistance. (2) Connect a high-resistance d.c. voltmeter (20,000 ohms-per-volt or higher) to the d.c. output terminals and close switch S_1 . (3) Adjust rheostat R_2 for maximum voltage. (4) Lock R_2 in this position and do not subsequently disturb its setting. Make all later output voltage adjustments with rheostat R_1 .

This transistor oscillator is stable and is a good starter if the R_1 and R_2 adjustments have been made correctly. With the d.c. voltmeter connected to the d.c. output terminals, the starting action may be checked by throwing switch S_1 rapidly back and forth several times. The voltage should rise and fall quickly in response, within the limitations set by the meter damping.

Beside its specific use as the high-voltage d.c. supply for Geiger and scintillation counters, this unit may be employed in other applications requiring a totally quiet, battery-operated, portable source of 2 kv. or less. Such uses include photomultiplier tube supply, voltmeter calibration, klystron electrode supply, portable oscilloscope supply, etc.

Variable-Voltage Supply

Fig. 5 shows the circuit of a general-purpose, adjustable-output, low-current, high-voltage supply which may be made as small as some test meters. The d.c. output voltage is 0 to 2000 volts at a maximum current of 3 ma.

In this arrangement, the a.c. input

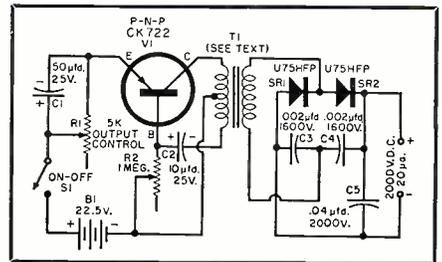


Fig. 4. Transistorized high-voltage supply for Geiger and scintillation counters.

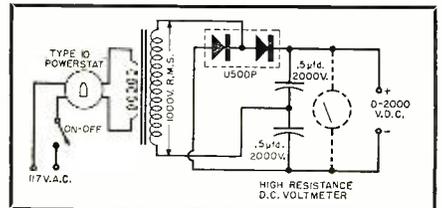


Fig. 5. A general-purpose, variable, high-voltage, low-current type power supply.

voltage to the transformer may be varied by means of a Superior Electric Type 10 "Powerstat." A General Radio 200B "Variac" also may be used for this purpose. A full-wave voltage doubler is operated from the high-voltage secondary of the transformer. The doubler consists of a Type U50DP doubler type high-voltage selenium cartridge and the two 0.5 $\mu\text{fd.}$, 2000 volt capacitors.

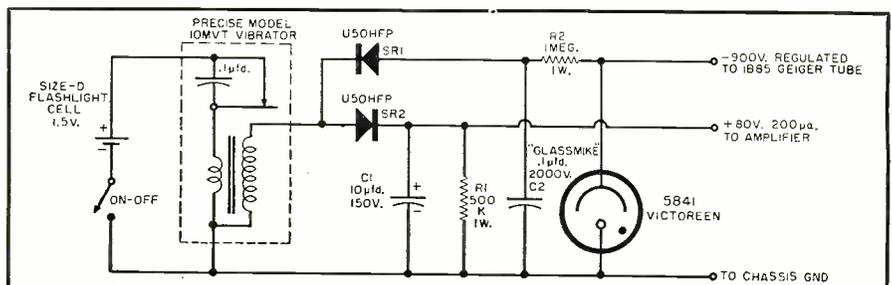
Any convenient transformer having a 1000 volt r.m.s. secondary may be used. For convenience and economy, the entire secondary winding of a small replacement type transformer may be employed, neglecting the center tap of this winding.

At the low values of current drain specified, storage action of the two 0.5 $\mu\text{fd.}$ capacitors and the full-wave operation of the rectifier unit will smooth the d.c. output well enough to permit use of the high-voltage output for the calibration of d.c. voltmeters, polarization of cathode-ray and photomultiplier tubes, dielectric studies, radiation detector operation, and polarizing capacitors. However, additional filter circuitry may be added externally or internally for discriminating applications.

A continuously variable supply of this type will find sundry uses in the laboratory and shop. A prosaic application is the flash-burning of particles from between the plates of variable capacitors.

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Fig. 3. Vibrator-type power supply for a Geiger counter. It furnishes 900 volts.



An Electronic Thermostat



Rear view of Electronic Thermostat.

By **FRED COHEN**

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Construction details on a unit which provides control over range of 0 to 97 degrees C (32 to 207 degrees F).

THIS article describes the design and construction of an electronic temperature controller. Although basic in construction, the unit is quite versatile and serves to demonstrate some fundamental points of instrument design. The device is described for the benefit of the home experimenter and is not a product which RCA plans to market.

The unit illustrated has a range of 0 to 97 degrees C (32 to 207 degrees F) and may be used in such applications as controlling a laboratory oven or a dark room water heater. The instrument has the advantages of a wide

control range and its ability to control a process from a remote location, since only the sensing element need be in contact with the controlled process.

The operation of the device is quite simple. Temperature is detected by the sensing element which, in this case, is a thermistor, or temperature sensitive resistance. The sensing element and its associated circuitry are known as the measuring circuit. It is the function of the measuring circuit to produce an error signal whenever the temperature of the controlled process differs from the temperature set point. The error signal is stepped up by three stages of voltage amplification and then applied to the grid of the power tube which drives the control relay.

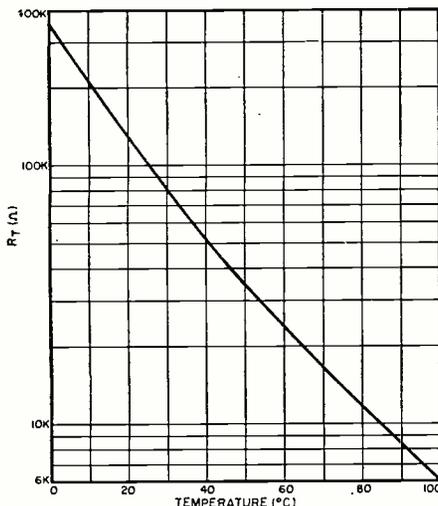
mistor is used for the sensing element. A graph of the thermistor resistance (R_T) vs temperature appears in Fig. 1. Because of the logarithmic nature of this curve, using the thermistor directly in the measuring circuit would result in an extremely poor temperature-setting dial. Readings toward one end of the scale would be extremely crowded, while those at the opposite end would be excessively far apart. In order to obtain a more linear scale, the thermistor is shunted with a suitable resistance. In this case a 20,000 ohm resistor was selected as optimum for the range of 0 to 97 degrees C. A plot of the combined parallel resistance of the thermistor and its shunt (R_B) vs temperature appears in Fig. 2. The resultant characteristic is fairly linear.

The measuring circuit (Fig. 4A) is a simple bridge. For clarity, the circuit has been redrawn in Fig. 4B with R_1 plus R_2 of (A) lumped into their equivalent, R_A . Also R_T and R_3 have been replaced by R_B . Our temperature set point is made by adjusting R_1 in (A) to a previously calibrated resistance such that R_A in (B) will be equal to R_B at the required temperature. Therefore, when the temperature of the sensing element is correct, no a.c. voltage will appear between grid and ground. If, however, the temperature should drop below the set point, the resistance of R_B will increase and the bridge will be unbalanced, causing a voltage between grid and ground. If the temperature goes above the set-point, R_B will decrease and a voltage will again appear. In the second case the voltage generated will be in phase with E ; in the first case it will be opposite in phase to E . The voltage appearing between grid and ground is known as the error signal, since it is present only when the temperature of the sensing element is incorrect.

The power amplifier stage performs a dual function. First, it supplies the necessary current to close the control relay when an error signal of the correct polarity is applied to its grid. Secondly, it discriminates between desired and undesired error signals. Since the measuring circuit will produce an error signal whenever the temperature of the sensing element is different from the temperature set point, a signal will be generated whether the temperature is above or below the desired point. We have chosen the normally open contacts of our relay as the "Heat Control" switch; we therefore wish the relay to be energized only when the temperature falls below the set point. For this reason we must arrange for the power amplifier to be able to select the desired error signal.

It has already been shown that the error signal generated when temperature is below the set point is opposite in phase to that generated when temperature is above the set point. Therefore, if we apply plate voltage to the power amplifier tube only during the period when the desired error voltage is positive, the undesired error signal will not be capable of actuating the

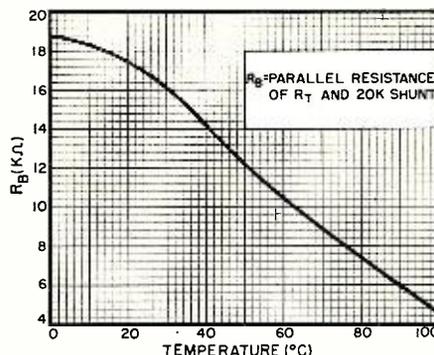
Fig. 1. Thermistor resistance versus temperature for the Victory Eng. Co. 51A1.



Circuit

A Victory Eng. Co. type 51A1 ther-

Fig. 2. Combined parallel resistance of a thermistor and its shunt versus temperature. Note that resultant is fairly linear.



control relay. This is accomplished by connecting the plate to "raw" a.c., taken from a winding of the same transformer which supplies voltage to the measuring circuit. This type of circuit is economical and has been used to some extent in the field of industrial instrumentation.

During conduction the plate current of the power amplifier will consist of a small quiescent direct current plus a series of current pulses. These pulses, having the form of a rectified sine wave, have a sizable direct current component. It is this component which operates the d.c. control relay. A 10 μ fd. capacitor across the relay coil bypasses the a.c. component. The amplifier tube is heavily self-biased, so that the plate current is low in the absence of excitation or in the presence of incorrect excitation.

Construction

The unit (see photos) is built on a standard 5" x 7" x 2" aluminum chassis, which easily accommodates the required components. In order to minimize pickup, the first amplifier tube is located as far as possible from the power supply. For the same reason shielded wire is used between the thermistor and its input connector and between the connector and the measuring circuit.

The measuring circuit requires some special treatment. For the purpose of minimizing pickup and feedback the four resistors of the measuring circuit (R_2, R_3, R_1, R_5) are well shielded. The brass shield assembly was constructed by soldering a number of small angle pieces to the U-shaped base. A sketch of the assembly is shown in Fig. 5. The resistors are assembled on two Plexiglas spacers, for added support. To prevent any accidental shorting, the inside of the shield assembly has been covered with vinyl tape and sprayed with Kryolite.

The panel is aluminum. Its size is not critical and it may be cut with an eye toward fitting some particular

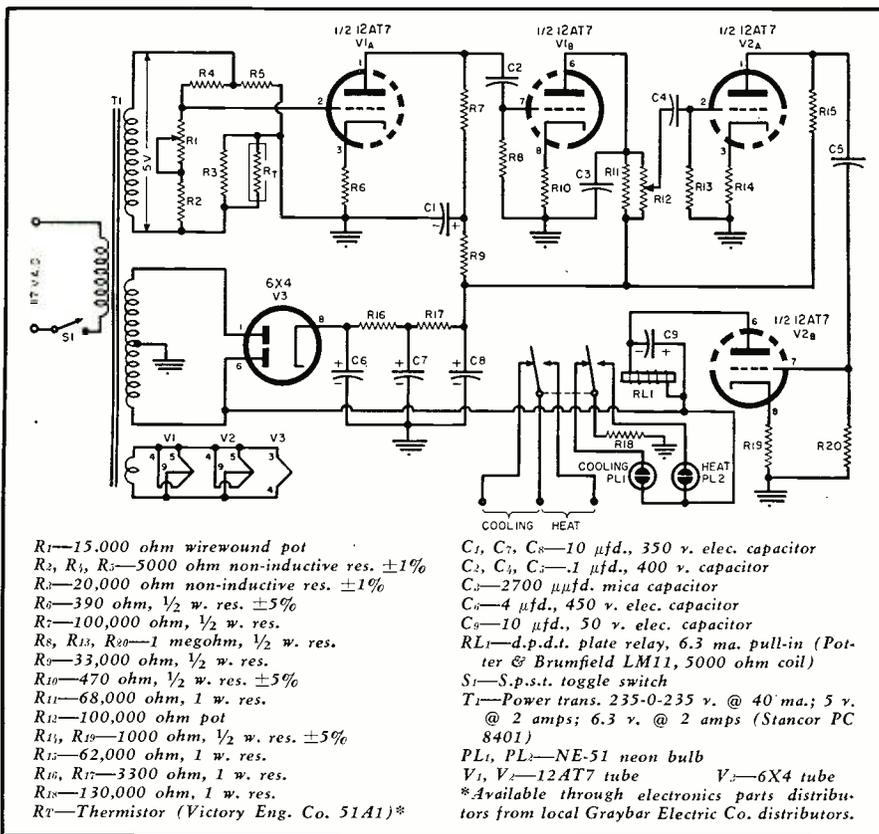


Fig. 3. Complete schematic diagram of the Electronic Thermostat unit.

cabinet. The panel on the unit illustrated is 7" x 8". The temperature dial is a piece of white Bristol board. Calibration points are marked in India ink.

Operation and Calibration

The following procedure should be followed in putting the unit into operation for the first time:

1. Temporarily solder a 33,000 ohm resistor across the thermistor input connector on the rear of the chassis;

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Fig. 5. Mechanical details on the measuring circuit shield assembly discussed in text.

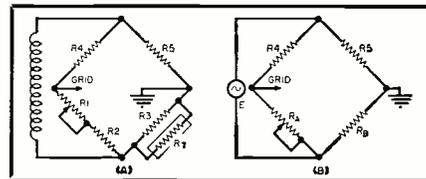
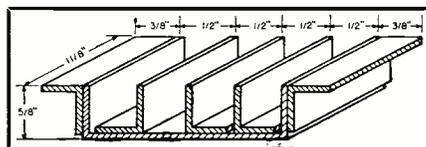
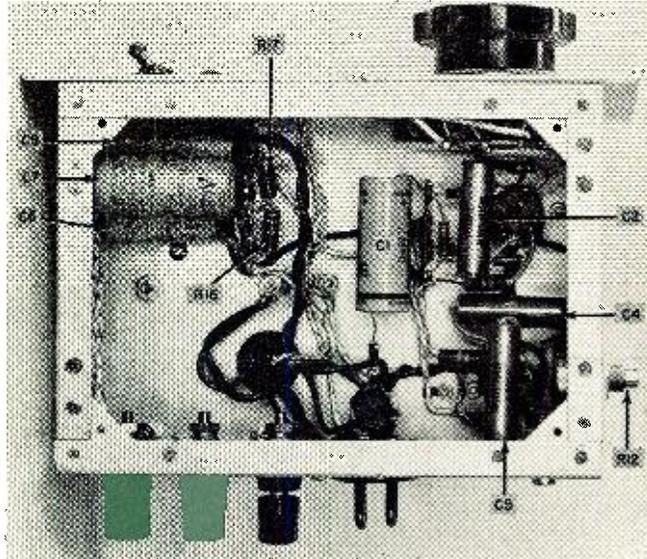
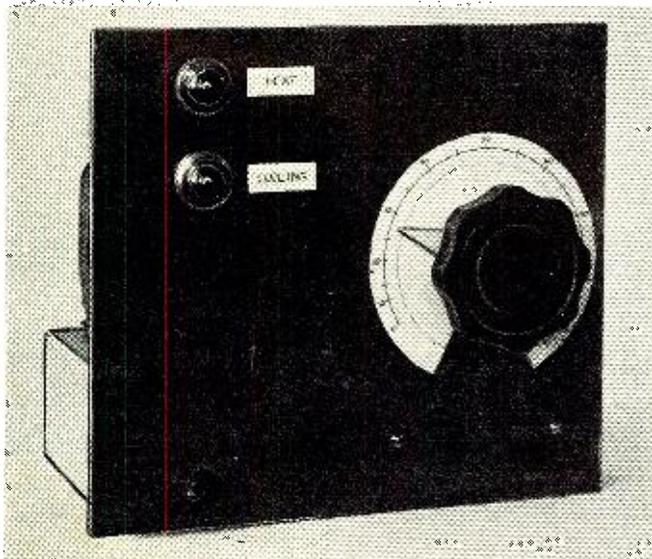


Fig. 4. (A) A simple bridge measuring circuit (B) Equivalent circuit. See article.



Front panel view of the home-built Electronic Thermostat.

Under chassis view showing location of component parts.



Certified RECORD REVUE

By BERT WHYTE

AFTER last month's lengthy report on three-channel stereophonic sound, I promised you a short introductory section for this month with the emphasis on reviews. So here are a few notes of interest and then we are off!

I attended the annual convention of the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) at the Hotel New Yorker in late July, and found out about some new equipment of more than passing interest. For one thing, *Ampex* has pulled out all stops and is actively going after the home hi-fi market with a new series of tape equipment designated as the "A" series. The "A" tape deck is brand new in design and incorporates many innovations in tape handling and operating convenience. It can be had as a straight half-track monaural unit with $3\frac{3}{4}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$ ips tape speeds, or as the half-track monaural recorder with stereophonic playback facilities. This latter unit is particularly significant, as it will take care of those folks who wanted stereo playback but who also wanted the convenience of a recorder for off-the-air recording, etc.

Both units handle the 7-inch reels of tape, both are driven by a four-pole induction motor . . . the first time in *Ampex* history they have not used a synchronous motor. According to Mr. Phil Gundy, head of the company's audio division, a new tape drive system is incorporated with these motors and the result is wow and flutter figures under 0.2 per-cent at $7\frac{1}{2}$ ips, which is approximately the same as the sync-motored *Ampex* 601 series. Also for the first time on any *Ampex* is a tape footage counter! This one really seems to do a good job and I was told that it is guaranteed not to introduce any wow or flutter. I listened to these units for quite a while and neither from the use of induction motor nor footage counter, with a wide variety of recorded material was any wow or flutter audibly noticeable. By far the most fantastic "gizmo" on these new "A" series tape machines is the following; when threading tape from the pay-off reel, it is the usual *Ampex* straight slot loading and then instead of inserting the end of the tape in the take-up reel hole, or looping around a peg and winding on a few turns of tape by hand . . . you merely lay the end of the tape in between the sides of the take-up reel and near the reel hub . . . and then simply turn on the "play" switch. And doggone if the end of the tape doesn't automatically wrap itself around the reel hub as pretty as you please and that's all there is to it! I haven't the remotest idea how they do it, although someone muttered something about the ratio of hub wind to capstan speed or some such thing. The price for all this bounty? The monaural record/stereo playback goes for

\$495, the monaural record alone for somewhat less.

Also new is an amplifier speaker combination like the previous Model 620, but this unit has provision for phono and tuner inputs, so that with the addition of a turntable or changer and cartridge you can have a complete hi-fi system. Prize package of the new *Ampex* line, however, was a handsome blonde furniture cabinet about 6 feet in length which incorporated the new "A" monaural/stereo tape deck; two 10-watt amplifiers; an AM-FM tuner; preamp with bass, treble, selector and special function switches; *Garrard* changer and magnetic cartridge; and at each end of the unit, a speaker in a special baffle. This unit is so arranged that just by throwing switches you can record off records, or off-the-air, playback half- or full-track tapes through the two speakers, play AM or FM or records, and playback stereo tapes through the two amplifiers and two speakers. Frankly I was highly skeptical about the speaker placement (6 ft.) for stereo, but Mr. Gundy told me that the distance was arrived at after 6 months of research, and then pointed out to me a very startling and significant thing . . . the speakers in the baffles were slanted outwards at an angle of about 45 degrees. This, he claimed, rather effectively eliminates the "hole-in-the-middle" phenomenon that plagues two-channel stereo. After considerable listening I am forced to agree that at least in moderate sized rooms, the "hole" is indeed largely eliminated. There is still not the superior directionality nor depth of true three-channel stereo, but it is awfully good, and probably will suffice for a good many people and at least will make listening more pleasurable until all the problems of the three-channel stuff have been resolved. This new speaker placement is completely at variance with what has been previously accepted, and I have no doubt will cause much new experimenting among the aficionados . . . your truly included!

The price, incidentally, for this *Ampex* console is \$1470 and, considering what you get, it is a reasonable buy. For the less affluent, there were other stereo machines at the show priced to aim at a still larger segment of this new and growing market. *VM Corp.* displayed a monaural record/stereo playback unit that did a creditable job of stereo reproduction for \$226.00. *RCA Victor* now has a complete monaural record/stereo playback system including the 2 amplifiers and speakers for less than \$395.00. Truly, the stereo market is ripe for expansion with these new units.

It is to be hoped that the existence of these

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new machines will bring some sensible pricing for stereophonic tapes. The present prices are simply way out of line. I am in a position to know fairly well what it costs to produce recorded tapes and the difference between monaural and stereo is so slight as to be negligible. A stereo tape at a dollar or two more than monaural would more than offset any "extra costs" which are purportedly involved. Up to now, with stereo playback systems costing so much, the theory evidently was that if a person could afford a stereo system, he could afford \$15 to \$20 for a stereo tape. It is just plain common sense to realize that with these new stereo tape playback systems in the \$200-\$400 class, this is an entirely different segment of the market and these people simply can't and won't pay these premium prices for tapes.

A few more bits of news and notes of interest. I managed to find out some of the future *RCA Victor* stereo releases, which will be available in the coming months and an impressive list it is . . . Beethoven "7th" with the Boston under Munch, Brahms "2nd" by the same, Chausson's "Poeme" with Oistrakh himself on the violin, "Gaité Parisienne" with Fiedler and the Boston Pops, the "Grand Canyon Suite" with the Boston Pops, Saint-Saens "2nd Piano Concerto" with Rubenstein/Reiner and the Chicago Symphony, and "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini," same group.

Audio Video Tape Co., pioneer in the recorded tape field, has a new design reel that will be a boon especially to owners of the less expensive tape machines. These units are usually handicapped by motors of limited torque and the result is that the last few minutes of play are loaded with wow and flutter as the take-up reel struggles to get the last few feet of tape off the small diameter pay-off reel. This new AV reel obviates this difficulty by having a hub 4 inches in diameter, for better "gearing." With the regular $1\frac{1}{2}$ mil tape, 24 minutes playing time is obtained, with "long play" one mil tape, 36 minutes playback is possible. Admittedly this larger hub cuts down time but it also cuts the wow and flutter and that is the important factor.

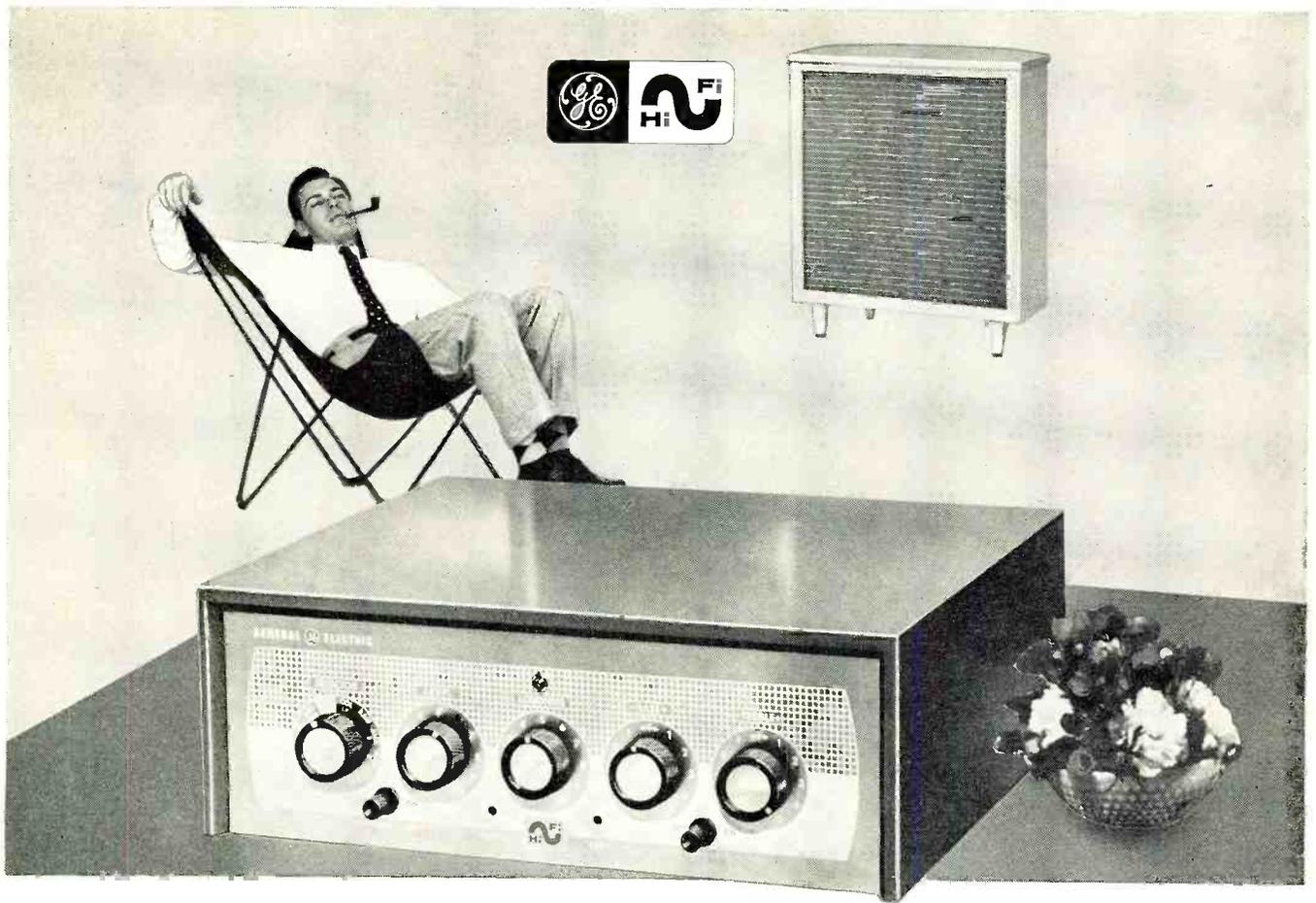
Music lovers in the Hartford, Connecticut area have a treat coming their way. On the evening of October 9th (better check local papers for exact time) the Hartford Symphony orchestra under conductor Fritz Mahler will present a regular concert combined with stereophonic sound demonstration. The program is being co-sponsored by the *Audio Workshop* of West Hartford and *Gray Research & Development Co., Inc.* of Manchester, Conn. Live music versus previously recorded stereo will be compared via the use of stereophonic *MagneCORDS* and *Klipschorns*, with Paul Klipsch acting as lecturer and narrator. It should be a most stimulating evening.

There is so much going on in stereo I've yakked more than I intended so I'll chop it . . . right here!

Equipment used this month: *Pickering* "Fluxvalve" cartridge in *Pickering* 190 arm; *Components Corp.* turntable; *Marantz* audio console; two *McIntosh* MC60 amplifiers; *Jensen* "Imperial" speaker and *Electro-Voice* "Georgian" speaker, *Ampex* tape equipment.

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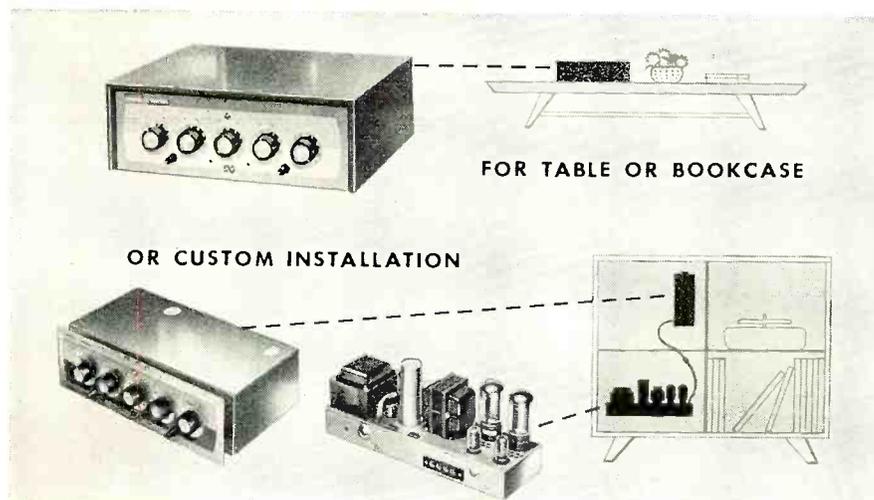
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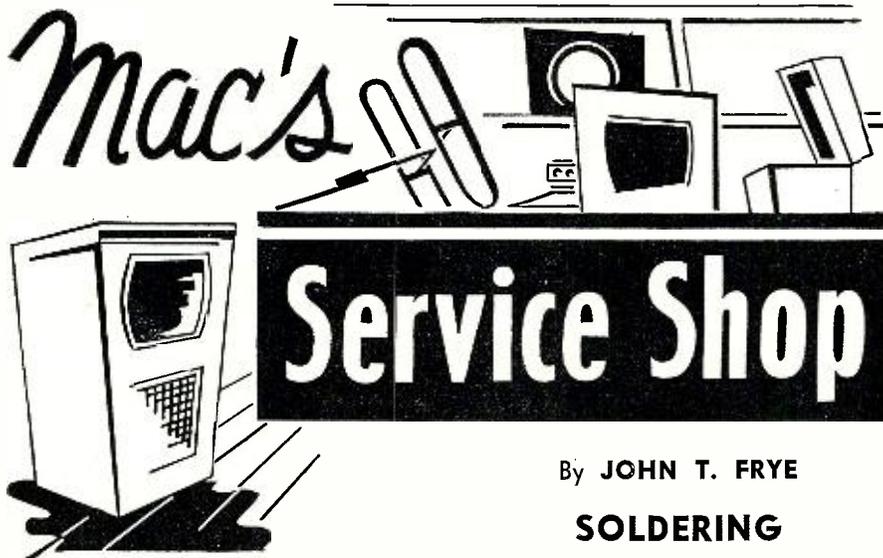
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By JOHN T. FRYE

SOLDERING

IT WAS a beautiful, invigorating, crisp fall day outside; but inside the service shop Barney and his boss, Mac, acted more as if they were suffering from spring fever. In spite of the radios and TV sets that were piled all over the place, they were taking a break. Mac was a great believer in these little "recesses," which he contended kept a fellow from going stale and doing careless and sloppy work from sheer weariness and boredom. At any rate, he and Barney were sitting side by side on the service bench chomping away on a couple of candy bars.

"Hey, Mac," Barney mumbled through a mouth full of candy, "I was reading an article in one of my ham magazines the other day written by a guy by the name of J. R. Smith in which he was arguing that the belief you had to make a solder joint mechanically secure before flowing solder around it was just a lot of stuff. What do you think about that?"

"With a few reservations, I'm with him," Mac answered promptly. "I'm glad you brought that subject up. Probably no single operation a service technician performs is more important, because it is used so often, than soldering; yet most of us keep right on making solder joints exactly as we did when the solder itself was far inferior to present varieties and when the iron we used was a heavy, clumsy affair with practically no control over the heat. It is just one of those operations that are so common that we never stop to wonder if we could improve our way of doing them; but I'm willing to wager that most of us—including you and me—could do a much better job of soldering than we are if we could just quit thinking we know all that's worth knowing about soldering."

"Probably the boys who used solder purely for holding mechanical joints gave us the idea that solder connections had to be mechanically solid," Barney offered. "This fellow Smith said that exhaustive tests of solder joints made in government laboratories showed

that merely shoving a wire through a hole in a socket connection, laying it in a slot, or bending it at a right angle around a stud and then flowing solder around the wire would produce a joint that would withstand the most severe shock and vibration under extremes of temperature. The wire or pigtail would give up and break long before the solder joint failed."

"That certainly checks with my own experience," Mac remarked. "For a long time now I have made it a practice to install volume controls and other parts in receivers with the thought in mind that one of these days I'm going to have to remove them. You know how exasperating it is to try to unravel one of those soldered connections in which the leads have been twisted securely and the ends tucked in out of sight and reach before the solder was applied. By the time you get all the wires loose, you have probably broken one or two of them and have ruined a component or so with the excessive heat used to keep the knot soft while you sorted out the wires. This sort of thing is especially bad with the connections on small sockets. The sockets themselves will not take too much heat, and the connections break easily under much pulling and twisting. How much easier it is to remove the leads when they have simply been thrust through the holes a sixteenth of an inch or so and solder flowed around them!"

"Yeah, and another advantage of that kind of joint is that you can tell if it's good or not simply by pulling on it after the solder has set. If the joint was made mechanically solid before soldering, this pull test will reveal nothing; but when the solder itself is doing the holding, a little tug will break a rosin joint loose at once. As far as I am concerned, still another advantage lies in the fact you can do a much more professional-looking job by this method once you get the knack of it. I know, I tried it on a transmitter kit I was putting together, and I found it was much faster, made neater

joints which were easier to inspect, and used much less solder. But I wasn't going to say anything about doing this until I learned if you went along with the idea."

"Aren't you the cagey one!" Mac exclaimed with a grin. "But you may have encountered one of the exceptions I had in mind in putting that transmitter together. When the lead being soldered is very heavy and stiff, as you sometimes find in tank coil and bandswitching circuits, making the joint mechanically secure before soldering is just taking out insurance against the severe strain and prying the joint may have to endure because the leads are so heavy. This is far in excess of any pressure that could be exerted through ordinary connecting wire used in radio or TV sets or through the pigtail leads of capacitors or resistors."

"I'm away ahead of you," Barney exclaimed. "I *did* make those joints solid before soldering. Awhile ago you said something about solder being better now than it used to be. How about that?"

"It most certainly is," Mac answered. "To appreciate just how much soldering has improved, you should have had to heat a big old heavy iron in a gas flame and then gouge solder off a big bar the way I did when I started in this 'wacky' radio repairing business. The flux used in present day solder is also far superior to the rosin-core solder that first came on the market. In those days, it was not at all unusual to find great lengths of the stuff with no flux in it at all. But I still think there is a lot of difference between present brands of solder intended for radio and TV repairing. The other day the salesman was out of the brand I have been using for years, mostly through sheer habit; so I let him sell me another kind he recommended. I was astonished to discover it melted easier and flowed much more smoothly around a joint than the kind I had been using. Solder is *not* all alike."

"I'm sure some of the present solders are deliberately designed to work with the solder guns that practically all of us use today," Barney observed. "With them, you want a solder that melts easily, sets fast, and has a good flux evenly distributed."

"You have to keep in mind, though, that no matter how you prepare the joint mechanically, you still have to observe the rules for good soldering. I mean the metal parts to be jointed have to be clean and bright; they must *all* be raised to a temperature well above the melting point of the solder; and they must all be held perfectly rigid while the solder is setting. Carelessness in any of these particulars means a bad joint, no matter what other preparations you make."

"Check!" Barney agreed. "And I was just thinking that the advent of printed circuits has made it necessary for us to learn some new soldering habits.

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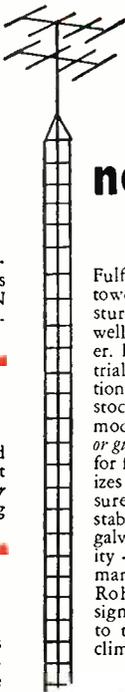
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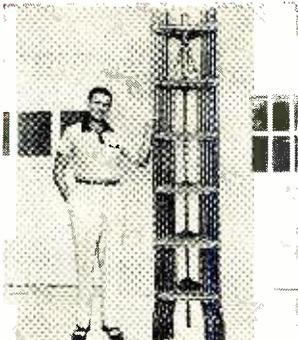
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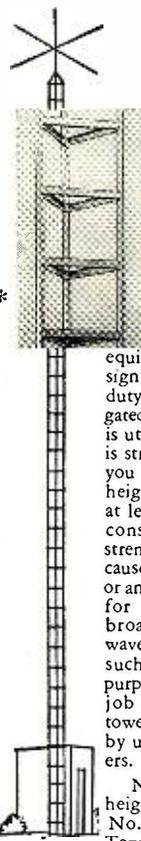
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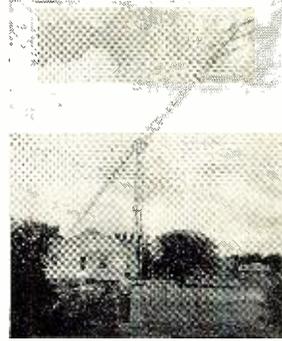


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PARTICULARLY suited for home construction, the three-transistor circuit shown in Fig. 1 will give quite satisfactory loudspeaker volume on the stronger local broadcast stations. With headphones, the volume is more than adequate, even on distant stations. At night, the regenerative detector brings in a band alive with signals, a carrier whistle on almost every one of the hundred-odd channels.

The regeneration control operates smoothly. The regeneration setting for the edge of detector oscillation is fairly constant over the tuning range. Smooth operation is enhanced by a novel application of series resistance in the detector emitter circuit.

The circuit is straightforward. Except for the transistors, all the parts are the kind likely to be found in a good junk-box. The detector coil is home-made, with details given in Fig. 2.

The detector circuit, V_1 in Fig. 1, uses a G-E 2N135 transistor in a grounded-emitter circuit. A signal is fed to the base of the transistor from a tap on the tuned circuit inductor L_1 through a small coupling capacitor C_2 . Regeneration control is effected by varying the emitter bias via potentiometer R_3 . The tickler coil, L_2 , is in series with the collector. Some experimentation with the number of tickler turns may be necessary, although tests with a few different transistors indicated that it was not critical.

The tickler return (terminal #4) is bypassed to ground for r.f. by a .01

μ fd. capacitor C_4 . The detector load resistor for audio is the 4700-ohm unit R_5 . Detector audio output, from the "hot" side of R_5 , is fed through a 1 μ fd. coupling capacitor C_5 to an ordinary two-stage transistor audio amplifier (V_2, V_3) using G-E 2N107's. The collector of the second audio stage, V_3 , feeds the primary of a standard replacement-type output transformer, T_1 , thence the voice coil of the speaker.

