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But although there is now a vast selection of audio products to suit all pockets, there is a potential danger. The phenomenal boom in hi-fl is probably past its peak, although the industry as a whole continues to grow, and a slowing down seems to be inevitable. This will again put the pressure on reducing costs as the market cools down.
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Based on four of the Sinclair Project 60 modules, Project 605 has an additional unit-Master-link-through which all internal connections are routed by means of push-on tags already fitted to wires of the correct lengthsoldering is completely eliminated.

In the very comprehensive and extensively illustrated twelve page instruction book which is included in every Project 605 pack there are full details of tested installations in plinths of some of the major manufacturers of record players.

The Project 605 pack contains: -two Z. 30 power amplifiers; one Stereo 60 pre-amplifier and control unit; one PZ5 power supply; one Masterlink connector unit with all necessary inter-connecting wires tagged at each end; twelve page Instruction Book. The suggested retail price is $£ 29 \cdot 95$.

Project 605 and all other Sinclair products are available from retailers in all parts of the Country or direct from the Company. The guarantee which extends over two years is direct with Sinclair who perform all service and repair work in their own large Service Department. Sinclair Radionics Limited, London Road, St. Ives, Huntingdonshire, PE17 $4 H J$.


## The PianoMate



This device transforms any piano, whatever its age or condition into four octaves of blending electronic chords.
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There is a Level Control giving predominance to either the Bass or Treble keyboard unit.

An Input Socket is also provided for those wishing to plug in a microphone or other instrument, or to amplify the piano itself.

A further socket is provided for a foot volume or Waa Waa pedal.
The PianoMate is completely tuneable via a single control for pianos which may be out of pitch by as much as a semi-tone.

It is possible to play the PianoMate without a piano at all. One would do this by using a dummy or practice keyboard. This would provide all the electronic variations, without of course the blending qualities of the piano.

The price of the PianoMate complete with Foot Volume Control will be $£ 69 \cdot 00$, and it will be in production January 1972. Dubreq Studios Limited, 249/289 Cricklewood Broadway, London NW2 6NX Tel : 01-450 5475.


## A.K.G. Superhead

A.K.G. announce the introduction of their 'Superhead'. This is a novel demonstration unit which will be found at many A.K.G. retail stockists. It comprises a large life size black robot-like head with two faces, mounted on an orange coloured base. On this 'Superhead' unit are three or four different types of A.K.G. headphones which can be listened to instantly and judged for personal preference. This most unusual yet very helpful device will be found at dealers displaying an orange and black poster announcing that they have an A.K.G. 'Superhead' on demonstration inside.


## NEWS

## SGS Module

SGS have entered the module market for the first time with their EA1000 unit. A compact solid - state audio amplifier assembled on a printed-circuit board, it is capable of delivering a minimum output power of 3 W into a $16 \Omega$ load from a 24 V supply.

The amplifier has been designed around the proven TAA621 monolithic silicon integrated circuit which contains, all the active stages. The careful choice of associated components and of layout has given the unit considerable flexibility making it suitable for a wide range of applications at various supply voltages, load impedances and power outputs. Provision has also been made to alter the negative feedback and to vary the frequency response.

As a guide to obtaining the highest possible standards "of performance from the EA1000 module, a 12 page handbook has been prepared which includes detailed information on its function, characteristics, and a number of applications. It includes a scheme for a stereophonic record player complete with volume, tone and balance controls. This publication is immediately available, price 10p. SGS (United Kingdom) Ltd, Planar House, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Bucks.



A typical application of the EA1000 in a stereophonic record player.

## Co-Mxial Relays

McMurdo are extending their range of components, marketed under arrangement with Alliance Technique Industrielle of France, by the introduction of a miniature co-axial relay.

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MENTION of the title to this feature to a rather jaded audio trade friend evoked the reply "find the exit or the nearest bar!" Having been associated with audio fairs and like jamborees before there were any-if that isn't too paradoxicalI know what my friend meant. Tired feet allied to noise do not make for the best appreciation of high fidelity sound reproduction, which is presumably what such gatherings of the hi-fi clans should be all about.

Having made that point, I must go on to say that audiophiles with discerning eyes and ears can glean a lot of useful information about products to come, the latest technical developments in hi-fi, and by a discriminating choice of demonstrations to attend, gain a very helpful overall impression of what's happening in the home electronics entertainment world. Then after your visit to the 1971 International Audio Festival and Fair, Olympia, October 26 to 30th inclusive, 10 a.m. to 9.0 p.m. daily, admission 30 p , go along to your local hi-fi dealer and have another session there or, if he will co-operate, have the equipment on test in your home. Reputable and well-organized hi-fi stores, many of which are members of the High Fidelity Dealers' Associationlook for the HFDA sign-have demonstration showrooms or theatres, and facilities for A-B direct comparisons of systems or components.
At the last count, which may well have been increased by the time you visit Olympia, 66 exhibitors have stands at this year's exhibition, excluding the consumer and trade papers' stands. And, of course, these exhibits cover many brand names of products manufactured, imported and distributed, so a representative cross section of the world's hi-fi equipment and accessories is on display and demonstration.

This is not all you get for your admission fee, as four times a day for five days, an impressive lecture/ recital programme is presented in the specially built theatre. Speakers taking part include H. W. Hellyer
(Tape Troubles), Professor Tristram Cary (Musical Value of Synthesizers), J. L. Linsley Hood (Amplifiers), Loudspeakers (Dr. A. Bailey), W. Woyda (Tape Cassettes/Cartridges), A. C. Griffith (Record Rejuvenation), R. Auger (Multi-Channel Sound), Howard Souther (Headphones), and two panel sessions, que on 'Women and $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$ ', and under the title 'Feed-Back-Chat' a number of well known audio personalities will tackle technical questions from the floor. This occasion will be recorded on the spot by BBC Radio London, and broadcast in November on their 'Sounds Good' programme.

Under the umbrella title 'home electronics entertainment media'-this is the new term at present in vogue-audiovisual recording systems are coming more and more into prominence, with applications extending into many areas from education to industry. At least five systems are now being pro-moted-VCR (video-cassette), EVR (electronic video recording), VTR (videotape recording), Super-8 film, and the Teldec bildplatte (picture-disc) from AEG-Telefunken-Decca. A colour version of this last disc technique was recently demonstrated in Berlin, at the big international radio and TV show.

Whilst a few of the firms participating in the audio exhibition at Olympia have one or other of these systems, they are not really eligible for presentation at a strictly audio assembly.

So let's turn our attention to techniques and products that immediately concern the audio enthusiast. Topics that are the talking points for engineers and the knowledgeable public are quadraphonic sound systems, noise reduction methods, cassette and cartridge tape recorders, headphones, and that hardy perennial-loudspeakers.

Starting with loudspeakers, the hundreds of models available in all shapes and sizes and prices do present a problem for the potential purchaser. The perfect loundspeaker does not exist and, although some families of transducers do have a 'household' sound -in most instances each system sounds a little different from the next and, so, ultimately, you must make your final choice by listening. The more experienced your ear is the better, naturally, and most audio purists would agree that regular ear purification by listening to 'live' music at concert halls is necessary to serve as a reference standard. A few audiophiles do exist still who tolerate the music to hear the equipment, but for the music loveraudiophile 'natural sound' is the goal for his domestic listening.
Home constructors will find several examples of D-I-Y loudspeaker enclosure kits at the show, ranging from Heathkit models to the latest Units 3, 4 and 5 from Wharfedale. Goodmans have now entered this field with their DIN 20 kit , as well as launching several new loudspeaker designs at Olympia.

The two new bookcase models from Goodmans are both three-way systems, but here the similarity ceases. The DoubleMaxim is intended for those with limited space. The bass and middle registers are shared between two small cone l.f. units and an h.f. dome unit handles the higher frequencies. The system will accept up to 30 watts (DIN). By employing three drive units-a bass model, a new mid-range and an h.f. dome radiator-Goodmans' engineers claim the division of the frequency range in the Havant model ensures a balanced natural sound. The DoubleMaxim is an IB design and the Havant is a reflex, and both models meet the DIN standards


Goodmans Double Maxim speaker system.
(below) Wharfedale Unit 5 home-assembly Hi-Fi 3-unit Loudspeaker kit.



Goodmans Dimension 8 bi-directional speakers.
(right) B \& O Beovox 4700 speaker enclosure.

(above) Units and functions in a Dimension 8 enclosure.
(right) Wharfedale Denton 2 speaker for bookshelfmounting,


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45:500 and 45:573.
The outstanding product in the new Goodmans' range is undoubtedly the Dimension-8 loudspeaker system. Described as bi-directional, to distinguish it from the traditional uni-directional and omnidirectional systems, the designers believe it to be the first system planned to meet the twin requirements for ideal stereo-namely, radiating direct sound over a large listening area for accurate stereo placing and providing a controlled amount of indirect sound for natural stereo ambience (reflection and reverberation).

This effect is achieved by having one set of four drive units vertically arranged on each side of the cabinet so that the inward facing drive units (of a stereo pair) radiate direct sound over an appreciable listening area, whilst the outward facing units give indirect sound reflected off the side walls of the room.

The design philosophy of the Dimension-8 embraces the 'small cone concept' with a number of units which are carefully selected to match and so complement each other's output. The 'small cone' approach simply means using small diameter units working within their range, so avoiding cone break-up distortion. Four bass units handle the considerable rated input power of 60 watts nominal, or 35 watts r.m.s. Two new mid-range units, two dome h.f. radiators, and a 12 in . 'sympathetic' low bass resonator complete the assembly. The output of these nine units is integrated by a crossover network using eight close tolerance components. The interior volume is 40 litres and its weight is 441 lbs . The crossover frequencies are 80,800 and $4,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$. Its frequency response covers 30 to $22,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ within $\pm 5 \mathrm{~dB}$. Physical dimensions: $30^{3}{ }_{8} \times 14 \times 12^{1}{ }_{2}$ ins.

After a short period of listening to the Dimen-sion-8s at the recent Berlin Radio and TV exhibition, I was impressed by their spacious and smooth sounding performance, so don't miss this demonstration at Olympia.

The radiation characteristics of loudspeakers are attracting interest lately, with the upsurge of enthusiasm by some designers-notably Stig Carlsson of Sweden-for an omni-directional pattern. The Sonab loudspeaker of this type disperses the sound in all directions so that all reflecting surfaces of a listening room are integrated, and the listening position for stereo sources is not critical, although room dependent to some extent. Yet another realisation of this concept are the omni-radial speakers from Sony. These have six acoustic-suspension drivers, and an individual dispersion dome over each cone distributes the highest frequencies evenly throughout a full $360^{\circ}$ and from floor to ceiling. These speakers are housed in a barrel-shaped compound curved cabinet. Lastly, in this category of multi-directional loudspeakers, Arthur Radford, well known for his
amplifier and other loudspeaker designs, has created an unusual loudspeaker of special dispersion characteristics, which will be released shortly, I understand, by Radford Audio Ltd. of Bristol.

At this point, it must be mentioned that neither Sonab nor Radford is exhibiting at the Olympia audio exhibition, and Sony may not be showing their Omni-Radials, which have only lately come on to the market in Japan and in the USA. Sonab, however, did demonstrate their OA speaker range at the Northern Audio show in Harrogate in September. But enthusiasts will wish to know what developments are afoot in this controversial area of electro-acoustic transducer design.

Mention of kits, reminds me that Sinclair Radionics will show for the first time their new Project 605 at the Audio Fair, Olympia. Using modules, it is a novel extension of their popular Project 60 and sells for $£ 29 \cdot 95$. The complete system can be assembled by any handyman without any soldering at all, as the printed circuit boards, etc. are all interconnected to inputs, outputs, through leads with push-fit tags. A fully illustrated instruction manual is supplied with the Project 605 system, which is certainly good value for outlay. The modules supplied include two Z.30 ( 15 watts r.m.s. per channel) power amplifiers, a pre-amp/control unit, and the PZ-5 power supply unit. (See "News . . . .")

Audio fairs throughout the world seem to be using headsets as a practical means of reducing the bedlam of such conclaves and providing the audiophiles with a personal intimate sound demonstration. The latest designs of stereo headsets will be displayed and available for listening on the stands of such firms as AKG ( 75 on first floor), Dynatron Radio (47, first floor), Grundig (62, first floor), Sony (51 and 93), T. M. Distributors (Koss) on 68, first floor, and Wilmex (Stax), 24 on ground floor, where six pairs of 'phones will be fed from disc/tape signals.

Many other manufacturers will have earphones on show, and my advice is not to miss the demonstrations of the latest Koss electrostatic ESP-9 studio monitor headset, and the Japanese Stax SR-3 so-called Ear Speakers. The ESP-9 model costs $£ 69$ and the Stax headset, with its SRD-5 adaptor, retails at $£ 45 \cdot 40$. Once you have become used to listening via a headset, which fits comfortably and is non-fatiguing even after an hour or so's wearing, the experience can only be described as a sonic delight. Fed from a good source, the sound quality is clinically clean and undistorted. If you consider solo listening is anti-social in the home, Koss and other manufacturers produce connector boxes to permit attaching two or more pairs of headphones! Koss also offer among their collection of accessories, a stereo/mono adaptor cable, which simply switches from stereo to mono reproduction, as required, on the particular headphones. By the way, highly acceptable performance

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(below) Akai X2000 SD which accepts open reel, 8-track cartridge and Philips' type casseltes.



