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This month's cover photograph shows the Ferguson ICC7 chassis as fitted in Model A59N. See article on pages 98-102.
Our apologies for the cover printing error Goodmans Model CTV9200 should read GTV9200. See page 123.

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Because of space difficultics with the present issue we have had to hold over several items we had planned to include.

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## Times of Change

There are times when you can positively feel that things are hotting up. Such a time is right now, when much is becoming possible technically and those with power, resources and, most important of all, foresight are on the move. We are talking about exploitation of the ever-expanding possibilities offered by cable and satellite systems.

There have been times in the past when cable has been seen as a great prospect - the famous wiring up the UK business in the early Thatcher years for example. But at that point cable was seen primarily as some sort of interactive system that was going to revolutionise our way of life. That was not realistic. If you want people to buy a complex communications system, it has to have a large entertainment element - people won't buy a highly sophisticated and more expensive version of the perfectly adequate telephone. There are times when a technological advance has occurred but there is no obvious market for it, and times when there's a potential demand but the technology isn't right, i.e. it can't meet the demand at an acceptable price. Things begin to buzz when advances in technology coincide with genuine market prospects.

What has happened this time round in the cable field is that digital technology and in particular signal compression techniques are enabling vast quantities of information to be fed down cables economically. So you can offer a service such as video-on-demand, which has an obvious attraction for the punter. All he needs is a modem/decoder, which can be arranged with a chip or two, enabling him to select from a range of programming with a tap or two on his remote control unit.

Hence the merger moves between cable and telephone companies in the USA, also programme providers. It all makes sense, since there are cost advantages when entertainment, telephone and other services can be provided using a single infrastructure. There are certain complications in the UK, because regulation differentiates between the delivery and the provision of services. But ways will be found round what will increasingly look like an artificial distinction. If cable TV services can offer a telephone link as well, why can't BT and others provide entertainment services?

There's logic in all this and there are willing investors. There seems little doubt that we shall see a considerable expansion in the provision of communications/entertainment services to the domestic market over the next few years. Satellite services will play a part and could in some respects offer competition - VOD via satellite has already been proposed.

Interesting to reflect that it's now just ten years since Eutelsat I Fl entered into service - on October 12th. 1983. It was soon followed by Eutelsat I F2, which is about to be retired. At that time, back in 1984, it was thought that these two satellites would satisfy all likely European satellite telecommunications needs. Times do change like!

Another anniversary is with us this month (December): it's twenty five years since the start of regular colour TV broadcasting in the UK. Colour was slow to take off, being confined to BBC-2 initially. Once ITV and BBC-1 appeared in colour a TV boom was on, helped again by technological advances that brought down the cost of sets. It is perhaps hard to realise that a hand-wired colour TV chassis (the ITT CVC1) with a prodigious valve complement went into production in those early years. But 1967 was a time of considerable change as transistor technology advanced, making all solid-state receivers a practical proposition. Once the problems of high peak voltages had been sorted out, valves became redundant. The first TV chips were then being introduced - and domestic video, albeit in reel-to-reel form, had put in an appearance. As always, once technology and demand match up, times change.

# TV Fault 

Reports from Philip Blundell, AMIEIE, Ian Bowden, Chris Watton, John Edwards, Brian Storm, Steve Cannon, Alfred Damp, Hugh Allison, John Hepworth and Richard Newman

## Grundig CUC3400 Chassis

Dead with the 800 mAT d.c. fuse SI624 blown and the BUT11A chopper transistor T661 short-circuit is generally an easy fault to deal with in these sets. The cause is usually dryjoints on the Ipsalo (combined chopper/line output) transformer TR665 or faulty snubber network diodes (D663, D664 and D666). It wasn't on this occasion however. The power supply worked fine when the set was in the standby mode, but when it was brought on the chopper transistor went shortcircuit. This was a later production set, in which BYV16 diodes are used in positions D663/4 while D666 is a BYD33M (they are all BA159s in the original version), but we nevertheless replaced them. A replacement TDA3640 chopper control chip and 4.7 nF capacitor (C653) also made no difference. Another change in later sets is that C667 is $2 \cdot 2 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ instead of $0 \cdot 1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$. The $2 \cdot 2 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor had dried up.
P.B.

## Philips Anubis B-AA Chassis

The picture had a horizontal grey line superimposed on it. Scope checks in the field output stage showed that the field scan waveform had an oscillation on it. C2413 (10nF) was found to be open-circuit.
P.B.

## Toshiba 2505DB

For field collapse check whether there is a ramp waveform at pin 15 of the TA8739P field generator/EW correction chip IC371. If the waveform is missing the chip is probably faulty.
P.B.

## Philips CP110 Chassis

If the 140 V h.t. supply is low at $60-70 \mathrm{~V}$, check whether $\mathrm{C} 2661(2,200 \mu \mathrm{~F})$ is open-circuit. This is the reservoir capacitor for the chopper control circuit. Fit a Philips replacement, part no. 482212421511 - standard capacitors won't work in this position.
P.B.

## Grundig CUC4620 Chassis

For field collapse with a small amount of scan above and below the line, check whether the $0.33 \Omega$ safety resistor R525 is open-circuit and diode D7001 short-circuit. P.B.

## Panasonic TX21T1 (Alpha 2 Chassis)

Faulty tuning was the reported fault. The picture looked as if the tuning was slightly off: there was a mainly dark screen with zigzag lines, though some signs of chroma would flash up intermittently, and the sound was muted. As the tuned channel readout was correct we took a look at the i.f. signal at the input pins ( 8 and 9 ) of the vision and sound i.f. chip IC101. It looked fine - a stable field-rate signal could be seen. But the demodulated output at pin 3 wasn't recognisable as a video signal. We scoped the 39.5 MHz waveform at the pins ( 22 and 23) for the synchronous demodulator's tuned circuit and found that it was missing. As the coil wasn't open-circuit and the capacitor wasn't short-circuit we replaced the chip. This produced no
improvement. The capacitor was the next item to be replaced, but still no luck. When a new coil was fitted we had a healthy 200 mV peak-to-peak waveform at both pins and normal operation.
I.B.

## B \& O MX1500

This set couldn't be tuned: when the sweep tuning was activated you could see where there were transmissions as the snow would momentarily change to a virtually blank screen, but the set wouldn't stop at any of them. We connected an external d.c. supply to the tuner's varicap bias input and set it to a point where very weak vision could be seen, then used a scope to check the output (pin 16) from the i.f./detector can. This showed that a very noisy signal with no sync pulses was being fed to the BC548 video emitterfollower transistor 7070. A second video output (pin 18) from this can is fed to the scart socket. We moved the scope to this pin and found that the signal here was perfect. The next clue to the cause of the trouble was the fact that the 5 V d.c. level at pin 16 seemed to be excessive. When the pin was disconnected from the print the 5 V was still present at the print. This suggested that the emitter-follower transistor 7070 was faulty - in fact it was leaky from collector to base.

After fitting a replacement transistor the set was tuned up and left on soak test. Next morning we found that all the preset stations had gone - the rechargeable memory supply battery was short-circuit.
I.B.

## Panasonic TX21M1T (Z4 Chassis)

The fault in this set was very intermittent - we had to run the set for several days before it started to occur. The symptom was that the picture's chroma content would intermittently drop to a low level or disappear altogether. As soon as the back cover was removed the fault cleared, but we found that we could instigate it by some careful flexing of board C . When the fault was present the input to the chroma processing chip IC601 (pin 5) disappeared, though it was still present at the output from the chroma source changeover switching chip IC2651 (switches between tunerderived chroma and $S$-video input chroma). The cause of all this trouble was an intermittently open-circuit $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ surface-mounted coupling capacitor, C2651.
I.B.

## Saisho 250R

The problem with this set was intermittent loss of sound and vision. After much prodding, flexing, tapping, heating and cooling we eventually traced the cause to the TV/video slide switch on the back cover. This suprised us as its action was positive and there was no picture disturbance during a good waggle test.
C.W.

## Hitachi CPT1476

No colour was the fault here. We found that the voltage at the colour control pin 5 of IC501 was only 0.7 V . It should vary between about 1.8 V for minimum colour and 3.8 V for

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maximum colour. Correct voltage readings were obtained at the slider of the colour control, the cause of the fault being the decoupling capacitor $\mathrm{C} 507(2 \cdot 2 \mu \mathrm{~F})$ which was leaky. C.W.

## Grundig CUC41 Chassis

There was sound but no raster. Checks showed that the supplies to the line driver and output stages were correct, but there was no line drive output from the TDA2595 chip. Replacing this restored the picture.
C.W.

## Orion CT3

There was a very dark picture with no colour. The contrast control worked backwards and, when visible, the highlights were negative. The voltages at pins $44,45,46,47$ and 48 of the huge video/colour decoder chip were all incorrect, but fitting a new chip made no difference. After checking scores of components in this area I finally replaced the CSB500F2 ceramic resonator X401. This cured the fault. It would seem to me that there had been a mishappen gating pulse within the chip.
C.W.


#### Abstract

Alba CTV746 This set was 'dead'. There was 300 V at the input pin of the STR54041 power supply chip IC 105 but nothing at any of its other four pins. As a new chip made no difference we checked the resistors in the power supply and found that R220 ( $270 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ) and R 223 ( $150 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ) were both open-circuit. New resistors in these positions brought the set back to life, and refitting the original power supply chip proved that it was o.k. So the new one went back into stock. J.E.


## Toshiba 210T6BZ

The problem with this set was intermittent partial field scan. We found that all five pins of the scan coil socket P570 were dry-jointed.
J.E.

## Panasonic TX24A1 (Alpha 2 Chassis)

This set led me a merry dance. At switch on the sound was completely muted. But the effect lasted for only about ten minutes and wouldn't return until the next day. On the first day I established that the fault was on the mute line. On the next day I reached another board, and on the following day yet another. I finally arrived at the front $M$ board, but after painstaking tests this board proved to be faultless. The culprit was Cl 206 on the main board. It's the standby 5 V reservoir capacitor, in the supply to the front control panel.
B.S.

## Philips D16 Chassis

This set came to us with the complaint that the on-screen display (OSD) would intermittently appear of its own accord. Not only that but in addition the picture would go off intermittently. We put the set on soak test. After about ten minutes the picture blanked out then reappeared a moment later with the OSD programme number displayed. This went on with increasing regularity until the set seemed to shut down altogether. When it was turned off then on again the fault had cleared.

It seemed at first that the cause of the fault might be in the power supply, but the give-away was the slight 'tick' that could be heard a fraction of a second before the picture went off. We quickly traced the cause of the fault to the c.r.t. base panel, where the focus spark gap was the culprit.

As is usual in modern sets, this is incorporated into the tube base socket. When a replacement socket had been fitted the set worked perfectly.
S.C.

## Philips FL1.9/1.1AD Chassis

One of these sets displayed an error code and there was no Nicam sound. The flashing LEDs that gave the error indication were those for power-on, standby and language-1. The manual tells you what all the possible error indications mean: this sequence of flashing LEDs indicates that the stereo decoder chip IC7600 is faulty. A previous dealer had already replaced it however. Checks around the chip showed that its power supply was o.k. but the 10 MHz clock signal at pin 4 was missing. A new 10 MHz crystal, X1602, solved the problem and the Nicam sound came booming out.
S.C.

## Sony KV2092

The sound would intermittently alter on its own accord, or the volume control wouldn't operate correctly with the volume bar, the sound jumping in fits and starts. It took us a time to pin the cause of this fault down: D016 was eventually found to be leaky.
S.C.

## Hitachi CPT2176 (G6P Chassis)

The set was tripping, which is an unusual fault with this chassis - the power supply usually either works or it doesn't. Surprisingly the h.t. voltage was constant at 110 V . What was actually happening was that the line drive was pulsing. It comes from the M51338SP colour decoder/timebase generator chip IC501, and checks here showed that the start-up voltage at pin 24 was pulsing. This comes via D913 and Q904 which are on the secondary side of the power supply. Q904's base is in turn under the control of the standby switching transistor Q905. We found that this transistor was being switched on periodically, in turn switching Q904 off so that the set couldn't start up. When Q905's base was disconnected the set started up and everything worked correctly, except that there was of course no standby operation.

So we moved across to the microcontroller chip 1C1101 and connected an oscilloscope, on a very low-speed setting, to pin 30, the power-control output that goes to the base of Q905. The voltage here could be seen to rise to 5 V , stay there for a second or so, then return to zero. It seemed logical to suppose that the cause of the fault lay in the microcentroller chip's start-up circuit or reset line. The latter is connected to pin 16 and is controlled by transistor Q1102. At switch-on the 5 V rail rises and C1101 $(2 \cdot 2 \mu \mathrm{~F})$ in this transistor's base circuit charges. The sequence is that Q1102 then switches on. C1 101 discharges. Q1 102 switches off and IC1101 resets. What seemed to be happening was that the reset line was being held low for too long. This curious fault was cleared when we replaced C 1101 . S.C.

## Panasonic TC15M1F (Z4 Chassis)

The complaint with this portable set was of rolling from switch-on. When I switched it on it worked perfectly however. I ran it for the morning, switched it off then switched it back on later in the afternoon. This time the fault was present. Off came the back and 1 dived in with heat gun and freezer. It seemed sensible to concentrate on IC601, the video processor/timebase generator chip, which is on the small, vertical panel. It didn't tale long to find that the culprit was C402 in the field oscillator section. It's a $3 \cdot 3 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ tantalum type.
connected to pin 34 . Once a replacement had been fitted repeated cold starts showed that the fault had been cured. S.C.

## Salora 1H6 (lpsalo 1)

The set was completely dead. This didn't surprise us, but there was no 28 V supply from the power supply despite the fact that the VSTART line and the line drive were o.k. Usually the 28 V supply is there unless there's a fault on the primary side of the power supply. This was the case: we soon found that the Ipsalo transformer's primary winding, between pins 1 and 2, was open-circuit. A new transformer restored normal operation.
S.C.

## Tatung 140 Chassis

This set's power supply was tripping. Cold checks were carried out on the components in the line output stage but everything here seemed to be in order. So we tried the power supply with a dummy load. It still tripped. Cold checks on the resistors and semiconductor devices cleared them all of suspicion. I then wondered whether to try replacing the TDA4600 chopper control chip or check the various electrolytics in the circuit. Having got this far with cold checks, I decided to persevere and struck lucky first time - our Hameg component tester showed that C808 $(100 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 25 \mathrm{~V})$, which is connected to pin 9 of the chip, had a slight leak. Replacing it restored normal operation. I've since found that this component causes similar problems in Grundig sets.
A.D.

## Sony KV21XMTU

The complaints were of a faint picture and intermittent loss of the picture on changing channels. The first fault was cleared by resetting the contrast control. We then put the set on soak test. It worked happily for several days before the second fault showed up. When the channel was changed the screen blanked in the usual way and the new channel selection number was then displayed, but the screen stayed blank and the displayed number had jagged edges, suggesting that there was no sync. These sets also blank the screen when there's no signal input to the tuner. While the fault was present I tried the tuning and found that only channels at the top end of the band could be tuned in and that they couldn't be stored. Next time the fault occurred I was able to get some voltage readings around the memory chip IC 1003. Pin 2 should be at -30 V , but in the fault condition only about -15 V was present here. After a lot of dry-joint resoldering I found that L807, in the -30 V feed, was going open-circuit intermittently. A.D.

## Eumig VM512

"Repair it regardless of cost" the ageing rock star said. "It's part of my security system. Oh, and tart the case up a bit get rid of the white bits."

Shock set in as he roared off in his Lamborghini. Well, you don't hear "regardless of cost" every day. I'm not proud: it went straight to the front of the pile. The VM512 is a monitor that's built to run 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Repair was dead easy. Massive hum bars indicated that the trouble was in the power supply, where the 12 V output had 2 V of ripple on it and sat at 17 V . What had happened was that the set -12 V potentiometer had cracked in half: a new one restored the Eumig's normal sharp picture.

It was the "get rid of the white bits" that was the problem. The substantial case is made of aluminium which was originally sprayed black. I guess that the white bits
were aluminium oxide. As I reached for the phone to get a few 'paint job' quotes in comes Kevin, on the scrounge. As he indelicately listened to my phone call he wrote down "I'll do it for free". He grabbed a tin of 3-in-1 oil and rubbed the oil into the paintwork with a rag. He then sat back. The Eumig looked the same.
"Silly bugger" I said.
"Wait" he said.
Ten minutes later the white bits had, slowly, turned black. It looked immaculate. I'm assured that the paint doesn't come off two days later - it was a new one on me. H.A.

## Bush 2515T

This 15 in . set uses the Siemens self-oscillating chopper circuit. The dead one that came in had, predictably, a shortcircuit chopper transistor and open-circuit $270 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and $4.7 \Omega$ resistors. When they had been replaced however the set was stuck in standby. Instead of using a relay for the standby function, the 12 V regulator chip's chassis connection is made via a switching transistor, Q809. When this transistor is switched on the 12 V regulator (IC803) works: switch it off and the 12 V supply is lost, the set going to standby. The cause of the fault was the regulator, a new LM317T restoring normal operation.
J.H.

## Sanyo CTP6144

The problem with one of these sets was excessive brightness. We found that R478 was open-circuit.
J.H.

## Akai CT2179UK

This set came in with an intermittent blanking problem - the screen would periodically blank off in strips. Sometimes odd coloured dots would appear, at other times the screen would go completely blank. Scope checks showed that the video signal was present during the blanking periods. In addition there $w$ as a perfect video signal at the scart socket. I eventually found that the blanking signal at pin 11 of the TDA3505 video processor chip IC201 went missing or was replaced by a lot of noise. Replacing this chip made no difference. The blanking signal comes from pin 25 of RIC01 (SPH113). There were no further problems when one of these had been obtained and fitted.
R.N.

## Akura CX10 (Nikkai Baby 10)

The complaint with this 10 in . set was "flashing on ITV and BBC-1". The effect looked like a.f.c. hunting. As a circuit diagram was not available I had to play this one by ear. The fault appeared only when the set had been working for about half an hour, and I found that it would go away if freezer was applied around the i.f. screening can. I removed the screen but couldn't find any faulty components. Quite by chance I discovered that slight adjustment of the a.g.c. potentiometer cleared the fault. There seemed to be a critical point at which instability occurred.
R.N.

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## At the Berlin Show

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The 1993 International Funkausstellung (IFA), which was held in Berlin during August, attracted 740 exhibitors from 33 countries and had a display area of 103,500 square metres. Though the recession has hit Europe hard there were lots of new products and developments to be seen in the field of consumer electronics.

## Television

The biggest TV news at the Show was the signing of an agreement which will lead to the establishment of European digital TV standards (see Teletopics last month). Over eighty European organisations signed the Memorandum of Understanding on digital video broadcasting. The European Digital Video Group that's been set up plans to use the MPEG-2 digital video compression standard which was agreed earlier this year and covers data rates between 2 $15 \mathrm{Mbits} / \mathrm{sec}$, giving broadcast-quality pictures. The DVG's first task will be to set standards for digital cable and satellite decoders with a view to starting services in 1995.

There was also big news on the PAL Plus project, with Sony being the first Japanese company to join the group and Spanish and Italian companies expressing interest in joining. PAL Plus is an enhanced version of PAL featuring 16:9 aspect ratio pictures, CD-quality digital sound and improved picture quality thanks to the elimination of cross-colour effects. The system is partly compatible with the existing 4:3 PAL, though sets using this standard would display only 432 active picture lines, producing a letter-box effect. The PAL Plus group, which includes Philips, Grundig, Nokia, Thomson and a number of European broadcast organisations, has been carrying out test transmissions via cable, satellite and terrestrial transmission systems.

While the results have been mainly positive a paper presented by the chief engineer of Granada TV noted that there were problems in the UK - the ITV companies and the ITC are concerned about viewers' reaction to letter-boxing. The signs are that viewers will tolerate $14: 3$ pictures though 16:9 broadcasts generate a fair number of complaints fewer from Channel 4 viewers because films have been transmitted in letter-box form on this channel for some years. German companies are keen to press ahead with regular PAL Plus transmissions from 1995, when the first consumer receivers are due to be shown at IFA 95.

No final decision has been made by UK broadcasters. But will the drive to develop digital TV systems make PAL Plus irrelevant? The group argues that there are over 120 million PAL TV sets in Europe and that it will be twenty years before the system becomes obsolete. PAL Plus is being promoted as a 'bridge' between analogue and digital systems: broadcasters and viewers may however prefer to wait for digital TV.

The flat-screen TV you can hang on the wall is still some way off, but Panasonic showed a remarkable set, the TH14 F 1 , which has a 14 in . flat-panel display with a depth of less than 10 cm . It uses a beam-matrix system, now known as Flat Vision, that Panasonic first demonstrated in 1989. The system operates by dividing the screen into a matrix of approximately 100,000 'mini screens', with each of these having a separate electron beam. Screen size is 272 x 202 mm , with a 330 mm diagonal measurement: it has 442 x

440 pixels. Power consumption of the receiver is 85 W . Panasonic plans to develop larger, wall-hanging models, also models that produce HDTV-quality pictures. The TH14 F 1 goes on sale in Japan this autumn/winter at an equivalent price of about $£ 1,800$.