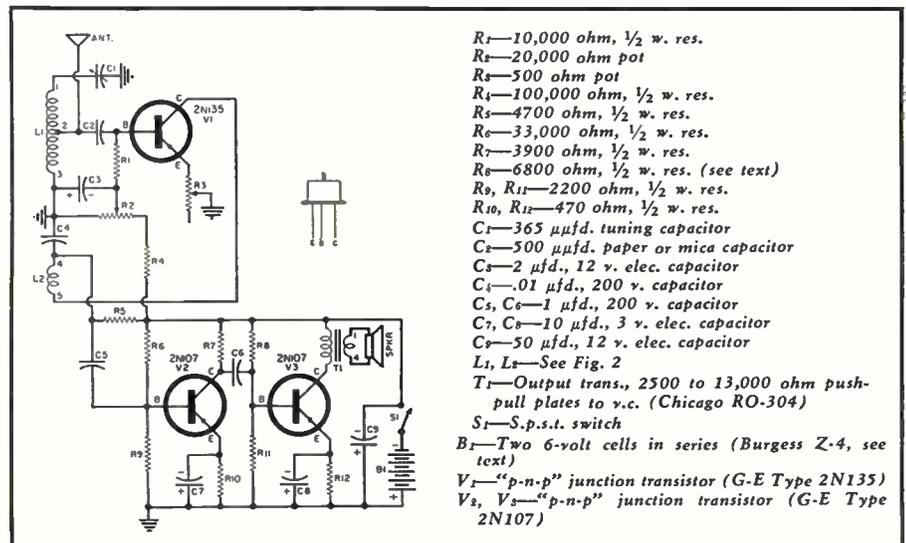
If headphones are to be used, connect them across the primary of the output transformer. If it is desired to omit the transformer and speaker and use phones only, connect the phones in place of the primary, between the collector of V_3 and "battery minus," and increase R_3 to 33,000 ohms.

The 500-ohm potentiometer R_3 , a screwdriver adjustment, is a new stunt to reduce "squegging" or "fringe howl" at the edge of oscillation. Set it to the lowest resistance (usually about 200 ohms) that permits smooth regeneration control. No readjustment should be needed unless transistor V_1 is replaced.

Transistors

The transistors specified are easily available and inexpensive types. Limited experimentation indicates that any good general-purpose junction units should work satisfactorily, with the proviso that the detector unit V_1 should have a rated cut-off frequency of at least 2 mc. and the output unit V_3 should be rated at, at least, 50 milliwatts at 12 volts or more. CK722's, for example, would probably do for

Fig. 1. The home-built regenerative transistor receiver. It covers broadcast band.



the audio stages, and should be tried if some are already on hand. The 2N107 is rated for a 1 mc. cut-off, and when tried in the detector position, would not oscillate above about that frequency; it was also somewhat noisier than the 2N135.

Do not change from *p-n-p* to *n-p-n* types without making the proper changes in power supply polarity. Since a transistor looks like a short-circuit to reverse voltage, damage can result. During initial checking, it is advisable to connect a milliammeter in series with the battery.

Audio

Both audio stages are bias-stabilized. Bypass and coupling capacitor values are not critical. Transformer coupling would give more gain, but was dropped because of its cost. Interstage capacitors may be either paper or electrolytic. Subminiature components are not particularly necessary, because the speaker, batteries, tuning dial, and other larger components determine the over-all size anyway.

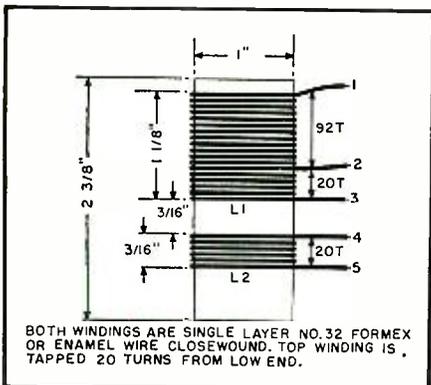
Since the power output is only 5 or 10 milliwatts, an efficient speaker makes a lot of difference. This means the heaviest magnet and the largest cone practicable. If a small speaker of 2½ or 3-inch size is used, it should be the type made for small battery radios, not just a general-purpose replacement unit. As a curiosity, it will be found that a good-grade 12-inch speaker will give a lot more volume than a little unit.

The 50- μ fd. capacitor C_6 across the battery is necessary to prevent howling. Transistor audio amplifiers are notoriously sensitive to feedback through common supply impedances.

Total battery drain is about 6.5 milliamperes at 13 volts. The two Burgess Z4 batteries used (6 volts each) are each about the size of a flashlight "D" cell. Life is very long. Lower battery voltages down to 1½ volts will work for headphone use.

A fair amount of antenna is needed, about 20 feet of wire plus a ground. Less effective but usable is a 10-foot "hank" antenna and a bed-spring ground. The usual variations in antenna coupling practice will apply, such as connecting the antenna to the high side of the tuned circuit (terminal #1) through a trimmer. —30—

Fig. 2. Details for winding the set's coil.



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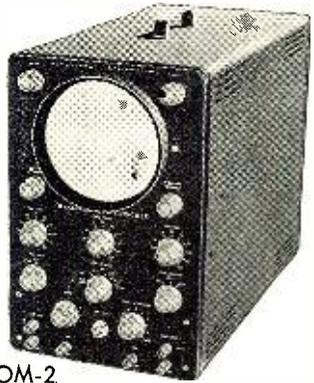
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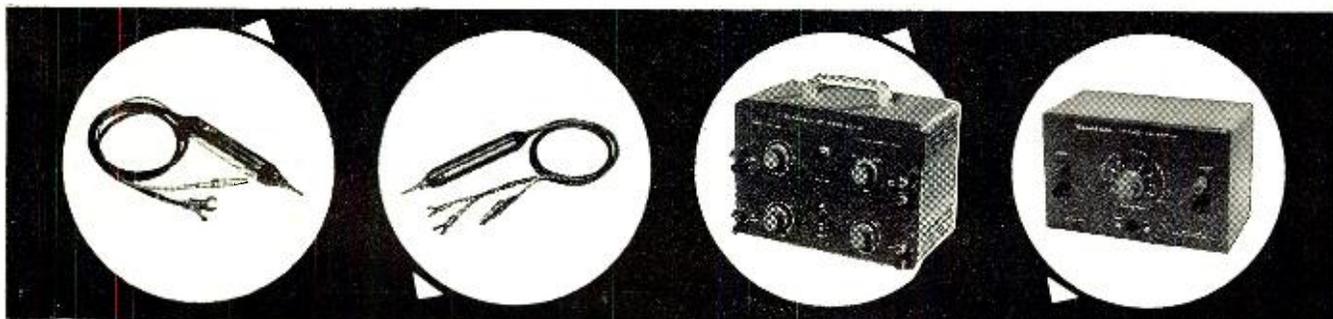
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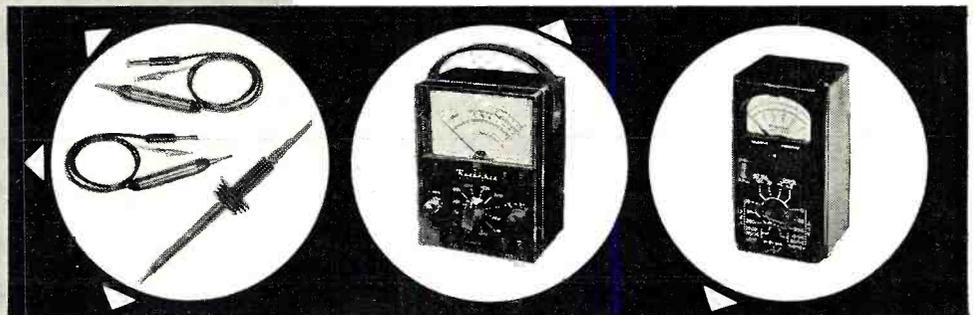
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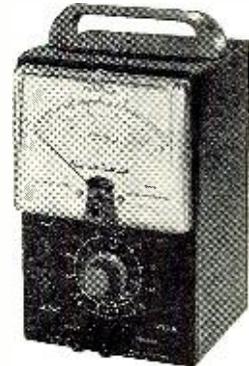
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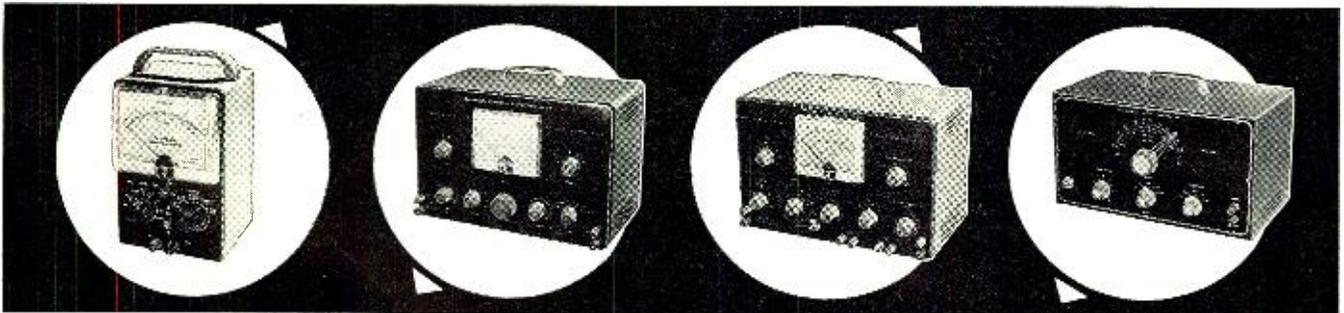
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This particular audio generator is "made to order" for high fidelity applications. It provides quick and accurate selection of low-distortion signals throughout the audio range. Three rotary selector switches on the front panel allow selection of two significant figures and a multiplier for determining audio frequency. In addition, it incorporates a step-type output attenuator and a continuously variable attenuator. Output is indicated on a large 4½" panel meter calibrated in volts and in db. Attenuator system operates in steps of 10 db, corresponding with the meter calibration. Output ranges are 0-.003, .01, .03, .1, .3, 1, 3, and 10 volts rms. A "load" switch provides for the use of a built-in 600 ohm load or an external load of higher impedance when required. Output and frequency indicators accurate to within ± 5%. Distortion is less than .1 of 1% between 20 cps and 20,000 cps. Total range is 10 cps to 100 kc. New engineering details combine to provide the user with an unusually high degree of operating efficiency. Oscillator frequency selected entirely by the switch method means that accurate resetability is provided. Comparable to units costing many dollars more, and ideal for use in critical high fidelity applications. Shop and compare, and you will appreciate the genuine value of this professional instrument.

- * Less than 0.1% distortion — ideal for hi fi work.
- * Large 4½" meter indicates output.
- * Step-type tuning for maximum convenience.

HEATHKIT RESISTANCE SUBSTITUTION BOX KIT

The RS-1 contains 36 10% 1-watt resistors ranging from 15 ohms to 10 megohms in standard RETMA values. All values are switch-selected for use in determining desirable resistance values in experimental circuits. Many applications in radio and TV service work.

MODEL RS-1

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HEATHKIT CONDENSER SUBSTITUTION BOX KIT

This kit contains 18 RETMA standard condenser values that can be selected by a rotary switch. Values range from 0.00001 mfd to 0.22 mfd. All capacitors rated at 400 volts or higher. Capacitors are either silver-mica, or plastic molded.

MODEL CS-1

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HEATHKIT AUDIO GENERATOR KIT

The Model AG-8 is a low cost, high performance unit for use in service shop, or home workshop. It covers the frequency range of 20 cps to 1 mc in five ranges. Output is 600 ohms, and overall distortion will be less than .4 of 1% from 100 cps through the audible range. Output is available up to 10 volts, under no load conditions, and output remains constant within ±1 db from 20 cps to 400 kc. A five-step attenuator provides control of the output. Precision resistors are employed in the frequency determining network.

MODEL AG-8

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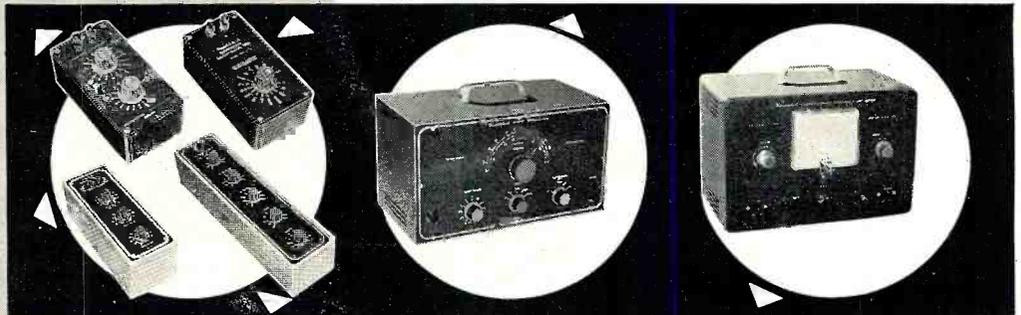
HEATHKIT DECADE CONDENSER KIT

Precision, 1% silver-mica capacitors are employed in the Model DC-1 in such a way that a selection of precision capacitor values is provided ranging from 100 mmf (.0001 mfd) to 0.11 mfd (110,000 mmf) in 100 mmf steps. Extremely valuable in all types of design and development work. Switches are ceramic wafer types.

MODEL DC-1

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HEATHKIT DECADE RESISTANCE KIT

The Model DR-1 incorporates twenty 1% precision resistors arranged around five rugged switches so that various combinations of switch positions will provide a total range of 1 ohm to 99,999 ohms in 1-ohm steps. Switches are labeled "units," "tens," "hundreds," "thousands," and "ten thousands." Use it for ohm-meter calibration in bridge circuits as test values in multiplier circuits, etc.

MODEL DR-1

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HEATHKIT VARIABLE VOLTAGE REGULATED POWER SUPPLY KIT

This power supply is regulated for stability, and the amount of DC output available from the power supply can be controlled manually from zero to 500 volts. Will provide regulated output at 450 volts up to 10 ma, or up to 130 ma at 200 volts output. In addition to furnishing B-plus, the power supply provides 6 volts AC at 4 amperes for filaments. Both the B-plus output and the filament output are isolated from ground. Ideal power supply for use in experimental work in the laboratory, the home workshop, or the ham shack. Large 4½" panel meter indicates output voltage or current.

MODEL PS-3

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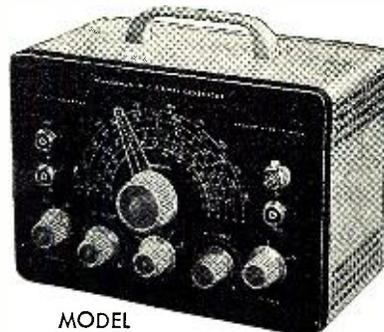
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Signal Generator Kit

- * No calibration required with pre-aligned coils.
- * Modulated or unmodulated RF output.
- * 110 mc to 220 mc frequency coverage.

Here is an RF signal generator for alignment applications in the service shop or the home workshop. Thousands of these units are in use in service shops all over the country. Produces RF signals from 160 kc to 110 mc on fundamentals on five bands. Also covers from 110 mc to 220 mc on calibrated harmonics. RF output is in excess of 100,000 microvolts at low impedance. Output is controllable with a step-type and a continuously variable attenuator. Front panel controls provide selection of either unmodulated RF output or RF modulated at 400 cps. In addition, two to three volts of audio at approximately 400 cps are available at the output terminals for testing AF circuits. Employs a 12AU7 and a 6C4 tube. Built-in power supply uses a selenium rectifier.

One of the most outstanding features about the Model SG-8 is the fact that it can be built in just a few hours, even by one not thoroughly experienced in electronics work. Complete step-by-step instructions combined with large pictorial diagrams assure successful assembly. Pre-aligned coils make calibration from an external source unnecessary.



MODEL SG-8

\$19⁵⁰

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HEATHKIT LABORATORY GENERATOR KIT

This laboratory RF signal generator covers from 100 kc to 30 mc on fundamentals in five bands. The output signal may be pure RF, or may be modulated at 400 cycles from 0 to 50%. Provision for external modulation has been made. RF output available up to 100,000 microvolts. Output controlled by a fixed step and a variable attenuator. Output impedance is 50 ohms. Panel meter reads RF output or percentage of modulation. Incorporates voltage regulated B+ supply, double shielding of oscillator circuits, copper plated chassis, and other "extras."

MODEL LG-1

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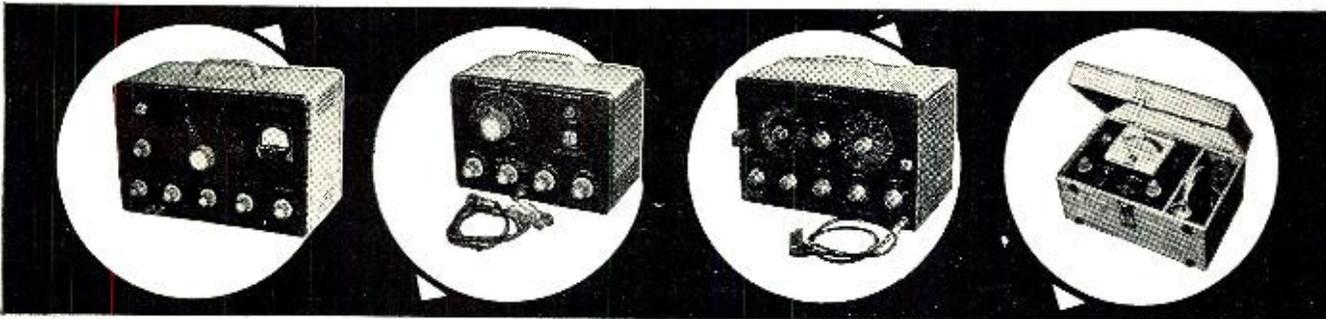
HEATHKIT TV ALIGNMENT GENERATOR KIT

This improved sweep generator model provides essential stability and flexibility for work on FM, monochrome TV, or color TV sets. Covers 3.6 mc to 220 mc in four bands. Provides usable output even on harmonics. Sweep deviation from 0-42 mc, depending on base frequency. All-electronic sweep circuit eliminates unwieldy mechanical arrangements. Includes built-in crystal marker generator providing output at 4.5 mc and multiples thereof, and variable marker covering 19 to 60 mc on fundamentals and from 57 to 180 mc on harmonics. Effective two-way blanking.

MODEL TS-4A

\$49⁵⁰

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HEATHKIT LINEARITY PATTERN GENERATOR KIT

This instrument supplies information for white dots, cross-hatch pattern, horizontal bar pattern, or vertical bar pattern. It feeds video and sync signals to the set under test, with completely controlled gain, and unusual stability. Covering channels 2 to 13, the LP-2 will produce 5 to 6 vertical bars and 4 to 5 horizontal bars. The dot pattern presentation is a *must* for the setting of color convergence controls in the color TV set. Panel provision made for external sync if desired. Use for adjustment of vertical and horizontal linearity, picture size, aspect ratio, and focus. Power supply is regulated for added stability. Essential in the up-to-date TV service shop.

MODEL LP-2

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HEATHKIT CATHODE RAY TUBE CHECKER KIT

This instrument checks cathode emission, beam current, shorted elements, and leakage between elements in electro-magnetic picture tube types. It eliminates all doubt for the TV serviceman, and even more important, for the customer. Features its own self-contained power supply, transformer operated to furnish normal test voltages for the CRT. Employs spring-loaded switches for maximum operator protection. Large 4 1/2" meter indicates CRT condition on "good-bad" scale. Luggage-type portable case ideal for home service calls. Special "shadowgraph" test permits projection of light spot on screen. Also gives relative check of picture tube screen coating.

MODEL CC-1

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HEATHKIT



MODEL
TC-2

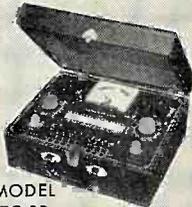
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- * Attractive counter-style cabinet.
- * Wiring-harness simplifies assembly.
- * Large 4½" meter with two-color "good-bad" scale.
- * Separate tube element switches prevent obsolescence.

HEATHKIT PORTABLE TUBE CHECKER KIT

This portable tube checker is identical, electrically, with the Model TC-2. However, it is housed in an attractive and practical carrying case, finished in proxilin impregnated material. The cover is detachable, and the hardware is brass plated. This rugged unit is ideal for home service calls or any portable application.



MODEL
TC-2P

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HEATHKIT DIRECT READING CAPACITY METER KIT

Operation of this instrument is simplicity itself. One has only to connect a capacitor to the terminals, select the proper range, and read the capacity value directly on the large 4½" meter calibrated in mmf and mfd. Ranges are 0 to 100 mmf, 1,000 mmf, 0.01 mfd, and 0.1 mfd full scale. Precision calibrating capacitors supplied. Not susceptible to hand capacity effects. Residual capacity less than 1 mmf. Especially valuable in production line checking, or in quality control.

MODEL CM-1

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Tube Checker Kit

This fine piece of test gear checks tubes for quality, emission, shorted elements, open elements, and filament continuity. Will test all tube types normally encountered in radio and TV service work. Sockets provided for 4, 5, 6, and 7-pin large, rectangular, and miniature types, octal and loctal types, the Hytron 9-pin miniatures, and pilot lamps. Condition of tubes indicated on a large 4½" meter with multi-color "good-bad" scale. An illuminated roll chart is built right in, providing test data for various tube types. This tester provides switch selection of 14 different filament voltage values from 0.75 volts to 117 volts. Individual switches control each tube element. Close tolerance resistors employed in critical test circuits for maximum accuracy. A professional instrument both in appearance and performance.

The Model TC-2 is very simple to build, even for a beginner. It employs a color-coded cable harness for neat, professional under-chassis wiring. Comes with attractive counter style cabinet, and portable cabinet is available separately. At this price, even the part-time serviceman can afford his own tube checker for maximum efficiency in service work.

HEATHKIT TV PICTURE TUBE TEST ADAPTER

Designed especially for use with the Model TC-2 tube checker. Use it to test TV picture tubes for emission, shorts, etc. Consists of 12-pin TV tube socket, 4 ft. cable, octal connector, and necessary technical data. Not a kit.



MODEL 355

\$4.50

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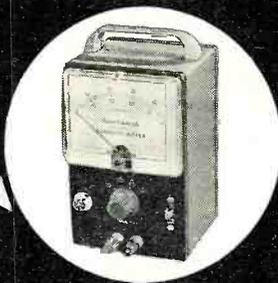
HEATHKIT VISUAL-AURAL SIGNAL TRACER KIT

Although designed primarily for radio receiver work, this valuable instrument finds extensive application in FM and TV servicing as well. Features a high-gain channel with demodulator probe, and a low-gain channel with audio probe. Will trace signals in all sections of a radio receiver and in many sections of a FM set or TV receiver. Uses built-in speaker and electron beam eye tube for indication. Also features built-in wattmeter and a noise locator circuit. Provision for patching speaker and/or output transformer into external set.

MODEL T-3

\$23.50

Shpg. Wt. 9 Lbs.



HEATHKIT CONDENSER CHECKER KIT

The Model C-3 consists of an AC powered bridge for both capacitive and resistive measurements. Bridge balance is indicated on electron beam eye tube, and capacity or resistance value is indicated on front panel calibrations. Measures capacity in four ranges from .00001 mfd to .005 mfd, .001 mfd to .5 mfd, .1 mfd to 50 mfd, and 20 mfd to 1000 mfd. Measures resistance in two ranges, from 100 ohms to 50,000 ohms, and from 10,000 ohms to 5 megohms. Selection of five different polarizing voltages for checking capacitors, from 25 volts DC to 450 volts DC. Checks paper, mica, ceramic, and electrolytic capacitors. Indicates power factor of electrolytic condensers.

MODEL C-3

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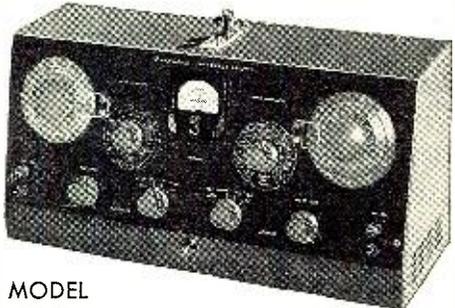
PIONEER DESIGN . . .
 New and unique approaches to instrument and equipment designs are a Heath Company tradition. We concentrate all our development efforts on kit projects, since this is our prime activity—and not just a sideline. This logically results in more efficient, more reliable circuit designs—and you benefit from this constant engineering progress. Buying from the undisputed leader in the electronic kit field assures you of completely modern equipment, with outstanding advanced design features.

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Impedance Bridge Kit

- * 1/2% precision resistors and silver-mica capacitors.
- * Battery-type tubes, no warm-up required.
- * Built-in phase shift generator and amplifier.

The Model IB-2 is a completely self-contained unit. It has a built-in power supply, a built-in 1000 cycle generator, and a built-in vacuum tube detector. Provision has been made on the panel for connection to an external detector, an external signal generator, or an external power supply. A 100-0-100 micro-ampere meter on the front panel provides for null indications. Measures resistance from 0.1 ohm to 10 megohms, capacitance from 10 mmf to 100 mfd, inductance from 10 mh to 100 h, dissipation factor (D) from 0.002 to 1, and storage factor (Q) from 0.1 to 1000. 1/2 of 1% decade resistors employed for maximum accuracy. Typical accuracy figures are: resistance, ±3T; capacitance ±3%; inductance, ±10%; dissipation factor, ±20%; storage factor, ±20%. Employs a Wheatstone bridge, a Capacity Comparison bridge, a Maxwell bridge, and a Hay bridge. Special two-section CRL dial provides maximum convenience in operation. Use the Model IB-2 for determining values of unmarked components, checking production or design samples, etc. A real professional instrument.



MODEL IB-2
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HEATHKIT "Q" METER KIT

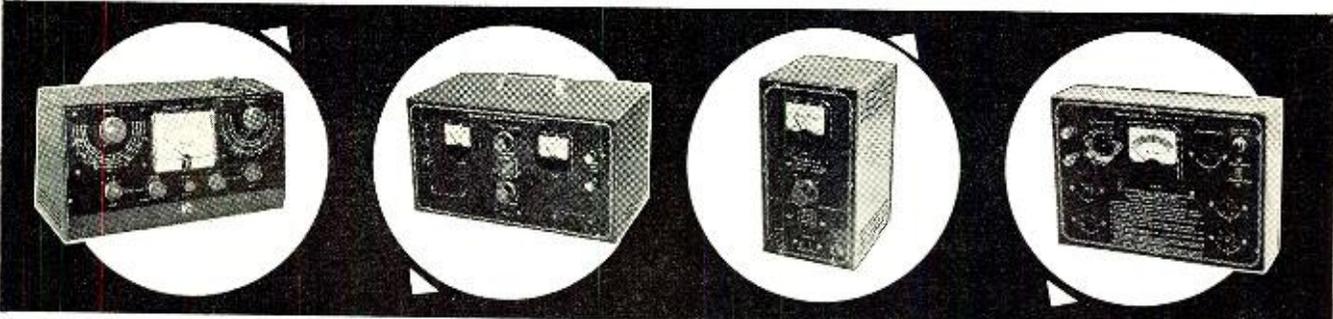
The Q Meter permits measurement of inductance from 1 microhenry to 10 millihenries, "W" on a scale calibrated up to 250 full scale, with multiplying factors of 1 or 2, and capacitance from 40 mmf to 450 mmf, ±3 mmf. Built-in variable oscillator permits testing components from 150 kc to 18 mc. Large 4 1/2" panel-mounted meter is feature. Very handy for checking peaking coils, chokes, etc. Use to determine values of unknown condensers, both variable and fixed. Compile data for coil winding purposes, or measure RF resistance. Distributed capacity, and Q of coils.

MODEL QM-1
\$44⁵⁰
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HEATHKIT ISOLATION TRANSFORMER KIT

This device isolates equipment under test from the power line. It is rated at 100 volt-amperes continuously, or 200 volt-amperes intermittently. AC-DC sets may be plugged directly into the IT-1 without the chassis becoming "hot." Additionally, since the IT-1 is fused, it is ideal for use as a buffer between the power line and a questionable receiver, or a new piece of equipment. Protects main fuses. Features voltage control, allowing control of the output from 90 volts to 130 volts. Panel meter monitors output voltage. A very handy device at an extremely low price.

MODEL IT-1
\$16⁵⁰
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HEATHKIT 6-12 VOLT BATTERY ELIMINATOR KIT

This completely modern battery eliminator will supply DC output in two ranges for both 6-volt and 12-volt automobile radios. The output is variable for each range, so that operating voltage can be raised or lowered to determine how the receiver functions under adverse conditions. Range is 0-8 volts DC or 0-16 volts DC. Will supply up to 15 amperes on the 6-volt range, or up to 7 amperes on the 12-volt range. Two 10,000 microfarad output filter capacitors insure smooth DC output. Two separate panel meters indicate output voltage or output current. Makes it possible to test automobile radios inside at the workbench. Will also double as a battery charger.

MODEL BE-4
\$31⁵⁰
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HEATHKIT 6-VOLT VIBRATOR TESTER KIT

This instrument functions very much like a tube checker, to test auto radio vibrators. Vibrator condition is indicated on a simple "good-bad" scale. Tests for proper starting and overall quality of operation, of both interrupter and self-rectifier types of 6-volt vibrators. The model VT-1 is designed to operate from any battery eliminator capable of delivering continuously variable output from 4 to 6 volts DC at 4 amperes or more. It is an ideal companion unit for the Heathkit Model BE-4 battery eliminator. The construction book for the VT-1 contains vibrator test chart for popular 6-volt vibrator types. A real time saver!

MODEL VT-1
\$14⁵⁰
 Shpg. Wt. 6 lbs.

HEATHKIT DX-100 PHONE AND CW



**MODEL
DX-100**
Shpg. Wt.
107 Lbs.

\$189⁵⁰

Shipped motor freight unless otherwise specified.
\$50.00 deposit required on c.o.d. orders.

- * Phone or CW on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 11 and 10 meters.
- * Built-in VFO, modulator, and power supplies.
- * High quality components used throughout for reliable performance.
- * Features 5-point TVI suppression.

Transmitter Kit

The Heathkit DX-100 transmitter is in a class by itself in that it offers features far beyond those normally received at this price level. It takes very little listening on the bands to discover how many of these transmitters are in operation today. A truly amazing piece of amateur gear. The DX-100 features a built-in VFO and a built-in modulator. It is TVI suppressed, and uses pi network interstage coupling and output coupling. Will match antenna impedances from approximately 50 to 600 ohms. Extensive shielding is employed, and all incoming and outgoing circuits are filtered. The cabinet features interlocking seams for simplified assembly and minimum RF radiation outside of the cabinet. Provides a clean strong signal on either phone or CW, with RF output in excess of 100 watts on phone, and 120 watts on CW. Completely bandswitching from 160 through 10 meters. A pair of 1625 tubes are used in push-pull for the modulator, and the final consists of a pair of 6146 tubes in parallel. The VFO dial and meter face are illuminated, and all front panel controls are located for maximum convenience. Panel meter reads driver plate I, final grid I, final plate I, final plate voltage, and modulator current. The chassis is constructed of heavy #16 gauge copper-plated steel. Other high-quality components include potted transformers, ceramic switch and variable capacitor insulation, silver-plated or solid-silver switch terminals, etc. All coils are pre-wound, and the main wiring cable is pre-harnessed. The kit can be built by a beginner from the comprehensive step-by-step instructions supplied. It is a proven, trouble-free rig, that will insure many hours of "on-the-air" enjoyment in your ham shack.

HEATHKIT COMMUNICATIONS TYPE ALL BAND RECEIVER KIT

This receiver covers 550 kc to 30 mc in four bands, and is ideal for the short-wave listener or beginning amateur. It provides good sensitivity and selectivity, combined with good image rejection. Amateur bands clearly marked on illuminated dial scale. Employs transformer type power supply—electrical bandspread—antenna trimmer—separate RF and AF gain controls—noise limiter—headphone jacks—

and automatic gain control. Has built-in VFO for CW-reception.

MODEL AR-3
\$30⁷⁵

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(Less Cabinet)
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CABINET: Fabric covered cabinet with aluminum panel as shown. Part 91-15A. Shipping weight 5 Lbs. \$4.95

HEATHKIT VFO KIT

You can go VFO for less than you might expect. Here is a variable frequency oscillator that covers 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 11, and 10 meters with three basic oscillator frequencies, that sells for less than \$20. Provides better than 10 volt average RF output on fundamentals. Plenty of drive for most modern transmitters. Requires a power source of only 250 VDC at 15 to 20 ma. and 6.3 VAC at 0.45A. Incorporates a regulator tube for frequency stability. Illuminated frequency dial reads frequency directly on the band being employed. Temperature-compensated capacitors offset coil heating.

MODEL VF-1
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HEATHKIT CW TRANSMITTER KIT

This is the original low-priced Heathkit CW transmitter. Its reliable performance has been proven time and time again on the CW bands. Designed for crystal control, the Model AT-1 covers 80, 40, 20, 15, 11, and 10 meters. May be excited from external VFO. Plate power input up to 30 watts. Power supply built in. Panel meter indicates grid current or plate current for final. Incorporates pre-wound coils, copper-plated chassis, built-in line filter, profuse shielding, and top-quality parts throughout. Crystal socket and key jack on front panel. Built-in key-click filter, and single-knob bandswitching. 52-ohm coaxial output. Uses 6AG7 oscillator-multiplier, 6L6 power amplifier-doubler, and 5U4G rectifier.

MODEL AT-1
\$29⁵⁰

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DOLLAR-SAVING ECONOMY . . .

There would be no particular achievement in selling inexpensive merchandise at a low price—although it is being done every day. However, there is something to crow about when, through tremendous purchasing power and factory-to-you distribution, Heath Company can offer top-quality equipment, using name-brand components, at such low prices. This is real economy, as opposed to the so-called "bargains". Needless to say, there is a big difference.

HEATHKIT PHONE AND CW

Transmitter Kit

- * 6146 final amplifier for full 65-watt plate power input.
- * Phone and CW operation on 80, 40, 20, 15, 11, and 10 meters. Pi network output coupling.
- * Switch selection of three crystals — provision for external VFO excitation.



MODEL DX-35

\$56⁹⁵ Shpg. Wt. 24 Lbs.

The DX-35 features a 6146 final amplifier to provide 65 watts plate power input on CW, with controlled carrier modulation peaks up to 50 watts on phone. In addition, it is a most attractive transmitter. Modulator and power supplies are built-in, and the rig covers 80, 40, 20, 15, 11, and 10 meters with a single band-change switch. Pi network output coupling provided for matching various antenna impedances. A 12BY7 buffer stage provided ahead of the final amplifier for plenty of drive on all bands. 12BY7 oscillator and 12AU7 modulator. Provision for switch selection of three different crystals. Crystals reached through access door at rear. Front panel controls marked "off—CW—stand-by—phone", "final tuning", "antenna coupling", "drive level control", and "band change switch". Panel meter indicates final grid current or final plate current. A perfect low-power transmitter both for the novice, and for the more experienced operator. A remarkable power package for the price. Incidentally, the price includes tubes, and all other components necessary for assembly. As with all Heathkits, comprehensive instruction manual assures successful assembly.

HEATHKIT ANTENNA IMPEDANCE METER KIT

This instrument employs a 100 microampere panel meter and covers the impedance range of 0-600 ohms for RF tests. Functions up to 150 mc. Used in conjunction with signal source, such as the Heathkit Model GD-1B grid dip meter, the Model AM-1 will determine antenna resistance and resonance, match transmission lines for minimum standing wave ratio, determine receiver input impedance, etc. Will also double as a phone monitor. A very valuable device for many uses in the ham shack.

MODEL AM-1

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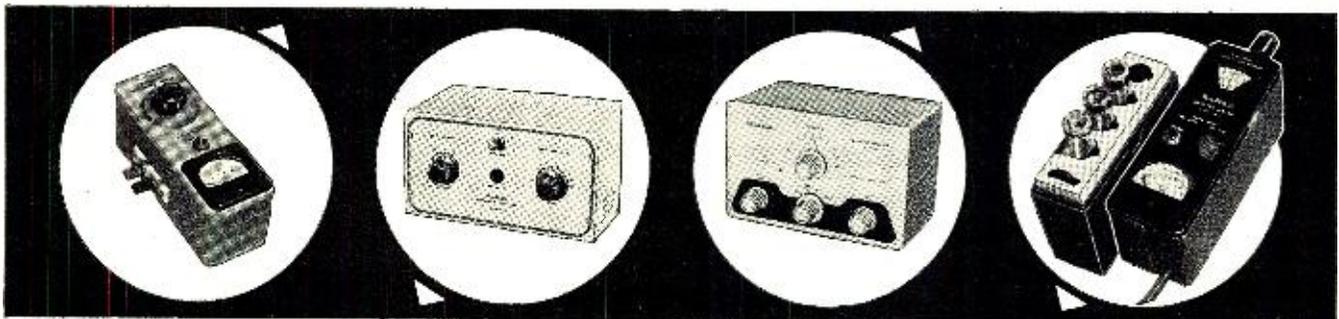
HEATHKIT "Q" MULTIPLIER KIT

The QF-1 functions with any receiver with an IF frequency between 450 and 460 kc that is not AC-DC type. Operates from the receiver power supply, requiring only 6.3 VAC at 300 ma. and 150 to 250 VDC at 2 ma. Simple to connect with cable and plugs supplied. Provides additional selectivity for separating two signals, or will reject one signal and eliminate heterodyne. A big help on crowded bands. Provides an effective Q of approximately 4,000 for sharp "peak" or "null". Tunes to any signal within the IF bandpass of the receiver, without changing main receiver tuning dial.

MODEL QF-1

\$9⁹⁵

Shpg. Wt. 3 Lbs.



HEATHKIT ANTENNA COUPLER KIT

This device is designed to match the Model AT-1 transmitter to a long-wire antenna. In addition to impedance matching, this unit incorporates an L-type filter which attenuates signals above 36 megacycles, thereby reducing TVI. Designed for 52 ohm coaxial input. Handles power up to 75 watts, 10 through 80 meters. Uses a tapped inductor and variable capacitor. Neon RF indicator on front panel. Copper-plated chassis—high quality components throughout—simple to build. Eliminates waste of valuable communications power due to improper matching. A "natural" for all AT-1 transmitter owners.

MODEL AC-1

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HEATHKIT GRID DIP METER KIT

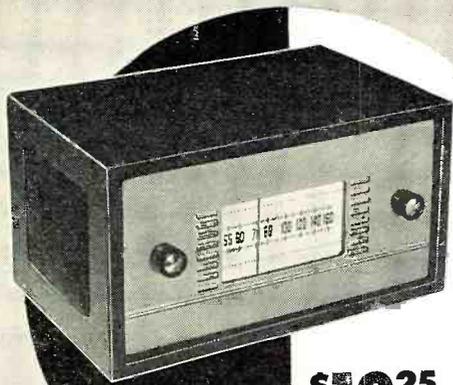
The grid dip meter was originally designed for the ham shack. However, its use has been extended into the service shop and laboratory. Continuous frequency coverage from 2 mc to 250 mc with pre-wound coils. 500 microampere panel meter employed for indication. Use for locating parasitics, neutralizing, determining RF circuit resonant frequencies, etc. Coils are included with kit, as is a coil rack. Front panel controls include sensitivity control for meter, and phone jack for listening to zero-beat. Will also double as an absorption-type wavemeter.

