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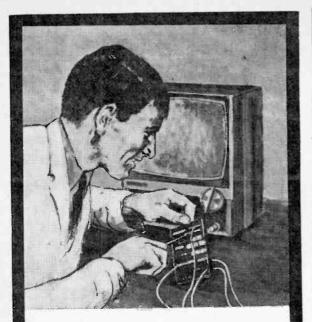
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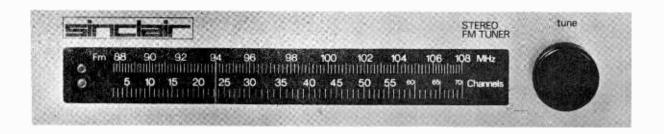


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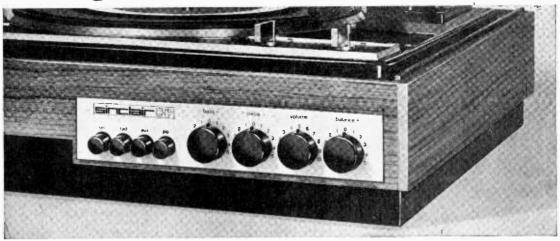
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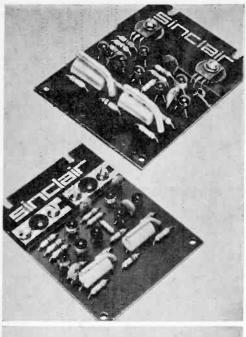
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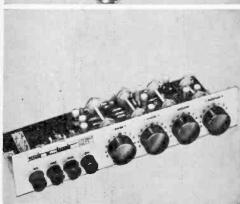
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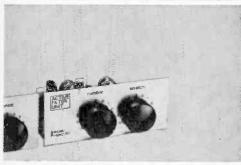


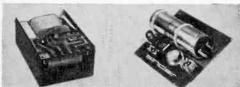
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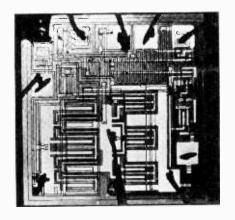
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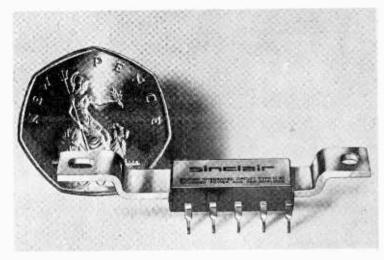
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Specifications

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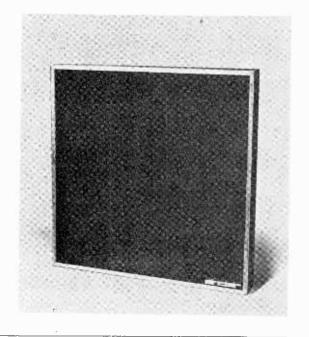
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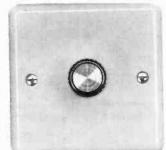


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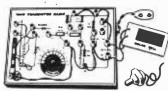
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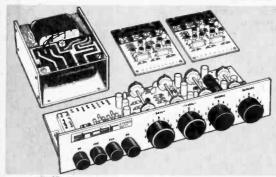


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sensitivity: 250mV Irto 100 K ohms D Loudspeaker;
3 to 15 ohms D Power requirements: from 8 to 35V DC
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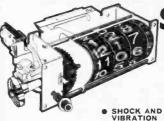
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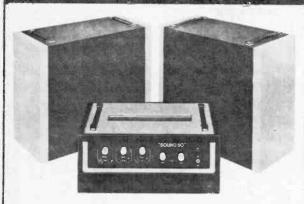


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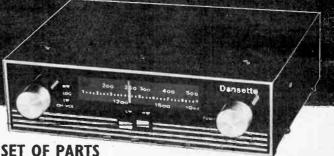
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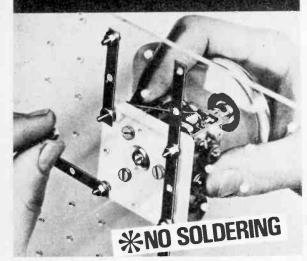
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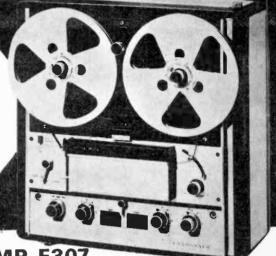
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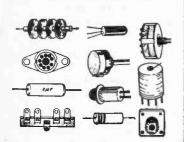
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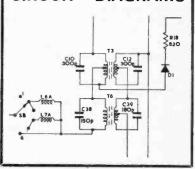
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TOPIC OF THE MONTH

Keep it Clean, Lads

SOMEWHAT belatedly, everyone is becoming concerned about pollution, and 'Conservation' is the new 'in' word. The atmosphere is being poisoned by industry and the internal combustion engine, the seas and rivers are being polluted by industrial waste, foodstuffs and livestock are being contaminated by insecticides and other toxics, the countryside is being despoiled by pylons, roadworks and lanes and woods being used as dumping tips for junk. The list is long and depressing, not only for homo sapiens but for the rest of the animal world too.

Although this is not the place to set up a platform for action against such obvious causes of pollution, it is worth remembering that we (meaning radio enthusiasts, broadcasters and users of electronic equipment) are by no means absolved from blame in adding certain contributions to the

overall mess.

Relative to transmitting, how about all those international shortwave stations who have (with a few notable exceptions) evolved from goodwill broadcasters to blatant provocative propagation machines? How about those who retaliate by swamping the bands with jammers? How about pirate broadcasters and pirate amateur stations? These are only a few activities which can be classified as pollution of the airways.

Even the humble home constructor may (usually unconsciously) add his contribution. We like to think that readers of P.W. are not numbered among those who invade the peace of other individuals by playing radios or cassette tape recorders at full and gloriously distorted volume in public places, but a few may be unsuspectingly annoying neighbours by the incredible noises which emanate from the shed where a new piece of gear is being tested. Those without sheds to work in should sometimes pause to think if they are not causing domestic pollution by using the loudspeaker to listen to DX in the small hours, spilling solder on the Axminster, burning or drilling holes in the kitchen table, scattering the floor with dud capacitors and other such unsocial activities.

On the major scene, pollution can be nailed to the masthead of Irresponsibility. On the domestic front, perhaps Thoughtlessness is a fairer term. So, however ardent you may be in your chosen hobby, spare a thought for others and keep it clean, lads.

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NEWS... NEWS... NEWS...

Dolby and Kellar



One of the drawbacks of obtaining quality reproduction from the tape cassette has been the problem of background noise. Tape hiss increases as the tape speed is lowered and the track width decreased.

The Dolby system of noise reduction enables these problems to be overcome and full use to be made of the features of the tape cassette. By reducing the level of the background hiss by 10dB, the Dolby system gives the opportunity to use the wide frequency and dynamic range necessary to provide the serious listener with high quality reproduction of music.

The Dolby system works by boosting the strength of the signal (the subject being recorded) whenever it falls below a predetermined level, thus increasing the signal-to-noise ratio of the master tape. During playback of the master tape the circuits that increased the low level signals during the recording now lower them back to the correct value. As they do so, they automatically reduce the system background noise.

The Kellar DTA 50 (illustrated) uses the Dolby 'B' system. It has a continuous power output of 25W per channel, input for magnetic pickup cartridges or radio tuner, wide range tone controls with 12dB of boost and cut at 100Hz and 10kHz, a noise level of -70dB and the facility of recording from any source, including microphone, using the Dolby 'B' noise reduction system during the recording and replay process. The DTA 50 also gives the best possible reproduction from pre-recorded tape cassettes whether Dolby processed or not. Price of the DTA 50 is £150 including purchase tax. Kellar Electronics Limited, Maryland Works, 9 Brydges Road, Stratford, London, E.15.

Cassette case

The Bib Division of Multicore Solders Limited announce the introduction of their new Bib Cassette Case which has been specially designed to hold up to 12 tape cassettes in their containers in a way that they can be easily withdrawn and replaced. This case is a neat method of storing and carrying cassettes which is covered in black deerskin PVC. The folding lid is held fast by two button fasteners and the overall appearance is most attractive. Price 17s. 7d., plus 7s. 3d. Purchase Tax.



Martin Audiokits

It is announced that after a period of reorganisation, these constructional units for building a high fidelity amplifier and f.m. tuner systems are again in production.

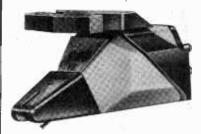
Martin Audiokits were probably the very first to exploit the advantages of using transistorised modular units for the constructor to assemble and they quickly gained a reputation for reliability, good performance and value.

The range is now to be extended and updated but owners of existing equipment will still be able to add any new items to what they already have. Full servicing facilities are available and enquiries should be addressed to Martin Audiokits, 154 High Street, Brentford, Middlessex. (Telephone 01-560 1161) which is now a division of Louis and Lewis (Electronics) Ltd., The Boat House, 15 Thames Street, Hampton, Middlesex.

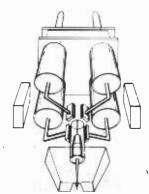
The whole truth

Rank Audio Visual Ltd. are marketing in the U.K. the Empire Scientific Corporation (U.S.A.) range of stereo magnetic cartridges under the trade name of 'Empire'. These cartridges are manufactured in the U.S.A. and the range includes models for high-performance playback systems. In the popular 808 series for automatic record changers, there are two models the 808 at £9 and the 808E at £12 17s. The de-luxe 808 series includes four models ranging in price and specification.

The 999VE has a frequency response (within $\pm 2.2 dB$) from 20-20,000Hz, elliptical stylus and a recommended tracking force of 0.5 to 1.5 grams. This retails at £44 10s. The 1000ZE (stereo calibration standard) is individually calibrated to have a flat frequency response within ±1dB from 20-20,000Hz (overall frequency response 4-40,000Hz) and has the ability to track effectively at stylus forces as low as 0.1 gram. The price is £63. For further technical details write to: Rank Audio Visual Ltd., Great West Road, Brentwood, Middlesex.



THE 999VE CARTRIDGE



EXPLODED VIEW OF THE EMPIRE CARTRIDGE

NEWS... NEWS... NEWS...

Slant Polarization

At certain of the BBC's local radio stations, where it is feasible to do so, slant polarization will be used instead of the horizontal polarization which has been used previously for all the v.h.f. radio services. Slant polarization, with the electric field at 45° to the horizontal and perpendicular to the direction of propagation, will improve v.h.f. reception in cars and with portable receivers used in the open air.

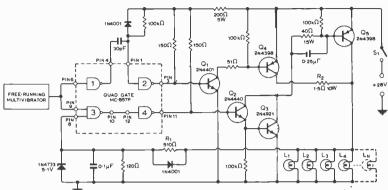
Vertical and horizontal aerials are equally suitable for receiving signals with slant polarization and satisfactory reception, with the vertical rod aerials used on many cars and portable v.h.f. receivers, will be better maintained toward the limit of the nominal service area. The effect is equivalent to the use of 6dB or more additional transmitter power. thus doubling the signal strength. There will be substantially no effect on reception in the home with receivers using built-in aerials, because the passage of a signal through a building tends to mix the polarization. On an outdoor horizontal aerial at roof level, slant polarization will give slightly less pick-up (about 70 per cent or -3dB).

The Invaders



Shown for the first time on their stand at the recent "R.S.G.B." Exhibition was the Adcola 'Invader' soldering iron. instrument is based on the Adcola thermally controlled heating element. The handle is made from a relatively new plastic which does not retain heat, so keeping the handle always cool. A handy hook is also another feature of the handle design. The heating element can be removed should it become damaged and replaced within 90 seconds. Seven stock voltages are available from 6V to 250V and in temperature ranges of 250°C-440°C. Price is 37s. plus 1s. p.p. Adcola Products Limited, Adcola House, Gauden Road, London, S.W.4.

Motorola Design Note



The commonest causes of failure in control circuits used to switch flashing indicator lamps on and off are overloads due to cold lamp filaments during starting, current surges during starting due to the charging of associated capacitive loads, and short-circuited lamps. Such failures can be eliminated with the use of this circuit.

The circuit holds the lamp driver transistor Q5 cut off until the lamps have heated enough so that the 28V supply voltage will not cause excessive current. When switch S1 is closed, the freerunning multivibrator applies a square wave with a 1 sec period and a 50 per cent duty cycle to the quad gate pins 9 and 6. Gates 1 and 2 comprise a monostable multivibrator; when pin 6 goes high (+ 5V), the output of gate 2 at pin 3 will go high for about 75 millisec, then return to the low state. When the output of gate 2 is high, Q1 and Q4 turn on, supplying current to the lamps through resistor R2. If the lamp circuit is not short-circuited, the voltage across the lamps continues rising as the filaments heat

and their resistances increase. When the lamp voltage increases to between 7.5 and 10.0V, gate 3 is driven on through R1, and the output of gate 4 goes high. This action turns Q2, Q3 and Q5 on, applying the full supply voltage to the lamps in 0.5 sec pulses, as triggered by the multivibrator, and causing the lamp to flash. If the lamp circuit is shorted, gate 3 will not be turned on to turn on Q5. Instead, Q4 will continue to cycle, sending a current pulse of 75 millisec duration once each second through the short-circuit. The maximum pulse current is limited to about 20A by R2. Normal 1 sec flashing will be resumed when the short-circuit is removed. Second and subsequent pulses will not be delayed in supplying full power, because the lamp filaments will have been preheated by the first pulse.

The advantage of this circuit is that it automatically resets to normal operation once an overload or a short-circuit fault has been cleared. This aids in fault finding and maintenance and ensures that intermittent faults do not result in a disruption of operation.

Catalogue

A useful catalogue for the home constructor, the Electrovalue catalogue contains everything from aerials to washers. Also, it is a useful reference for semiconductor characteristics and connections. The catalogue retails at 2s post free from: Electrovalue, 28 St Judes Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey.

Lothians Society

Meetings of the Lothians Radio Society are now held at Theatre Workshop, 66 Hanover Street, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. The Society holds lectures, films, visits, etc. This year, it is hoped, talks will be included on neon signs, colour TV, and radar. D. E. Ferguson, 1 Braidburn Crescent, Edinburgh, EH10.6EL.



Last year we introduced something new to the stereo scene: Deccasound simplicity.

Our new systems made it possible for *anyone* to enjoy good stereo sound – simply by plugging in and adjusting a few controls.

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DECCASOUND

No-fuss stereo. For the very fussy.

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by David Cameron

This will be the second of the new-style Audio Fairs to be held at Olympia, London, occupying some 100,000 square feet of the National Hall and gallery. The organisers hope that it will be the most comprehensive hi-fi exhibition ever launched and they have certainly made great efforts to draw in the audio crowds. Most of the audio exhibitors (there are record companies and photographic exhibitors, too) will be running demonstrations in studios similar to those used last year but with various improvements—notably much better ventilation and construction materials more sympathetic audiowise. The International Audio Festival and Fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day from Tuesday, October 20th to Saturday, October 24th inclusive, with a special day (October 19th) set aside for press and trade only.

One of the attractions this year will be a series of lectures and presentations which will be running at 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. on each day (October 20-24th inc.) in a lounge seating about 400. Some of the highlights will be "Progression of Electric Music Synthesisers" by Dr. R. A. Moog; "How good is your Gramophone" by John Borwick; Sir Arthur Bliss discussing his new recording of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony; "Types of Recorded Sound Quality" by John Crabbe; on Saturday at 8 p.m.—a Jazz Festival. There will also be a continuous film show running from noon to 6 p.m.
If you want to attend any of these activities, tickets will be

available at the Olympia main entrance. No charge is made but owing to the limited seating accommodation seats for all performances must be obtained by ticket only. There will also be programmes for the entire 20 events—again available

at the main entrance to the exhibition.

Owing to having to obtain information well before the opening of the exhibition, it has not been possible to provide details of what every audio exhibitor is showing. However, in the pages that follow, you will find the highlights from the exhibits of companies able to supply us with information before going to press. There may well, however, be last minute surprises. Companies are listed alphabetically with the stand number in parenthesis.

ALBA (47)

Newcomers to the Audio Fair, but by no means newcomers to the world of sound equipment, Alba have been around for 53 years, having started in the sound business in the days of the acoustic gramophone. Concentrating on the lowand medium-price range, they will be showing a number of interesting items.

In the lower price bracket is the 442 portable stereo "allround-the-house" player, the second speaker fitting into the

lid for transportation; price is £39 19s.

The audio units start off with the UA 552 which comprises a combined amplifier/record player (with Garrard CI10 autochanger) feeding 3W r.m.s. per channel into two matched speaker units. Complete, the price is £45 10s. Another version, the UA662, sells at £59 19s. and features a 5W per channel amplifier, the latest BSR C137 autochanger with aueing device, and a pair of speaker enclosures each housing a 61 in. and 3 in. unit. DIN sockets for radio unput and tape connections are fitted.

Another product is the UA 400 tuner-amplifier, covering I.w., m.w. and f.m. band, with switchable a.f.c. and incorporating a Garrard 2025TC autochanger. Price is £57 2s. plus £6 IIs. extra if a decoder is required. Matching pair of speakers (UA500) are available at £17 18s. the pair.

The highlight of the Alba exhibit is their UA100 Series. The UATOO is a tuner-amplifier employing 30 transistors and covering l.w., m.w., s.w. and v.h.L/f.m. bands, and providing 15+15W r.m.s. at less than 0.3% distortion. Specification $2\mu V$ sensitivity for 500mW (f.m.), amplifier figures include frequency response 20Hz to 20kHz ± 2 dB (excluding bass compensated volume control), bass control ± 12dB at 70Hz, treble control ±12dB at 12kHz, feedback factor of main amplifiers 40dB. Features include stereo beacon. switchable a.f.c., quiet tuning control. Input sockets are provided for pickup and tape and a tape output socket is fitted. Price, £65 8s. (decoder £6 11s. extra).

The second unit is the UA200 record player deck which incorporates a Garrard SP25 (2) player with high compliance magnetic cartridge, cueing device, wow less than 0.2% r.m.s. and flutter less than 0.08% r.m.s. Price is £30 10s. To match these units are the UA300 speaker enclosures, each housing a 61 in. main unit and a 3in. tweeter, which sell at £24 the

pair.

There is also a new amplifier (UA700) which can be used as an alternative to the UA100. It employs 20 transistors, provides 15+15W output and sells at £34 10s.