Goodmans Model 80 fitted with Goldring Lenco G800E and Module 80 stereo f.m. tuner/amplifier.

Philips N4450 recorder/amplifier with auto reverse.


Beocord 1600 4-track recorder.

headphones are available for far less than the prices quoted of these 'state of the art' designs.

Peter Merrick, of Wilmex, tells me that there is a good chance that he will be able to show the latest Stax UA-7 pick-up arm, a sophisticated design, but it depends whether the samples from Japan reach our shores in time. Don't miss it, if it is on display. Before leaving headphones, we have just been told of the stereophonic 2 -way, 4 -speaker headphones, type DD1 from Wharfedale. These have dynamic elements, with separate bass and treble units, plus a crossover network, and a frequency response specified as from 16 Hz to $22,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ but no tolerances given. Distortion less than 1 per cent and sensitivity (at 600 Hz ) is 100 dB for 1 mW input. Price: $£ 11$.

Wharfedale are showing, in addition to their well known Super 10/RS/DD, Super 8/RS/DD and 8in Bronze RS/DD units, their Dovedale 3 and Rosedale loudspeakers (both 3 -unit systems) and the three Unit kits referred to earlier, will also introduce the Linton stereo amplifier ( $15+15$ watts into $8 . \mathrm{ohms}$ ) at $0 \cdot 1$ per cent distortion at all power levels up to 10 watts each channel driven at 1 kHz into 8 ohm speakers, at $£ 60$. Another innovation from Wharfedale is the Linton 4 -speed disc turtable, fitted with Shure M44-7 cartridge, and selling for $£ 35$, including PT. Rumble is quoted as better than 35 dB and wow better than 0.2 per cent, with flutter down to less than 0.06 per cent.

One wag has observed that the cassette revolution is not red but fully coloured these days. However, we are not dealing with video-cassette systems here, but the audio cassette revolution does concern us. In about six years, the fuss-free cassette has made tape recording more popular than ever, with modest recorders available at reasonable prices and Philips report that since the launch of the portable cassette recorder some five years ago, more than 6 million units have been sold in Western Europe.

Philips are marketing their new Cassettophone battery model, type N 2000 , styled in green polystyrene and weighing only 2lbs. It has one central control for playing, rewinding and fast forward, plus sockets for the addition of a mains supply unit and an earphone. Price is $£ 13$. A mains stereo cassette deck, N2503, is also now released from Philips. This design has one neat sliding control for setting the recording level and a 3 -digit counter to give tape position. Another feature is that the motor stops automatically at the end of each cassette. This model sells for $£ 52 \cdot 05$.

What might be called the 'home studio class' has been catered for in another new model from the Philips organization. Known as Model N4450, it is a 3 -speed quarter-track recorder for vertical or horizontal operation with automatic and manual reverse. This facility means that the direction of the tape transport can be reversed at will or at the end of the tape, when it will automatically play in the other direction. The machine can accept up to $101_{2}$ in reels and the built-in stereo amplifier develops $2 \times 25$ watts, and can be employed as a straight amplifier, with the motors and transport switched off.

Features in this advanced design include six heads, levers for cueing during fast forward and rewind, a tape tension comparator for constant winding torque, and a synchronous clock with built-in timing device for starting and stopping the recorder at any predetermined time. Following a trend, the volume, balance and treble/bass tone controls are
sliding potentiometers. Having played with an advance model of this N4450 I can vouch for its flexibility, and so don't miss examining this machine. It costs $£ 280$, including PT and will not be available till November.

We learn that Philips are engaged in producing hi-fi cassette machines, due for release in 1972, and this vast organization will take the initiative in proposing standards for this category of hi-fi cassette machine, but the standards will be reached-So they say-that the advantages of compact cassette systems, namely compatability and ease of operation, will not be affected. Be it noted, however, that the prices of these models will be higher than existing equipment! These developments have been made possible by the release of tapes with high coercivity and improved magnetic heads on commercial recorders.

If you are a tape recordist, you will make special visits to the stands of Agfa-Gevaert, BASF, 3Ms (Scotch) to find out about the latest chrome-dioxide tapes now manufactured by these companies. These are low noise tapes and the BASF cassettes have a new form of internal construction for even more reliable foolproof operation.
It will be evident now that this preview is highly selective, and, of course, cassette tape models (including new radio-recorders, with built-in radio tuners) incorporating various refinements can be seen on stands other than those mentioned. For example, Sony have several outstanding designs, as has Sanyo, Grundig, Akai, Sharp, National Panasonic, not forgetting the Revox open-reel tape machines.

Uher (Bosch) have a real innovation for them in their latest Compact Report Stereo 124 model, a mono-stereo cassette machine, which will accept Philips' type cassettes, work from all power sources, and has a built-in capacitor microphone, auto-reverse, remote controls and a power output of $1 \cdot 3$ watts r.m.s. per channel.

So we come to the noise bugaboo. Reams have been written about the brilliantly conceived Dolby noise reduction system, which in its professional A-type is widely used by all the major recording companies of the world, resulting in quieter surface commercial pressings. A simplified B-type Dolby system designed for home tape recorders is now available and used by more than 30 manufacturers of hi-fi equipment. Hundreds of cassettes processed for domestic playback with units having the Dolby system are already available from such firms as Columbia (USA), RCA (UK), Decca/London, Ampex Stereo Tapes (USA), Pye Precision Tapes, and others.

The Dolby technique works in two stages. During recording, the Dolby circuit automatically analyses the sounds of the music and makes appropriate changes in the level of the programme. The same circuit, operating in reverse, removes these changes, during replay, and with them most of the intrusive noise produced by the tape. For the first time Ferrograph, that much respected name in the tape recorder world, has launched one of their machines incorporating Dolby B circuitry, which must not be overlooked at the show. Cassette machines fitted with Dolby noise-reduction circuit include HarmanKardon (Highgate Acoustics), a Rank-Wharfedale model, and Bell \& Howell also market such a unit.

Although it will not be seen in a production model, so far as I know, at Olympia, Philips have developed

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## WHAT TO LOOK FOR AT THE AUDIO FAIR

their DNL circuitry (which means Dynamic Noise Limiter) as an alternative system to the Dolby method. It operates as a steep low-pass filter in the absence of high signal frequencies, and it is tripped by high frequencies only, in such a way that the presence of high frequency signals above a certain level will by pass the filter action. It is claimed that unweighted measurements show an $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{N}$ ratio improvement of more than 10 dB at 6 kHz and 20 dB at 10 kHz . A prototype Philips cassette recorder with the DNL circuit incorporated was shown at Berlin, which has push buttons ready for all types of tape, from the newer chrome grades to standard hi-fi formulations. Perhaps next year production models will be available, but the news of this development indicates the importance attached to noise reduction systems for upgrading domestic sound recorders.
Denham \& Morley's stand 65 (on first floor) will display and demonstrate JVC-Nivico equipment, and among this range is their ANRS circuit, meaning Automatic Noise Reduction System, another technique that seems to bear some resemblance to the Dolby method.

A lot of money and effort is being spent developing and promoting spatial sound systems, which are being given such names as quadraphonic, quadrasonic, surround sound, tetrahedral sound, even multisound, and some of the competing 4 channel systems for the home environment include Sansui, E-V (Electro-voice), JVC-Nivico, Dyna (Hafler) and the CBS.SQ technique. In the last instance, Sony is manufacturing the hardware for reproducing these SQ (meaning stereo quadraphonic) discs. Benjamin Bauer (Vice President, CBS Laboratories), who led the team responsible for the system, has given some most impressive demonstrations of the method on the Continent and in London, at a recent Audio Engineering Society meeting. A specially prepared sampler LP, with David Frost as narrator, was used for this purpose, and it is promised that about 50 SQ processed discs will be produced in the coming months, so providing the needed software.
At the time of writing, no details are available of any company participating in the Audio Fair here that will be demonstrating a 4 channel disc system, although multi-channel tape systems will undoubtedly be heard. Propagandists for quadraphonic sound which recreates sound from four different source points, permitting a $360^{\circ}$ sound perception, regard the technique as the most important advance in hi-fi sound recording since the advent of the stereo disc. This is not a universally held viewpoint, and some critics consider it rather gimmicky at this stage, offering all-round sound at the price of maximum fidelity for a given outlay. No standards exist yet, and only time will show which system will win, if at all in the UK, where the extra cost of decoder, amplifier and loudspeakers, linked to limited room size and problems of siting additional loudspeakers, may weigh more heavily than technical advances.
Lastly, BSR will show their attractive transcription hi-fi record playing deck, BSR McDonald 810 with many refinements, including push button control, and I hear that our old faithful Quad electrostatic loudspeaker will now be available in black finish, as an alternative to the long familiar bronze. Leak, too, have a new series of Delta equipment, including amplifiers, speakers, turntables, and a.m. f.m. tuner.

POWER supplies have long followed fairly standard rules. In the days of the valve, it resolved itself to a mains transformer, rectifier(s) and some form of smoothing, usually comparatively high value capacitors and a fairly hefty iron-cored choke.

With the advent of the transistor, much the same rules applied, except that whereas before it was a case of high voltage and low current the reverse was true. This was particularly so in the case of industrial applications such as computers. In many forms of instrumentation today, many logic chips are employed, all requiring some 5 V and, since there can be many, needing quite a few amps of current.

An improvement came with active regulation, the use of large transistors as series regulators with some form of feedback sensing circuit to control variations in the final supply to within certain limits.

A snag is that the power supply has become, in many instances, the largest part of the equipmentand the heaviest. The two major offenders in space and weight considerations are the mains transformer and the series regulator heat sinks. In a series regulator, the total current passes through the device which also has a voltage dropped across it. This means heat, mainly because of inefficiency, and thus the heat sinks become vital to get rid of the heat and prevent the regulators from overheatinig and becoming ruined.
A new technique has now been launched which gets rid of both the big 50 Hz mains transformer and the heat sinks all in one go. It uses switching techniques. The mains is taken and rectified. It is then applied to an inverter which is a form of oscillator using semiconductors. The oscillator has a working frequency of between 20 and 40 kHz . The output is fed to a small ferrite torroid transformer and the output rectified by Schottky barrier diodes in a full wave rectifier circuit. The Schottky diodes have barely one third the voltage drop across them compared to conventional high-speed silicon rectifiers and they do not have the problems of reverse recovery. This means very much smaller heat sinks.

A 5V 20A unit, using these techniques, is so small it can be easily stood on the palm of one's hand. The power packing density, just for the mathematicians, works out at around $0 \cdot 75 \mathrm{in} .^{3} / \mathrm{W}$. Using conventional techniques to build a similarly rated unit would mean that the 50 Hz mains transformer alone would be both bigger and heavier, than the whole power supply using switching techniques. Because the switching frequency is high (compared to 50 Hz ) and because it is effectively doubled by using full wave rectification, the smoothing components can be made extremely small.

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The circuit employs only four transistors and it comprises a multi-vibrator tone generator, a vibrato oscillator and an amplifier stage providing quite a reasonable output. The organ has a two octave keyboard with a range from $F$ at $174 \cdot 6 \mathrm{~Hz}$ to $F$ at $698 \cdot 4 \mathrm{~Hz}$. The vibrato can be switched on or off and there is a choice of two 'voices', one being slightly reedy and the other a softer flute-like sound. There is also an "expression" pedal which, although mechanical, provides the young player with some control over loudness. The organ uses a standard 9 V battery from which the total current drain is about 20 mA .

## THE ELECTRONICS

The circuit for the tone generator, vibrato oscillator and amplifier is shown in Fig. 1. Trl is a phase shift oscillator and runs at about 6 to 8 Hz , the output from the junction of $\mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{R} 1$ being taken to the base of $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ which is one half of the multi-vibrator tone generator. The output from $\operatorname{Tr} 2 / \operatorname{Tr} 3$ is a typical multi-vibrator waveform and the frequency range is governed by the series connected $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ preset potentiometers marked F1, F $\$ 2$, G3 etc., between the base of Tr3 and the negative supply rail. The $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ pre-set, PR1, is for adjustment of initial pitch. The output from $\operatorname{Tr} 2 / \operatorname{Tr} 3$ is taken directly to the amplifier-cumtone forming circuit, Tr4, and with a $25-40 \Omega$ small loudspeaker the nominal output is about $0 \cdot 5 \mathrm{~W}$. The voicing is a very simple arrangement by means of


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negative feedback and gives two voices, one with a 'reed' sound and the other a 'flute' sound.

All the components, including the 25 miniature pre-sets, can be mounted on a piece of plain Veroboard $8 \times{ }^{1}{ }_{4} \mathrm{in}$. which is secured to the key baseboard with a short strip of $3_{8} \times 3_{8}$ in. aluminium angle or a small bracket either end. The component layout and wiring for the circuit board is shown in Fig. 2.