MODEL GB-1B

\$19⁵⁰

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HEATHKIT BROADCAST BAND



MODEL BR-2
(Less Cabinet)
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ATTENTION BEGINNERS . . .

This kit is an ideal "first project" if you have never built a Heathkit before. A good chance to "learn by doing."

- * Miniature tubes and high-gain IF transformer.
- * Rod-type built-in antenna. Good sensitivity and selectivity.
- * 5½-inch PM speaker.
- * Provision for phono jack.
- * Transformer-operated power supply.

Receiver Kit

You need no previous experience in electronics to build this table-model radio. The Model BR-2 receiver covers 550 kc to 1620 kc and features good sensitivity and selectivity over the entire band. A 5½" PM speaker is employed, along with high gain miniature tubes and a new rod-type built-in antenna. Provision has been made in the design of this receiver for its use as a phonograph amplifier. The phono jack is located on the back chassis apron. A transformer operated power supply is featured for safety of operation, as opposed to the usual AC-DC supply commonly found in "economy radio kits." Don't let the low Heathkit price deceive you. This is the kind of set you will want to show off to your family and friends after you have finished building it.

Construction of this radio kit is very simple. Giant size pictorial diagrams and detailed step-by-step instructions assure your success. The construction manual also includes an explanation of basic receiver circuit theory so you can "learn by doing" as the receiver is built. The manual even provides information on resistor and capacitor color codes, soldering techniques, use of tools, etc. If you have ever had the urge to build your own radio receiver, the outstanding features of this popular Heathkit deserve your attention.

CABINET: Proxylin impregnated fabric covered plywood cabinet available for the BR-2 receiver as shown. Complete with aluminum panel, reinforced speaker grill, and protective rubber feet. Shipping weight 5 lbs., part No. 91-9A. \$4.95†

HEATHKIT PROFESSIONAL RADIATION COUNTER KIT

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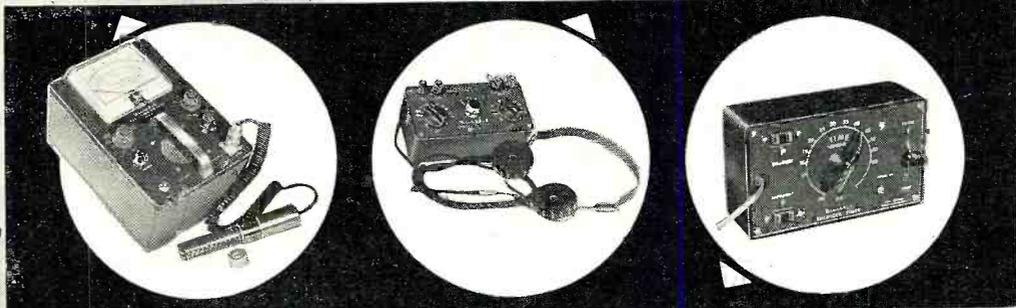
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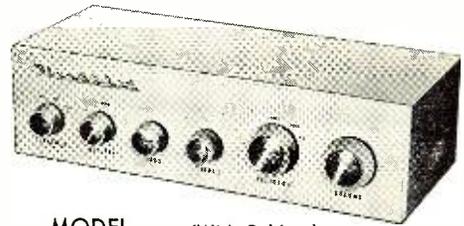
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HEATHKIT HIGH FIDELITY

Preamplifier Kit

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- * Equalization for LP, RIAA, AES, and Early 78's.
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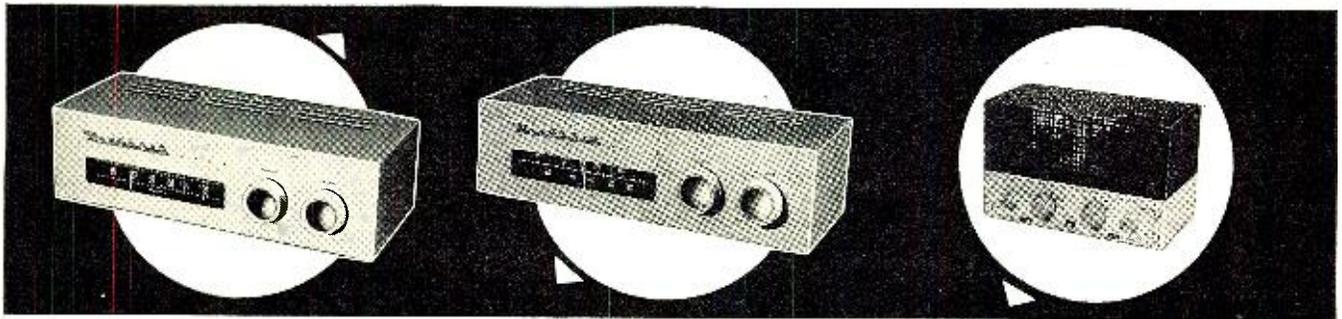
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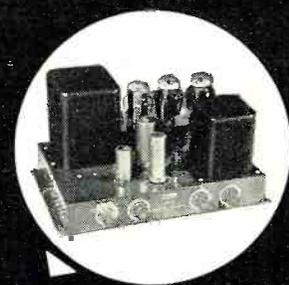
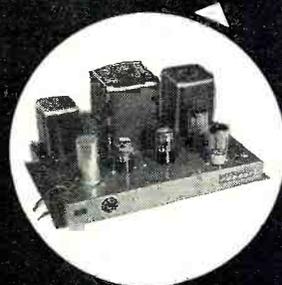
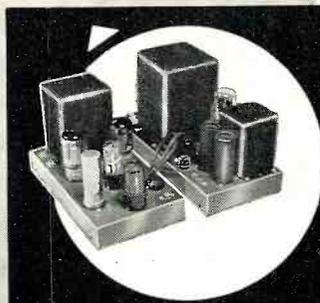
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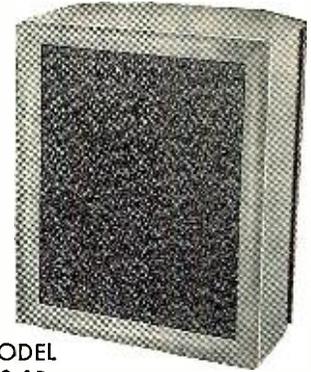
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HEATHKIT HIGH FIDELITY SPEAKER SYSTEM KIT



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This speaker system is a fine reproducer in its own right, covering 50 to 12,000 CPS within ± 5 DB. However, the story does not end there. Should you desire to expand the system later, the SS-1 is designed to work with the SS-1B range extending unit — providing additional frequency coverage at both ends of the spectrum. It can fulfill your present needs, and still provide for the future. The SS-1 uses two Jensen speakers; an 8" midrange-woofer, and a compression-type tweeter. Cross-over frequency is 1,600 CPS, and the system is rated at 25 watts. Nominal impedance is 16 ohms. The cabinet is a ducted-port bass-reflex type. Attractively styled, the Model SS-1 features a broad "picture-frame" molding that will blend with any room decorating scheme. Pre-cut and pre-drilled wood parts are of furniture grade plywood. The kit is easy-to-build, and all component parts are included, along with complete step-by-step instructions for assembly. Can be built in just one evening, and will provide you with many years of listening enjoyment thereafter.

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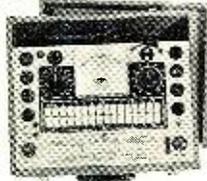
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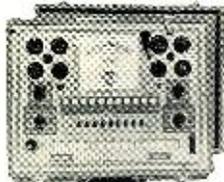
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COVER STORY

Portable TV Camera



The Signal Corps' newest combat camera is battery-operated and weighs a mere 8 pounds. Picture quality is excellent.

THE compact, portable, self-contained combat television camera shown on this month's cover is the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories' answer to the problem of tactical reconnaissance without endangering the lives of advance scouts.

By carrying his own battery pack, the armed TV "roving reporter" is freed for the first time from the cumbersome cable connections that harnessed him to a source of power and limited his movements afoot.

The Signal Corps cameraman can now reach previously inaccessible spots. He can move unhampered over ditches and through streams, and through protective forests and hedgerows.

His mission completed, the TV scout can proceed to a new location taking his "electronic eye" with him.

The camera used in this portable system weighs a mere 8 pounds while the transmitter, complete with a built-in power supply, weighs 47 pounds. The transmitter is back packed and the camera can be carried in one hand, leaving the other hand free to carry necessary weapons.

Since the transmitted image from this unit is said to be equal or better than commercial quality, the Signal Corps suggests that this equipment may have wide civilian application in "on-the-spot" news reporting, for floor interviews at large gatherings, for covering sports events, and for rescue and search operations of all types.

The transmitter is AM with 1.5 watts average power and 2 watts peak. The bandwidth is a nominal 12 mc. with video bandwidth 4.5 mc. Operating frequency is 360 mc. and

the antenna is an omnidirectional ground plane. The final amplifier tube is a 5893 pencil triode. The transmitter and sync generator are crystal-controlled. The system will net with all commercial facilities when its Signal Processing Unit is included.

The transmitter is powered by a five-cell rechargeable silver zinc battery which will operate continuously for two hours.

The camera has four interchangeable lenses including a wide angle to view a broad section, a telephoto for far-away subjects, and a "zoom" lens for quick change of magnification. It has a pistol grip to help steady the camera and "pan" the action. The camera can also be mounted on a tripod for unattended operation.

A TV receiver, which feeds several Display Units (each mounting a 10" picture tube), is used to pick up the transmissions. The receiver can be mounted in a jeep or used in a foxhole. The jeep's electrical system provides all needed power at the receiving point. Commercial power or regular household current can also be tapped.

To prevent interception, the camera unit can be used with a cable between transmitter and receiver. With power packaged in the transmitter, cable size is four times smaller than earlier models.

The audio channel for this entire television link is provided by separate, self-contained, portable two-way transceivers.

This newest unit in the Army's arsenal of combat equipment is being made by Radio Corporation of America to Signal Corps specifications.

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Radar Used for Electronic Surveying

Radar ruler measures distances up to 50 miles within a few feet. Uses portable computer.

RADAR, the electronic eye that spots planes and catches speeders, now has a new use—measuring great distances for the surveyor. With the “radar ruler,” developed by the Army’s Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, he can measure off 50 miles—precise to within a few feet—in a single giant leap.

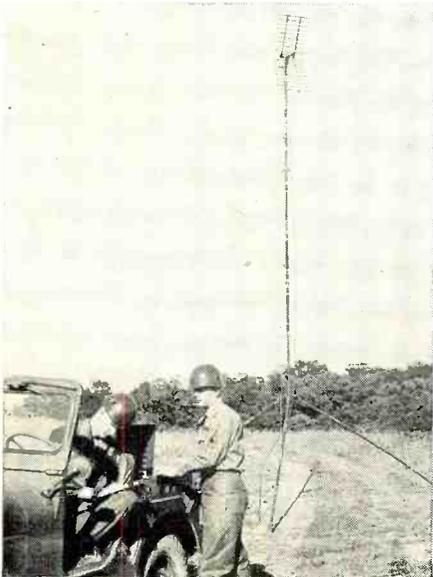
Designed under Signal Corps contract by Motorola Inc., the new system uses two separate jeep-portable radar stations, one at each end of the distance to be measured. The long-range electronic beam easily penetrates fog, darkness, and foliage—impossible with conventional transit, plumb line, and range-pole. The electronic rangefinder is designed to replace standard surveying gear when long range and speed are essential.

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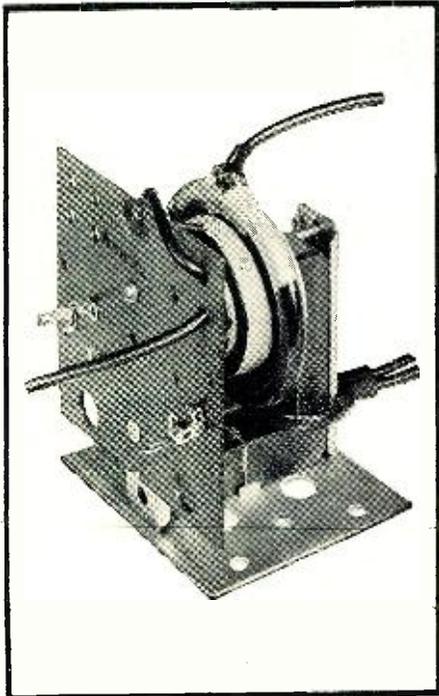
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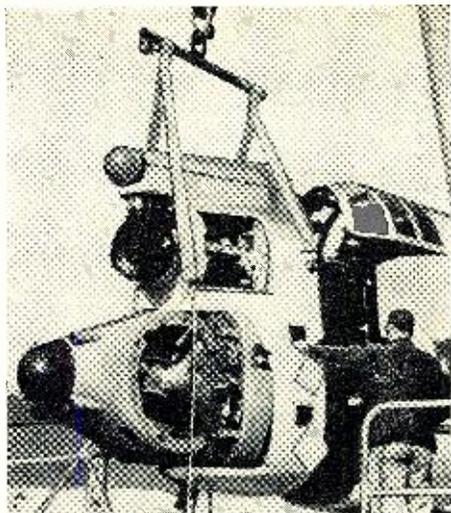
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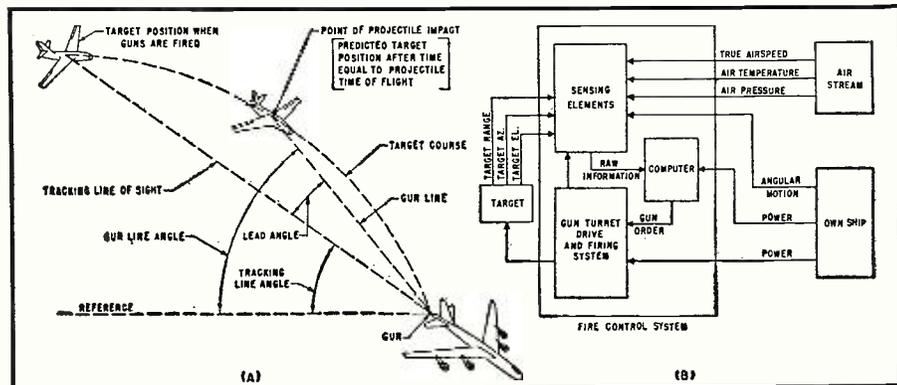
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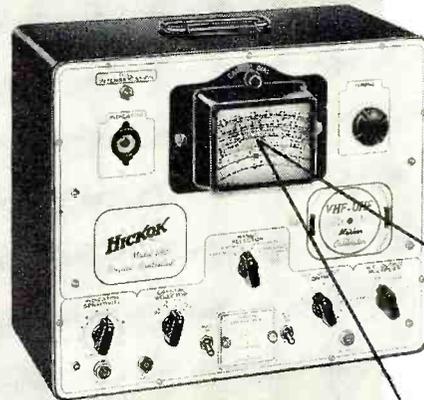
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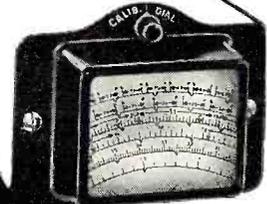


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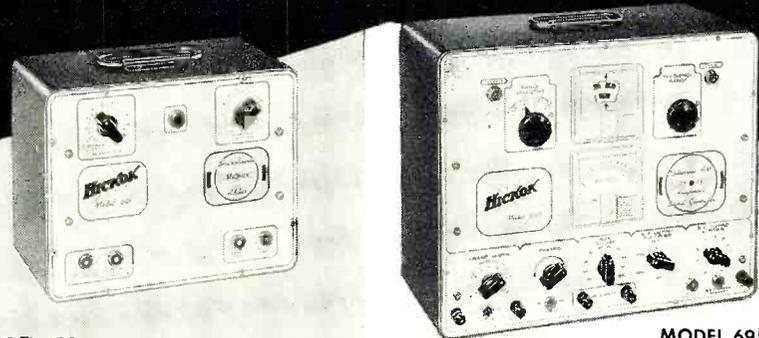
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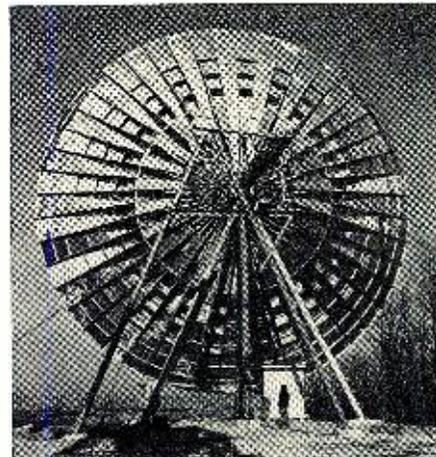
Tests completed on 60-foot precision microwave antenna designed for scatter signals.

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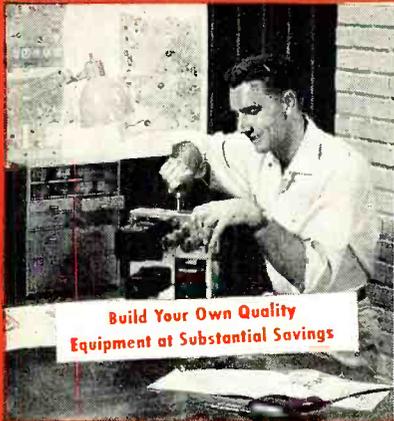
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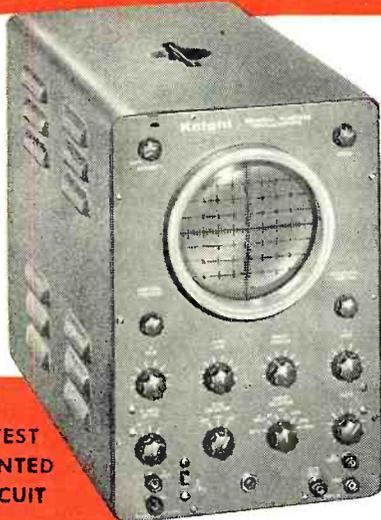
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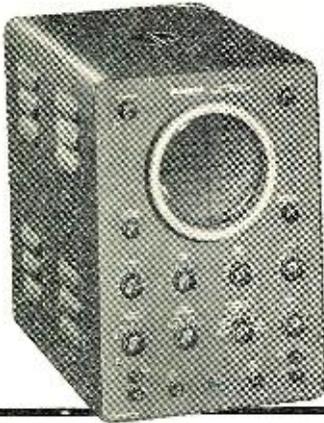
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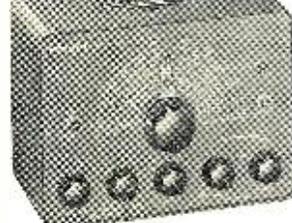
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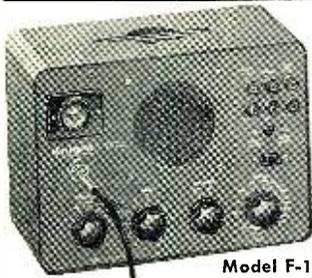
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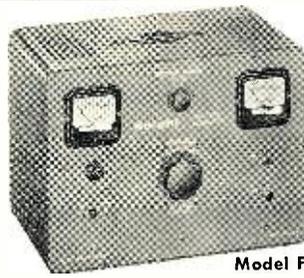


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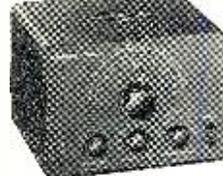


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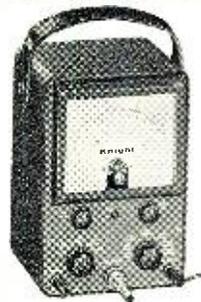


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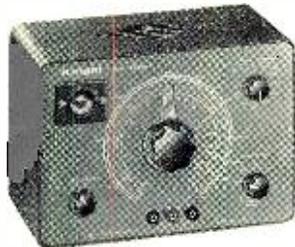


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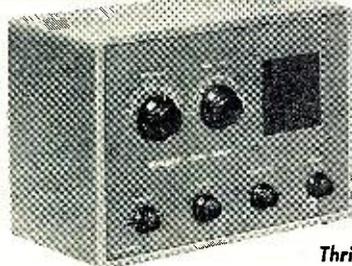
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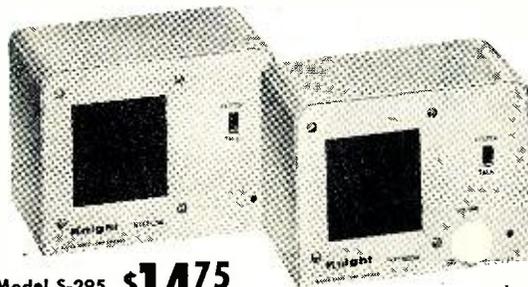
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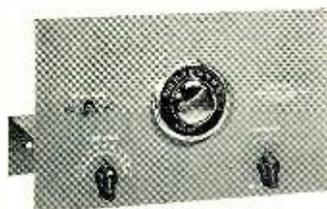


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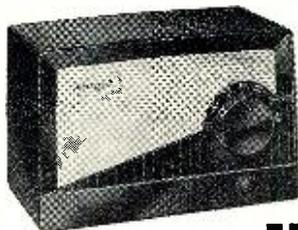
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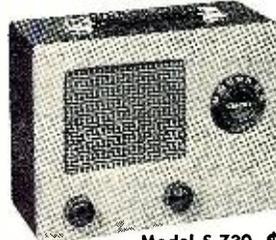
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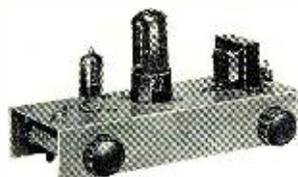
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Model S-790 **\$8⁹⁵**

It's easy to build this fine-performing, low-cost compact phono amplifier. Ideal for use in a portable phonograph—simply add any

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Model S-790. Phono Amplifier Kit. Net only **\$8.95**

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Model S-261

\$2¹⁵

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J-626. Battery for above (Burgess U-200)..... **\$8.47**

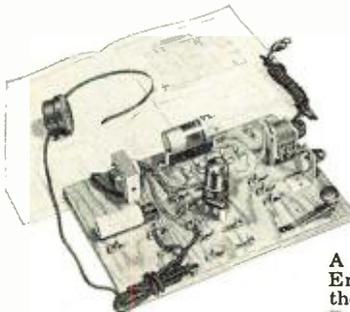


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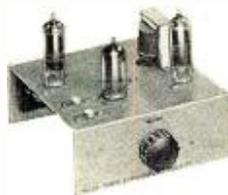
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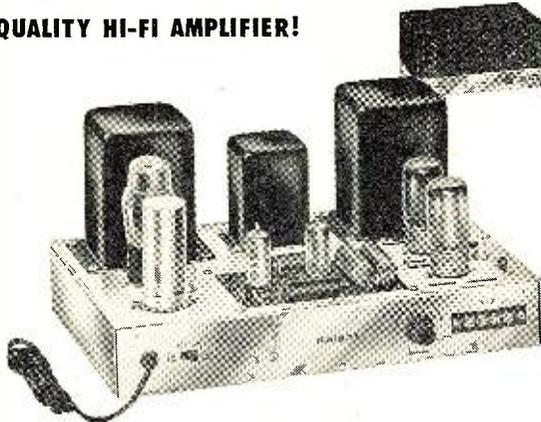
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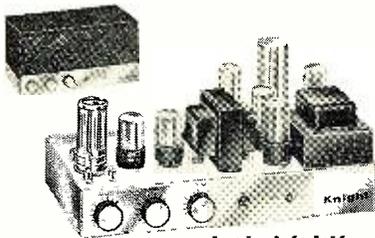
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This super-quality hi-fi basic amplifier is designed to satisfy the most critical listener. Intended for use with tuners incorporating built-in preamp or with separate preamp. Incorporates latest Williamson-type circuit and has patented matched transformers. Delivers maximum output of 45 watts. Frequency response is: ± 0.5 db. 10 cps to 120 kc, measured at 20 watts. Harmonic distortion is only .15% right up to 30 watts. Intermodulation distortion is only .27% at 10 watts and only .4% at 20 watts, using 60 cps and 7 kc, 1:4 ratio. Hum level is —85 db below full rated output. Output impedance, 4, 8, 16 ohms. Input voltage for 25-watt output is 1.8 volts. Uses two 12AU7's, two 5881's, and a 5V4. Etched circuit is utilized in voltage amplifier and phase inverter stages to speed assembly. Has output tube balancing control, variable damping control, and on-off switch. Handsome chrome-plated chassis, 14 x 9 x 2". Overall height, 7". A deluxe true hi-fi amplifier equal in performance to amplifiers selling at over twice the price. Complete with all parts and tubes. Easy to assemble. Shpg. wt., 27 lbs.

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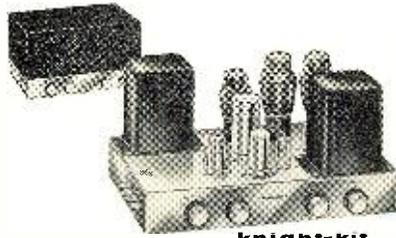


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10-WATT HI-FI AMPLIFIER KIT

Model S-753
\$23⁵⁰

Chrome-Plated Chassis
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Model S-753. Amplifier Kit. Net.....**\$23.50**
 Model S-235. Preamp Kit for above...**\$3.10**
 S-757. Metal Enclosure. 3 lbs.....**\$3.95**



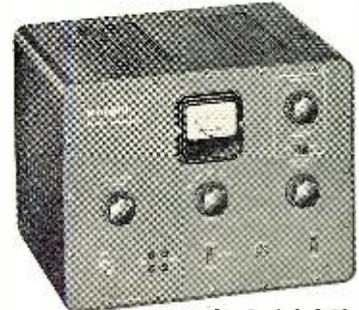
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20-WATT HI-FI AMPLIFIER KIT

Model S-750
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Chrome-Plated Chassis
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Model S-255. 50-Watt Transmitter Kit. Net...**\$43.75**



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VFO KIT

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"Z" BRIDGE KIT

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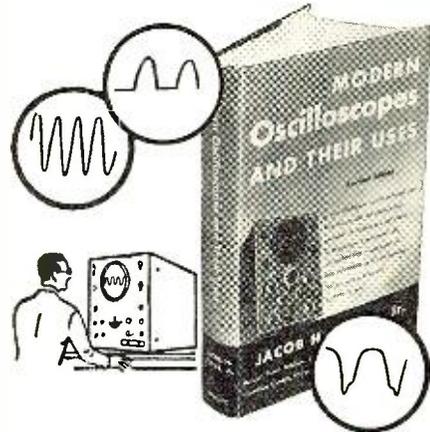
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| 3BA6 | 2 | 2.5 | 23 | ABEF | DG | | 2 | 6.3 | 21 | GHJ | DF |
| 3BZ6 | 1 | 2.5 | 20 | AIEFG | BC | | (no open element test on lever J) | | | | |
| 3CF6 | 1 | 2.5 | 19 | AIEFG | BD | 6AX7 | 1 | 3.3 | 20 | AB | CDE |
| | (no open element test on levers E, G) | | | | | | 1 | 3.3 | 20 | FG | DEH |
| 3CS6 | 1 | 2.5 | 21 | AF | BC | 6BC7 | 1 | 6.3 | 20 | B | AD |
| | 1 | 2.5 | 57 | EG | BC | | 1 | 6.3 | 21 | F | DG |
| 5AQ5 | 3 | 5 | 27 | AIEFG | BD | | 1 | 6.3 | 20 | H | DJ |
| 5AT8 | 2 | 5 | 21 | AB | CE | 6BZ6 | 1 | 6.3 | 18 | AIEFG | BC |
| | 2 | 5 | 20 | FGHJ | CE | 6CG7 | 2 | 6.3 | 23 | AB | CD |
| | (no open element test on levers F, H) | | | | | | 2 | 6.3 | 23 | FG | DH |
| 5AV8 | 2 | 5 | 22 | FHJ | EG | 6DE6 | 2 | 6.3 | 20 | AIEFG | BD |
| | (no open element test on lever F) | | | | | | (no open element test on levers E, G) | | | | |
| | 2 | 5 | 23 | BC | AE | 7E5/1201 | 2 | 6.3 | 34 | ACEG | DFH |
| 5B8 | 2 | 5 | 21 | BC | AE | 12AV5-GA | 3 | 12.6 | 18 | AEH | BC |
| | 2 | 5 | 21 | FHJ | ABCEG | 12BK5 | 2 | 12.6 | 22 | ACGH | DF |
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| 5Y3 | 3 | 5 | 50 | F | H | 25CA5 | 3 | 25 | 17 | BEFG | AD |
| | 3 | 5 | 50 | D | H | 25CD6 | 3 | 25 | 20 | EHK | BC |
| 6AS7 | 3 | 6.3 | 16 | AB | CH | | | | | | |
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| Tube Type | Fila-ment | D | E | Plate Test | Tube Type | Fila-ment | D | E | Plate Test |
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| 3B2 | 3.0 | 12 | 9 | 50XZ | 6BT8 | 6.3 | A127 123 | AC689* 4 5 | 16WY 65X 65X |
| 3CE5 | 3.0 | AC123 | 567* | 50YZ | 6BW4 | 6.3 | 126 | 4 9 | 15W 15W |
| 3DT6 | 3.0 | A2347 | AC156 | 75XZ | 6CE5 | 6.3 | AC123 | 567* | 50YZ |
| 4BS8 | 4.2 | A123 A127 | A45 A89 | 20XZ 20XZ | 6CH7 | 6.3 | A1237 | A45 A89 | 41V 41V |
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Flying Spot Scanner
(Continued from page 51)

Color Applications

Flying-spot scanners have as much utility with color television receivers as they have with black-and-white sets. Color television picture tubes currently being used have three electron guns; the stream of electrons from one of the guns is modulated with green information, one with blue information, and one with red information. For black-and-white pictures, each of the three guns receives a certain portion of the black-and-white signal.

In order for color pictures to be displayed as transmitted and for black-and-white pictures to be displayed without color contamination, the various magnetic fields acting on the electron streams must be adjusted so that the electron streams activate only the color dots on the face of the tube for which they are intended, i.e., the stream from the blue gun must hit only the blue dots, the stream from the red gun must hit only the red dots, and the stream from the green gun must hit only the green dots. The adjustments that affect the electron streams are called convergence adjustments.

There are two kinds of convergence adjustments—static and dynamic. Static convergence adjustments control the electron streams when they activate the phosphor dots at the center of the screen, while dynamic adjustments control the streams near the edges of the screen.

For static convergence adjustments, it is necessary to use a white-dot generator. The Model 1000 is converted into a white-dot generator merely by using the white-dot slide. See Fig. 4. On this slide, the center dot is surrounded by little squares so that it is easy to identify its position at a glance. The small squares around the center of the slide are also helpful as the sharp corners of the squares show up any misconvergence.

For dynamic convergence, the white lines of the crosshatch pattern are used. See Fig. 5. Basically, the misconvergence that occurs at the edge of the screen in a three-gun tube is due to the unequal paths of the three beams, and this misconvergence is not the same amount at the top right of the screen as it is at the center of the right side, for example. By using a white-line slide, any misconvergence shows up as parabolic-like red, green, and blue lines of varying width at the sides and/or top and bottom.

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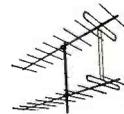
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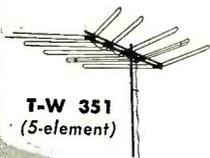
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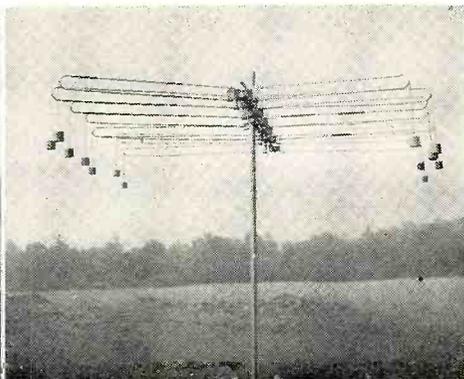
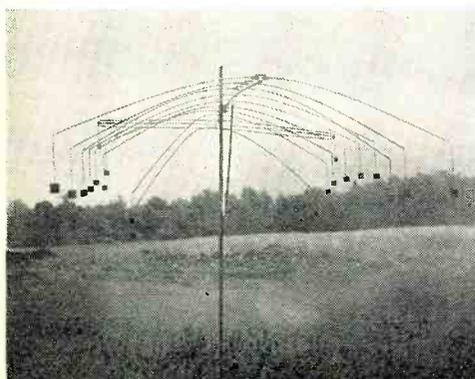
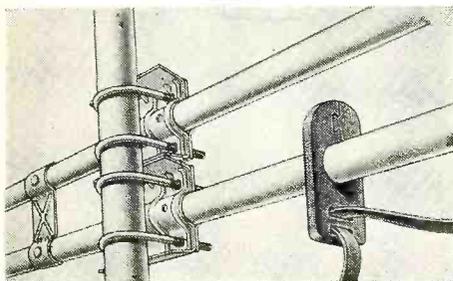
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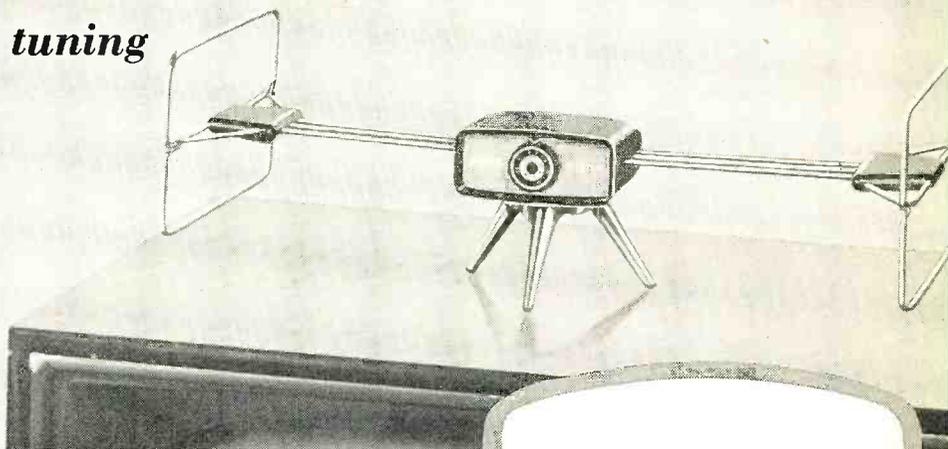
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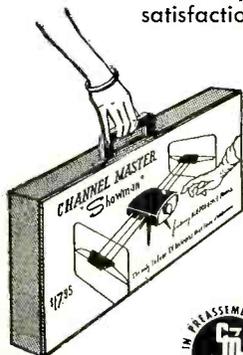
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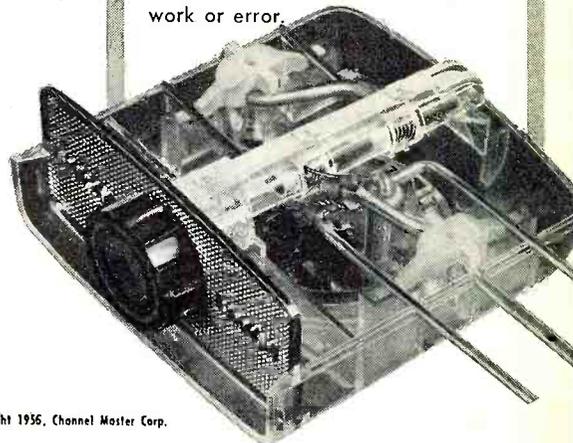
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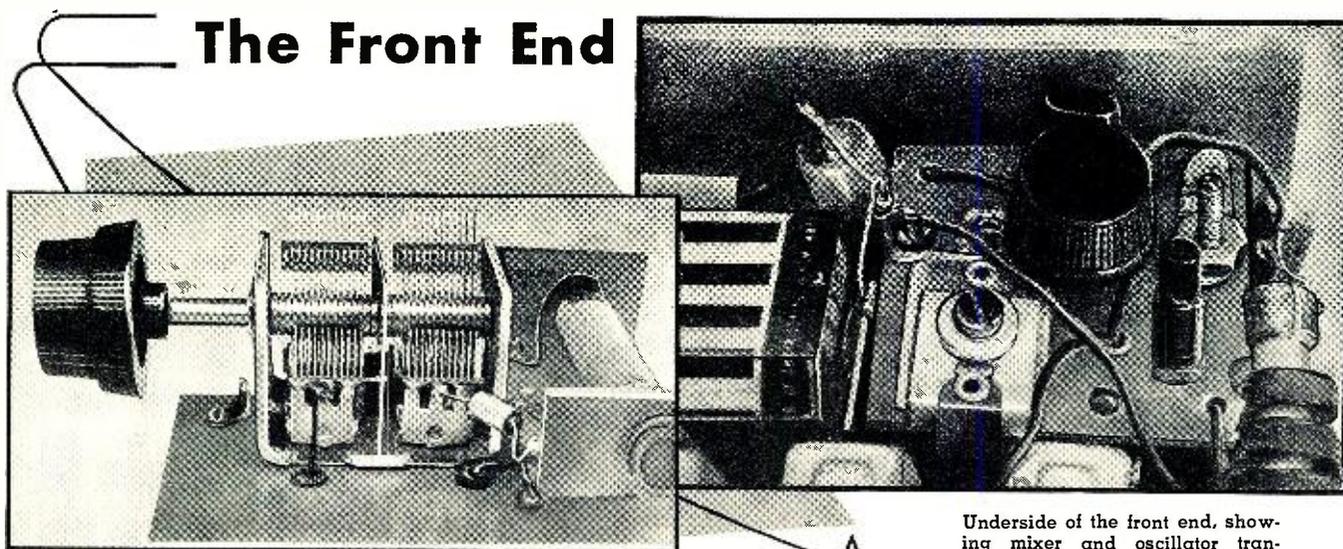
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An All-Transistor Superhet Tuner

The Front End



By R. ZARR

Top view of the front-end portion of the tuner, showing tuning capacitor and "Loopstick."

Underside of the front end, showing mixer and oscillator transistors along with oscillator padder and coil slug adjustment.

Part 2. A front end for an all-transistor superhet-type broadcast tuner. The i.f. strip was covered last month.

THE construction of the i.f. strip and detector for an all-transistor superhet broadcast tuner was described last month. This article covers the remainder of the circuitry.