ARMSTRONG (35)

We have no news of any brand new models, but Armstrong will be showing their well established and successful Series 500 range of amplifiers, tuner and tuner-amplifiers. A new demonstration of music with matching commentary has been specially prepared for this event and will be played through the 526 a.m.-f.m. stereo tuner-amplifier. This unit has been chosen as it represents the complete range, having the same performance and specification as the separate 50W amplifier and tuners. Figures include (f.m. tuner section) $5\mu V$ sensitivity for 30dB signal/noise ratio at 75kHz deviation, full limiting at $5\mu V$, i.f. rejection 90dB, (decoder) 30-15,000Hz ±1dB frequency response, 30dB at 1kHz channel separation, hum and noise 60dB below full output, 40dB suppression (38kHz). Features include switchable loudness control (reduces overall gain by 20dB giving range of volume control for low level listening while at the same time increasing bass and treble), quieting control to suppress interstation noise while tuning on f.m., rumble filter, two treble filters (I, providing 3dB attenuation at 6.5kHz increasing to 25dB at 10kHz; 2, providing 3dB attenuation at 4-5kHz increasing very steeply to 40dB at 9kHz), tape monitor sockets, inputs for pickup I, pickup 2, tape playback and radio, tuning meter with centre zero tuning on f.m. The 526 sells at £104 14s. 3d.

AEG (23)

The full range of current Telefunken products will be shown, in addition to the following new models.

The Musikus 108V is a portable domestic stereo record player/amplifier giving 6+6W output, the speakers being detached for playing or attached to the player unit for transportation. The 3-speed player unit has adjustable stylus pressure facilities and automatic end of disc cutout.



The Stereo Centre 2080K is another unit. Price, 63gns. domestic stereo ensemble, priced at 66gns.

The Stereo Compact 2080R is a novel flat stereo layout incorporating central record player unit with 6+6W amplifier on one end and a 4-band a.m.—f.m. tuner at the other end. Dimensions are only $26\frac{1}{2}\times12\times5\frac{1}{2}$ in. The separate speaker enclosures are hexagonal.

AUDIX (24)

Main features on the Audix stand will be the Studio 80 laboratory/monitor power amplifier, the MXT/800 series of professional mixers and the new *Graphic Stereo* preamplifier which will be on show for the first time. The conventional treble and bass controls have been replaced by five-section graphic equalisers operating independently in each channel to permit correction or shaping of the whole audio spectrum and to obviate less flexible facilities such as presence and loudness controls. Each low level input has its own preamplifier section. Function switching is simpler than usual and both mono and mixing operation are provided, making further use of the separate channel gain controls. There is ample power to drive any high quality earphones or 600-ohm line.

BELL & HOWELL (48)

A new loudspeaker system, the AR-6, from Acoustical Research will make its first appearance at the Audio Fair. Weighing 20lb. and measuring only $19\frac{1}{2} \times 12 \times 7$ in., it is small enough for bookshelf fitting and light enough to hang on a wall. It is, however, claimed to have an extremely good bass response and will accept the output of virtually any hi-fi domestic amplifier up to 100W r.m.s.

The AR-6 is equipped with three drivers. One is a specially designed 8in. bass unit with urethane polymer suspension, mounted in an acoustically sealed enclosure, and the others are a special passive radiator and a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. tweeter with a response to beyond 20kHz and exceptionally wide dispersion. Recommended retail price is £63 (in oiled teak) or £55 (in pine). The pine finish is ready sanded for painting or staining by the customer.

Denis Wratten, head of the Bell & Howell Audio Products Division says "the harmonic distortion of the AR-6 at 40Hz is less than that of most conventional loudspeaker systems of higher cost and vastly greater size." The enclosure itself has been designed to reduce interference patterns between the drivers and diffraction effects around the cabinet edges. These phenomena are inaudible in normal listening but they can have greater significance in small, acoustically dead rooms where the listener is very close to the speakers.

B&W ELECTRONICS (21)

Although B & W will be showing their complete range of high quality loudspeaker systems, interest will surely centre on the new release of the Continental Style Model 70 System. The concept of the Model 70 is based on six factors: (I) new thinking on the acoustical distribution pattern especially within the vitally important mid-frequency region on 400Hz to 5kHz, aiming towards exploring the advantages of a distribution pattern approximating to spherical, (2) a mid-frequency unit capable of handling input powers in the region of 35W r.m.s. with distortion factors in the order of 0.5% or lower, (3) a very low distortion bass radiator capable of truly complementing aspects (1) and (2) above without occupying an unduly large enclosure volume (4) exploration of the listening advantages by increasing reverberant to direct sound, (5) all units to be designed and built within the B & W factory, (6) styling and general appearance to be acceptable in the world market.

In the resultant system, the bass unit is of 12in. diameter

mounted in an infinite baffle type chamber with complex internal absorbents making it almost aperiodic. The system resonance is below 40Hz, with a free air resonance in the region of 18-22Hz. It will handle high powers at low distortion and covers frequencies up to 400Hz. Frequencies above 400Hz are coveted entirely by an 11-module electrostatic mid- and high-frequency unit with a virtually circular distribution pattern in a vertical plane through mid-band frequencies, providing a wide and uniform arc in a frontal direction with a strong rear radiating pattern which can be controlled to vary the reverberation for ambient listing conditions and personal judgement.

New standards for distortion have been set. Although Model 70 is rated at 25W r.m.s., we understand that distortion figures of less than 0.5% are being obtained from production samples with 35W r.m.s. input. Frequency response of the system is better than ±4dB from 50Hz to 15kHz, +5dB from 40Hz to 20kHz.

BRITISH RADIO CORPORATION (58)

Products under the BRC banner are Ultra, Ferguson, HMV and Marconiphone. The emphasis will be on audio unit systems. Among those shown will be the 2416 stereo amplifier integrated with an f.m. radio and record playing unit which, with two speaker enclosures, is priced at £129 14s. The amplifier delivers 15+15W r.m.s. at better than 0.5% total harmonic distortion and has a frequency response of 40Hz to 16kHz +0.5dB, —IdB. The radio section has five v.h.f. channels and record playing is taken care of by a Garrard type SP25 Mk II with Goldring 800H free field magnetic cartridge.

Ferguson will be represented by four separate unit systems ranging in price from £84 14s to £138 5s. Marconiphone will show the Unit 3 and Unit 4 systems and Ultra have two audio systems.

BSR (17)

As readers will know, the policy of BSR has recently been changed to enter into the field of more expensive record player units. These are to be known as the McDonald series of units and these will be seen for the first time at this Audio Fair.

The MP60 is a single player unit equipped with low mass pickup arm with calibrated stylus pressure adjustment, bias compensator, heavy large turntable and viscous cueing device. Similar in styling is the Model 610 which combines the functions of a stereo record changer, a fully automatic single record player and a repeating turntable. It has four speeds, an automatic stop, synchronous motor, tracking control, bias compensator, viscous cueing device.

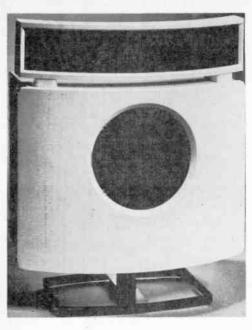
The 510 is an autochange unit and the 310 is another autochanger with similar features to the other models. All these units are available unmounted or mounted on an afrormosia plinth with smoked styrene cover.

DECCA (59)

The new extended range of Deccasound unit audio equipment will be on display the philosophy being simplicity of installation and operation which Decca sum up as "no fuss stereo for the very fussy". In addition to 6W, 12W and 30W systems a newcomer to the range is the Compact 3 which combines a.m. and f.m. tuners with 6W amplifiers and record playing facilities in a free-standing unit. The speaker enclosures are detachable to obtain better stereo effect.

Deccasound 604 consists of four units—a 6+6W amplifier (A600), turntable unit (D1000) and two bookshelf speakers (L100). Deccasound 603 is similar except that the playing deck and amplifier are combined in one unit. Deccasound 1204 consists of a 12+12W amplifier (A1200), a turntable unit (D1000) and two free standing speakers (L200). The alternative 1203 system combined deck and amplifier.

The 3000 Series is the top system. It is a 30+30W system built around the Decca ffss pickup and employing a specially developed Garrard AP76 turntable. If you miss seeing this system at Decca's stand, you can see it in the Practical Wireless studio where it is being displayed as the prize in our special Audio Fair Competition (see page 525).

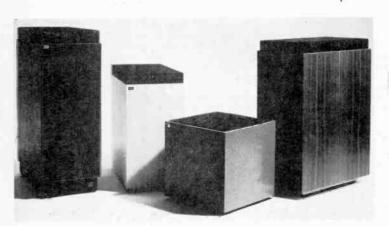


The latest version of the Model 70 speaker system from B & W, setting new standards in low distortion.

A view of the new Mordaunt Short MS 077 compact bookshelf speaker system with front grille removed to show the constituent units.



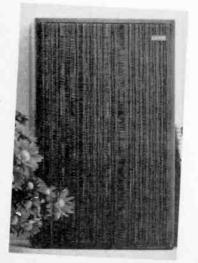
A selection of the new loudspeaker systems from Sonab claimed to be the first to be truly omnidirectional.



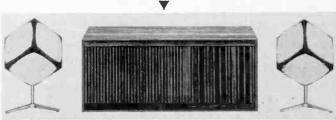
A cross sectional view of the popular Monitor Gold dual concentric loudspeaker system from Tannoy.



One of the new bookshelf ◀ speaker systems by Leak, employing a Sandwich bass unit.



Novel speaker system from Grundig—the Troika, designed to allow the maximum flexibility in the placing of the units.





DIAMOND STYLUS CO (27)

All users of audio equipment will find something of interest in Diamond Stylus' display of accessories. For instance, the company have a range of diamond styli varying from unmounted points to a variety of nearly 300 types of cantilevers mounted with diamonds and individually packaged. Also on show is the Record-Matic automatic record selector which allows a choice of records at the touch of a finger tip while at the same time serving as a storage unit. Showing for the first time are two new products—a special cloth for cleaning record grooves which can be revitalised by sprinkling with water, and a sponge pad which cushions turntable to provide a quiet record drop when using autochangers, eliminates record slip, prevents damage to the stylus and decreases static pull from turntable to cartridge.

Other exhibits include a new stylus cleaner and a set of matched record/replay and erase heads made specifically for use with Philips stereo type cassettes.

DYNATRON (60)

Dynatron will be featuring their range of audio separates. The heart of the 1970 range is the SRX25A tuner-amplifier which covers l.w., m.w. and f.m. bands, employs 30 transistors and features a.f.c., tuning indicator on all wavebands, stereo beacon, built-in decoder, tone compensated volume control, switched scratch filter, loudness contour switch, stereo headphone socket and an output of 32W music rating. The audio units include a variety of designs from modern to period styling and takes in record storage units and stereo headphones.

Also being shown will be the new 90 Series range of audio separates comprising an amplifier, amplifier-player, tuner-amplifier and tuner-amplifier-player. The amplifiers each have an output of 45+45W r.m.s. and the record player unit in all cases is the Goldring-Lenco GL75 fitted with the Goldring G800 cartridge. The amplifier uses silicon transistors throughout and features high and low pass filters, tape minitor socket, channel reverse switching, A and B speaker switching and provision for crystal and magnetic pickups. The tuner has four preset v.h.f. channels in addition to manual tuning, all using varicap diodes. The v.h.f. front-end uses two dual gate FETs with crystal block filters in the i.f. stages. Five ICs are incorporated. Prices are £62 (SA90 amplifier), £122 (HFC90 amplifier-player), £165 (STA90 tuner-amplifier), £125 (HFC91 tuner-amplifier-player). Speaker enclosures for use with this equipment are LS1608 infinite baffle system (£50 pair), LS4008 bass reflex system (£84 pair).

FARNELL-TANDBERG (16)

The complete range of Tandberg tape recorders, tuneramplifiers and loudspeakers will be on show. Of particular interest will be the new Tandberg Model 3000X four-head tape deck which will be demonstrated with the $15+15W\,\mathrm{f.m.}$ tuner-amplifier and the Tandberg₁Thorens turntable and Tandberg speakers.

The Professional Series II battery-operated tape recorder will also be shown in its new form as the Model II-12M, with complete synchronising units which enable the user to compile high quality lip synchronised sound tracks. This system will be demonstrated throughout the run of the exhibition.

A completely new tuner-amplifier will be shown (model S/SII) incorporating four wavebands, separate tuning for a.m. and f.m. and 15+15W r.m.s. output. Two new high performance mini loudspeakers will also be shown.

Of special interest to the travelling music lover will be the Tandberg TP4-I portable radio, a compact and lightweight unit offering outstanding performance as an f.m. tuner or as a complete small tuner-amplifier system.

Although we had no firm information at going to press it is

understood that the company hope to mount a demonstration of four channel stereo sound from a completely new recorder.

GARRARD (7)

Although Garrard will be showing their complete range of record playing units, two new models will be on display for the first time. The first is the AP76, a transcription single record playing unit which features a 4-pole induction motor, slide-in cartridge carrier, bias compensator, calibrated stylus force adjustment, cue and pause facility and tab controls. The second is the SP25 Mk III, an updated version of the popular Mk II widely used in hi-fi ensembles.

GOLDRING (34)

From the established range will be the Goldring-Lenco transcription turntable units including the GL75 with its heavy, dynamically balanced turntable and precision pickup arm with knife-edge bearings, and the GL69 Mk II turntable unit which in common with the GL75 features infinitely variable speed adjustment, viscously damped pickup lowering device and bias compensation. A wide range of stereo magnetic cartridges will be shown, including the G800 Super E which is individually calibrated and supplied with its own frequency response curve and, at the other end of the price scale, the G850 cartridge which was designed for budget hi-fi systems.

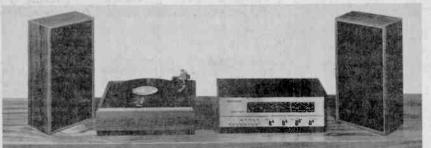
Newcomers will be a stereo amplifier (ST3000) which has a hi-fi specification and delivers 15+15W r.m.s. A tuneramplifier (ST4000), which has the same high quality audio section as the ST3000 is also on show. Finally, a new and inexpensive turntable unit (Model 705), which has belt drive and synchronous motor, will be introduced.

GRUNDIG (18)

As to be expected Grundig will be showing a big selection of tape recorders. Among the newcomers is the TK147, which at £96 4s. is designed for the more avid enthusiasts. It is a single speed (3½ i.p.s.) four-track fully automatic recorder incorporating delayed auto-record level setting and two fully automatic recording amplifiers serving as preamplifiers on playback. This system, composed of an elaborate circuit arrangement, is claimed to keep distortion level, frequency response and dynamic range constant whatever the conditions, the composition or volume of the recording. Two of the four recording tracks can be played back together so that a commentary may be added to background music. Recording can also be monitored through headphones. The circuit employs 28 semiconductors and specification figures include frequency response of 40-12,500Hz, wow and flutter less than 0.2%, signal-to-noise ratio better than 47dB.

For the professional wanting a sophisticated portable, the new TK3200 will be interesting. It can be powered by batteries, rechargeable DEAC accumulators, car or boat batteries and mains supply with the aid of a power unit. It is a 2-track machine, operating at $1\frac{7}{8}$, $3\frac{3}{4}$, $7\frac{1}{2}$ i.p.s., and has a fully automatic recording level setting with manual override. Two separate automatic delay levels are provided for speech and music and there are individual controls for manual record level, volume, bass and treble. Features include steel chassis, moving coil meter recording level/battery level indicator, frequency response from 40Hz to 8kHz ($1\frac{7}{8}$), 12,500Hz ($3\frac{2}{8}$) or 16kHz ($7\frac{1}{2}$), S/N ratio better than 48dB ($7\frac{1}{2}$), two speakers ($4\frac{1}{2}$)× $2\frac{7}{8}$ in. bass unit and $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. tweeter). Price is £178 3s.

Also on show will be the new and unique Troika loud-speaker system, specially designed to allow greater flexibility in the placing of the units. The system consists of two 7in. cubes each containing six loudspeakers; these provide omnidirectional radiation of middle and treble frequencies and are said to give a remarkably wide stereo effect. The troika cubes are supplied with small tripod stands and a ceiling attachment ring so that they may be placed on a shelf, table or floor or hung from the ceiling or wall. The one bass speaker which completes the system may be placed in any convenient part of the room.

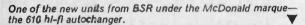


▲ Compact audic system from Alba, comprising UA100 tuneramplifier, UA200 record player deck and matching loudspeakers.

The MD3, a new miniature pencil microphone on desk base MS600 from Reslosound.

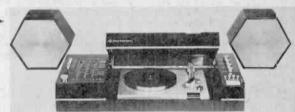


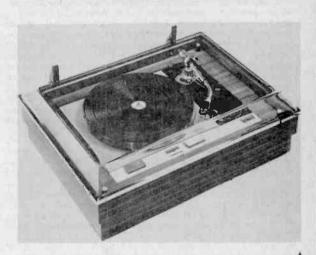
Telefunken 2080R Stereo Compact system presented in a novel | flat layout and featuring hexagonal speaker enclosures.











The SME model 2000 plinth system incorporating the well known Series II arm and a Thorens TD125 record player unit.

◆ Novel styling is a feature of the Ultra 6405 amplifier-tuner-record player, shown with matching speaker enclosures.

A versatile hi-fi amplifier at a modest price—the SQ707 from Lux.





The advantages of the system are that it takes up a minimum amount of space, there is little restriction on the placing of the speakers and the listener is not confined to one small area of the room to enjoy the full stereo image. Power handling is 30W per channel (40W peak). The bass unit handles frequencies from 40-400Hz and the cube units take over from 400-20,000Hz. Price is £97 5s. 6d.

HEATH (15)

All readers of P.W. will make sure they have a good look at the Heathkit exhibit. A selection of the audio models will be on show and will be demonstrated in the studio. Among

the new models are two stereo tuner-amplifiers.

The AR-19 covers m.w. band and the f.m. band and its amplifier has a continous power output of 20W per channel. Features include a new FET front end, four IC stages, electronically regulated power supply, less than 0.25% THD at full power, tuner sensitivity $2\mu V$, f.m. stereo separation 35dB at middle frequencies, comprehensive key tab switching, linear slider controls for bass, treble, balance and volume, Price is £118 as a kit.

The AR-29 is in a similar type of presentation but has a more impressive performance, at a price of £168 for the kit. Output is 35W continuous power per channel at less than 0.25% THD. A new FET front end plus IC design gives the tuner 1.8 µV sensitivity. Stereo separation (mid frequencies) is 40dB. Modular plug-in unit construction is used. Both this and the AR-19 features "black magic" panel lighting plus heavy chrome plated diecast front panels.

Also worth noting is the new Trent loudspeaker. The enclosure measures only $19 \times 10 \times 81$ in. and houses an 8in. bass unit and a 4in. h.f. unit. The cabinet is provided ready assembled and finished in teak or walnut veneers to match

other Heathkit equipment. Kit price is £14.

HOWLAND WEST (53)

Howland West will be showing their complete ranges of audio products from Dynaco, Lux, Nikko, Neat, JP, IMF and the company's own Scandinavian range of speaker systems

and Clearview equipment cabinets.