## CONSTRUCTION

The various diagrams show the dimensions used for the original, but these can be varied so long as similar space is provided for the keyboard and the electronics. A supply of assorted sizes of woodscrews and some glue are required for assembly and these,
together with the pieces of plywood, hardboard and planed batten etc., should be readily available from timber merchants or di.y. shops.
The main case should be built first, as shown in Fig. 3 and assembled complete with the inside shelf (for the keyboard etc.) and the rail at the rear on which the lid is hinged. The batten under the front edge of the inside shelf is used to support the upper front panel. An inside speaker baffle is necessary if the expression pedal feature is to be incorporated, otherwise the speaker can be mounted directly on the main front panel. In this case the speaker opening will be appropriate to the loudspeaker used and the cut out for the expression pedal will not be required.

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Fig. 3: Culting dimensions for the main cabinet.


Fig. 4: Cutting details of the main front panel and speaker baffle.


Fig. 5 : Arrangement of the expression pedal.
arrangement that lifts a flap over the loudspeaker when the pedal is pressed downward. Although this only provides a small degree of change in loudness it is worthwhile including as it does at least simulate the use of an expression pedal. The general mechanical arrangement used for the prototype is shown in Fig. 5a. As the size of the speaker flap and the length of the arm attached to it may depend somewhat on the shape and size of the loudspeaker, no detailed dimensions have been given. "All that is necessary however, is to ensure that the flap over the loudspeaker moves upward and clear of the speaker opening in the direction shown when the pedal is pressed downward. The arm on the flap, the position of the pivot and the length of the operating rod should be adjusted so that the flap just covers the speaker opening when the pedal is lifted. The position of the pedal stop block will help facilitate the correct amount of pedal movement.

## the keyboard

This is the most difficult part because normally piano keyboards are cut from one piece so that they fit together precisely when reassembled on the frame. The keys for the children's electronic organ are slightly larger than half scale and are made separately. The general layout of the keyboard and the size of the white and black keys is shown in Fig. 6. The base is made from $3_{8}$ in. thick plywood and the 'frame' consists of two end brackets and a length of ${ }_{16}{ }_{16}$ in. dia. mild steel rod. The best procedure is first to make the baseboard and the two end brackets (see Fig. 7b) and secure the left hand bracket in position as in Fig. 6. The spacers between each key are single turns of 22 s.w.g. Wire, or if you


The completed keyboard of the prototype. The contact wires and the presets can be seen.


Fig. 6 : Plan view of the keyboard with key dimensions given on the right.


Fig. 7: Details of the keyhoard construction.


Fig. 8: Arrangement of the keying contacts-see text for explanation.
to No. 1 with the right hand side only cut-away whilst keys No. 7, 12, 19 and 24 have only the left-hand side cut-away. The remaining key No. 25 has no cutaway.
First the $10^{1}{ }_{4} \mathrm{in}$. long mild steel rod should be ready to take the keys. Then make up the first half dozen keys, black and white, from No. 1 to No. 6. Cut and file the cut-away portions of the white keys until each fits snugly with its associated black key. Then proceed on the same lines until all the keys are made and fitted and, most important, numbered and marked as in Fig. 6.

Temporarily fit the remaining end bracket and ensure that the keys move up and down freely on the rod. They can now be removed and painted. Before re-fitting the keys secure the strip of hardboard along the rear of the key baseboard and the strips of felt under the keys as shown in Fig. 7a. When the keys have been re-assembled the rod can be secured with small brass collars each end as in Fig. 6 and 7a. Meccano collars were used originally but could be made quite easily from ${ }^{3}$ in. dia. brass rod. Before fitting the tension springs as in Fig. 7a, make sure that each key moves freely up and down. The springs, which must not be too highly tensioned, are secured by small woodscrews as shown in Fig. 7c. When the springs have been fitted, make sure that each key moves freely downward with a light touch and returns to its upward position.

## KEYING CONTACTS

The keying contact system is a simple but effective one and the general assembly details for this are given in Fig. 8. The main contact rail as shown in Fig. 7d consists of a strip of insulating material such as paxolin (or hardboard would do) to which is secured a length of 18 s.w.g. tinned copper wire. This strip is fitted over the keys as in Fig. 8a by means of two brackets (Fig. 8b). The gold wire contacts, one for each key, are fitted as shown in Fig. 8 to a solder tag strip mounted on a length of $3_{8} \mathrm{in}$. aluminium angle which is secured on two brackets projecting over the end of the baseboard as in Fig. 8a. Before fitting this assembly to the baseboard, small countersunk woodscrews are fitted one to each key and about
can get them, ${ }_{16} \mathrm{~m}_{1 \mathrm{in}}$. washers of similar thickness e.g. ${ }_{1}{ }_{32}$ in. It will be seen from Fig. 6 that the cut-away portions on each of the white keys varies according to its position. For instance, key No. 1 is cut-away only on one side to fit with the black key No. 2. Key No. 3 and also keys 5, 10, 15, 17 and 22 have cutaways on both sides. Keys No. 8, 13 and 20 are similar

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A rear view of the keyboard showing the component board fixed in place.
wires are each about ${ }^{1}$ gin. clear of the main contact rail but do not touch the keys themselves. Check each contact with a continuity meter. The finished keyboard is shown in the photograph.

## TO BE CONTINUED

## P.W. at the Fair

The 2-Octave Miniature Organ, described above, will be just one of the constructional projects which can be seen at the International Audio and Music Fair which is to be held at Olympia, London, from October 26th to 30th.
This year Practical Wireless and Television will be showing more projects than ever before and there will often be someone from the technical staff to explain and answer questions.

Among the items that we are planning to show are the Digital Frequency Counter/Timer, The Modular Audio Mixer, The P.W. Treasure Tracer, The P.W. Workshop Oscilloscope as well as many other constructional projects.
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RAMADAM starts on the 21st October this year and lasts until the 19th November. During this period Arabic speaking stations will be on extended schedule, many remaining on the air all night. From 2200 hrs GMT onwards, listen for Algiers on 980 kHz and 890 kHz ; Tunis on 962 kHz and 629 kHz ; Libya with El Beida on 1123 kHz and Tripoli on 1250 kHz ; Tangiers on 1232 kHz ; Batra Egypt on 620 kHz . Among the less conspicuous are Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 588kHz; Aleppo, Syria, 647; Bagdad, 760 (also on 908 after BBC4 closes down); Beirut, Lebanon, 876; Omdurman, Sudan, 960; Diyabakir, Turkey, 1061; Tel Aviv, Israel, (in Arabic) 1286; Teheran, Iran, 1325; Kuwait, 1345; Ahwaz, Iran, 1390.
M. Noctor of South Norwood has had difficulty using his MW loop aerial with a transistor portable. A loop should not be connected to a receiver that has an interial aerial as the latter will mask the 'null' of the loop. Dr. H. S. Brodribb of St Leonards-on-Sea has solved this problem by mounting the receiver inside the loop so that the two rotate together. Coupling is between the turns of the loop and the windings on the ferrite rod inside the receiver and care should be taken that the nulls of both the loop and receiver are pointing in the same direction.

Medium Wave DXers will welcome the return of GMT this winter. Many European stations will close down at 2300 hrs , clearing the band for North American DX before midnight. Paris 1070 kHz signs off at 2300 hrs GMT and, if the North American path is open, the 50 kW Canadian at Moncton, New Brunswick, also on 1070 kHz , should be audible after the Paris carrier is switched off. This station is a main outlet of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; it belongs to the "CBC Radio Network" and identifies on the hour and the half hour with the call letters CBA. Other Canadians that can be heard before midnight are CHER in Sydney, Nova Scotia, on 950 kHz and CJON, St. John's, Newfoundland, on 930 kHz . As midnight approaches look for WINS, 1010 kHz , the all-news station in New York City; WNEW, 1130 kHz , also in NYC; WBZ 1030 kHz in Boston and WHN 1050 kHz , NYC (After BBC4 signs off).

Newcomers to the medium waves are sometimes disappointed if North America is not heard at the first attempt. Propagation on this path is variable, with occasional fadeouts that last several days, so if you are unsuccessful the first time, try again a few days later. On a good night, many trans-atlantic stations peak-up by 0100hrs GMT. They can be logged on any communications receiver that covers the medium waves (the writer uses a CR100).

All reports and information concerning Medium Wave DXing should be sent to me at 132 Segars Lane, Southport PR8 3JG.
 $T$ the end of the article describing the P.W. Treasure Tracer, we offered a small prize for the reader who sent in the most interesting letter mentioning items that had been found using the project.

Well, this article seems to have hit the jackpot. We know that several thousands have been built, so many in fact that for several weeks some components which were specified were in very short supply; we hope this did not put off some potential constructors.

The prize for the most interesting letter goes to 13-year-old Mark Read of Benfleet, Essex, who, on his first trip, found a 38 Smith and Wesson revolver in some nearby woods. Young Mark made the front page of his local evening newspaper with his find after he had done the sensible thing and handed it over to the police.

Mark admits to having had a little help with the building but he is a keen constructor and is tackling further P.W. projects by himself. His skill in using the Treasure Tracer must be very high as other finds include a .303 bullet and an iron axe head.

Competition for the most interesting finds was fierce. Mr. Peter Hope of West London found a total of $£ 34 \mathrm{~s} 3{ }^{1}{ }_{2} \mathrm{~d}$ in his first week after building the project, enough he says to cover the cost of the Treasure Tracer-with a bit over.

Another reader found several transistors on the beach; how they got there we will probably never know but one has to admit that it is unusual.

Several letters mentioned sums of money that have been found and the total of all of them is nearly $£ 20$.

One point must be emphasised again and again. A lot of people complained that their results were poor compared to ours; when asked if they had spent much time trying, in nearly all cases they had done very little practice and were expecting good results immediately. You will not become good with the Treasure Tracer without considerable practice. One or two of those politely asked to put in more practice actually contacted us again saying that all was now fine and finds had been made.

Correspondence on the Treasure Tracer has been considerable but the points raised have all been very similar and answers are given below to the most common queries.

There are no mistakes in the article which will affect the operation, suspect your construction as a likely cause. Any type of 2N2926 transistor will do though the $G$ (or green) may be better in the audio stages. Many readers felt that the volume was a little low and want to fit a louder amplifier. Any transistor amplifier capable of being run from a PP3


Mark Read with his Treasure Tracer and the revolver he found.
battery can be used instead of the amplifier of the prototype. Connections for this should be taken from the junction of D1 and C6, C5 may not be necessary. Experimenting with the value of R6 may help in some cases.

A lot of readers mentioned a Faraday shield, since these are fitted to most commercial types. The amount of information on metal locators is not very extensive. Experiments have shown that a Faraday shield is only useful or necessary if the frequency is a lot higher. The ground capacity effect on the Treasure Tracer is very small indeed and fitting a Faraday shield made no difference. However, another design was tried working on 700 kHz ; on this frequency the ground capacity effect was marked even with a Faraday shield.

There is room for experimenting with different coils. A larger diameter with fewer turns to obtain the same inductance will find large objects much deeper in the ground but it will not pick up small items, even on the surface; the size of the prototype seems to be the best operational size for general use.
Recent experiments have been carried out on encapsulating the coil in epoxy resin to hold the windings rigid. This works well and is an improvement but it does increase the weight of the head to an uncomfortable degree. Lacquering the search coil with a coil cement definitely helps.

And please, many letters were from readers who had not read the article through, they could have saved themselves a lot of trouble and time by reading the text as we had already anticipated their queries.

We hope that the above will help some readers and answer their queries. We regret that no back numbers are available at all.


# COMPREHENSIVN MULTI-BANDN <br> EVER <br> THIS receiver, intended for use in the 550 kHz to 30 MHz range, has electrical bandspread for all frequencies and is capable of very good general short wave reception. For the builder who is particularly interested in the amateur bands a crystal filter is incorporated and a product detector for the reception of single-sideband. For calibration purposes a 

harmonic crystal marker is included.

The circuit has the advantage that the receiver can be started in much simplified form, the crystal filter, carrier oscillator and other features being added later, as required. In any case, it will be found convenient to proceed in this way rather than to build the complete circuit before anything can be used or tested.

Miniature plug-in coils are used which enormously simplifies wiring and construction. These coils have to be changed by hand, but in practice this is often not so much of a disadvantage as may be supposed. For example, if most interest is in the h.f. amateur bands, 14,21 and 28 MHz , all these fall in the range of one set of coils. Again, both the l.f. amateur bands ( 1.8 and $3 \cdot 5 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) are tuned with another set of coils while for general s.w. listening, the range which falls between these will cover many of the useful broadcast frequencies.

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These ranges are the maker's coil numbers. Range 1 is for long waves and may be employed if a high-performance receiver is wanted for these low frequencies.