The mixer-oscillator circuit appears here. It uses two transistors which may be either 2N113 or 2N114 (Raytheon). The latter is recommended for V_2 for slightly greater gain.

Essential parts of the mixer-oscillator stage are mounted on a piece of Bakelite or plastic $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches square. It holds the two transistors, the padder and oscillator coil, and is mounted under the chassis by means of a long screw and spacer. The small knob seen in the photo is for adjusting the oscillator coil slug. The padder is a mica capacitor with maximum value anywhere between 680 and 1250 μf d.

Its value is not critical. The r.f. choke is rather large and is placed near the front of the tuner under the tuning knob.

There should be no difficulty in assembling this converter. If desired, it may be checked by placing it near a radio receiver. As the capacitor is tuned, it will be possible to pick up the oscillator output. At minimum capacitor setting, the frequency should be approximately 2 mc. At maximum capacitance, the oscillator should be near 1 mc.

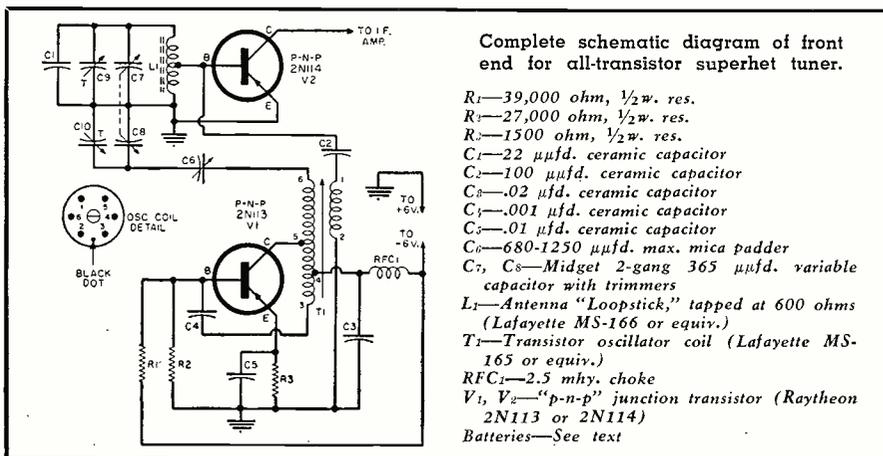
Alignment is done in the usual superhet way. The oscillator coil slug is set nearly all the way in. The antenna trimmer is tuned for maximum output near the high frequency end of the dial and the padder is adjusted for maximum output near the low fre-

quency end. An additional capacitor (22 μf d.) was added across the "Loopstick" when it was found that adequate coverage could not be obtained otherwise. If desired, make this an adjustable unit to provide vernier tuning of the "Loopstick." However, sensitivity will be found to be nearly uniform all over the dial once the antenna trimmer is set correctly. Alignment may be done with a milliammeter in series with the battery supply. No-signal current is about 5 ma. This increases with signal strength, rising to about 6.5 ma. at full output.

The chassis for the entire tuner is an open-end aluminum unit. Only the dual capacitor, "Loopstick," and 22- μf d. capacitor are above chassis. All other parts are located below. Note that there remains plenty of space above the chassis to add an audio amplifier.

The all-transistor tuner described here is a compact unit measuring about $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, complete with battery supply and antenna. It covers the entire broadcast band with high sensitivity. Selectivity is sufficient to separate local stations in a metropolitan area (for example, in New York City), but is less than in a corresponding tube set.

Naturally the power consumption of a transistor tuner is very low. A type Z4 battery should last at least 100 hours. For home use, 4 flashlight cells may be wired in series to make up the 6-volt supply. This supply will keep the tuner going for about 750 hours or a month's continuous operation. Tests show that reception will remain satisfactory even when the battery voltage has dropped down to 3 volts, but some of the pep will disappear.





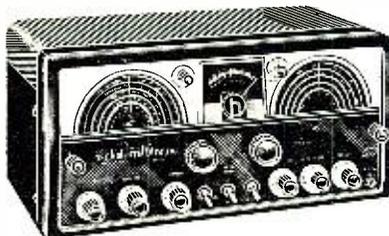
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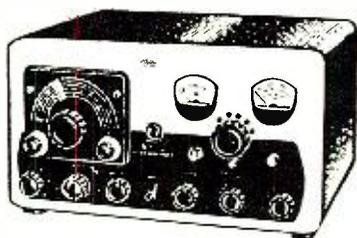


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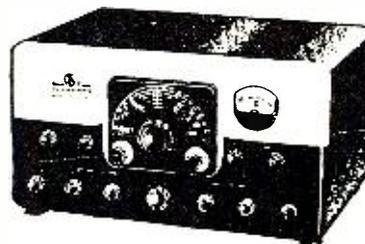
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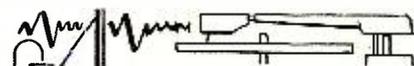
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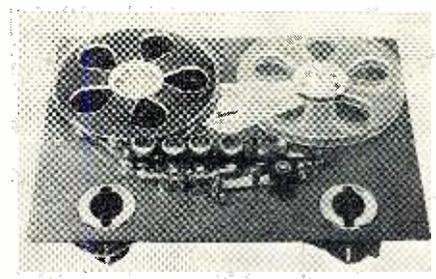
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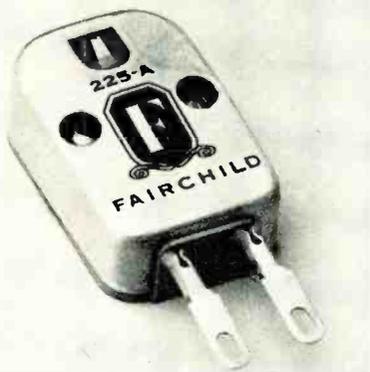
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MOVING COIL PICKUP

Fairchild Recording Equipment Company, Whitestone 57, N. Y., has just introduced its new 225 series "Micradjust" diamond stylus pickup which is flat to 20,000 cps with smoothly decreasing response beyond. Its low impedance design provides an average



output of 5 millivolts which will drive all modern preamplifiers without requiring a step-up transformer.

Three models are currently being offered, the 225-A, a 1 mil unit for all microgroove discs; the 2.5 mil 225-B for professional transcriptions; and the 225-C 3 mil unit for 78 rpm records.

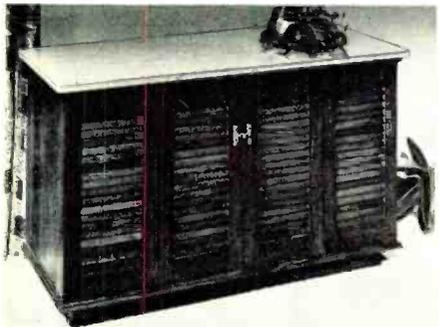
Vertical tracking force is 4 to 8 grams depending on the arm, recorded material, and other factors.

Write the manufacturer for a data sheet on this new pickup.

EQUIPMENT CABINET

Daily Manufacturing Company, Box 846, Rockwell, N. C., is in limited production on a new hi-fi equipment cabinet, the X1W.

Of solid walnut construction with a marble top, the cabinet measures 48" long, 20" deep, and 30" high. The in-



side area is 9½ cubic feet. The cabinet is offered as either bass reflex or infinite baffle and will accommodate one or two 12" or one or two 15" loudspeakers. For those who wish to house their entire audio system in a single cabinet, the unit is available with a compartment for changer and amplifier. The enclosure weighs approximately 300 pounds eliminating the problem of vibration when the changer is used in the same cabinet as the speaker.

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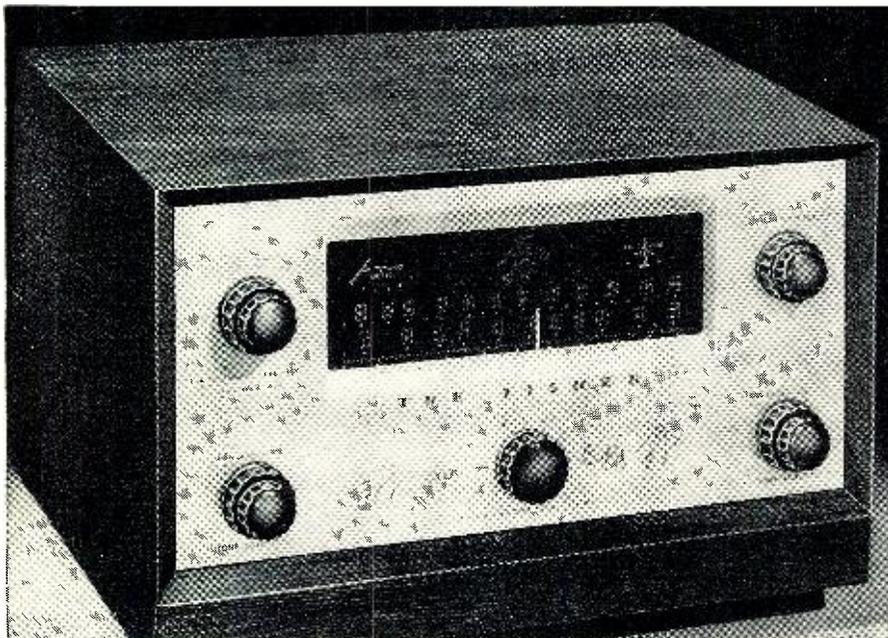
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Write the manufacturer for full details on this and other units in the line.

PLAYBACK SYSTEM TESTER

Elektra Records, 361 Bleecker Street, New York, N. Y., has recently introduced a new "Playback System Calibration Record" which is designed to serve as a standard for calibrating equipment used in playing 33½ rpm discs.

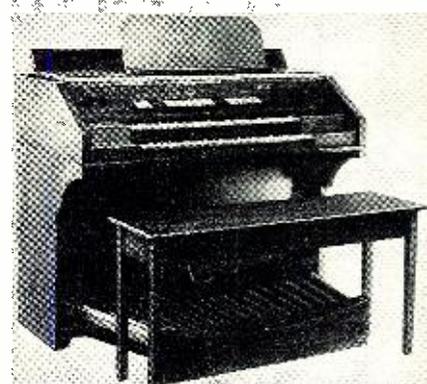
If played on a system adjusted to the RIAA playback equalization, high frequency de-emphasis removed, this record will play back ± 1 db throughout its range. If not, the system is faulty. There are five bands on this test record. Band 1 has 1000 cps tone for checking level. Band 2 provides pauses at 20,000, 16,000, 15,000, 12,000, 8000, 7500, 6000, 5000, 4000, 3750, 3000, 2500, 2000, and 1875 cps.

Band 3 offers pauses at 2000, 1600, 1500, 1200, 1000, 800, 750, 600, 500, 400, 375, 250, 200, and 187.5 cps. The fourth band covers the frequencies from 200 to 18.75 cps in fourteen steps. The fifth band carries the 1000 cps note again for level checking.

ORGAN CONSOLE AVAILABLE

The Schober Organ Corporation, 2248 Broadway, New York 24, N. Y., has announced the availability of a newly designed console to house its electronic organ kits.

Handmade of solid lumber and lumber-core veneer, the console and its companion bench and pedal clavier are available in any desired finish. The console measures 55" wide, 29" deep,



and 43½" high. It will house all of the company's electronic organ kits which, when assembled, form a full concert organ with two 61-note manuals, 19 stops, 6 couplers, and 32 pedals.

The company will supply full details on the console and the organ kits upon written request.

ACOUSTICAL RESISTANCE UNIT

Rockbar Corporation, 650 Halstead Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York is handling the U. S. distribution of the new *Goodmans* acoustical resistance unit which is said to produce better loudspeaker performance than a bass reflex cabinet in an enclosure only two-thirds its volume.

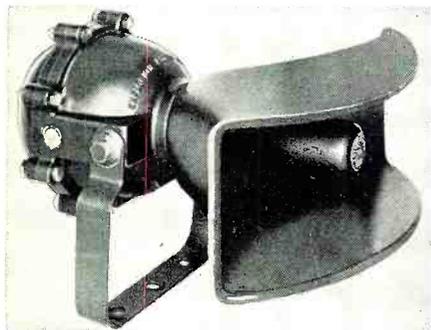
Designed to be used in lieu of the conventional bass reflex port, the unit mounts in an aperture in the wall of

the speaker enclosure. It is a rectangular unit, about 2" deep, which consists of a specially designed wire grid partially coated with flock and suspended in a wood frame. The flock acts as a friction loading device or resistor which inhibits the movement of air in the enclosure and makes it possible to maintain air loading of the loudspeaker cone down to zero frequency. Harmonic and IM distortion due to excessive cone displacement at low frequencies is thereby reduced.

The acoustical resistance unit is currently available in four different sizes for varying speaker characteristics. Write M. Wimpie, sales manager of the firm, for full details and specifications.

EXPLOSION-PROOF SPEAKERS

Atlas Sound Corp., 1451 39th Street, Brooklyn 18, N. Y., has announced the availability of several sizes and types



of UL-approved explosion-proof, high-efficiency p.a. loudspeakers. The new line is available in Class I, group C and D; and Class II, group E, F, and D. All four models are available with built-in line matching transformers.

For complete specifications on these explosion-proof units, write the manufacturer direct.

PILOT'S "ENSEMBLE SERIES"

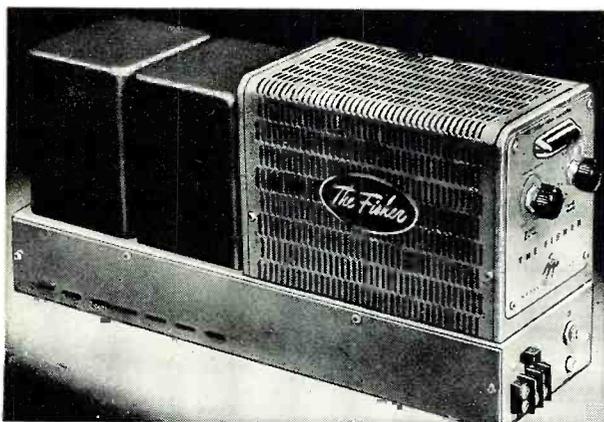
The top of Pilot Radio Corporation's "Ensemble Series" line recently introduced to the trade is the PT-1050, a full-door console which is available in a choice of three wood finishes.

The 1050 consists of the company's Model FA 550 AM-FM tuner with controls and dual cascade limiter discriminator circuitry on FM; the Model AA 410 20-watt Williamson-type basic amplifier; an imported Garrard Model



RC 88 record changer with manual play position and variable reluctance pickup with diamond stylus.

The fully enclosed speaker compartment houses a three-way, four-speaker



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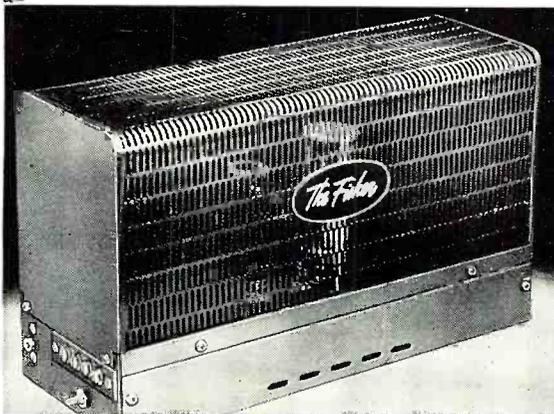
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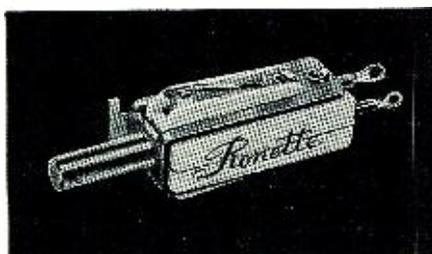


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The cabinet is available in cordovan mahogany and, at a slightly higher cost, in blonde and cherry finishes.

PHILCO ELECTROSTATIC SPEAKER

Philco Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa. has developed a new electrostatic speaker, capable of covering a frequency range between 2000 and 20,000 cps, which will be featured in the company's new line of musical instruments.

The new "Cathedral" speaker provides a 180-degree arc of sound transmission, whereas the conventional cone speaker tends to radiate sound in a narrow beam, restricting high-frequency sound reception to persons directly in front of the loudspeaker.

The speaker is 158 square inches in size, half of a semi-circle 14½ inches in diameter. The membrane is driven uniformly over its entire surface, and in this unit a polyester, metal-coated sheet is stretched over the back of a half-cylinder framework.

"MINIATURE MAESTRO"

Airex Radio Corp., 64 Cortlandt Street, New York 7, N. Y., has come up with an answer to the problem faced by many apartment dwellers—that of obtaining quality sound reproduction despite limited space.

The company has assembled a *Harmon-Kardon* TA-10 AM-FM tuner and 10-watt amplifier, a *Stromberg-Carlson* speaker, and a *Monarch* three-speed changer with *G-E* RPX 050A reluctance cartridge (two sapphire needles), in a compact 30½" wide, 15" deep, 18" high (less legs) housing. The



system is available in unfinished wood or in mahogany or blonde plexitone finishes. Wrought iron legs are available as optional equipment.

Write the company direct for full detail and prices on these items.

RCA "BIAXIAL" SPEAKER

The Tube Division of *Radio Corporation of America*, Harrison, New Jersey has announced the development of a new biaxial high-fidelity speaker (RCA-501S1) that combines a 12-inch low-frequency woofer, a specially designed 3-inch high-frequency tweeter, and a crossover network.

The new speaker will handle 12 watts continuously and gives substan-

tially uniform response over the frequency range from 40 to 18,000 cps. The new unit has an 8-ohm aluminum voice coil and features a 14½ ounce *Alnico V* magnet. The tweeter unit is mounted off-axis to permit smooth acoustical crossover. The speaker has good transient response over its entire range because of its inherently good damping.

The unit is housed in an orchid-colored hammeroid casing which is contrasted with a deep purple pot-cover and a satin-finished aluminum es-cutcheon nameplate. It comes complete with polarized plug-in leads and terminal board.

BATTERY-OPERATED RECORDER

Audio-Master Corp., 17 E. 45th Street, New York 17, N. Y., is han-



dling the U. S. distribution of the German-built "Butoba" portable, battery-operated tape recorder, a lightweight and compact unit.

The tape recorder which is self-powered and self-contained, has a precision hand-wound motor, which is spring-powered, of special construction. The unit will record up to 1 hour of program material at two speeds, one for speech and the other for music, double track operation on standard 5" reels. The unit incorporates a recording and output level indicator and a fast rewind mechanism.

The unit weighs only 21 pounds and measures 12" x 14" x 4¾" over-all. Write the distributor direct for further details on the unit.

HALF-MIL STYLUS

Pickering and Company, Oceanside, Long Island, New York has announced the availability of a half-mil stylus which can be installed in any of the company's "Fluxvalve" pickups, simply by placing the proper plastic insert in the pickup.

The new stylus can be installed in a few seconds without the use of tools. According to the company, the smaller tip reduces wear on the new "miracle" recordings and improves the reproduction of discs with recorded frequencies as high as 15,000 cps.

"CORNERLESS-CORNER"

University Loudspeakers, Inc., 80 S. Kensico Ave., White Plains, N. Y., recently introduced a compact "cornerless-corner" horn-loaded enclosure which has been tradenamed the "Tiny-Mite."

Designed to be used with either 12"

and 8" extended-range speakers or multi-speaker systems employing an 8" woofer and tweeter combination, the new enclosure incorporates the horn-loaded, phase inversion principle.

The enclosure is completely self-contained and may be placed in room and ceiling corners or along a flat wall. The cabinet is made of ¾" wood and is available in mahogany or blonde finishes as well as in unfinished birch.

REGENCY AMPLIFIER KIT

The *Regency Division, I.D.E.A., Inc.*, 7900 Pendleton Pike, Indianapolis 25, Ind., has introduced a power amplifier kit, the HF-50K, which offers 50 watts of power and takes about four hours to assemble.

Frequency response is 20 to 20,000 cps, ± .2 db and ± 1 db from 5 to 100,000 cps. IM distortion is less than 1% at the rated output and less than .2% at normal listening levels. The harmonic distortion is less than 1% from 20 to 20,000 cps up to 50 watts. The damping factor is 15.

The completed unit measures 10¼" x 10¼" x 7¼" and is housed in a gold finished perforated metal cage with black chassis which eliminates the necessity for cabinet mounting, unless desired.

NEW CALIFONE UNITS

Califone Corporation, 1041 N. Sycamore Avenue, Hollywood 38, Calif., is introducing a new 10th anniversary line which includes amplifiers, turntables, and pickups, many of which feature innovations.

Among the new features are a unique "Strobeselector" and center drive turntable permitting exact setting of any desired speed from 16 to 84 rpm, remaining exact from a cold



start or for continuous running. The center turntable drive eliminates rollers, cones, and belts. Cork turntable tops on all models eliminate lint picked up from the usual flocked turntables.

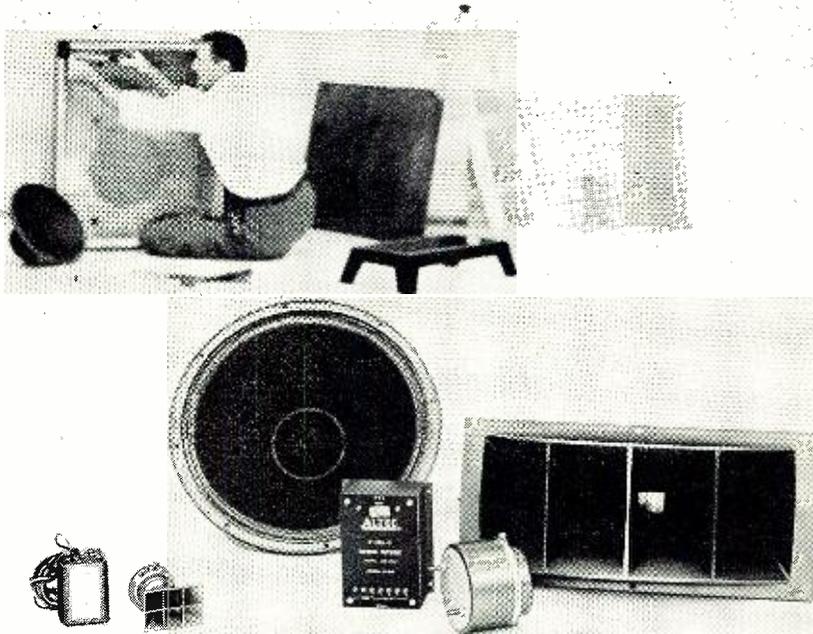
A double wrist-action pickup arm not only assures proper tracking and long record life but allows the whole arm to raise when desired.

TAPE RECORDER LINE

Webster Electric Company of Racine, Wis., has introduced four new "Ekotape" magnetic recorders which retail in the moderate price class.

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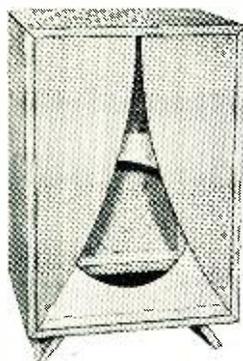
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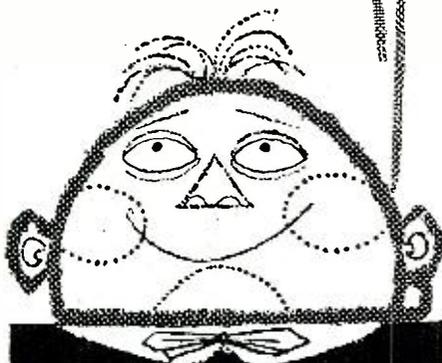
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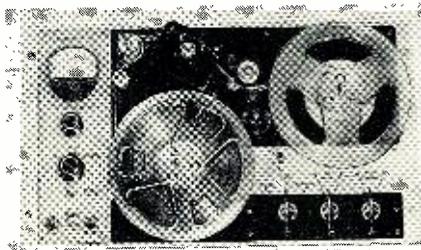
able and two table model recorders. All of the machines include "straight-line" threading, twin-track recording heads, two tape speeds, recording level indicators, program selection finders, simplified controls, and fast forward and fast rewind speeds. Fast forward and rewind is 15 times listening speed at 3 3/4 ips and 30 times listening speed at 7 1/2 ips.

The portable units have been designated as the Models 260 and 250 while the table units are the Models 252 and 254. Write the company direct for complete specifications on any or all of these recorders.

TRANSISTORIZED RECORDER

The Theatre and Sound Products Department of *Radio Corporation of America*, Camden, N. J., has announced the development of a compact, professional-quality hi-fi magnetic tape recorder utilizing transistors and printed circuitry.

The new unit (SRT-2) is designed for simple plug-in use in home assembled hi-fi music and industrial sound



systems. The unit is said to be virtually non-microphonic and hum-free because the instrument's record and playback amplifier has been transistorized.

The recorder-reproducer chassis measures 10 1/2" high, 19" wide, and 8 1/2" deep. It weighs 35 pounds.

NEW HI-FI KIT LINE

Electromatic Mfg. Corp., 88 University Place, New York, N. Y., has recently entered the hi-fi kit field with an extensive line of audio gear for the assemble-it-yourself market.

At the present time the line consists of five units; a universal power supply (Model PSK), an AM-FM tuner (Model AM-FMK12), and FM tuner (Model FMK-9), and AM tuner (Model AMK-5), and a 20-watt "Ultra-Linear" amplifier (Model WAK).

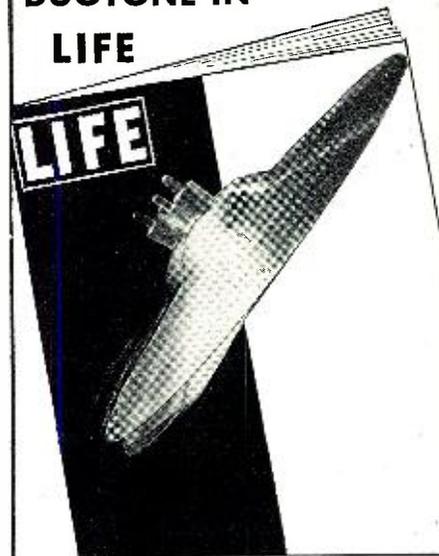
Each unit comes complete with an elaborate assembly manual which details the construction step-by-step in easy to understand form. A mounting template is included with each manual.

NEW SPEAKER LINE

L.E.E. Incorporated, 625 New York Avenue N.W., Washington, D. C., is now manufacturing and distributing a new line of high-fidelity loudspeakers including systems in every price category.

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AUDIO CATALOGUES

ALTEC HI-FI EQUIPMENT

Altec Lansing Corporation, 9356 Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif., has issued a 16-page brochure describing its complete line of high-fidelity home music equipment.

Photographs and complete specifications are given on the firm's line of tuners, preamplifiers, amplifiers, record reproducers, speaker systems, speakers, drivers and horns, networks, and speaker enclosures.

Copies of this brochure are available from the company direct at either the California address or from the New York City office at 161 6th Avenue.

RECORD TIMING CHART

A disc timing chart for professional studios and high-fidelity fans who cut their own records is now being offered by *Rek-O-Kut Co.*, 38-01 Queens Boulevard, Long Island City, New York.

Presented in easy-to-read timetable form, the chart gives the playing time in minutes for various diameters (in inches) cut into seven, ten, twelve, and sixteen inch records, using either a standard three mil or microgroove one mil stylus. For standard stylus, the chart has readings for 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ and 78.26 speeds cutting 120 or 150 lines per inch. Readings for microgroove stylus are for 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ and 45 rpm speeds, cutting 210, 216, 240, and 270 lines per inch.

The 20 cent charge for this chart covers handling and postage. Send orders direct to the manufacturer.

KROHN-HITE UNITS

Krohn-Hite Instrument Co., 580 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass. has issued a short form catalogue which pictures and describes its Model UF-101 power amplifier, the Model 440A RC oscillator line, two models of its regulated power supplies, and variable electronic filters in six versions.

Write the firm direct for a copy of Catalogue B.

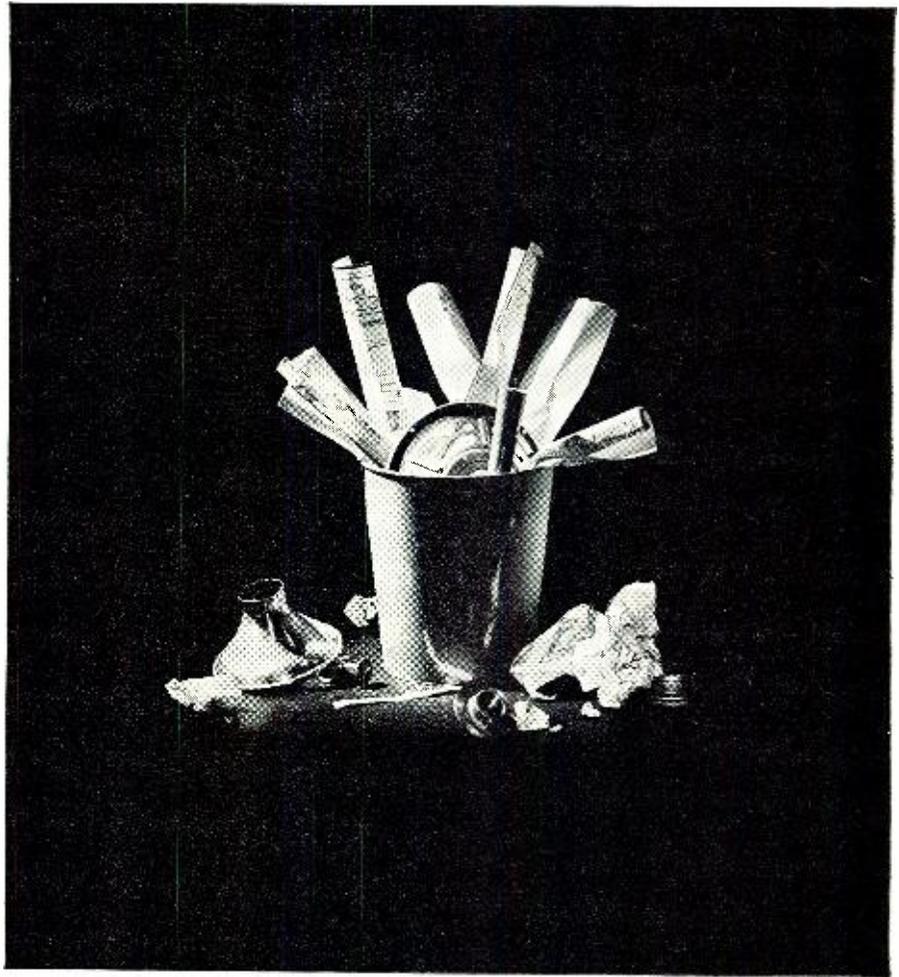
WORLD RADIO'S "PRIMER"

World Radio Laboratories, 3415 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa, is offering readers of this magazine copies of its new "High Fidelity Primer" without charge.

In addition to carrying information on what to look for in buying a hi-fi system to suit a specific purse and purpose, the booklet also includes catalogue data on a wide variety of tuners, amplifiers, speaker systems, speaker enclosures, speakers, recorders, records, miscellaneous audio accessories, etc.

The equipment of well-known audio manufacturers is included, along with pricing data and other pertinent information.

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RCA Color Sets (Continued from page 49)

as well be made when the new color receiver is installed rather than wait for the next storm.

Circuits

The new RCA color TV receivers use, in addition to two crystal diodes, 27 tubes, including the "B+" and high-voltage rectifiers. Operating controls are located at the upper right of the set, either on the front panel or on the side, and consist of the v.h.f. (and u.h.f., when furnished) channel selectors, fine tuning, "on-off" switch, and brightness and volume controls. A set of secondary controls is located below the screen, covered by a small hinged panel. Some of these are screwdriver adjustments; those which have knobs and can be manipulated by the customer are the horizontal and vertical hold, hue, chroma gain, and contrast controls. At the rear of the receiver are the vertical and horizontal centering, focus, width, and killer threshold controls.

The hue and chroma controls should always be adjusted together with the contrast control because color saturation and over-all picture contrast are closely interdependent. The hue control determines color phase and there can only be one correct setting, that setting when red appears as red, green as green, and flesh color looks most natural.

While some of the earlier color receivers already used two printed-wiring boards, the new RCA series of receivers use six such boards. These are used for all sections of the receiver except the power supply, high-voltage circuit, and the tuner. The various controls and the power, audio, and vertical output transformers, and similar components, are mounted directly on the chassis.

The circuit and components used in the "Special" series receivers are practically identical with the chassis used for the "Super" models. Both feature a new triode color demodulator section which is a departure from the pentagrid synchronous demodulator circuit found in the RCA "DeLuxe" series. At the same time, the new triode demodulator system is quite different from the high level triode demodulator system used by so many RCA licensed manufacturers.

It appears that in 1955 when the RCA Laboratories first announced and released its version of a 24-tube color receiver, most of the licensees immediately worked on improving that particular system. The RCA Victor division, however, followed a somewhat different path, and developed a different color demodulator and color synchronizing section.

There are certain advantages in the high level demodulator circuit, the most important of which is tube economy. But there also appear to be

disadvantages and in the case of RCA Victor, the use of additional tubes was preferred.

The circuit of the "DeLuxe" color receiver models uses two 6BY6 pentagrid stages as synchronous demodulators followed by three triodes acting as the three color-difference video amplifiers. In the "Super" and "Special" models, two 12AT7 dual triodes are used and they provide the three color difference signals directly. The "DeLuxe" receivers also use a two-stage sound i.f. circuit and three loudspeakers.

It is significant that even in the low-priced model, the \$495 "Aldrich," a total of 27 tubes is used. The only apparent economy in that particular receiver is in the extensive use of printed-wiring subassemblies which are identical in most instances with the subassemblies used in the "Super" and even the "DeLuxe" series. —30—

"Corona Loudspeaker"

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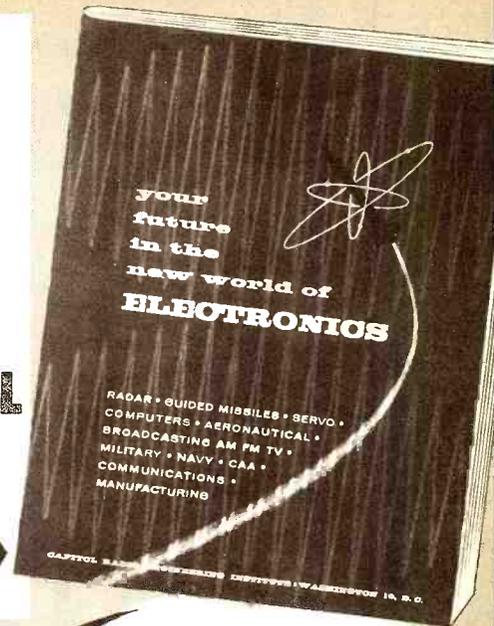
trodes and found that each produces a wind, the "positive" wind being stronger than the "negative" one. Placing the ring or grid nearer the positive electrode, he found that by suitable combinations of voltage and position he could adjust the positive wind to equality with the negative, so that with no signal input there is no "net" wind and that "an alternating potential applied to the grid causes the air to pulsate and hence to become a source of sound." This, then, is an embryonic loudspeaker capable of producing a pure a.c. output. See Fig. 2B.

The amount of sound produced by a single corona triode is very faint, so that it becomes necessary to parallel or stack a number of them. The first small model was constructed with a needle spacing of one-half inch, and with an area of a quarter of a square foot, as shown in the photograph. (Fig. 1.) Even this is still too small to produce any *real* volume, although it could be heard in the back row at the demonstration given before the AES, which was in a fair-sized recording studio. It is likely that at least four square feet of area will be required to produce adequate volume for home hi-fi systems, and this is still fairly small when compared with some of the better wide-range conventional speaker systems. Also it is possible that further research will improve the efficiency factor and thus reduce the size requirements. For theater and auditorium use the area would have to be increased proportionately to the power outputs required, or a number of "standard-sized" units could be driven in parallel. The cubic area requirements are likely to be non-critical, since the device itself can be made very thin, and it is only necessary to provide suitable baffling to preserve the low-frequency response. This will probably be of the infinite baffle type, (Continued on page 127)

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Audio engineers who have seen and heard the "Corona Loudspeaker" even in its present elementary form are considerably impressed with its possibilities, and some have expressed the opinion that it may well be the "loudspeaker of the future." However, you will not be able to buy one next week, and possibly not for another year or so, since further research and development are required to determine all the optimum parameters, both mechanical and electronic, before it can be produced commercially. But when it does reach the market, the "Corona Loudspeaker" should prove to be a contender in the hi-fi sweepstakes. -30-

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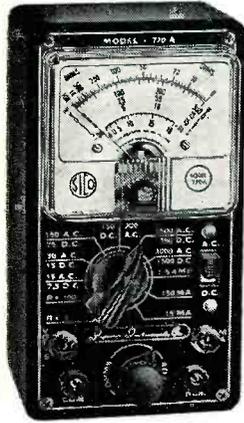
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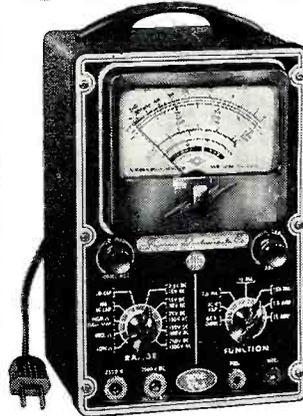
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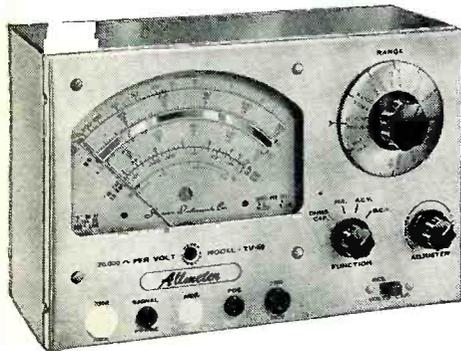
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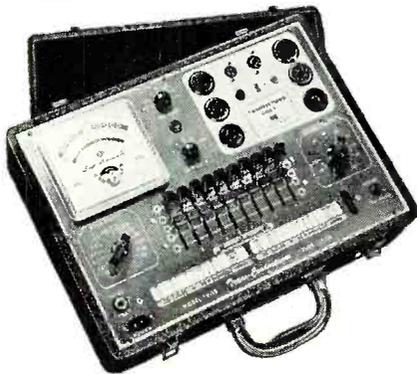
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Spot Radio News (Continued from page 16)

changes in pressure and temperature within very short distances, in contrast to the uniformity assumed in classical theories. Thus, the classical assumption has proved inadequate for calculating the viscosity of gases surrounding even relatively slowly moving objects. Considerable effort has therefore been made to develop mathematical theories that take the effect of departure from equilibrium into account. The study of sound propagation provides one of the more direct experimental checks on these recent theories.