Plenty of wide-screen TV sets were being shown, including Sony's first European 16:9 receiver, Model KWHD3215D. It uses a Super Trinitron tube that's designed to show 525 -, 625 - and 1,250 -line pictures with a 100 Hz display rate. The set has two satellite inputs and a 'golden scart' socket for HDTV and PAL Plus decoders. Price is around $£ 6,500$.

Philips showed 28 and 32in. wide-screen sets, Models 28PW960A and 32PW960A respectively, with a 100 Hz picture rate, picture-in-picture and switchable digital noise reduction. Samsung's WP3200 16:9 set has two tuners so that two channels can be displayed at the same time.

Philips showed a multimedia 16:9 TV set that can be used to display PAL or VGA pictures and is designed to work with desktop PCs. There were lots of sets with built-in Dolby Surround decoders, and quite a few 'designer TVs' a lot of work has gone into making many sets look a little different.

Grundig had a number of interesting developments on show. Megatext is a new teletext decoder that offers improved graphics and a palette of 4,096 colours, while Megatron is a newly developed picture tube that has an antiglare and antistatic coating to leave the screen dust free. This is made possible by conducting away the electrostatic screen charge that is normally created when a tube is driven. But my favourite set was a Grundig model that automatically censors programmes. This works by using VPS (Video Programme System) teletext and an electronic child-lock system. In Germany the programmes broadcast by all the state and some independent TV stations contain an identification code that's buried in the VPS signal. If this code signifies an adult programme the set automatically switches the picture off. Parents can watch the programme by keying in a four-digit code number.

## VCRs

Germany has caught the VideoPlus habit - virtually every new VCR features this easy-to-use timer system, which in Germany is known as ShowView.

Sanyo's new Digest Play feature allows tapes to be played at double or triple speed while the sound is maintained at the correct pitch. The system even works at the times five and nine speeds in the reverse mode. Details of how it works are sketchy, but some form of digital processing is involved.

Samsung claims to have reduced the circuitry in its new Model VXK356 by over ninety per cent. This has been made possible by mounting all the components normally on five PCBs on just one and reducing the number of link circuits from twelve to two. It's claimed that this greatly reduces noise. The VXK356 also has a built-in tape door sensor to detect foreign objects: if a child pushes a toy into the slot a voice message gives a warning and advises the operator what top do.

The Siemens FM728, Grundig GV280S and Mitsubishi

HS-E82 have RS232 sockets for interfacing with a PC: the decks are designed for editing, and contain time-code systems for frame-by-frame manipulation.

## Camcorders

The Video 8 system is strong in Germany, accounting for around 65 per cent of the camcorder market. It was not surprising to find that Philips has launched two new Video 8 machines. Model M820 which includes a $x 8$ zoom lens, $x$ 16 digital zoom and a remote control handset, and Model M870 which is a $\mathrm{Hi}-8$ model with hi-fi stereo sound.

Sony's CCD-SC5 Handycam was the camcorder of the show. It weighs just 640 g but includes an optical viewfinder and a 3 in . colour LCD screen and built-in speaker for checking shots or playing prerecorded tapes. The screen folds away when not in use: it can be set in various viewing positions. The CCD-SC5 is to be launched next spring at around $\mathfrak{£} 1,300$.

## Multimedia

Philips showed the first CDi titles with digital fullmotion video (see Teletopics), also the Digital Video cartridge, Model 22ER9141, which converts a basic machine into a digital video player - price of the cartridge is around $£ 150$. The video pictures were impressive, looking better than VHS quality. Philips also demonstrated CDi movies with wide-screen pictures and Dolby Surround sound, though these won't be part of the first set of titles. The company revealed that the first CDi movies have been 'optimised' for CDi and will not be compatible with the Video CD format, which is designed for movies and music videos. The CDI210 home player and CDI350 portable model were on show.

Panasonic showed the FZ-1 REAL 3DO multimedia player which was launched in the USA this autumn and is to appear in Europe next spring. It's a 32-bit machine (CDi uses 16 -bit technology) with a special graphics chip set, but the pictures and graphics were disappointing.

Pioneer showed its LaserActive format, which combines an hour of analogue video with 600 Mbytes of data. LaserActive machines can play an array of discs including LaserActive. Laser Disc and Laser Karaoke, also Sega games cartridges, CD-ROMs and audio CDs. The company showed various games titles and an 'electronic encyclopedia'. LaserActive is to be launched in Europe next year: the price of a player will be about $£ 530$. A plug-in cartridge to enable the machine to play Sega software will cost about $£ 330$ while LaserActive software will be priced at around $£ 60$.

Samsung displayed a PAL/NTSC Laser Disc machine, Model DV550KP.

Sony hasn't given up hope for its Data Discman electronic book format. A new machine, Model DD30DBZ, was on show. It has a 16-bit processor (previous models are 8 -bit machines), a built-in loudspeaker and a wider screen ( 11.2 cm diagonally). The company has also developed emulation software that will enable Data Discman CDROMs to be played with various computers such as ones using MS-DOS and Apple Macintosh machines.

Kodak's large Photo CD stand didn't attract much interest, but there were large crowds at the Sega and Nintendo stands where lots of computer games were being displayed. Nintendo announced that it will be developing a 64-bit games system with the US company Silicon Graphics: the system will be capable of virtual-reality games. A home system at "less than $\$ 250$ " is to be launched in the USA in 1995.

Philips announced the development of a prototype digital decoder for Video On Demand (VOD) services: the Home Interactive Multimedia Terminal converts $1.5 \mathrm{Mbit} / \mathrm{sec}$ digital TV signals to PAL or NTSC. The terminal is currently being evaluated by US broadcasters, telecommunications companies and programme providers. Philips expects the decoder to be used first in America. where telecommunications companies are experimenting with Video Dial Tone services: these deliver digital TV to the home via telephone lines.

## Audio

The Sony Mini Disc and Philips DCC formats were conspicuously present. Sony announced that $300,000 \mathrm{MD}$ players and three million discs have now been shipped (though it didn't say how many had been sold) and that around 850 titles are available, all these figures being worldwide. In-car MD systems were announced by Sony, including a dashboard unit that holds several discs. MD players on show included the JVC XM-D1 palm-top model. the Aiwa AMD-100, Samsung MY-MD5, Sharp MD-S10H, Sanyo MDG-P7 and Telelunken MDP1000.

Philips showed the DC 821 and DCC811 in-car players and DCC hi-fi systems. Companies that have both MD and DCC equipment included JVC and Samsung. Philips also mounted a remarkable demenstration that compared a 16 -bit DAT machine and a prototype 18 -bit DCC system. I'm no goldeneared hi-fi expert but the DCC player did sound clearer and sharper: Philips says that DCC could be made into an 18-bit system, so there`s scope for future development.

DAT isn't dead. Sony came up with the tiny WMD-DT1 that weighs just 200 g and fits into a top pocket. It uses Sony's non-tracking technology, has remote control and costs about $£ 350$.

## Miscellaneous

Apple, Sharp and Amstrad showed personal digital assistants (PDAs) - intelligent, electronic organisers that sort and store personal information. JVC had on show the neat ShowView programmer, which is the size of a cigarette packet. Nokia's Oscar-5 Omni System Cable and Aerial) is a small unit that makes it easy to tune in cable, satellite and terrestrial channels. It works with Nokia's stereo-plus TV chassis, using a set of i.c. cards to transfer data.

Philips' Voice Commander allows TV and video equipment to be controlled by spoken commands. The unit is the same size and shape as a conventional remote-control handset but incorporates speech-recognition software and a microphone. You first have to train the unit to recognise your voice. This is done by reading into the handset a list of words: Philips says that the process takes about half an hour. The Voice Commander can store words from four different voices. It uses a RC5-code library and according to Philips should work with most makes of satellite, TV and VCR equipment. Four AA batteries that last for about six months provide the power. The unit can recognise 40-50 words in five languages (English, French, German, Italian and Spanish - not Dutch) and can be used for a wide range of commands including VCR timer programming and TV channel changing. It also has an advert-skipping system. If you say "zap it" to the handset the VCR misses the next minute of tape then automatically goes into the playback mode. Philips showed an American handbook that specifies this feature, but it may not be present with the European version - Philips doesn't want to upset TV advertising companies.

# Lowdown on the Ferguson ICC7 Chassis 

J. LeJeune

The ICC7 chassis has a strong resemblance to its lowerpowered predecessor, the IKC2 (see April 1993 issue). A similar-style power supply is used, though the circuit differs and will be described in this article. Field output is provided by a TDA8178F chip instead of the thyristo: arrangement used in the IKC2. The TA8659CN chip is retained for luminance and chrominance signal and deflection processing. As it doesn't provide for auto grey-scale correction a subassembly is interposed between this chip and the RGB output stages. Audio is handled by one or two TDA2030 chips depending on whether the receiver has mono or stereo sound. Because of its large-screen drive capability raster correction is incorporated. Top-of-the-range models also incorporate teletext and Nicam sound. As with all Ferguson ranges in recent years, there's no simple non-remote control model.

Experience has shown that once a few early hiccups had been sorted out the chassis has proved to be reliable. When you encounter problems on a chassis with which you are
unfamiliar they always seem to be worse - and the more reliable a chassis, the less experience one is going to have with it! Power supply and field output problems have dominated the fairly sparse $\log$ of faults we've diagnosed and fixed.

The chassis layout is also similar to that of previous designs and thus has a familiar look to it. Location and repair of faults is fairly difficult. We hope this article will ease any problems that those handling these sets may experience.

## The Power Supply

The power supply is of the chopper type with the transformer providing mains isolation. As the operation of this type of supply has been gone over many times in other articles we'll confine ourselves to specific points worth noting with this particular design.

Fig. I shows the circuit. At switch-on RP06 provides a


Fig. 1: Power supply circuit, Ferguson ICC7 chassis. Some component values depend on tube type.


Fig. 2: Action of the pulse-width modulator transistor TP54.
start-up feed, charging CP22 so that the TEA2261 choppercontrol chip IP01 is provided with a supply at pin 16 . When the voltage here reaches about 7.5 V IP01 wakes up and begins to supply, via CP24, short drive pulses to the chopper transistor TP29. By this time the mains bridge rectifier's reservoir capacitor CP 06 has been charged to approximately 350 V . Voltages now develop on the secondary side of the chopper transformer.

On the live side, winding 9-10 feeds rectifier diode DP17 which develops 13 V across CP30. This is applied via the potential divider RP30/RP37 to pin 6 of the chip, the voltage here being 3 V when full power output has been attained.

CP19 controls the soft-start phase of the powering up, which commences at switch on and is terminated when the voltage at pin 9 reaches 3 V . A source within the chip charges CP19. It's rapidly charged to 1.5 V , at which point the production of drive pulses for the chopper transistor commences. These are narrow at first, broadening gradually to raise the outputs from the chopper circuit to the normal levels. During this period CP19 charges at a slower rate until the voltage at pin 9 reaches 2.75 V . At this point the mark-space ratio of the chip's drive-pulse output stabilises at $60-40$ per cent. CP19 continues charging until the voltage across it reaches $3 \cdot 1 \mathrm{~V}$. This completes the soft-start sequence.

Provided the receiver has been switched off whilst at full power and not in the standby mode, the microcontroller chip IR01 will produce an enable PO (power on) output at pin 20 and the line output stage will be operational. We'll see how this works later. Note that the enable output is 0 V , with 5 V at pin 20 giving the standby condition.

## Regulation

The key item in the voltage regulation system is transistor TP54, which acts as a pulse-width modulator. Pulses from pin 11 of the line output transformer are integrated to provide a constant-amplitude sawtooth waveform at the base of TP54, whose emitter voltage is set by transistor TP53. Thus the point at which TP54 switches on during the sawtooth waveform at its base, and the timing of the pulses produced at its collector, depend on the conduction of TP53. The receiver's main h.t. rail US is sampled by the potential divider network RP51, PP52 and RP52 - PP52 atts as the set-h.t. control. TP53's emitter voltage is held constant by zener diode DP55, with DP54 in series to provide temperature compensation. Thus TP53 acts as a conventional error voltage detector. Fig. 2 illustrates the action of this part of the circuit. TP54 drives TP69, which provides a regulationpulse input at pin 2 of IP01 via the isolating transformer LP42.

The h.t. voltage US should be either 145 V or 155 V depending on the type of tube fitted, flat-square or planar respectively. If the h.t. voltage falls, the action of TP53 and TP54 results in wider drive pulses being fed to the base of
the chopper transistor TP29 which therefore remains on for a longer time during each duty cycle, increasing the energy supplied to the chopper transformer. The h.t. is thus restored to the correct level. The opposite action occurs should the h.t. voltage rise. Regulation is very close, and because of the tight coupling of the windings that feed the 24 V and 7 V rectifier diodes DP65 and DP66 these supplies are also closely regulated. The exception is the supply for the audio amplifier(s), UA: the winding that provides this is loosely coupled to the transformer's core to avoid audio modulation at high volume levels because of the class $A B$ operation of the audio output stage(s).

## Protection

The chopper transistor could be at risk during the start-up sequence should there be a short-circuit across the 7 V or 24 V supply, since the current-limiting provided by IP01 is then inoperative. In the event of an overload during this period the voltage at pin 9 of IP01 rapidly rises to $3 \cdot 1 \mathrm{~V}$, providing quick termination of the soft start. TP20 transfers the soft-start pin voltage to pin 3. As a result, the chip's drive pulse output is removed.

If the start-up sequence is completed successfully, the chip's excess-current sensing input at pin 3 is switched to look at TP29's emitter voltage, which is developed across the resistor chain RP4()-45. This occurs when the voltage at pin 9 falls back to the full-power running level of 0.7 V , switching TP20 off. Thus TP20 is present only to bring about excess-current shutdown during the start-up sequence, particularly during the transition to regulation of the secondary-side voltages.

If there is more than a transient overload the increased voltage at pin 3 will shut down the output from the chip.

Over-voltage is sensed at the chip's supply pin 16: an internal voltage-threshold detector comes into operation to remove the output when the supply voltage is excessive. To prevent unnecessary tripping because of transient overloads CP27, which is connected to pin 8, provides a trip timeconstant.

A further protection circuit senses conditions in the line output stage: we'll deal with this later.

## Standby Operation

When the receiver is switched to standby the voltage at the microcontroller chip IR01's PO pin 20 rises to 5 V . This shuts down the line drive, acting on the TA8659CN signals/deflection processor chip IV01 via the switching transistor TRI8 (see later). Since the line output stage is now inoperative, there are no pulses to provide an input at the base of TP54 and the power supply's load is much lighter. Logic circuitry within IP0) detects the absence of a line-frequency pulse input at pin 2 and selects 'neutral gear'. i.e. the standby mode.

Regulation of the output by sampling the voltages at the secondary side of the power supply is no longer possible. This task is taken over by DP17. CP30, RP30 and RP37. These components provide at pin 6 of IP()l an input which is a sample of the chopper transformer's output. The values of RP30 and RP37 are such that the output voltages are held at about 80 per cent of the normal running figure. RP27 provides feedback to an error amplifier in IP01, setting the gain and thus the 'tightness' of the control.

IP01 now operates in the 'burst-fire' mode, delivering an output that consists of bursts of approximately 21 kHz pulses - this ultrasonic frequency was chosen to prevent those with good hearing being disturbed by the burst-fire operation. As
the output from DP17/CP30) rises, the volage at pin 6 of $[P(0)$ will reach a level that inhibits the production of more 21 kHz pulses. The output from the chopper transformer and thus DPI7/CP30 then falls back and the pulse output is restored. As a result. the bursts of pulses occur at a frequency of about 100 Hz - determined by the standby load on the power supply, the mains voltage and circuit tolerances.

RPI 7 provides a.c. feedback to pin 1 of $|P()|$ so that it can detect \%ero crossings of the pulse output from winding $9-10$ of the chopper transformer.

Protection is provided should there be a short-circuit across the 7 V or the UA line in the start-up and standby modes. If there's a short across the 7V line D67 will conduct, removing the 6.3 V supply at the emitter of TP53. This puts the power supply in the standby mode, but the chopper transistor would still be at risk. So D68 also conducts, which has the same effect as the microcontroller chip producing a power-on output: the line timebase thus comes into operation, adding to the current demand on the power supply. The chopper excess-current protection will then shut down IP0I. TP20 receives at its base 3 V from pin 9 of IP01 and by emitter-follower action feeds 2.4 V to pin 3. holding the power supply drive off. A short across the UA line will make DP69 and DP70 conduct. protucing the same results.

## PO Switching

This brings us to the bit of circuitry that enables/disables the line timebase, see Fig. 3. In the standby mode the microcontroller chip IROI's PO pin 20 is at 5 V . Since TR16 has 5 V at its base it is held off. TR 18 is also off. When the on command is given pin 20 of IR01 falls to 0 V and TR16/18 switch on, providing a 14.7 V supply at TR $18 \%$ s collector. This is reduced and regulated by RL46/DL46 to produce a 9 V supply for pin 40 of the signals/deflection processor chip


Fig. 3: The power-on switching circuit.

IVOI. enabling the line gemerator circuitry. As noted above. conduction of DP68 or DP7() in the power supply will also switch TR16/18 on.

TRI7 provides protection should there be a short-circuit across the 14.7 V supply, by monitoring the voltage across RRI8. Excessive current will switch on TR17: TR18 will then switch off since its basc-emitter bias has been removed.

## Line and Field Drive

Fig. 4 shows in block diagram form the sections of IV01 that produce tine and field drive signals. A composite video signal is fed to the sync input pin 33. The sync separator feeds lime-frequency pulses to the line phase comparator.


Fig. 4: Block diagram of the timebase generator sections of IVOT.
whose other input (at pin 38) is a sawtooth obtained by integrating line flyback pulses. This loop caters for any time delays introduced by late switching of the line output transistor TL19. and maintains a centralised raster at varying levels of average beam current.

The master oscillator uses a 500 kHz crystal. QL45. which is comected to pin 37. This oscillator's output is divided by 32 to obtain the 15.625 kHz line drive output at pin 39. division being done in two stages, first by eight then by four.

The output from the divide-by-eight counter is fed to the field-frequency counter and is also used to time the field sync window. This window is open only towards the end of the field scan. Thus impulsive interference is prevented from upsetting the field sync. The field-frequency counter generates pulses by division of the master oscillator's output, so a field drive signal of close frequency to the field sync pulses will be generated even in the absence of the latter. This aids rapid locking of the field timebase at the transition from the unlocked to the locked state. The arrival of a field sync pulse resets the counter to zero, after which the count recommences. The field drive output appears at pin 31.

## Line Driver and Output Stages

The line drive output from IV0l is fed via DL17. CL16 and RL16 to the base of the line driver transistor TL17. Fig. 5 shows the driver and output stage circuitry. A protection circuit, connected to the junction of DL17 and CL16. removes the line drive under overload conditions - we ll return to this later. The line driver stage is conventional. with transformer LL19 coupling the drive to the base of the line output transistor TL19. RL18 and CL18 damp the transformer's primary winding and prevent ragged raster edges.

The line output stage is also conventional, but differs from the IKC2 chassis in incorporating an EW diode modulator. The drive for this is obtained from the TDA4950 chip IG01

## Safety Circuit

Fig. 6 shows the protection circuit that removes the line drive under various fault conditions. Zener diode DV08 monitors the voltage conditions in the line output stage, being connected via RV08 to the 13 V supply. In the event of excess voltage here DV08 and TVO2 switch on. TV()2 provides forward bias for TV01, which also turns on. linking the junction of DL17/CL16 via DL16 and DV01 to


Fig. 5: Line driver and output stage circuitry. Some circuit details vary with tube type.
the 14.7 V supply from TR 18 (see Fig. 3). As a result DL17 is reverse biased and the drive to TL17 is removed. RV09 provides a hold-on bias for TV02 so that the circuit latches on. There is also a stop power (SP) feed to DP57 in the power supply, and a tube blanking feed via DV47 to the CDI panel (see later).

In the event of a short-circuit across the 24 V rail CV02 will discharge negatively, switching on TV01. Once again TV01/2 latch on and the SP line goes high, putting the power supply into the standby mode.

The circuit also monitors the beam current, via zener diode DVO2. Excessive beam current will switch on DV02/TV01/TV02, removing the line drive to protect the tube and the line output transformer.

## The Field Timebase

The field drive output from the IVOl chip is ased to switch a transistor on to discharge the field charging capacitor, which is charged from the 200 V rail. The ramp thus produced is a.c. coupled to the TDA8178F field output chip IF01 via an emitter-follower buffer transistor. The i.c. operates in the conventional manner: an internal switch selects a 65 V supply, derived from the line output transformer, instead of 24 V during the field flyback. There is no field hold control.