New from the Japanese company of Nikko are three models. The FAM-10 is an a.m.—f.m. multiplex tuner selling at £48 10s. 7d. with sensitivities of (a.m.) 200mV/m for 20dB S/N and (f.m.) 2mV Figures for the f.m. section include stereo separation of more than 32dB at IkHz, image rejection of 50dB and a capture ratio of 4.5dB. Features include separation control (factory preset), rotating ferrite rod aerial, signal strength meter and stereo beacon.

The TRM-1200, which sells at £98, is described as a professional stereo amplifier. It employs two ICs, 29 semiconductors, and features circuit breaker protection, stereo headphone socket, output level meters for both channels, provision for driving two sets of stereo speakers simultaneously, high and low pass filters, loudness control, four input sockets and A/B speaker switching. Specification figures include frequency response (main input) 13-50kHz ± 1 dB, 40+40W r.m.s. output at 0.3% distortion (full power).

The third new Nikko item is the STA-1101 multiplex a.m.-f.m. tuner-amplifier which features all plug-in circuitry, four FETs, 12 ICs, separate a.m. and f.m. tuning controls, sliding light tuning indicators, separate volume control for remote speaker system, linear slide type volume, bass and treble controls, an i.f. section that includes two crystal filters and ceramic filter, extra tape recorder output socket, a triple circuit breaker protection system, speaker compensator to eliminate l.f. response loss in low efficiency speakers, separate amp/preamp output and two VU meters. The main amplifier frequency response is 10Hz to 70Hz \pm IdB and the r.m.s. output per channel is 37W at 8 Ω with a distortion figure of 0.3% at full power. The price is £246. 5s. 7d.

Also on show is the interesting range of GG Control Units. These useful products are basically small control boxes to enable the user to switch amplifiers to various speaker and headphone outlets in a number of different ways, and the series includes Input/Output comparators used for dealer demonstrations or for use at exhibitions etc.

Another new Japanese product is the JP601 transcription turntable unit which incorporates a 4-pole synchronous motor and belt drive. Running at 33% or 45 r.p.m., the wow figure is less than 0.1% and the S/N ratio more than 40dB. The pickup arm is of a new design and the playing weight is set by means of coarse and fine adjustments. A lowering device is fitted. Price is £42 4s. 10d.

High performance amplifiers and tuners by Lux are also on show. These include the 507, which incorporates 48 semiconductors and gives an r.m.s. output of 60+60W into 8Ω and features a 3-stage direct coupled preamplifier, automatic resetting protection circuit, high and low pass filters, a low boost switch to improve performance of bookshelf IB speaker systems, facilities for two separate speaker systems, monitor socket, tone controls which may be used coupled or separately. Frequency response is 20-50,000Hz — IdB, total harmonic distortion less than 0.2% at maximum output, residual noise less than 2mV. Price is £124.

For the budget conscious, the SQ707 amplifier fills the bill at £59. It uses 23 silicon semiconductors and features A/B speaker switching (with attenuator which cuts the gain by 18dB), tape monitor socket, headphone jack, power output of 17+17W r.m.s. into 8Ω , frequency response of 30-30,000Hz ± 1 dB, distortion less than 1% at full power, residual noise level less than 2mV and S/N ratio more than 60dB at pickup socket.

KELLAR ELECTRONICS (69)

Readers will have their first opportunity to see the new cassette tape recorders from Kellar incorporating Dolby B noise reduction circuitry, details of which will be found on page 516 of this issue. There will also be two new products with the same theme. These are 'black boxes' for use with existing reel-to-reel tape recorders to convey the advantages of the Dolby system. Model I is for use with combined record/replay head type machines and Model 2 is for use with machines having separate record and replay heads, thus permitting monitoring from the tape via Dolby. Both models incorporate stabilised power supplies, VU meters and the necessary level controls for the correct setting up of the equipment.

LEAK (49)

The established Leak audio units such as the Stereo 70 amplifier, the Stereo 30 Plus amplifier and the Stereofetic f.m. tuner will need no introduction to keen audiophiles and they will be on show and demonstrated at the Fair. A new departure for Leak, however, is the range of sandwich loudspeakers.

The Model 200 is a three speaker system employing the Sandwich bass unit plus a mid-range and a treble unit. Power handling capacity is 18W r.m.s. Price is £23 each. The Model 300 is a similar system except that the cabinet is larger and the price is £29 10s. each. The Model 600 is the big brother of the series employing a Sandwich bass unit, a plastics coated mid-range unit and a new Leak tweeter. Power handling capacity is 40W r.m.s. and the price is £45 each.

LEE PRODUCTS (94)

Among the range of more conventional audio equipment, visitors can see a novel new product from the Lee stable--the Elizabethan Audio Chair. This is an apparently normal, though very comfortable, winged armchair, but inserted into the wings there are two concealed loudspeakers. These enable the occupant of the chair to listen in comfort and privacy to stereo sound without unduly disturbing other people in the same room. We tried one of these chairs at the recent trade exhibition and found it very effective.

The nylon covers, which zip off for easy washing, are available in a choice of four plain colours-turquoise, tan, gold

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or avacado green, as well as two floral patterns in blues or browns. Two or even three chairs can be connected to any stereo unit, a suitable choice from Elizabethan being the Windermere stereo unit, which is available with matching swivel pedestal. Prices for the units are £52 for the Audio Chair, £65 for the Windermere stereo unit and £10 for the swivel pedestal.

MORDAUNT SHORT (33)

A compact bookshelf loudspeaker system which makes its international debut at the exhibition can be seen on this stand. The cabinet measures $15\frac{3}{8}\times 9\frac{1}{2}\times 8in$. and the complete unit weighs about $14\frac{1}{2}lb$. It comprises three drive units (6, 3 and 2in.) with a power handling capacity of 15W music rating and a frequency range of 40-20,000Hz. The treble and mid-range units are virtually identical to the larger MS 100. Price is £27.

MULTICORE (51)

Great strides have been made in recent years by the Bib Division of Multicore in devising and making available all manner of very useful accessories and other aids—tape splicers, maintenance kits, cleaners, and so forth. A good deal of attention has also been directed towards the tidying up of enthusiasts collections of records and tapes, leading to the various packs of tape cassette and spool labels, etc. The latest development in this field will be seen for the first time at the Audio Fair—a new low cost system of indexing record collections.

The system is suitable for I-100 records and costs 34s. It comprises a simulated pigskin finish padded PVC index book with 12 clear slip-in filing pockets into which preprinted and colour-coded index pages can be slotted (and extracted, updated and refiled as further information is added when the record collection grows). Columns provided permit the compilation of such details as date, number of record, title, composer and artists etc. Also included in the pack are 100 pairs of self-adhesive labels numbered I-100 and 40 general purpose self-adhesive labels so that works can be filed under appropriate headings such as classical, jazz, pop,

NATIONAL RADIO (14)

One of the highspots here will be a demonstration of *Panasonic* quadrasonics (4-track stereo), the dem. unit being flown in from the USA where it has been on show at the New York Fair. Other tape equipment on show will be the RS-678US 8-track 3-head tape deck and, it is hoped, a new model—the RS-763US—which uses hot-pressed ferrite heads and incorporates a 4-pole hysteresis motor with wow and flutter of less than 0.09%.

There will also be various other audio units, including the SA-65 de-luxe tuner-amplifier which features FETs, ICs and silicon transistors, two r.f. stages, filter switching, 7-position input selector.

POWER JUDD (107)

This company is exhibiting record storage units under the name of Paddock.

The self-adjusting conical-spring-loaded mahogany support panels in a Paddock 'tidy' hold records upright and pressed together in a neat and tidy condition. Whether it holds I or 100 records, each one is held upright with the correct pressure applied, yet allowing easy removal or replacement of records. The unit is sturdily constructed in resin-bonded mahogany ply to prevent warping and is spray finished. Price is 59s.

RANK-WHARFEDALE (49)

Undoubtedly the highlight of exhibit will be the new 100.1 tuner-amplifier which boasts a most impressive specification at a competitive price. (£125 gns.). The tuner section includes FETs and ICs and covers l.w., m.w. bands in addition to f.m. Sensitivity on f.m. is $l_\mu V$, to give 30dB signal/noise ratio at 75kHz deviation. Stereo crosstalk is better than 35dB at lkHz. Tuning is by meter and a stereo beacon is fitted.

The amplifier, which delivers 35W per channel r.m.s., has impressive distortion figures—at any power up to 35W per channel into 8Ω it is less than 0.07%. Weighted noise level (gain at minimum) is—90dB; weighted noise level (disc input, gain at maximum)—75dB. The frequency response is 12.5Hz to 50Hz \pm 3dB. Facilities include low pass filter, v.h.f. muting switch, local and remote speaker switching, stereo headphone socket, tape socket, three separate input sockets.

Two new Wharfedale speakers make their debut. The . Triton is a 3-speaker 3-way bookshelf system using an 8in. bass unit, 5in. mid-range unit and a lin. dome treble unit, giving a system frequency range of 50-18,000Hz. Power handling is 18W r.m.s. Price £27 10s. The Aston is a slim line shelf or wall mounting unit incorporating an 8in. bass unit, 3in. treble unit and a 4-element crossover unit. Frequency range is 65-17,000Hz and power handling capacity 20W r.m.s. Price per pair is £42.

Audio enthusiasts will also be wise to have a look at the range of loudspeaker kits (Unit 3, Unit 4 and Unit 5) which are supplied boxed with full instructions for assembly.

RESLOSOUND (52)

A wide range of public address and associated equipment ncludes amplifiers up to 50W, line source loudspeakers, re-entrant horn speakers, floor stands, boom arms, table stands and desk bases, plus a wide selection of all types of microphones. Also on show, and being demonstrated, will be the Reslo-Audac range of radio microphones which have a range of 500 yards or more and eliminate the problems of trailing cables associated with the conventional type of microphone.

A new addition to the Reslo range is a highly portable PA system known as the ISR/10. Weighing only 30lb. and measuring $34\times12\times9$ in., it contains three 8in speaker units, 10W amplifier with three microphone inputs, together with a radio microphone receiver. Other new products which will be displayed include the SR530 30W amplifier, a new desk base, two new pencil microphones, a new ribbon microphone and a radio guitar. Further details were not available at time of going to press.

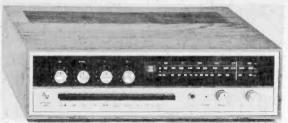
ROGERS (28)

On show will be the basic Rogers range comprising the Ravensbrook and Ravensbourne stereo amplifiers, together with their respective matching f.m. tuners. The tuners feature FET front ends, IC i.f. strips and a decoder with automatic electronic switching. Interesting constructional feature is the use of high grade fibreglass for virtually all the printed circuit boards, a Rogers exclusive.

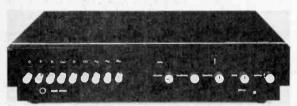
In addition, Rogers will be showing the first three instruments in an entirely new range of audio test equipment, designed and developed by Sign Electronics. These comprise a low distortion oscillator, an a.f. millivoltmeter and a distortion factor meter.

SINCLAIR (44)

Two major additions to their range of products are being shown by Sinclair. The first is a new f.m. tuner claimed to be the first in the world to use the phase lock loop principle. This principle was first used in receivers for reception from satellites because of the improvements in signal/noise ratio and improved selectivity and sensitivity.) A voltage controlled oscillator in a phase lock loop tuner is kept in phase with the



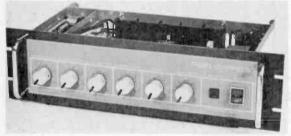
One of the Armstrong 500 Series audio units-the Model 526 tuner-amplifier.



The Sonab R7000 has only one tone control which lifts bass and cuts treble or lifts treble and cuts bass.



Described as a "professional stereo amplifier", the Nikko TRM1200 is priced at under one hundred pounds.



The latest p.a. amplifier from Reslosound, the \$R530 has an output of 30 watts and flexible mixing facilities.



The Musikus 108V, a portable domestic stereo record player amplifier from Telefunken.



High grade tuner-amplifier by Wharfedale is the 100.1 which has an impressive performance at comparatively modest cost.



One of the new tuner-amplifiers from Heathkit, the AR29 incorporates all the latest features.

A novel product that may solve a domestic prob-lem is the Elizabethan audio chair which contains two concealed loudspeakers in the chair wings.



The TK147 is the latest tape recorder from Grundig and incorporates a number of



incoming signal by a phase comparator or detector which compares the two and feeds a control voltage to the oscillator. This control voltage is the audio output in the case of an f.m. signal. Since it is possible to design a VCO which has an extremely linear voltage/frequency characteristic, excellent audio fidelity can be achieved. Also, the oscillator can track a signal while completely rejecting a nearby stronger signal which would cause interference in a conventional receiver. The tuner also features printed circuit coils for the tuned circuits, a squelch circuit to silence the tuner between stations, an i.c. stereo decoder and the option of remote control and push button switching. The price of the tuner, designated Project 60, is £25.

The other new product is the System 3000 amplifier which has a total harmonic distortion of less than 0.4% at full output (17W per channel r.m.s.) at IkHz. It has a stabilised power supply with automatic overload protection and uses silicon transistors throughout. Price is £45.

SME (9)

Still going strong—the SME Series II arm, considered by many to be the ultimate in precision pickup arm design. Extremely low pivot friction is achieved by the use of high precision ball races protected against the entry of dust and the tone arm is carried on knife-edge bearings. Approximately 0.02 gramme applied at the stylus will deflect the arm vertically or laterally. Dynamic damping of the arm mass/ stylus compliance resonance is obtained by dividing the arm mass into two portions joined by an elastic coupling which also effectively ejects rumble frequencies. It has, of course, all the required modern adjuncts such as lever operated hydraulic raising/lowering control, bias adjustor graduated to correspond with tracking force, and a base plate sliding through lin. on bed plate for precise tracking adjustment.

SONAB (61)

This will be a new name to many readers, but not for long for the company have some very interesting products. The Sonab range of hi-fi equipment is to initially comprise five loudspeaker systems (one in kit form), a turntable unit and a

tuner-amplifier.

The loudspeakers are claimed to have been the first in the world to be truly omni-directional and they have their drive units mounted in the upper surface of the cabinet. The OA6 has a frequency range of 26-18,000Hz, the bass performance being attributed to the fact that the bass unit is driven by its own power amplifier incorporated within the speaker cabinet. This amplifier provides electronic compensation for the frequency response curve of the speaker and is used to extend the response down to the limits of human

The OA6 has six speaker elements (an 8½in. bass unit, an 8½in. mid-range unit and four 2in. tweeters, the latter being mounted in the top of the cabinet crosswise with the rear pair facing diagonally upwards and backwards). It is claimed that when the speaker unit stands on the floor with its back no further than 8in. from a wall, the response curve will be ±4dB within 29-15,000Hz. This superb system costs

£1375s.

The OA5 has five elements and dispenses with the built-in amplifier and thereby costs far less (£68 10s.). Response is 37-18,000Hz, and deviation from flat is $\pm 4dB$ from 42-15,000Hz. This system is available as a kit at £49 10s.

The OA4 is a small version employing only one $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. unit plus the four tweeters. Frequency range is 44-18,000Hz, power handling is 35W and the price £45. The smallest of the range is the V-I which although based on similar principles to the other models contains only a single drive unit of 8½ in.

to cover the claimed frequency range of 40-17,000Hz. It differs from the other models in that it can be placed and directed in any position within a room like a conventional speaker. Price is £65 15s. 3d.

The tuner-amplifier, model R7000, has an output of 35+35W r.m.s. at 8Ω , with a frequency response of 25Hz to 25kHz ±0.5dB at a harmonic distortion of less than 0.1% at all levels up to rated power output. Signal-to-noise ratio is better than 70dB at the pickup socket and better than 80dB at the high level inputs. With volume control at minimum the noise level is 95dB. Features include full protection against short circuits and overload conditions, loudness and volume controls, rumble filter (5dB at 100Hz), choice of three high pass filter slopes, f.m. capture ratio of 1.5dB and outputs for tape, centre channel, two speakers and headphones. A novel feature is the provision of only one tone control based on a principle developed by Stig Carlsson. The adjustment range of the control at 100Hz is ±7dB and at 10kHz ±6dB, the control affecting both channels simultaneously, either lifting the bass and cutting the treble or lifting the treble and cutting the bass. This unit will retail around £200.

Also to be shown is the 75S turntable unit, all functions being controlled by two buttons. It has a synchronous motor and belt drive, with a wow and flutter figure of 0.08% and rumble of less than 60dB weighted. Sonab will additionally display a range of high quality stereo headphones from Clark, which are recommended for use with the Sonab equipment.

TANNOY (29)

Highlighted will be the established range of Monitor Gold loudspeaker systems which range in price from £41 to £170, together with separate units for mounting in the customers own cabinets. Also on display will be a range of pickups cartridges and spare styli.

TRANSCRIPTORS (54)

Apart from the well known precision Transcriptor turntables, one new model will be on show at the Audio Fair. Supplied complete with tone arm and moulded clear acrylic top, it features a synchronous motor driving a 6lb. nonferrous turntable vai a belt. The acoustic and mechanical feedback properties are such that the whole baseboard floats at a resonance below 5Hz and a fluid dashpot may be used to damp this movement. The tone arm is designed for use with the most advanced cartridges and the frictional characteristics of the stabilised jewelled unipivot are exceptionally good. All the expected facilities are included, such as hydraulic lowering and cueing device and bias compensator. The price of the new unit is £57 12s.

3M (3)

Visitors to the Scotch magnetic tape stand this year will be able to enter a free contest featuring mystery animal voices. Six Cybervox language laboratory booths will be used for the competition, which offers a portable cassette recorder and a supply of tape cassettes as first prize.

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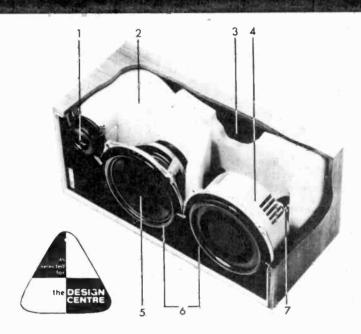
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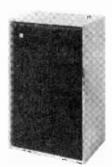
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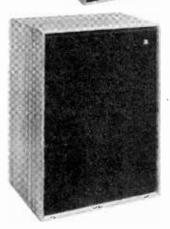
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HE stereo amplifier to be described in this article is based on commercially made power amplifier modules and a suitable matching power supply chosen from the wide range now currently available.

The use of ready made power amplifier stages and a power supply does overcome certain technical problems for those with a very limited range of test equipment. For example, an oscilloscope as well as an audio signal generator would be necessary for checking a home constructed power output module for full power output i.e., to clipping point and there is of course the ever present risk of damaging or even completely destroying expensive power transistors in the event of a wiring error or accidental short circuit.

The Henelec PA-25 power modules chosen for the PW 25-25 stereo amplifier are fully protected against all but the most drastic treatment and have a high electrical performance. They require around 700mV for the development of full r.m.s. power output which is 25 watts per module.