Under ordinary atmospheric conditions and at audio frequencies, there is no detectable dispersion of sound; i.e., all these frequencies travel with the same speed. Otherwise, for example, the sounds from a flute and a bass drum, though emitted simultaneously, would not reach the back of the concert hall at the same time. When the frequency is raised sufficiently, however, or if the pressure is correspondingly reduced, an effect known as translational dispersion occurs.

Translational dispersion can be traced to the non-uniform conditions created by the passage of a sound wave. In one region of the gas, for example, the molecules will be moving with an average speed in excess of that of the molecules a little farther on in the direction of propagation. Ordinarily, the molecular speeds are sufficient to transmit the excess speed as fast as the wave pulses arrive. At extremely high frequencies, however, or at extremely low pressures (when the molecules must travel farther between collisions) only the faster molecules participate in the transmission process. As a result, the higher frequencies travel with greater speed.

The Bureau's measurements were made with a double-crystal interferometer. The essential parts of this device are two x-cut quartz-crystal transducers for transmitting and receiving 11-megacycle sound waves. Electrical circuits are used for exciting the transmitter crystal and for amplifying the received signal and measuring its phase and amplitude. The attenuation and speed of the sound are determined from the changes in amplitude and phase of the received signal when the length of the sound path is altered by shifting the transmitter crystal.

Although called an interferometer, the instrument is not operated in the interference region, but under conditions that make the standing waves between the crystals practically negligible. Under such conditions the received phase varies linearly and the received amplitude exponentially with the length of the sound path. The amplitude is presented by a recorder having a logarithmic characteristic, and the phase by a conventional recorder. As a result, when the recorders are driven synchronously with the motion of the transmitter crystal, the slopes of the straight-line records give directly the attenuation, and velocity of sound in the medium.

The studies in Washington are intended as part of a larger program to accumulate data on the dispersion of sound in various gases and mixtures of gases, and to correlate this data with the available theories. Preliminary measurements have already been made in air, oxygen, nitrogen, and hydrogen. During the passage of a sound wave, it has been learned, energy is transmitted first in the form of kinetic energy of translation; and a period of time must elapse before this is shared with the rotational and then with the vibrational modes. In carbon dioxide, for example, it requires about 60,000 mean collision intervals for the energy to be transferred to the vibrational modes. Hence, as the ratio of sound frequency to collision frequency rises the proportion of energy in the translational form increases and the sound wave is transmitted with correspondingly greater speed.

A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN underwater TV, which is expected to have wide application in salvage operations, submarine engineering, marine biology, oceanography, and probably, in underwater intelligence in the event of another war, has been announced in England.

The development, centering about a small hand-held underwater TV camera, can be dropped to a depth of 250 feet. The camera is contained in a 12-inch sphere weighing about 38 pounds on land, but buoyant in the water. The camera can be adjusted from a control unit above water; a diver's only concern is to position the camera correctly.

A larger version has also been designed to operate at depths down to 3000 feet. This model, encased in an aluminum sphere 19 inches in diameter, is also weightless in water, and can be either held in a diver's hand, suspended by a cable from a moving ship, or propelled by an electrically-operated cradle.

THE ANNUAL NATION-WIDE SEARCH for the amateur radio operator who performs the most outstanding public service during the year was announced recently with publication of the rules for the Fifth Annual Edison Radio Amateur Award. A principal winner and several special citation recipients will be chosen from the nation's 140,000 licensed radio amateurs, said L. Berkley Davis, award committee chairman and general manager of the electronic components division of *General Electric*, sponsor of the Edison Radio Amateur Award. He said the winners will be chosen by four nationally known judges from nominations submitted by individuals and groups familiar with public services performed by radio "hams" during 1956.

The judges will review the candidacies shortly after nominations close Jan. 3, 1957. Judging will be based on the amount of sacrifice, ingenuity, and greatest benefit displayed by amateurs in employing amateur radio in the public interest. Copies of the rules and a guide to preparing nominations are available from the secretary of the Edison Radio Amateur Award Committee, Electronic Components Division, *General Electric*, Schenectady, N. Y.

A COMPATIBLE SYSTEM now making it possible to economically combine slow and fast scan television has been developed in the Electronics Laboratory of the *General Electric Company*. The system changes fast TV to slow scan TV by means of an electronic converter.

Slow scan TV produces one picture every four or five seconds, contrasted with fast scan which sends thirty pictures per second.

Still in the laboratory developmental stage, the conversion system promises to widen the combined use of fast and slow TV in industrial and commercial applications. Slow scan TV has the greatest possibilities in uses not requiring transmission of motion. Distortion of the picture results from movement of the subject. However, pictures without much action, such as a picture of a check for signature comparison, can be sent over lines that approach the telephone line bandwidth and can be received by slow television monitors. Use of modified telephone lines eliminates the need for long hook-ups with a costly coaxial cable.

THE BOTTLENECK TV station-grant situation continued to hold down the number of authorizations as this column was being written. Only a handful of OK's were given out, as noted on page 12 of this issue.

COVERAGE OF THE DEMOCRATIC and Republican national conventions by local radio and television stations, and newspapers, too, got a terrific boost this year from special tape recording centers installed both in Chicago and San Francisco.

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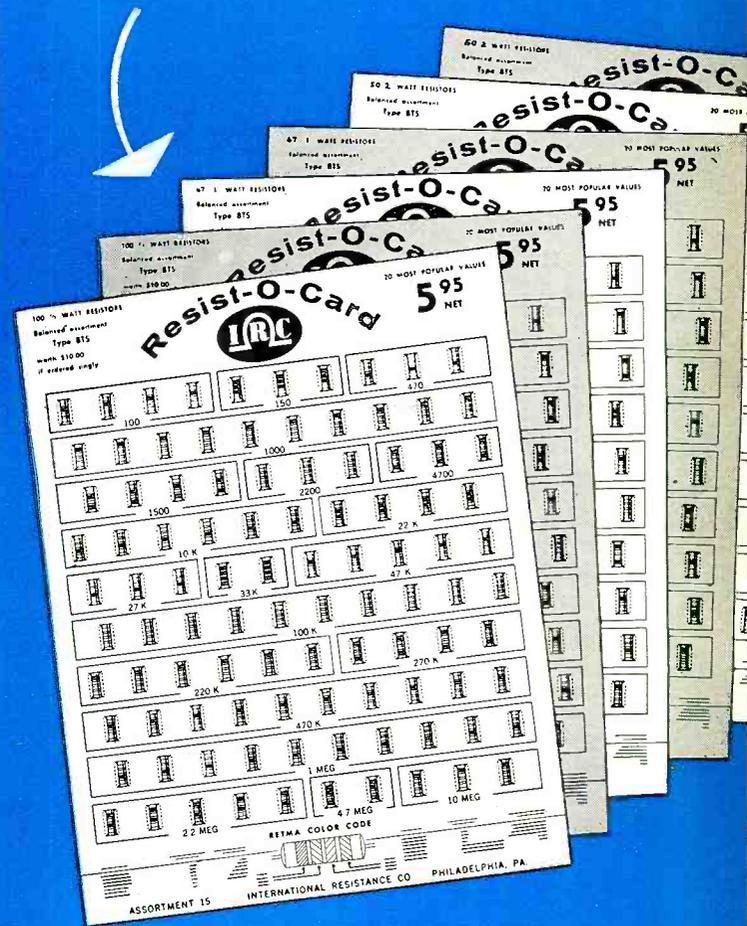
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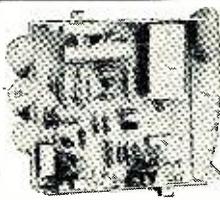
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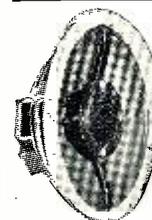


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Electronic Thermostat
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do not plug in the thermistor as yet. Insert tubes and connect power. Set sensitivity (R_{10}) at about 1/2 scale.

2. When the unit has warmed up, check the power supply output voltage by connecting a d.c. voltmeter across C_s . Voltage should be approximately 250.

3. Turn the temperature set control (R_1) through its range and note whether the relay opens and closes. The 33,000 ohm resistor connected in place of the thermistor corresponds to a sensing element temperature which should fall about mid-scale on the dial. If the relay does not work correctly, connect a high resistance voltmeter across it and see how much direct current is going through the coil as R_1 is moved (the resistance of the coil is 5000 ohms, so I equals $E/5000$). When working correctly, the quiescent current through the coil should be slightly less than 1 ma. Current in excess of this value may result in the relay not dropping out when it should. If everything works satisfactorily but the quiescent current is a trifle high, it may be well to raise the value of the bias resistor R_{10} slightly.

Since the phasing of the power transformer is not indicated by the manufacturer, it will be necessary to determine it experimentally. When phasing is correct, the relay will be closed when the temperature set control is turned to the high end of the scale, and open when the control is turned to the low end of the scale. Should conditions be found to be reversed, simply change the wire feeding the relay to connect to the opposite side of the transformer high-voltage winding.

4. Disconnect the 33,000 ohm resistor from across the input connector and plug in the thermistor. The relay should now operate somewhere in the bottom region of the scale. Adjust the sensitivity control so that the relay opens and closes when R_1 is moved by just a small amount. The unit is now ready to be calibrated.

Calibration can be performed with a reference thermometer and a jar of water. By adding ice to reach the lower range of the temperature scale and hot water to reach the upper range, the calibration can be completed with little difficulty. Care should be taken to avoid wetting the electrical connections to the thermistor.

Since the manufacturer of the thermistor does not guarantee its resistance to close tolerances, the actual range of the instrument may be found to be slightly different from its nominal range. Readjustment may be made by slight changes in the values of R_2 and R_3 . In making changes in the measuring circuit, care must be taken that the thermistor power dissipation does not exceed 1 milliwatt, since error due to self-heating may thereby be introduced.

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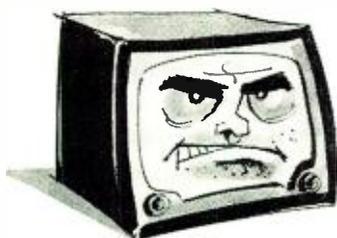
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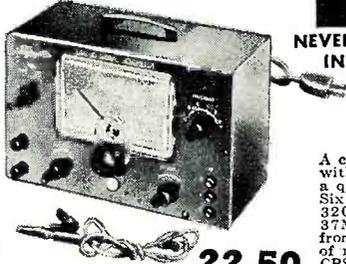
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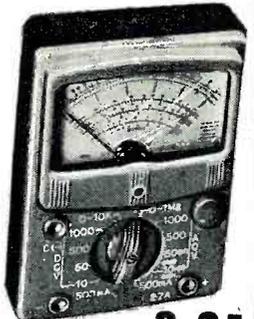
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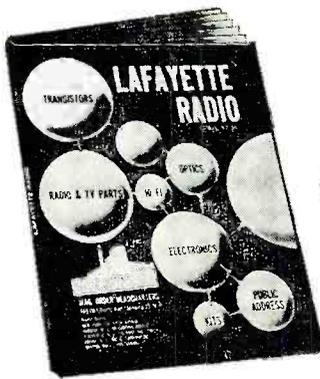
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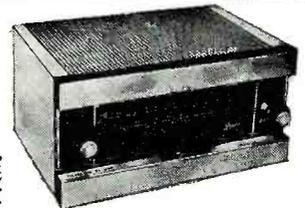


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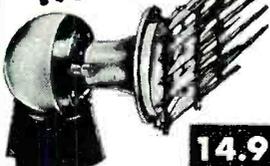
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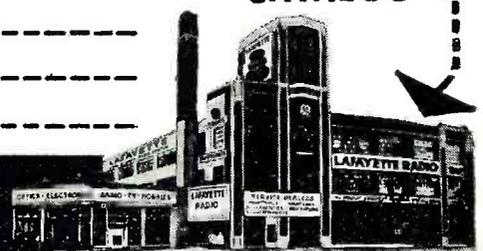
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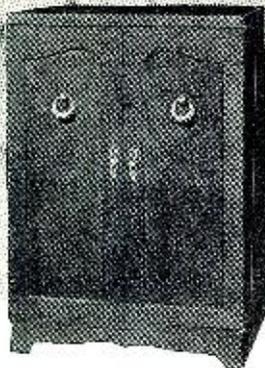
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Transistor Preamp (Continued from page 48)

R_2 and R_4 fixed, R_5 decreases as R_3 increases; (c) with R_2 and R_3 fixed, R_5 increases as R_4 increases; and (d) with R_5 constant, sensitivity and voltage gain increase as R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 increase. Although zero values for R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 were successfully tried out, they are not suitable in practice for the purpose in hand. This is because the corresponding resistance of R_5 is reduced to an impractical value. When $R_2=0$, even with high values for R_3 , R_4 , and R_5 , voltage gain and sensitivity to low signal voltage are drastically reduced. Much higher input voltages (up to approximately 1 volt or so) can be tolerated without distortion under this condition. Recommended low limits for resistors R_2 through R_5 are, respectively, 470, 1000, 22,000, and 10,000 ohms.

Finalized Amplifier

The final circuit has the component values listed on the diagram of Fig. 2. In the breadboard prototype, R_5 actually measured 200,000 ohms. However, in the completed unit it was necessary to reduce this resistor to 180,000 ohms due to the commercial tolerances. With a commercial 220,000 ohm resistor, the positive half of a sine-wave output was badly clipped. This serves to demonstrate the necessity for making preliminary tests on a transistor amplifier prior to final assembly and housing. Figs. 1 and 3 show the completed amplifier. Voltage gain at 10 cps was about 20 db and 30 db at 50 cps. From about 100 cps upward, it remained steady at approximately 38 db.

Construction

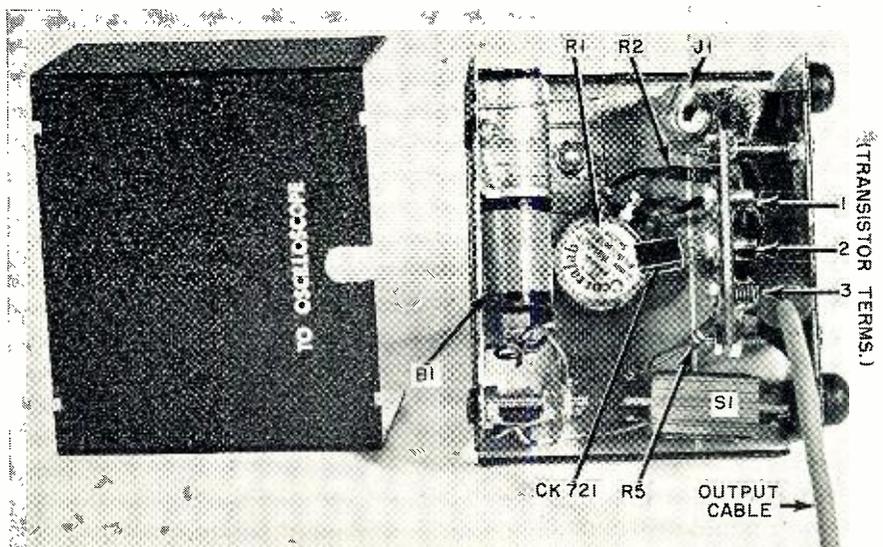
The amplifier was built into an LMB-135, 3" x 3½" x 2½" black, wrinkle-finished, interlocking aluminum box. Two terminal strips of the screw-type with solder lugs on the under

sides were used. These had two and three terminals, respectively, for the 3-volt battery and the CK721 transistor. The latter was numbered 1, 2, and 3 to correspond to the transistor element numbers. A red dot was marked at terminal #1 to coincide with the similar mark beside the collector wire on the CK721. The battery terminals were marked "+" and "-" with the former grounded to the chassis. This grounded terminal is visible in the lower left-hand corner of the interior view of Fig. 3. Note that the top of the unit is actually at the left in the photograph.

The battery is clamped to the top of the box and short leads soldered to its flat strip connectors. S_1 and J_1 are located at the right- and left-hand sides of the unit. A six-foot, single-conductor shielded ¼" o.d. cable is permanently wired to the output between a ground lug to the shield and the center conductor to terminal #1 of the transistor. It is brought out through a grommet and slot in the bottom center of the rear cover and anchored internally with insulated plastic tape. Rubber feet were added to the bottom of the box, but they are not absolutely essential. Decals were used to give the completed unit a "professional" appearance.

As a result of the probing necessary to design and build this circuit, the author found that a CK721 transistor may be used as a high-voltage, high-impedance amplifier providing that, as with vacuum-tube types, (a) component resistances are relatively high and (b) R_2 is not less than 470 ohms. Results indicate that more than one high-voltage, high-impedance amplifier stage is impractical without distortion, hence input should be limited to not more than about .02 volt (measured at the base, with gain control at maximum). The transistor amplifier of Fig. 2 will give a relatively high voltage gain provided the input looks into a source of several megohms and the output into a load of not less than one-half megohm.

Fig. 3. Internal view of chassis showing the locations of various component parts.



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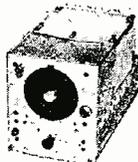
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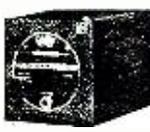
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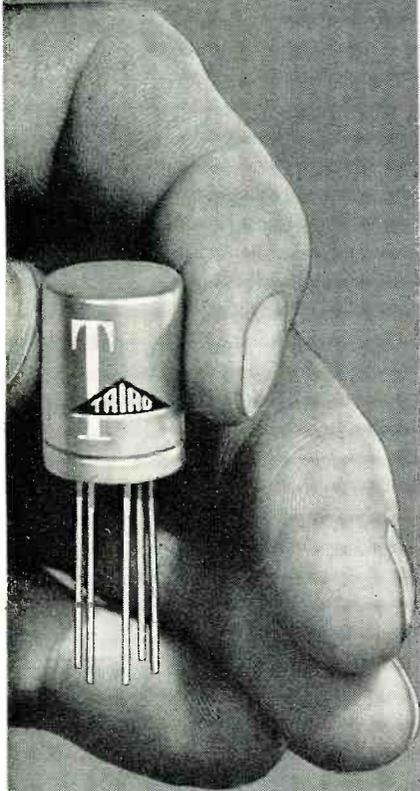
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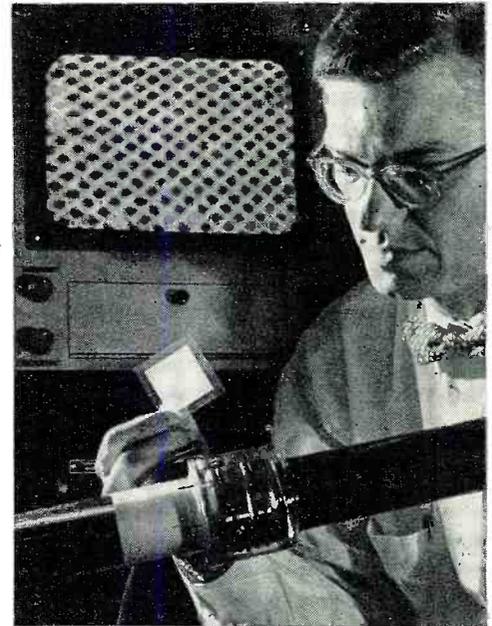
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"Honeycomb" Signal Storage Tube

New tube with mosaic target holds nearly million "bits" of information and makes possible smaller computers having bigger memories.



Dr. Harold R. Day, scientist at the General Electric Research Laboratory, holds a thin information storage mesh above the "reading and writing" tube in which it operates. Tiny honeycomb is electronically magnified on the television screen in background. Tube is expected to have wide use in computers.

AN inch-square "honeycomb" developed recently by a G-E scientist will store up nearly a million bits of information. Smaller electronic computers with bigger memories are among the anticipated applications.

Dr. H. R. Day of the G-E Research Laboratory described his new information storage tube at an electronics conference recently. At the heart of the tube is a thin sheet of glass in which small holes have been etched and then filled with metal. In practice, information is written onto one side of the honeycomb by an electron-beam scanning method similar to that used in television. A "reading gun" picks up the information from the opposite side. Early laboratory models have permitted storage for several minutes and Day is confident the time can be extended.

Since the holes in the honeycomb are spaced 500 to the inch, each square inch has 250,000 individual storage cells—and each cell will recognize at least 10 different levels of intensity from the writing gun. Logarithmic

calculations increase to more than 800,000 the number of bits of information that can be stored at one time (250,000 times log to the base 2 of 10).

Possible applications for the new storage tube in addition to computers include television cameras and "scan converters" in which radar information is collected and then displayed on an ordinary television screen.

The "mosaic" principle has long been recognized as ideal for storage tubes, but Day's device is believed to be the first developed with sufficient resolution and ruggedness to be suitable for most applications. Each storage cell "remembers" by building up charge in the capacitance formed between the recessed metal plugs and the conducting layers on both surfaces of the glass. The glass honeycomb itself acts as an insulator between the plugs and the surface layers—and between the plugs themselves. Because the spacing between elements is rigidly maintained, the entire structure is very rugged and the usual problem of microphonics does not arise. —30—

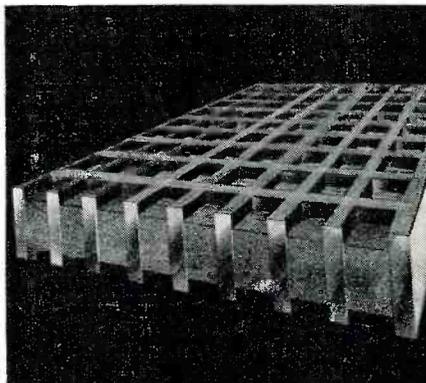
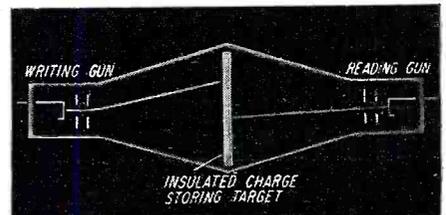
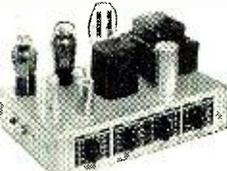


Illustration at left shows greatly enlarged view of glass mesh and its recessed metal plugs. These plugs are only 1/500 inch apart. Diagram below shows "writing gun" placing information on the cell by a TV-like scanning method. The "reading gun" picks up the information from the other side.



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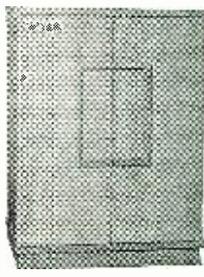


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15W-15" WOOFER
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 4401 HORN TWEETER
 BUILT-IN CROSSOVER—
 30-15,000 CPS



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RESPONSE 15-20,000 CPS



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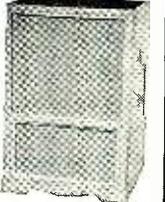
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Model HF-33GE deluxe console speaker system, same as HF-33GE described above, except has 15", 21 oz. Alnico V magnet woofer, 10" mid-range PM speaker and Model 4401 University horn type tweeter. All 3 systems incorporate 600 cycle L-C frequency dividing network with variable tone compensating control. Model HF-55GE. Sale price \$69.95 (specify cabinet finish).

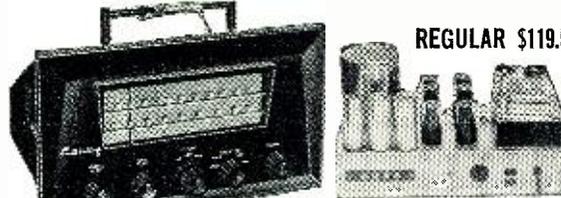
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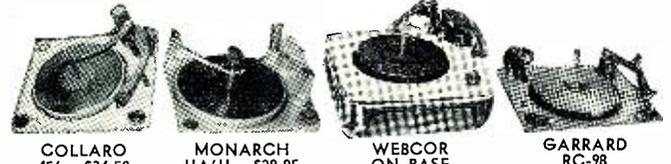
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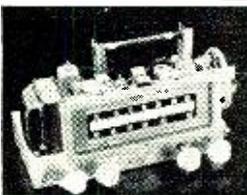


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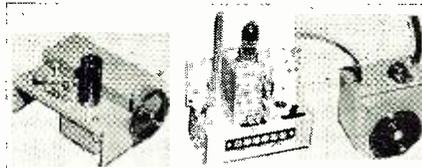
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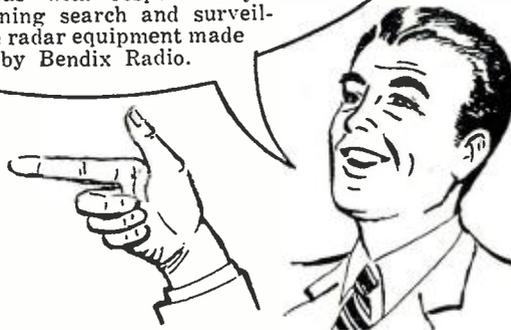
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Portable Amplifier System

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ization within 1.2 db of the standard curve from 30 cps to 15 kc. The chart shown on the schematic diagram for the preamplifier lists the parameters for equalization of the LP, AES, and European 78 curves. It is important, in wiring V_7 , that pins 2, 6, and the center post on the tube socket be grounded if low hum is to result.

The Microphone Mixer

Inasmuch as a "universal" preamp would be universal only if a microphone input were provided, the circuit to be described was incorporated. The first half of V_6 is used as a conventional voltage amplifier feeding the second half which is a cathode follower. The low impedance output is coupled by C_{48} to the arm of the mixer control R_{40} . The output of the equalizer (or from the auxiliary source) is high impedance and is further isolated by R_{30} . With the arm of R_{40} at the high end (counterclockwise), the low impedance output from V_6 is in shunt with R_{40} and the high impedance of the equalizer stage is shorted out, applying only the microphone signal to the tone control stage. If R_{40} is turned fully clockwise, the output from V_6 is connected to ground, allowing the full equalizer output to be coupled to the tone control stage. Any intermediate position of the arm of R_{40} results in mixing of the two signals in proportion to the position of the arm. Hence, the signal from the microphone may not only be mixed with the auxiliary and equalizer stages, but may be faded from one to the other with only a single control. Greater microphone sensitivity may be had by substituting a 12AX7 for V_6 and replacing R_{27} by a 3300-ohm resistor. Should a microphone input not be desired, R_{10} may be wired as shown in the inset and R_{30} may be shorted out. Transfer contacts on J_3 are used to disconnect the equalizer when an auxiliary input, such as a tuner or TV, is used. If space is no problem, a switch may be used instead.

Tone-Loudness Controls

The tone controls were designed around standard circuitry and the first half of V_6 was used to compensate for the insertion loss of the tone controls.

The loudness control was selected so that it could also be used as a volume control should that function be desired. S_3 is a d.p.d.t. slide switch which disconnects the frequency-sensitive components C_{27} , C_{28} , and C_{30} . The loudness control is coupled to the second half of V_6 through R_{33} which isolates the plate-to-grid feedback around V_6 . The output stage is a conventional RC coupled amplifier, whose output impedance is reduced by feedback, rather than a cathode follower since greater voltage output at lower distortion is then possible.

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Both units were housed in steel enclosures to minimize the effects of stray magnetic fields. The preamplifier was constructed on an aluminum chassis to minimize chassis currents.

The frequency response and harmonic distortion measurements were made with a *Hewlett Packard Model 206A* audio oscillator and *Model 330B* distortion analyzer.

The frequency response of the main amplifier is flat within 0.7 db from 30 to 15,000 cps. The harmonic distortion is 1% or less above 45 cps. Since the 1% specification selected originally is exceeded only below 45 cps and since few recordings carry these frequencies, the design was not altered to further improve the low end. The hum and noise is 72 db below 10 watts output.

The intermodulation distortion was measured with an *Altec Lansing TI401* generator and *TI402* intermodulation

analyzer using frequencies of 60 and 2000 cps mixed 4:1. The preamplifier IM is 1% while the main amplifier IM is 5% at 10 watts output.

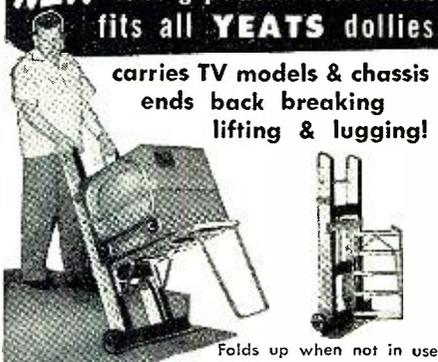
The preamplifier characteristics are shown in the accompanying curves. The harmonic distortion is less than 1% at all frequencies. The level required at the auxiliary input for the rated 1 volt r.m.s. output is 2.2 volts r.m.s. when the mixer circuit is used or 1 volt r.m.s. when modified for use without the microphone. The hum and noise level is 72 db below 1 volt at the output. At the phono input, .022 volt at 1000 cps is required for 1 volt output with the mixer while .010 volt will drive the preamplifier to 1 volt output when modified for use without the microphone.

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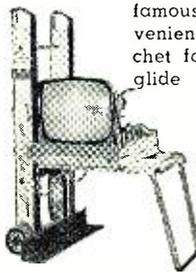
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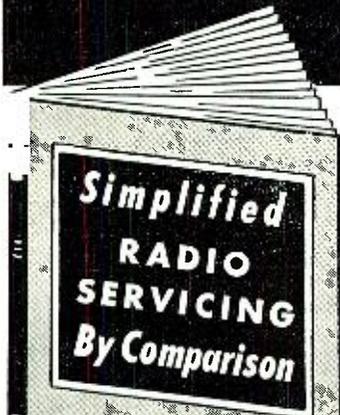


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ing at 118 Maple Street, North Little Rock, Ark. The building will house offices and showrooms in addition to providing warehouse space for the company's distributor lines of electronic products . . . **RAULAND CORPORATION** has purchased a 60,000 square foot factory building at 4321 N. Knox, immediately adjacent to its Chicago operation. The new plant will be used to expand its CR tube manufacturing operation.

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DR. HANG C. LIN has been appointed senior engineer in charge of the Semiconductor Applications Laboratory at **CBS-Hytron**.



In 1947, Dr. Lin came to the United States, following graduation from Chiao Tung University, Shanghai, China. He received his Master's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan and his doctorate at Polytechnical Institute of Brooklyn.

Dr. Lin has wide experience in the field of transistor applications and has written numerous articles on semiconductor applications. He holds a number of patents in the field. He is a member of Sigma Xi and the IRE.

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STANLEY E. GUZZY has been appointed assistant sales manager of High Fidelity Consumer Products of the Special Products Division of **Stromberg-Carlson**.



He will have charge of the nationwide sales of the firm's "Custom Four Hundred" equipment, including both components and the new console line of phonographs and radio-phonograph combinations.

Mr. Guzzu has had wide experience in the appliance and radio field dating from 1928. He joined the company in 1949 and was, until recently, district manager of the Western New York territory of the firm's radio-television division.

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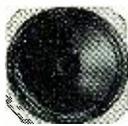
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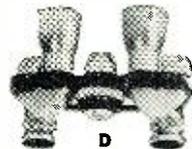
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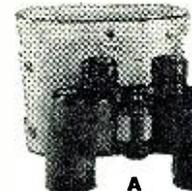
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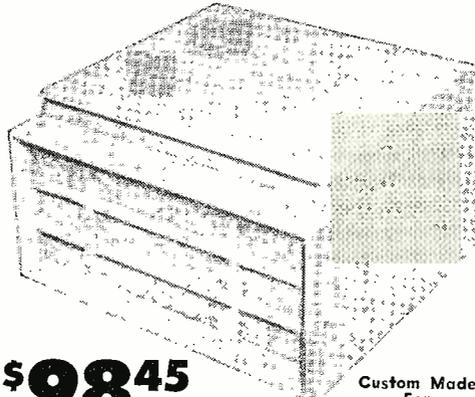
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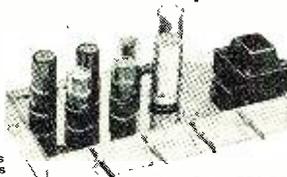
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These values aside, there is little to quibble about and with the superior sound that the engineers have afforded Menuhin, this is an infinitely more pleasurable disc to listen to than those earlier efforts. Pritchard has done an excellent job in maintaining balance and generally exercising a firm hand on the proceedings. Good spacious acoustics combined with sharply defined inner detail and superlatively quiet surfaces are all plus virtues in a highly recommended disc.

SCHUMANN DAVIDSBUNDLER DANCES AND SYMPHONIC ETUDES

Rudolph Firkusny, pianist. Capitol P8337. RIAA curve. Price \$3.98.

The second Firkusny recording since he signed with *Capitol*, and every bit as good as the first. This is the first recording of the "Davidsbundler Dances" that really sounds like a modern hi-fi disc. As far as the performance is concerned Firkusny plays it fairly straightforward and, although he has some deeply expressive moments, there is a sort of reticence to his playing that one finds slightly disconcerting. The Gieseking reading on *Urania* is probably closer to the true intent of the work, but the sound is so frightfully bad as to remove the disc from any consideration. The "Symphonic Etudes" are more Firkusny's metier and they receive a wholly sympathetic and convincing reading. The piano sound here is vibrantly alive and big-toned. There is no apparent transient ringing or percussive harshness and the recording is a sensible balance between sharply accented detail and spacious but not overdone acoustics. The realism of the piano is enhanced by the usual quiet *Capitol* surfaces.

MARCHING ALONG
Eastman Symphonic Wind Ensemble
conducted by Frederick Fennell. Mercury MG50105. RIAA curve. Price \$3.98.

Every recording by these superlative musicians has been outstanding and this is no exception. This is one of the zingiest most rip-roarin' collection of marches ever recorded. With six Sousa sizzlers and six other favorites like Meacham's "American Patrol," Goldman's "On the Mall," and Alford's "Colonel Bogey," etc. the dynamic punch and sheer sonic impact is tremendous. As a hi-fi demonstration disc this can take its place alongside of the best. Owners of big speaker systems will flip when they hear the cone-crackin' transients in the "King Cotton" march. Man, this is really a buster! In addition to a larger than life bass drum, a savage snarly snare and the impact of massed trumpet and trombone there are some cymbal smashes of such overwhelming intensity that it is only possible to reproduce them through a big power amplifier with plenty of reserve wattage if clipping is to be avoided.

As usual Fred Fennell elicits wondrous performances from his young players. There is knife-sharp precision to the attacks and releases in all the choirs, there is a huge clean sumptuousness of tone quite unlike the ordinary "band" sound . . . and above all that bravura spirit in the organization which seems to imbue every piece with new life, no matter how hackneyed the work might be. With the ultra-wide frequency and dynamic range, the liveness of the acoustic perspective and the accuracy of the close-up sharply detailed recording, this is about the ultimate in monaural disc recording and with devotees of band music will live in their memory for a long while. Don't miss this one!

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REGER SONATA #2 FOR UNACCOMPANIED CELLO

Zara Nelsova, cellist. London LL1252. RIAA curve. Price \$3.98.

These may look like particularly uninspiring works, but don't let the titles fool you! The Reger is a pleasant exercise in cello sonorities, with Reger's adulation of Bach strongly in evidence. The Kodaly is very strong red meat indeed. This is an incredibly complex work wherein Kodaly has exploited literally every technical resource of the cello and the result is an amazing outpouring of sound you are not likely to forget for a long time. Even as a strictly hi-fi vehicle this is impressive and with the superb performance of Nelsova as an added plus, this is a recording of unusual distinction. Recorded quite properly close-up, the sound of the cello is outstanding. From the smooth soaring, stratospherically high register passages to the rich throbbing gutty resonance when Kodaly plumbs the lowest depths of the cello, there is naught but the cleanest delineation of the sonic contours. Janos Starker, the performer in the old *Period* recording of this work still has a slight edge in the warmth of his projection, and the sound of his disc was remarkable for its day, but Nelsova is more than satisfactory and this sound is quite a few notches above the *Period* recording. Try this and be surprised.

TCHAIKOVSKY PIANO CONCERTO #1 IN B FLAT MINOR

LISZT HUNGARIAN FANTASIA

Julius Katchen, pianist with London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Pierino Gamba. London LL1423. RIAA curve. Price \$3.98.

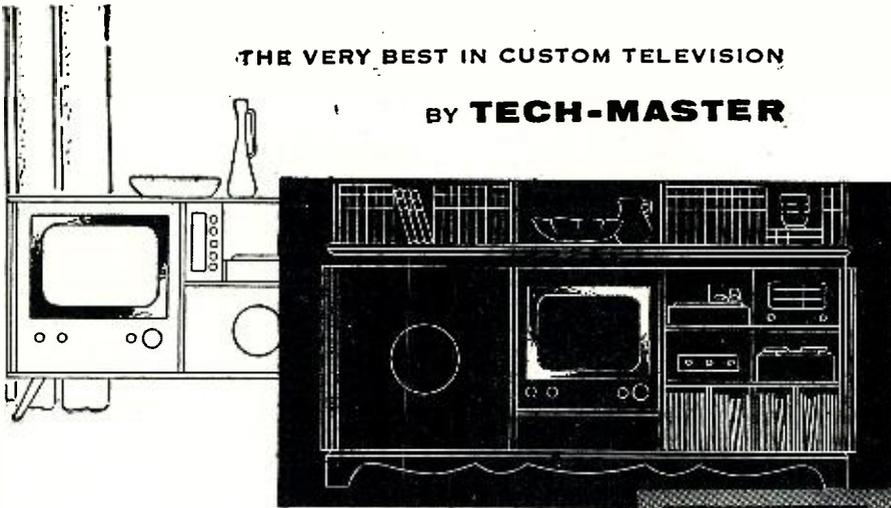
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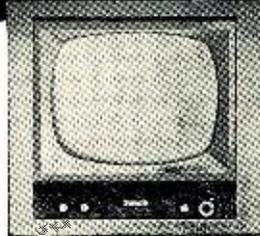
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The performance is quite good, too. Not what might be termed definitive but with its own particular values. Here is youthful ebullience, a reveling in the quick-fingered proficiency of technical mastery, a sparkling, scintillating performance that many will like after so much heavy-handed pedantry on the part of so many other artists. But everything has its penalties and those who would desire more warmth and passion, more grandiloquence, will not find it in full measure here. Suffice that Katchen and conducting prodigy Gamba (who incidentally does a first rate job) have given us a vital vigorous performance with a sound that will not be surpassed for a long time to come.