## DESIGN

Fig. 1 shows the receiver stages in block diagram form. (1) is the r.f. amplifier, with r.f. gain control and panel aerial trimmer, allowing best results with any aerial. (2) is the frequency changer stage. (3) is the crystal filter and (4) the 1st i.f. amplifier. As selectivity with the filter adjusted for maximum
sharpness is, much too narrow for a.m. reception a selectivity switch is incorporated, together with a phasing control which allows a rejection notch to be moved across the i.f. passband.
(5) is the 2nd i.f. amplifier and (6) a diode, for a.m. detection and a.g.c. (7) is the carrier oscillator, used for s.s.b. and as a beat frequency oscillator for c.w. reception, in conjunction with the double-triode product detector (8). (9) is a triode-pentode, for a.f. amplification and output, feeding the speaker. (10) is the crystal marker, a 1 MHz crystal giving calibration points up to 30 MHz .

For the beginner in particular, it is recommended that the receiver is built in the following order:
Stages (2), (5), (6) and (9). This is a straightforward superhet with three valves and one diode, capable of good results on any band.
The r.f. stage (1) is then added, improving sensitivity, and giving much more freedom from second channel interference on the h.f. ranges.

Stages (7) and (8) may then be added, allowing reception of s.s.b. and c.w. signals. The crystal filter (3) and its extra i.f. amplifier (4) can then be incorporated which are primarily intended to bring about the increased selectivity which proves so useful with crowded amateur and other bands.
The marker (10) plays no part in actual reception, but is a convenience for accurate calibration and accurate setting of the bandset ganged capacitor, when it is necessary to read frequencies from the bandspread dial.

It is, of course, not necessary that the extra or optional stages are added in the order given, as this depends to some extent on the requirements of the user.
It is recommended that the "basic circuit" is built first, for the following reasons:


(1) This consists only of stages $2,5,6$ and 9 , Fig. 1, so there is less chance of wiring or other errors.
(2) The "building time" until a useful receiver is produced is much smaller.
(3) If a fault should be present at this stage it will be much easier to locate.
(4) The whole construction can be spread over a period, without the feeling that it will never be finished.
(5) In some cases a simpler receiver will be adequate, so that some stages need not be built.

## METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

The carrier oscillator, crystal frequency marker, and crystal filter (with i.f. stage and phasing capacitor) are built as three separate units on boxes readily made from "universal chassis" flanged members. When wired, they are bolted on to the main chassis, and connected to the receiver circuit.

The main chassis is $13 \times 8 \mathrm{in}$. To allow experimentation, and the easy changing of some parts of the circuit, the chassis was made from five "universal chassis" members, bolted together by the flanges to
form one assembly $13 \times 8 \mathrm{in}$. To the left, the power supply and a.f. amplifier occupy a $8 \times 4$ in member, with space near the front for the carrier oscillator box, when required.

To the right, a $8 \times 3$ in member takes the mixer section, with space for the crystal filter, when added. Between these, two $5 \times 3$ in members accommodate the bandspread and bandset capacitors, and aerial coil.

At the back, a $6 \times 3$ in member forms the i.f. and product detector strip. All make a chassis by bolting on a $13 \times 2$ in member at the back and $8 \times 2$ in sides.

If this method of construction is employed, place the five flanged members together with their flanges upwards, and mark and drill the flanges for two 6BA bolts between each member and those adjacent. Also drill and fit the back and sides. It is then possible to remove the bolts and take out any section, without much disturbance to other members.

If this method of construction is not favoured, it is in order to use a conventional chassis $13 \times 8 \mathrm{in}$. This would simplify preparation and metalwork to some extent.
The completed receiver is enclosed in a readymade metal cabinet, the speaker being an external


Fig. 2 : Circuit diagram of the 3-valve basic receiver. The unused sections of the two 3-gang capacitors will be used for the r.f. stage added later,
unit. No reasonably-priced cabinet with a lifting lid could be obtained, so the top was sawn and hinged to allow access to the interior and changing of plug-in coils. If the receiver is later modified to include band-switching, this is still a useful feature.

## BASIC RECEIVER

Fig. 2 is the circuit of the basic receiver. The miniature plug-in coils are "Blue" for the aerial circuit, "Yellow" for the mixer grid (L2 in Fig. 2) and "Red" for the oscillator circuit (L3 in Fig. 2). With Fig. 2, it is necessary to have a pair of coils, one Blue and one Red, for each waveband. When the r.f. stage is included, a set of three coils is necessary for each waveband-Blue for aerial, Yellow for mixer, and Red for oscillator. Yellow coils will thus be placed in the L2 holder, Fig. 2, when this stage is reached.

Padder capacitors PC are of separate value for each Red coil, using a different pin for this purpose on each range. So all the padders are permanently wired to the holder and the correct value is automatically in circuit for any coil which is inserted. PC is 350 pF to tag 2 for Range 2, 1000 pF to tag 3 for Range 3 , and 3000 pF to tag 4 for Range 4 . Range 5 has no padder and tag 6 must be connected to the chassis.


VC1/VC4 is the ganged tuning or bandsetting capacitor, and a 3 -gang unit is fitted to allow tuning the r.f. stage when fitted. VC2/VC5 is of low value, so that its full movement covers only a narrow range of frequencies, for bandspreading (easy and more accurate short wave tuning). This unit is also 3 -gang. Both variable ganged capacitors have ball drives.

The oscillator trimmer TCl is left at the same setting for all coils, and VC3 is a panel aerial trimmer for peaking up signals.

V2 is the i.f. amplifier, and the two transformers IFT1 and IFT2 give a good degree of selectivity. When the crystal i.f. filter and extra i.f. stage are added, these come between V1 and IFTI. D1 is the a.m. detector which also gives automatic gain control voltage. When the product detector is provided, D1 is retained for a.g.c. and a function switch selects the appropriate mode of operation for a.m. or c.w./s.s.b. reception.

V3 is a 2-stage a.f. amplifier giving adequate output into a loudspeaker. Additional h.t. smoothing is
components list

provided for early stages by R15 and C17. S1 is a "Standby" switch, leaving heaters on but h.t. on V3 only. This allows immediate on/off switching, as may be required when using the receiver with a transmitter.

## CONSTRUCTION

Fig. 3 shows the layout of the completed receiver, but the i.f. filter, carrier oscillator, marker, product detector and r.f. stage are added later in the way described. Punch chassis holes for the r.f. stage, aerial coil holder L1, and product detector holder, as this is awkward later if sections are not removable


Fig. 3 : (left) shows the disposition of the major components and units on top of the chassis while Fig. 4 : (below) illustrates the wiring beneath.
the transformers T 1 and T2 pass down through rubber grommets. Smoothing capacitors and other items are anchored by tagstrips.

Later, h.t. for the r.f. stage is taken from the tag holding C1, while the "a.g.c." tag supporting R2 is the a.g.c. connection for the r.f. stage.

Leads carrying r.f. are stout and run clear of the chassis. AF circuits, such as to C11, are run against the chassis, as are heater and h.t. connections.
VC3 is mounted on a bracket near the holder for L2, as in Fig. 4, and its spindle is extended through the panel. This allows short leads and separation of r.f. and mixer circuits.

## ALIGNMENT

With the circuit of the basic receiver completed, insert a correct pair of coils, such as those for Range 2. Clip a test-meter, set for 10 mA , across R7 with negative to chassis. Tune in any local BBC or other stable transmission.

The four cores of the two i.f.t.'s are then adjusted, with the correct type of core tool, for minimum meter reading. Each core should have quite a definite peak.
in the way explained.
Punch holes in the front $13 \times 2$ in runner as in Fig. 4. Place this on the panel with ${ }^{1}$ in of the panel projecting below, and punch matching holes in the panel. The panel is held to the chassis by component bushes and a vertical bracket each side.

Mount the variable capacitors with their spindles at the same height, so that the ball drives fit in clearance holes, with the drive lugs bolted to the panel. Take insulated leads from the lower tags of the bandsetting capacitor, down through holes as in Fig. 3. Connect the bandspread capacitor with stout leads clear of the chassis. The rotor tags are wired to tags bolted to the chassis.

Fig. 4 shows connections and components under the chassis to assemble the circuit in Fig. 2. The absence of bandswitching simplifies this part of the work.

Anchor the mains cord at a tag strip. Leads from

TC1 is set at about half capacitance and rotating VC3 with any pair of coils in use, and the bandset capacitor nearly fully open, should peak up signals. The receiver is then tuned towards the low-frequency end of the band, and if coverage is unsuitable, the core of L3 is adjusted to correct this. The core of L2 is then adjusted for best results (minimum meter reading). Set the core of $L 2$ so that when tuning from the h.f. end of the band, to the l.f. end, the minimum re-adjustment of VC3 is required. Deal with each pair of coils separately, and lock the cores with 6BA nuts.

## PART 2 NEXT MONTH WILL CONTAIN FULL DETAILS OF THE ADD-ON UNITS TO COMPLETE THE RECEIVER



# TRANSISTOR CIRCUITRY forbeginmers <br> PART 2 

## Properties of Germanium and Silicon

The silicon diode has a more sharply defined 'knee' in the reverse characteristic than the germanium type. At a certain point, as the reverse voltage is increased, the current suddenly increases very rapidly. At the breakdown point the current can suddenly increase from a few microamps to many milliamps, and even amperes in some specially constructed devices. Advantage is taken of this characteristic which all semiconductors exhibit to some extent, in the development and application of a Zener diode.

## History of the Transistor

Although it was as recently as 1947 that Bardeen and Brattain of the Bell Telephone Laboratories earned themselves a Nobel prize with the development of the transistor from the types of semiconductor dev́ices we have been discussing, it should not be imagined that the whole family of semiconductors has so short a history. The main research impetus, it is true, came during World War II, but as long ago as 1835 the rectifying properties of certain substances had been noted by Rosenshold. F. Braun revived interest in 1874 and Willoughby Smith Co. testing underwater telegraph lines, had already noted a variation of resistance according to the amount of light shining on the material some un-named technical assistant was using-which happened to be selenium. In Victorian times, the selenium cell, in rather primitive form, was a scientific curiosity, and its rectifying property was observed in 1876.
Even as Fleming was experimenting with his thermionic diode in 1904, J. C. Bose patented a semiconductor crystal diode, and in the early years of broadcasting, the crystal detector was much used. A silicon detector was invented in 1906 by Pickardfamiliar to early experimenters under the name of the 'Perikon detector'. A patent for the improved version of this device was taken out in 1909.

Earlier devices-until 1941, anyway-were pointcontact. Then a junction diode was brought out. Six years later came the first transistor. Bardeen
and Brattain developed a 'crystal diode' and the name 'Transistor' came from 'Transfer- resistor'.
There is nothing new under the sun. Many years before, the diode had been used as an oscillator, and in 1924, Wireless World carried an article by Victor Gabel, which dealt with the Russian Lossev's experiments with crystals as generators and amplifiers. To undermine our easy belief in progress yet further, we note that Eccles used a crystal diode as an oscillator way back in 1909!

The original work on point contact devices at Bell Telephone Laboratories brought the first transistors. Shockley was a leader among those, who, realising the limitations-high noise factor, relatively high production costs, lack of durability and the difficulty of manufacture-researched the junction device and eventually came up with a 'junction transistor'. This is the basis of most modern semiconductor devices.

A variety of techniques has developed: grown junction, alloying, surface barrier, alloy-diffused, diffused mesa, epitaxial diffused mesa, planar, epitaxial planer, diffused field effect, etc. Let's take a look at the more important among them.

## Development

It was during an investigation into the rectifying properties of surface potentials around a point contact that the scientists at Bell Telephone Laboratories used a second contact to prove the field. At spacings between the two probes of less than a couple of thousandths of an inch they noted a change in current in the main contact influenced the current flow in the other. From this, the germanium point contact transistor was developed.

Two springy wires with pointed ends about a thousandth of an inch apart, pressed on a flat piece of germanium, each having rectifying characteristics. The emitter has a forward bias and thus a low resistance while the collector is reverse biased, giving it a high resistance. A change in forward current through the emitter contact produces a change in the collector contact, and because of the difference in the resistances, power amplification takes place.
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the transistor, that it is essentially a currentoperated device. However, it is the difference in input and output resistance that is the vital means of securing amplification. Hence the name-the process being basically one of transferring a current from a low to a high resistance, using a solid-state device. The advantage is reduced size and weight and no need for a heater supply as with a thermionic valve.

As development goes on, some of the disadvantages, power handling limitation, frequency characteristics, etc., will be overcome. Solid-state devices have almost completely ousted valves from portable equipment, have invaded the domestic entertainment field for table radios and record players, and most tape recorders, are already into high fidelity amplifiers and are now used for nearly all stereo radiograms, while television circuitry has been the subject of much experiment with transistors taking the place of valves in almost every stage. Transistor television receivers have been marketed and are gaining in popularity as prices level off.

In the commercial and industrial field, solid-state devices are imperative for many applications, where the number of switch-gates and amplifiers in a unit would militate against valves on the grounds of space alone, even if power consumption and heat dissipation were not important considerations. Transistors, allied to micro-electronics, modules, integrated circuits and other developments, have led to the production of computers with a wide range of facilities, yet no larger than an old-style adding machine.