Failures in the field timebase have been due mainly to short-circuit diodes - DF 16/17/18/19 associated with the chip. If DF16 goes short-circuit 65 V will be applied to the 24 V rail, with the result that the line driver transistor TL17 is overrun. Thus it pays to check TLI7 if you have to replace DF 16 .

## Signals Circuitry

The signals circuitry follows the same lines as in the IKC2 chassis, with a TA8659CN i.c. to carry out colour


Fig. 6: The protection circuit.
decoding and RGB insertion/switching. There are however differences between the Nicam and non-Nicam versions of the chassis. In the Nicani version the vision and sound i.f. signals are handled separately. In mono sound sets an intercarrier sound signal is obtained from the vision demodulator in the conventional manner. A frequency-synthesis u.h.f. tuner is used. with the vision i.f. output at 38.19 MHz .

The audio amplifier circuits are conventional and include anti-plop components. Audio and video auxiliary input switching arrangements vary between the two versions of the chassis but are straightforward and needn't concern us here.

## Video Circuitry

The CDI2000 panel that's interposed between the colour decoder chip IV01 and the c.r.t. base panel provides auto grey-scale tracking. There are two chips here. ID0] (TA8751N) contains the grey-scale system. IDI2 (MC14053BCP) is a line and field flyback driven switch that provides blanking in conjunction with the black-level preset PDII, since IVOI does not provide a black-level reference during the field flyback.

Selection of internal (off-air) or external composite video and teletext or external RGB signats is accomplished by the teletext decoder and scart interface assembly, which can accommodate $S$-VHS inputs as wetl. A small rotary switch through the rear cover enables this latter option to be selected: note that if this switch is mis-set to a position midway between S-VHS and composite video the result can be very low or even no chroma at all with an off-air signal.

Conventional d.c.-coupled complementary-symmetry RGB output stages are used, mounted on the c.r.t.'s base panel. Fig. 7 shows the red channel. During the warm-up period the D line, from Iransistor TDII on the CDI panel, goes high to blank the screen by cutting off the video driver transistors TTII/21/31. DT03, DT04 and CT03 provide spot quenching at switch off. During normal operation CT03 charges to 150 V via RT03 while DT04 is held on via zener diode DT03. At switch off the 200 V supply collapses rapidly. DT04 switches off and CT03 places a high negative potential on the tube's grid assembly.

## Teletext

Full-specification teletext decoding is provided by a three-chip Fastext system. The decoder panel incorporates an MCI4013 chip (IV3() that divides the field sync by two


Fig. 7: Part of the tube base panel circuitry, including the red output stage.
to give a 25 Hz output. This is amplified and inverted by transistor TH 01 and is fed to the field timebase, during teletext operation only, to remove the interlacing and prevent vertical jitter. TH01 is enabled during teletext operation by an input from the microcontroller chip.

The RGB outputs from the character generator, plus monochrome text for the FB line (used for insertion of text into the picture in the mix mode), are buffered by four emitter-followers before being passed to the RGB inputs of IV01 on the main chassis.

## The Microcontroller Chip

The microcontroller chip IR01 is a dedicated, 6-bit CMOS device that controls all the receiver's functions. The small bubble keyboard has a four row by five column crosswire matrix that's scanned by IR0I's PA and PB ports. There's an 8 MHz clock oscillator and a second oscillator, operating at around 6 MHz , that's used for the on-screen

## CD Player Casebook

## Philips CD150

If the problem is distortion and hum, check the -18 V regulator IC6315.

## Philips CDV475/05R

This machine was dead though a whistling noise came from the power supply. Checks in the power supply showed that there were a lot of dry-joints and that C2017 ( $470 \mu \mathrm{~F})$ was short-circuit.
P.B.

## Sony CDPM26

It made a change to repair a player that didn't have a laser or a turntable motor related fault. The ticket said "not reading disc". When the machine was switched on the laser hit the disc quite hard and nothing else happened: the turntable didn't rotate and there was no laser diode light. I
display graphics. Several of IR0I’s pins are not used in UK models - they operate the standards-selection circuitry with multistandard models.

## Servicing Aspects

Pin 20 is possibly the most important of IR01's pins since it controls the standby switching. When pin 20 is open-circuit the receiver can operate in only the standby mode. With pin 20 open-circuit the engineer can at least check that the primary side of the power supply is operating satisfactorily.

Lifting one end of DL17 removes the line drive. Since the line output stage is now no longer being driven, any 'dynamic' faults in the line scan circuit and the output transformer will disappear. If the power supply shuts down totally in this condition there could still be a d.c. leakage problem in the transformer.

Don't forget that isolating pin 20 of IR01 will remove its control over the power supply, so any problems related to IR01 will no longer have an effect.

Tripping can also be caused by DP55, the zener diode in TP53's emitter circuit.

Failure of the power supply to start up at all is usually because DP28 is leaky or short-circuit or IP01 is internally shorted between pin 15 and chassis.

We've encountered few faults in other parts of the receiver. Failure of diode DL42, which is associated with clamp pulse pin 35 of IV01, will remove the luminance and chroma signals. No colour is usually caused by the 4.43 MHz crystal QC66, which can become 'sticky". Remember that IV01 is a multistandard decoder chip that may take a moment or two to perform the correct colour system identification. This results in an occasional slight delay in the appearance of colour and is not a fault.

Finally, breakdown of the small bubble keypad at the front of the receiver is fairly common. The usual result is continuous programme stepping accompanied by a continually changing on-screen display of programme numbers. You can leave the keypad ribbon cable disconnected and use the infra-red handset to control the receiver.

## Contributions from John Hepworth Mike Leach, and Philip Blundell, AMIEIE

got out the circuit diagram and checked the voltages in the power supply. Those around the f.e.t. Q1 and chip ICI2 were all wrong, but changing these devices made no difference - the laser lens still hit the disc hard at switch-on.

Further voltage checks showed that the -5 V line was sitting at -9 V . I followed the circuit through to ICl which incorporates both $\mathrm{a}+5 \mathrm{~V}$ and a -5 V regulator. Replacing this item cleared the fault and after fitting a new loading belt the machine worked perfectly.
M.L.

## JVC CAE37BK

The complaint with this fairly new midi system was that the repeat and programme lights on the front panel worked intermittently. On test the repeat facility appeared to work but the indicator wouldn't show. Luckily both symptoms were simply due to the fact that the LEDs on the front board had never been soldered. Although it was an obvious and easy fault, I thought it worth a mention as there could be a batch of these unsoldered ones out there - and any information is good information!

## Camcorner

## Reports from Simon Bodgett and David C. Woodnott

## Grundig VS8300

This Sony clone had a cassette jammed in the mechanism, minor scuffs and case stress. There were no emergency codes in the EEPROM and there was no tape damage. Perhaps the battery went flat?

Another of these machines had no camera output, or so it seemed until some video noise led us to the conclusion that the iris was closed. It's not uncommon with this model - oil from the zoom motor seeps into the iris vanes. The lens has to be carefully stripped and cleaned. I've never had to replace any parts to cure this problem.
S.B.

## Ferguson 3V50

When this camcorder was put into the record mode it remained in constant pause, with no camera operations. In this model the camera stop/start trigger is interlinked with vertical drive pulses to the camera control chip. There were no VD pulses because the camera SSG chip was faulty. S.B.

## Some Panasonic Repairs

An NVMC6 was brought in because there were no EVF pictures in the camera mode. We found that a zener diode in the camera power supply had failed.

The trouble with an NVM5 was much easier to deal with. The complaint was of a dim picture: no one had noticed that the high-speed shutter was in operation because a ribbon cable was only partly into its connector. There was a much more difficult fault with another NVM5: the capstan motor produced sound warble in the record mode, but not much warble with playback. A misleading fault if ever there was one. The culprit was eventually found to be C2004 in the PWM integrator circuit. It was cracked - but not visibly so until it was removed!

According to the fault report an NVMS95 wouldn't always load a tape. According to me the drum often wobbled instead of rotating. A clear indication that a new drum assembly was required.

Defective transistors (T1006 and T1007) in the power supply regulator are the cause of flicker or intermittent camera pictures with the NVMC20. The recommendation is to replace them both. This is (a) if you can find them and (b) if you are equipped to remove them from the PCB without damage - their collectors are soldered to it.

An NVS5 chewed tapes and turned itself off. Sensible camcorder. As the capstan motor's stator had a damaged ribbon cable it was replaced.

Failure of a thermal fuse removes the ability of a VWAMC5B charger to charge a battery: a zener diode in this unit has to be upgraded from 15 V to 18 V .
S.B.

## JVC GRS77

One of these camcorders would play, with all the associated functions, but wouldn't record. After exploring other possibilities, such as the record switch, we found that the record button on the control panel was faulty.

Another GRS77 had been got at. It recorded in monochrome only. There were actually two faults, one in the camera head and one in the VHS standard record
section. The luminance record/playback chip ICl had been replaced but nothing had been set up. For alignment purposes laser-trimmed resistors have to be removed and preset controls fitted. Resistors R384 and R362 in the encoder oscillator were rough: the colour problem was sorted out when these were replaced and excess flux was removed. Realignment of the luminance record/playback problems cured the other fault.
S.B.

## Sharp VLC650 and VLC690

A line on the playback picture with a VLC650 indicated that the video head switching was inoperative. A new servo chip had to be fitted. The complaint with a VLC690 was that it damaged tapes. It required a new cassette housing, take-up drive and pinch roller.
S.B.

## JVC GRS707

The 8 V supply had failed. This was probably because the owner had a faulty AV lead or had made misconnections to the AV socket. Special care is required when replacing the regulator transistor - its collector tab is used to solder it to the print.
S.B.

## Sony CCDTR75

The caution light just flashed. The software said that the capstan motor wasn't going around, which was correct. A new one was required
S.B.

## Sanyo VMD6P

A common fault recently has been lack of colour in two or three bands across the playback picture. Most of the picture is normal, the 'no-colour' lines (sometimes shaded blue) being stationary and each approximately twenty lines deep. The fault is very intermittent but continues for the duration of a recorded sequence. A new sequence may or may not display the symptom when played back. The cure is to replace the 28.375 MHz crystal X901 on the CA1 PCB.
D.C.W.

## Canon VM1E

A common fault with this old-timer is no camera picture, either being recorded or through the viewfinder. We've previously reported that the cause can be a leaky or shortcircuit electrolytic in the -6 V supply to the camera's preamplifier circuit. Recently we had a case where another capacitor across this rail, but this time inside the preamplifier's screening can, was the cause. It's C11, $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 6.3 \mathrm{~V}$.
D.C.W.

## Sony CCDTR75

Iris vane jamming can be a problem with this model, the result being either no picture or an over-exposed one. The usual cure is to clean the mechanism, but careful inspection of the iris motor ribbon cable may show signs of straining, with a possible poor connection.
D.C.W

# Long-distance Television 

Roger Bunney

September was a wet and dismal month throughout the UK, with minimal ionospheric and tropospheric activity. In the past September has usually featured enhanced tropospheric propagation: not this time! Here's the rather dismal log:

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4/9/93 RTP (Portugal) chs. E2 and E3; TVE
    (Spain) E2-4; TVE-2 E2; Canal Plus L2.3.
5/9/93 DR (Denmark) E3; TVE E2-4.
7/9/93 TVE E2.
12/9/93 RAI (Italy)IA.
15/9/93 DRE3.
25/9/93 TVE E3,4.
26/9/93 DR E3; TVE E2. 3.
28/9/93 DR E3:TVE E2, 3.
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Slight tropospheric lifts were noticed, mainly along the south coast, on the 19 th and 23 rd , with Band III/u.h.f. reception from the Benelux countries and, on the earlier date, an unusual signal - RTL (Luxembourg) ch. E7.

The Perseids meteor shower in mid-August was several times above average. During the peak around the $11-13$ th there were very strong, sustained signal pings. A prearranged transmission between amateur stations VE1HD (Canada) and G4CQM (UK) on the 11th produced recognisable s.s.b. signals, above the noise level, in Canada - a first for the 144 MHz band (actually $144 \cdot 49 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) at some $4,100 \mathrm{~km}$. During that night European Band II f.m. stations were heard in Canada, though not identified.

In the June column I mentioned multiple-hop Sporadic E reception $(93.9 \mathrm{MHz}$ f.m.) by Todd Emslie (Sydney, Australia), thought to be a signal from Hawaii. The station has since been identified - reception was rather less dramatic, from VL2NI-FM, Norfolk Island.

## News Reports

UK: The BBC's Digital Audio Broadcasting tests at 226 MHz (see Teletopics last month) could cause problems for TV-DXers, particularly those living in London and East

Kent. Use of fillers or stagger-phased aerials should help.
Ch. E2 interference in the Isle of Wight may be caused by the 48.06 MHz IW Radio link to the m.w. transmitter east of Newport. The vertically-polarised transmissions have been received as far east as Hastings! Radio France also uses Band I studio-transmitter links, the frequencies employed being $50.05,50.075,50.1$ and, 50.125 MHz .
Greece: The government has announced the franchise licence awards for private broadcasting. National channel operators will be Mega Channel, Nea Teleorasis, Star TV, Antenna TV and Seven X. Super Hellas, TeleTora and Tele City will operate in Athens, Macedonia TV in Thessaloniki and TV-100 in the Macedonia region. Nearly ninety groups. applied for licences. National broadcaster ERT has been given permission to relay satellite programming.
Poland: The second channel will use PAL from January 1st, 1994. Compensation is to be paid to those with SECAM receivers.
Italy: As all pay-TV operators are to be confined to cable and/or satellite transmission terrestrial TV operator Telepiu has been ordered to cease transmissions within twelve months.
Germany: A previous report that the powers of many v.h.f. transmitters are to be raised to 500 kW e.r.p. was perhaps optimistic: maximum powers remain at 100 kW for v.h.f. and 500 kW for u.h.f. Dudelange (Luxembourg) ch. E7 uses 130 kW e.r.p. however.
Switzerland: S-Plus has taken over from Telecine TCR on ch. E69. Telecine is to move to satellite operation as Cinevision. S-Plus also operates on chs. E38 (Geneva) and E52 (Montreux). The authorities have confirmed that no daytime 50 MHz amateur operation is to be permitted: night-time operation at up to 100 W is allowed with certain restrictions.
Jordan: The ch. E3 JTV transmissions now have teletext.
Ghana: A new private broadcaster, Hi-Tech Vision, is operating in Accra on ch. E35, the transmitter power being 100 kW . The transmissions are scrambled. Tema City is to operate similarly on ch. E55 and further stations will be in Kumasi (1994) and Sekondi (1995).

## Satellite TV

Eurovision's headquarters have been moved from Brussels to Geneva: a new identification, EVC-G, will now be seen. The Portuguese RTP International service has been transferred from Eutelsat II F3 to II F2 at $10^{\circ} \mathrm{E}(11.66 \mathrm{GHz}$ vertical).

Following the success of the Threshold Extension circuits now being fitted to receivers, an Austrian firm has intro-


Left: Sky SNG feed test pattern received by John Locker via Eutelsat I F2 at 25.50. Centre: YLE/TV4 (Finland) FubK test pattern. Photo from Petri Popponen. Right: Russian first programme clock, received by Ryn Muntjewerff in Holland. Note the 1 in the bottom right-hand corner.
duced a new unit called 'Sparkling 1-Spike Killer'. It takes the video output from a satellite receiver and returns the processed signal via the normal video loop, removing black and white noise spots, stabilising the colour and carrying out resynchronisation. A 'cleaning control' is provided to adjust for optimum picture quality. The unit requires a $16-18 \mathrm{~V}$ d.c. supply, consuming 300 mA , and is available from Telelab Laboratories Vienna, Paniglgasse 20, A-1040 Wien, Austria.

Antenna Hungaria plans, with an Israeli partner, to launch a 16-channel, ten-transponder satellite called Domestic by mid1996. It would cover all Europe and the Middle East. German broadcaster ZDF is to launch a scrambled pay-TV channel via Astra, with widescreen capability and digital compression. The MPEG-2 digital-compression standard is likely to be adopted by News International and SES (Astra) by 1996, offering up to 600 digital TV channels ( 180 for BSkyB).

Australian magnate Kerry Packer has taken options on ten transponders aboard AsiaSat-2 which is to be launched in early 1995. Its service area will extend from Australia across Indonesia into Asia.

Finally a plug for Dave Andrews of Bristol, a DXer and satellite enthusiast, who is now providing a satellite equipment installation service in the West Country. He specialises in motorised dishes for bands C, S and Ku and can be reached on 0454778887.

## Publications

An English-language version of Alexander Wiese's publication Tele-Satellit is now available from Tele-Satellit - International Edition, PO Box 1234, D-85766 Unterfoehring, Germany (fax +49-89-9506165). Cost is DM120 or $£ 48$ and all credit cards are accepted. The magazine contains reviews of equipment and receivers, news, views and commentary, with twelve pages of close-type transponder loading lists, both radio and TV, covering $80^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ and including $\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{C}$ and Ku band information. There's also a Russian-language edition.

The 3rd edition of World Satellite TV and Scrambling Methods and a new publication Satellite Channel Report are now available from Swift Television Publications, 17 Pittsfield, Cricklade, Swindon SN6 6AN. The Report is A4 size and has four sections as follows: dish alignment data, look angles etc.; information (video, audio and encryption) on nearly 800 satellite channels; similar information listed by channel and finally by language. It costs $£ 15$ plus $£ 2$ UK postage, $£ 4$ postage to the Continent. A new up-dated edition is published monthly.

Andrew Emmerson's quarterly publication 405 Alive has been such a success that separation into two is being considered, one magazine concentrating on news and views and the other on the more technical side - circuitry, servicing etc. Present annual subscription is $£ 13$ in the UK - there's a five per cent surcharge with credit card payment. For further information drop an SAE to Andrew at 71 Falcutt Way, Northampton NN2 8PH. Oh, and whatever you do don't throw away any old 405-line TV sets, magazines, annuals or anything to do with pre-1975 TV. A line to Andrew or myself will find a good home for anything you wish to dispose of.

## TV-DXing for Beginners

Since we get numerous requests on how to go about long-distance (DX) reception and my TV-DXers Handhook is at present out of print, we'll run over the basics briefly in the following issues.

DX signals may arrive at the receiving site after reflec-


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tion from the ionosphere, the troposphere, reflective objects such as aircraft or even the ionised trail left by a lightning strike. Many DXers concentrate on reception of Band 1 and II signa!s (occasionally, under good conditions, Band III signals as well) reflected from ionised patches of the ionospheric E layer, whuch is about 70 miles above the earth. Since the required ionisation is random and unpredictable, such reception is referred to as Sporadic E (SpE) reception. It's more likely to occur during the period May-late August. with occasional December openings. Typical single-reflection (hop) reception distances are $400-1,400$ miles. The occasional double-hop reflection makes it possible to receive N. American low-band (Band I) transmissions. As SpE signals can be very strong, they are easy to receive using a simple aerial. The likelihood of reception is increased when sunspot activity is high - there's an elevenyear sunspot cycle. During the winter in daytime reflection can occur via the F2 layer at some 220 miles above the earth, giving reception distances of 2,000 to 12.000 miles, though the signals can be very distorted and smeary with ghosting. Unlike SpE , for F2 reflection the local time midway along the path must be noon.

Signals can also be retlected from meteor showers that enter the Elayer. MS reflection occurs daily, but the signals are weak and of brief duration. Reception is usually better in the morning and during times when meteor activity is high there are showers that occur at regular intervals throughout the year. Simple aerials can be used for MS reception in Band I, but because of the relatively low signal levels a higher-gain system is required for B and 111 MS reception.

Tropospheric signal reflection is related to weather conditions and can occus in all bands. Settled, high-pres-
sure systems with clear skies are best for tropospheric reception. As the sun rises in the morning, heating the upper layers of the troposphere, ducting layers that carry signals for long distances with minimal attenuation can appear. Signals tend to travel along rather than across the prevailing isobar pattern - look at the weather map. Fog often produces really intense signals during the autumn/winter months. Band III and IV signals do better than Band I signals. Reception distances can reach 1,000 miles. Tropospheric signals are usually weaker than ionospheric ones and feature slow fading between extreme levels.

For lightning scatter reception the aerial(s) should be pointed at a known thunder storm area - but not a local one! The lightning strikes produce ionisation that reflects signals. Aircraft reflection can give reception of Band III/u.h.f.
signals over distances of several hundred miles - in this case a directional aerial is essential.

The receiver used must of course be suitable for the transmission standard. In Europe 625 -lines with nega-tive-going video is the norm, the exception being France which uses positive-going video. The spacing of the audio and video carriers is something else that varies. As my TV-DXing book is out of print, if any reader in the UK would like four photocopied pages from it giving Band I/II/III/IV/V channel allocations and transmission standard details worldwide these will be despatched on receipt of three 18 p stamps and an A4-sized stamped addressed envelope. Alternatively check whether your local library has a copy of the World Radio and TV Handhook. Next month we'll consider receiving equipment.