The Liszt work fares equally well in sound and gets a good competent reading from Katchen, but the prize on this disc is definitely the Tchaikovsky. You should make it a point to hear this and compare it with your own version. I think you will find that it's a worthwhile buy even if you have to duplicate.

VERDIANA

New Symphony Orchestra of London conducted by Salvador Camarata. London LL1385. RIAA curve. Price \$3.98.

As the title implies, this is a collection of various selections from Verdi operas, and includes such famous potboilers as the "Anvil Chorus," "La Donna e Mobile," and the quartet from "Rigoletto." All are in orchestral transcription and, in general, this disc will mortally offend the purists. But taken for what it is, it is a job well done. The transcriptions are tasteful, the playing of very high character and the sound is spectacularly good. For many folks, this will be right up their alley. In fact, orchestral opera is getting a big play currently, as witness the success of the Kostelanetz "Opera for Orchestra" series, which is probably the inspiration for this disc.

MOZART

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Vienna State Opera Orchestra conducted by Mogens Woldike. Vanguard VRS-483. RIAA curve. Price \$3.98.

This is the sort of recording that really does do justice and pay proper homage to Mozart in this commemorative year. Far too much of the vast outpouring of Mozart recordings this year, have been hastily contrived and of indifferent quality. This is the 5th recording of the "Haffner Serenade" to appear on LP and it is incontestably the best. For one thing, this recording represents an entirely different and authenticated scoring of the work. A great deal of research was undertaken before the various "innovations" in the score were given permanent stature. Thus we now have the delightful

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Woldike does his customarily fine job of conducting, and elicits some splendid playing from his obviously enthusiastic orchestra. In keeping with the revised score, the sound here is far bigger than any of the previous recordings. As is usual with *Vanguard*, they have achieved a splendid balance in the various choirs, the string tone is very clean and live, the woodwind are bright and pure sounding, the trumpets and horns sound out heroically and are quite free from distortions, the tympani add their punctuation in a sharp and accurate manner but are never obtrusive. Acoustic perspective was almost too spacious, but the day was saved by the crisp definition of the inner orchestral voices.

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SYMPHONIC SKETCHES

Eastman Rochester Symphony Orchestra conducted by Howard Hanson. Mercury MG50104. RIAA curve. Price \$3.98.

Everything about this recording is fantastic, from probably the most striking album cover yet issued (a nightmarish color photo of a grotesque "hobgoblin" character) to the offbeat "modern" character of music from the staid Boston of the 1890's, to the stunning realism of the sound. In four sections, or sketches, entitled "Jubilee," "Noel," "Hobgoblin," and "A Vagrom Ballad," this is music that runs the whole gamut of orchestral colors. Chadwick was that rare bit of musical Americana in the 1890's . . . a composer uninfluenced by the musical forces of Europe, who dared to dream and write music in his native idiom. It is not difficult to detect in the various sections of the work, some material which is definitely folk-derived and which has a familiar ring. Yet this is certainly not a derivative work, rather the folk material was inspirational. The sections vary widely in content . . . "Jubilee" is bright and spirited, full of dynamic contrast and most likely the most folk material . . . "Noel" is a very lovely slow movement, with some beautiful solo writing for English horn and oboe . . . "Hobgoblin" is a lively scherzo, full of rollicking good humor, and impish deviltry . . . "A Vagrom Ballad" is the strangest piece of all with more than a hint of atonality and dissonance . . . it is biting satirical music and its harsh contours must have shocked the Boston of those days! Dr. Hanson turns in a spirited vigorous performance and, as always, is ably supported by his superb orchestra. With modern scores and especially modern American scores, this Rochester Orchestra is doing a fabulous job. The sound is typical *Mercury*. Huge big-hall liveness with the crystal clarity of detail always in evidence. String tone has the usual bright sheen, brass is of tremendous weight and sonority, there are sections in "A Vagrom Ballad" where the percussion is earthshaking. Wait until you hear the snare drum and xylophone speaking full *forte* in this section!

This is a work noted for dynamic contrasts and the engineers have put it on the record in fulsome measure. Through a big speaker system this disc is quite an experience!

Tape Reviews

BARTOK

CONCERTO FOR ORCHESTRA
Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Fritz Reiner. RCA Victor "stacked"

October, 1956

The 7 Old-Fashioned Villains of Tape Recording

...and How



Foiled Them All

Once upon a time, 7 Old-Fashioned Villains like this  were wreaking endless woe on Decent People with Tape Recorders. The 1st Villain was Oxenscheid the

Oxide Shedder.  He scraped away at the crumbly oxide coating of old-fashioned tape and gummed up tape recorders with the shedding particles. The 2nd

Villain was Wearhead the Head Wearer.  He filed down the magnetic heads with the abrasive coating of old-fashioned tape. The 3rd Villain was Frickenshaw the

Frequency Discriminator. He dragged down  the high-frequency response of old-fashioned tape through inadequate contact between the "grainy" coating

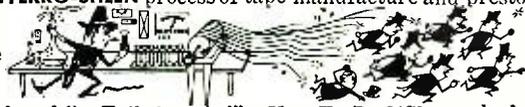
and the head. The 4th Villain was Noysenhiss the Noise Generator. He generated tape hiss and modulation noise  as a result of the random vibrations and irregular flux variations caused by the uneven magnetic coating of old-fashioned tape.

The 5th and 6th Villains were Dropofsky the Drop-Out Artist and Pringlethorpe the Print-Through Bug.  They put nodules and agglomerates into the oxide emulsion of old-fashioned coated tape, causing "drop-outs" whenever these trouble

spots lost contact with the record or playback head, and inducing "print-through" on the recorded tape when the extra flux at the trouble spots cut through adjacent layers on the reel. The 7th Villain was Brattleby the Embrittler.  He dried out the

plasticizers in old-fashioned coated tape and embrittled irreplaceable recordings. Then... **OCTOBER, 1954!** That's when a very un-old-fashioned little man 

by the name of F. R. O'Sheen announced that he had developed the revolutionary new **irish FERRO-SHEEN** process of tape manufacture and presto!.. the 7 Old-Fashioned Villains

were  sent a-scurrying with cries of "Confound it - Foiled again!" Yes, F. R. O'Sheen had made the new magnetic oxide

lamination of **irish FERRO-SHEEN** tape so smooth-surfaced and non-abrasive, so firmly anchored and homogeneously bonded to the base, so free from

nodules and agglomerates, that the 7 Villains were evicted - for good! **Moral:** Don't let Old-Fashioned Villains do you

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stereophonic. 7" reel, 7 1/2 ips. ECS-9. Price \$14.95.

I reviewed the disc issue of this work last month, and if you recall, I made comment that although a good recording, I thought the acoustics as used monaurally were not suitable, and I stated that I thought the deficiency of detail would be made up in the stereo recording. Immodestly, I must report that I was right. The whole character of the score has changed with the stereo, and now it is really possible to appreciate the wonderful performance of Reiner. Now even the most minute wisp of orchestral detail is readily and audibly apparent. This is definitely one of the most thrilling stereo tapes yet. The sense of directionality here is startling, with the Bartok score being particularly rich in interplay between various choirs in the orchestra. With your speakers in perfect balance, the change between first and second violins and celli is easily discerned, and that section for massed trumpets in the first movement is played *forte* and there is no mistaking where those trumpets are located.

I have long maintained that directionality *per se*, is not all-important in stereo, but there is no use denying that it does add its extra dimension of realism along with the over-all depth and all the other factors. Depth effect here is quite good as is the instrumental discrimination. In fact, this is one two-channel stereo tape where the "hole-in-the-middle" effect was quite minimal and certain of the woodwind and the horns were right in the middle where they should be. (I know their location having recorded stereo with the Chicago Symphony myself on numerous occasions.) Having these woodwinds and horns sound out rather disembodied between the two speakers is a bit disconcerting but very welcome just the same!

I can't emphasize to you strongly enough the fantastic difference between the disc and the stereo. I just wish it were possible for everyone to enjoy the incredible realism and enhanced musical perception the stereotape affords. For those who have the means of playback, this tape should be a must.

DEBUSSY NOCTURNES

Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Pierre Monteux with women of Berkshire Festival Chorus. RCA Victor "stacked" stereophonic. 7" reel, 7 1/2 ips. CCS-12. Price \$10.95.

You know, in some ways this stereo thing could be bad business for reviewers! By this I mean that everything sounds so darn good,

that it is difficult to retain one's objectivity and perception. When I reviewed the disc of this work a short while ago I gave it a pretty good rating, but opined that I thought the Stokowski version was still a few notches above this recording. After listening to this stereo version I am prepared to fight to the death defending its virtues! Seriously it is a fine performance, and I still think Stokowski's conception of the score is more to the point, but in matters of sound it is strictly no contest. This is simply fabulous! All the subtle nuances and pastel colorations that give this score its interest are here newly revealed. The shimmering gossamer string textures, the ethereal woodwind, the sharp pungency of the brass and percussion in the "Fetes" section are heard cleanly, full-rounded and pure of tone. Directionality is also good in this recording as is the depth effect created by stereo.

The most amazing part of the work is the wordless women's chorus in the "Sirenes" section. In most disc recordings this is never a particularly clean nor articulate part of the score . . . there is always some fuzziness and blur and while I mentioned in my review of the disc of this performance that the chorus did good work and sounded as well as I've ever heard it sound on disc . . . it is but a pale shadow compared to this stereo. The voices are spread out before you, and with the greatest of ease you can pick out the sopranos from the contraltos, etc. The effect of presence is astounding (choral work in stereo generally is) and for the first time it is possible to appreciate the skillful Debussyian scoring from a recorded media. Truly a big advance in the enjoyment of this work, and it clearly points the way to what one can expect when things like the Bach "B minor Mass" and Handel's "Messiah" are available with the glory of stereophonic sound.

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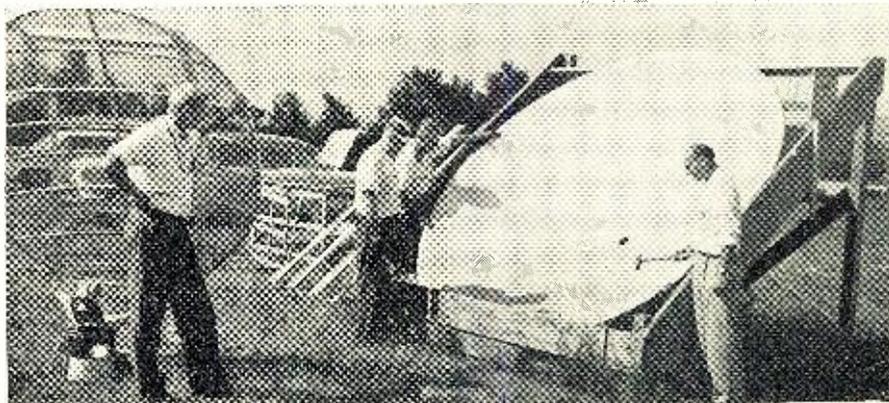
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Patent No. 1869178, July 1932). Since the patent expired the design has appeared in many forms, but in some cases there is evidence that the basic principles have not been clearly understood, with unsatisfactory results in the quality of reproduction. When properly designed and correctly applied, the acoustic phase inverter (a title which describes its function exactly) improves the bass response and increases the power handling capacity of the speaker at low frequencies. With this goes a decided flattening of the bass resonance peak in the impedance curve. These advantages result from reduction of the travel of the voice-coil at resonant frequency by accurate loading of the diaphragm at that frequency; in other words, the resonant frequency of the air in the enclosure must be the same as that of the speaker. It follows that the enclosure must be carefully tuned to the frequency of the speaker resonance.

I should explain that what follows refers to *acoustic phase inverters*. This type of enclosure *must* be accurately matched to the speaker. Other enclosures which are not so matched resemble the genuine bass reflex but their effect is different. Some notes will be added later on this type.

Fig. 26B shows a cross-section of the acoustic phase inverter with the essential elements—the speaker, the enclosed air, the tunnel, and the port. The volume of enclosed air equals the total internal volume of the cabinet less the volume of the speaker unit and any internal bracing, *but not* the sound-absorbing lining, since this latter is virtually part of the air space. For a given volume of air the frequency of resonance in the port is modified by the size of the speaker diaphragm and the length of the tunnel. The larger the speaker the greater must be the volume of air; the longer the tunnel the smaller the volume. Bass reflex enclosures can be found with and without tunnels; the purpose of the tunnel is to reduce the size of the cabinet for a given resonant frequen-

cy. As a result of this you can assume that any enclosure offered to you of compact size, housing a large speaker, and having no tunnel, will not perform as an acoustic phase inverter unless the normal bass resonant frequency of the speaker is so high as to make it unsuitable for high-grade reproduction.

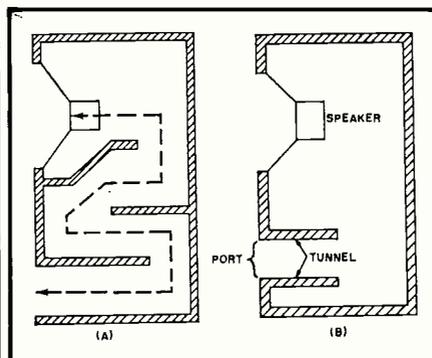
Herein is the fallacy of buying a speaker which you fancy and fitting it into a reflex enclosure which also appeals to you. The two may not be compatible. The information required by an engineer to enable him to design an acoustic phase inverter for any particular speaker includes the equivalent piston diameter of the speaker cone, the bass resonant frequency of the speaker, and its total volume. There is an optimum length of tunnel for any given enclosure volume, neither too long nor too short. The end of the tunnel should not be nearer the back of the cabinet than the radius of the speaker diaphragm. The area of the port should equal the area of the speaker opening (or more accurately the area of a circle whose diameter equals the diameter of the equivalent piston). If there are errors in design the system can be "tuned" by altering the port area, but doing so conflicts with the "equal area" condition.

For the speaker of your choice you can assess the merits of the enclosure by visual inspection and electrical measurement. The cabinet should be strongly made and free from drumming when hit with the fist. The interior should be well lined with sound absorbing material to prevent the formation of standing waves. The port area should equal the area of the speaker opening. The rear end of the tunnel should not be nearer the back of the cabinet than half the diameter of the speaker opening. These points checked, the speaker is then mounted in the cabinet and its impedance measured at low frequencies by one of the methods given in Part 3 of this series of articles.

If you had previously taken a curve of the unenclosed and unmounted speaker from 1000 down to about 20 cps you would get something like the solid curve in Fig. 27, with the characteristic single peak produced by the bass resonance of the speaker. Below this peak the response falls off rapidly. Now with the speaker properly mounted in the enclosure, take another curve. This should look like the dashed curve in Fig. 27, with two peaks, one on either side of the original peak. It is obvious that the response is much closer to linearity and the bass cut-off is lower. This is the advantage of the matched acoustic phase inverter and mismatching will not give the desired results.

I can almost hear you say, "Why should I go to all this trouble?" There is no "must" about it. You are quite free to do the job properly or improperly, but if you want the undoubted merits of this type of enclosure to im-

Fig. 26. (A) Section of an acoustic labyrinth. Length of air column is taken along dotted line. (B) Cross-section of acoustic phase inverter. All interior surfaces must be lined with a sound absorbing material.



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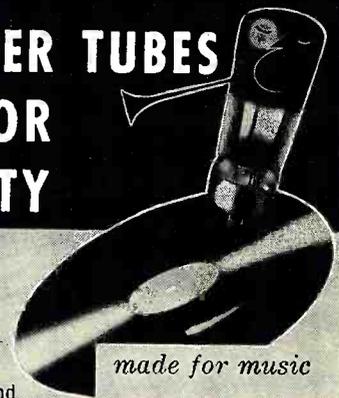


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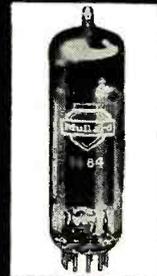
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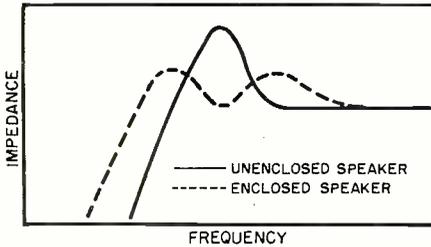


Fig. 27. Impedance curve of an ideal acoustic phase inverter compared with curve of an unenclosed speaker. Refer to text.

prove your audio reproduction, then you can't expect to get them by hit and miss methods, otherwise there would be no need for engineers at all. If you don't get the proper double hump curve, then the dimensions of the enclosure must be altered until you do; but it is just possible that you would get the desired results by placing the cabinet in another part of the room. The room acoustics influence the impedance of the speaker, as I have explained in an earlier part. You might be lucky!

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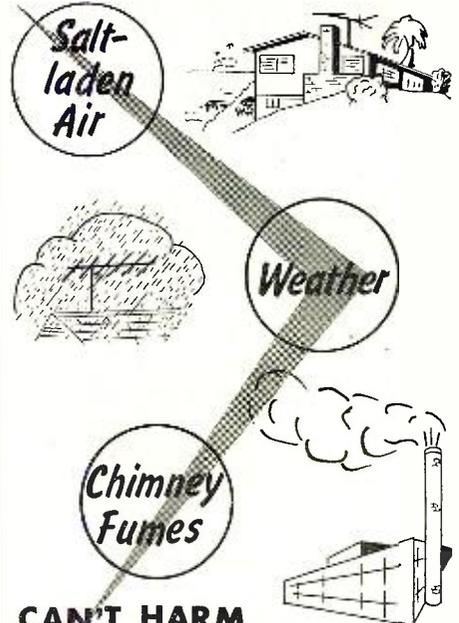
Such can be home-constructed or bought ready made, and are an easy way of dodging the technical requirements of the true acoustic phase inverter. They do not work with the precision or efficiency of the genuine article, but they are better than a casually constructed box baffle. As before, they must be strongly constructed and properly lined. No tunnel is used as this introduces difficulties in adjustment. The port area should be greater than the speaker opening, so that tuning can be carried out over a fairly wide band.

The speaker should have as low a bass resonance as possible and the volume of air within the cabinet should not be less than 6 cubic feet. With alteration of the port area, the air resonant frequency is changed, in general, raised as the area is increased. This affects the impedance curve of the speaker and some simulation of the characteristics of the true phase inverter is possible, but the transient reproduction will not be so good as the condition of optimum loading is never reached.

If a small cabinet is insisted on, then the speaker should have the more conventional value of bass resonance, but if adjustment of the port to give a reasonably flat impedance curve involves raising the resonance of the system to something on the order of 80 to 100 cps is necessary, the reproduction will not be satisfactory as a whole, even allowing for the loss of bass.

In short, the properly designed vented baffle can neutralize some of the defects of the ordinary sort of speaker, but the best results are only obtained when the enclosure is properly designed to do the job. It is curious that keen audio fans often give their speakers a very raw deal.

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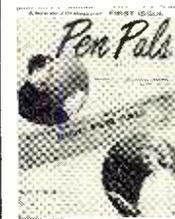
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Room Acoustics for Hi-Fi

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Determining Reverb Time

Reverberation time of a room is best measured by introducing a sound wave into the room, shutting it off, and recording the decreasing level as a function of time, using a suitable recorder. The decay of sound can then be measured. This method requires extensive apparatus and measuring equipment. However, by means of a simple formula, it is possible to calculate the reverberation time of a room which is adequate for all practical purposes. The formula states that reverberation time of a room is in direct proportion to the volume of that room and in inverse proportion to the total amount of absorption caused by the surface areas of walls, floor, ceiling, and all objects in the room. It is as follows:

$$T = .05 (V/A)$$

where: T = reverberation time in seconds

V = volume of the room in cubic feet

A = total room absorption (in Sabine units)

The total absorption of the room is calculated by multiplying each exposed surface area (in square feet) in the room by its respective absorption coefficient.

Absorption Coefficient

The surface of every object in a room which is exposed to sound waves, i.e., walls, floor, ceiling, chairs, tables, drapes, rugs, etc., will absorb some sound wave energy. Some materials absorb sound waves better than others. For example, a cloth drapery absorbs sounds better than a marble table top. The ability of the surface of a material to absorb sound is known as its absorption coefficient. Absorption coefficient is defined as the ratio of sound wave energy absorbed by the surface of the material to sound wave energy incident upon the material. Therefore, if a material has an absorption coefficient of 0.9, it is an excellent sound absorber and little sound wave energy is reflected from it. On the other hand, if a material has an absorption coefficient of 0.05, it is a poor sound absorber, and 95% of the incident sound waves will bounce back from its surface. The surface of all objects in a room have sound absorbencies which can be measured and rated between 0 and 1.00. The absorption coefficients for common materials are given in Table 1.

Calculating Total Absorption

The total sound absorption of a surface depends upon its area and the absorption coefficient of the material. For example, if a panel measuring 4 square feet has an absorption coefficient of 0.1, the total absorption is 4×0.1 or 0.4 Sabine unit. If another panel has an area of 1 square foot, but

What's this about XP?

From time to time, Fairchild has sent out samples of its products for testing by engineers, music critics, and other professional users. These samples embody one or more new features which, having been subjected to laboratory test and evaluation, seem to have enough merit to be incorporated into future designs. But before doing so it is always helpful to have the judgment of experienced users of such equipment. Sometimes it is not reasonable to embark on a program of building a new product in quantity, since it may have limited appeal, it may cost too much to manufacture, or there may be any of a dozen other reasons. Many users of audio equipment have told us of their interest in obtaining such samples or "short run" designs since, being of an inquisitive nature and constantly striving for a closer approach to perfection, they are eager to try whatever promises to improve their results, even if only a little.

Fairchild, recognizing that the one-time "amateur" or "hi-fi nut" is now often better informed than many professionals, at least in some respects, has decided to make available certain equipment which would interest such inquisitive users. The now famous 220XP is an example. This cartridge, employing a 1.0 mil x 0.6 mil elliptically-ground stylus (and certain other experimental features) was offered for sale in limited quantities and without benefit of advertising, in spite of which fact backorders began piling up at an alarming rate. This particular cartridge has been replaced with a later experimental transducer, designated XP-2. This cartridge will incorporate, among other advances, the latest Fairchild development in high performance pickups, the riveted diamond.

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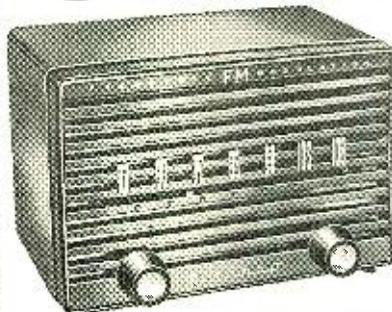
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Determining Reverberation

To illustrate application of the formula, let us first consider an empty living room 16 ft. long by 12 ft. wide by 9 ft. high, having plastered walls and ceiling, two window panes, each 2 ft. wide by 5 ft. high, and parquet hardwood flooring. The total absorption of each surface in the room is found by multiplying each surface area in square feet by its respective absorption coefficient obtained from Table 1. The total absorption of common objects in the room such as a person, a chair, a sofa is also listed in the table so that no multiplication by surface area is necessary for these objects. The total absorption of the various parts of the room is given in Table 2.

Substituting the figure 43.34 Sabine units (Table 2) for *A* in the formula, we find that the reverberation time of the empty room with the windows and door shut and one person in the room is:

$$T = .05(V/A) = .05 \times \frac{16' \times 12' \times 9'}{43.34}$$

$$= 2.0 \text{ seconds}$$

Let us now consider this same living room only furnished with wall-to-wall carpeting on the floor, heavy drapes hung over the windows, a sofa of medium size, two club chairs fully upholstered, two end tables, and three people in the room. The total absorption of the various exposed surfaces in this room is given in Table 3. The reverberation time of the room so furnished is:

$$T = .05(V/A) = .05 \times \frac{16' \times 12' \times 9'}{145.3}$$

$$= 0.6 \text{ second}$$

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bursts which produce a voltage at the discriminator output are of short duration; in some cases—jingling coins or keys, for example, many bursts of different frequency follow each other rapidly. Such noises may well contain frequency components which would operate the control if they were sustained; but they are over before the integrating network has had a chance to charge up to the required level.

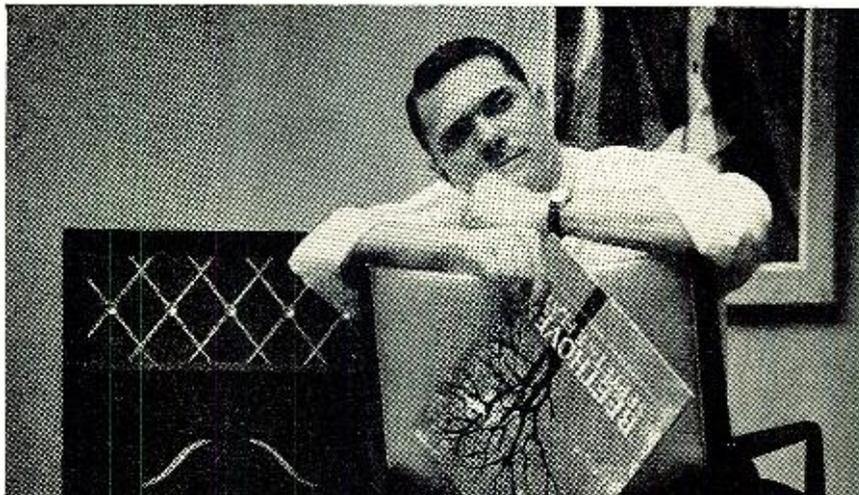
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In the simpler model "200" with only one discriminator, the lower section of the relay control tube corresponds to V_{5B} , while its upper section corresponds to V_{5A} ; a bi-stable relay is used for the "Mute" operation, and clockwise rotation of the channel selector results when the "Tune" key is pressed.

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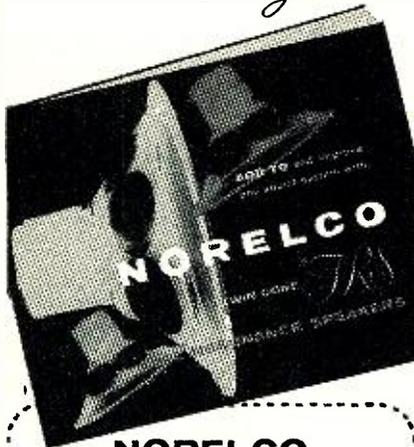
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The r.f. chokes are self-supporting $\lambda/4$ chokes. If desired they can be bifilar wound, as long as the insulation of the wires is adequate. Each tube is connected to a separate filament winding, only because two windings were available with the power supply; otherwise, one winding will be sufficient. R_5 and R_6 were put in to help isolate the "B+" lines. The filament lines, "B+" lines, and 117 volt a.c. lines for the fans are all shielded. Possibly, complete shielding would not be necessary, but after the barn door is closed you can't put the hay in, or is that the way it goes?

The construction of the metal contact fingers for the plate and grid is a very simple task (see Fig. 3). A round disc of beryllium copper, spring bronze, or any stiff thin metal, other than steel or high resistance metal, can be used. First, cut out the discs to size and then drill a small pilot hole in the center of each disc. If an old pair of scissors is available it will make it easier to cut the small slits in the metal. Cut the slits back only far enough so that when they are bent down the whole ring will fit snugly over the contact surface of the tube. Solder the contact fingers to the mounting ring, being careful not to allow the solder to run in between the fingers and stiffen them. The next step is to trim the bottom of the fingers off for neatness. If you happen to have a silver plating bath around the house you're all set; if not, just clean the metal fingers of any grease or oxidation that would prevent good contact to the tube.

The filament-cathode contact fingers are a little more difficult but having access to a set it made it easier on my part. Looking at Fig. 3 you will notice that both the outer and inner contact fingers were machined from brass tubing and brass rods. A little ingenuity on the part of the builder can bypass this problem if you can't get to a metal lathe. Somewhere around the ham shack you can usually find some thin wall copper or brass tubing that will be a near fit over the outer cathode surface. Place the tubing in a vise and cut some even slots with a small jeweler's saw; then form the fingers so they make a snug contact to the tube. A similar arrangement can be made for the inner filament contact by using a brass or copper rod. If no source is available for the plate, grid, or filament connections, the wires can be soldered directly to the tube.

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The author's location is not the best in the world; it is almost at sea level and blocked in by high, thick foliage pine trees to the south. This made a difference of one to two "S" units on the weak ones in most cases.

In over a year of steady use on the 2-meter band, this preamp has made the difference between no signal and a readable signal many times. Besides that, it helped warm up the ham shack on cold nights.

A final reminder on prolonging the life of these tubes is to make sure that the cooling is adequate on the cooler and seals of the tubes. A quick check to see if the tube is running cool is to turn off the "B+" and remove the tube from the socket and hold it in your hand; if you don't have burned digits you're safe, otherwise, don't be surprised to see the solder melt out of the center of the cooler and the tube will gas up after using it for a week or so.

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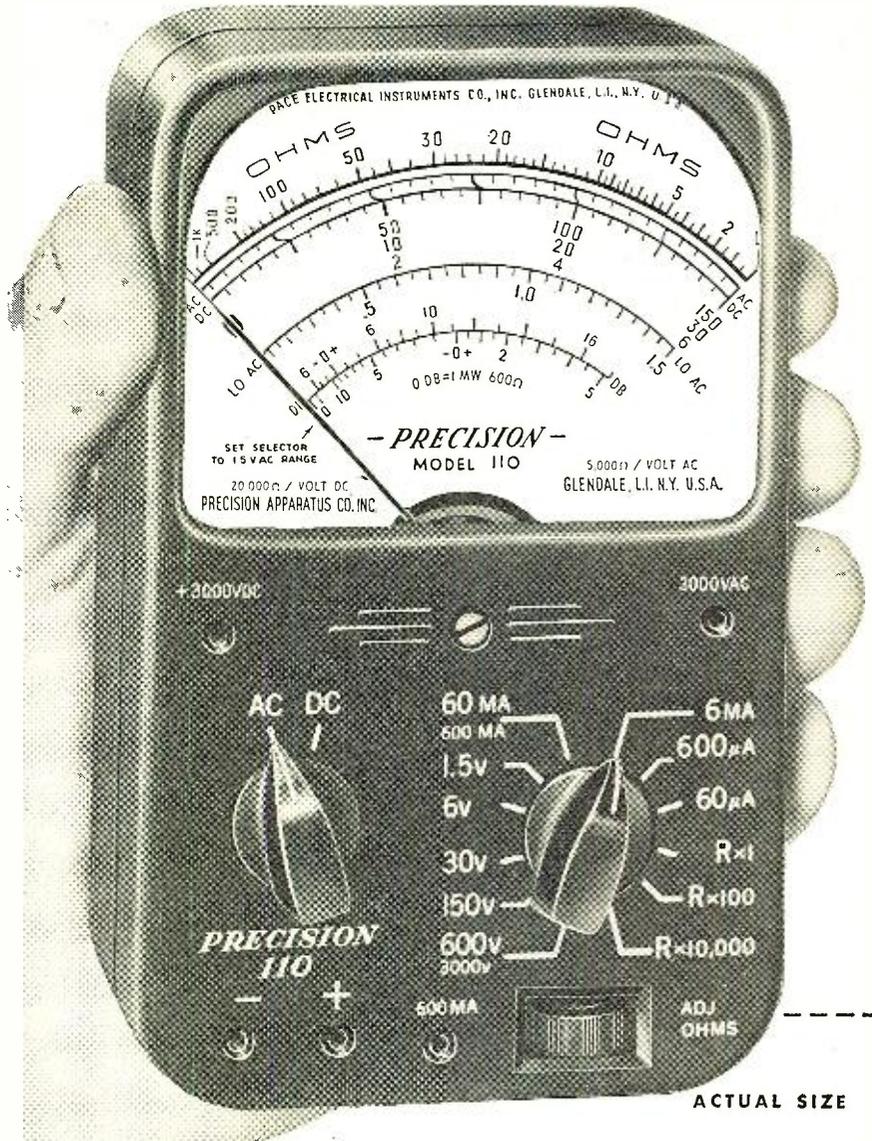
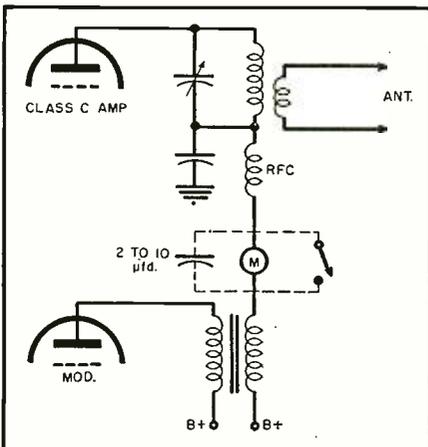
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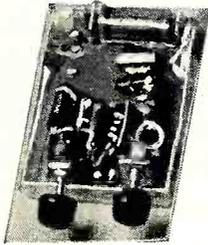
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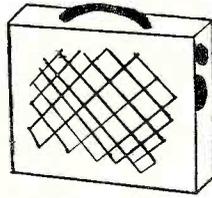


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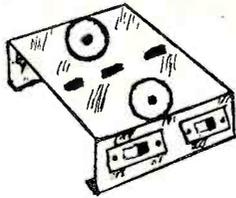


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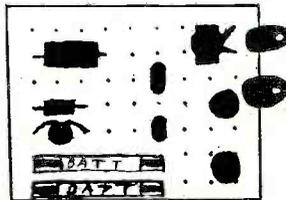


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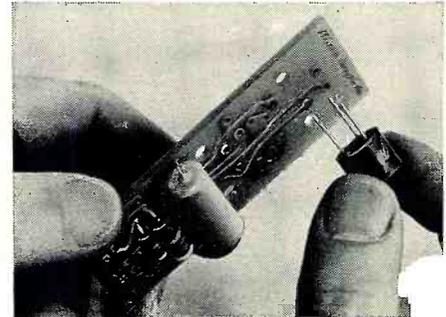
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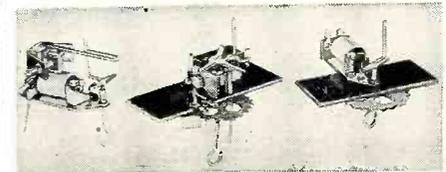
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bles. The instrument incorporates a standard a.g.c. test signal which is fed to the antenna of a TV receiver. Monitor circuits are arranged for rapid connection to the a.g.c. test points to

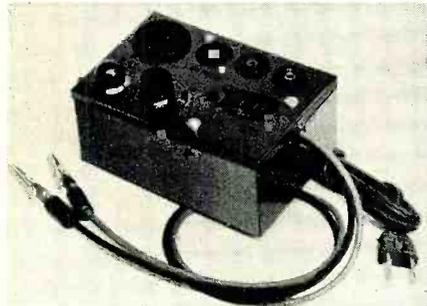


determine whether the trouble is due to a.g.c. and to isolate the a.g.c. troubles.

The second unit is a wide-band field strength meter, the Model 330, which tests antennas for bandwidth as well as signal level with special provision being made for color TV antenna testing. The instrument will align an antenna for color in the absence of a color transmission. It reads directly in microvolts and provides five meter ranges for readings from 10 to 100,000 microvolts on color or monochrome TV signals.

DUAL SERVICE AID

Seco Manufacturing Company, 5015 Penn Avenue South, Minneapolis 19, Minn., is making available a new dou-



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Tradenamed the "Fil-Pak" Model FP-1, the unit is a filament continuity checker of the low ohms type and a 90-volt bias supply pack. As a continuity checker it will handle 7-pin, 9-pin, octal, and loctal type tubes. Test leads are in the continuity or bias circuit. The bias pack supplies up to 90 volts of filtered and isolated d.c.

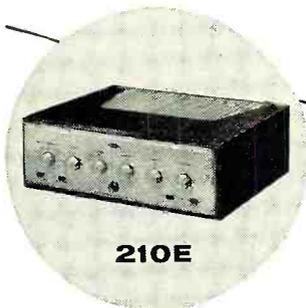
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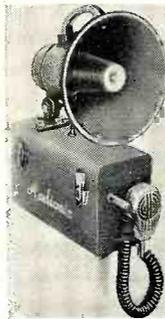
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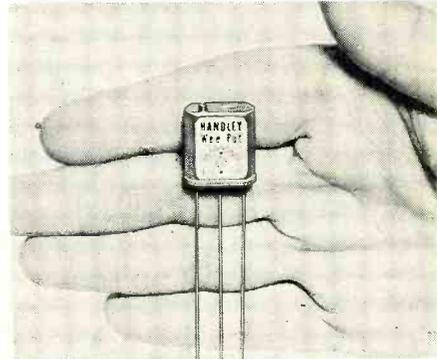
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Calif., is now in production on a miniature wirewound trimmer pot which features resistances from 100 to 40,000 ohms.

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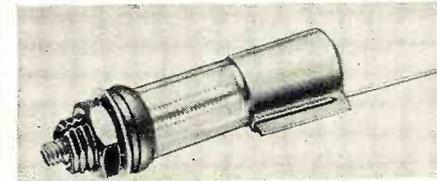
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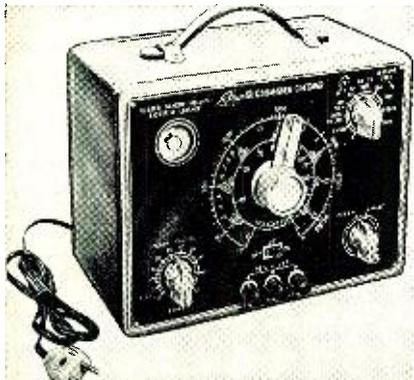
invar band serves as the fixed electrode.

Complete data on this new component is available from the manufacturer. Address requests to the attention of the Electronics Division of the firm.

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capacitance-resistance tester, and the LC-15 capacitor-resistance checker.

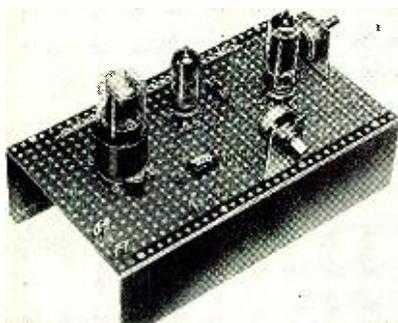
The signal generator has a frequency range of 120 kc. to 260 mc., up to 130 mc. on fundamentals. The capacitance-resistance tester has four direct-reading scales from .00001 to 1000 μ f., two resistance ranges from 100 ohms to 5 megohms. A magic eye is used as the null detector.