## Operation

In considering the operation of the junction transistor, we must revert to the properties of the $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{n}$ junction. If two of these junctions are formed, back to back, in a single piece of semiconductor, and lead wires taken from the p and n sections, a transistor is formed. This formation can be either p.n.p. or n.p.n., with roughly opposite characteristics, as we shall observe. The first $p$ region, called the emitter, emits holes into the base, the centre a region. The second p region, the collector, collects holes from the base and is negatively biased. This is the p.n.p. transistor, which we shall now consider.

Fig. 7 shows the p.n.p. transistor connected as an


Fig. 7: A silicon p.n.p. transistor connected as a common-emitter amplifier.


Fig. 8: Typical construction of some transistors.
amplifier, with appropriate supply voltages. In passing through the base region, the emitter current $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{E}}$ decreases slightly by some holes recombining with electrons. To take the place of these 'lost' electrons, more flow in from the base contact, the current thus produced being equal to the difference between the emitter current and the collector current, or $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{B}}=\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{B}}-\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{C}}$.
Some actual constructions of p.n.p. transistors are shown in diagrammatic form in Fig. 8. These are (a) post alloy diffused, (b) microalloy diffused, (c) mesa type, and (d) 'drift' type. In the construction of transistors, a number of very delicate refining processes take place, and the following notes are only a brief look at production techniques.

## Production Techniques

Germanium occurs in certain coal formations and as an impurity in zinc and copper ores. It can be extracted from the flue dust of coal-burning power stations. It is chemically extracted from its source, converted to germanium dioxide and heated in hydrogen to reduce to the metal. Impurities at this stage are as low as one part in a million. To purify further, zone refining is carried out by concentrating power in one part of the ingot, producing a narrow molten zone and moving this to the end of the ingot, which tends to move the impurities toward the end, which may be cut off and rejected. Refinement to reduce impurities to as little as one part in $10^{10}$ can be carried out in this way.
The selected donor or acceptor impurity is added in similarly small controlled amounts. This is done during the same process as seeding, when a small 'seed' of the metal is lowered into contact with molten germanium in a crucible heated a little above the melting point and raised very slowly so that a crystal solidifies on the seed.
This process of 'pulling from the melt' is also used in manufacture of silicon transistors. Silicon is a common substance (sand is mainly silicon dioxide) and chemical extraction is employed to refine it. A floating zone process is often used both to complete refining and to produce the correct crystal, whereby a rod of polycrystalline silicon is held vertically and a molten zone, narrow enough to be held in position by surface tension is passed up, from a single crystal seed at the bottom, to the top. As the zone passes up, silicon melts into it at
the top and boron and other impurities are taken to the top while the silicon solidifies out into single crystal form at the bottom.

After refinement and preparation, the single crystal material is sawn into slices about fifteenthousandths of an inch thick, using diamond impregnated wheels. The slices are lapped to a thickness of about eight to ten thou' by carborundum and finally surface irregularity is removed by etching in an acid mixture. For some diffused types the whole subsequent process is carried out on the whole slice, which is then scribed and cut to size, but for many other applications the processing is done separately.

The junctions between the $p$ and $n$ type materials may be 'grown' during the process of pulling from the melt, or formed by other methods. These include alloying, diffusion and epitaxy. Epitaxial junctions are formed on a substrate wafer by growing a thin film of the same semiconductor on to it, hence the term 'epitaxial', meaning, on the same axis. Again, heating is the key to the process, and very precise methods of temperature control have been developed by transistor manufacturers.

Alloy diffused transistors are made by a combination of diffusion and alloying techniques. This gives a narrower base width and a better high frequency performance. They have a high current gain and an upper cut-off around 100 MHz .

Diffusion transistors of both germanium and silicon types have much better characteristics because of the more rigid control of dimensions of the elements during construction. In general, germanium offers higher frequency possibilities than silicon and germanium diffused transistors operating up to several thousand MHz are available. The method of construction gives rise to the term 'mesa'. whereby an area of the diffused collector junction is defined by masking over the emitter and base stripes (evaporated gold contacts being used) and the wafer etched to leave a raised 'mesa' containing the active part of the transistor-a process that greatly aids mass production.

Silicon diffused transistors can be sub-divided into several types but most variations are the result of research into closer production control. Some forms similar to mesa etching are employed, and diffused mesa transistors are generally of the silicon type.

## Planar Transistors

A development of manufacturing processes to overcome instability caused by contamination at the surface of the mesa led to the planar type of silicon transistor. The process is quite involved, including the use of photo-etching techniques, deposition and diffusion, but the great advantage is the protection of the collector-base junction, resulting in very low collector leakage current. Very thin base layers are possible giving good high frequency performance, up to several thousands of MHz. Manufacturing techniques can be modified to easily make different size transistors and a whole range of types, from small signal high frequency, to high power medium frequency (typically 50 watts at 10 MHz ) can be produced.

One disadvantage of the diffused transistor is the series resistance between the collector junction and the contact at the bottom of the wafer. This sets up an internal voltage drop when collector current
flows. To improve upon this, the epitaxial planar transistor has been developed. This is perhaps the most versatile transistor to date, with good, allround characteristics. Manufacture includes the previous processes, but a composite slice of very low resistance substrate on which a thin epitaxial layer has been formed is now employed and the epitaxial structure can be developed by depositing alternate p and n layers on a suitable substrate.

## Field-effect Transistors

One very important development of this process is the construction of the field-effect transistor. Its special properties are likely to lead to a rapid increase in applications. In particular, its high input impedance makes it suitable for a number of circuit configurations where other types of transistor are not appropriate. Another important feature is that only one type of carrier is involved-the majority carrier in the basic bar of semiconductor. This is in contrast to the normal type of junction transistor, which depends for its action on the flow of minority carriers through the base region and majority carriers in the emitter and collector regions. A high impedance linked with a low noise factor makes this device eminently suitable for small-signal input stages. The most significant difference for the designer, is that the f.e.t. is a voltage-controlled device but more about f.e.t.'s later.

The zener diode is essentially a specially constructed diode designed to work in reverse, employing what would be regarded as the 'failure' part of the characteristic of an ordinary silicon diode. The silicon controlled diode or thyristor is a further device which finds special uses. Normally, this rectifier blocks current both ways, but when triggered by a pulse fed to a gate electrode, current is allowed to flow in the forward direction only. As this is basically a three-junction device, more detailed explanation will be left until later.

## TO BE CONTINUED



# DIGITAL FREQUENGY GOUNTER/TIMER 



PART 3 (continued from the October issue)

The cutting and drilling of the panels is shown in Fig. 15 and the drilling and position of the components on the chassis is shown in Fig. 16.
The top cover consists of a simple drop-over inverted ' $U$ ' shape. It is ${ }^{1}$ in longer front to back than the chassis and overhangs the front panel by about $3_{8}$ in to produce a 'visor' effect. The top cover is fastened by two 6BA screws on each side.

To conceal the screws which protrude through the chassis underneath, a snugly fitting base cover is fitted inside the underside of the chassis and the top cover screws pass through the sides of the chassis into the base cover. The base cover is drilled and tapped 6BA for this purpose, but 6BA self-tapping screws would be equally suitable. The base cover is fitted with four stick-on plastic feet.

To avoid any bending of metalwork, it would be possible to use a piece of $3_{8}$ in plywood for the chassis and plastic covered hardboard for the cover. It would still be desirable to make the front and rear panels of aluminium.

The window cut-out for the indicator tubes can be made either by drilling a line of holes and then join-


Fig. 15: Front and rear panel metalwork.
is not in itself very complicated, but should any part malfunction due to a wiring error or faulty component, the locating of the fault could prove to be very time consuming. This is mainly due to the fact that the cycle of operation depends on several stages operating in sequence. If the sequence is broken due to a fault condition, all stages become suspect and it may be quite difficult to locate the section containing the fault.

The operation of most of the panels can be checked before being assembled on the chassis and by doing this the possibility of building-in a fault is greatly reduced.

In any case it is always important to try to prevent wiring errors right from the outset and although, to some constructors, the following suggestions on wiring the Veroboard panels may be rather trivial, it is hoped that they will help to produce an instrument which will work first time.

## Main Chassis and Power Supply

It is suggested that this is constructed first as it will provide the various voltages required ${ }^{*}$ to test the other parts of the instrument.

The component positions and wiring are shown in Fig. 17.

## Testing

When operated without a load, the h.t. section of the power supply will develop an h.t. voltage of about +350 volts. The -5 volt section will not operate correctly until the h.t. section is loaded, but some negative voltage should be detected across D9, depending on the current drawn by the meter (approximately -5 volts on a $20,000 \mathrm{ohm} /$ volt meter). All voltages are with respect to chassis.

The +5 volt section is regulated and here the noload voltage will be about $+5 \cdot 2$ volts. The voltage across C14 is about +8 volts.

## Crystal Clock and Divider (Panel B)

This panel is built and tested next, as it is needed to provide a test signal for testing the other panels. The components, links and pins are fitted in the manner suggested previously.

Connect the crystal and trimmer to the appropriate pins and, with temporary wires, connect the panel to the chassis earth and the +5 volt supply.

## Testing



Fig. 16: Chassis metalwork and main component layout.

The oscillator transistors $\operatorname{Tr} 8$ and $\operatorname{Tr} 9$ operate in class $A$ and the voltage of $+2 \cdot 3$ volts on each collector remains about the same whether the crystal circuit is oscillating or not.

However, the clipper stage $\operatorname{Tr} 10$ has a normal operating collector voltage of about +2 volts but if the oscillator is not functioning this voltage will rise to nearly +5 volts. The oscillator circuit has adequate gain for most crystals but for very stubborn surplus types which may refuse to oscillate, C8 may be reduced in value to 220 pF . Any further reduction of C8 may cause the circuit to oscillate at some spurious frequency not controlled by the crystal.

With the oscillator and each stage of the divider chain functioning, the voltage af each output point will be approximately +1.6 volts d.c. with the oscillator not functioning the voltage at each point could be $+3 \cdot 5$ volts or +0.1 volts depending on the state of the output of the decade counter.

The waveform at any of the divider outlets should be a square-wave of 1:1 mark-space ratio and $3 \cdot 4$ volts peak to peak amplitude and of the appro-
priate frequency. The 100 kHz output at $\operatorname{Tr} 10$ collector should be about 4.7 volts peak to peak. The frequency of the 100 kHz oscillator can be checked and set exactly by beating its second harmonic with the 200 kHz signal from Droitwich (BBC Radio 2).

A simple way of doing this is by tuning a broadcast receiver to Radio 2 on 200 kHz and by connecting
a length of insulated wire to the 100 kHz output, $B(3)$, to provide coupling. The wire is placed close to or around the receiver to cause a beat note or whistle to be heard. The trimmer capacitor C 9 is then carefully adjusted so that the beat reduces to zero. If the 200 kHz signal is very strong it will be necessary to reduce the pick-up of this signal by removing the external aerial or by rotating the
 aerial, to obtain a weak reception of the 200 kHz transmission.

Near zero beat the difference frequency will be heard as a cyclic variation of the background noise rather than a 'note'. The final setting of the oscillator frequency should be made when the instrument is complete.

## Counter and Display Panels, C, D, E and F

The components, links and pins are fitted to the panel in the usual way.

The numeral indicator tube is fitted to the panel and held in place by the glass pip which fits snugly into a ${ }_{1}$ in $\times{ }_{4}$ in grommet. The grommet is supported by a crossed loop of $20 \mathrm{~s} . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{g}$. wire fitted in holes Al and A 4 .

The numbers must face the correct direction, the top of the glass pip should be in line with the top of the panel and the straight surface of the glass envelope should extend about ${ }^{1}{ }_{8}$ in beyond the end of the panel.

Wiring should commence with the low numbers and the lead-out wires sleeved using small diameter sleeving. The last few wires to be connected should pass over the previous wires. The wires, when soldered, effectively support the base end of the tube.

## Testing

Each panel should be tested separately by connecting it with temporary wiring to the +300 volt, +5 volt and earth, 0 volt, connections.

Connect the crystal clock and divider panel to the same +5 volt supply and using a croc-clip 'jumper' lead join the input of the counter panel (7) to the 1 Hz output of the divider $\mathrm{B}(10)$.

As the reset input (4) is not connected to 0 volt the counter is continually in the reset condition and the numeral tube should indicate ' 0 '. With another jumper lead join the reset input (4) to 0 volt (6). The numeral tube should now display continuous counting $0-9$ at one digit per second.

Disconnecting the jumper lead between (4) and (6) at any time
should reset the count to zero, ' 0 '. Counting should recommence when the connection is remade.
The neon 'decimal point' may be checked by connecting a $220 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor between the decimal point connection (1) and 0 volt (6). A wrong sequence of numbers probably indicates a fault in the wiring of the numeral tube. Two numbers being on together is probably caused by a solder blob short circuiting two strips on the Veroboard, but also could be due to a faulty decoder-driver integrated circuit.
I.C's. can be checked by substitution and as four panels are required for the complete instrument a faulty panel can be easily checked against the other three.

When testing counter and display panels it is advisable to insulate the +300 volt connection to the panel in case a jumper lead going to an i.c. accidentally strays on to the +300 volt connection.

Each panel should be checked individually for correct operation and then mounted on the chassis and linked together as shown in Fig. 6. (Part 1. September issue.)