## TEST CASE 372

Deciding on whether or not to repair an old TV set or VCR is always difficult. Not necessarily because of any lack of confidence in the repair itself, but because of the risk of a comeback as a result of failure of some other part of the equipment - the latter always leads to difficulties with the customer, who will expect a free-of-charge job even when the new symptom is quite different.

The golden oldie in the spotlight this month is a Sharp VC9700 VCR that came in with the complaint that it chewed tapes. There was no tape with it to assist with diagnosis, but no matter. On to Sherlock's bench it went. It played all right, and careful examination of the tape after it had been shuttled back and forth dozens of times in the play, rewind and search modes showed no evidence of damage. The picture was amazingly good for such an old machine: Sharp video heads of this vintage never seem to wear out!

It seemed likely then that the cause of the problem was intermittent, and a phone call to the customer established that on a couple of occasions an ejected cassette had a foot or so of crumpled tape hanging from its flap. Sherlock inserted, played and ejected the workshop tape scores of times without any trouble. So it was going to be another of those jobs. . Someone said that a very common cause of this sort of thing is the reel idler, which certainly looked as though it was the original one. So in went a replacement, and after a head clean and check the machine was sent on its way, with a bill for the idler and Sherlock's time.

The nights drew in, the winds got up and ere a month had passed the veteran Sharp was back on the bench. It had chewed another tape, which sat on top of the machine as evidence of the fact that it had failed once, after maybe a hundred successful operations, to spool the ribbon back into the cassette. No doubt this scenario will ring a bell in the minds of readers of Television!

Sherlock dismantled the machine and fed into it a dummy cassette - the sort with a transparent frame and no spools inside. The FL mechanism drew it in and down, and when the machine was asked to play it worked happily in all respects except that the spool turntable didn't rotate. Nor did the feed (left-hand side) turntable rotate when, a few seconds later, the deck reverted to the stop mode because of lack of spool-rotation sensor pulses. The fault was present right now! Our man checked that the reel-drive motor and the idler were perfectly free to turn. They were, and further tests showed that the machine had reverted to normal spooling, winding and whizzing. It behaved impeccably on the bench for the next week.

After the recalcitrant Sharp machine had run trouble-free for over forty hours Sherlock had a go at instigating the fault. He put the machine into the fast-forward mode, with the dummy cassette loaded, and held the take-up spool by hand: the idler didn't slip, and there seemed to be enough torque when the motor was slowed. Next the patient Sherlock traced out the connections, leads and links to the reel motor, checking them and the associated drive electronics for bad joints or thermal faults. None came to light, the machine continuing to work perfectly. Finally he hooked an old Avo meter across the reel-motor leadouts and left the machine running, ready to check when the fault cropped up once more. It didn't do so for weeks, and Sherlock wished he'd given the owner a fiver to go elsewhere at the outset!

The machine was eventually repaired properly. What had been the fault? Don't just turn to page 129 for the solution: think about it first!

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## Philips VR322

If the complaint with a current Philips VCR is that "the remote doesn't work", remember that they have a VCR1/VCR2 facility to enable two VCRs to be controlled by one handset. So if the handset shows VCRI in the LCD try changing it to VCR2 before getting the manual out. You change the code by pressing the two set-clock buttons (on the handset) then select (to change from VCRI to VCR2). Finish by pressing the two set-clock buttons again. P.B.

## Ferguson 3V32/JVC HR7655

This machine recorded the sound but failed to record the picture in either the SP or the LP mode. There was no record f.m. signal at pin 5 of connector CN6 on the Y board. Checking back from here we found that the $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega \mathrm{f} . \mathrm{m}$. record preset control R128 was open-circuit.
P.B.

## Hitachi F700

The complaint was of noise when threading up and with fast winds. The complete gear-block assembly had been changed, which made a vast improvement, but the mechanism was still noisy. All operations apart from tape loading and unloading are driven by the capstan motor. After removing the belt we found that the flywheel was tight and noisy. As the bearings were dry we removed the flywheel and applied a few drops of oil to them. This cured the problem.
R.N.

## Lloyd LV400/Saisho VR705/Amstrad VCR7000

The problem with this machine was cyclical noise bars on the display. The symptom could be mistaken for absence of the control track pulses but was caused by failure of the $2 \cdot 2 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 50 \mathrm{~V}$ electrolytic capacitor C503 in the power supply. It smooths the regulated 12 V supply to the servo chip IC2007. A scope check showed that there was a IV squarewave on this line. A new capacitor restored normal operation.
J.E.

## Sanyo VHR3300

This machine was dead with the 400 mA fuse F5 101 shattered. As there was no obvious short-circuit in the power supply we replaced the fuse and switched on. The fuse remained intact but the machine was still dead. Further investigation showed that R5001 (2.7 ) was open-circuit and that all the pins of the STK 7226 power supply regulator chip seemed to be dry-jointed. A thorough resoldering, including many other joints elsewhere in the power supply, brought the machine back to normal operation and after a very long soak test we pronounced it fit.
J.E.

## Panasonic NVJ30

Except for play the tape modes were normal. When playback was selected the machine laced up but the capstan, and thus the picture, ran too fast - at roughly the same speed as fast search, the monitor's screen remaining in the E-E mode. Then after about five seconds the machine entered the stop
mode and shut down in the half-laced position. To cut a very long story short, the culprit turned out to be the mode switch. For those wishing to make a note of this the modeswitch voltages, measured for convenience at pins 73 and 74 of the microcontroller chip IC2001, should be as follows:

Pin 73: stop/half load position 5 V ; rewind/fast forward 5 V ; play 0 V .

Pin 74: stop/half load position 2 V : rewind/fast forward 2 V : play 5 V .

In the fault condition pin 73 remained at 5 V .
J.E.

## JVC HRD120

The record and playback picture quality were good but in both modes the sound would 'pop and crackle'. In the E-E mode there was no sound. The 2SD636 transistor Q5 should have 9 V at its emitter in this mode, but the reading was 0 V . A replacement transistor restored normal E-E sound but record and playback remauned distorted.

Scope checks on the audio waveform while a tape was being played back showed that a normal signal entered the LA7042 chip IC1 at pin 2 but the output at pin 3, after passing through a preamplifier, had a d.c. level that fluctuated wildly. Pin 3 is connected to the $150 \Omega$ playback level preset control R6, which turned out to be faulty - in fact it fell to bits when it was gently removed during the fault diagnosis stage. A replacement restored normal sound. J.E.

## Panasonic NV730

When this machine was switched on the capstan and reel idler would shuffle to and fro a few times then stop. The machine wouldn't accept a cassette. There were no channel indicators or power-on display, though the clock flashed. The cause of the fault was the $0 \cdot 12 \Omega$ resistor R1101, which was open-circuit. It's in the 20 V feed from the power supply.
J.E.

## JVC HRD210

When this machine was plugged into the mains supply the left-hand spool carrier rotated and the mode motor operated. But the carriage, though in the eject position, tried to eject some more - this was accompanied by loud screeching noises. The switched 12 V and 5 V supplies were present, so the cause of the trouble wasn't our old friend the STK5481 regulator chip. In fact the cause turned out to be nothing more than a slipping mode-control belt.

Be careful when you remove the plate that contains the mode switch/rotary cam etc. underneath the deck, as the timing can be upset. This causes problems when it`s refitted. In situations like this I use Tippex to mark adjoining movable surfaces. Refitting is then much simpler.
J.E.

## Samsung VI7220

The complaint was no playback sound. We found that the playback video level was much too high, with no playback or

E-E sound. Checks on the power supply's output voltages showed that there was only 2 V at PC 9 , because the 800 mA fuse F103 was open-circuit. When this fuse had been replaced the machine worked until record was selected. It then blew again. This led me to the 2 SCl 1008 transistor Q0501 which was short-circuit. A replacement stopped the fuse blowing but there was no record/erase bias as the wire that connects the bulk erase head was broken. This had almost certainly been the reason for the transistor failure.
C.W.

## Akai VSF33

This machine came in dead. A nice easy fault for a change: the 16 V zener diode D8 in the power supply was shortcircuit.

The fluorescent display left a lot to be desired however. It's a common problem with VCRs in this series. The cause of the problem is that the display is overdriven. The cure is as follows. Fit $120 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 10 \mathrm{~V}$ capacitors in positions C446 and C447: they have to be high-temperature types rated at $105^{\circ}$. Change D416 and D417 to type RB-100AT. If L404 has a centre-tap, cut the print between C447 and L404 and connect a jumper wire between the negative side of C447 and L404's centre-tap. If L404 is not centre-tapped, cut the print between C447 and L404 and add a $2 \cdot 2 \Omega$ resistor across the cut. Modification kits are available from Akai.

Sometimes this modification improves the operation of an existing display, but for best results a new display should be fitted.
R.N.

## JVC HRD210

This machine was brought in because it chewed tapes. A new pinch roller and idler wheel cured this fault but I then found that there was severe audio hum on record and playback, with very little audio present. The circuit was very sensitive around the BA7751ALS preamplifier chip which also switches the audio head for record or play. A call to Willow Vale brought a replacement the following day. Fitting it cleared the problem.
R.N.

## JVC HRD960

I was well and truly had by this machine. It had had a history of intermittent problems and reappeared in the workshop after an absence of about six months. This time the complaint was that it ejected tapes at random. When tested however it wouldn't even switch on. After a lot of checking around I decided that IC601 was at fault as its 'on' output. pin 40, was permanently low. As I've had a few faulty JVC microcontroller chips I made a note of the type then called the local friendly JVC dealer. "Hang on" he said, "have you got a little dash showing at the front next to the flashing clock zeros?" "Yes"I said. "It's in the child-lock mode" he replied. He then told me that all I had to do was to give the on command from the remote control unit. I didn't have the unit, but I borrowed a programmable one, keyed in the JVC codes and hey presto! the VCR powered up. Lots of VCRs have child locks but they are much more obvious than this one. I wonder how many other engineers have been caught out?

The random tape ejection problem was cured by replacing the light sensors.
R.N.

## Akai VS425 <br> This machine wouldn't accept tapes. When I'd removed the top I found that a small label from a cassette had stuck itself

to the head and lower drum, thus locking the drum solid. But after removing the label and cleaning the head it still wouldn't turn. I carried out some further checks then removed the motor-drive PCB from under the drum motor. A hole had been blown through the control chip. The PCB is available complete, and when a new one had been fitted the drum ran at the normal speed. My troubles weren't over however as the head itself had been damaged. All was well when this had been replaced.

I always advise my customers not to put labels on the tops of cassettes. They can easily come off and cause expensive damage, as this customer found out to his considerable cost.
R.N.

## Panasonic NV333

This machine would accept a tape but refused to accept any instructions. Failure of the tape to even shuffle on insertion led me to the $\mu \mathrm{PC} 358$ dual operational amplifier IC6006 in the reel motor voltage regulator. A replacement restored normal operation.
P.M.D

## Proline 9000/Amstrad VCR6000

"Cannot program tuner" was the complaint with this machine. It would tune in only BBC-1! Replacing Q601 (2SA1038) in the 32 V series regulator section of the power supply, followed by memory reprogramming, got things back to normal.
P.M.D.

## Philips VR522

Nicam sound was perfect but there was faulty 6 MHz f.m. sound in the E-E mode. White noise was all that could be heard when 6 MHz was selected. Demodulation of the 6 MHz sound is carried out by the TDA3867T chip IC7820 on the front-end PCB. A replacement chip put matters right. S.C.

## Philips VR422

This was one of the few faults we've seen on the TurboDrive deck. A tape could be loaded and would go to the cassette-down position but nothing else would happen. What should happen is that the tape should go into the subload position, i.e. the tape is taken up to the audio/control head. Curiously, if the carriage was loaded without a tape the machine did go into the sub-load position when the cassette-down position was reached. After first, incorrectly, looking for a brake fault we soon spotted the defective part. There's a V and a notch in the outer cam track of the main cam wheel on the upper side of the deck. When the subloading movement arm reaches this point the sub-loading arms are taken up to their positions. What had happened was that the notch had sheared slightly. Thus when there was some tension on the arms the movement arm ran straight past the notch. A replacement cam wheel, which is supplied in a kit, cleared the problem.
S.C.

## Philips VR712

There was no clock display and the drum rotated all the time. I suspected a microcontroller fault and while checking around the clock and microcontroller chips discovered that the POR line was permanently low. The reset generator is in IC7351, at pin 17 which was permanently high. A check on the supply to this chip showed that it was low at 4.7 V instead of 5 V , with a low-frequency ripple content that could be seen on the scope. So the cause of the problem was
in the power supply. Checks showed that there was l.f. ripple on other lines. By now I had a sneaky suspicion where the cause of the fault lay and a scope check at the main $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 385 \mathrm{~V}$ reservoir capacitor C 2112 on the primary side of the power supply produced a 200 V ripple display. A replacement capacitor put matters right. S.C.

## Philips VR713

There was severe teletext corruption with this machine. We found that the E-E picture was perfect, with no ghosting whatsoever, so it wasn't an i.f. fault. The usual cause of data corruption during text processing is an incorrect frequency text data clock. The 13.875 MHz text data clock crystal is X1800. It's connected to pin 11 of the VIP chip IC7780. A new crystal cured the fault.
S.C.

## Ferguson FV57H

There was no E-E operation and no playback, just a blank raster. The channel numbers were o.k. but there was no station. The 5 V regulator IC801 was defective.
E.J.

## Alba VTV10

This is a televideo with a 10 in . screen. The fault we had with one of them was a blank raster with no sound or vision in either the TV or video modes though the on-screen graphics were o.k. Cause of the trouble was that the $1 \Omega$ fusible resistor R24 in the VCR power supply section was open-circuit.

If you can't tune one of these televideos the $39 \Omega$ resistor R20 is almost certainly open-circuit.
E.J.

## Panasonic NVJ40

Nothing was working and the display showed E9. When the machine was plugged in the clock flashed 0.00 for two seconds then the display produced E9. We checked for oscillation at pin 82 of the surface-mounted chip IC6001. There should have been 10 V peak-to-peak but this was missing. The cause of the fault was Q6101 on the fold-down PCB. E.J.

## Ferguson FV62LV

There was no full erasure. The BC337 transistor TL01 was found to be faulty.
E.J.

## NEC NS7000K

This top-of-the-range machine has hi-fi stereo recording, Nicam stereo - and a built-in satellite tuner. The driving is not obvious, particularly channel change, u.h.f./sat and tuning, so if it's the first one you've handled ask the customer for the User Instructions - it saves time. It's also helpful to have the service manual to hand.

The complaints with this one were of "jumping SP/LP and poor recording". On test, playback of prerecorded tapes produced varied results: part or all of the screen full of snow, part colour and part monochrome, with narrow bands of interference across the screen at various places. The machine wouldn't record at all. When it was put in the record mode the display said 'record' and all functions were apparently normal but playback showed that there had been no recording, nor had any previous signals been erased.

A check at the full-erase head showed that there was no waveform here during record. At pin 26 of IC501 on the
video/normal audio PCB there was only 2.4 V instead of a high ( 5 V ) in the record mode. Isolating pin 26 proved that the device was not pulling the switching line down. Checks through the Delay REC H and Hi-Fi Rec H lines on the syscon/servo and hi-fi audio panels at last brought us to the drum preamp PCB where pin 1 of the BA7740S head preamplifier chip IC551 remained permanently at 2.4 V whether the machine was in the record or play mode. When pin 1 was isolated the record high lines went from 0 V to 5 V and the machine recorded. A new BA7740S chip (part no. 37101417 ) cleared the record problem but still left the poor playback.

Checks on the tape path and the drum PG set-up control VR601 led us to the drum motor PCB. Slight pressure on this panel during playback would clear or change the fault. It's part of the lower drum assembly, and is not described or illustrated in the manual. So we removed the whole drum assembly to gain better access to the PCB and examined it closely. It has double-sided print, a plug/socket, a surfacemounted chip and several surface-mounted components, also seven lead-through pins. We resoldered these leadthrough pins and the plug connections, then reflowed the surface-mounted resistors in the suspect area. After reassembling the drum and rechecking the tape path, record/playback tests showed that everything was now back to normal. The interference bands had been caused by the head switching point varying due to loss of or mistimed drum PG pulses as a result of the PCB fault.

During final checks before wrapping the machine up we found that there was a problem with the satellite tuner. On most channels the signal became noisy, flashed off for a split second then returned to normal over a two-minute cycle. This rang a bell: I described a similar fault with an NEC 3022 VCR in the October 1991 issue. A check at the a.f.t. pin (39) of the UPD17002-516 chip showed that the voltage here swung in time with the picture loss. This time it wasn't necessary to replace IC301: slight readjustment of the AFT Adjust control VR301 resolved the problem. J.C.P.

## Toshiba V300B

This machine led us a bit of a dance. It had all the symptoms of a faulty mode switch, e.g. the deck would lace up with no tape in, it would load the tape but wouldn't eject it - all the symptoms being intermistent. But a new mode switch made no difference. After wasting much time on the mechanics we discovered, quite by chance, that the test signal wasn't available. The reason for this was that the 5 V supply to the modulator was missing. The cause of all the trouble was that the 2 SC 22365 V regulator transistor Q814 on the power supply PCB was faulty, a replacement restoring normal operation.
M.Dr.

## Hitachi VT430

There was no tuning and the clock display was dim and flashed 'on/off'. When the top was removed there was a terrible smell. Thinking that there had been liquid spillage we checked the boards thoroughly but everything seemed to be in order. We eventually found that the ISS130M-T -40V supply rectifier D917 had burnt up - it turned out to be the source of the very toxic smell. To gain access to the PCB to replace D917 we had to remove the $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 63 \mathrm{~V}$ electrolytic C 918 , which is the reservoir capacitor for the +40 V supply to the voltage-synthesis tuning PCB. While we had it out we thought we'd test it - and found that it was open-circuit! After replacing these two items everything worked normally.

# Panasonic's Digital TV Chassis 

## Part 4

Ray Meadows

For the sake of completeness we will conclude this series by taking a look at some of the different features used in Continental models and see how they are put into effect electronically.

## Secam

Models sold in countries that use the Secam colour system have an additional chip in the decoder section. It's called the Secam Processor Unit (SPU) and is fitted in parallel with the ACVP chip. being brought into action only when a Secam signal is detected. Fig. I shows a simplified block diagram.

Scandinavian version of the chassis (suffix S) which is equipped for both.

## MAC, PIP and Satellite

This rather wide option is fitted in special sets for the German market only, suffix CM. As well as having a dualLNB input satellite tuner and an extra digital features panel these models have the tuner and i.f. section combined as a single unit that's made by Loewe - in fact the complete TV receiver is made on a special Panasonic production line at the Loewe factory in Kronach.

Model TX28W3CM is capable of PAL B/G. D/K and I. Secam B/G, D/K and L/L', and D2MAC reception via either an aerial or cable input, with Nicam B/G and Zwietone stereo. Because of the extra digital circuits and satellite operation the chopper transformer and power supply are uprated. The software is also more complex, with more onscreen menus and service-mode functions. Because of this a 24 Cl 6 instead of a 24 C 08 EEROM is used.

## Satellite Receiver

A Salora satellite tuner is used, fitted with two BellingLee type aerial connectors, one male and one female. It is assembled on a receiver module that's attached to the main chassis frame. Power supplies for the module and the LNBs are derived from a 150 V feed from the main chassis. While working on one of these sets don't leave the earth lead from the satellite tuner to the main tuner disconnected - other-


Fig. 1: Block diagram of the Secam processor unit.

As the SPU chip performs true Secam decoding rather than Secam-PAL conversion, the results are much better than with previous models. The SPU chip is fitted in sets sold in the French and German markets (model number suffixes $F$ and $C$ ): the German version is also supplied to most central European countries.

## Stereo Sound Reception

As we saw in Part 3. the AMU and MSP chips provide Nicam signal decoding and processing. In addition to UK models they are fitted in sets supplied to the Spanish and Scandinavian markets, for Nicam B/G reception. Other Continental countries use either the Zwietone stereo/bilingual system (Germany and France) or have no stereo broadcast system. Zwietone reception is catered for by the ACP chip, which is fitted to all models. Some countries, such as Denmark, can receive Nicam signals from Sweden and Zwietone signals from Germany: they are fitted with the
wise you'll be reminded when you try to connect the satellite dish!

Fig. 2 shows a greatly simplified block diagram of the satellite receiver. All the signal processing is carried out in analogue form, the outputs being converted to digital form on the main chassis. The tuner itself is controlled by the main CCU via one of the 12 C buses. Audio mode, PAL/MAC selection and the polariser are controlled by a U3082 I2C bus expander (IC800).

Analogue baseband video from the tuner is amplified and then passed to two filters, one for PAL and the other for D2MAC signals. These filters are in parallel, the PAL filter being switched in by IC 800 via a diode when the PAL mode is selected. The filtered signal is processed by a TDA6151 video processor chip (IC500), buffered and fed out to the digital board.