Facilities

The pre-amplifier section employs fairly conventional hi-fi amplifier circuitry and provides for input signals from a radio tuner, magnetic or ceramic pick-up cartridges, tape head and tape replay from a tape recorder or tape record/replay unit. The controls cater for volume, stereo balance, bass and treble lift and cut, rumble filter and heterodyne whistle filter. The latter is useful for reducing surface noise from old records. At full gain, the pre-amplifier provides over 1V r.m.s. signal so that full output is produced from the power stage modules with a volume control setting at approximately threequarters of its full rotation from zero. The stereo balance control reduces the signal level of either channel from maximum to zero and at midway travel equalizes the signal level from each channel to within $\pm 1dB$.

Performance

Power Output

8 ohm load

15 ohm load

Performance shown in Table 1 should be readily obtainable providing the amplifier is constructed with the components specified and according to the layout described in this article.

TABLE 1

25W r.m.s. per channel

15W r.m.s. per channel

| 15 Offitt Toda | 1344 F.M.S. per Chaimer |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Distortion | |
| Less than 0.25% at rat | ted power output |
| Inputs | |
| Radio | 90m∀ at 100kΩ |
| Mag pick-up (PU1) (RI | |
| Ceramic pick-up (PU2) | |
| Tape Head (CCIR) | 8mV at 10kΩ |
| Tape Replay | 200mV at 220kΩ |
| Tupe Heplay | ZOOTHI V GC ZZONZZ |
| Outputs | |
| Loudspeakers | 8 or 15 ohms only |
| Tape record outlet | Up to 1V at 10kΩ |
| Frequency Response | 10-30,000Hz + 1dB |
| | |
| Signal to Noise | |
| Radio and Tape | Better than -60dB |
| Pick-up inputs | Better than56dB |
| Crosstalk | |
| All inputs | Better than -50dB |
| Bass Control | \pm 15dB lift or cut at 50Hz |
| Treble Control | \pm 15dB lift or cut at 15,000Hz |
| Rumble Filter | 5 to 6dB at 40Hz |
| | |
| Whistle Filter | -20dB at 10,000Hz |
| | |
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It is worth noting here that a polished wood cabinet finished in teak or walnut is available to constructors from Fireastle Limited, of Hockley, Essex. (see components list). The cabinet costs £3 6s. 0d. inclusive and has been designed to accommodate the PW 25-25 amplifier constructed to the dimensions given.

Circuit

The pre-amplifier circuits for each channel are identical, Fig. 1. The circuitry is conventional and each channel consists of an input stage (Tr1 and Tr2) which, with suitable input attenuation and a negative feedback network, provides frequency response equalization for magnetic pick-up and tape head and maintains matching input sensitivity and gain for the linear inputs i.e., ceramic pick-up, radio and tape replay.

This is followed by the stereo balance control VR1 formed by two $10k\Omega$ potentiometers, one a log type and one an anti-log type, which equalize the signals through each channel. The range of balance control is from maximum to zero signal

level through either channel.

The second section of the pre-amplifiers begins with the bass and treble control networks formed around VR3 (bass control) and VR2 (treble control). The tone control network is an "active" type and operates in conjunction with negative feedback between the collector and base of Tr3. Part of the feedback circuitry is used for the rumble filter (C15, R23, C16 and S3) and for the whistle filter (C17, R27, R28, C21 and S4). The final stage consists of a buffer amplifier (Tr4) the gain of which is attenuated by negative feedback at the emitter circuit. The output from Tr4 goes to the power modules via VR4 (volume control) and also to phono sockets for connection to a tape recorder. Recording can therefore, be carried out with the volume control turned off i.e., no signals from the loudspeakers.

The positive supply for the pre-amplifiers is derived from the MU442 power supply unit via R35 which brings the +35V rail from this unit down to approximately +22V. The pre-amplifier positive rail is decoupled by C24 $(5000\mu\text{F})$ to ensure the least

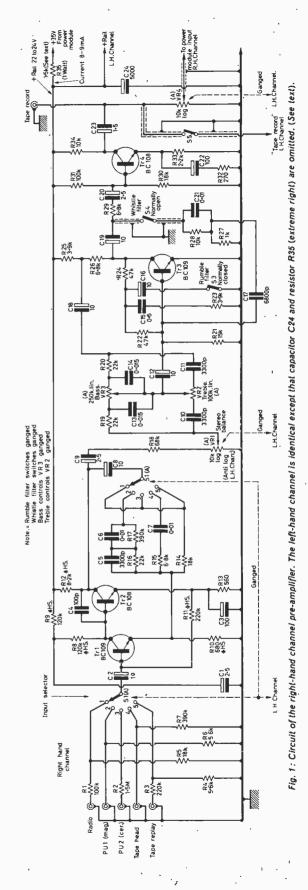
possible mains ripple.

Construction

The layout for the pre-amplifiers, power output modules and power supply unit is shown in Fig. 2. The dimensions of the chassis and front panel are such that the finished amplifier will exactly fit the Fircastle cabinet mentioned earlier. The chassis itself is simply a flat sheet of 16 s.w.g. aluminium and the front panel is secured to it by means of $\frac{3}{8}$ x $\frac{3}{8}$ in. aluminium angle.

Note: Do not under any circumstances use duralumin for the construction of the chassis and front panel or the pre-amplifier screens. The oxidization that forms on Dural can produce high resistance earthing connections between the pre-amplifiers and power output modules resulting in both h.f. and l.f. instability. A prototype of this amplifier was in fact assembled on a Dural chassis with resultant h.f. and l.f. instability and hum loops.

Details of the front panel size and drilling are given in Fig. 3. Note, that the dimensions of the



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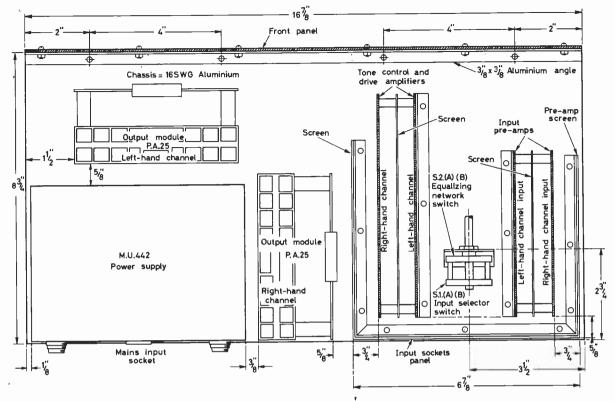


Fig. 2. Layout of units on chassis. Chassis dimensions must be adhered to if specified cabinet is to be used.

cut-outs for the mono/stereo switch (S5) the rumble filter switch (S3) and the whistle filter switch (S4) have not been given as these will depend on the physical size of the switches obtained. The front panel must be bolted to the chassis so that the lower edge is $\frac{1}{4}$ in. below the chassis as shown in Fig. 4.

The next assembly, as shown in Fig. 5, is the U shaped screen the back section of which carries the five pairs of phono type input sockets and a pair for the tape recording outlet. No drilling details have been given for these as the fixing holes will depend on the type of sockets obtained. They should however, all be mounted centrally on the back of the screen as can be seen in the photograph. The actual mounting of the screen onto the chassis should be left until the pre-amplifiers have been

assembled, wired and secured in place.

The attenuator resistors for the inputs, which are wired directly to or across the sockets, should be fitted before the screen is secured into position. The remaining metalwork is that of making the mounting bracket for the selector switches S1 and S2. Details for this are given in Fig. 5.

Note, that all fixing screws for the power output modules, power supply, selector switch bracket and the large 'U' shaped pre-amplifier screen must be secured with counter-sunk screws with the heads beneath the chassis. The front panel must also be secured to the chassis angle piece with counter-sunk screws and with the heads on the front of the panel. These are covered with an aluminium strip as will be shown later.

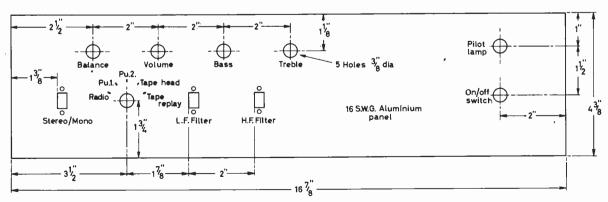


Fig. 3: Panel drilling information. Cut-outs for switches will depend on actual components used.

Resistors:

| R1 | 100k Ω | R5 | 18k Ω | R14 | 18kΩ | R18 | 68kΩ | R22 | 47k Ω | R26 | 6.8kΩ | R30 | 18k Ω | R34 $10k\Omega$ |
|----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|---------------|-----------------|
| R2 | $1.5M\Omega$ | R6 | 56k Ω | R15 | 6·8kΩ | R19 | $22k\Omega$ | R23 | 3.9kΩ | R27 | 1kΩ | R31 | 100k Ω | _ |
| R3 | 220k Ω | R7 | 390k Ω | R16 | $22k\Omega$ | R10 | $22k\Omega$ | R24 | 47k Ω | R28 | $10k\Omega$ | R32 | 270Ω | R35 1·5kΩ 1 W |
| R4 | 5.6kΩ | R13 | 560Ω | Ŗ17 | 390k Ω | R21 | 15k Ω | R25 | 3·9kΩ | R29 | 6·8kΩ | R33 | 2·2kΩ | (one only) |

All 1W 10%. Note: 2 of each required

R8 120k Ω R9 120k Ω R10 680Ω R11 220kΩ R12 8·2kΩ

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VR1 (Balance control) $10k\Omega$ anti-log + $10k\Omega$ log (Henrys Radio)

VR2 (Treble control) $100k\Omega + 100k\Omega$ linear VR3 (Bass control) $250k\Omega + 250k\Omega$ linear VR4 (Volume control) $10k\Omega + 10k\Omega \log$.

Capacitors:

| C1 | 2·5μF Elec. | C9 | 2.5µF Elec | C17 | 6800pF |
|----|-----------------|-----|------------|-----|-----------------|
| C2 | 10μF Elec. | C10 | 3300pF | C18 | 10μF Elec. |
| C3 | 100μF Elec. 6VW | C11 | 3300pF | C19 | 10μF Elec. |
| C4 | 100pF S.M. | C12 | 10μF Elec. | C20 | 2·5μF Elec. |
| | 3300pF | C13 | 0·015µF | C21 | 0·01μF |
| | 0·01µF | C14 | 0·015μF | C22 | 100μF Elec. 6VW |
| | 0·01µF | C15 | 0·5μF | C23 | 1·5μF Elec. |
| C8 | 10μF Elec. | C16 | 10μF Elec. | C24 | 5000μF 25V W |

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Power Modules and Supply:

- 2 Power Amplifier module Henelec Type PA25 (Henrys Radio)
- 1 Power Supply unit Henelec Type MU442 (Henrys Radio)

Miscellaneous:

- 3 Switches, DPDT, (S3, S4, S5) Slide type.
- 1 Switch, 2 pole 5 way with 2 wafers, ganged. (S1, S2) long spindle or use coupler.
- 1 Switch, SPST, mains toggle.
- 4 Control knobs (Eagle K30/3)
- 1 Control Knob (Eagle K30/4)
- 6 Pairs phono sockets (Henrys Radio)
- 1 Mains neon pilot lamp
- 2 Circuit boards plain s.r.b.p. 62 x 32 in. 0.15 matrix
- 1 Aluminium screen 20 s.w.g. same size.
- 2 Circuit boards plain s.r.b.p. 5 x 33 in. 0.15 matrix
- 1 Aluminium screen 20 s.w.g. same size

Note: Speaker plugs and mains input plug are supplied with the power unit Type MU442. Connecting cables and connectors ready for connection between the power amplifier modules and power supply are supplied with orders for the three units.

Chassis:

- 1 Chassis plate, 167 x 83 in. 16 s.w.g. aluminium.
- 1 Panel, 16 x 4 1 in. 16 s.w.g. aluminium.
- 1 Screen, 187 x 33 in. 16 s.w.g. aluminium (may be made from separate pieces, see Fig. 5).
- 4ft. Aluminium angle, 3 x 3 in.

Cabinet:

Amplifier cabinet, colour teak, PW1.

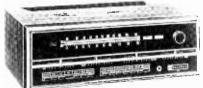
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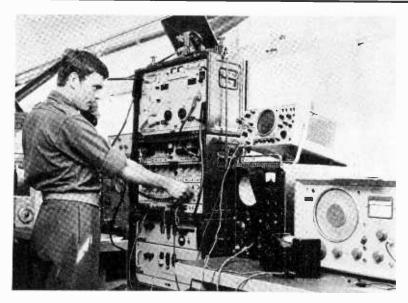
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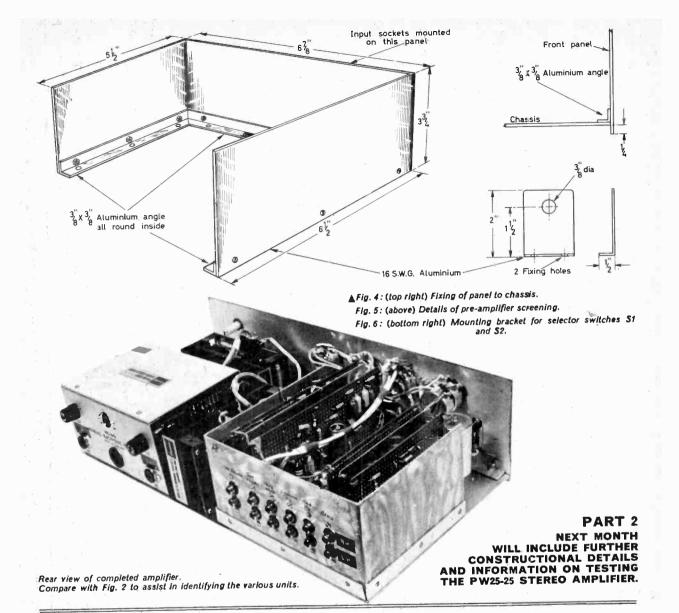
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Fine Tuner

This is a device found on certain commercial receivers, and has a vernier effect to ease the precise tuning of a transmission. Fig. 1 is a typical circuit. VC1/VC2 are the usual ganged tuning capacitor sections, with trimmers TC1 and TC2. The fine tuner VC3 is connected across the oscillator tuning capacitor VC2, and is of very small value—about 2.5pF to 4pF.

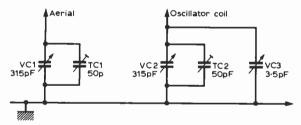


Fig. 1: The simplest form of bandspreading.

VC3 is connected to VC2 with reasonably short leads, and has a knob for panel operation. Because VC3 is so small, the practical loss of efficiency from possible mis-alignment with the circuit tuned by VC1 is ignored. With VC3 half closed, TC2 is slightly unscrewed to trim the circuits as usual (as at the h.f. end of the m.w. band). VC1/VC2 is then used as before, with VC3 as fine tuner when required.

Ganged Bandspreading

This is most appropriate in a receiver having one or more ranges, with perhaps a rather small or lowratio drive. In Fig. 2 VC1/VC2 is the usual tuning capacitor, with trimmers TC1/2. VC3/VC4 is a 2gang capacitor with its sections in parallel with VCI/VC2.

Since the ganged bandspreading capacitor places additional capacitance across both VC1 and VC2, it can be of larger value than VC3 in Fig. 1. About

15 to 20pF is generally best. Miniature 2-gang 17pF v.h.f. f.m. capacitors, available with built-in reduction drive if wanted, will do well. To maintain previous calibration of VC1/VC2, place VC3/VC4 half closed and unscrew TC1 and TC2 a little to compensate.

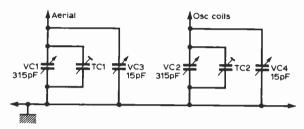


Fig. 2: Bandspreading applied to aerial and oscillator circuits

Bandspreading in this way can be of enormous advantage when tuning s.w. signals, and also occasionally on other ranges, such as at the h.f. end of the m.w. band.

"Luxembourg Bandspread"

This is really a system which extends a small portion of the h.f. end of the m.w. band, so that it occupies the whole of the tuning capacitor swing. As an example, the usual m.w. band may be about 190-550m. Of this, the portion around 190-210m will occupy only an extremely small part of the tuning range, with the capacitor almost fully open. With "Luxembourg bandspread" a further range is obtained, about 185-210m, over the whole movement of the tuning capacitor.

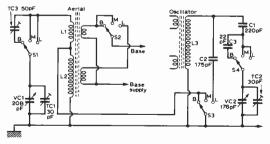


Fig. 3: Circuit providing bandspread over a part of a band.

Fig. 3 is a "Luxembourg bandspread" circuit for the usual m.w./l.w. receiver having a 208/176pF ganged tuning capacitor. A similar arrangement can be used with other receivers. The wavechange switch

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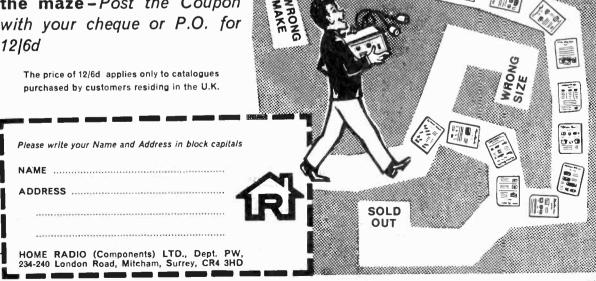
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is removed, and replaced by a small 3-way, 4-pole rotary switch. This has three positions, Bandspread,

Medium Waves and Long Waves.

VC1/VC2 tunes aerial and oscillator inductors, and has trimmers TC1 and TC2. For l.w. reception, L1 and L2 are in series, tuned by VC1. S2 switches the mixer transistor base to the coupling winding of the long wave section of the ferrite rod aerial, L2. S3 brings the capacitor C2 across L3, for oscillator tuning, while S4 connects VC2. For m.w. tuning, S3 shorts out L2 and S2 switches to L1 coupling winding. After fitting the 3-way switch, normal l.w. and m.w. reception should be obtained with the switch in its appropriate position.

With the switch at Bandspread, S2 and S3 are for m.w. coverage as before. S4 places C3 in series with VC2, so that the capacitance swing for the full rotation of VC2 is greatly reduced. S1 brings TC3 into series with VC1, for a similar limited frequency coverage here. This circuit is aligned in the usual way for m.w. reception. The switch is then put to Bandspread and a transmission tuned in with VC1/VC2 fairly well closed. TC3 is then carefully adjusted for best results. TC1 and TC2 may be adjusted, if necessary, for a coverage of about 185-210m.

Some circuits have separate trimmers for m.w. and l.w. If so, these can generally remain unchanged. Bandspread coverage can be changed by altering C3 which can be a pre-set trimmer. In some circuits both TC3 and C3 are fixed.

Manual Control

Many receivers have a 208/176pF capacitor with knob or dial directly on the shaft. Some capacitors of this kind are available with an integral ball drive, requiring no additional space. This will be found to ease manual adjustment of tuning.

In some home-built and other receivers it is possible to fit a 6:1 or other small ball drive to the capacitor spindle, setting the capacitor back a little

on a bracket, or long bolts.