The counting and 'carry' operation of the complete counter and display section may be checked by applying the 1 Hz output $\mathrm{B}(10)$ from the divider to the signal input $C(7)$ and checking that the carry to the next higher decade is made on the transition from 9 to 0 .

The previous remarks about the reset line now apply to all the panels simultaneously.

## Input Stage, Control Oscillator and Gate (Panel A)

To test this panel, it is necessary to have all the other panels installed on the chassis and connected to the appropriate supplies. This applies particularly to the +300 volt supply to the numeral tubes as without the normal loading on this supply the -5 volt supply will not regulate correctly under load. It is not necessary to have $S 2$ connected in circuit when testing the operation of Panel A, and it is advisable to check the operation of all the sections before connecting S2 into circuit.

## Input Stage

With all the supplies connected to panel A, and to VR1 and VR2, connect A(3) to the slider of VR1 and monitor the output of $\operatorname{Tr} 5 \mathrm{~A}(6)$ with a voltmeter. Slowly rotate VR1 until a point is found where the voltage at $A(6)$ flips between $+4 \cdot 0$ volts and $+0 \cdot 1$ volt. Dual voltages are given at various points in the circuit diagram of the input stage and these may be checked if faulty operation is suspected. The actual position of VR1 at which the circuit operates depends on the individual gate characteristic of Trl.

An oscilloscope check may be made by connecting the input components and $S 1$ to $\mathrm{A}(1)$ and $\mathrm{A}(5)$ as shown in the circuit diagram and feeding in a 100 mV r.m.s. audio frequency signal to the input socket. Switch Sl should be in the a,c. position and the output should be monitored at the output A(6).

The square-wave output should vary in mark-space ratio as VR1 is adjusted and the operating point is moved over the amplitude range of the input signal voltage.

## Control Oscillator

For the control oscillator to function, $\mathrm{A}(11)$ must be connected to VR2 as shown in the diagram. Depending on circuit conditions the oscillator circuit may be held in the clamped condition by D4 and D4


Fig. 18: Crystal mounting bracket.
should be temporarily disconnected by unsoldering one end to stop any clamping action.
The control oscillator should now free-run at a speed determined by the setting of VR2. The slowest speed is one cycle in about 4 seconds.

The square-wave output at $\operatorname{Tr} 6$ and $\operatorname{Tr} 7$ collectors should have a voltage swing from $0 \cdot 1$ volt to nearly +5 volts. An oscilloscope test may be made at A(8) to check the presence of the positive-going 200 , S pulse which performs the resetting of the counter and the setting of ICla. However, due to the short duration of the pulse and the low repetition rate it may be difficult to observe this pulse on a simple oscilloscope.
The diode D4 should be reconnected after this test.

If the oscillator refuses to run, check the collector voltages of $\operatorname{Tr} 6$ and $\operatorname{Tr} 7$, if either of these are low, about $+0 \cdot 1$ volt, check the coupling capacitors for open circuit. If either is +0.6 volt, check the coupling capacitor for short circuit. If either collector voltage is about +5 volts check the appropriate base feed resistor circuit.

## Gate

The testing of the gate is most easily carried out with all the remaining sections of the instrument operational. The function switch S2 should be left disconnected and temporary wire links used to connect between the various sections.

All supplies should be connected to all panels. Temporary wire connections should be made as follows: Clock divider 1 Hz output $\mathrm{B}(10)$ to clock period input $\mathrm{A}(7)$. Clock divider 1 kHz output $\mathrm{B}(7)$ to signal input $A(9)$. Gate output. $A(10)$ to signal input $C(7)$. Reset output $A(8)$ to reset input C(4).

With these connections made, the instrument should count the 1 kHz output for a period of one second and display a reading of 1000 . The counter should then reset to 0000 and then commence counting again. This is equivalent to the 'TEST' position on the function switch, position 6.

The time that the reading is displayed before resetting is determined by VR2.

With the exception of wiring errors, it is unlikely that a fault will exist in the gate circuit but in any event the sequence of operations can be followed through from the circuit description given previously and the fault diagnosed from the point in the sequence at which the operation ceased.
With all sections operating correctly the function
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# practically Wireless commentary by IENIII 

KILTED soldiers march across the sea to be sold in Aberdeen. It's enough to make a haggis weep. But until now, November 1971, there had to be, somewhere, a label denoting the country of origin. Or, at least, a tiny ticket under the sporran that said, unequivocally, 'Foreign'.

Parliament, proud of British prowess, demanded that goods should be so marked way back in 1926. It has taken forty-two years for us to bring in the Trades Descriptions Act, and one of the things written-in when this became law, in 1968, was that by November 1971 the need for declaring a country of origin would end.

Philips introduction of the Popmaster radio woke up some of us stick-in-the-muds. Now, we have come to accept the flair of the Italians, the inventiveness of the Scandinavians, the engineering efficiency of the Germans. It is the idea of Oriental precocity that still fails to sink in.

Yet, as I write, the hold on the television market is being tightened by Far East competition. BREMA figures tell us that in the first quarter of this year British-made TV sets dropped from 484,000 to 401,000 , i.e., a 16 per cent loss. The increase, taken up by importers, was


Kilted soldiers march across the seas.
practically a total invasion from Japan. In the radio receiver market, we came down from. 342,000 to 323,000 . I dread to think what a survey of the audio market would reveal.

Henry gets rather hot under the collar when he hears of the 'rationalisation' that the big boys impose on a taken-over small concern. In no time, the special position that made the back-alley company worth taking-over has been flattened and stultified, making its products part of the bland image that the parent company projects.

In the name of 'efficiency' the economies imposed rob the product of all its individuality. It becomes just another wireless set, tape recorder, gramophone . . .

There is an ironically apt story in an American publication just out: 'Welcome to our con-glomerate-you're fired!' Large concern takes over small, specialist company and sacks the boss. A little later, sales begin to slump and the whizz-kids search around for a reason. Can't be the absent boss-after all, he spent most of his time playing poker with the salesmen.

Then it comes out: the poker games were the breeding ground for ideas, and the way the boss instilled his very individual flair in his team.

We have seen the loss of the personal touch more than once in the audio world. A notable case has recently been exemplified by some facelifted models. A small firm with an international reputation is merged into a large group. Almost overnight its keen service fades; models are restyled and, basically similar, with no progressive modification, have a posher faceplate. The companion tuner-amplifier, however, is an imported model.

What's wrong with that? Oh, nothing, except that the implied 'Made in England' is held in the brand name. The imported gear does not even have its gramo-

"Welcome to our conglomerate-you're firedl"
phone pickup input equalised to the standards of the records we, ir this country, are going to be able to buy. But to the unsuspecting public, this is a new (and by implication, better) product from the famous stable.
Many electronic goodies masquerade under strange flags. Home-grown labels mean little when the bits have been imported, needing only assembly, boxing and test.

Perhaps that is why the Government have said 'Drop it.'

Do you remember how Max Grundig started? Back in the days when the Germans were not allowed to purchase a complete radio, he brought out a radio, constructed except for the plugging in of a valve, sold the valve separately, circumvented the regulations and laid the basis of a fortune.

Using the Henry method-what the artistic circle call 'the aleatory technique of random connections and accidental parallels -I present to you the following information. G.E.C. propose closing the Marconi-Elliott Microelectronics factories at Witham, Essex and at Glenrothes. The first was especially built as recently as 1968. The second has a prospective new neighbour-a microcircuit factory to be built at East Kilbride, Lanarkshire, for the great American concern, Motorola.

Will their chips be marked 'Made in Britain'?


OUR request for information on the little buzzer unit shown in our September issue met with little response. However, Mr. F. Kirkby of Ruislip, Middlesex, came to the rescue in no uncertain way by producing what appears to bẹ a more sophisticated version of the unit.

Recently Mr. Kirkby had the task of clearing out the house of an elderly relative and amongst the 'junk', some of which is thought to be over 100 years old, was found the wavemeter shown in the accompanying photograph. The circuit, mounted inside the lid of the teak case, is still perfectly clear and shows a parallel tuned circuit which, in the "receive" position of the changeover switch, is connected to an adjustable carborundum detector and to the telephone terminals at the front. In the "send" position the tuned circuit is connected to the buzzer and cell. The cell in the equipment appears to be the original Siemen's ' $S$ ' type cell.

The circuit notes that 'the inductance is a 5 -turn rectangular coil $3^{1}{ }_{2} \mathrm{in} . \times 2 \mathrm{in}$. lying close against the front face of the case" presumably to allow the wavemeter to be closely coupled to the external equipment under test.

The dial is finely engraved in steps from ' 45 ' to ' 95 ' and this is presumed to be the range covered, in metres. Anyway, a new cell was fitted to the wave"meter and the buzzer adjusted on "send" and the unit placed a few feet from a communications receiver tuned to 5 MHz ( 60 metres) and sure enough the signal, if it can be called that, did peak when the dial of the wavemeter was tuned through the 60 m . point on the dial.


Since no aerial terminal is provided it is presumed that the "receiver" was used as a monitor for a local transmitter and used to set the transmitter to a particular wavelength.
Unfortunately there is no indication of the maker's name or the year of manufacture so once again we must ask our readers to help in identifying this bit of vintage equipment.

Mr. Kirkby is to be congratulated on his vigilance and for rescuing this piece of ancient equipment. We make no excuse for again reminding readers of the thousands of pieces of similar equipment that must be hidden away in sheds, attics and storerooms and which must not be allowed to finish up in some dustcart. There are collectors in the UK who will see that such equipment gets the attention it deserves.
Since writing the above we have heard further from Mr. Kirkby. He has now discovered some old documents including the photograph we show of an amateur radio station operating in 1922. The actual wavemeter under discussion can be seen at the left hand end of the operating desk. Mr. Kirkby now believes that the wavemeter dates from 1916 and that it was obtained as "Ordnance Disposal" or "Government Surplus" as we would call it today.


Incidentally, the two wall charts to the right of the speaker were issued by the Marconi Company and represent the movement of ships equipped with wireless. Presumably listeners could estimate the "range" of their receivers by listening for these ships over varying distances.


DETAILS concerning the possible audio signal mixing combinations, and circuits for the line amplifier, a microphone pre-amp for low impedance microphones and a suitable power supply etc., were given in Part 1.

We continue now with more circuits for preamplifier stages beginning with one for crystal microphones (Code: Mic Hi-ZX). This is given in Fig. 11 and the circuit board layout is shown in Fig. 12. Crystal microphones have a high output impedance, hence the need for the high series input resistance, R1, to the base of Tr1. The circuit is conventional with d.c. stabilization and negative feedback which also sets the amplifier gain by the feedback network C5 and R3. The 100 pF capacitor acrośs R3 produces a roll-off in frequency response above about 30 kHz to prevent pick up of r.f. signals as is often the case with preamplifiers having a high frequency response. As with all the preamplifier stages, the output is taken to the gain control VR1 and thence to the line amplifier (or tone control unit) via the passive mixing component R9. Details of the circuit board and screen construction for all the preamps and the tone control were given in Part 1.



Fig. 12: The component layout for the crystal mic. preamp.

## PREAMPLIFIER FOR MAGNETIC PICK-UPS

The circuit is given in Fig. 13 and its code is PU Mag. Again a conventional BC109 pair is used with d.c. stabilization and a negative feedback equalization network between Tr2 collector and Tal emitter to obtain the correct R.I.A.A. response for magnetic cartridges. The actual response curve was


Fig. 13 : The circuit of the magnetic pickup preamp.


Input from pre-amps


Fig. 14 : (left) Component layout for mag. pickup preamp.
Fig. 15 : (below) The tone control module circuit.
Fig. 16 : (above) Layout of the tone control module.
given in Part 1. The output, via VRl and R9, is again as common to all the preamps. The input sensitivity is approximately 5 mV and the overload margin at least 10 times this. The circuit board layout and wiring is given in Fig. 14.