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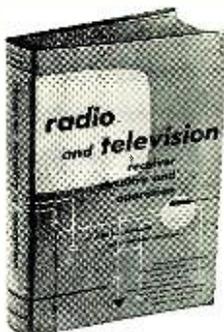
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In addition to the lower cost of the control itself, the new unit offers important savings in mounting and wiring time for television and other electronic equipment manufacturers. Known as the Type TU61, the new resistor has two $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter phenolic shafts which may be adjusted from either side of the control. The shafts on the panel side are screwdriver slotted and cut flush with the phenolic mounting plate thus making the control suitable for use in printed circuits when it is desired to adjust the control through the chassis. Shaft extensions from the rear are $\frac{3}{8}$ " and are knurled for finger adjustment.

Complete specifications are available from the manufacturer on request.

"MONISCOPE"

American Electronics Enterprises, 3603 East 10th Street, Long Beach, Calif., is now in production on a compact instrument which provides for the continuous monitoring of both transmitted and received signals.

Known as the "Moniscope," the new instrument has been designed especially for radio amateurs and others in the field who must have such information. The modulated signal being measured may be viewed directly on the face of a 2" CR tube, either in the form of a wave envelope pattern or as a trapezoid. A switch converts from trapezoidal to wave envelope pattern and back again at will.

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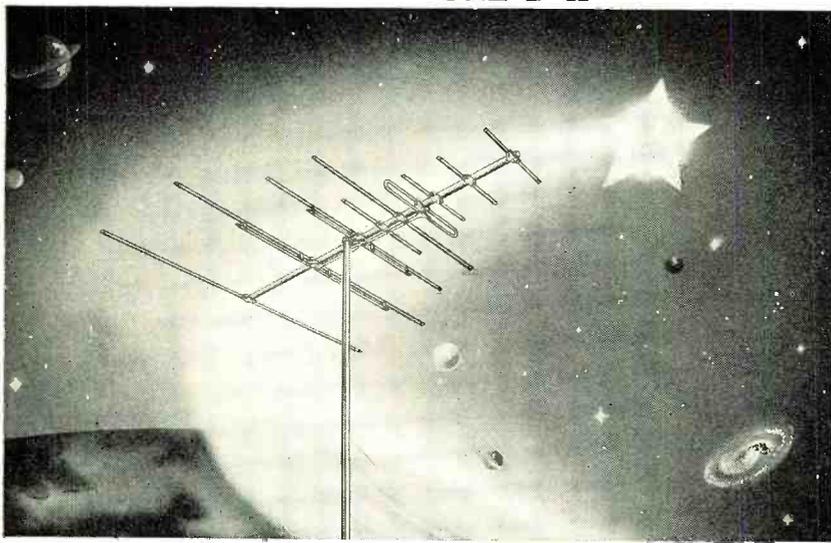
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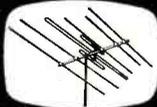
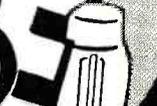
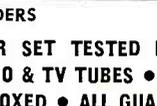
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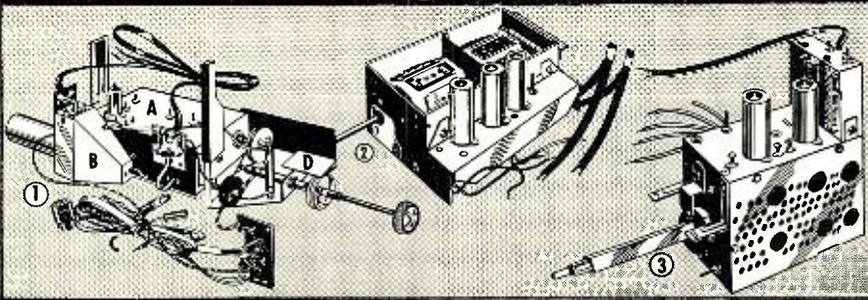
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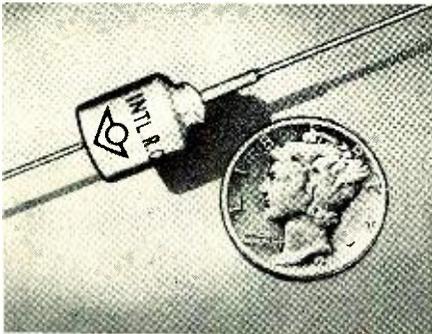
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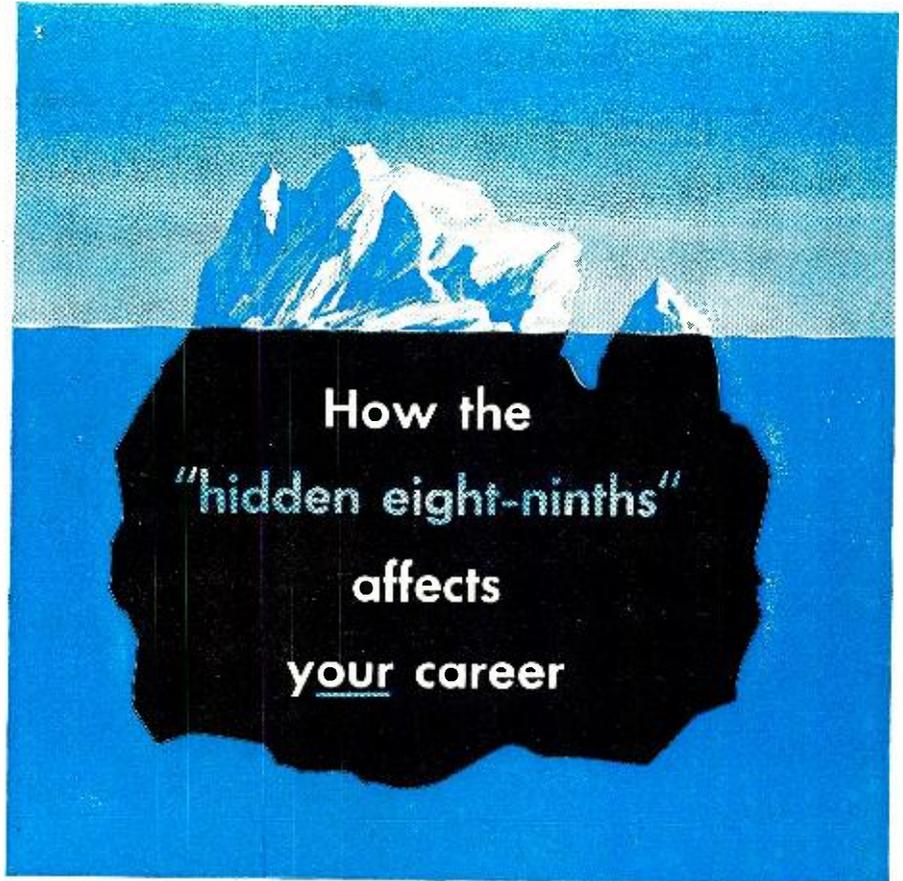
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The other instrument is an r.f., i.f., v.f. marker adder, Model WR-70A, which is designed for r.f., i.f., and video sweep-frequency alignment of both black-and-white and color television receivers. The instrument provides a choice of four sharp, narrow, easy-to-read differently shaped markers for the alignment of TV sets. It can be used with existing TV marker generators such as the WR-39 and WR-89 series and with sweep generators like the company's WR-59.

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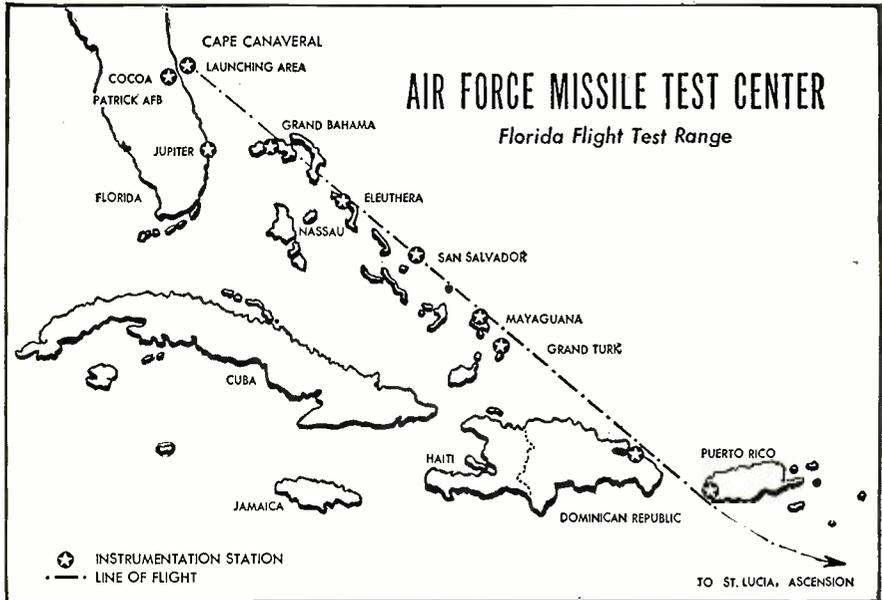
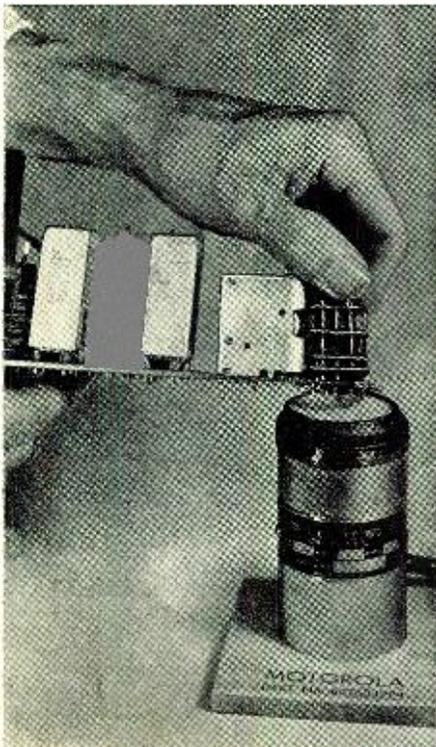
It is probable that manufacturers of radio and television receivers will make up troubleshooting charts to cover the tracing of defects in modules; these will be included in their service data. This undoubtedly will take the form of listing the various symptoms which may occur if a module becomes defective with information on where the defect is. This is similar to the troubleshooting charts now available in service data.

The service technician should find that the repair of intermittent defects will be less time consuming on equipment using modules than for those using conventional components. Instead of checking each component in a particular circuit, the technician now need only replace the complete module. The extra cost of the module will probably be much lower than the labor costs involved in tracking down an intermittent in sets using conventional components.

In all, the availability of these commercial radio and television sets using modules should furnish the field with a great deal of practical information on these new components together with some idea of what the future holds in the shape of radio and television.

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Circuits

In the triode high-level demodulator circuit used in the *Admiral* 27Z1 chassis (Fig. 2), *B-Y* and *R-Y* signals are demodulated at the plates of the 12BH7 demodulator tube. *R-Y* and *B-Y* are added in a common cathode load resistor to form *G-Y*. The output of the luminance (*Y*) amplifier is direct coupled to the cathode of the picture tube. Use is then made of the picture tube to add the chroma information received from the demodulator and the luminance information to obtain the final red, green, and blue signals.

The actual demodulation or detection of the chroma signal is accomplished by applying a 3.58 mc. sine wave from the crystal-controlled 6U8 3.58 mc. oscillator between the grid and cathode of each demodulator triode. This sine wave is of sufficient amplitude to cause the demodulator triodes to operate as class C amplifiers, thus allowing current to flow for only a short period of time during the positive-going portion of each cycle. Each demodulator triode then acts as a switch, turning on just once during each cycle. A phase-shifting network delays the 3.58 mc. sine wave applied to the *B-Y* demodulator to produce the correct relationship between the *R-Y* and *B-Y* outputs.

One tube, the 1st chroma amplifier, amplifies the chroma signal and also the color sync burst. It is necessary that the gain be kept constant for the color sync burst and, at the same time, the gain must be allowed to vary during chroma time. Also, for black-and-white programs, this tube must be cut off during video or picture time, but have full gain during horizontal blanking time. All these requirements are met by gating.

During black-and-white programs, a positive pulse of sufficient amplitude to cause grid current flow is obtained from the color killer tube and applied to the control grid of the 1st chroma amplifier. This grid current charges the grid circuit capacity to a high enough voltage to bias the tube to cut-off; the *RC* time constant of the grid circuit is long enough to hold the tube at cut-off until the next positive pulse. Thus, the 1st chroma amplifier is cut off except during horizontal blanking time on black-and-white programs.

On color programs, the color killer tube is cut off by a negative voltage applied to its grid and obtained from the color phase discriminator. Although the color killer can no longer supply a positive pulse to the 1st chroma amplifier, a positive-going pulse appearing across the color intensity control is still applied to the



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Also during color programs, a negative voltage is developed at the color phase discriminator which is dependent on the incoming color sync burst amplitude. This voltage is applied to the grid of the 1st chroma amplifier in the same manner as a.g.c. voltage is applied to the i.f. amplifiers. The use of this circuit provides automatic chroma control, which automatically increases the gain of the chroma amplifier should the strength of the color signal decrease.

Essentially, the operation of the color circuits in the 28Y1, 27Z1, and 29Z1 chassis is identical. The more obvious differences between the three chassis affect the power supply and the horizontal deflection-high voltage circuits. The 28Y1 is similar to the 27Z1 except that two 3A2 high-voltage rectifier tubes in the former have been replaced by one 3B2 in the 27Z1. The 29Z1 uses vacuum-tube rectifiers, rather than selenium rectifiers and electromagnetic static convergence.

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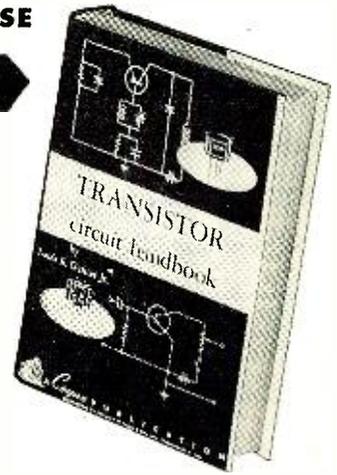
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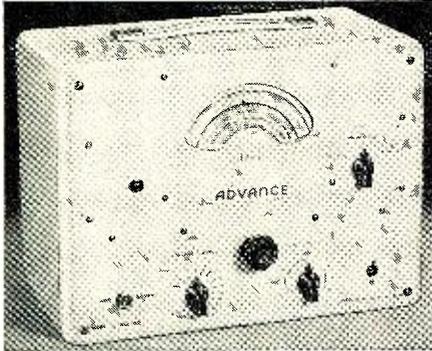
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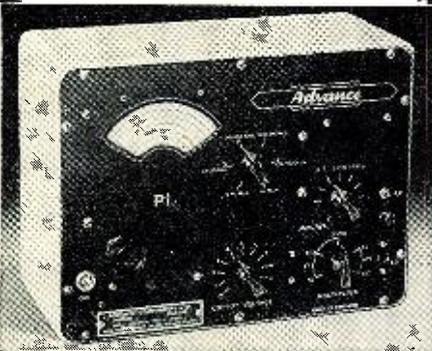


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WHEN designing or building a voltage-regulated power supply with a choke input filter, the average experimenter or ham usually casts a furtive eye at his "junk-box" when he reaches the stage for the selection of the proper choke. Usually he has a number of iron-core chokes that appear to be physically large enough to carry the current needed, but not enough data is known to identify them, in order to build a good ripple-free, voltage-regulated power supply.

As a result, unless the builder can identify the choke by manufacturer and part number, his only recourse is to go to a catalogue and buy a choke that will meet his requirements. However, by setting up a relatively simple circuit (see the schematic diagram) and following the procedures outlined, those "junk-box" chokes can be readily identified as to their electrical characteristics and, hence, can be salvaged.

To properly identify the electrical characteristics of an iron-core choke it is necessary that the basic characteristics of iron-core chokes and their effects upon power supplies be understood.

One of the most important characteristics needed to properly evaluate the suitability of a choke as an input filter for a voltage-regulated power supply is to know the relationship of inductance to the d.c. current flowing in the choke. This is important be-

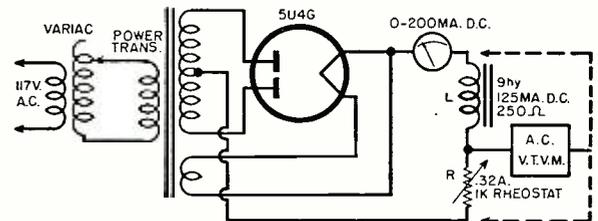
cause as the d.c. current varies, so does the flux density of the core and, consequently, the inductance. This means that an iron core choke may have vastly different inductances under "load" and "no-load" conditions.

This characteristic may be utilized to good advantage in power supply filtering, because for most efficient filtering action the inductance should increase with a decrease in load current. It should be noted that a choke is called a swinging choke if the inductance is high at low values of direct current yet decreases markedly with increased direct currents. However, if the power supply has a bleeder resistor in parallel with the load, the importance of the ability of the choke to have its inductance increase with a decrease in load current diminishes, since there is always a minimum value of load current flowing through the choke.

At some point the choke will reach saturation as the current increases. This is due to the iron core becoming saturated, which decreases the permeability of the iron, and hence decreases the inductance of the choke. This, of course, determines the upper limit of usability of the choke under load conditions. In addition, it is important to know the maximum current the choke may carry without overheating.

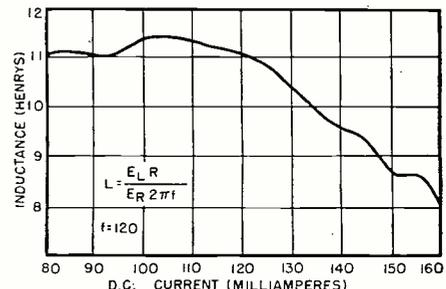
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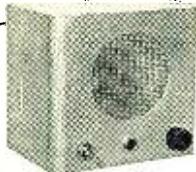


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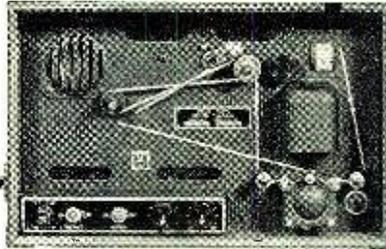
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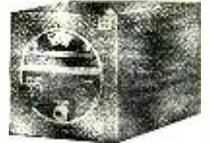
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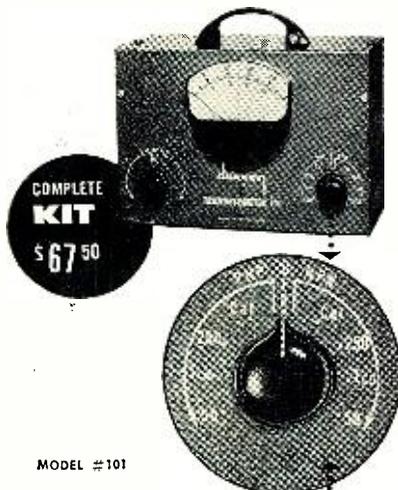
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critical inductance of the choke, that minimum value of the input-choke inductance which prevents the d.c. output voltage from rising above the average of the rectified a.c. wave. This minimum value, the critical inductance, must be maintained at all currents, in order to prevent the filter from acting as a capacitor-input filter.

Therefore, it becomes evident that to properly use a "junk-box" choke it is necessary to have a plot of inductance versus load current. Then if the inductance range of the "junk-box" choke is proper for the design range of the filter needed, it may be readily used.

A relatively quick and comparatively simple procedure may be employed to plot this curve, using only a vacuum-tube voltmeter and an ammeter as test equipment.

The test circuit should preferably be the full-wave rectifier of the power supply being built, with the choke and a high wattage rheostat in series across the output. (See schematic diagram.)

The test procedure is based on the following theory. An assumption is made that the d.c. resistance of the choke is small in comparison to its inductive reactance.

Hence, the normal equation for impedance: $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X_L^2}$ becomes $Z = X_L$.

The current flow through L and R is equal, consequently; $I = E/Z = E_L/X_L = E_R/R$.

Solving for $X_L = E_L R / E_R = 2\pi f L$.
Therefore $L = E_L R / E_R 2\pi f$.

In actual use, vary the rheostat until the ammeter reads a low value of current. Measure the voltages across the rheostat and the choke with the vacuum-tube voltmeter, then measure the resistance of the rheostat. Substitute these values in the formula $L = E_L R / E_R 2\pi f$ and solve for L . (The value of f in a full-wave rectifier circuit is 120.)

Record this value of inductance and the current at which it was measured. Repeat this procedure until all the possible ranges of current that the power supply may require have been recorded.

When the curve has reached a point where the inductance starts to level as the current increases, the saturation point of the choke has been reached. Since this determines the upper limit of usability of the choke under load conditions, this is also the point at which the current rating of the choke should be checked. Leave the load connected for ten or fifteen minutes, carefully observing the case for signs of overheating. The choke may get warmer than body temperature, but should not burn the hand or get unduly hot. If the actual temperature of the choke is desired, fasten a thermometer to the case with putty. Be careful not to place the thermometer near the rectifier or any other heat producing tube. The temperature should be between 160° and 170° F.

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accurately show the point of saturation and how the inductance of the choke varies under different load conditions, and from this it can be readily determined if that "junk-box" choke can be used in the power supply and whether it meets the design requirements.

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HUM PRECAUTIONS IN PREAMPS

By RICHARD WILKENS, ET/2,USN

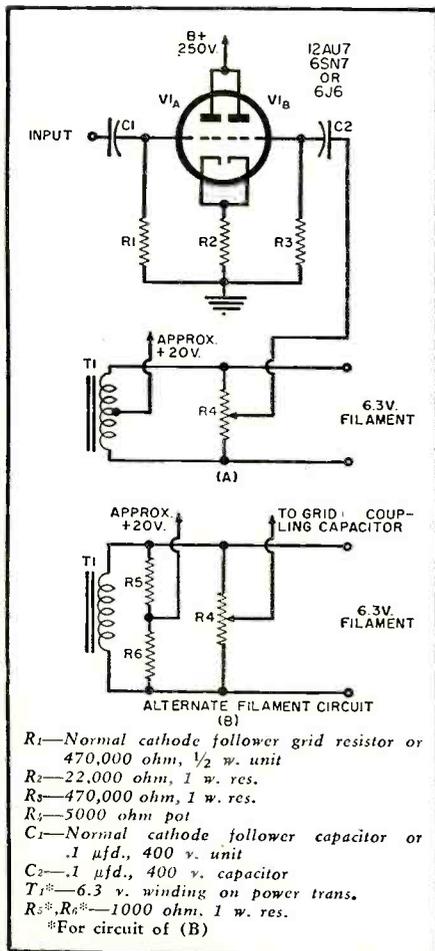
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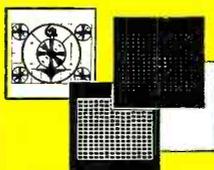
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The set's electronic components are packed into two flat aluminum cases measuring 3 3/4 x 2 3/4 x 5/8 inches. They snap as earpieces inside a special helmet. The first case contains three circuit units; the i.f./discriminator and audio, the mixer and r.f. output, and the transmitter. The second identical case holds the batteries, operating controls, earphones, and microphone jack.

The operating range of the set is several hundred yards from helmet-to-helmet or up to a mile from helmet to bigger radios. Three penlite-sized batteries are capable of powering the set for a full half day with continual receiving and occasional transmitting.

The set's antenna is built into the helmet and is not ordinarily visible. For additional range up to about a mile, an auxiliary vertical antenna is available that screws into the top of the helmet. Under these conditions, powerful stations may be received at even greater distances.

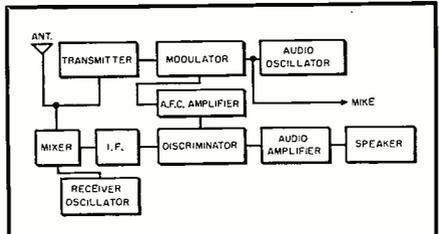
The receiver consists of an FM superhet with a sensitivity of 10 microvolts. It is completely transistorized. The transmitter consists of an electron-coupled power oscillator with a.f.c. for frequency stability. It uses one tube: a Raytheon 6051 pentode. Frequency modulated power output is 100 milliwatts. Twelve different channels can be used in the 38 to 51 mc. range by replacing two units.

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The two-way radio set is mounted in a tough plastic helmet shaped somewhat like a football helmet. It provides about the same protection from shrapnel, bullets, and flying debris as the conventional steel helmet.

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Block diagram of Army Signal Corps helmet radio AN/PRC-34. Completely transistorized FM superhet receiver and 1-tube e.c.o. used.

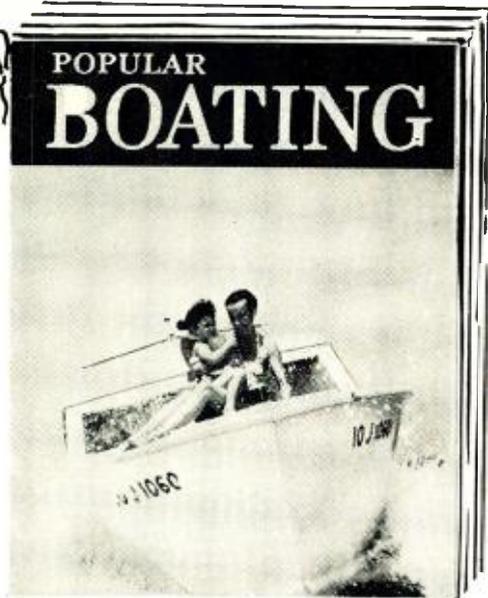


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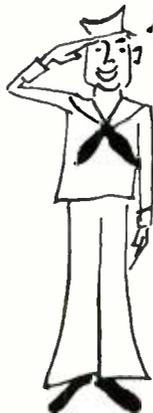
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The third edition of its "Reference Guide for Television Picture Tubes" has been announced by *CBS-Hytron*, a division of *Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.*

Revised and brought up to date, this guide provides pertinent data on 258 magnetically deflected picture tubes, irrespective of make. As an additional aid to the TV service technician, bold-face print indicates the differences among similar tube types.

This new edition can be obtained through *CBS* tube distributors or by writing the Advertising Service Department, *CBS-Hytron*, Salem, Mass. Ask for Bulletin PA-2.

"GUIDE TO GOOD BUSINESS"

The Merchandising Department of Electronic Product Sales, *Sylvania Electric Products Inc.* has announced a second printing of its booklet, "A Guide to Good Business."

The first 50,000 printing of this 20-page booklet was exhausted soon after its initial offering but another 50,000 copies are now on hand for free distribution. Write the *Sylvania* Central Advertising Distribution Department, 1100 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y. for a copy or contact your local *Sylvania* distributor.

CRONAME BOOKLETS

Croname, Incorporated, 3701 Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 13, Illinois is offering two colorful booklets of interest to the electronics industry.

The first, entitled "CroRoto Embossed Pattern Metals for Contemporary Design," discusses the use of stock embossed patterns for decorative trim and functional metal parts and illustrates some of the many patterns available. This booklet is available from the *CroRoto Division*, Dept. #20, of the company.

The second booklet, "Primitive Art to Improve Today's Products," illustrates the applications of decorative glass. Dept #20 of the company's Glass Studios will supply copies of this publication.

Both booklets are available without charge.

C.R.E.I. COURSES

Capitol Radio Engineering Institute, 3224 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 10, D. C., has issued a colorful 64-page booklet which describes in some detail its residence courses for the 1956-57 school year.

Included in the brochure is information regarding the school and its faculty, details on its laboratories and physical equipment, an outline of the

course, entrance and graduation requirements, diplomas and degrees, and miscellaneous data on housing, vacations, placement bureau, etc. and information on the city of Washington.

A free copy of this publication will be forwarded without obligation upon request.

GENERAL CEMENT DATA

A colorful 80-page catalogue which describes thousands of radio and television aids is now available from *General Cement Mfg. Co.*, 919 Taylor Avenue, Rockford, Ill.

Among the new products included for the first time are the firm's "Klipzon" self-holding prods and connectors, printed circuit repair kits, and phono drive kits. Copies of Catalogue No. 157 may be obtained either from the firm's distributors or from the company direct.

TEST INSTRUMENTS

The *Shasta Division* of *Beckman Instruments, Inc.*, P. O. Box 296, Station A, Richmond, Calif., is offering a new 4-page, 2-color catalogue describing its line of electronic test instruments, including expanded scale volt and frequency meters, v.t.v.m.'s, oscillators, resistance bridges, power supplies, wideband amplifiers, a WWV receiver, and a decade inductor.

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TRANSISTOR COMPONENTS

A four-page brochure containing technical information on 59 components designed especially for use in transistor circuits is now available from *Thordarson-Meissner* of Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Among the items listed are 36 audio transformers, 10 i.f. transformers, 7 ferrite antenna coils, 5 oscillator coils, and 1 midget variable capacitor. These parts are suitable for industrial applications or as replacements in radio and TV equipment and original parts in experimental and hobby circuits.

WESTON PANEL METERS

Weston Electrical Instrument Corp., a subsidiary of *Daystrom, Inc.*, 614 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark 5, N. J., is now offering a new bulletin covering its more popular styles and ranges of panel instruments in sizes from 2½" to 4½".

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An illustrated, 20-page catalogue on electrical slot insulations, wedges, and fabricated parts with selection guides and order data is being offered without charge by *Insulation Manufacturers Corporation*, 565 West Washington Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill.

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VARIABLE TRANSFORMERS

Standard Electrical Products Company, 2240 E. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio, has just issued a new 22-page catalogue covering its expanded and redesigned line of "Adjust-A-Volt" variable transformers in auto, isolated, and metered models for bench and panel mounting.

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GEE-LAR CATALOGUE

Gee-Lar Mfg. Co., 400 S. Wyman Street, Chicago, Ill., has just issued its Catalogue No. 57 which lists almost 200 different styles, shapes, and sizes of radio-television knobs.

In addition, the 16-page, red-and-black, fully illustrated brochure contains a large selection of the firm's switches, speaker kits, and other service aids.

Copies of the catalogue are available without charge either from the company's parts distributors or through the manufacturer direct.

REPLACEMENT CAPACITORS

The latest edition of its widely used "TV Replacement Capacitor Manual" has been issued in a new format by *Sprague Products Company*, 51 Marshall street, North Adams, Mass.

The 63-page booklet in its handy 5½" x 8¼" pocket size covers 6589 different TV sets made by 88 manufacturers. The tables are broken down into two sections. In the electrolytic section, each manufacturer is listed alphabetically with *Sprague* replacement capacitors fully described and cross referenced to original part numbers. The ceramic section also lists the sets alphabetically by make but the *Sprague*

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Merit Coil and Transformer Corp., 4427 North Clark Street, Chicago 40, Ill., has issued four new data sheets of interest to the industry.

Form No. 4 lists the company's correct output transformer for use with all popular output tubes. Both Merit exact and universal types are shown. The second publication, Form No. 459 gives specifications on new input, modulation, and plate transformers and a high inductance choke for audio and industrial applications.

Forms Nos. 453 and 458 cover the HVO-57, a horizontal and high voltage output transformer replacement for Zenith sets, and the MDF-77 Admiral replacement deflection yoke, respectively.

PRINTED CIRCUIT GUIDE

A replacement guide for printed circuits used in sets made by 95 different TV and radio manufacturers is being offered to service technicians by Sprague Products Company, 51 Marshall Street, North Adams, Mass.

Manual K-350 is a 12-page publication which measures 5 1/2" x 8 1/2". Tables are arranged alphabetically by set manufacturer with original part numbers and descriptions cross-indexed to the recommended Sprague replacements. The back pages of the manual show circuit diagrams of each of the firm's replacement items, along with the values of the resistors and capacitors in each circuit.

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NEW RETMA STANDARDS

The Engineering Department of the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association, 11 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y., has issued three new standards covering the method for determining air gap flux density and energy (RETMA RS-157), battery socket patterns (RETMA RS-156), and mechanical considerations for transmission lines in microwave relay applications (RETMA RS-158).

The publications are priced 40, 60, and 25 cents a copy respectively. Single or quantity orders should be placed direct with the Engineering Department headquarters.

TUBE SELECTION CHART

A selection chart which lists the essential characteristics of 75 power rectifiers and control tubes is being offered by General Electric Tube Sales, 1 River Road, Schenectady, N. Y.

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The *RCA Tube Division*, Harrison, N. J., has announced the publication of "RCA Transmitting Tubes," a new 256-page manual containing comprehensive and authoritative technical data on 112 types of power tubes having plate-input ratings up to 4 kw., and 13 types of associated rectifier tubes.

Included in the manual are maximum ratings, operating values, characteristic curves, outline drawings, and socket connection diagrams. Copies of Technical Manual TT-4 are available from the company's tube distributors or from the division for \$1.00 each.

"POCKET CONTROL GUIDE"

Centralab, a division of *Globe Union Inc.*, 900 E. Keefe Avenue, Milwaukee 1, Wis., has announced the availability of its "Pocket Control Guide No. 4."

This handy control cross-reference guide is published semi-annually to make the latest and most up-to-date replacement control information available. As in the past, this 3 3/4" x 8 1/2", 96-page guide will fit into a jacket pocket or tube caddy.

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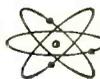
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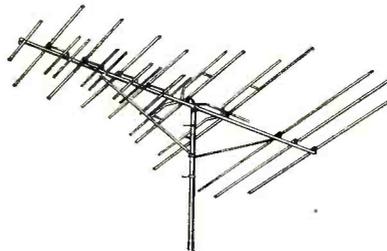


difficult localized TV reception problems. It features a sixty-foot telescopic tower, twin TV antenna circuits for comparison purposes, and specialized test instruments. Among the latter is the "Antennascope" which is capable of plotting a complete electronic polar pattern and recording this pattern photographically.

The company will allocate field research study time, without obligation or charge, to reception problems presented by TV antenna distributors during a planned nation-wide tour. TV reception problems should be addressed to the Research Department of the company.

FRINGE ANTENNA

The Winegard Company, Burlington, Iowa, has now engineered a new broadband eighteen-element yagi type antenna featuring extremely high front-to-back ratio and high gain, according to the company. This antenna is called the "Color'Ceptor." Because of its high



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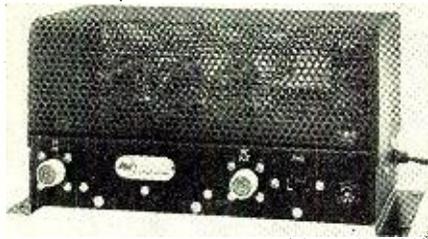
WEST COAST OFFICE

Snyder Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia, Pa., has just announced that Milton Schindler, administrative assistant to Ben Snyder, president of the firm, has been promoted to the post of director of West Coast sales. He will make his headquarters at the company's West Coast offices and warehouse in Los Angeles. In addition to the direction of sales, Mr. Schindler will also take charge of sales promotion, customer relations, service and liaison with the home office and plant in Philadelphia.

COMMUNITY TV AMPLIFIERS

Ampli-Vision Division of International Telemeter Corp., 2000 Stoner Avenue, Los Angeles 25, Calif., is introducing two new r.f. amplifiers, the Models #111 and #116. These are broadband distribution amplifiers for use in community TV cable systems, master TV installations, and closed circuit TV systems. The Model #111 covers the entire v.h.f. band; the Model #116 covers the low v.h.f. band only (channels 2 to 6).

In conjunction with the release of



these two amplifiers, the company is sponsoring a local and national "Name the Amplifier" contest. The winner whose entry is judged the best locally will receive a *Bulova* watch. The national winner will be selected from the local winners and will receive a \$500 grand prize. The contest closes October 15th and all entries must be in by that date.

MASTER ANTENNA AMPLIFIER

RCA Theatre and Sound Products Department, Camden, N. J., has developed three new "Antenaplex" broadband v.h.f. amplifiers. The new amplifiers (series 5300) are designed for small-to-medium sized TV distribution systems in motels, hotels, showrooms, office buildings, apartment houses, and department stores.

The series contains a high-band, low-band model (MI-5301), which amplifies channels 2 to 13 in two separate frequency bands. Separate input connections are provided for each band—the outfit can be combined without need for additional accessories. A low-band model (MI-5302) amplifies channels 2

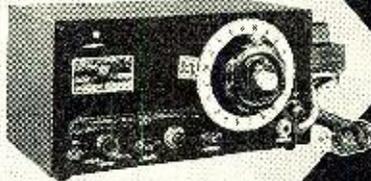
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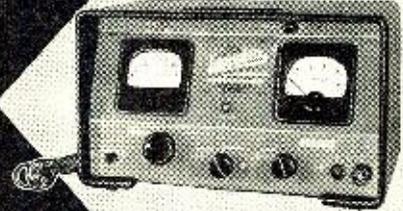
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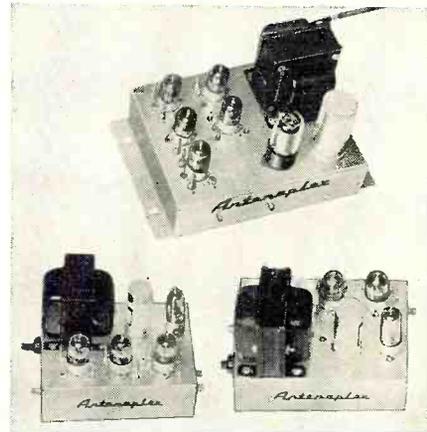
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to 6; and a high-band model (MI-5303) amplifies channels 7 to 13. The high-band model incorporates an output connector which facilitates combina-



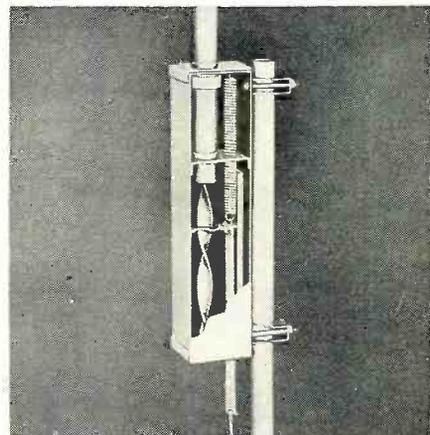
tion with a low-band amplifier should any channel 2 to 6 stations be established in the area.

The new broadband amplifiers are factory aligned and are completely self-contained, with built-in power supply.