Adding 1,500m or Long Waves

Some receivers cover medium waves only, but in some parts of the country long wave coverage is extremely useful. This may tune a band around 1500m only, or give full l.w. coverage of about 1100-2000m.

Fig. 4 has the advantage that the aerial needs a m.w. winding only. This is L1, tuned by VC1 with trimmer TC1. L2 is the osc. coil, with usual padder Cp, and tuned by VC2. For 1500m, the switch places C1 across L1. Oscillator tuning is changed by C2, in a similar way to circuits with full l.w. coverage. This circuit does not give full l.w. band coverage, but allows VC1 to tune around 1500m.

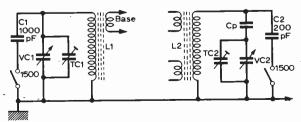


Fig. 4: Adding I.w. coverage to a receiver.

The values for C1 and C2 were suitable for an actual typical receiver, but should be checked by experiment first. C1 can be fixed and pre-set capacitors in parallel, adjusted until 1500m is reached with VC1 about half closed. A quite large trimmer (say 500pF) is required. C2 may also be a combination, such as 175pF fixed capacitor with 60pF parallel trimmer.

If the receiver is a midget design with no free space, a large variable ganged capacitor can be temporarily used at C1, and a smaller variable at C2. These are adjusted to tune 1500m, then disconnected. Their capacitances are measured, and suitable silver-mica fixed capacitors used in their place. With some simple t.r.f. receivers covering m.w. only, adding a suitable capacitor C1 will allow 1500m to be tuned with reasonable efficiency.

Two-band Tuning

When full medium wave and long wave coverage is required, a l.w. winding is used on the ferrite rod. Fig. 5 is a circuit which requires only a miniature 2-way slide switch.

VC1 tunes L1 for m.w. coverage, L3 being shorted out, and L2 being for base coupling. VC2 tunes the oscillator coil L4, with padder C1. M.W. trimming is by adjustment of TC1 and TC2 with alignment at the l.f. end of the band by moving L1 on the ferrite rod and adjusting the core of L4 in the usual way.

For l.w. coverage, the switch leaves L1 and L3 in series, and also brings in the additional capacitor C2, with trimmer TC3. L.W. alignment is by adjusting the position of L3 on the ferrite rod, and by TC3.

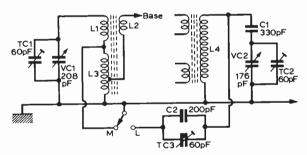


Fig. 5: Simple circuit for two-band coverage.

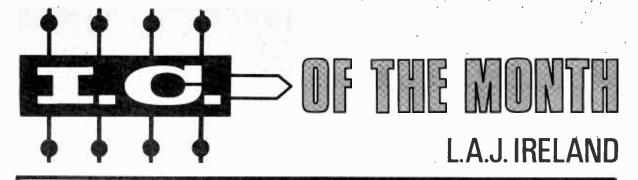
Ferrite rod aerials and oscillator coils for long and medium wave coverage are produced by several manufacturers. They are designed for particular capacitor values at C1 and C2, and some employ further switching, such as of base coupling windings. So the circuit and component values specified by the maker of the actual aerial fitted must be adhered to.

A Short Wave Band

A receiver may cover l.w. and m.w. only, and it is often possible to add a short wave band, if certain important points are not overlooked. Other receivers may have a s.w. band, but another range to cover other wanted frequencies may be required.

Fig. 6 is a typical multi-band circuit for which long, medium, and short wave coils are available (Denco) giving coverage up to 30MHz, or 10 metres.

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Mullard TAA320 Bi-fet Pre-amplifier

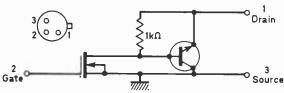
T is difficult to decide whether to regard our topic this month as an i.c. or as a novel type of discrete circuit element developed and manufactured by the methods employed for integrated circuits. I am referring to the Mullard TAA320, which the supplier describes as an "Integrated metal oxide silicon l.f. preamplifier," or more imaginatively in the U.S.A. as a "bifet."

It is obvious by now that a few terms will have to be defined before designs and applications can be discussed. Readers will be familiar with the fact that as well as the now familiar transistor operating with two opposed p.n. junctions (and therefore properly described as a "bipolar" device) there exists also the more recent "field effect transistor" or f.e.t.

Description

This device, as the name implies, does not depend on the conduction characteristics of junctions, but is more nearly equivalent to the valve in its mode of operation, with a gate electrode controlling the current from source to drain. The gate is insulated from the conduction channel between source and drain by a very thin layer of a metallic oxide, and as would be expected, the standard modern f.e.t is based on silicon technology. Hence the full title, metal oxide silicon field effect transistor, or m.o.s.f.e.t. (Just to add to the complexity, some references will indicate that the m.o.s.f.e.t. is a specialised form of the i.g.f.e.t. the name deriving from the fact that it has an insulated gate).

As is well known, the bipolar transistor is a current operated device, with the injection of charge carriers into the base from the emitter region. The f.e.t. is much more like the valve in its mode of operation, being a purely voltage controlled ("field") device. It therefore shares with the valve the high input impedance characteristic so useful in sensitive



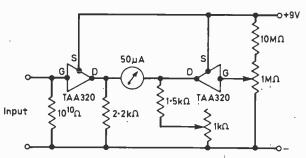
Circuit diagram of the TAA320.

low noise amplifiers, yet requiring some complicated feedback system in bipolar circuits. It is therefore a "natural" for use with crystal pick-ups, strain gauges, electrometers and similar signal sources with very low current levels but with voltages of the order of tens of millivolts.

Table 1: Ratings of TAA320

Drain to source volts 20V mtax Voss Gate to source volts Veso 20V max Gate to source max, non repeating surge 100V max **Drain Current** 25mA max lp Power dissipation 200mW max Gate to source resistance 10¹¹ ohms *min*. Noise voltage (typical, 50Hz-15kHz ID=10mA., VDS= 10V) 25 microvolts

The voltage gain of an f.e.t. alone is less than unity (typically 0.9) but the current gain is up to 1000, and therefore a good power amplification is associated with a very low noise figure. The advance which the TAA320 represents is that it associates the low output impedance and associated ease of matching to following circuits which is typical of the bipolar transistor with the input characteristics which give the f.e.t. its attractions. Finally, the price of around 13s. is strikingly less than an f.e.t. alone cost only a year or so ago.

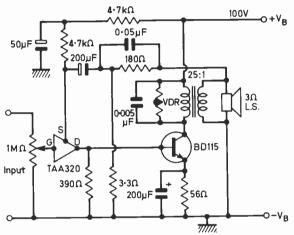


Electrometer or instrumentation amplifier using two TAA320's.

Applications

Now for a few ideas on applications. The feature which will be noted first is the shorting clip with which the device is fitted when supplied. The reason is that the insulation of the gate, while inherently of a very high resistance, is subject to failure before the device is installed should it be subject to static charges, such as those workers may induce through friction with synthetic fabrics.

These charges, though small, represent voltages much higher than the hundred or so which will "punch through" the gate insulation. After incorporation in equipment, however, the device is protected against such an event by the presence of the associated bias resistor and other external circuitry, and thereafter shares the reliability which is associated with modern silicon semiconductors.



2 watt audio amplifier for high-impedance microphone or pickup.

This should be taken as a warning, though, not to accept units lacking this clip, since they may have been damaged in transit, and further, not to remove the clip until the unit is safely soldered in place.

The application circuit diagram given shows a 2 watt silicon semiconductor amplifier designed to match a crystal pickup or microphone signal source; the BD115 stage may, of course, be replaced by any power amplifier of higher power at the discretion of the constructor. Further, a basic electrometer (microammeter) or instrumentation amplifier is also shown, which can be used for strain gauges, pH meters, or other devices in the amateur laboratory or for "science fair" projects.

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Games People play

IT was once again underlined at a recent IEA Exhibition at Olympia: engineers are children at heart.

Among the gleaming computers, the hardware and software of this electronic age, the queues could be seen forming for the Honeywell, Computer Technology and Electronic Associates stands. And why? because these lads had learned the secret of audience participation.

Hardworking electronic engineers had saved and scrimped—their energy if not their cash—towards this day's outing, and were not to be cheated. To heck with the hard facts, one could read those up tomorrow: let's have a go at some competitive pastime and try to win a week with a dolly-bird in remotest Canvey Island—or something.

More often than not it was less than nothing.

The sort of prize that the intellectual gentlemen on the computer stand tends to offer is merely the satisfaction of competing. Not, you will note, of having won. Like the Mullard "Grasp the Ball" gimmick that caught attention when the Radio Show was a one-piece exhibition (do you remember that far back, Joe?) the principle of electronic games is usually to demonstrate that frailty is human and the machine will always win.



A week with a dolly-bird in Canvey.

Of course, there is a serious purpose behind these games; the need to demonstrate the wide range of parameters the computer can handle, and the speed with which it churns out its solutions. But when Henry reads those wonderful "ten thousand decisions in only ten seconds" claims, he is sorely tempted to ask what was done with the minutes saved. Did some clever fellow find time to polish up a sonnet?

But let's not think that all was serious study at Olympia—although the concentration of some of those gamesters was in direct contrast to the open grins and carefree words of some of the fortune hunters on the peripheral stands. (Henry is no tipster, but if he had a few quid to spare, they would go into computer peripherals, where there seems to be no limit to development).

Some of the more rewarding games included a free holiday from MCP Electronics for the solution to a simple word game, and a free bottle of Scotch from the Marconi-Elliott Microelectronics stand. One does not easily obtain the products of Glenrothes, even by paying, so it is as well to mention that the prize was only offered to visitors who could pick a dud microcircuit in a batch of 10,000 randomly shipped from the factory.

Beauty of this competition was that it gave the trier a chance to do a spot of fault-finding with the Tetradyne. After seeing the recent Mullard film on microcircuit testing and reading about the RCA tester that vets a phenomenal number of ICs daily, Henry began to wish he could rig up a universal tester in his workshop into which all the tough dogs could be fed. But what would I do with the time I saved?

Oh yes, there was a treasure hunt. There had to be a treasure hunt. What would any electronics



What's done with the time saved?

exhibition be without its treasure hunt, I ask you?

This one had a serious portent. Beckman Instruments are rather proud of the fact that they introduced the first commercially available pH meter 35 years ago. They are celebrating their anniversary (thirty-fifth, what's that?) They hope that some hoarder will have an old instrument tucked away in the loft—or, to be even more satisfying, still in operation. The winner to be flown to the company headquarters at Fullerton, California, to receive his prize.

The irony is that the prize will be a new pH meter, a digital version, no less.

It is hard not to accuse Celdis of opportunism when one reads—one dared not participate—that their competitive venture was a chance to specify the design and equipment for their new application laboratory at Reading. The winner did not get the offer of the job of chief designer, but merely pocketed 100 guineas.

There, we fell to discussing the layout and design of wireless repair workshops.

It would not be a bad idea to start *PW* readers along those lines—Henry offers two guineas for the most fruitful and original idea towards the design and equipment of a small workshop. How's that for a game worth playing?

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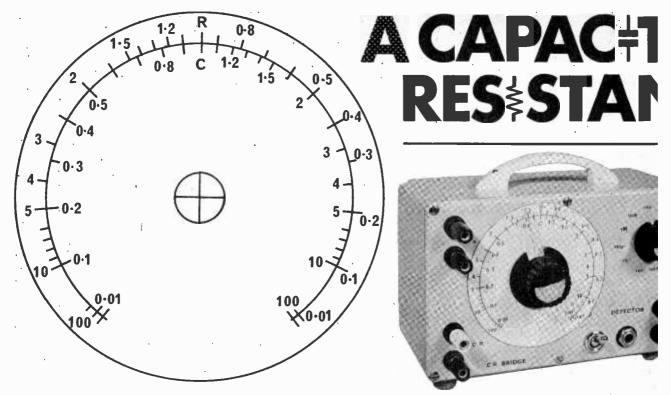
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THE Capacitance and Resistance Bridge, to be described, can be used to check capacitors in the range 10 pF to about 100μ F and resistors in the range 10 ohms to several megohms.

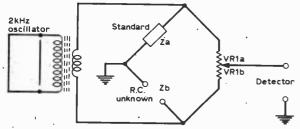
It consists of a transistor oscillator generating a sine wave voltage at 2kHz, the isolated output of this oscillator powering a Wheatstone bridge, where one side of the detector is earthed. The basic circuit is shown in Fig. 1.

The condition for balance of the bridge, that is when there is zero output to the detector, occurs

when
$$\frac{Za}{Zb} = \frac{VR1a}{VR1b}$$

The dial associated with VR1 is calibrated in terms of the ratio between the 'standard' and the unknown and is therefore direct reading in terms of capacitance and resistance.

Fig. 1: Basic circuit of CR bridge.



The accuracy of a simple CR bridge is dependent on the accuracy of the components used for the 'standards', and in keeping the stray capacitances and leakage to a minimum. The oscillator transformer, T1, has a secondary winding which has low stray capacity. This transformer is home made and for easy construction it uses a plastic slotted bobbin on a pair of Mullard 'Ferroxcube' 'E' cores.

The detector can conveniently be a small earphone of medium to high impedance. However, it is possible to improve the sensitivity by using a small audio amplifier feeding into a headphone or loud-speaker. A suitable Audio Monitor, for this purpose, will be described in a later article in this series.

Circuit Description

The complete circuit is shown in Fig. 2. The oscillator is a Hartley type employing a pnp transistor, OC72, operating in common emitter mode. Base biasing is provided by R1 and R2 and the operating current is determined by R3. This resistor also provides a measure of negative feedback to reduce the harmonic content of the oscillator output.

The oscillator transformer, T1, has a tapped primary winding, tuned to 2kHz by C2. The secondary winding has low stray capacity and relatively low output impedance which is suitable for powering the bridge circuit even when used on the low resistance and high capacitance ranges.

The bridge potentiometer, VRI, is a good quality wire-wound type which will give adequate resolution and accuracy. The dial, shown in the heading, full size, has been calibrated for this particular make and type of potentiometer and may not be correct if any other type of potentiometer is used.

The 'standards' built into the bridge determine

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the accuracy of the various ranges and these components specified have an accuracy of 1%, or better. Some relaxation of this ideal requirement may have to be accepted, on the grounds of cost and availability. A suggested compromise range of standards is given later.

Transformer Construction

Winding details:

Primary 800 turns of 42 s.w.g. enamelled copper wire tapped at 200 turns.

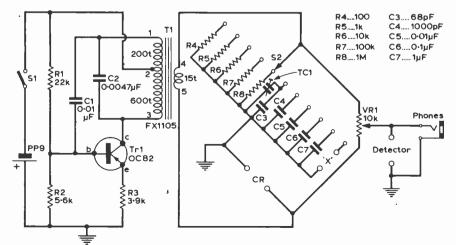
Secondary 15 turns of 42 s.w.g. enamelled copper wire.

The transformer consists of two Mullard FX1105 E-cores assembled face-to-face inside a plastic bobbin. The bobbin has four winding slots, the primary being wound in two slots at one end of the bobbin and the secondary winding wound in the slot at the opposite end, leaving an empty slot between the two windings.

The easiest way to wind the bobbin is by using a geared hand drill which has been clamped in a vice. Firstly, a small piece of wood, about two inches long is shaped so that it will just slide through the centre hole of the plastic bobbin, so forming a mandrel. A 2BA clearance hole is then drilled down the centre of the wood and a long 2BA screw or length of studding with two nuts is used to fit the wood block to the drill chuck.

The plastic bobbin is then slipped over the wood to the centre and wedged in place with a sliver of paper or card. By checking the gear ratio of the hand drill it will be possible to calculate how many revolu-

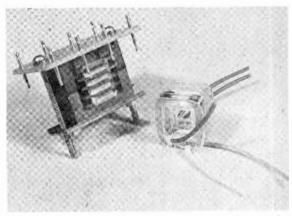
Fig. 2: Full circuit diagram of CR bridge.



tions of the handle are required to produce und desired number of turns on the bobbin. The reel of winding wire should be fixed, at some convenient position above the drill, so that it will revolve freely, a pencil, large nail, or screwdriver blade can be used for this purpose.

Before commencing winding it is useful to have cutters or scissors and a few short (½in.) lengths of plastic tape ready cut and easily to hand. These can be used to anchor the winding ends as the job proceeds and will avoid the desire to have three hands for certain parts of the job!

The winding should be started by sticking the end of the wire to the wood mandrel with tape, leaving about three inches of spare end which is wrapped around the mandrel and again stuck with tape.



Completed transformer assembly with, right, a wound bobbin before insertion of the E-cores.

The wire is fed into the end slot through the gap in the end cheek and 200 turns are wound on. The wire should be guided into the slot with the fingers so as to keep a nice even winding. Winding at an even pace is best, as this avoids 'snatching' and the possibility of snapping the wire.

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At the end of 200 turns, lead out a loop of wire about four inches long and fasten this to the mandrel with tape. Continue winding a further 200 turns in the end slot and then cross through the gap into the second slot and wind on 400 turns. Bring out the

end of the winding for about four inches and stick down with tape as before.

The secondary winding of 15 turns can now be wound in the slot at the opposite end of the bobbin using the same method.

Having completed the winding it is advisable to fix the outside lead-out wires by putting a drop of 'Denfix' polystyrene solution on the top of the winding. When this has set, the winding may be taped over with 'Sellotape' or similar tape. The lead-out wires may now be untaped from the mandrel

and sorted out, taking care not to damage them.

The wires then require cleaning and tinning with solder, an operation which requires reasonable care. It is advisable to practise with a spare piece of wire from the reel before attempting to clean the wires on the bobbin.

The tools required are a cigarette lighter or other source of a small flame, a small piece of very fine sandpaper, soldering iron, cored solder, cutters, etc.

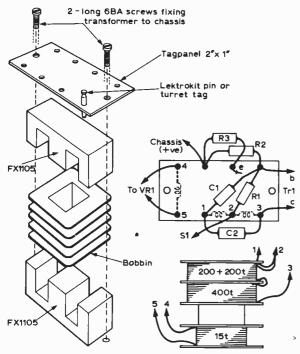


Fig. 3: Exploded view of transformer assembly with details of terminal board and bobbin windings.

The method is to hold the wire above the flame so that the enamel on the wire burns off but the wire remains undamaged, the correct amount of heat can be judged fairly easily after a little experimenting. The sooty copper wire is then cleaned by very

gently drawing it through the sandpaper, which has been folded with the abrasive on the inside, remembering that 42 s.w.g. wire has a diameter of only four thousandths of an inch.

The wire should be tinned by applying the cored solder and the iron at the same time so that the wire is in the centre of the active flux. A continuity test should be made of all the windings and if in order, the bobbin can be assembled in between the 'E' cores and a band of tape fixed around the edges of the cores to hold them together.

The core and bobbin may now be clamped between the tag panel and the chassis, and the lead-out wires connected to the appropriate tags. Sleeving may be used on the lead-out wires if required.