The audio signals are extracted before the PAL/MAC filters and are fed to an NE612 sound i.f./demodulator chip (IC270). This device's output passes through three ceramic


Fig. 2: Simplified block diagram of the satellite receiver.
filters $\quad(10.7 \mathrm{MHz} / 280 \mathrm{kHz}$. $10 \cdot 7 \mathrm{MHz} / 180 \mathrm{kHz}$ and $10.52 \mathrm{MHz} / 180 \mathrm{kHz}$ ) to obtain the carriers for the main mono and stereo narrow-band audio channels. Selection of these is performed by a TDA8741 audio processor/switch (IC400). Selectable J17 and $60 \mu$ sec de-emphasis is provided, but there's no Wegener Panda for Astra

When the video and audio signals reach the digital panel they enter the appropriate cross-point switches and are then digitised. This is important: it means that scrambled signals are not converted unnecessarily before they are fed to
external decoders. MAC audio and video cannot be processed here: they are passed to the features board for decoding.

## The Features Board

The features board performs D2MAC decoding and the picture-in-picture functions. The main devices on this board and their functions are listed in Table 1. Some of these devices have already been encountered, as they are also

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## Table 1: The features board chips.

Position/type Name and function<br>IC301 AMU2481 AMU - Audio Multiplex Unit<br>IC731 SAD2140 SAD - S-VHF and composite DAC<br>IC861 VDU2146 VDU - Video Display Unit<br>IC771 DMA2281<br>IC810 MSE3000<br>DMA - D2MAC decoder<br>MSE - Multi-Standard Encoder<br>IC791 MCU2600<br>IC681 PIP2250<br>IC631 SPU2243<br>IC601 VCU2133<br>MCU - Master Clock Unit<br>PIP - Picture In Picture<br>SPU - Secam Processor Unit<br>VCU - Video Coder/encoder Unit<br>IC641 VSP2860<br>VSP - Video Sync Processor

used on the main digital panel. Others are new. A few other devices are present: a TEA5114 RGB switch, two 41464 DRAMs for the PIP processor and a third 41464 DRAM for the D2MAC decoder.

## D2MAC Decoding

Fig. 3 shows in block diagram form the D2MAC section of the features board. Baseband MAC signals from the satellite or main tuner are low-pass filtered then digitised in the SAD chip. The output from this is fed to the D2MAC decoder chip (DMA) for decoding and expansion in the time domain to produce digital $\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{C}$ and audio outputs (remember that MAC signals are time-division multiplexed). A DRAM is used as a temporary store for the expansion process.

The digital $Y$ and $C$ signals next go to a very interesting chip, the MSE, which is able to convert one digital video format to another format. It's used here to convert D2MAC into a PAL S-VHS output for connector AV3 to give improved quality MAC signal recording. The Y and C signals then pass to the DTI chip, which acts as a delay line, and finally to a VDU chip which converts them to analogue RGB signals. These are finally passed to the TEA5114 switch chip.

After processing by the DMA chip the MAC digital packet audio signals are fed via the local sound bus to the AMU (audio multiplex unit) chip which converts them to another S-bus form which can be accepted by the ACP chip on the main digital panel.

Note that during MAC reception the 18.432 MHz MAC clock becomes the master clock on the main digital panel.

MAC text is stripped off the video signal by the DMA chip and is sent to the main panel teletext processor chip (TPU).

## Picture in Picture

Fig. 4 shows in block diagram form the PIP part of the features board. As the set has only one TV tuner, it's not possible to watch two channels simultaneously unless one is a satellite TV channel or the signal comes from a VCR through one of the AV inputs.

When the viewer selects PIP, the required PIP video source is selected and switched via the video cross-point switching chip on the main digital panel. The signal is in analogue form of course: it's fed to the VCU chip, which incorporates a seven-bit resolution analogue-to-digital converter (this resolution is not a limitation when you consider the size of the inset picture). The digitised output goes to parallel VSP and SPU chips: this takes care of both PAL/NTSC and Secam signals. The next chip in the chain is


Fig. 3: Block diagram of the D2MAC part of the features board.
a DTI type that's used to compress the picture to a third of its original height. This is done by simply ignoring two out of every three video lines. The following PIP chip carries out the required horizontal reduction. It does this by writing the signals into and then reading them from external DRAMs at different speeds. The line time is in this way reduced to a third, the net result being that the PIP picture is now a ninth of its original size.

To inset the PIP picture in the main picture the PIP chip generates a blanking signal that's sent via the TEA5114 i.c. to the TPU chip. The digital Y and C signals from the PIP i.c. then go back to a DA converter in the VCU chip, emerging from this i.c. as analogue RGB signals which are switched by the TEA5114 chip (shared with the MAC circuit) and are finally sent to the TPU chip for insertion into the main picture. As PIP operation uses the TPU's


Fig. 4: Block diagram of the PIP part of the features board.
external RGB inputs, analogue RGB signals from connector AVI are routed to the PIP chip which simply passes them on to the VCU and then the TEA5114 chip. Note that after the PIP chip the luminance part of the PIP signal is limited to six-bit resolution: this is done by disregarding the least significant bit and, again, is not a serious limitation.

The PIP and D2MAC functions are controlled via buses IM4 and IM5, which are not used in other models. As some of the PIP and MAC chip addresses conflict, a small switch circuit is incorporated in the bus to avoid problems.

## In Conclusion

This about covers the Panasonic Euro 1 chassis and its variants. Since we started this series a new model, the TX29A3, has been released. It's basically the same as the TX28W3, which we have used as the basis for these articles, but is fitted with the new Philips Super Flat picture tube. As a result there are a few differences in the scan and e.h.t. circuits. There are also some new on-screen displays and menu changes.

## Teletopics

## PIRATE CARDS

Suppliers of pirate satellite TV decoder cards have been in the news recently. As we go to press with this issue BSkyB has obtained from Satellite Decoder Systems, an Irish-based pirate card supplier, an undertaking that it will stop selling its cards in the UK. BSkyB and News Datacom, producer of the official smart cards, have announced that they will take action in both the civil and criminal courts against suppliers of unauthorised cards. Injunctions have been taken out against HiTech Innovation of Camberley, Surrey, Satellite Communications of Chorley, Lancashire and RSD of Stirling, Scotland. At present BSkyB obtains eighty per cent of its income from subscriptions rather than advertisments. If nothing else the pirates have demonstrated that the present encryption system is not secure.

## 3D-TV

Sanyo and Toshiba both demonstrated three-dimensional, high-definition projection TV systems at the recent Japanese Electronics Show, which was held at the Makuhari Messe exhibition centre on the outskirts of Tokyo. Sanyo has developed a system that requires the viewer to wear special glasses and, in conjunction with the Japanese public broadcasting organsiation NHK, a system that doesn't require glasses but does require special transmissions. According to Sanyo further work is required on its system, which has been
described as providing "fairly impressive 3D video". Toshiba considers that 3D-TV transmissions and video sources could be a reality by the year 2000 .

## FIRST CDi MOVIE TITLES

Philips has announced the first full-motion CDi video titles, which should be available before Christmas. The discs will contain up to seventy-four minutes of MPEG-1 video and audio and will cost $£ 15-£ 30$ each. Over twenty titles are expected to be included in the initial launch, including Top Gun, The Hunt for Red October, Fatal Attraction and the computer game 7th Guest. There will also be music titles. Frames in the movie titles will be individually numbered for instant access, and there will be trick-frame features such as freeze frame and slow motion. Philips will also launch, at £150, a digital video module that slots into the back of existing CDi decks.

## SATELLITE TV

SES has now commissioned from Hughes Space and Communications its Astra IF satellite. Output power will be 82 W , the footprint will be similar to that of Astra IE and there will be twenty active transponders plus eight spares. IF will be used to provide additional digital services and as a back-up to IE. From 1996 SES will have 40 transponders available to broadcasters allowing several hundred digital TV and radio services to be provided. Astra IE will provide the first digital services in 1995, with 1F being launched in the following year.

NTL has been awarded contracts by Television New Zealand to provide a TV link from the UK to NZ with the signal kept in compressed digital form over the entire route.


Two Intelsat satellites will be used, at $57^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ and $180^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$.
US broadcaster NBC has bought, for about $£ 40 \mathrm{~m}$, a majority stake in the UK-based Super Channel, which broadcasts general programming across Europe - Super Channel is understood to be available in 56 m homes in Western and Eastern Europe. NBC's aim is to grow "by expanding its presence outside the USA and by diversifying domestically into cable and new media". It will be adding its own programmes to Super Channel with a view to creating a "truly premium channel".

At the Berlin Radio Exhibition Hirschmann showed a wide variety of receiving equipment including its new CMF512A/B multi-feed system that enables a single fixed dish to be used for reception from three satellites spread over a range of more than $12^{\circ}$. The triple feedhom/LNB support system has a threedimensional adjustment facility, making reception from the Astra system and all the Eutelsat craft from $7^{\circ}$ to $16^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ posssible.

## DISPLAY SYSTEMS

Philips has now put into full production at its Dreux plant in France the flattest-face TV tube it has ever introduced, a 29 in. 'supper-flat' tube whose screen has a vertical radius of 400 cm . The features of Philips' Black Line S range are all incorporated, including a proprietary Black Matrix system, dark tinted screen glass and internal coatings for high contrast, and an invar shadowmask. In addition the Black Line SF tube has enhanced red phosphor and low-power, quick-heating impregnated cathodes that give improved sharpness.

Japan's public broadcasting organisation NHK has for several years been developing a plasma display panel (PDP). The latest version, a 40 in . screen with an aspect ratio of $16: 9$ (screen size $874 \times 520 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) and HDTV capability was recently exhibited. Panel thickness is 8 cm while the thickness of the complete unit is 80 mm : there are $1,344 \times 800$ pixels. One of the main problems has been the life of the device. This has now been extended to $7-8,000$ hours: for a commercial product the aim is at least 10,000 hours.

## VOD

British Telecom is to carry out trials of its video-by-phone system (see Teletopics last month) some time next year: the system is now known as video-on-demand (VOD). A pilot scheme is expected to be introduced for some 25,000 subscribers. This move follows the decision by the regulatory authorities to waive the need for BT to apply for a local delivery licence. The asymmetric digital subscriber loop technology enables video signals to be distributed via existing copper-pair telephone cables. Siemens has also been developing video-via-copper transmission.

An alternative approach, VOD via satellite, is being developed by EMC3, a group that is backed by Hitachi, Samsung, GoldStar and Daewoo. Customers would be able to rent films from a library of about 2,000 titles via a personal keypad. Jerrold/GI have developed a set-top converter for this and interactive satellite services.

## CABLE TV

US regional telephone group Bell Atlantic has bought TeleCommunications Inc. (TCI), America's largest cable TV company, for about $\$ 22 \mathrm{bn}$ ( $£ 14 \mathrm{bn}$ ). The deal will have a radical effect on the US communications industry and will also affect the UK since TCI owns fifty per cent of Telewest, whose cable franchises include south London, Bristol and Edinburgh.

As an adjunct to the interactive cable TV service (I-TV) to
be started by Time Warner in Orlando, Florida next year subscribers will be provided with specially modified HewlettPackard colour printers to enable them to make paper copies of TV frames. The technology to be used in these printers is based on Hewlett-Packard's new professsional Vidjet Pro range, which provides much cheaper print-outs than other current methods. Other I-TV features will include shopping, movies on demand, video games and information services.

## BUSINESS NEWS

In a recent statement of results Nokia mentions that the company is in talks with other groups on forming a partnership in the fields of tubes and home electronics. The aim is to stem losses in these activities in the depressed European market. A company spokesman declined to specify the proposed partners but expressed the hope that agreement would be reached within months.

Philips is to invest $£ 16 \mathrm{~m}$ in expanding its Durham CTV tube plant, which is the European centre for production of the company's 21 in . FS tubes. Capacity will be increased from 2 to 2.3 million tubes a year initially, and production of 17 in . FS tubes will be added.

Sony is to carry out a major expansion of its Pencoed, Bridgend, S. Wales CTV manufacturing plant over the next eighteen months, creating about 1,000 new jobs. Production capability will be increased to 1.2 m sets a year, of which more than eighty per cent are expected to be exported to other European countries.

The Vintage Wireless Company is to close down: the business will be split up and offered for sale in six separate sections. Anyone interested can contact the Vintage Wireless Company at Tudor House, 20A Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol BSI7 3EN (fax 0272575 442).

## NEW PRODUCTS

Panasonic has launched a portable DCC player, Model DP7 at $£ 400$, in Europe. The unit weighs less than 500 g and includes an LCD screen and a power-saving system that automatically switches the unit off within four minutes of playback completion if no buttons are pressed.

A 64-bit computer games system, the Jaguar, has been launched by Atari in the USA. The console costs about $\$ 200$ while games software is priced at between $\$ 50-\$ 80$. A UK release is expected in time for Christmas. There are plans for an add-on CD-ROM unit that will enable CD audio, CD plus graphics and Video CD discs to be played as well.

The BBC has launched a new high-quality loudspeaker system, type LS5/12A, that uses commercial woofer and tweeter units with a crossover network and cabinet of BBC design - using computer aided design and measurement techniques. Provisional specification includes a typical in-room frequency response of $55 \mathrm{~Hz}-22 \mathrm{kHz}$, a system power handling capability of 120 W , and a sensitivity of $81.5 \mathrm{~dB} / \mathrm{W}$. The system will be available from Harbeth Acoustics under BBC licence.

## VIDEO NEWS

Panasonic has introduced a modular personal computer that can also be used as a TV set or a CD-ROM or audio CD player. There's a choice of three types of LC display, monochrome, colour or monochrome with pen input. In a similar move Apple Computer has launched in the USA a Macintosh PC that has TV reception and CD player functions. It uses a 14 in . c.r.t. Price is $\$ 2,079$. Some Apple PCs now have multimedia capability, being able to play back audio CD discs, record and playback video, etc.

Sharp has extended its range of Viewcam camcorders with the VL-H400H, a Hi-8 type at $£ 1,100$. Optional extras include a TV tuner and underwater housing.

Fujifilm has introduced a high-performance $\mathrm{Hi}-8$ metal particle (MP) tape designed for use as an evaporated metal (ME) tape: the new tape, called HI8 ME-Position, combines the best of both formulations - the vivid colour, durability and low dropout rates of MP tape and the superior h.f. response and picture quality of ME tape. Several years of research have led to the new tape, which uses Fujifilm's Super Double Coating technology. This new coating process simultaneously applies an ultra-thin metal magnetic (Super Metallix) upper layer and a tough lower layer of nonmagnetic Titan Fine particles. The recognition holes in the cassette shell are preset to the ME position. Suggested prices are $£ 11$ for an E5-60 and $£ 13$ for an E5-90 cassette.

An upmarket Italian TV brand, Brionvega, has been launched in the UK. The brand is owned by Seleco. UK distributor is Brionvega (UK) Ltd., 19 Grange Road, Houston Industrial Estate, Livingston, West Lothian EH54 5DD - telephone 050631 555, fax 050632244.

## PUBLICATIONS

Greenweld's 1994 catalogue is now available at $£ 2$ in the UK, $\mathfrak{£ 4}$ overseas. It has 172 pages plus a 24 -page surplus bargains section and can be obtained from Greenweld at 27 Park Road, Southampton SOI 3TB - telephone 0703236 363, fax 0703 236307.

The Satellite Channel Report, compiled by W.T. Smith, is now available from Swift Television Publications, 17 Pittsfield, Cricklade, Swindon, Wilts SN6 6 AN at $£ 15$ plus $£ 2$ postage in the UK, $£ 4$ to Europe. The manual is laser printed on A4 pages and comes in six sections - alignment data, satellite channel video and audio details with almost 800 entries, satellites serving Europe/Africa/the Middle East, channel details listed by description and by language and coding.

A Christmas greeting card service is available during the period November 1st to December 15th 1993 with copies of The Setmakers, a history of the UK's radio and television industry, ordered from John O'Neill, 13 Green Curve, Banstead, Surrey SM7 1NS (0737 373 545, fax 0737357 587 ). Inclusive price of the book is $£ 17 \cdot 45$. Purchasers can send their own card to be included with the book or alternatively a standard seasonal greeting card will be provided by the distributors.

## CORRECTIONS

There was an error in Fig. 5 on page 43 of last month's issue (November). The connection between pin 10 and pins 12/13 of the 74 HC 00 N chip was omitted.

Because the computer at our printers misread the disc produced by our office computer, four lines were lost at the end of Donald Bullock's article in the November issue (page 35). The missing lines read as follows:

UC3844 chopper control chip IC8 had a crack across it. When I replaced it and switched on the set burst into life. So it was a question of boxing it up and putting it back on soak test. An hour later it was still working well.

There is an error in the address given for Allparts Distributors in our TV/VCR Spares Guide 1993 - in the section headed General/miscellaneous parts suppliers. The company is at 79 (not 101) Rocky Lane, Tuebrook, Liverpool 6.

## Next Month in TELEVISION

## SERVICING THE REDIFFUSION Mk 4

The Rediffusion Mk. 4 chassis was in production in the early Eighties. Being solidly built, these sets last. As they were used mainly for rental purposes however many engineers are unfamiliar with them. Chris Watton provides guidance on servicing and a list of faults.

## ALL ABOUT FUSES

Fuses come in a wide variety of types with different specifications. As they are safety components, it's essential to fit the correct type. Ray Porter explains the different forms of protection provided by the various types of fuse.

## PANASONIC"S CARDIFF CHASSIS

A number of quite different CTV chassis have been produced at Panasonic's Cardiff plant. Ray Meadows describes their various features and the evolution of the series.

## TV RECEIVER POWER SUPPLIES

Close regulation of the supply lines is essential in a solid-state TV receiver. Nowadays various types of chopper circuit are used for this purpose. In the next instalment in his series, Eugene Trundle describes the operation of switch-mode power supplies.

## TEST REPORT: THE EMERSON UPS

A sudden power cut or even a voltage reduction can cause havoc with electronic systems. The answer is to use an Uninterruptible Power Supply. Donald Bullock reviews the Emerson Accupower Model 10.

## FAULTS THAT AREN'T

All sorts of apparent fault conditions can fool even the most experienced engineer, particularly as control systems become ever more complex. David Chaplin describes the sort of thing to watch out for.

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| :---: |
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| Video inpu/output- <br> $2 \times 5$ cort [imput/output) <br> $2 \times$ Hosidan (Outpur) <br> I x BNC/RCA (inpul) <br> $1 \times$ BNC/RCA (output) <br> $2 \times$ Hosiden/RCA (input) |
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| Video bondwidth: 7.7 MHz |
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| Resolution: $>430 \text { lines }$ |
| Features: <br> Automatic nouse suppression <br> S.video compotiblo |
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gies. It is fitted with a variety of different connecting sockets, including EuraAV ( = SCART), RCA and BNC assigned. And should you still encounter corinecting problems with your recorders, the HAMA Adopter Cable Set (Art. No. 43197) will cope with any situation.
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Input sensitivity
Input impedence
Output impedence
Output level
Frequency response
Power
Price


1 mV
1.5 k

90 mV (at input 5 mV )
Mic $20-20000 \mathrm{~Hz}$
38.95


G101BC STEREO MIXER
4-channel stereo mixer capable of accepting inputs from tape, tuner, phono, CD or mic sourcees. Front panel has gain control sliders for each channel and pre-llsten (input monitoring). Twin VU meters. Outputs to amp and tape,

## Inputs:Mic

$0.3 \mathrm{mv} 600 / 3 \mathrm{mV} 50 \mathrm{k}$
150 mV 50 k
$3 \mathrm{mV} 50 \mathrm{KHz} / 150 \mathrm{mV} 50 \mathrm{k}$
Inputs:Phono
220 mV 50 K
Outputs:Amp and tape
$20-40000 \mathrm{~Hz}$
0.3\%
60 dB

Distortion
S/N ratio
220/240vac
Power
$316 \times 210 \times 67 \mathrm{~mm}$
Price
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5 channel mixer in rack mounting case capable of mixing a iotal of 10 phono, Ilne and mic inputs, switchable on the front panel. Twin 5 band graphic equalizer with insertbypass switch. DJ mic channel with low cut filter, pan pot and auto fade. Cross fader between channels 1 and 2. Seperate L \& R output levels and stereo/mono switch. Outputs to amp, tape and headphones
Inputs: Mic
$0,3 \mathrm{mV}$ 600R
inputs: Mic
2.5 mV 47 k

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Outputs : Amp \& Tape
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G103R FOUR MEMORY/DIGITAL SAMPLING MIXER 4-channel stereo mixer wuith built-in digital sampler having four 3 -second samples, all with push bution ease, and single/repeat playback. Full cue facility on all modes and channels. The mixer is capable of mixing a total of 8 line or phono inputs, switchable on the front panel, the output section has a master gain control, 7 band graphic equalizer and overall analogue echo delay.