## THE TONE CONTROL UNIT

This has unity gain and an input sensitivity of 100 mV so the output is therefore 100 mV . The tone control unit will accept the outputs from any of the preamps and one or more may be connected to its

## * components list

| Mic Pre-amp (Mic Hi ZX) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tr1, Tr2 VR1 | $2 \begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{BC} 109 \\ & 10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \end{aligned}$ | Carbon log. pot. |  |  |
| Resistors |  |  |  |  |
| R1 | $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ | R6 | 390k $\Omega$ |  |
| R2 | $680 \Omega$ | R7 | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |
| R3 | $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R8 | $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |
| R4 | $220 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R9 | $22 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |
| R5 | $220 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |  |  |
| All $\frac{1}{4}$ W, 10\% types |  |  |  |  |
| Capacitors |  |  |  |  |
| C1 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | C4 | $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V |
| C2 | $2.5 \mu \mathrm{~F} 25 \mathrm{~V}$ | C5 | $5 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V |
| C3 | 100 pF | C6 | $1.5 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V |

Magnetic p.u. pre-amp
(PU Mag) Tr1, Tr2 BC109 VR1 $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$

Resistors

| Resistors |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| R1 | $56 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R6 | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| R2 | $680 \Omega$ | R7 | $150 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| R3 | $220 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R8 | $12 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| R4 | $390 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R9 | $22 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| R5 | $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | All $\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~W}, 10 \%$ | types |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Capacitors

| C1 | $5 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V | C 4 | $0.022 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C2 | $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V | C 5 | 6800 pF |
| C 3 | $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V | C 6 | $2 \cdot 5 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ |

Tone Control Unit (TC)

Tr1, Tr2 VR1 (bass) VR2 (treble)

Resistors

| R1 | $150 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R5 | $12 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R9 | $1.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R2 | $68 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R6 | $12 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R10 | $1.2 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| R3 | $4.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R7 | $2.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R11 | 22k $\Omega$ |
| R4 | $12 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R8 | $5.6 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |  |

## Capacitors

| C1 | $2.5 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V | C 4 | $0.04 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | C7 | 150 pF |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C2 | $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V | C 5 | 2200 pF | C8 | $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V |
| C3 | $0.04 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ |  | C 6 | $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V |  |  |

C3 $0.04 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ C6 $10 \mu \mathrm{~F} 25 \mathrm{~V}$

Ceramic p.u. amp (P.U. Cer) Tr1, Tr2 BC109
VR1 $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \quad$ Carbon log. pot.
Resistors

| R1 | $470 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R5 | $1.5 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ | R9 | $820 \Omega$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R2 | 120k $\Omega$ | R6 | $12 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R10 | $22 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| R3 | $150 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R7 | $120 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |  |
| R4 | $1.5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R8 | $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |  |

Capacitors

| Capacitors |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C 1 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | C 4 | $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V |
| C 2 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | C 5 | $2.5 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V |

input. The output from the tone control unit is taken via the passive mixing component Rll so it may, in turn, be connected to the line amplifier together with any one or more preamps. Equally two or more tone control units each accepting a number of preamps may be simultaneously connected to the line amplifier. The circuit for the tone control unit is shown in Fig. 15. (Note that BC108 transistors are used) and the board layout in Fig. 16. The input is taken to the active (negative feedback) network via the emitter follower Trl. The insertion loss of the tone control network is recovered by the amplifier stage $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ but amplification is controlled to obtain unity gain. The frequency response curves for the unit were given in Part 1 but it provides approximately 15 dB cut and lift at 40 and $20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ respectively.

## PREAMPLIFIER FOR CERAMIC PICK-UP CARTRIDGES

The requirements for the preamplifier input are generally similar to those for a crystal pick-up cartridge except that the input sensitivity is higher. The circuit in Fig. 17 provides a high input impedance and a sensitivity of about 60 mV . Tr 1 is an emitter follower and $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ the amplifier with negative


Fig. 17: The ceramic pickup cartridge circuit.


Jack or phono socket must be insulated from panel


Fig. 18: The layout of the ceramic pickup preamp.
feedback between output and input to obtain the correct gain and wide frequency response. The output is taken via the gain control VRl and the passive mixing component R10. The circuit board layout is shown in Fig. 18.

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The following outputs are available from the generator:

1. Tone-modulated r.f. signal in the range $150-450 \mathrm{kHz}$.
2. Tone-modulated r.f. signal in the range $450-1600 \mathrm{kHz}$.
3. Audio tone.
4. Unmodulated signal in the range $150-450 \mathrm{kHz}$.
5. Unmodulated signal in the range $450-1600 \mathrm{kHz}$.

1 and 2 are used for the general alignment and testing of receivers, and includes the $455-470 \mathrm{kHz}$ i.f. frequencies. 4 and 5 are used for similar purposes

when modulation is not required. 3 allows testing of a.f. stages and amplifiers.

## THE CIRCUIT

Figure 1 shows the circuit and uses a single doubletriode valve, one section performing as a tunable r.f. oscillator and the other section as an a.f. oscillator. Power is derived from a small $12 \cdot 6 \mathrm{~V}$ heater transformer and this also gives a little over 20 V d.c. across C7 for the anode supply voltage.

V1a is the r.f. oscillator, tuned by VC1. With S1a in position 1, L1 and L2 are in series, for Range 1 $(450-150 \mathrm{kHz})$. With position $2, \mathrm{~L} 2$ is shorted, L1 covering about $450-1600 \mathrm{kHz}$, for Range 2. V1b is the a.f. oscillator. Both valve anodes draw h.t. through the primary of T2, thus modulating the r.f. output.
R.F. is taken through C4 to the attenuator or output control VR1. With S1 in position 3, Sla shorts VC1 so that no r.f. is produced, and S1b brings in the larger capacitor C5, the a.f. output of V1b passing to VR1.



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## THE R.F. COIL

This is wound on a ferrite rod about 5 in . long and $\mathrm{s}_{8} \mathrm{in}$. in diameter, which gives a higher $Q$ and requires fewer turns than an air-cored inductor. All windings are of 32 or 34 s.w.g. enamelled wire and are wound on thin tubes made by winding paper round the rod. L1 and L2 can then be slid along to adjust band coverage if necessary.

## * components list



Fig. 2 : Wiring details and the construction of the r.f. inductor.


An internal view of the completed prototype; compare this with fig. 2.
The ends of the windings can be secured with cotton or adhesive tape. After construction is finished, and coverage has been checked, windings and ends are secured using clear Bostik, as any movement here will upset dial calibration.

A space of about ${ }_{3} \mathrm{in}$. is left to the end of the rod, and Ll is commenced at point 1. Seventy turns are wound on, side by side, and the wire is fixed at point 2 . The beginning of $L 2$ is about $1^{3}{ }_{4} \mathrm{in}$. from the other end of the rod. $L 2$ is wound in a compact pile about $5_{8} \mathrm{in}$. long, and has 140 turns. End 3 of L2 will thus come about $1^{1}$ gin. from this end of the rod. L3 has 25 turns side by side and is about ${ }^{1} 4 \mathrm{in}$. from L2.

The end of L1 and beginning of L2 are soldered together to form point 2. Windings must be in the same direction, as shown. Leads to L3 must not be reversed or feedback will be in the wrong phase.

## A.F. INDUCTOR

The transformer listed can easily carry the required primary current but'other transformers could probably be used, though not transistor types. When the generator is first tested, set S1 at position 3, and listen for an audio output, either with phones or by taking a lead to an amplifier. If no tone is heard, reverse secondary connections to T2.

R2 raises the pitch of the tone produced and may be changed in value if necessary. Should an available transformer produce a tone of too high a pitch, this can be altered by connecting a capacitor of about $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ (or as found necessary) across the primary or secondary.

## CONSTRUCTION POINTS

The complete generator occupies a case $7 \times 5 \times 2 \mathrm{in}$. deep, made by assembling $7 \times 2 \mathrm{in}$. and $5 \times 2 \mathrm{in}$. "universal chassis" flanged members. The panel is a $7 \times 5 \mathrm{in}$. plate, and most of the construction is upon this, and on a $2^{1} \times 2 \mathrm{in}$. chassis bolted to the panel. The chassis is most easily made by cutting a $2^{1}{ }_{2} \mathrm{in}$. length from a 2 in . wide flanged universal chassis member.

Mount components on the panel in the positions shown in Fig. 2. Countersunk screws hold VC1 to the panel. Fit the valveholder and T2 to the small chassis, and bolt this to the panel, also with countersunk screws.
All wiring except for the r.f. inductor, mains transformer T1, rectifier, and C7 can now be done.
One $5 \times 2 \mathrm{in}$. flanged member is then drilled to take Tr , and a grommet for the 3 -core mains lead. The lead is anchored at a 3 -tag strip. Equip the lead with a 13 A type 3 -pin plug having a 2 A or 3 A fuse. Use brown (or red) for $L$, which runs to S2, and blue (or black) for $N$, which is connected to the primary of T1. Yellow-green (or green) is for the earth or metal box connection.
The rectifier is supported on an insulated tag. When this part of the wiring is finished, assemble the top, bottom and sides of the case, securing them with bolts through the perforated flanges provided. The panel is then fitted in place and fixed with four bolts.
The leads from the tag-strip to S2, T1 to S2, and other circuit points can now be soldered on. All wiring is finished except for the r.f. inductor.
The ferrite rod is mounted by drilling two pieces of wood to take it and when in position it should be about $5_{8}$ in. clear of the bottom of the case. Screws pass up through the bottom member into the wooden mounts. Insulated sleeving is fitted onto the wire ends of the windings, which are scraped and soldered to the various connecting points.

Coverage can be checked by taking a lead from the output socket and placing this near a receiver, or near a short wire connected to the receiver aerial terminal. Note that the two bands obtained should overlap, giving continuous coverage from about 1600 kHz to 150 kHz . This means that with S1 in position 2, and VC1 fully closed, the signal should be heard at the high frequency end of the long wave band of the receiver, or that with the generator switch in position 1, and VC1 fully open, the signal should be tuned in at the low frequency end of the receiver medium wave band. If necessary, slide Ll or L2 along the rod to achieve this, then cement the windings in place.
C2 in parallel with VC1 enables dial readings at the extreme minimum position of VCl to be rather less crowded, so that frequencies around 1600 1400 kHz can be more easily read.

All connections should be quite short and rigid. The flanged top and sides of the case allow a $5 \times 7 \mathrm{in}$. plate to be fixed on using self-tapping screws.

## SCALES

VC1 can have a fairly large knob with a pointer, or with a hair-line or cursor. Frequencies are read on two semi-circular scales drawn on thin card which can be cemented to the front of the case. The scales may be covered with transparent material for protection after calibration, or a piece of thin perspex, $7 \times 5$ in., can be bolted on to cover the whole front.

## CALIBRATION

The simplest method of calibration is to plug a lead into the generator output socket and place this near a receiver, or its aerial or aerial lead. The receiver is then tuned to known frequencies, the generator is tuned to the same frequency and its scales are suitably marked. Alternatively, if a calibrated generator is available, tune both generators to the same frequency, by means of the receiver, and calibrate the scales.

A very good guide to markings can also be made by temporarily fitting a $0-100$ scale, and preparing a graph with the aid of stations of known frequency. Round figures for the generator can then be read from the graph, and marked on the scales.

## HARMONICS

It is also possible to secure good calibration of the generator with an ordinary long and medium wave band receiver, using harmonics. This depends on the fact that if the generator is set to some particular frequency $F$, harmonics of this frequency will be heard on the receiver, at Fx2, Fx3, and other multiples. These grow weaker as the multiplier increases, the upper limit depending on receiver sensitivity. For this method, the following steps should be followed:-

1. Tune receiver (R) to 200 kHz (BBC Radio 2).
2. Tune signal generator (SG) to this and mark scale 200 kHz .
3. Leave SG untouched. Tune R to find Fx3, or 600 kHz .
4. Leave R untouched. Tune SG to 600 kHz and mark scale.
5. Tune SG to 300 kHz and mark scale. ( $\mathbf{R}$ is at Fx2.)
6. Leave SG tuning untouched. Tune $R$ to 300 kHz .
7. Tune SG to 150 kHz and mark scale. ( R is at Fx2.)
8. Tune R to 200 kHz and SG to 200 kHz .
9. Tune R to Fx3, or 600 kHz .
10. Tune SG to 600 kHz .
11. Leave SG untouched and tune R to Fx2, or 1200 kHz .
12. Leave $R$ untouched and tune $S G$ to 1200 kHz . Mark scale.
13. Leave R untouched and tune SG to 400 kHz . Mark scale. ( R is at Fx3.)
14. Tune SG to 200 kHz and receiver to $F x 5$, or 1000 kHz .
15. Leave R untouched. Tune SG to 500 kHz . Mark scale. ( R is at Fx2.)
By proceeding in this way, calibration points can be found through both bands, including frequencies outside the normal coverage of the usual 2 -band receiver. For accuracy, obtain all reference points by tuning originally to zero beat with BBC Radio 2 on 200 kHz , as at (8) not relying on visual readings of the 200 kHz mark or other signal generator or receiver calibration markings.