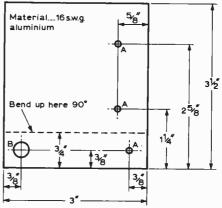
If the connections to the tag panel, which are given in Fig. 3, are followed, then the oscillator circuit components may be mounted on top of the panel, as shown.

The phase of the secondary winding is unimportant and connection of the winding either way round will not affect the performance of the bridge.

Construction

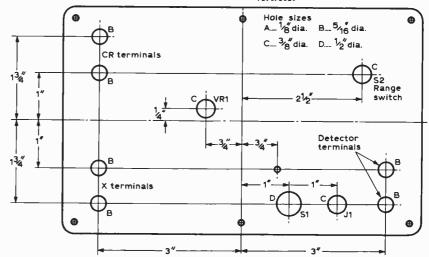
The CR bridge is built in an Eddystone die-cast box, type 6357P. The controls and components are mounted on the lid of the box, which serves as the front panel of the instrument. The PP9 battery rests inside the box, which forms the main case of the instrument, and, as such, is fitted with plastic feet and a carrying handle.

The drillings for the front panel are given in Fig. 4. The size of hole D should be checked against the terminals used if these are different from those listed. The oscillator transformer is mounted on an aluminium bracket attached to the front panel, details are given in Fig. 5. The bracket is fixed to



▲ Fig. 5: Details of transformer mounting bracket.

▼ Fig.4: Drilling pian of panel, viewed from the front. Note: The markings of the two pairs of terminals at the left side should be reversed.



* components list

Resistors:

R5 1kΩ 2% 22kΩ 5% R₂ 5.6kΩ 5% R6 10kΩ 2% 3.9kΩ 5% R7 100kΩ 2% R3 R8 1MΩ 2% 100Ω 2%

All resistors &W

VR1 10kΩ 3W wirewound (Radiospares standard wirewound volume control)

C1 0.01 µF 250v 20% moulded tub. polyester

C2 0.0047µF 250v 20% moulded tub. polyster

68pF 500V 1% silver mica

C4 0.001μ F 1% (Home Radio Type 2FG25) C5 0.01μ F 1% (Home Radio Type 2FG29)

C6 0.1µF 1%(Home Radio Type 2FG33)

C7 1.0µF 1% (see text)

TC1 3-30pF concentric (beehive) trimmer

T1 'E' cores FX1105 (2 off) and bobbin (Henrys Radio)

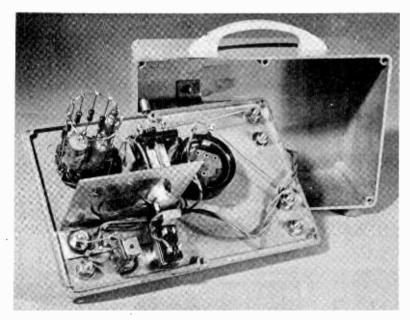
Miscellaneous:

Transistor OC72 or similar. Die-cast box (Eddystone Type 6357P). Single pole toggle switch. Single pole 12 way wafer switch. Terminals, 6 off (Belling Lee, 4 mm type) Jack Socket, open type. Battery PP9 and connectors. Plastic feet and handle. Knobs (one modified by fitting pointer). Small quantity 42 s.w.g. enamelled wire. Material for bracket and tag panel.

the front panel by means of a 6BA screw and nut through the smaller hole and by the upper 'detector output' terminal, which passes through the larger hole and clamps the bracket to the front panel.

The oscillator components are mounted on a tag panel, on top of the oscillator transformer and the 'standard' components are mounted directly on the switch, S2, as shown in the photograph.

The wiring from the range switch, S2, and VR1, to the CR terminals should be made in 18 or 20 s.w.g.



tinned copper wire, dressed well clear of the panel, to keep stray capacitance to a minimum. The earthed outer cover of VR1 should be carefully removed, to reduce, still further, the stray capacitances from the bridge circuit to chassis.

The die-cast box may be sprayed with one of the usual car touch-up aerosol sprays, BMC Farina Grev was used on the prototype, and then lettered using Letraset, sheet 208.

The dial is fixed to the front panel using 'Cow Gum' adhesive, as this is very clean to work with. The whole front panel may then be protected by spraying with Letracote clear lacquer.

Calibration

The overall calibration depends on having the dial pointer set correctly with respect to the scale. To do this, the potentiometer should be slightly loosened from the front panel and the pointer knob fitted to the shaft and tightened up against the spindle flat.

The position of the potentiometer body is then set so that the pointer goes past each end of the scale by the same amount. The knob is then removed, the potentiometer is tightened and the knob re-fitted and checked again for the correct position.

The only range which requires individual calibration is the 100pF range and this is due to the unknown stray capacitances existing in S2 and the associated wiring. This range is calibrated by connecting a 100pF 1% silvered mica capacitor to the CR terminals, setting the dial to the 1:1 position, at the top of the scale, and adjusting TC1 for balance.

Accuracy

It is difficult to specify the overall accuracy as this varies with the scale reading, but the greatest accuracy will occur around the centre of the scale and will be about 1-2% worse than the accuracy of the standard. Measurement above about $5M\Omega$ and below about 10pF are subject to greater errors due

to the unavoidable stray capacitances.

It is somewhat difficult to find a source of 1µF close tolerance capacitors (for C7) and it may be necessary to accept a 20% type. Alternatively a number of 1µF capacitors could be checked on the 0.1 F range of the bridge and the most accurate one used. Occasionally surplus polystyrene capacitors become available and these are usually 5% or $2\frac{1}{2}$ % tolerance and therefore quite suitable.

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■ View of the completed CR bridge mounted on the panel of the die-cast box. Note the method of mounting the various 'standard' components on the range switch, top left, to reduce stray capacitance.



HIS article describes a unit which can be used in conjunction with almost all types of short wave receiver. It should prove of particular value used with some of the older models or "surplus" receivers whose sensitivity is not always what one could wish. Basically the unit is a two stage r.f. transistor amplifier with switched broadband pretuned circuits to give a good measure of r.f. signal gain over the bandwidths quoted. In the unit described the three main amateur bands are selected, though the coils can be wound to allow for the selection of the broadcast bands instead, details of alternative channel selection will be given later. The amplifier has the advantage of small size and compact construction with standard 9V to 12V battery or power unit supply and low current drain. It is simple to operate, having only one switched control with input and output sockets, no tuning being required. The amplifier is simply connected

between the incoming aerial lead and the receiver aerial socket, no internal connections or adjustments to the receiver are needed.

THE CIRCUIT

The circuit is shown in Fig. 1. The aerial is coupled via C1 directly into the emitter of Tr1, this being connected as a grounded base r.f. amplifier. The advantage of such a circuit is that it provides a very low input impedance with a high output impedance while giving a good measure of gain with optimum bandwidth. The very low input impedance allows direct matching with most types of receiving aerial while

the high output impedance allows a tuned circuit of reasonable Q to be used. R1 provides the d.c. return path for the emitter while the base is maintained at a constant voltage level by zener diode ZD1 the current bleed for this being via R3 and base decoupling by C5. The collector load is composed of a number of tuned circuits, these being selected by SI. Collector d.c. feed and decoupling is via R2 and C4. The Q of the tuned circuits allows a reasonable gain to be achieved over the required bandwidth. A higher gain, but narrower bandwidth, is obtained on the l.f. channels, the gain for each band decreasing by a factor of one third, while the bandwidth increases by a factor of three for increasing frequency. The output from the first stage is a.c. coupled to the second stage via C2.

The second stage, Tr2, is a normal emitter follower, R6 being the emitter load while d.c. base bias is obtained through R5. The series resistor R4 prevents parasitic oscillation and, while slightly reducing the input drive to Tr2, makes for a much more stable circuit. The purpose of the output stage is to provide a low impedance output suitable for matching into the receiver, this normally being low impedance. Thus, correct matching is achieved at both ends of the unit. The emitter follower input. having quite a high input impedance, imposes the minimum of damping across the tuned circuit. Tr2, therefore, besides providing the necessary impedance matching, also provides isolation between the r.f. amplifier circuit and the final signal output. C3 provides d.c. blocking to the output socket and load resistor R7. Decoupling of the supply is through C6.

The transistors chosen are both of the same type, being p-n-p germanium alloy diffused types, these having a good gain/frequency characteristic. They also allow for earthing of the outer shield, this proving an advantage at higher frequencies. The power supply can be either a 9V battery or 9-12V power unit. As the current drain at 9V is similar to the average transistor radio, about 10mA, any of the standard range of batteries are suitable.

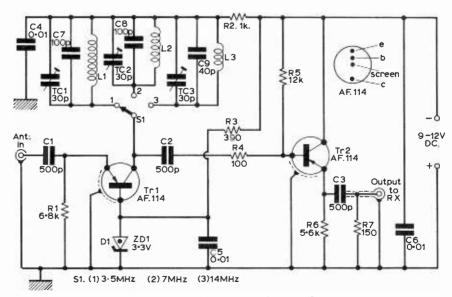


Fig. 1: The circuit of the switched r.f. preamplifier.

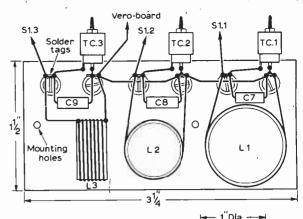
ALTERNATIVE COILS

The coils specified and used in the unit are for the 3.5, 7 and 14MHz amateur bands, the 14MHz tuned circuit giving a useable gain as high as the 21MHz amateur band. If the broadcast bands are required instead, however, the following data should prove useful, the coils specified being replaced by any other coils selected from the list; 49 metres—17 turns; 31 metres—11 turns; 25 metres—9 turns; 19 metres—6 turns. All $3\frac{3}{4}$ in. diameter and 18 s.w.g., close wound.

CONSTRUCTION

The construction is not particularly critical as it can be adapted to suit individual requirements. While the type of construction used by the writer is described, being about the minimum practical volume into which the circuit can be put, other forms of construction may be used. For those with no facilities for chassis work, a ready made case can be bought in one of the popular "Minibox" or "Diecast Box" ranges which are advertised in various sizes. If required, a larger case than specified may be used so as to contain the battery internally and also provide a little more "elbow room" for construction. Where, as with the writer, minimum size was of importance, the construction illustrated should prove of value. No matter what form of case or construction is used, the two basic sections described, Veroboard layout for components and coil pack assembly, should be adhered to. Also, wiring between coil pack, SI, and Veroboard, should be as short and direct as possible.

All components except the tuned circuit items and R7 are mounted on a piece of Veroboard $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. x $1\frac{7}{8}$ in. The layout of these components is shown in Fig. 2. This board should be completed first, including fly-leads for external connections, before mounting in the case. Next the coil pack is constructed as shown in Fig. 3. The base is made from paxolin sheet or similar material, six solder tags being fitted as shown.



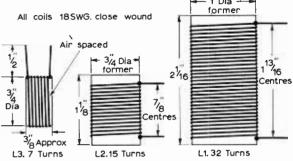


Fig. 3: The coil pack and coil winding details.

With the mechanical construction complete, mount switch and sockets on the front panel, an earth tag being placed under a fixing screw on each socket. The coil pack and Veroboard are now mounted on each side. The boards are stood off the sides by about ½in. by means of limiting nuts on the fixing screws. R7 is connected between the output socket and earth tag. The fly-leads previously soldered to the boards are now connected between the different points, being kept as short and direct as possible. The output from the Veroboard to the output socket is by means of a short length of co-axial cable. The d.c. supply leads are brought out from the rear

of the Veroboard, a hole with grommet being made in the rear of the case for this purpose. By splitting the unit into two circuit sections, both of which are completed before being mounted in the frame or case, only the minimum amount of wiring is required afterwards.

With the unit completed, alignment should take very little time. First set SI to select the 3.5MHz band, set the three trimmers to about mid-position and connect the d.c. supply. The simplest method of alignment is by means of a signal generator and oscilloscope or valve voltmeter. The gener-

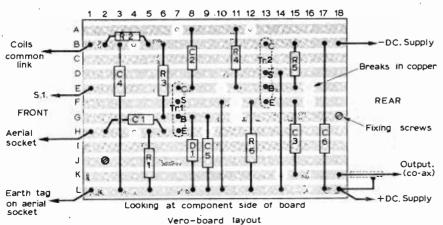
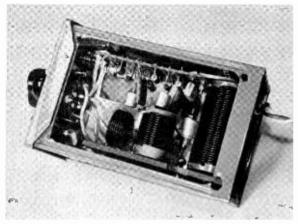


Fig. 2: The component layout on Veroboard.

ator is set to 3.5MHz (or about 3.7MHz if the phone band is of major importance) and a small level of signal applied to the aerial input socket. The valve-voltmeter or scope is connected across the output socket. The 3.5MHz trimmer is then adjusted for maximum output. As some hand capacity effect is



An inside view of the complete preamplifier.

almost inevitable, particularly at the higher frequencies, the trimmers should be adjusted in small steps, the trimmer being removed at each step to prevent false settings. With the first channel set up a similar procedure is carried out on the other channels, the signal generator being set to the appropriate frequency and the trimmer adjusted for

* components list

Capacitors:

C1 500pF silver mica 500pF C2 silver mica 500pF silver mica C4 0.01µF polyester C₅ 0.01µF polyester 0.01µF C6 polyester C7 100pF silver mica C8 100pF silver mica or ceramic C9 40pF silver mica or ceramic TC1, TC2, TC3 3-30pF concentric trimmers.

Semiconductors:

Tr1 AF114 ZD1 BZY88 C3V3 (3·3V) zener diode Tr2 AF114

Coils:

L1 32 turns, 18 s.w.g. on 1in. diameter former, close wound.

L2 15 turns, 18 s.w.g. on 3in. diameter former, close wound.

L3 7 turns, 18 s.w.g. on ≩in. diameter former, air spaced.

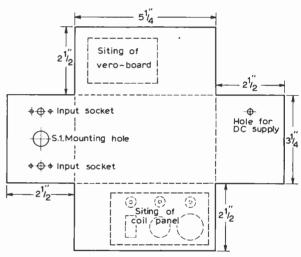
Miscellaneous:

S1, 1-pole, 3-way rotary switch; Veroboard, 0·15in. matrix, 12 x 18 holes; pointer knob; 2 off co-ax sockets; chassis to specification.

maximum output.

If no instruments are available the unit can be aligned using the receiver itself. First tune in a quiet spot in the 3.5-3.6MHz range and reduce the r.f. gain until the background noise is just audible. Now connect up the unit, the 3.5MHz channel being selected. The background noise should be appreciatively louder. Now adjust the trimmer for maximum output. Again adjust it in steps to eliminate the effects of hand capacity. The effect of the unit can best be appreciated by reducing the r.f. gain to a very low level, first having taken the unit out of circuit. Tune across a selected portion of the band noting a number of stations and relative signal strengths. Then, without altering the r.f. gain, connect the unit in circuit, tune across the same portion of the band and note the difference in signal strength for the same stations.

The other channels are aligned in a similar manner. The audible differences in signal or noise level may not be quite so obvious on the 14MHz channel and exact trimming may be more difficult to achieve



A simple chassis to hold the Veroboard, the coil pack and the switch.

without the use of instruments. This is because of the greatly extended bandwidth and much flatter response at these frequencies. As the gain is constant over a much greater bandwidth, however, very accurate trimming is not vital, thus the problem tends to be self cancelling. When alignment is complete and the unit has been satisfactorily tried out on all bands, a spot of shellac on each of the trimmers will lock them in place.

In practice the amplifier should prove of value with most receivers. Its compact size and low power requirements make it extremely useful for field days, portable and mobile rigs, etc. Being small and robust it will withstand a great deal of rough usage without ill effect. A final point which may be mentioned is that like all such devices it amplifies all signals within the quoted bandwidth which appear at the aerial. Thus, both noise and signal are amplified equally and an acceptable signal-to-noise ratio is still required from the aerial to obtain acceptable results. Unfortunately, no one yet seems to have come up with a device which discriminates against unwanted noise in favour of wanted signal.



THIS concluding article will deal with the electrical performance of the PW25-50 Amplifier, with testing for correct performance and with the optional extras: the tremulant on-off foot control and a foot controlled wah-wah effect.

The Henelec power amplifier module and its MU422 power supply require no adjustment and it is only necessary to ensure that they are correctly and securely positioned as shown in the layout diagrams in Part 2. Do not run the power amplifier unless the loudspeakers are connected and take great care not to short circuit the output whilst the amplifier is running at full power. The power unit and the module are both fuse protected.

Power Module

The specified performance of the Henelec PA50 amplifier module is as follows:

 $\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Power} & \text{Output} & \text{with} & 4\Omega & \text{load} \\ & (2\text{-}8\Omega) & \text{speakers}. \\ \\ \text{Power} & \text{Output} & \text{with} & 8\Omega & \text{load} \\ & 1\text{-}8\Omega & \text{speaker}). \\ \\ \text{Power} & \text{Bandwidth}, & 12\text{Hz} & \text{to} \\ & 60\text{kHz}. \\ \\ \text{Signal Input, for rated output.} \\ \\ \text{Distortion, at full power.} \\ \\ \text{Hum and Noise.} \end{array}$

50 watts r.m.s.

25 watts r.m.s.

±3dB max 600mV not more than 1% -75dB

In order to drive fully the power module and to allow some reserve gain for low level input signals the pre-amplifier has been designed for a maximum output of 1.5V r.m.s. from an input of 40mV at the guitar inputs or 2mV at the microphone input. The guitar input sensitivities are more than sufficient for all standard guitar pick-ups of medium to high impedance.

Testing for performance

If test equipment, such as an audio frequency generator. a valve-voltmeter and an oscilloscope, is available the following tests can be carried out to ensure performance to specification. Constructors with only a multi-range meter can check the voltages and currents at various points which will be indicated. On initially testing the amplifier do not turn the master control to maximum. Ensure that the pre-amplifiers are operating properly before running the amplifier at full power.

The following table may assist in checking the function of the pre-amplifiers and tremulant circuit:

Total current drawn from pre-amplifier supply Voltage at top of C28 Current drawn by circuit Board 1 Current drawn by circuit Board 2 Voltage at junction R46 & R45 (circuit Board 2) Voltage at junction R29-C17 (circuit Board 2) Voltage at junction R8-C6 (circuit Board 1) Voltage at collector of Tr4 (AD161) Collector current Tr4 (AD161)

28 to 30mA 20 to 22V

2.8 to 3mA

6 to 7mA

16 to 17V

13 to 14V

18V

average 14V

Average 18/20mA

If a sinewave audio signal generator and v.v.m. are available, the following signal level checks can be made. The master volume control VR8 should be set almost off, i.e., with just enough gain to make the signals audible.