Input sensitivity Input impedence Output leve! Frequency response Power
Dims
Sampler Sectlon
System
Max.sampling length
RAM memory
Sampling rate Mode function
Price

Phono 3mV, Mic 1 mV , Line 150 mV
Phono 47k, Mic 600, Line 27k IV nominal
Phono/Mic/Line $20 \mathrm{~Hz}-20 \mathrm{kHz}$ $220 / 240 \mathrm{ac} 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$
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Continuously variable Singe/Repeat Write £299.95
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2 phono inputs
6 line Inputs
assignable, removeable cross fader
LED bargraph monitoring of output
6 buitt-in sound effects
Input sensitivities
DJ mic: 1.5 mV 10 k
Phono: 3.0 mV 47 k Line 150 mV 27 k

1 V to 7.2 V
Output
Autotalkover
Sampler
Frequency response

Power
Dims
Price
12dB of program leve 8 seconds (G103L only) Mic: $20-20000 \mathrm{~Hz}$
Phono: $30-20000 \mathrm{~Hz}$
Line: $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 0 0 0 0 H z}$
12 Vac via adaptor $485 \times 35 \times 190 \mathrm{~mm}$ $\varepsilon 249.95$


Electronic BBD echo system accepting inputs from 2 low level impedance mics and a line level stereo Input, mixing to a stereo output. Mic 1 \& 2 level, treble bass and acho volume
-73 dB 6009

150 mV 47 k controls. Metered output.
Inputs: Mics 182
Outputs load Imp
60250 1k 3.5 k 15 k
12 dB boost or cut
220/240V sc
$334 \times 100 \times 92 \mathrm{~mm}$
2 V nom
150 mV 8 R $20-30000 \mathrm{~Hz}$

Delay tlme
Power
Size
Size
C020A


Q103N MIXER
DJ mic channel with pitch changer and auto talkover
2 phono inputs
6 line inputs ( 4 channels)
assignable, removeable cross fader
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LED bargraph monitoring of output
Input sensitivities
DJ mic: 1.5 mV 10 K Phono: 3.0 mV 47 K Line 150 mV 27 K Output 1 V to 7.2 V
Autctalkover
Frequency response cut 12 dB of program leve Mic: $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 0 0 0 0 H z}$ Phono: $30-20000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ Line: $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 0 0 0 0 H z}$ 2Vac via adaptor $385 \times 35 \times 190 \mathrm{~mm}$
Dims
Price
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Power 9 Vdc (PP3 battery, not supplled)
Power $\quad 190 \times 140 \times 34 \mathrm{~mm}$
G0250 Voice processer $\quad \mathbf{\Sigma 5 2 . 9 5} \quad 3+\quad 34.37$


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A compact 2-channel stereo mixer with inputs for line and phono on each channel. Seperate triggers/scratch buttons are provided for each channel. The crossfader is panel mounted for ease of maintenance. The DJ mic has voiume, bass and treble controls with switched talkover facility. Outputs for amp tape and headphones. Twin 10-LED bargraph level indicators
1.2 k

200 ms
Output leve
Frequency response
Power
Dins
Price are provided.
Tyme
Channels
Input impedance
Two
Phono 3mV - 47k
Phono $3 \mathrm{mV}-47 \mathrm{k}$ - $1 \mathrm{mV}-600$
Line $150 \mathrm{mV}-27 \mathrm{~K}$
Line 150 m
1.6 V max
Phono/mic/line $20-20000 \mathrm{~Hz}$
12 Vac
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Price

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| :--- | ---: |
| Output voltage | $3,4.5,6,7.5,9 \& 12 \mathrm{Vdc}$ |
| Output current | 300 mA max |
| Stability | $40 \%$ |
| Dims | $75 \times 52 \times 54 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Price | $\mathbf{~} 3.95$ |

P006E Plug in powwer supply with 6 output voltages, polarity switch and LED indicator. Output via a 4 -way spider plug and 1.3 mm Walkman plug. Thermal fuse protection.

| Input voltage | $220 / 240 \mathrm{Vac} 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Output voltage | $3,4.5,6,7.5,9 \& 12 \mathrm{Vdc}$ |
| Stability | $40 \%$ |
| Ripple | 1 V |
| Dims | $96 \times 67 \times 62 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Price |  |
|  |  |



P008F Plug in power supply with 6 output voltages. Polarity switch and LED indicator. Output is via a 4 -way spider plug and 1.3 mm Walkman plug. Thermal fuse protection

| Input voltage | $110 / 240 \mathrm{Vac} 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Output voltage | $3,4.5,6,7.5,9 \& 12 \mathrm{Vdc}$ |
| Output current | 1000 mA max |
| Stability | $40 \%$ |
| Ripple | 1 V |
| Dims | $97 \times 67 \times 56 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Price | $\mathbf{~ 6 6 . 9 5}$ |



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C regulated output
Automatic thermal cut of
Short circuit protection
Automatic overload cut off.
nput voltage
$220 / 240 \mathrm{Vac} 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$
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Output current $\quad 300 \mathrm{~mA} \max$
Stability $2 \%$
Ripple
$87 \times 62 \times 62 \mathrm{~mm}$
Dims
85.50

P006Y A plug in regulated power supply for use with the Commter COM 203 and COM 204 scanners.

| Input voltage | $220 / 240 \mathrm{Vac} 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Output voltage | 9 Vdc |
| Output current | 350 mA max |
| Stability | $2 \%$ |
| Ripple | 10 MV |
| Dims | $80 \times 56 \times 55 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Price | $\mathbf{8 7 . 9 5}$ |
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Plug in regulated power supply with $3-12 \mathrm{Vdc}$ switchable output. LED indicator and polarity switch. Complete with 6 DC adaptor plugs. Features include:
IC regulated DC output
Automatic thermal cut of
Short circuit protection
Automatic overload cut off $\quad 220 / 240 \mathrm{VaC} 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { Input voltage } & 220 / 240 \mathrm{Vac} 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \\ \text { Output voltage } & 3,4.5,6,7.5,9 \& 12 \mathrm{Vdx}\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Output current } & 3,4.5,6,7.5,9 \& 12 \mathrm{Vdx} \\ & 650 \mathrm{~mA} \text { max }\end{array}$
Stability
Ripple
Dims
Price
$97 \times 68 \times 63 \mathrm{mv}$
$\mathbf{8 7 . 9 5}$


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Heavy duty DC to DC convertor designed for use in commercial vehicles, converting from 24 Vdc to 12 Vdc Constructed with a matt black heatsink, input internally fused. Includes a power on/off switch and LED on indicator. Input

4Vdc
Output
Max.Rating 7A continuous, 12A Max
Dims $200 \times 100 \times 42 \mathrm{~mm}$
Price


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Plug in regulated power supply $3-12 \mathrm{Vdc}$ switchable output Polarity switch and LED indicator. Complete with 6 DC adaptor plugs. Features include:
IC regulated DC output
Automatic thermal cut off
Short circuit protection
Automatic overload cut off
Input voltage
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { Output voltage } & 220 / 240 \mathrm{Vac} 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \\ \text { Output current } & 3,6,9 \& 12 \mathrm{Vdc}\end{array}$
Output current $\quad 1200 \mathrm{~mA}$ max
Stability
Ripple
Dims
Price
$120 \times 75 \times 63 \mathrm{~mm}$
63 mm
$\mathbf{8 . 9 5}$

POOBZ POWER SUPPLY-REGULATED
A plug in regulated power supply designed foir use with the
Commtel COM 102 scanner.

| Output voltage | $220 / 240 \mathrm{Vac} 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Output current | 9 Vdc |
| Stability | 350 mA max |
| Ripple | $2 \%$ |
| Dims | 10 mV |
| Price | $80 \times 56 \times 55 \mathrm{~mm}$ |

Dims
$0 \times 56 \times 55 \mathrm{~mm}$
$£ 7.95$


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Power input
220/240Vdc
Output current
$1.2 \mathrm{~A}(1200 \mathrm{~mA})$
Dims
$150 \times 77 \times 62 \mathrm{~mm}$
£14.95

006 V REGULATED POWER SUPPLY
Superior quality regulated power supply. Several outpul voltages selected by a rotary switch, with a current rating of 1 A $(1000 \mathrm{~mA})$. Input via a 3 -core mains lead. Output via a fitted lead with 4 -way spider plug, 9 V battery snap and a walkman plug.
Output voltage
Power input
Output current
Price
$3,6,9,12,13.5,17 \& 18 \mathrm{Vdc}$ $220 / 240 \mathrm{Vac} 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$
$1 \mathrm{~A}(1000 \mathrm{~mA})$
$150 \times 77 \times 62 \mathrm{~mm}$

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Now for the Spec:
Inputs: 100-120V © 10A or 200-240V © 6A, switchable on front panel.
Outputs: +5V © 40A +12 V © 15A -5 V © 1A -12 V © 1 A


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This pack contains many stunning demos for computers content are both excellent. Titles include: xmas256; groan; land; inspdemo; jidemo; tztechno; vega; weldream; putfac; mental-s; rebelfun; spacelun; vectordemo: and yardemo. This pack requires the Sound Blaster board, a 286 or better machine and a A. monilor. This pack is only available on 3.5 inch disks

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This pack contains programs sultable for children from about 3
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This pack contains programs suitable for children from about 3 to 7 years. It includes: Danny's 1st Program; 123 Talking Teacher; DTQ (memory match); Counting Shapes; John (baby's animated game); Numbers drop game; Sparky's adding game; Wunder Book; Spellit; Mote's Colouring \& Drawing Book; Muslcal Paint Brush (requires VGA); Crayon Box; Drawsome; EGA Mouse Paint: Sarah Kid's program; Kidzmath; Nathas Flash cards; Dino Maker; ABC for Tots; Kinder Sketch; Alphabet (recuires VGA); Musical Alphabet: Animated Shapes; ABC Talking Teacher. These programs require an EGA or VGA monitor and most require a mouse.

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east 2 M of memory and a VGA monitor. LEGEND OF MYRA is east 2M of memory and a VGA monitor. LEGEND OF MYRA is rabbit. Requires a VGA monitor, ELECTRO BODY is a platiorm jumping game with great graphics. MAJOR STRYKER is a space shoot-em-up game with good scrolling graphics from Apogee. these programs only come on 3.5 inch HD disks.

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## New CD-ROM Disks

So new in fact that details are a little sketchy on some of them We will need time to take a better look and more details will available in the Greenweld Guardian and on the fax on
demand system.

## Notes

In advising the minimum system requirements we
have reproduced the equipment specified by the software supplier. Those the equipment specified by the sotware information supplied; so we have tended to err on the side of caution and it may be possible to run the sotware on a lower system but that cannot be guaranteed.
Obviously you will require a CD-ROM drive to
use these disks (see page 65 for suitable drive). You will also use these disks (see page 65 for suitable drive). You will also require Microsoft's CD-ROM extension (MSCDEX) version 2.2. SVGA is mentioned a number of times in this list
and implies that the computer requires a VGA card with at least 512 k of video RAM that is capable displaying resolutions of at least $640 \times 480$ pixels $\times 256$ colours. To use higher resolutions than standard VGA $(640 \times 480 \times 16)$ Windows display you will have to install the Windows drivers supplied with your SVGA card - see your card manual and the Windows manual. 4/. Many new programs are written for Windows 3.1 and will not work on the older 3.0
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both sound and vision and are generally assuters that use running Windows 3.1, with its generally assumed to be programs, and have' a sound advanced sound contro Soundblaster compatible.

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# Modern TV Receiver Techniques 

Part 12: The Field Timebase

Eugene Trundle

Last month we saw how the sawtooth line scan current is generated by the line output stage, whose drive is used simply to initiate the flyback at the correct time. This is possible because at the 15.625 kHz line scan frequency the deflection coils are virtually pure inductors. Field scanning ensures that the lines are traced out progressively from the top to the bottom of the screen, thus producing the raster. So the vertical deflection system runs at the much lower rate of 50 Hz . At this frequency, the scan coils are predominantly resistive: their inductance plays a part only during the relatively short (approximately 1 msec ) flyback time, during which the direction of the scan current has to be reversed so that the scanning beams are driven back to the top of the screen. Since the coils can take no part in generating the sawtooth current that flows through them, operation of the field timebase is totally different from that of the line timebase. In addition the power involved is much less, and the field output stage is not involved in the production of auxiliary power supplies etc.

Because the field section of the deflection yoke acts like a resistive load during the forward (top to bottom) part of the scan, the circuit that drives it must take the form of a sawtooth current generator followed by a power output stage that's in many ways similar to an audio output stage. Fig. I shows in block diagram form the basic elements of a field timebase. It starts with an oscillator whose frequency is controlled by the field sync pulses: it's used to produce timing pulses that trigger the generation of a precision ramp.


Fig. 1: The basic elements of a field timebase.

This has a duration of 20 msec and excellent linearity. The ramp is amplified by a driver stage which is d.c.-coupled to the power output stage. A.C. and d.c. feedback are used, for linearity adjustment and stabilisation of the working conditions respectively. In a large-screen set the output stage has to drive a current of 2-3A (peak-to-peak) through the scan coil resistance of $5-10 \Omega$.

## Sync and Oscillator Action

The nominal frequency of the field oscillator is 50 Hz , but with direct sync pulse control it free-runs at about $46-47 \mathrm{~Hz}$ so that the sync pulses can trigger it early to lock the field scan to the picture information. When the oscillator is unlocked it runs too slowly and the picture rolls upwards. Conversely an oscillator that's running to fast produces a downwards roll.

In early field timebase designs the oscillator itself produced the ramp waveform, being triggered by the sync
pulse to start a new cycle just before it would have done so by virtue of its own time-constant. This is the simplest form of direct sync. In later designs the functions of oscillation and ramp generation are separate. This in due course led to the arrangement described in Part 10 , in which the 50 Hz field trigger pulses are derived from the line oscillator via a programmed count-down/divider circuit.

Whatever form the field oscillator takes, in modern systems it's required only to close a transistor switch momentarily once every 20 msec , but with great timing accuracy - last month we saw how crucial the flyback triggering point is for good interlacing of the horizontally scanned lines. Ideally a timing tolerance of $\pm 10 \mu \mathrm{sec}$ is required. It's easy to appreciate how noise in the system can upset the interlacing, and why a countdown system is much better than direct sync.

## The Ramp Generator

The ramp generator section of the field timebase is responsible for producing a very linear sawtooth waveform. There are many ways in which a ramp waveform can be generated, but the most common method for field timebase use is to charge a capacitor from a constant-current source with a constant charging current, the voltage across the capacitor rises linearly with time. At the end of the ramp the capacitor is shorted out by the transistor switch, which is triggered by the field oscillator to initiate the field flyback. When the short-circuit is removed, the capacitor begins to charge once more, producing the next downwards scan.

A transistor whose base is held at a fixed voltage can be used as the constant-current source - see Fig. 2(a), where zener diode ZDl sets the transistor's base voltage. With this circuit the transistor's collector-emitter current depends on the resistance in series with its emitter, not at all on any in series with its collector, provided only that the latter is low enough for the required current to flow at the supply voltage used. Fig. 2(b) shows the symbol used to represent a constant-current generator.

The amplitude of the ramp produced in this way is proportional to the charging current and time. In Europe the field scan period is 20 msec : at the end of this period the ramp generator's output will have reached some fixed voltage and the flyback will be initiated by closing the switch across the capacitor to discharge it rapidly. If the set


Fig. 2: Simple constant-current generator circuit (a), constant-current generator symbol (b).


Fig. 3: Principle of in-chip s-correction: the circuitry actually used is much more complex than this.
is required to operate with 525 -line, 60 Hz signals as well, the ramp produced at 60 Hz will be smaller because the charge acquired by the capacitor during a 16.7 msec period is less. With sets that employ automatic switching between systems the charging current is increased to compensate for this - such things are very easy to arrange within an i.c.

## Geometric Correction

As with line scanning it's necessary to s-correct the vertical scanning current to compensate for the relative flatness of the tube's faceplate, but this time it's not possible to use the scan-coupling capacitor for the purpose. Three alternative techniques are possible: first to add a sinusoidal waveform to the sawtooth before it reaches the driver stage, doing this perhaps in a deflection processor chip like that described last month: secondly to feed back the parabolic voltage waveform developed across the scan-coupling capacitor, adding this, with adjustment as necessary, to the sawtooth: or thirdly to incorporate geometric correction in the ramp-generator circuit within the relevant chip.

The latter approach is illustrated in outline in Fig. 3, which shows in simplified form the circuitry in a small section of a particular type of timebase generator chip. CR is the external ramp-generating capacitor, which is charged by a constant current supplied by Tr 1 whose base voltage is set by DI. The charging current is determined by R1 and R2, with R3 added in parallel ( Tr 2 switched on) for 60 Hz operation to correct the height. Tr8 acts as a buffer, passing the sawtooth waveform to the driver stage. There is also feedback from the emitter of $\operatorname{Tr} 8$ to the bases of the npn/pnp pair $\operatorname{Tr} 4 / 5$. $\operatorname{Tr} 4$ conducts during the first half of the scan and Tr5 during the second half: the onset of their conduction during the progress of the ramp depends on the voltage applied to the chip's V-correction pin, the degree of conduction thereafter depending on the current restriction offered by the series resistor Rcorr. Tr4's collector current, and that of $\operatorname{Tr} 5$ via the inverter transistor Tr6, vary the extent to which Tr 7 shunts R1, thus modifying CR's charging current. The s-correction can be set to suit the type of picture tube by adjusting the values of Vcorr and Rcorr.

## Driver and Output Stage

The field driver and output stages are similar to those used in a medium-power audio amplifier. There is usually
an impedance-matching stage and a complementarysymmetry class B output stage, whose mid-point drives the field scan coils via a large-value electrolytic coupling capacitor. As previously mentioned d.c. feedback provides stabilisation while a.c. feedback is used for linearity correction and to set the gain. In most current designs the whole thing is encapsulated in a single chip that's capable of driving the deflection yokes of tubes with a diagonal faceplate measurement of up to 34 in . For high-power applications the chip is provided with a heatsink: typically the internal dissipation, most of which is accounted for by the class B output stage, is 4 W . The collectors of the output transistors are formed on the internal part of the heatsink.

## The Flyback

In a large-screen TV set with a bulky pincushion-distortion free yoke the field scan coils will have a d.c. resistance of typically $10 \Omega$, an inductance of 20 mH and require a scanning current of 2 A peak-to-peak. To drive 2 A p-p into an impedance of $10 \Omega$ a supply of about 20 V is required for the downwards scan. During the flyback period however there must be a complete reversal of the current flowing through the yoke within a period of about Imsec. The timeconstant of the field scan coils is $\mathrm{t}=\mathrm{L} / \mathrm{R}=0.02 / 10=2 \mathrm{msec}$, which defines the time required for the reversed current to reach 63 per cent of its final value when a d.c. voltage is applied. To complete the flyback within 1 msec , the 'aiming current' needs to be about 4A, and with a $10 \Omega$ yoke this calls for a supply voltage of about 40 V .

If the field output stage is operated with a 40 V supply however the difference between this and the 20 V required during the downwards scan must, as Fig. 4 shows, be absorbed by the upper transistor of the output pair. This high and unnecessary dissipation within the chip can be


Fig. 4: Reason for using a flyback generator. (a) Voltage waveform developed across the scan coils. (b) Scan current waveform. (c) How the upper transistor (Tr1) would have to absorb the difference between the applied and the required energy during the first half of the scan without a flyback generator. (d) The low, equally-shared output transistor dissipation when a flyback generator is used.
avoided by using a 'flyback booster' system to generate the required higher supply voltage during the flyback period only.

Fig. 5 shows how this is done - it represents, much simplified, the circuitry in a field output chip that's operated


Fig. 5: Principle of the flyback-boosted field output stage: the chip's internal circuitry has been simplified to illustrate the basic operation.
with a 24 V supply fed via DI. During the first half of the forward scan, from the top of the screen to the centre, the current path is from chassis via the low-value resistor R7, Cl , the yoke, $\mathrm{R} 4, ~ \mathrm{Tr} 2$ (which is switched on by the drive waveform) and D1. During this period Cl charges. To provide the second half of the forward scan the drive waveform switches Tr 2 off and Tr 3 on: Cl then discharges via the yoke, Tr 3 and R 5 , with R7 as before on the chassis side of the circuit. At the end of the scan the voltage at pin 2 of the chip is at near chassis potential.