MECHANICAL ROTATOR

Helix Rotor Company, 220 Live Oak, Marlin, Texas, has announced the development of a new antenna rotator, model H-1, that requires no electric power. This rotator employs the age-old mechanical principle of a flat spiral helix to give full 360 degree rotation.

A slotted crossarm within the housing is moved downward by a pull on a manually operated steel cable which is attached to a direction indicator. As the slotted arm moves downward, the antenna is rotated clockwise through 360 degrees. The design of the slotted



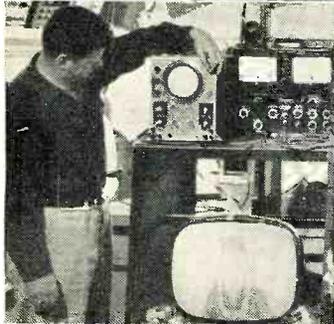
crossarm is such that the antenna locks positively in any position to which it is rotated.

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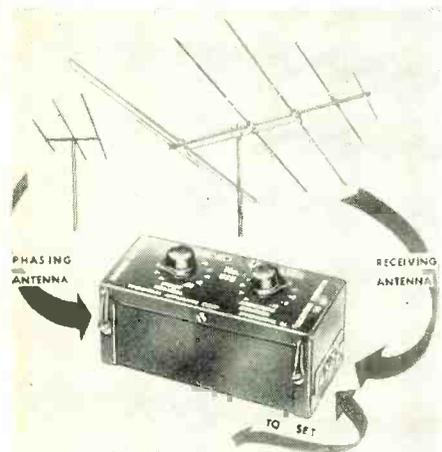
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ference. The device is the No. 815 "Co-Phaser." Employing a balanced time-delay circuit in conjunction with a level control, the "Co-Phaser" is adjusted by the set owner to meet local conditions. The calibrated controls of this unit permit accurate adjustment of both the amplitude and the phase shift.

The conventional receiving antenna which picks up the desired signal will frequently pick up an undesirable secondary frequency. This interfering signal may be reduced by means of an out-of-phase signal fed to the transmission line at the same time by a second antenna. The second signal should be of equal strength and 180° out-of-phase with the interference. The "Co-Phaser" does this in conjunction with a second antenna which is

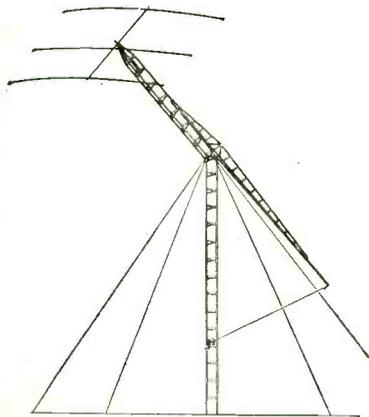


usually mounted on the same mast as the original one.

This unit does not require outside power and may be attached to the rear cover of the TV set.

FOLD-OVER TOWER

Rohn Manufacturing Company, 116 Limestone, Bellevue, Peoria, Ill., is now converting its No. 30 and No. 40 communication towers into fold-over types for use in amateur radio, experimental work, and antenna testing.



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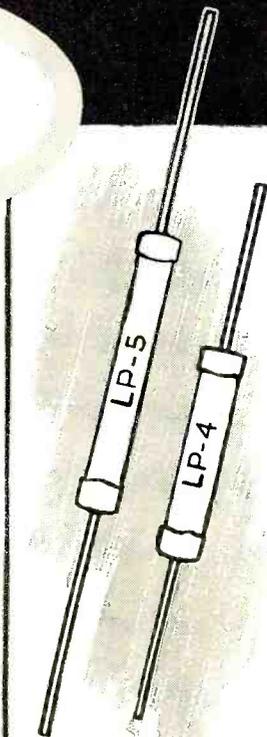
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Selenium Rectifiers

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An optional output-voltage indicating meter may be included in the completed unit, as shown dotted in Fig. 5. This must be a high-resistance d.c. voltmeter of at least 20,000 ohms-per-volt sensitivity.

Scope High-Voltage Supply

A selenium voltage multiplier circuit can simplify the high-voltage section of a 5- or 7-inch oscilloscope power supply. Fig. 6 shows a circuit of this type complete with focus and intensity controls.

A half-wave doubler is used so that a common ground may be employed throughout. A Type U50DP doubler type cartridge is used. The voltage multiplier capacitors are C_1 and C_2 . Capacitor C_3 provides additional filtering action, operating in conjunction with the 2000 ohm filter resistor, since this circuit is not as easily filtered as the full-wave doublers described previously.

The transformer may be a special half-wave unit having a 1000 volt, low-current secondary. The entire secondary (both sides of center tap) of a

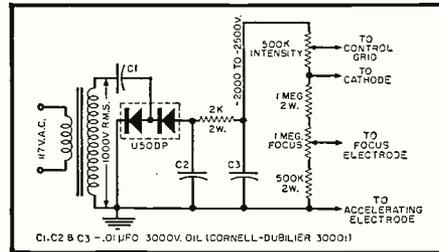


Fig. 6. High-voltage supply for a scope.

low-voltage transformer supplying the amplifier and sweep tubes in the oscilloscope may be employed under some circumstances.

Insulation Tester

Another type of continuously variable, high-voltage d.c. supply is shown in Fig. 7. This setup has been designed primarily for insulation testing and other dielectric breakdown measurements but may be used in any other application requiring an adjustable low-current output up to 5500 volts d.c.

Smooth variation of the output voltage is obtained by adjusting the input voltage to the transformer by means of a small (Type 10) *Superior Electric*

Fig. 7. Schematic of an insulation tester.

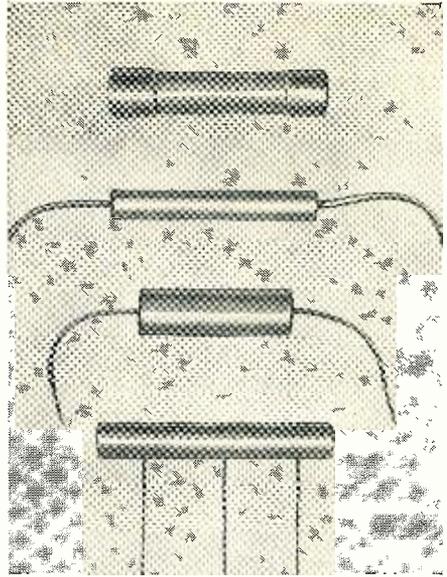
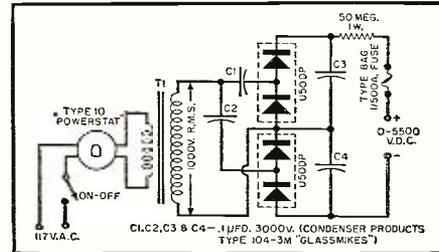


Fig. 8. High-voltage selenium cartridges.

"Powerstat." A *General Radio* 200B "Variac" may also be employed for this purpose.

The transformer has a 1000 volt secondary. Its output voltage is presented to a voltage quadrupler circuit composed of two U50DP doubler type selenium cartridges and capacitors C_1 , C_2 , C_3 , and C_4 . The d.c. output voltage is four times the peak value of the secondary r.m.s. voltage, minus the drop in the rectifiers.

The 50-megohm resistor in series with the positive output terminal limits the output current to 100 microamperes on external short circuit. The 8AG, 1/500 ampere fuse has a blow point of 3 ma. and protects the rectifiers in the event of a sustained external short circuit or overload.

A high-resistance d.c. voltmeter may be operated in parallel with the d.c. output terminals to monitor the output voltage. Where the use of such a meter is not feasible, however, the output voltage may be approximated from the measured value of a.c. voltage at the transformer primary. The following expression may be used: $E_{dc} = 5.65E_iN$. Here, E_{dc} is the approximate output voltage, E_i is the r.m.s. primary voltage, and N is the turns-ratio of the transformer.

Conclusion

Possible uses of high-voltage selenium cartridges are multitudinous. Many other types and sizes are available, four additional ones are shown in Fig. 8. We have selected those applications about which information is constantly requested. These are small-sized devices in which the elimination of tubes contributes lighter weight, cooler operation, smaller size, simplicity of construction, and ease of servicing.

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Mac's Service Shop

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I learned them in a hurry when I was putting together that scope kit that used two printed circuit boards. Too much heat there will cause the metallic conducting foil to separate from the board itself; so you have to be very careful not to use too much heat. What's more, in some places the conducting lines are quite close together, and an excess of solder means a short-circuit. The manufacturer suggests that you use one of the very small and light soldering irons of the solder-pencil variety on the circuit boards; so I tried this and found it worked reasonably well, but I also found you had to hold that light iron against some of the joints, especially the 'ground' ones that were surrounded by large areas of foil, for a long time to make a good joint. Finally I went back to my trusty old solder gun."

"How did you keep from overheating the printed circuit boards?"

"I held the solder gun against the wires protruding through the hole in the printed circuit board until they were hot. Then I dabbed the solder against these leads just opposite the solder gun tip. Almost instantly a little solder would melt and run down the short length of the wires to the foil, where it would instantly fuse to this foil that had been preheated through contact with the hot wires. This system was far faster for me than using the light iron; and anyway I just don't feel like I'm soldering unless I can hear the trigger of that gun click."

"Sounds all right to me," Mac commented; "and incidentally, it always worries me to see a fellow holding the tip of a solder gun against a joint while the tip heats, especially when that joint carries leads to units easily damaged by heat. The way to do it is to hold the tip off the joint for a second or so until it is hot and then dab it to the joint with the solder being applied almost simultaneously."

"Well," Barney said as he slipped off the bench and stretched luxuriously. "I guess we have reviewed the soldering situation pretty completely. As I get it, you are all in favor of making easy-to-remove joints in which the solder is depended upon to hold them solid, rather than making the joints mechanically solid."

"That's right. And don't forget to make neat-looking joints without too much solder. But don't go all out on this business of using a small amount of solder as one fellow did who brought a receiver he had put together for my inspection. He had barely tacked the connections together with a tiny speck of solder on each one, and you could break any of them loose with very little effort. The joint should be completely surrounded by a thin smooth layer of solder. It should be shiny and bright. If it looks dull and the solder



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POOR MAN'S PHONE PATCH

By STAFFORD E. DAVIS, W5HIM

MANY amateurs throughout the world are now making a definite contribution to military morale by handling third-party communications through their rigs. In many instances, the soldier's near relatives can speak with their GI through the medium of a phone patch. This is a means of connecting the amateur's radio equipment into the phone system so that the parties concerned can talk directly to each other without having a third party relay the conversation.

Unfortunately, the cost of such phone patches is beyond the means of many hams, including the author. A diligent search in the literature and intensive querying of the author's fellow hams produced the circuit shown in the diagram.

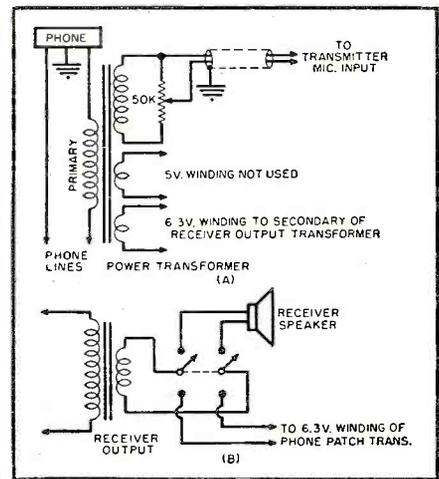
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When the phone patch is in use, the ham operator talks into the telephone instead of the microphone. Our thanks to W5KL, who has been using a similar phone patch since 1923, for the basic idea. This should convince even the most skeptical that the circuit has merit.

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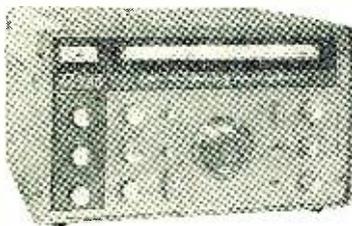
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This volume represents a basic color course for the practicing television technician. The text material is divided into three sections covering the principles of the color television system, color receiver circuitry, and the servicing of the color set. Those with training and experience in the servicing of black-and-white sets should have no difficulty in handling the material as presented since the book has been designed to be used for home-study as well as for the more formal training courses offered by schools.

There are about 500 illustrations in this manual, 126 of them in color. An appendix carries actual color picture tube displays, information on the use of several commercial color bar and white dot generators, and a glossary of color TV terminology. Test questions at the end of each chapter permit self-checking. The answers have been included to make the manual self-contained.

We believe that alert service technicians will find this a valuable spring-board to the new business and increased profits which are to be made in color television work.

"AUDIO AMPLIFIERS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT" by Sams Staff. Published by *Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc.*, Indianapolis. 288 pages. Price \$3.50. Paper bound, spiral binding. Vol. 7.

This volume provides complete servicing data on three preamplifiers, twenty-eight audio amplifiers, and sixteen custom AM-FM tuners that were released during the year 1955.

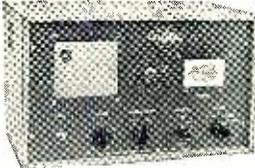
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"ELECTRONICS IN INDUSTRY" by George M. Chute. Published by *McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.*, New York. 422 pages. Price \$7.50.

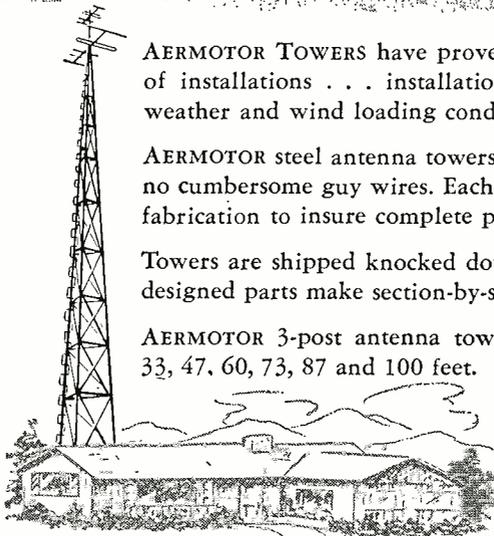
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"TIME-SAVING NETWORK CALCULATIONS" by Dr. Harry Stockman. Published by *SER Co.*, 543 Lexington Street, Waltham, Mass. 120 pages. Price \$1.75. Paper bound.

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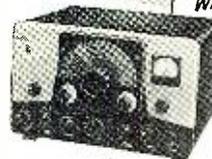
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"PRINCIPLES OF COLOR TELEVISION" by The Hazeltine Laboratories Staff. Published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York. 562 pages. Price \$13.00.

This is an engineering text which covers the basic concepts of the production and transmission of the color signal. Based on the continuing series of technical reports that have emanated from the Hazeltine Laboratories over the past few years, this volume is a compilation and up-to-date picture of the entire subject.

The text material covers light and photometry, color perception, color space and color triangles, colorimetry, color in a TV system, required information content, characteristics of the eye, choice of color components and their interleaving in the composite signal, the production of the composite color signal, synchronization, nonlinear amplitude relations and gamma correction, FCC color standards, equipment for producing the transmitted signal, color receivers, decoders for three-gun displays, decoders for one-gun picture tubes, and test and measuring methods.

From the listing of contents, it is obvious that this book is directed toward a readership with advanced technical training. Practicing engineers, students in the graduate engineering faculties, and research engineers will derive the greatest benefit from this work. A fairly comprehensive mathematical background and a familiarity with engineering theory and the techniques of monochrome television are prerequisite and have been assumed by the authors.

"WIRELESS SERVICING MANUAL" by W. T. Cocking. Published by Iliffe & Sons Ltd., London, England. 263 pages. Price \$4.00. Available in U. S. from The British Book Centre, 122 E. 55th Street, New York 22, N. Y.

So popular is this work with radio service technicians that it has been necessary to issue a ninth edition of this volume. Ever since 1936 technicians have been consulting this work for practical suggestions on coping with day-to-day troubleshooting and servicing problems.

This newest edition has been revised and the circuitry and illustrative material brought up-to-date to reflect current developments. Among the new material included in this edition is data on a.f.c., push-pull amplifiers and negative feedback, the servicing of frequency-modulated v.h.f. receivers, an-

tenna-ground systems, the use of CR test gear, and the handling of extension loudspeakers.

Those who have used this manual in the past will welcome this new edition with enthusiasm and those who are not yet acquainted with Mr. Cocking's straightforward presentation of his subject matter have an interesting experience ahead of them.

"BLOCKING OSCILLATORS" edited by Alexander Schure. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., New York. 60 pages. Price \$1.25. Paper bound.

This is a straightforward discussion of an often neglected and often misunderstood circuit, despite the fact that such circuitry is to be encountered in various types of electronic equipment.

The text material is divided into four chapters covering a description of the operating features of such circuitry, both popular and detailed descriptions of the operation, and applications for blocking oscillators. As a specialized work, students, technicians, and practicing engineers will find this book helpful.

LOST—ONE TRAIN!

By CAPT. ROSS A. SHELDON, K4HKD

FROM hunting transmitters to hunting trains is quite a jump—but not for Alabama Emergency Net "P" which meets daily at 6 p.m. (CST) on 3955 kc.

When train Number 20 of the Southern Railway out of Mobile was overdue Sunday morning, July 8th, officials, knowing of flood conditions along the route, sent out a call for amateur radio operators to aid in finding it. K4CEM, a railroad employee, telephoned W4BFX from the depot at 0900 and W4BFX immediately went on the air alerting the members of the net. Net manager K4AOZ activated the net and took charge as net control station.

W4OBV-mobile was in Marion over the weekend and took the call, telephoning the Marion, Alabama police department which, in turn, relayed to the police in Jackson and alerted the highway patrol. It was established that Number 20 was missing somewhere between Jackson and the town of Suggsville. Meanwhile, W4CJW heard the alert on the Alabama Emergency Net frequency and switched over to 40 meters to catch a station he had been in contact with in Evergreen, W4FDZ. W4FDZ called the Evergreen police who also relayed the call into the Jackson police.

Forty-five minutes after the request was given to K4CEM, a Jackson police squad car found the stranded train trapped between two washouts and unable to move. The information was radioed back through police and amateur channels to Southern Railway officials.

The fine cooperation of hams and local police and railroad officials thus quickly allayed fears of the railroad and relatives of passengers as to the train's safety.

Bouquets to the Alabama Emergency Net and the quick thinking of its members. Stations participating in the operation were: K4AOZ, K4CEM, W4PXQ, W4HKK, W4CJW, W4BFX, W4OBV, W4FDZ, and W5ZLP.

Tube Saver Triples Tube Life

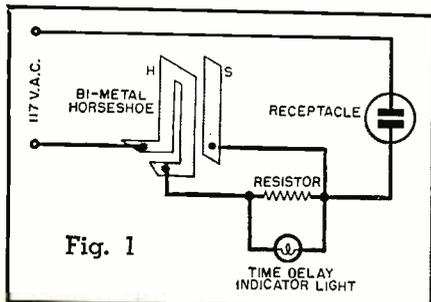
EVERY time current is switched on in a radio, TV set, or other electronic equipment, destructive surge currents rush through tube heaters and cathodes. There is no question that these initial surge currents are destructive. In television servicing today it is estimated that a great majority of breakdowns are due to defective tubes. The same is true of other types of electronic apparatus both commercial and military. Laboratory tests have shown that initial surge currents in intermittently used vacuum tubes are to blame for 70% of normal tube deterioration and virtually all burnouts. To prevent such failures, or at least to delay them, a method is needed by which the in-rush current could be controlled, slowed, or delayed until heaters are warm enough to handle full current. By reducing the starting heater voltage to about 60% of normal for 10 seconds, tube life may be more than tripled.

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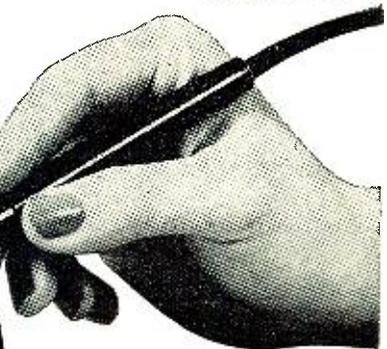
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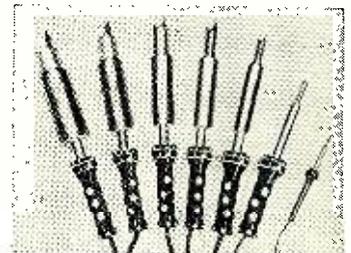
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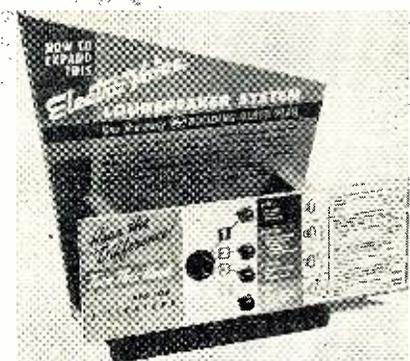
chandiser, the "L-6," free with any order of three or more of the company's all-transistor miniature radios.

Modern in design, the display enables customers to hear and play the radios as well as see them. The sets can be picked up and handled but cannot be stolen, thanks to tiny, semi-concealed chains that attach to the back of each case. These chains are separate and need not be used if the merchandiser is employed for window display purposes.

Full details on this free merchandiser deal are available from the company's distributors or from the manufacturer direct.

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Electro-Voice, Inc. of Buchanan, Mich., has developed a unique sales tool which helps dealers demonstrate



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TONE ARM BANNER

Gray Research & Development Co., Inc., of Manchester, Conn., has issued a colorful 16" x 20" wall and window banner to its dealers. This new sales aid points out the salient features of the firm's 108C viscous damped tone arm.

BIGGEST TUBE?

The Tube Department of General Electric Company is making sure that motorists on the Chicago-Florida Highway 231 are aware of the fact that Owensboro, Ky., is the home of one of its tube plants.

The company has had a 200,000 gallon water tower constructed in the shape of a 6BK7 miniature tube. Since the actual tube measures about two

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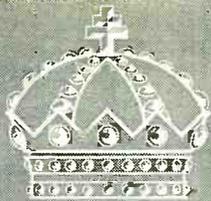
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Service Industry News

FORREST L. BAKER of San Antonio, Texas, president of the recently-formed American Electronic Council, in an address at the Electronics Fair held by the Texas Electronic Association, pointed out that the independent service industry is powerless to stem the tide of manufacturer centralized service in metropolitan areas without the cooperation of the dealers who sell the sets.

"Independent service," he said, "can meet the challenge of centralized service through the efforts of local associations cooperating with dealers and in strong state associations. The American Electronic Council will coordinate the activities of its member state associations and provide a national public relations program for the benefit of individual shops. Through the AEC the stronger state associations will help their sister associations improve their influence in their own states. The AEC will be able to win dealer cooperation through their liaison with dealer associations at the national level."

Baker, a very successful operator of an electronic service business, pointed out that service people must take a realistic view of the seriousness of the competitive situation that is rapidly developing. Recent announcements by prominent manufacturing executives have emphasized that only "six to eight" receiver manufacturers will be left in the field when the current re-adjustments are completed.

There has been a steady trend among set manufacturers to provide factory-controlled or factory-managed consumer service. When the entire consumer market for TV sets is divided up among a handful of manufacturers, it will be possible for all of them to get a high enough concentration of users of their brands in metropolitan areas to make centralized service profitable.

Baker also called attention to the most recent developments in the financing of the sales of color TV sets. Announcements by banks that the cost of the service contracts will be included in the 36-month financing they will provide for color TV, sets the stage for manufacturer domination of the consumer service market through centralized service depots.

The Television Service Association of Metropolitan Washington, D. C., is also seriously concerned with the inroads manufacturers' service depots are making on the business normally handled by independent service shops. Norman R. Selinger, chairman of the program committee, is contacting other associations on the eastern seaboard for information about the activi-

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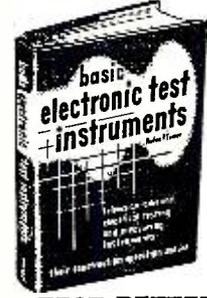
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ties of set manufacturers in their areas in soliciting television service work.

On the other hand, some of the Pittsburgh, Pa., independent service operators feel that set owners who have had experience with manufacturers' depot servicing are now turning to independent shops for good, efficient service. Tom Scholler, writing in the RTSA "Video Scope" related:

"Real good news for local community service shops. The consumer is now looking for local reputable service shops. His reasons, according to an impartial survey, are definitely clear as crystal. They want a personal man whom they can ask a question and get a straight answer. They want his opinion on what they should purchase. They want more for their money than a tube replaced, a bill made out, and a fast-retreating technician.

"They want us to sit down and explain the why's and wherefore's of television in simple language. They do not wish to wait two or three days for a man to appear. They do not wish to wait longer than two or three days to get their sets back, unless it is due to a *bona fide*, honest reason. They prefer (whether we like it or not) to have a replacement set while theirs is tied up. They are willing to pay professional rates for a professional job.

"The fellow writing this article had occasion to make a call on a person possessing a paid-in-full factory service contract. I was not aware of the contract until after the repair, so I asked point blank why she called us. The customer replied that her neighbor had recommended us because we had made a fast, efficient repair of her set. She said we are a local outfit and seem to be interested in our work and in our customers. Since this incident we have practically monopolized a whole city block of service customers.

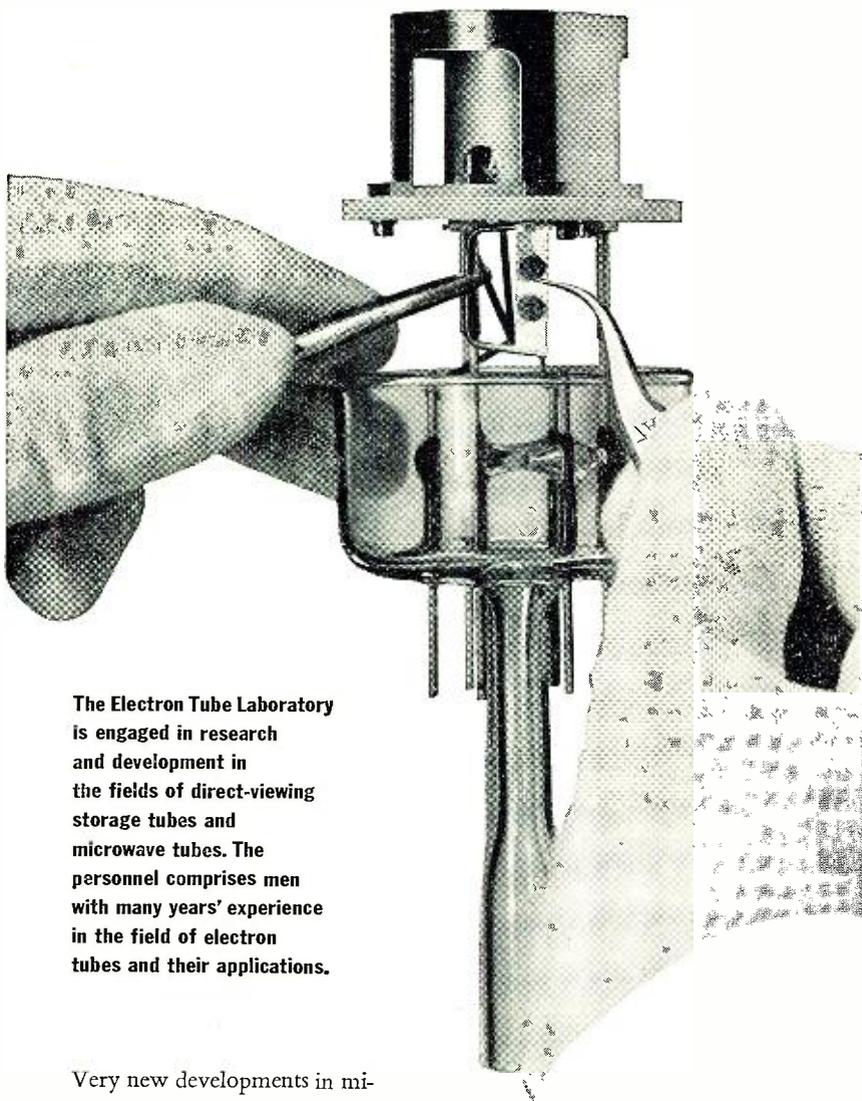
"Here is another observation that some readers may be interested in. We have heard quite a number of pet names that owners apply to their TV sets. A few are 'Hanging Gardens,' 'Bucket of Bolts,' 'Stripped-Down Charlie,' etc. None of them is intended to compliment the set or its manufacturer. Somehow or another, it might be that these names fit. If I were you men, I would give a customer a straight, honest answer when she inquires about buying one of these sets, and recommend a set that you know to be good. If you know a receiver is going to require more service than some other make, give her a straight answer. If she is interested in a set that has a pet name, change her mind. She deserves to know.

"One final note is this. We have a good crop of set discounters. The maker uses these characters to shove his junk on the market. One such discounter attempted to get us to use our time and talents to get one of his customers a new picture tube for one that was four months out of warranty. He supplied the customer with his letterhead and a fake sale date.

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Association News

Frank J. Moch has just resigned from the post of president of TESA-Chicagoland which he has held for the last eight years. The resignation came as a result of his recent serious illness which was occasioned by overwork. In resigning, Moch stated that the demands of the presidency of NATESA and TESA-Chicagoland have grown so vastly as to become full-time jobs. Mr. Joseph Blink, formerly first vice-president, will assume the duties of the presidency for the balance of the unexpired term. Mr. Moch will retain the post of chairman of the board.

The Associated Radio and Television Servicemen of New York (ARTSNY) announces establishment of a color TV clinic which will be held at P & L TV, 220 Knickerbocker Avenue, New York City. The clinic will be directed by Mr. Henry Levine and will be held on Wednesday evenings. The black-and-white television clinic will be transferred to R.N. TV at 663 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

At a meeting in Greensboro, N. C., recently, the ground work was laid for an association of TV and radio service shops in the central part of the state. The meeting was called by the High Point Radio and TV Technicians Association and was attended by about thirty men from Greensboro, High Point, and Winston-Salem. For the time being, the group will be known as the Tri-City Technicians Association. Temporary officers elected to serve for three months are Jim Hornaday, president; Van Sickles, vice-president; Joe Woods, secretary; and C. B. Steele, treasurer.

All full-time service shops in the area are invited to join—membership is not limited to the three cities mentioned. It is hoped that in the future, this group may serve as a basis for a state-wide organization. Meetings will be held monthly and correspondence should be addressed to Joe Woods, 1708 Spring Garden Street, Greensboro, N. C.

A dynamic color demonstrator nicknamed the "Iron Monster," has just been presented to the Society of Radio and Television Technicians Inc., of Van Nuys, California, by its builder Irving Tjomsland of Dean's Electronics of Burbank. The demonstrator is actually an inside-out color set with all circuitry exposed to facilitate teaching the troubleshooting of such receivers. All circuits are unitized so

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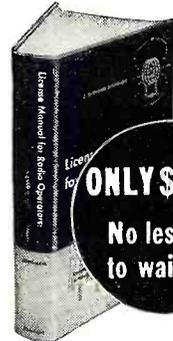
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The Radio and Television Guild of Long Island has accelerated its promotion of the "Electronics Fair" to be held on December 6, 7, and 8 at the New York State University in Farmingdale, L. I. Exhibition space for interested manufacturers has been set up together with plans for color television promotion and lectures on many topics. According to the Guild, a preliminary poll of prospective exhibitors has been most gratifying. All booths are the same size but combinations are available. Address inquiries to Box 87, Bethpage, Long Island, New York.

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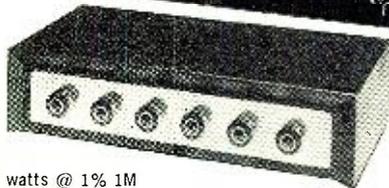
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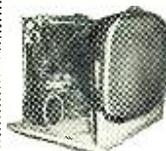


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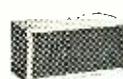
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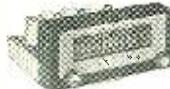
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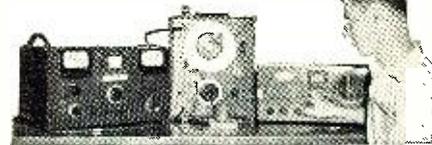
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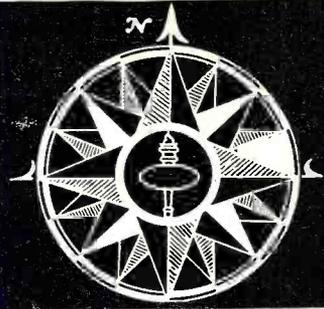
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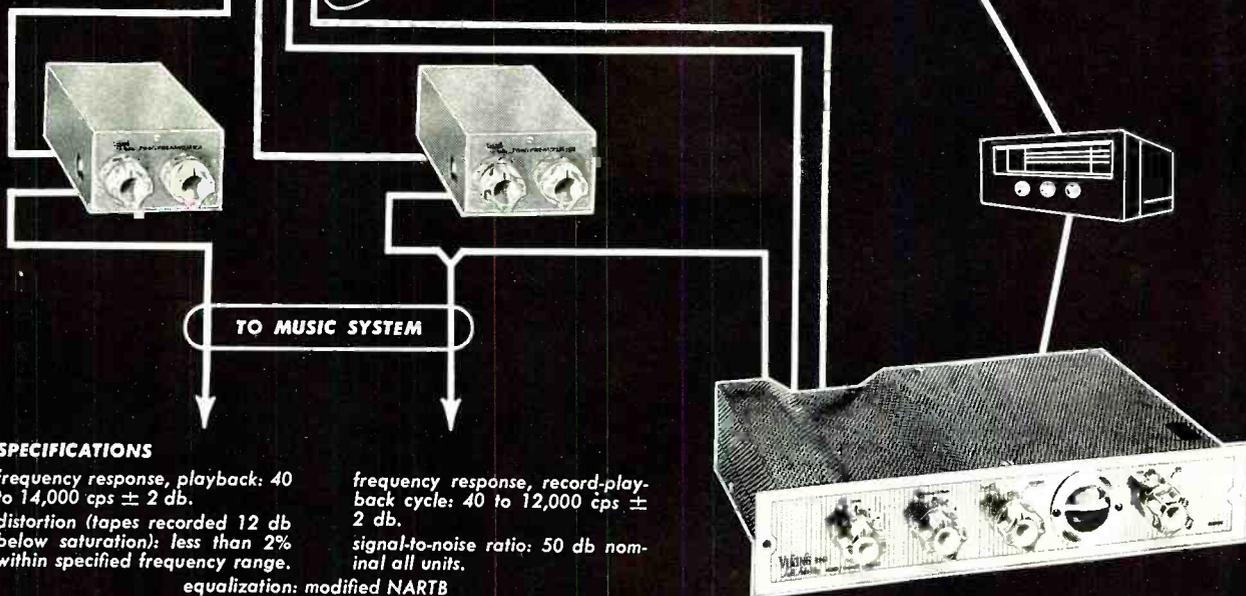
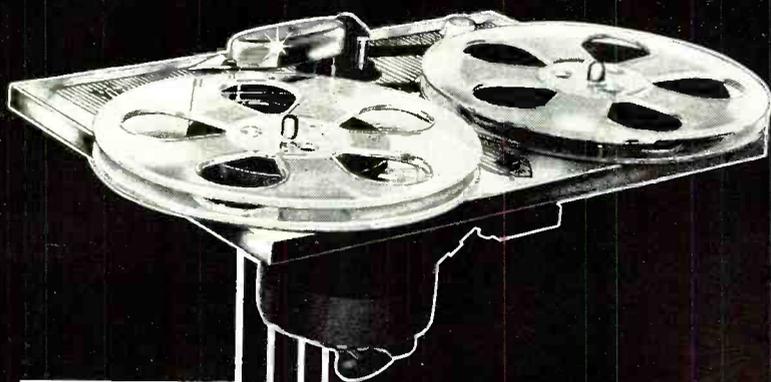
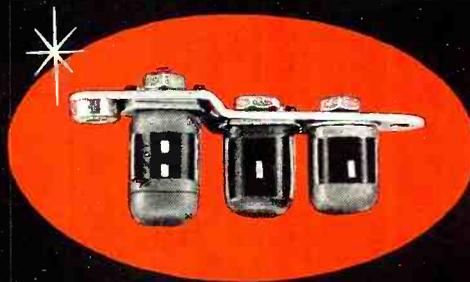
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SPECIFICATIONS

frequency response, playback: 40 to 14,000 cps \pm 2 db.
 distortion (tapes recorded 12 db below saturation): less than 2% within specified frequency range.

frequency response, record-playback cycle: 40 to 12,000 cps \pm 2 db.
 signal-to-noise ratio: 50 db nominal all units.

equalization: modified NARTB

The Viking FF75SR deck provides in-line heads for playback of stereophonic tapes. It provides half track erase and record/playback heads for extended range monaural recording and playback.

Use the FF75SR with a single RP61 Record/Playback Preamplifier and two PB60 Playback Preamplifiers as shown. This combination provides for professional quality recording from microphone, phono and radio sources, plus extended range reproduction of stereophonic tapes.

This same deck may be used with a pair of matched stereophonic record/playback preamplifiers (RP61 and slave amplifier, RP61-S) to provide monaural erase-record operation, stereophonic recording of bulk erased tapes and playback of stereo tapes.



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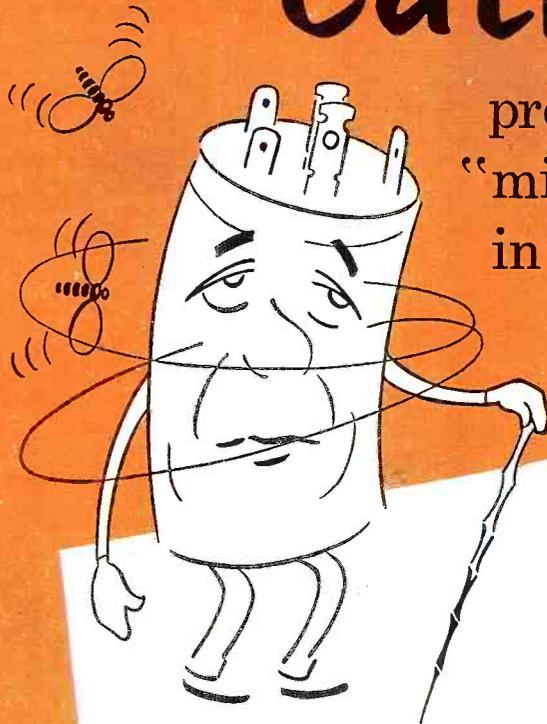
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