1. Guitar input (guitar gain control max) 40mV in—signal at top of VR8 junction with C26 should be approx 1.5V r.m.s.

2. Microphone input (microphone gain max) 2mV—signal at top of VR8 junction with C26 should be approx 1.5V r.m.s.

3. Guitar input (gain max) 40mV in—signal at junction C16-R30 approx 800mV.

4. Guitar input (gain max) 40mV in—signal at mixing pre-amplifier input C22 approx 20mV.

5. Guitar input (gain max) 40mV in—signal at tremulant amplifier (Tr6) output junction C21-VR7 approx 1V r.m.s.

If an oscilloscope is available the sine wave output at the various points previously indicated can be checked as well. The output of the tremulant phase shift oscillator Tr3 and its amplifier Tr4 can be checked with an oscilloscope. The low frequency sine wave at Tr3 collector should be approximately 10V peak-to-peak and at Tr4 collector approximately 8V peak-to-peak.

It is most important that Tr4 runs at the specified collector current which in turn determines the correct brilliance of the l.d.r. and the panel tremulant

Fig. 17: (Right) Frequency response for guitar and microphone inputs. Fig. 18: (Below) Responses obtainable with treble lift and tremulant tone control.

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indicator lamp. With the tremulant turned off (S1 closed) both lamps should glow at about a quarter of their normal brilliance and the collector current of Tr4 should be a steady . 18 to 20mA with the tremulant depth control at minimum (anti clockwise).

If the collector current is more than this the lamp will be brighter and the gain of the guitar preamplifier will be reduced. If the current is lower the 1.d.r. will not produce the correct tremulant depth. Adjustment to the collector current of Tr4 can be made by changing the value of R18 (nominally 270 ohms) a little one way or the other.

tremulant When the circuit is switched on the lamps will flicker between extinction and the steady level of brilliance hitherto obtained. When the tremulant depth control is increased (clockwise) the lamps will glow slightly brighter and the collector current of Tr4 will rise by a milliamp or so.

15 10 dВ 0 Guitar 5 Microphone 10 100 1000 20 K Frequency Hz treble lift 15 Half treble lift 10 5 Normal guitar input response dB 0 5 Tone tremulant response 10 15 Frequency Hz 100 1000 20 K

Operational Notes

The treble control in the guitar pre-amplifier provides approximately 15dB lift at 10,000Hz and excessive treble lift could cause distortion if signals between about 6 and 10kHz are equal in amplitude to those in the mid frequency range. The treble control should therefore be used sparingly for signal sources such as a portable electronic organ. The 'tone tremulant' control can also cause severe distortion if used to excess particularly on signal sources other than an electric guitar.

For average use with a treble guitar and to obtain a distortion free tremulant, particularly on chord playing, the tremulant tone control and the treble control should both be set at about their midway position and the tremulant depth at minimum.

With guitar pick-ups of average sensitivity the master volume control should be set at about three quarters of its travel and the guitar input volume control adjusted accordingly. The same applies to the microphone input and as the microphone preamplifier is completely independent of the guitar circuitry it is not affected by the tremulant circuit.

The frequency response of the amplifier is more than adequate for guitar bass and whilst a single speaker and 25 watts output will provide good quality bass, the full 50 watts with two speakers will be much more suitable for group playing. The speakers are well within rating as a pair will in fact

PW25-50 AMPLIFIER Overall performance specification

Max power output 4Ω load 50 watts (r.m.s.) Max power output 8Ω load 25 watts (r.m.s.) Input sensitivity (quitar)

Input impedance (guitar) Input sensitivity, (microphone) Input impedance,

(microphone) Treble lift control Frequency response

(guitar) Frequency response (microphone)

Hum and noise level (guitar)

Hum and noise level (Microphone)

Distortion

Tremulant speed Tremulant depth

Min 30 to 40mV (for rated output)

2mV (without transformer)

100kΩ

+15dB at 10kHz.

-3dB at 35Hz to 3dB at 20.000Hz.

-3dB at 45Hz to 3dB at 20,000Hz

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handle 100 watts r.m.s. In other words distortion through overloading would occur in the amplifier but never in the speakers.

The overall frequency response of the amplifier is shown in Fig. 17 and the effect of the treble lift and tremulant tone controls in Fig. 18. The reduction in bass response due to the tremulant tone control produces a considerable reduction in the level of lower frequency fundamental notes but ensures a strong build up of third and higher harmonics. The tremulant tone control should be used very little or not at all with bass guitar because of the effect on low frequencies.

Optional Extras

The tremulant control circuit can be switched on or off quite easily by means of a foot operated switch. It is only necessary to provide an extra jack socket on the front panel wired across the tremulant on/off switch (S1) as shown in the circuit (Fig. 5 Part 1). A suggested method of making a suitable foot switch is shown in Fig. 19. The switch must be a press on—press again-off type. Screened leads are not necessary for this, twin flex will do.

The 'wah-wah' effect can be produced by means of a foot controlled potentiometer and capacitor (VR9 and C29 in Fig. 5 part 1). When VR9 resistance

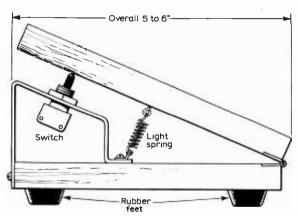
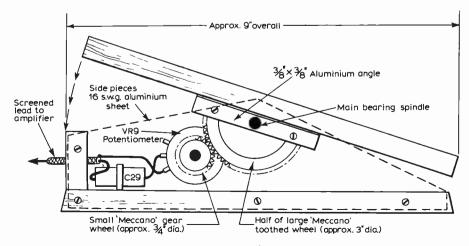


Fig. 19: Suggested construction of foot operated tremulant switch.

Fig. 20: (Below) Practical construction of foot operated wah-wah control.



* components list-optional extras

Tremulant Foot Control:

1-Panel jack socket and plug.

1-Press on/press off switch.

Twin flex. Materials for foot control as in Fig. 19.

Wah-Wah Foot Control

1-Panel jack socket and plug.

Screened cable.

Materials for foot control as in Fig. 20.

is at minimum (foot pedal off) the capacitor C29 is shunted directly across the primary of T3 and severely attenuates the treble response of the tone tremulant amplifier. When the potentiometer is opened (foot pedal on) the shunt effect of C29 is reduced to zero.

The tremulant tone control must be on by about three quarters of its travel to produce the pronounced oom-wah effect when the foot control is operated. A suggested method of constructing a foot control is shown in Fig. 20. When the foot plate is pressed back the potentiometer should be at zero resistance. Screened lead must be used to connect the foot control to the amplifier the inner lead going to the junction C8-T3 IP.

Notes

When the amplifier is finally installed in the cabinet the main input socket panel is screwed to the beading at the rear of the amplifier compartment. The front panel can be secured all round with screws into the beading at the front and by means of two long self tapping screws at the rear as shown in Part 1 Fig. 2D.

The back panel of the speaker compartment must be a close fit and well secured with at least four screws on each side and top and bottom. Do not run the amplifier at full power unless the back panel is fitted and secured. The spaces each side of the mains input panel at the rear can be fitted with hardboard panels to prevent dust getting in and to protect the rear of the amplifier.

The performance of the PW25-50 amplifier has

been checked in every respect and has been used with satisfaction by a semi-professional guitarist with treble and bass guitar. It has been tested with microphone and music sources and with the direct signal level output from an electronic organ.

The writer strongly recommends that only the components, power module and loudspeakers etc. specified are used in order to obtain a performance equal to that specified and he is not prepared to provide modifications to the circuitry for use with other components or for other purposes.

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A LOOK AT THE LONDON-BASED TRADE SHOWS

OR the fourth year in succession, this year's radio-trade exhibitions took place in London at the end of August. Most companies showed their products in hotels, but one or two were "at home" to visitors. One enterprising firm ran cruises along the Thames from Westminster.

Altogether, some 40 firms exhibited their products with more than 50 brand-names being in evidence. Once again, the main emphasis was on television, particularly colour television, but one or two trends

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(Details of new TV receivers and techniques are contained in a special report in the November issue of our companion magazine Television, on sale on 23rd October.)

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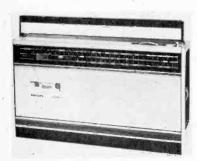
Although the majority of small portable radio receivers are battery-operated, several of the newly announced models feature internal mains-supply units, so that the sets will work from batteries or the mains supply as required. Two reasons are given for this trend—some firms say that the cost of batteries is now so high that the public is looking for mains-operated sets, and other firms say that most receivers, even very small portables, are used quite often in only one location, so mains operation is just as convenient as battery operation. Whatever the reason, battery/mains receivers are certainly making a come-back.

Readers with long memories will remember the old style battery/mains sets which used "all-dry" valves. Those receivers were not renowned for their reliability. Trouble often occurred in the mainsderived filament supply, and certain faults caused the filaments to burn out. However, running transistorised receivers from the mains is a comparatively simple matter, and the reliability of the modern

mains/battery set should be high.

Local Radio

The number of portable sets covering the v.h.f./ f.m. band seems to be growing, and this may be due to the increasing popularity of local radio stations. The stations operate only on v.h.f./f.m.



Philips RR392 radio cassette recorder for mains/battery operation. Price is £56.



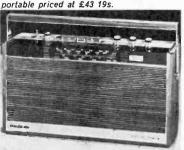
ITT-KB Junior Super v.h.f./f.m. and m.w. has 10 transistors and 400mW output.



Crown TRF-2900L 4-band portable (f.m., m.w., I.w., and 49m. bandspread) Ten transistors. Price is £44 15s. inc. tax.



The Sony TR 1300 5-band portable (medium wave plus four short waves.) Price is £45.



(Below) Philco T 240 13-transistor 5-band portable priced at £43 19s



The Philips RL500 portable receiver with input/output sockets on the cabinet front. Price is £50.

at the moment, and the original 8 are now being supplemented by a further 20 (details of frequencies etc. are available from BBC Engineering Information Department, Broadcasting House, London, W.1).

Incidentally, certain local stations will use slant polarisation of signals instead of the horizontal polarisation used previously for all v.h.f./f.m. services. The stations involved are at Blackburn (96·4MHz), Derby (96·5MHz), and Manchester (95·1MHz). Leicester (95·05MHz, later 95·2MHz) and Nottingham (94·8MHz) will be converted to slant polarisation later. The use of s.p. should improve reception of v.h.f. in cars and in other circumstances where vertical receiving aerials are used (see News pages).



The Murphy B866 two-band l.w. and m.w. radio. Price, £11 10s.

The BBC states that it is not necessary or advisable to adjust outdoor v.h.f./f.m. aerials for slant polarisation. However, if for some reason such adjustment is made, the correct position is obtained by turning the aerial 45° from the horizontal, clockwise when looking towards the transmitter.

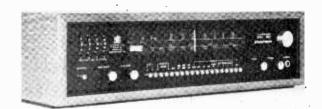
More v.h.f./f.m. receivers for cars made their appearance at the trade shows, and should be of particular use in the areas of local radio stations, since warnings of local traffic conditions will be featured in the programmes. The resulting increased awareness of v.h.f./f.m. radio should help manufacturers to sell their portable v.h.f. sets too.

Push-Button Tuning

While on the subject of v.h.f./f.m., we note another interesting development: pre-set selection



GEC2807 audio outfit with 15W music power per channel. Features Garrard deck and f.m. tuner. Price is £125.



The Dynatron STA 90 stereo tuner/amplifier priced at £165.

of programmes by push-button. Older readers will remember the days of a.m. radios with push-button tuning in which intricate mechanisms were employed to enable pressure on the buttons to rotate or position the ganged tuning capacitor in exactly the spot corresponding to the desired station. Many service engineers will remember the time spent trying to repair or set up the systems which often included gears, stranded-wire drives, and complicated detent mechanisms.

The modern push-button set covers v.h.f./f.m. and if push-button selection of stations is held to be valuable on a.m., it is of even greater use on v.h.f./f.m., since most people seem to have difficulty in tuning in f.m. signals correctly, even when a tuning indicator is fitted.



The TRC 530M combined a.m./f.m. radio and cassette recorder from Teleton. Output is 1.6W and price is £47 10s.

The old mechanical system of push-button tuning is of course unsuitable for the high frequencies of the f.m. broadcast band, although no doubt a mechanical system could be made to operate if a very good a.f.c. circuit were included. The modern push-button system has been made possible by the variable capacity diode: a reverse-biased junction diode is connected in the signal circuits as part of the tuning capacitance, and variation of the reverse bias varies the thickness of the depletion layer of the diode, thus varying the effective capacitance. Tuning of the various circuits is carried out by varying the magnitude of the potential fed to the controlling diode or diodes. The push-buttons simply

actuate switches, and therefore need very little pressure to operate them. The "tuning" of each button is accomplished by adjusting a corresponding pre-set potentiometer.

Radio with Tape

Components continue to reduce in size, and many cassette tape recorders now feature an internal radio. the extra circuitry being accommodated with very little change in dimensions. These new recorders should be very popular since they enable radio programmes to be recorded without the use of a special tuner, and there is no longer the difficulty of connecting a portable set or mains receiver to the recorder.

Sockets

To enable receivers to be coupled to tape recorders, many of the new sets have special output sockets. This trend is to be welcomed especially as many of the new sets cover v.h.f./f.m., and are capable of delivering a high quality audio output. Many receivers have input sockets too, to be used to amplify the outputs from tape recorders, recordplayers, and, in some instances, microphones.

Semiconductors

Integrated circuits have now begun to make their appearance in domestic equipment, though their use is still on quite a small scale. Field-effect transistors are increasingly encountered in front-ends, and as a result, performances are steadily improving.

Crystal filters are used in i.f. strips in several receivers; they should be welcomed by service engineers since there are then fewer cores for customers to adjust!

Origins

Apart from equipment made in this country, most of the items shown were from Japan. However, there were receivers from Hong Kong, Germany and India. The Indian sets are being marketed here after a successful trial import of 10,000. The company concerned hopes to extend the range to include v.h.f./f.m. receivers.

Combination

The small size of modern components is continually having effects and is one of the reasons for the emergence of the combined tuners and amplifiers being shown by many firms. The old-style radiogram is less popular now, and the trend is to separate loudspeakers, record decks, and tuner/amplifiers. The radiogram will no doubt retain its popularity with the older generation, but younger ears seem to prefer the better standard of reproduction now obtainable from other types of equipment.

Cabinets

The square-cut cabinets of recent years were continued this year, but some makers introduced a rounded line, perhaps in the hope of starting a new trend. Novelty radios were seen again, with some sets made to resemble old fashioned telephones. Another set was housed in a fur poodle! On rather more sedate lines, a new receiver from another maker was designed to look like a cine camera.

Radios with built-in clocks (or clocks with builtin radios?) were seen at a number of the shows.

Summary

There were no really startling developments in the radio sets shown this year, but this is not to say that progress is not being made. The introduction of i.c.'s and the attention being paid to audio quality, power supplies, and ease of tuning, show that the radio market is still a healthy one. As local radio spreads, whether commercial or not, interest in radio should continue to revive, with radio no longer a poor relation of TV, but an entertainment and information medium in its own right.

Change of Date

By agreement among the various firms, next year's trade shows are scheduled for the end of May instead of the end of August.

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3306 Tentative logging of Rhodesia B.C. in English with much interference. 2000-2030, SINPO 21531

6175 O.R.T.F. relay of France Inter, 1920-1940, 45454

9520 Kuwait B.S. in Arabic from 1937 to 2024, 33533

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Roderick Downes of Bournemouth does not have a communications receiver but he used his sevenvalve domestic superhet. and 60ft. long-wire to hear some interesting stations including:

11652 R. Pakistan, Karachi in English at 2030,

55344

15018 R. Hanoi, in Eng. at 2000 and French at 2030

15265 R. Afghanistan to Europe, // to 17745, 1800

15345 Kuwait B.S. in English from 1830, 45344 17825 NHK, Japan also on 21535 in English at 0800

Richard Read of Portsmouth is only fourteen years old but this did not prevent him from using his Practical Wireless Modular Three-Band Short-Wave receiver and 17ft, vertical aerial to hear the following stations:

11710 ABC, Australia, English to Asia from 0900 to 1100

11720 R. Trans Europe in English, 0900-1000

15120 Colombo B.S., Ceylon at 2000

17760 Radio New York Worldwide at 1900

21500 Vatican Radio in English from 1145 to 1205 Terry Gibbs of Swindon who is a regular reporter to this column has heard some very interesting stations recently including:

3338 Radio Mozambique, // with 4805 at 1500

3390 Radio Rhodesia in English at 2200

5985 Radio Tangiers at 1900-0300

6130 Radio Halifax, Nova Scotia at 0350-0400

9720 Radio Haiti at 1100-1500. (New freq. to me—MC)

Philip Batt of Littleborough in Lancashire has sent in another interesting report which included:

4865 PRC5, R. Belem, Brazil in Port. 0300, 32323 4920 YVKR, R. Caracas, Venezuela, Spanish at 0400

4980 YVOC, Ecos del Torbes, Venezuela in Sp. 0405

5095 HJGG, R. Sutatenza, Colombia, Indent. at

17710 R. Mali, Bamako, French at 1745. (New freq?—MC)

C. J. Craven of Bexhill-on-Sea used his Eddystone EC10 and Joystick antenna to hear:

6125 Voice of America, 'The Breakfast Show' 0245

6230 Radio Tirana, Albania, Indent. at 0250 15165 Damascus, Syria in English at 1930

John Adams has recently moved to Cleethorpes where he has set up his Eddystone EC10 and 100ft. long-wire and managed to hear:

11765 CBC, Canada, Eng. to S. Africa at 0738 11825 Radio Sofia, with sign-off in English, 1930 17810 R. Nederland, Bonaire in Spanish at 2130 21640 R. Nederland, Bonaire in English at 1840

Regular reporter, S. R. Wainwright of St. Helens has again used his Skyrover Mk II and 100ft. longwire to hear stations from all over the world:

4970 YVLK, R. Rhumbos, Venezuela in Spanish, 0400

4990 YVMQ, R. Barquisimeto, Ven. with 24 hour

11865 R. Trans Europe, Portugal in Eng. 1345-1415

21545 Radio Ghana at 1445-1530 in // with 17870 S. J. Plant of Cwmbran in Monmouthshire has sent in another log which contained:

9515 R. Ankara, Turkey in Turkish at 2025

11765 HCJB, Ecuador in English from 2300 to 0000

11815 Trans World Radio, Bonaire, Eng. 0040-0130

15220 R. Vilnius, Lithuania in English, 2230-2300 Amongst those who sent in their reports in the form of news was Roy Patrick of Derby who contributed the following items:

KENYA The Voice of Kenya on 4915 now provides a good signal in the evening until sign-off at 2000. The programming is mainly pop and

African music with commercials in Swahili.

GHANA Radio Ghana on 4915 is audible after Kenya signs-off on the same frequency. The signals are of fair strength and the programmes are in English.

LIBYA has been heard on the frequency of 9895 in the evenings and is at present providing a very

strong signal.

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC The Voice of Africa in Cairo has been heard in English at 2030

on 17725 with an excellent signal.