The steep falling edge of the drive waveform at pin 4 of the chip then switches Tr 1 off. Tr 2 switches on abruptly while $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ switches off. As a result the voltage at pin 2 suddenly rises to 24 V . This positive pulse is fed via R8 and C 2 to pin 5 of the chip, whereupon Tr 4 switches on and Tr 5 off. As a result the negative plate of C 3 is connected to the 24 V supply instead of to chassis. C3 has already been charged to 24 V via DI and Tr 5 . Now, jacked up from below as it were by another 24 V , the voltage at its positive plate jumps to 48 V , the sum of its new voltage charge and the supply line voltage. D1 promptly switches off and the 48 V becomes available at pin 3 of the chip and, via the conductive $\operatorname{Tr} 2$, at pin 2 and the top end of the yoke. This relatively high voltage rapidly reverses the scan current and, with it, the magnetic flux. At the end of the oscillatory flyback the voltage at pin 5 of the chip goes low, Tr5 turns on, Tr4 turns off and C3 recharges via the now conducting D1.

We don't get anything for free: the boosted voltage during the tlyback appears as a debit, in the form of C3's charging current during the scan period. But the average dissipation in Tr 2 within the chip has been greatly reduced Fig. 4(d) illustrates the effect - and the overall circuit efficiency is much improved.

## Yoke Coupling and Feedback

As the current in the field scan coils must swing symmetrically above and below zero, the coupling between the field output stage and the yoke is via a large-value electrolytic capacitor - Cl in Fig. 5. The value of the series resistor R7 is of the order of $1 \Omega$ : it acts as a sampling device developing across it a voltage that's proportional to the scanning current. This sawtooth voltage is fed back to the chip's inverting input, via an RC network, for linearity adjustment:
a variable resistor may be included for adjustment purposes. If the feedback sample is taken from a potential divider connected across R 7 the variable resistor acts as a height control.

The advantage of this form of current-sampling negative feedback is that the scan coils themselves form part of the loop. Their copper wire has a positive temperature coefficient, i.e. their resistance increases with rise in temperature. Without the compensation provided by the feedback, this would lead to reduced height as the yoke warmed up.

## Vertical Shift

Modern picture tubes are built to such a close tolerance that the inherent picture centring error with a 22 in . screen is less than 3 mm . If the scanning current is perfectly balanced about zero there will be no residual d.c. in the field scan coils and no need for any centring correction. In practice the relatively small inductance of the coils is effectively in series with their resistance. As a result, the scanning current has a slightly exponential shape. This asymmetry of the upper and lower halves of the waveform results in a small net d.c. bias which pulls the picture downwards slightly. In the circuit shown in Fig. 5 this effect is offset by the bleed current that flows via R6.

Where a deflection processor chip is used (see Fig. 12 last month) a bleed resistor such as R6 is retained while the mid-point voltage of the chip's output pair is varied by adjusting the standing bias applied to pin 4 to give vertical shift in either direction. This chip is d.c.-coupled throughout. In simpler sets the bottom of R6 is taken to a manually-variable voltage from a preset potentiometer, or to a tapped resistor network, that's connected across a suitable supply.

## Representative Practical Circuit

The relative simplicity of modern field output stages is illustrated by the circuit shown in Fig. 6, which is used in an Hitachi chassis. The sawtooth drive waveform is fed to pin 1 of lC601 via R607. Positive-going pulses from the line


Fig. 6: Field output circuit used in a current-production, large-screen TV chassis.
output transformer are fed to rectifier diode D602, which develops a 25 V supply across C601. This is fed to pin 2 of the chip, where an internal voltage stabiliser supplies the preamplifier and driver stages. Pin 6 is the supply to the output stage, 25 V during the downwards scan but hoisted to almost 50 V during the flyback by the action of C604 and

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D601 in the flyback boosting circuit.
Output pin 5 is taken straight to the yoke and is connected to chassis at h.f. by the Zobel network consisting of R608/C606 to prevent instability - the chip's frequency response extends to high radio frequencies. The field deflection coils are damped by R604 and bypassed to prevent linefrequency pick up from the adjacent line scan coils by C608. A shift current is injected by the potential divider


Fig. 7: Outline of a thyristor-controlled, pump-mode field timebase.

R611/R610: R610 is connected to the collector of a transistor whose conduction is governed by the vertical positioning adjustment.

The earthy side of the scan coils is connected to chassis via the coupling capacitor C605 and the sampling resistor R607. The latter supplies a sawtooth feedback waveform via R602 to pin I of the chip, where it's mixed with a parabolic waveform fed back via R606 and R603. The network R602/3/6/12 and C602 shape the waveforms to obtain the required scan current linearity correction. R606 and R603 also provide d.c. feedback to stabilise the operation of the circuit.

Modern field output chips incorporate a thermal sensing bridge circuit on the silicon substrate to limit the base current in the output transistors when the internal temperature exceeds about $150^{\circ}$, and a SOAR (safe operational area) limiter to keep the operation of the output transistors within their permitted Ic/Vce boundary in the event of malfunction or incorrect adjustment. Very often a 'guard' output is provided for the purpose of protecting the tube's phosphors by cutting off the tube in the event of field-scan failure.

## Bus-controlled Multi-purpose Chip

We've already encountered the deflection processor chip that modifies and controls the scanning. Some even more remarkable devices are around. The MC44000 for example combines in a single 40-pin package the functions of deflection processing with triple-standard colour decoding, RGB matrixing, sync processing and the countdown generation of line and field drive waveforms. A 17.7 MHz ( 625 -line standard) crystal-controlled oscillator is used by both the colour decoder and timebase sections. There is also an EW drive output, and everything is under two-way I2C control.

## The Pump-mode Field Timebase

In the systems described so far the sawtooth current for the field scan coils has been supplied in a linear manner by using a push-pull pair of power transistors to amplify a sawtooth drive. An alternative approach is to pump energy into the yoke circuit in small, discrete steps, gradually
increasing the energy 'packages' as the field scan progresses. The first commercial example was the TDA2600 field timebase chip that was used many years ago in the Philips G11 chassis. It used a class D (switch-mode) output stage, a chop rate of 150 kHz and an LC integrator to build up a sawtooth current ramp from the widening pulse output from the chip. The idea was that switch-mode operation would reduce the dissipation in the chip and provide greater reliability. In practice the system had few advantages over the conventional approach and proved to be less reliable.

A later approach, used in some Thomson chassis (and thus in several Ferguson models - those fitted with the ICC5 and IKC2 chassis), is outlined in Fig. 7. One end (A) of the field scan coils is connected to a 20 V d.c. supply. By varying the charge on capacitor Cl , current can be made to flow through the scan coils in either direction. Variation of its charge between +30 V and +10 V in a linear fashion will build up the required sawtooth scanning current, symmetrical about zero, in the coils.

The charge stored by Cl comes from winding $\mathrm{X}-\mathrm{Y}$ on the line output transformer. This winding is so phased that during each line flyback period the voltage at pin X rises to about +200 V with respect to pin Y. If thyristor THI remained permanently off, diode D1 would act as a simple rectifier, charging Cl to 200 V via L1. If, on the other hand, thyristor THI remained conductive all the time pin Y would be permanently earthed and the pulses at pin X would position themselves symmetrically about chassis potential (d.c. zero). Thus the charge on Cl would be zero. By switching the thyristor on and off in a controlled manner throughout the 20 msec field period the charge developed by Cl can be varied to produce the required sawtooth scan current. Since TH1 is switched off at the beginning of each line flyback by the negative pulse produced at pin Y of the transformer, its conduction period (it switches on once per line) depends on the timing (phasing) of the positive switch-on pulses applied to its gate.

In the arrangement shown in Fig. 7, at the start of each field scan the thyristor's trigger pulse arrives at a late point in each line. Thus Cl develops a high voltage and current flows through the scan coils from A to B. As the field scan progresses, THl is switched on at an earlier point in each line. As a result the charge developed across Cl is reduced in a linear manner and the current flow through the coils is likewise reduced. Halfway through the scan ( 10 msec from the start) the charge on Cl has fallen to 20 V and no current flows through the scan coils. The timing of the thyristor's gate switch-on pulses continues to advance, with the result that the charge held by Cl falls below 20 V . Current now flows through the coils from B to $A$. This current reaches a maximum value at the end of the field scan, with the beams now at the bottom of the screen. The thyristor's switch-on pulses are then suddenly narrowed, the charge across Cl reverts to the high-voltage condition and a large current flows through the yoke in direction $A B$. This produces the required rapid flyback.

It remains to see how the triggering pulses for the thyristor are developed. In the arrangement shown this is done by a TEA2029 chip which, incidentally, also contains the sync separator, the line generator, the sandcastle pulse source and the switch-mode power supply control system. Fig. 8 shows the relevant section of the circuit, in simplified form. An externally generated field-frequency ramp waveform is fed to a differential amplifier at pin 2 . This is the amplifier's inverting input, so a negative-going ramp is produced at its output. Pin 2 is also connected to the height control. The amplifier's other input (at pin 1) is connected


Fig. 8: Generation of the variable duty-cycle pulse waveform required to control the thyristor field output circuit.
to the vertical shift control. The ramp output from the differential amplifier is fed to the following transistor along with a line-rate sawtooth waveform that's generated within the chip. This transistor acts as a pulse-width modulator, with a 6.5 V threshold level at its emitter. As the field-rate sawtooth


Fig. 9: How the arrangement shown in Fig. 8 works. The drawing is not to scale! There are in practice 612.5 line sawtooth cycles superimposed on the 20 msec field ramp at the base of the transistor. Even at the end of the field scan the thyristor conducts during only part of the line scan, so C1 (Fig. 7) is never fully discharged. Note also that during the flyback and at the start of the downwards field scan the conduction pertod of the thyristor is such that C1 cannot charge to the peak voltage across winding $X-Y$ on the line output transformer.
ramps down, see Fig. 9, the line sawtooth that's superimposed on it falls progressively lower with respect to the 6 V level. As a result, the transistor switches on for a progressively longer period during each line sawtooth cycle. Its output, a pulse-width modulated signal, is then amplified to


Fig. 10: The feedback arrangement for s-correction and height control with the type of circuit outlined in Fig. 8. Both rely on the voltage developed across R1.

12 V peak-to-peak before leaving the chip at pin 4 to control the thyristor's switch-on timing.

The variable d.c. voltage applied to pin 1 (field shift control) sets the transistor's slicing level (nominally 6 V ), altering the average voltage developed across Cl and thus the residual current in the scan coils.

Fig. 10 shows how s-correction is implemented with this arrangement. The scan current develops a sawtooth voltage across R1, a $3 \cdot 3 \Omega$ resistor that's in series with the scan coils. At the centre of the vertical scan the voltage across R1 is virtually zero, so no current flows via either D1 or D2. Away from screen centre a greater voltage is developed progressively across R1. Thus either D1 or D2 passes more current, increasing the negative feedback via R3 to reduce the deflection current.

## Alternative Configurations

Most modern TV sets use separate i.c.s for field drive generation and power output. In a few designs, mainly portables and basic sets, the complete field timebase is in a single chip that requires only a sync pulse feed and a power supply. Other sets have a field timebase or output stage that consists of discrete components but follows the basic principles described above. Because of the low impedance of the field scan coils used with monochrome, viewfinder and small-screen, narrow-neck colour c.r.t.s a flyback generator is not required: a simple class B output stage suffices.

## Next Month

In the next instalment we'll examine TV receiver power supply principles and practice. We'll then have covered every aspect of 'basic' television. The rest of the series will be concerned with 'optional extras' such as teletext, elaborate control systems and enhanced display techniques.

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# Servicing the Goodmans GTV9200/Samsung CI125R 

John Riggs

These receivers were sold mainly by Goodmans and via mail order some three and a half years ago. Their specification - a 5 in. portable colour TV/monitor with m.w./f.m. radio - and compact size made them particularly popular with caravan users.

## Power Supply Arrangements

Powering can be via a mains adaptor that provides 13.5 V at 1.4 A . These are inclined to run hot, occasionally failing. For car or carvan use a suitable d.c. lead is required to plug in instead of a mains adaptor: to minimise the voltage drop, the lead should be capable of carrying several amps. Internal batteries can also be used: because of the fairly heavy current consumption, rechargeable types are best. Maximum viewing time is one and a half hours.

The power supply circuitry within the set is conventional. A series regulator fed from the internal batteries or the d.c. input provides an 11 V output that's used by the main power consuming sections of the set. A second, i.c.-type regulator is fed with 17.6 V derived via a rectifier from the line output transformer, providing a 12 V supply that's used by the lowpower sections of the set.

## Sensitivity

Sensitivity is good with both TV and radio reception. If the TV signal is weak the sound will mute: this can, if required, be overridden by removing plug CN106.

## Fault Listing

No results (no sound or vision): Check for cracks at the corner of the PCB adjacent to the line output transformer (T402). The usual cause of cracks here is that the set has been dropped.

Low brightness/contrast: Try adjusting the sub-brightness control VR312 and the sub-contrast control VR311. If necessary try realignment of the bias controls in the RGB output stages - VR307 red, VR308 green, VR310 blue.

Small picture/line speed incorrect: Replace C407 (2.7nF).
No/low 11 V supply: The KTA1015 (may be KSA539) regulator driver transistor Q604 could be faulty or the $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ preset control VR601 (+B ADJ) open-circuit.

Patterning with strong signals (effect is similar to a.g.c. overloading): Check whether the print on the earth side of the aerial socket is open-circuit.

Loss of height: Check for 11 V at pin 10 of IC401. If the voltage here is high the MC7812C/KIA78012 12V regulator chip IC402, which is on the metal shield that surrounds the line output transformer, is probably short-circuit.

Corona effect/large picture/high brightness/poor focus: Check for a dry-joint or open-circuit at the earth lead connection to the c r.t. base.

Intermittent loss of or no colour: Override the colourkiller by linking TP5 to TP17 and TP13 to TP14. If unlocked colour appears, adjust the a.p.c. preset VR304 for minimum colour rolling then remove the test point links. The colour should now be correct. If the colour disappears, suspect C315 ( $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ) and check the value of R321 (1MS ). If necessary replace the 8.86 MHz crystal X 301 .

Loss of colour after several hours: The TDA3565 colour decoder chip IC301 is probably faulty - use freezer to prove this.

Incorrect colour: Check for dry-joints at the chroma delay line DL302.

No Sound: Check the earphone socket and loudspeaker.
Tuning drift: Replace D407 (1N4148) and the 33V regulator lC403 (KA33V). Also check R417 ( $33 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 0.5 \mathrm{~W}$ ) and Q101 (KTC1815 or KSC815).

Not tuning: Drive cord broken. See Fig. 1.
Internal battery charger doesn't work: Check whether R604 (10S2,5W) is open-circuit or dry-jointed. Note that the maximum charge rate is 200 mA .


Fig. 1: Drive cord stringing.

## Notes

The 11 V regulator transistor Q603 is type KTB834Y. The line output transistor Q402 is type KSD362R or KTC2233. the driver transistor Q401 being type KSC1008 or KTC 1959. The three RGB output transistors Q302/3/4 are type KTC2482Y or KSC2310Y. The field output transistors are Q503 (KTC2236A-Y or KSC2328A-Y) and Q504 (KTA966A-Y or KSA928A-Y), the driver being Q502 (KTC1815 or KSC815). The timebase generator chip IC401 is type TDA2579A The audio amplifier/output chip IC201 is type KIA7313AP.


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# Servicing Ferguson FC08 and FC28 Camcorders 

David C. Woodnott

Large numbers of these Ferguson-branded, full-size VHS camcorders recently became available when they were sold off by the Thorn Rental group. The two models are similar, the FC08 being introduced in 1988 and the FC28 about a year later. They were manufactured by JVC, the equivalent model numbers being GF450 and GF500 respectively. Intended originally for the Saudi Arabian market, a great many of them came to be used as rental stock.

When placed side by side the two camcorders look almost identical. In practice however they share very few components, either electrical or cosmetic, the deck mechanism being the section with the greatest degree of commonality.

## Features

The user functions are very much the same. Both models have manual and automatic control over most of the common camera functions. Both have HQ enhancement, insert edit and audio dub. Two unusual features common to both are the animation mode, which produces cartoon-type movement automatically, and BGM (background music) input from an auxiliary source. They were the first Ferguson full-size machines to have a flying erase head: this was to give a clear 'join' to animation-mode sequences.

The optical systems are also similar but not identical. The FC08 has a $\times 6$ lens while the FC28 has a $x 8$ type. The major difference between the two, in fact the only functional difference, is the digital titler used in the FC28. This has a three-image memory with eight colours and a reverse image facility. It's something that became commonplace on later models of all makes. Sensitivity is quoted as 10 lux for the FC08, 7 lux for the FC28.

When the camera is held in the normal operating position the camera function buttons are at the front left-hand side of the case. This group of controls includes the power on/off switch. The VCR function buttons and LCD display are at the rear of the case while the record trigger and wide/telephoto controls are, as usual, at the right-hand side of the hand grip. There's a cover for the VCR function buttons (record, play, fast forward/rewind etc.). It can be slid over them to provide protection but is otherwise purely cosmetic, i.e. it doesn't, as with some models, engage the record mode.

## Similarities

Although few parts except for the deck mechanism are common to both models there's a strong 'family' sense in the designs. The optical units for example have the same autofocus system, with a slave lens that tracks the movement of the main focusing lens and the output from the focus sensor
driving the autofocus motor to position the main focus lens correctly. There are also many family likenesses in the electronic circuitry - the same chips and circuit features are used. Other models of the period, e.g. the mini C versions, the FC05 and Philips VKR6840, share many circuit features. The deck is very similar to that used in the earlier FC04, which was also much used by the rental companies.

## Casing and Access

It's not unknown for these camcorders to arrive in the workshop with case screws missing. In fact we've had examples where almost all the screws have fallen out, the camera arriving in 'kit' form! The point about this is that missing screws don't necessarily mean that the customer has been inside the camcorder. It could be to do with the less than perfect way in which some rental customers use equipment. An owner, having parted with his hard-earned cash, would probably take greater care.

Case removal for servicing is straightforward. Except for a special shanked type used to secure the optical unit at the front left-hand side most of the screws are of the same pattern. The camcorder can be operated for deck checks etc. with the 'top case' (cassette-housing side) removed. The deck and camera head sections are completely separate and are secured to the 'lower case' individually. Two ribbon cables that run between the lower case and the underside of the deck assembly provide the main interconnections between the two assemblies. These cables are stuck to the lower case but can be unstuck for servicing. There are also various plug/socket connections between the camera and deck sections, carrying Y and C signals, electronic viewfinder data, supply lines etc.

The innards can be removed complete after first removing the VCR operation assembly from the rear end of the unit and releasing the deck securing screws. The ribbon cables can be disconnected or unstuck from the lower case. It's easy to release the camera section from the case.

There are two PCBs, audio/servo/mechacon (ASM) and video, fixed to the rear of the deck assembly by three screws. Removal of these boards gives access to two small PCBs that are mounted directly on the deck. One serves as a junction point for the deck sensors, the other is for motor drive.

## The Deck Mechanism

The deck mechanism is straightforward and shouldn't present servicing problems. With very few parts to fail it has proved to be very reliable. The well-proven JVC optocoupler deck position sensing system, which is similar to that in many full-size domestic VCRs, is used. Things to watch for are broken actuating levers, distorted or broken cam gear teeth, slipping loading belts etc. - all common stuff.

Note that the ribbon cable from the lower drum to the video PCB, carrying the f.m. signals, is very short and can easily become partly detached from its connector. This can give the impression that there's a faulty video head or intermittent play.

When refitting the ASM and video PCBs make sure that the coupling edge connectors are properly fitted. If the VCR operation assembly should suffer impact damage it's likely that a replacement ASM PCB will be required, as damage to the connector that links it to the operation PCB assembly is rarely repairable.

## Cassette Housings

The cassette housing assemblies are prone to damage as a
result of mistreatment. Cassettes are inserted in a downward direction. The cassette lid's upper edge overlaps the top surface of the case. There is sufficient gap for an immense amount of pressure to be exerted, and this will badly deform the housing. Fortunately because the housing can be distorted so easily it can also often be returned to (almost) its correct shape by means of a little metalwork. To avoid interference to correct tape transportation it must of course seat properly in its down position.

## Mechanical Points

The two small pressure pads that hold the tape firmly in position when laced up can become slack: spring retension usually provides a cure. It's also quite common for the record prevent switch and its housing to become detached from the cassette housing. If this happens a new housing will be required. Make sure that the record prevent switch is fitted properly.

If a tape has been inserted incorrectly and pressure has been applied to the cassette lid it's possible for the capstan shaft to be pushed into the machine with the result that the motor jams. The shaft can usually be released without trouble, but remember to relocate the dust washer on the shaft.

## The Camera Section

As previously mentioned the camera section can be released from the case for servicing. In both models it consists of the optical assembly which has two video PCBs fixed at the rear. These carry the CCD image sensor and all the SSG and video circuits. The outputs to the encoder PCB, which is mounted at the edge of the video 1 PCB, are $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Y}$ and luminance (plus the necessary control signals). The encoder provides a Y/C output to the deck section.

The camera control functions (white balance etc.) are on two further PCBs which are mounted to the rear and below the optical assembly.