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MONTHLY NEWS FOR DX LISTENERS

THE first reporter this month is Terry Gibbs of Swindon who uses a Murphy 'Overlander' receiver and a long-wire which he has recently extended to 500 feet. This equipment enabled him to hear:-
3905 New Hebrides B.C. in broken English at 0700.
4895 Mauritius B.C. in English at 1800.
4895 R. Malaysia in vernacular at 1240.
4926 R. Bata, Guinea (Equat.) at 2300.
4975 R. Timbira, Brazil in English at 2330.
6055 R. Continental, Peru at 0600.
9610 VLX9, R. Perth, Australia at 1200.
11835 4VEH, R. Haiti in English at 2345.
Philip Nichols of Longlevens, Gloucester has an Eddystone 830 receiver and a 50 foot long-wire at 19 feet helping him to hear:-
6010 RT Belge, in French at 1506.
9630 R. Sweden with sign-on at 1100.
9555 CBC, Canada in French at 1830.
9582 R. Australia in English at 1832.
10530 Alma Ata in German at 1740.
11620 AIR, Delhi in English at 1820.
15200 Nigeria noted at 1835.
15265 R. Afghanistan in English at 1815.
15345 R. Kuwait in English at 1730.
21460 HCJB, Quito, Ecuador in English at 1900.
21495 R. Portugal in English at 0840.
21690 WIBS, Windward Is. at 2124.
A new reporter this time is Ian Alexander Kelly of Bulawayo, Rhodesia. Ian's equipment is best described in his own words: "My equipment comprises of two radio receivers, a 5 -band a.m./f.m. supersonic PR127 (11 transistor) and a 6 -transistor, 3 -band home-made regeneration receiver. There are four different types of antenna systems which I use, there is a 100 foot inverted ' $L$ ' aerial; a 200 foot centre-top aerial; a 9 foot telescopic aerial and the internal telescopic aerial on the 5-band set." That impressive line-up enabled him to hear:-
2306 RSA, South Africa at 2045.
3250 Lourenco Marques, Mozambique at 2100.
3295 R. Lusaka, Zambia with news at 2105.
9410 BBC World Service to Europe at 2056.
9505 R. Belgrade, Yugoslavia at 2010.
11815 NHK, Japan in English at 1600.
11935 R. Portugal in Portuguese at 1830.
11980 R. Prague, Czechoslovakia at 1815.
15350 ORTF relay from Brazzaville (Congo), 2028.
15400 Ulan Bator, Mongolia at 2345.
15600 Manila, Philippines at 1335.
21501 R. Accra, Ghana at 1500.
21520 SBC, Berne, Switzerland at 1900.
Another new reporter is Ronald L. J. Winson of
Reading whose equipment consists of a Codar CR70A and an 80 foot long-wire antenna.
6020 R. Nederland in Spanish at 2130.
11970 R. Bucharest, News in Spanish at 2130.

## THE BROADCAST BANDS Malcolm Connah

 Frequencies in kHz - Times in GMT15295 Sweden Calling DXers at 0000. 15325 CBC, Canada in English at 2115. 21700 Vatican Radio with News at 1245.

Ross Pullen of Crawley has added an 18 foot vertical aerial and had his Murphy A72 re-aligned giving the following results:-
9510 RTA, Algeria in French at 1215.
9575 Gronlands Radio (Greenland) in Danish at 2207.

11735 R.T.V. Morocco in English at 1720.
15018 Hanoi Radio in English at 2000.
15115 KBS, Seaul in English at 0630.
15115 R. diff. de Sao Paulo, Brazil at 2335.
15170 ELWA, Liberia in French at 2040.
15200 Nigeria in English at 0735.
Neil Smith of Sutton Coldfield used his Unica UNR-30 receiver and a 170 foot long-wire to hear the following stations:-
7100 RSA, South Africa in English at 1900.
7108 R. Budapest in English at 1900.
9620 R. Belgrade, Yugoslavia in English at 2312.
9615 Vatican Radio in English at 2154.
9770 Austrian Radio in English at 1130.
Tony Alcock of Bath has a Codar CR70A receiver and a Joystick antenna which helped him to hear:-
9620 Radio Belgrade, Yugoslavia at 2200.
9805 R. Cairo, U.A.R. noted at 2235.
9833 R. Budapest, Hungary.
11060 Radio Vilnius, Lithuanian SSR. at 2240.
11740 Vatican Radio noted at 2045.
11765 Radio Australia noted at 0845.
15345 Kuwait B.S. at 1723.
17810 R. Nederland, Bonaire relay at 2230.
17825 Radio Sofia, Bulgaria at 1920.

## News

Peter Reed of Brighton has a R1155N receiver and a Joystick antenna. Peter used his equipment to send in several items of news including:-

Finland: Radio Finland can be heard from 2000 to 2100 on the following frequencies: 9530,11755 and 15185.

Ceylon: The Ceylon Broadcasting Corporation transmits to Asia at 0212 on 15120 but the broadcast can be heard in this country.

Tahiti: Faint signals have been picked up from Radio Tahiti on 11825 at 1630.

Turkey: Radio Ankara has been heard broadcasting at 2300 on a frequency of 15160 .

Reports should arrive by the 15 th of the month and be addressed to the author at 5 Ranelagh Gardens, Cranbrook, Ilford, Essex.


IT'S happened! A $\log$ has been received for 70 cm . Honours for being first go to Nick Richardson (Wendover, Bucks) who has a 46 -element multibeam at 33 ft . Receiving line-up is a BF180 preamp, AF239 converter, i.f. amp. and a Trio 9R59DE tuning $28-30 \mathrm{MHz}$. The $\log$ shows the great majority of stations using a.m. on 70 cm . Callsigns logged include: G2RD, G2FNW, G3BNL/P, G3COJ, G3DAH, G3EHM, G3HAZ, G3HXS, G3KEQ, G3KMS, G3LQR, G3LTN, G3ZYC, G5QA, G5UM, G6GN, G8ACN, G8AMG, G8ANZ, G8ARC, G8ATS, G8AZU/P, G8BBB, G8BGC, G8BII, G8BQH, G8BSH, G8CIT, G8DDC/P, G8DXJ/P, G8EFX/P, G8ERW, G8APZ/P (Merionethshire), GW8AWS/P (Flintshire).

Down on 144 MHz , Nick uses an 8 -element Yagi at 28 ft . feeding an f.e.t. preamp, Garex converter, i.f. amp into the 9R59DE. Goodies on 2 metres were: DL1XJ, ON5NY, GW3GIZ, PA0BDH, PA0CBN, PA0DTC, PA0RLS, PA0TLX, PA0UVP all s.s.b. On a.m., 144 MHz sigs. were received from: DLODD, DK10V, F1AOY, F1BCI, F3LP, ON5UI, PA0DMS.
"I am 12 years old," claims Paul Dumpleton of Dunstable. Paul uses a Cossor domestic receiver and a television aerial "mounted on the chimney." The $\log$ shows plenty of EU activity on 14 MHz such as DJ, DK, DL, DM, EI, F, HA, HB9, I1, LA, OH, OK, ON, OZ, SM, UA and YU. From further afield: DU4CC, ET9SPI, KANKI, K6YRD, VU1HH, VK3AP, WA6EGL, 4U1ITU, 9HIBG, 9K2AM, which is pretty good going no matter how old you are.

Stephen Hopkins (Gloucester), admits that ". . . this is the first report I have sent." Receiver is a H.A.C. DX Mk2 with a "slight modification." Antenna is 40 ft . end-fed and raised EI9Q on $3 \cdot 5 \mathrm{MHz}$, F6ARC on 7 MHz and HB9XUM/M, K1NJE, ON8WF/A, and W2BLQ on 14 MHz s.s.b.

Stephen Terry writes from Banbury to take me to task for my remarks about the l.f. bands and DX. He includes the following callsigns as evidence of 80 metre activity: FP8CT, JY1/B, LU7AAC, OY7JD, PJ2CW, PY3APH, PY7AF, VE1AM, VE1ZZ, VE2XD, VE3FXT, VO1FG, ZS1MH.

Even dreaded 7 MHz was persuaded to reveal signals from: CX7AP, HK3LT, PZ1AX, TF5TP, UW9AF, VP2AA, YV1BI, YV5CYA. All are s.s.b. and received on a Lasky's Skyrover MkII with a 120 ft . end-fed.

Alan Newman, G8CXC (Portsmouth) used an HW17 transceiver on 144 MHz to work PA0-RKS, PVC, CSL, ON5RE. Antenna is a 14 -element Parabeam at 21 ft . although Alan says he is at zero feet a.s.l. On 80 metres s.s.b. using 9R59DS, Alan logged CT2AK, FP8CT, FP0CA, KP4AN, KV4FZ, LU7AAC, PJ2CW, PZ1AX, PY1HA, PY3CIQ, PY7AF, PY0PK, TF3EB, WA6EGL/P/TF, VE1AAN, VO1AR, WA1KK, WA3WFJ, ZB2CC, ZP3AQ. Having received these (plus a long list of others) in some 3 hours of listening time, Alan is sold on 80 as a DX band and

# THE AMATEUR BANDS David Gibson, G3JDG 

## Frequencies in kHz - Times in GMT

is now polishing up his c.w.
Another first-timer with a log for this column is David Bettington (Upton) who has a CR150 which, he claims, ". . . is older than I am." A 20 metre dipole just fits into the loft-shack and gave s.s.b. messages from: JH1OMS, KP4DEY, OX3OJ, VP2MF, WA2OYP/ MM, 4X4OH.

Richard Mortimore (Cardiff) can now receive c.w. at $20 \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. His $\log$ for 21 MHz (c.w., of course) reads: CO2FC, EL2CB, JA40NC, JA5FQU/MM, JH1WKS, JH1YCW, K9YXA, LU9FAN, PY1KEK, WB6VVZ/MM, YV4AQ, 3A0ML, 4Z4KKI. Receiver is a 9R59DS and antenna is a 60 ft . long wire.

Tom Brosnan (tnx QSL OM) uses a Windom antenna on 20 metres to feed his JR3LO receiver. Signals received (s.s.b.) include: AP5HP, EQ2BQ, ET3USA, JA1HBC, JA1JTH, JA6YG, KR6JX, TI2JU, VU2NH, ZE1DP, 9M8DEA. Fifteen metres s.s.b. revealed: CR6IY, JA6BSM, VQ9R, WB4BFZ, ZS50V, 5Z4MW, 3V8ZK. QTH is Tadworth in Surrey.

The Modular Three featured in P.W. is the receiver used by M. Evans (Good Evans!) The antenna system consists of unspecified lengths of wire "tangled round the garden and fed to an a.t.u. with a coil former made from a drain pipe," Eighty metre sigs received from: CR7IC, CT1IPS, CT2HK, EA4LH, EL9LS, F0HH/M, JY1, OY2R, OY7JD, PY7AF, VE1IE, VP5KG, VP9GQ, WA6EGL/TF, ZB2CC, ZL3LE, ZL4JFA, ZS1MH, ZS5LB, 3V8ZK, 5Z4KL, 9K2AL.

Good samaritan of the month is G3ZRD who resurrected an ailing B40 belonging to a sad Crispin Henderson. Just to show how well things are going now, Crispin sends in a multiband, multimode log. On 160 c.w.: EI8H, EI9J. Signals on 80 s.s.b.: CT1MK, K4QM, VE1IE, W3EFX, W5SZ, W8KEX. Best on 40 c.w. were VK3CC and YV5DRN. Twenty c.w. raised: EA8FE, GM3UYF, HC8GG, HP7KAL, OX3HU, PY7GV, SM0FY, W7HBQ, ZC4CB, ZL2IR, 7Q7AA, $9 H 1 B B$. While s.s.b. on the same band was received from: CE3OE, HK1BQR/P7, KZ5OD, OY9LV, VK7MB, 4X4KM, 9K2AM, 9Y4VV. Fifteen c.w.: CR7FM, PY2YCC, YO6KBM, and s.s.b.-KP4AOW, LU5MAO, LU8LH, PY5DI, YV6JB, 4X4GB, 5Z4GK.
Many happenings in October for the keen contest enthusiast. October $9-10,21-28 \mathrm{MHz}$ telephony contest; 9-10, VK/ZL Oceana c.w. contest; 13 (and 27), 70 MHz contest; $23-24,7 \mathrm{MHz}$ c.w. contest-well worth a listen; $30-31,432 \mathrm{MHz}$ contest; $30-31$, CQ WW phone contest; November 6-7, 144/432MHz c.w. contest; 6-7, 7 MHz phone contest; 6-8, CHC/FHC-both phone and c.w.; 7, OK contest.

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## THE CIRCUIT

The first stage of the amplifier, represented by $\operatorname{Tr} 1$, is an emitter follower. This configuration has a very high input impedance, here it is likely to be at least $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ though the actual figure depends on the gain of the transistor used. The volume control, a $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ potentiometer, is directly in the emitter of the first transistor. If you do not require the high impedance input, this complete stage, together with C1 and R2, can be omitted, coupling the input directly across the volume control, however, although no gain will be sacrificed, it means that the input impedance will only be $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and this makes it rather less versatile.

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The output appears at the emitters of the two transistors and is coupled via C3 to the loudspeaker.


Flg. 1: The circuit of the amplifer.


Fig. 2: A suggested layout on Veroboard.

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Negative feedback is applied via R6 which is coupled to the "live" side of the speaker. Circuits of this type usually include resistors of $1 \Omega$ or $2 \Omega$ in the emitters of the output transistors but if the battery supply does not exceed 9 V these are not really necessary. If the supply voltage is increased greater output is achieved but the output pair will overheat and eventually blow.

## CONSTRUCTION

A suggested layout for the amplifier is shown in Fig. 2, but this is not critical. One point must be carefully checked. If R5 is not connected properly the output transistors will blow instantly, so be especially careful here with regard to dry joints etc. The speaker impedance can vary over a wide range and even $3 \Omega$ types work perfectly well though it is better not to go this low and $8 \Omega$ is the lowest that should be used for any length of time.


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Using an audio oscillator and then an r.f. signal generator check the operation of the counter on signals of various frequencies and amplitudes. The 'LEVEL' control should be adjusted carefully so that the input signal operates the input clipping stage correctly and ensures reliable operation of the counter and display.

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