Robert Bruce of Angus in Scotland was amongst the many who sent in reports about Radio Trans Europe. The latest news of this station is that they are beaming test transmissions to the United Kingdom from 1345 to 1415 daily on 9625 and 11865.

HATEVER happened to all those l.f. lovers?
More logs are coming in for 144MHz than
'1.8, 3.5 and 7MHz put together. About
90% of the thuds on my doorstep were logs for
20 metres which must win the award of the most
listened-to band this past month.

Things will doubtless change, but the propagation experts say that conditions should improve for the h.f. enthusiast so the 28MHz band might be worth

a listen.

Regarding listening procedures. Many listeners switch straight to their favourite band (usually 14 or 21MHz) and prowl round with the dial logging everything which titivates the headphones. It is suggested that all serious listeners should check all bands before making a final selection. Many people will only switch to another band if their particular r.f. hero is dead.

John Moore (Leicester), queries ZA1AA who was asking for QSLs to be sent to P.O. Box 295, Tirana. John says he knows that there is no official amateur radio in Albania but thinks this one is legit. and probably operating underground. John is learning c.w. but says copy is difficult due to the hot weather making his b.f.o. drift. (How about negative temp. coefficient capacitors or perhaps a sun blind over the b.f.o?)

Logs

Peter Baldwin (Peterborough), has a home-brew transistor receiver with 70ft. of wire round the attic. He reports 3.5MHz heavily laden with EU-type signals but managed to hook VS5RG.

John Moxham (Somerset), HRO5 plus a.t.u. and a 67ft. end-fed at 40ft., had a sniff around 80 metres. Best on s.s.b. were: UK9AAN, PY3BAD, PY4BLS, PY7BHW, while c.w. raised ZS1MH and ZD9BH.

A quick nip up the r.f. ladder brings us to 21MHz. Tom Maxwell (Lanarkshire), CR70A, 18ft. end-fed. is a man of few words. Amongst those few this month were: CR6MT, CX9CO, DK2WV/CN8, EA8GZ. EL2CB, ET3DS, HB9YC/4W1, HS1ACW, IT1SEZ/P/IU (Ustica Is.), JA1SQI, JY1 (King Hussein of Jordan), KP4DAL, KV4FQ, KZ5AM, LU1ZE, MP4BHH, OA4LM, PY1JZ, SVOWY, VE7EL, VP2MM, W6MSM, XW8DM, 4N2HV, 4U1ITU, 4Z4AB, 5H3JR, 5K3LR, 6W8DY, 9H1BX, 9J2PV, 9Q5WF, 9X5PB. Type of emission not specified—probably s.s.b.

14MHz Happenings

Anderson strikes again! This time, Tim has an HRO MX of his own complete with 66ft. end-fed. Squeaks of s.s.b. on 14MHz from: AX6MK. CE3WN. CR6GA, HC6MJ, HIISO, HK3CA. HK6AVR, HR2VFB. JY1, K6JW, KZ5KB, LI5KG, LU2DAW, PY2EAI, TG7WT, T12JO, VE1TC, VK3XB, VP2VI, VP7CT, W6KH, WØCJZ, WA7CQA, WB6OC/MM/TG, XE1KV, YN1ZZ, YV1YC. ZC4MT, ZL1AJ1, ZM3QN, ZM4BO,

THE AMATEUR BANDS David Gibson, G3JDG

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3A2CP, 4N2BR, 4X4RW, 5Z4MO, 6W8DY.

M. Cranage (Birmingham), P.W. superhet as per April 1967 plus "modifications" and a 50ft. end-fed. sends in some goodies gleaned from 14MHz. Among the s.s.b. was: AX2VK, AX3TG, AX5AZ, AX7IL, CE6GY, CO2FA, CR6CA, HK5AZ, HP1CU, HR1KRF, K2ALO/P/OHØ, K6UNT/KL7, OA4XN, SV1EC, TF3BV, VE1CF, VK3ZL, VK7IZ, VS5RG, WA1NGK/TF, W6CYU, WB6EZN, 5N2ABG.

Another son of sideband is C. Smith (Solihull), whose R1155 and 40ft. end-fed showed great affection for: CN8BG, CR5SP, CR6YS, CR7GJ, ET3DS, HK4MP, HR2WTA, HS4ADB, KP4CQB, PY1CAD, PZ5RK, SV1BV, TA1NC, TF3HS, UW9EA, XW8DK, YO4CT, 4N2KO, 4U1ITU, 4X4AE, 4Z4HE,5Z4MO, 9H1CB, 9M6BA, 9N1MM.

L. Bousher (Glamorgan), describes his set up as 110ft longwire, home brew a.t.u. and one Virgin R1155. (Oah, ain't he bold!). Sideband sigs. from: AP2KS, AP5HQ, CR6MR, CR7LE, EA8HB, EL2K, EP2DA, JA1ITE, JA3DWA, JAØCJF, JH6OR, LU8ATB. KV4FA, LU3OAC, KR6EZ, MP4BIR, OX5AP, OY7JD, PY4FQ, PY6BP. SM6ALJ/MM (Persian Gulf), TR8LB. VK5NS, VP2AD, VQ9E, XW8DK, PY7AEG, VEIWZ, VK5NS, VP2AD, VQ9E, AWODN, YV4WT, ZB2A, ZD7SD, ZS2H, 4N2SO, 4S7AB, ZV5SD 7X2SMA 5Z4MI/A, 6W8DY, 6Y5SR, 7X2SMA, 4X4HF, 5Z4MI/A, 6W8DY, 6Y5SR, 7X2SMA, 9HICF, 9K2AG, 9Q5CO, 9V1QE. For all the technological revolution, you wonder if transistors could pull in very much more.

Award for persistence and courage this month must surely go to **H. Goodwin** who, despite attempts by a neighbour to stop him with a hedge clipper,

carried on listening on 20 metres.

Higher Still

No brave soul has sent in a 70cm. log yet although threats to do so have been received. Nearest band to date is 144MHz which, it seems, is attracting quite a number of listeners.

Lurking near Canterbury at a place called Chilham is a two element yagi hidden in a loft. Tracing the feeder will lead you to a converter feeding an R107 tuning 14-16MHz. The enraptured creature listening to the signals will almost certainly be **Stephen Lloyd.** Observe the smile and squeaks of delight as the following are logged: F9UP/P, ON4FL, ON4HV, ON4RY, ON4VB, ON4ZN, ON5QW, PAØLCD, PAOPAL, PAOSWS.

Contests

Contests are appearing to go on ad infinitum. For October we've got: October 3-4, I.A.R.U. Region 1 u.h.f./s.h.f. listeners contest (gen. from the R.S.G.B.); 10-11, ten metre phone contest (should be interesting); 24-25, 40 metre c.w. contest (this one really separates the men from the boys); 24-25, CQ WW d.x. contest; November 7-8, 40 metre phone contest; 7-8, 2 metre c.w. contest.

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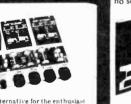


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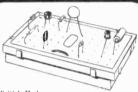
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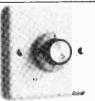
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The Take 20 series is aimed mainly at the beginner and, since this month's circuit is extremely simple, we are going to go into the circuit in great detail and discuss why the circuit is so designed, why certain choices are made and discuss the function

of every component.

TRANSISTOR CHOICE

First of all we decide that we want a preamplifier with high gain for audio frequency usage and that we want to use a readily available power source—namely a 9V battery.

Transistors can be used in three modes—common emitter, common base and common collector. Since we want to match normal transistor impedances for input and output and we want the highest overall gain we shall settle for the common emitter mode. Now for the choice of transistor; we already know that we want a high gain one which will operate well at 9V. In any early stages (which is where this stage will be used) we want to keep the noise as low as possible so the choice of a low noise type would be best. We then look through manufacturer's or supplier's lists and we find quite a variety which will fit the bill, so we go for the cheapest which is a BC169C, which happens to be a silicon NPN type.

Since we are unlikely to use the preamp in extremes of temperature and since silicon transistors are not greatly affected by temperature (at least compared to germanium) we need not worry about having a resistor and by-pass capacitor in the emitter circuit, this can be connected directly to the negative rail.

COLLECTOR LOAD

We know that we shall have to supply current to the collector through a load resistor. For efficient, low noise operation the collector current should be about 0.5mA in such a stage and the collector voltage half the supply volts—namely 4.5V.

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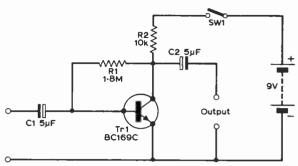


Fig. 1 : The circuit of the preamplifier, the calculation of the values are shown in the text.

A simple application of Ohm's Law (V=1R) shows that the collector resistor should be $9,000\Omega$, we use the nearest preferred value, $10k\Omega$.

BASE BIAS

For the transistor to operate, a bias must be applied to the base. Now before we calculate it's value, we must first decide where we get it from. We could take the supply from the 9V connection or from the nominal 4.5V at the collector of the transistor. If we take it from the collector we will be applying a measure of a.c. negative feedback and helping to maintain d.c. stability, so we take it from there.

Now the gain of a BC169C can vary from about 500 to 900, we shall take the lowest figure for the purpose of calculation and we know that the collector current has been set at 0.5mA or 500 μ A therefore the base current should be 1μ A. The voltage at the base of the transistor should be 0.6V (typical value for silicon transistor and the collector voltage is 4.5V so the base bias resistor should drop 4.5-0.6=3.9V while passing 1μ A. Reverting to our sums and Ohm's Law we find the value coming to 3.9M Ω . In fact this very high value should always be reduced slightly and we use a $1.8 M\Omega$, though it will be found that there will be no noticeable difference between any value from $1.5 M\Omega$ to $3.9 M\Omega$.

We have to couple the input to the base and to block the d.c. path this must be connected through a capacitor. The input impedance is about $10k\Omega$ (the usual value for common emitter stages) and for good quality the time constant of the input capacitor and the input impedance should be five times lower than the lowest frequency we wish to amplify which we will assume to be 100Hz therefore the time constant should be 20Hz or 50mS. The time constant is the input impedance $(10k\Omega)$ times the input capacitor so this comes out at $5\mu\text{F}$. If we wanted to amplify lower frequencies than 100Hz the value of this capacitor would have to go up.

The output capacitor is calculated in a similar way. As far as voltage ratings are concerned, we can see that no more than 9V will ever be applied to either so 9V capacitors are ideal.

500kHz GNSTAL R.W.Bunney R.W.Bunney

UE to purchasing a new receiver, to replace an old B40/b unit, there was a need for a 500kHz crystal calibrator. (The B40/b has an internal 500kHz calibrator.) Accordingly the following very simple circuit was constructed, and over the past months has given reliable service. Pips are available up to and exceeding 30MHz. at good strengths.

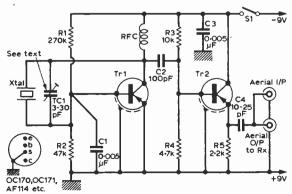
Circuit

The circuit has an OC171 oscillator stage, followed by a second OC171 as a buffer amplifier. The current taken by the unit is in the order of 4mA at 9 volts.

The crystal obtained is an FT-241A type, marked 'Channel 70'. This is in fact a 54th harmonic type giving 27MHz, hence giving pips at 500kHz intervals. The advantage of using this type is that the price is about one-third that of a standard 500kHz crystal, and is considerably smaller than 10X types. In fact this crystal cost only 5/-.

Adjustment

In the event of the crystal oscillating slightly h.f., a 3-30pF concentric trimmer capacitor should be shunted across the crystal, and adjusted to obtain zero beat. If too l.f. in frequency, a series capacitor of the same value should be inserted, and adjusted accordingly. Zero beating with one of the standard frequency stations is the best method of setting up the oscillator.



Circuit of the crystal calibrator.

* components list

Resistors:

R1 270kΩ

R2 $47k\Omega$

R3 10kΩ

All 1W 10%

R4 4·7kΩ R5 2·2kΩ

Capacitors:

C1 0.005µF

C2 100pF

C3 0·005μF

C4 10-25pF TC1 3-30pF trimmer

Semi-conductors:

TR1/2 OC171 or OC170 or AF114

Miscellaneous:

R. F. Choke (Denco RFC10). Diecast box (Eddystone 6908P). SPST switch. 2 Co-axial sockets. Crystal holder and crystal Type FT-241A marked "Channel 70" (Henry's Radio).

The unit has been arranged to be in parallel with the aerial input to the receiver, simply switching it on to check calibration. Other crystals can of course be used in this position, but a 500kHz crystal seems to be the best frequency for broadcast station working.

Depending on the coupling required, a value of between 10pF and 25pF to connect with the aerial connection seems to be adequate. An Eddystone diecast box was used but if this seems extravagant any similar metal container will suffice.

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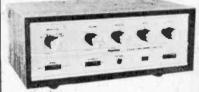


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In the oscillator section, S4 and S5 switch collector and emitter circuits, and S6 the tuned winding. Cp is the coil padder, and each range has its own particular value here. For the coils mentioned, the padder is 110pF for long waves, 350pF for medium waves, 110pF for 180-57m, and 3000pF for 60-20m. The 28-9-5m coil requires no padder.

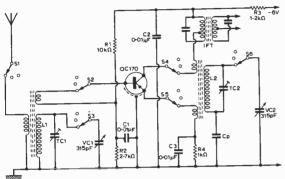


Fig. 6: Adding a s.w. band to a m.w./l.w. receiver.

The changes involved in such a modification depend on the receiver. With a l.w./m.w./s.w. receiver, substituting an additional s.w. range for the l.w. range could be a simple change. But other circuits may need more extensive modifications, and even a change of the mixer transistor, because the type fitted in a m.w./l.w. receiver may be unsuitable for s.w. With most ready-made receivers, conversion to a circuit like that in Fig. 6 will be too difficult. In the case of home-built equipment, it may be felt that it is worth while to retain the i.f. and audio sections, and re-build or modify the first stage so that an all-band circuit such as Fig. 6 can be incorporated. Provided wiring is short and direct, with a reasonably good layout, snags are not likely. Fig. 6 is for a 465kHz i.f. amplifier.

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EDIUM WAVE reception from South and East Asia starts in the autumn, the season extending right through until spring. Two times of the day are favourable for DXing; the first covering the period before close down (local time is 4½ to 9 hours ahead of GMT) while the second coincides with morning sign-on, Start about one hour before sunset and look for All India Radio Calcutta on 1130kHz. This 1000kW station signs-off at 1700 hrs GMT and has an English programme from 1530 to 1600 hrs. The Voice of America in Okinawa on 1178kHz is another megawatter. It broadcasts in Far Eastern languages but identifies in English on the hour and half hour and it can often be heard mixed with the Swedish station on the same frequency until 1700 hrs. KSBU 1360kHz is a gospel broadcaster in the Philippines which has programming in Chinese and Japanese until 1730 hrs but can be identified by it's western style religious music. Look for Peking on 1000, 1230 and 1290kHz; Kabul Afghanistan on 1280 (until 1830 hrs); HLKX 1190 in Inchon South Korea; BED2 on 750 and BED88 on 1200kHz in Taiwan (Formosa). By midwinter, DX can be heard as early as 1430 hrs GMT, Chinese stations often being prominent until they become submerged in European QRM as darkness approaches.

Chinese stations are also heard when they sign-on for the day. Lanchow 860; Anwhei 940; Peking on 1090 and 1250; Urumchi 1525 along with Hanoi 1010kHz in North Vietnam were all logged after 2300 hrs GMT last winter. Indians are audible at this time too and some of them carry a news bulletin in English at 0110 hrs GMT. Try for Rajkot 1070; Calcutta 1130; Jabalpur 1180; Bibaker 1330. Western Asiatics are logged during the evenings, Bagdad 760 being a regular until 2230 hrs while from Iran there is Radio Irana Teheran on 895; Radio Kermanshah 985 and Radio Ahwaz 1390kHz.

CKGA 730kHz is a new 1kW station in Gander Newfoundland which was logged by the writer on the 12th August and belongs to the CBS network referred to last month. VOCM 590 St John's is the key station of the network and is often audible by 2300 hrs, while CKCM 620 in Grand Falls is usually strong at 0100 hrs when the Egyptian and RNE Tenerife on the same frequency have signed-off. North Americans are usually heard from 2300 hrs onwards once the band starts to clear of Europeans. The easiest is CBA in Moncton, New Brunswick, a 50kW main station of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on 1070kHz. CBA shares the channel with Paris 2 but can be logged after the latter goes off at 2300 hrs. Others logged regularly include CBN 640 St John's Newfoundland; WHDH 850 Boston; CJON 930 St John's; CHER 950 Sydney N.S; WHN New York City on 1050kHz (after the BBC on 1052 closes down); WNEW 1130 also in NYC. Conditions are rather variable on the North American path so try again a few days later if you do not hear DX at the first attempt. When reception is good, many North Americans can be heard by 0100 hrs, an ordinary outdoor TV aerial being quite adequate. Charles Molloy

Operation

A headphone is connected to the jack socket, or an audio amplifier and speaker to the detector terminals. The unknown capacitor or resistor is connected to the CR terminals and the bridge is switched on. The range switch and bridge potentiometer are then adjusted for balance (zero output), and the value read off the dial.

If the value of the component is completely unknown set the potentiometer to 1:1, centre scale, and turn the range switch to the position which appears nearest to a balance point and then adjust the potentiometer to give the final balance.

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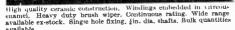
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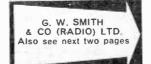
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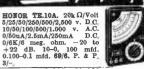
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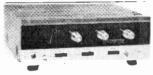
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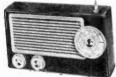


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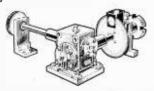
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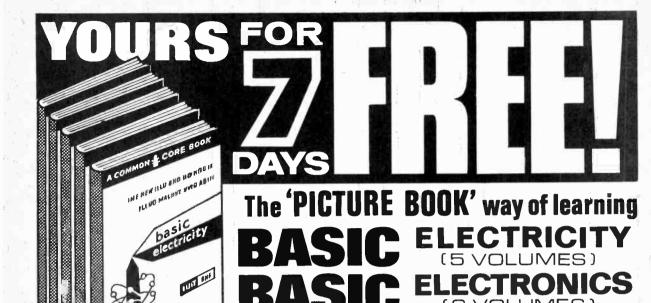
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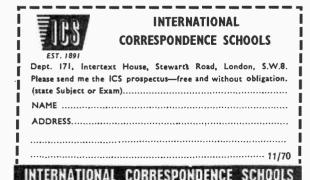
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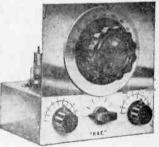
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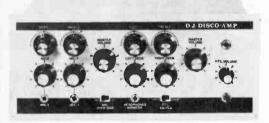
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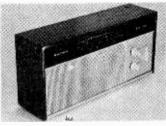
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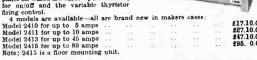
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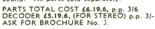
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