The autofocus systems are similar, but there's a slight difference to the coupling between the master and slave lenses in the two models. In the FC08 a cam follower (peg) sits in a track around the circumference of the main lens: any movement of the main lens thus produces a corresponding movement of the slave lens. The same principle is used in the FC28 but the 'peg' on the slave lens is sprung against a raised cam on the body of the main lens. This means that the slave lens may jam, rendering the autofocus system inoperative, if it gets pushed into its most inward position. With either model the slave lens assembly can become jammed because the slide bearing is contaminated. A strip down and clean normally cures this.

Note that the FC08 has a 49 mm lens, the FC28 a 52 mm lens.

All setting up adjustments are by means of preset potentiometers or capacitors - this was the generation before the advent of the EVR (electronic variable resistance).

It's easier to replace the CCD image sensor in the FC28 as it plugs in. With the FC08 the imager is soldered in.

## Common Faults

Common faults with these camcorders are few - apart from those caused by damage to the cassette housing, such as fouling of the take-up reel and consequent shutdown. A few known faults are listed below - these are in addition to those previously mentioned. Note that where component
circuit reference numbers are given these apply to the FC08. Similar faults are caused by the equivalent components in the FC28.

## VCR Section

Intermittent loading/unloading or any other mechanical function: Replace the optocoupler.

Capstan speed fast/slow: C124 open-circuit or IC102 faulty.

Intermittent shutdown in play/record (intermittent counter): Resolder dry-joints on the supply-reel sensor.

Mechanical noise, noise bands on the picture: Drum assembly floating because all three screws are loose or missing.

No functions: IC 103 not being reset or Q 4 in the regulator section open-circuit.

Intermittent battery alarm indication (battery o.k.): R4 intermittent.

Noise on sound: IC701 on Mic2 PCB faulty or C7, C8, C9 or C703 open-circuit or leaky.

Recorded sound is low/distorted: Check for a dry-joint on the bias oscillator transformer L201 on the main PCB.

Playback output from only one f.m. channel: Cll or Cl2 on the Y/C PCB leaky.

## Camera Section

No colour: BFP301 or R334 on the encoder PCB is opencircuit.

No E-E picture: CPI on the camera Ctrl PCB is opencircuit.

Noise on E-E pictures: Cause is spikes on the supplies because the camera d.c.-d.c. converter is faulty.

No camera picture: IC2 (SSG chip) faulty.
No camera luminance: EQ101 or Q15 open-circuit.

## Viewfinder

A very common complaint with the FC28 is of poor pictures. Careful removal of the 'blue' substance around the c.r.t. pins will usually improve the situation. Also clean the pins and socket connections.

## Other Useful Information

The following power consumption figures, for the FC28, may be helpful: power off $150 \mu \mathrm{~A}$; power on 380 mA ; monitor 750 mA ; record 900 mA ; record pause 780 mA ; play 520 mA ; play pause 450 mA ; $\mathrm{FF} /$ rewind 530 mA ; zoom 22 mA ; autofocus 40 mA .

# Test Report: Wavetek 9020 Oscilloscope 

David Botto

The Wavetek Model 9020 is a 20 MHz , dual-trace oscilloscope with a multitude of operating features including a built-in component tester and a delayed-sweep facility. It is sturdily built and is housed in a tough-looking metal case. A strong handle/stand adjusts to a wide range of angles and is far better than the flimsy wire-tilt stands that some scopes have. Size is 310 mm in width, 160 mm height and 400 m depth, weight being about 9 kg . Power requirements are $110 / 120 / 220 / 240 \mathrm{~V}$ a.c., $50 / 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$, consumption being approximately 35 W .

Clearly-labelled, solid-response front-panel controls make range and function selection easy. The $8 \times 10$ division screen graticule is nicely marked and calibrated. It does tend to reflect external light however - a non-reflective screen would have been better. I also missed the inclusion of a graticule illuminating light, though the bright-green trace produced by the 150 mm rectangular c.r.t. is easy to view and focuses beautifully. You can't lose the beam trace: a beam find button brings it to the centre area of the screen when required.

## Operating Modes

There's a choice between single- and dual-trace operation. In the dual-trace mode pushbuttons provide selection of alternate (ALT), chopped (CHOP) or ADD modes. The latter adds or subtracts the channel one and channel two inputs, which is useful for differential waveform measurement and analysis.

Push another button and you get the X - Y mode. The channel one input now provides vertical deflection and the channel two input horizontal deflection. Amongst other things you can use this mode for colour signal vectorscope analysis: connect the channel one probe to the $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Y}$ signal and the channel two probe to $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Y}$, adjust the gain controls and the well-known colour vector signals appear on the screen.

## Vertical Deflection

Two front-panel switches give you a choice of d.c., earth or a.c. inputs at the X and Y BNC input sockets. With each channel the bandwidth is d.c. to 20 MHz ( -3 dB point). Checks with inputs from a.f., r.f. and digital signal generators produced good results. The rise time is approximately 17.5 nsec and the overshoot less than three per cent.

The use of dual-channel f.e.t.s and i.c.s minimises drift in the two vertical input preamplifiers. Ten-step frequencycompensated RC input attenuators ensure accurate measurement of displayed waveforms. Calibration is from 5 mV to $5 \mathrm{~V} /$ division. Two $5: 1$ panel calibration controls enable fine adjustments to be made: the maximum clockwise position increases the sensitivity from 1 mV to $1 \mathrm{~V} /$ division, though
the bandwidth is then reduced to 10 MHz .
A test point connection on the front panel provides a calibration test signal. Should the calibration need adjustment there's no need to remove the case: d.c. balance, $\mathrm{X} / \mathrm{Y}$ gain and trace rotation controls can be easily adjusted through holes beneath the instrument.

Diode protection guards the vertical inputs against overloads. In the ALT and CHOP modes diode gates alternately switch the vertical inputs. The CHOP mode is controlled by the 500 kHz squarewave output from a bistable multivibrator while the ALT mode is controlled by blanking pulses from the scope's timebase.

## Horizontal Deflection

The rotary time/division switch has twenty calibrated positions giving sweep speeds from $0 \cdot 2 \mathrm{sec}$ to $0 \cdot 1 \mu \mathrm{sec} /$ division. In addition the VAR control provides a continuously variable sweep rate up to a factor of 2.5 - a neat red LED lights when this control is in use. A pull-out control increases the sweep rate by ten.

Cleverly-designed triggering circuitry makes it easy to lock to a signal being measured. Push-button trigger source switches offer a choice: you can use the input signal to trigger the scope's two channels or use it to trigger each channel alternately. An external trigger source can also be used.

The push-button trigger-coupling switch has four positions: AC rejects d.c. and attenuates signals below 100 Hz ; DC accepts all trigger signals from d.c. to 20 MHz or higher; LF accepts low-frequency signals, below about 10 Hz ; HF accepts signals above 10 Hz .

There's also a trigger-mode push-button. This enables you to select AUTO, with automatic triggering, or NORM. In the NORM mode a trigger level range of +5 V to -5 V is obtained by use of the trigger-level control. When this


Fig. 1: Typical component tester waveforms obtained with the 9020 . (a) $680 \Omega 2$ resistor; (b) $47 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor; (c) mains transformer primary winding; (d) transistor basecollector junction; (e) transistor base-emitter junction; (f) gate-source f.e.t. check with the source earthed.
control is used a red LED lights as soon as the scope locks to the measured signal. The trigger slope button selects between triggering from positive- or negative-going slopes.

Another panel switch selects Normal, Search (searches for a position at which the horizontal sweep will be delayed) and Delay. A rotary switch calibrated in six steps from 10 msec to $0 \cdot 1 \mu \mathrm{sec}$ sets the selected delay time after the triggering point, enabling short-duration waveforms to be viewed. This is useful when checking the one-shot oscillators used in VCRs.

## Probes

Two neat, lightweight $10: 1$ probes are supplied with the 9020. They are well made and are rated at up to 60 MHz . This is a good point: there's no sense in having a 20 MHz scope if the probes are rated at up to a bare 20 MHz or less.

Each probe's BNC connector incorporates a frequency-
compensating trimmer. 1 found these far easier to adjust than the usual type of trimmer set into the probe itself. By using the special trimmer driver provided to set the trimmers I found that excellent squarewave patterns from my signal generator could be viewed.

## Rear Sockets

There are two BNC sockets at the rear of the scope. One provides Z-axis modulation: this enables you to use an external signal to control the beam intensity. The other provides a sawtooth output signal of approximately 5 V peak-to-peak amplitude derived from the scope's timebase.

## Component Tester

More and more service engineers are finding that a component tester makes life a lot easier. It's often quicker to use one to check every component on a PCB rather than spend time tracing out the circuitry and then checking suspect items.

Press the Comp Test button and the component check feature is available. Two 4 mm front-panel sockets accept standard test leads and probes. Fig. l shows some typical waveforms to expect. You can also check i.c.s and make continuity tests. One thing that the Operator's Manual doesn't tell you is how to check large capacitors with values as high as $2,000 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ or so: to do this simply pull out the times ten sweep control knob then increase the brightness level.

There's no provision for checking thyristors. You can do this however by connecting the thyristor's cathode to the chassis socket and its anode to the 'hot' component test socket, then biasing its gate with an external 1.5 V battery connected via a series $3 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ linear potentiometer see Fig. 2. Adjust the potentiometer to switch the thyristor on. For a complete account of component tester principles see my articles in the July and August 1990 issues of Television.

## Safety

Wavetek has paid close attention to safety. X-ray radiation is less than $0.5 \mathrm{mR} /$ hour at a distance of 5 cm from the surface of the c.r.t. The scope is well shielded, meeting the stringent safety and health requirements of IEC 348.

Wavetek recommends use of an isolating transformer between the mains supply and the scope to minimise electrical hazards (every service test bench should be powered


The Wavetek 9020 dual-trace, 20 MHz oscilloscope.


Fig. 2: How to test a thyristor using the 9020.
via a suitably rated $1: 1$ mains isolating transformer). Never connect an earthed oscilloscope to a live TV chassis: the set will suffer damage, and so will you.

## Conclusion

The Wavetek 9020 is excellent for TV/VCR servicing and proved to be quite at home when checking computer circuitry - on-site computer servicing and maintenance can be a highly profitable source of extra income for the alert service engineer.

Complete with test probes and power cord the 9020 costs $£ 346$ plus VAT. This seems to be a reasonable price in view of the scope's sweep-delay facility.

The Operator's Manual is clearly written and packed with information. It contains complete circuit diagrams for the 9020. A couple of extra pages on component testing would in my view have been helpful.

You can obtain the Wavetek 9020 from Wavetek Ltd., Astec Building, High Street, Wollaston, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 4PG (telephone 0384442 394). My thanks to Sue Round for arranging the loan of a 9020 for test purposes.

# Answer to Test Case 372 

## - See page 106 -

The reel idlers in many Sharp VCRs of yesteryear were unreliable and, more often than not, were the root cause of reel-drive problems. But this time idler replacement had not cured the fault.

In retrospect, the fact that until the reel-drive motor shaft was turned the machine, on its second visit to the workshop, failed to work was a very important clue in the diagnosis. It was unfortunately lost on Sherlock, despite his nickname. Dr. Watson, in the form of another technician, came to the rescue. He removed the two screws and two wires from the motor and took it out of the machine. He then hooked it up to a 6 V battery, with a $10 \Omega$ resistor in series, and connected an oscilloscope across the motor's terminals. The waveform on the scope's screen revealed all!

It was very spiky, with needle pulses of over 4 V peak-to-peak amplitude superimposed. This showed that the brush-to-commutator contact was dodgy to say the least. It was possible, with the motor-drive boss between the thumb and forefinger, to find a dead spot at which the motor stuck, regardless of the applied voltage, until the shaft was turned a little. It then ran again by itself. So the cause of the trouble was wear in the reel-drive motor.

A new - free of charge of course! - reel motor provided a permanent cure. If Sherlock gets another such Sharp machine in for repair he intends to give the reel motor a thorough medical before quoting for the job!

## Letters

## BUYING A TV SET

Readers of Television are probably more interested in the technical performance of the sets they buy than most people. I wonder how much luck they have however when trying to assess performance before making a purchase?

Recently I wanted rather more than the information, though excellent, given in Sony's brochures. What I wanted to know about was the geometry of the display produced by the company's latest large-screen sets - at times I need to show computer graphics to groups of people. The displays, with their S-shaped tops and bottons, seen at exhibitions on sets from various manufacturers have been less than satisfactory.

So I looked at the Sony brochures. No luck. I then rang the Sony Customer Information Centre, which subsequently sent me details of local (?) dealers. I visited these dealers, at very quiet times, to ask whether they would, at a suitable time, show me on a set of my choice a video-taped test card that was on high quality tape recorded using a Sony SLV777 VCR. Two said "no" in no uncertain terms. The third had such a small 'showroom' that I didn't dare ask.

I rang SCIC again, repeated my request and this time asked to speak to a technical person. This person asked whether I was a Sony dealer? When I said "no" he came up with what sounded like a standard response - "sorry, we may have this information but it's available only to. . . etc."

I became devious, asked amongst friends in the trade and was told about The Sony Service Centre, 100 Ballards Lane, Finchley. When contacted this firm said they had the set I was interested in and would be happy to show me the test card display. I went along, viewed, and was completely satisfied (comb filters do make a difference!). A comment from this dealer's Customer Service Director says it all: "if we want to sell, we must do our utmost to please a potential customer."

So you can get the attention you require, but why does it have to be such a struggle?
Roger Goodman.
Wandsworth.

## DIGITAL VCR FORMAT

In the September Teletopics column there was reference to a basic digital VCR specification to be submitted to the IEC by a group of ten major consumer electronics manufacturers as a proposed international standard. I think it a pity that signal bit reduction using cosine transformation was specified. An alternative would have been fractal image compression, which has the best compression ratio of all methods at present known. It has another important advantage. On expansion beyond the initial resolution, the image can be made to show detail not present in the original source. This detail is spurious of course, but for entertainment use would give an impression of improved sharpness, particularly when the image is being expanded for display on a large screen or monitor with a higher resolution than that of the original material.

For those interested, a demonstration disc that shows how extreme compression ratios can be achieved for graphic images is available, for IBM PCs with Windows 3.0 or higher, from Iterated Systems Ltd, Wyvols Court. Swallow-
field, Reading, Berks RG7 IPY, together with explanatory brochures.
John de Rivaz, B.Sc. (Eng.), AMIEE,
Truro, Cornwall.

## SPECTRUM SPACE

Your October editorial refers to a suggestion by BSkyB's director of programmes that 50 channels could be used to transmit a single feature film, a prospect made possible by digital compression. But to use 50 channels, whether compressed or not, to show a single feature film so that Joe Public can decide when to watch it is an obscene waste of the radio spectrum. If someone wants to watch a particular film at a specific time, I'm sure they could nip out to the local video hire shop.

In your sister magazine Electronics World and Wireless World Frank Ogden suggests that the innovators of today have lost sight of the reason for innovation - necessity. When will they get back to designing things that people want, rather than coming up with whizz-bang schemes then wondering whether there are uses for the invention? He was referring to those ridiculous personal organiser things that do exactly the same job as a 50 p notebook and pen, but far more awkwardly and at umpteen times the price.

A lot of very intelligent people have put an enormous amount of work into squeezing high-quality TV pictures into a narrow bandwidth. We now have to convince marketing men to use this technology to give us better, not just more, TV.
Andrew Howlett,
Dukinfield, Cheshire.

## SIGNALS FROM TDF1/2

With reference to Roger Bunney's October column and Colin McCormick's letter in the November issue about the D2MAC Supervision satellite transmissions of 16:9 films and sport, at present (late October) the D2MAC TDF test card from $19^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ seems to give the answer. Superimposed on the test card pattern are the words "France Supervision sur TC2A. Radio France Hector est maintenant sur Le Canal 5". I'm not at present equipped to receive signals from Telecom 2 A at $8^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$, but I assume that those who are can receive France Supervision in the clear.

Incidentally I'm getting perfect reception of TDFI/2 signals here with a modified Ferguson SRBI tuner using a standard Squarial indoors by a first-floor window. Alongside I have another indoor Squarial, modified for left-hand polarisation and mounted on a camcorder tripod. The latter provides adequate RTL, SAT 1, 3SAT and Eins Plus signals via TV-SAT2 at $19^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ !

## lvor Nathan,

Southgate, London N/4.

## SERVICING CAR AUDIO EQUIPMENT

Further to my previous letter (November, page 23) on car audio equipment faults, here are some more things to look out for.

Sharp cassette players have a reed switch under the back capstan wheel. It tends to shatter because of vibration. When fitting a replacement, make sure that it's the correct way up and watch the leads when you bend them - they can shatter the glass.

If poor radio reception is the problem, check for rust at the aerial input socket. Rust here indicates that the aerial lead is taking in water and that the aerial will have to be
replaced. A tip: tie a piece of string to the aerial cable before pulling it out - this will enable you to pull the new aerial in with ease. Don't forget to adjust the trimmer to match the aerial to the radio. Adjust for maximum signal or noise with the aerial fully extended and the radio tuned to $200 \mathrm{~m} / 1.5 \mathrm{MHz}$.

Some radio receivers/cassette players have an input protection diode in the power lead. Always check this as it can go open- or short-circuit.

The problem we had with one radio receiver that kept coming back was loss of its memory store. A poor car battery was the cause of the problem: when the car was started the voltage would fall to such an extent that the memory would drop out. A new battery worked wonders. Some Fiat radios are designed so that they can be removed when the car is left: a standard cell is incorporated to retain the memory. Use only a DVM when checking these cells - a standard meter will draw current and flatten the cell.

The following things can cause faults: a leaky windscreen can allow water into the radio; if the radio is too close to the car heater the output stage may blow: omission of an earth lead. relying on the aerial lead for the power return, doesn't always work.

Finally, watch out for the following types of aerial: wing mounted; roof mounted; door pillar mounted; windscreen; aerials in the wing mirrors; and finally, for oldies like myself, the aerial under the car - who out there remembers that they pick up the ground wave?!
B.D. Andrew,

Devizes, Wilts.

## HANDSET PROBLEMS

The complaint with a 16 in . Philips KT3 teletext portable we had in recently was sound but no picture. When we unplugged the text panel the picture appeared. Several migraines later I decided to try to get the teletext supplement for my KT3 manual. something that's not easy. I even-
tually got one however and can already hear the chorus from other engineers saying "I could have told you what that was". Yes. I eventually found that the fuse in the teletext power supply had gone, removing the rail that provides the TV-text switching voltage. But that wasn't the end of the story.

We returned the sel to the customer but the very next day it was back in the workshop with the complaint that "text pages can't be selected and the clock keeps appearing on the screen". I was sure that the set had been all right when I'd tested it with our own handset, and sure enough it was o.k. when retested. When the customer's handset was used however things went to pot and after this the set wouldn't work with our unit. Back to the set. After changing the remote control receiver chip to no avail I resorted to shunting the supply rails with $1,000 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ electrolytic capacitors. When this had been done the set would revert to the picture mode. It subsequently responded to my handset then reverted to the index page after which no further selection was possible. More migraines.

I decided to scope the output from the infra-red sensor in the set. A nice healthy waveform appeared when our handset was operated but when the button was released a low-amplitude signal was still displayed. Thinking that there was a fault with our handset I pointed it away from the set and even under the bench, but the low-amplitude signal was still present. I then had a sudden attack of intelligence. I removed the battery from the customer's handset, which had been lying on the bench. Hey presto, the signal disappeared. But the set still wouldn't respond to our handset until it had been switched off and on again. Then perfick.

I had wondered why the battery in the customer's unit seemed to be running down quickly. This was why. The unit had been permanently transmitting the clock call signal, thus jamming and confusing the logic.
Peter Nutkins,
Charmouth, Dorset.

## OBITUARY

Many of our regular readers will be saddened to learn of the death of Les Lawry-Johns in late August. He had been in poor health for some years, but managed to keep on top of his health problems: he died of a heart attack.

Les joined the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm early in the war and saw service in the middle east. After the war he returned to Gravesend, Kent, where he started a radio and TV sales and repair business. He became wellknown in the area as a local character, in particular for being so helpful to all who came to him with their problems. Some might say too helpful, since he was reluctant to
charge fully for his services.
His long Servicing Television Receivers series started in the September 1954 issue of Practical Television (as we then were), with the HMV Model 1807. He went on to cover just about every TV chassis up to and including the earlier all solidstate. single-standard colour chassis. His experience was legendary - he could pinpoint just about every stock fault. and many of those who used the advisory service we then ran benefitted from his know-how. But above all he introduced humour and the human element into his servicing articles. After all repairers have feelings, and customers often present as many
problems as the sets they want repaired. Les felt, rightly we believe, that this overall view was relevant in writing about servicing matters. In addition to the articles that appeared under his own name, he contributed to the magazine under various pennames such as S. Simon (Simple Simon!) and Peter Gaymead-Frazer his sense of humour was never far below the surface. Many contributors made a point of paying a visit to the famous shop in Parrock Street.

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