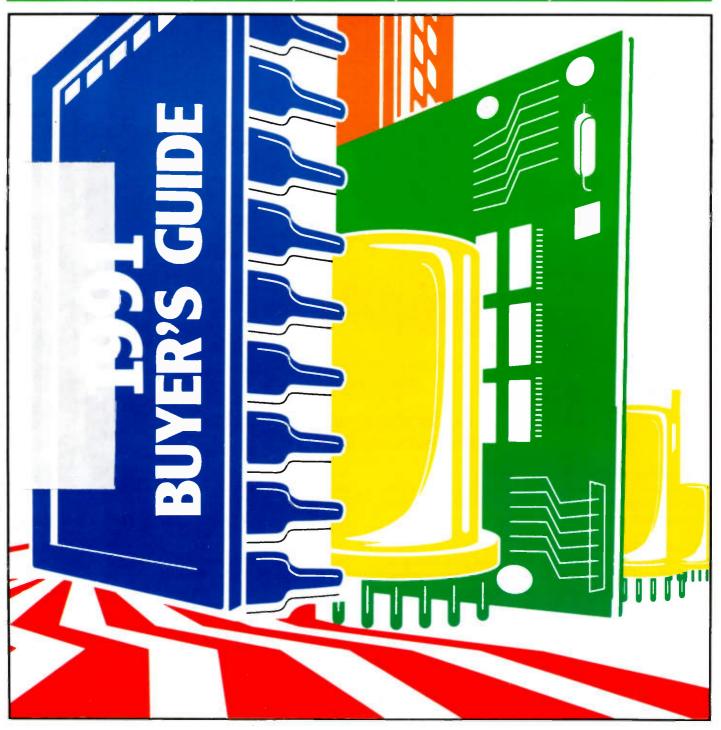
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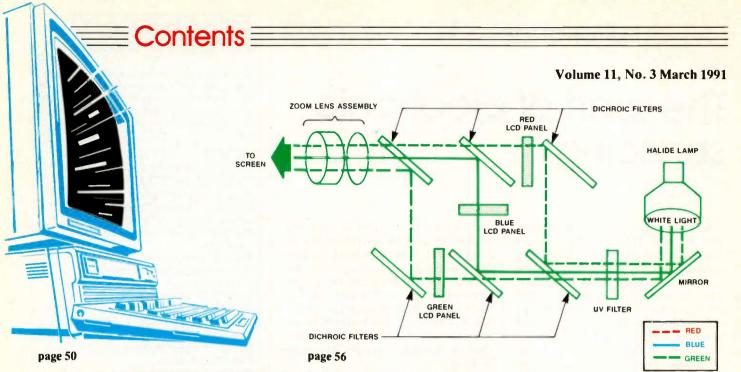
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6 Product Directory

There was a time when a servicing facility could get along with a meter, scope, tube tester, soldering gun and a few basic tools. Today the selection of tools and test equipment needed for servicing has grown. This directory provides information on suppliers of all these products to make the job of selection a little easier.

20 Replacement Parts/ Components Directory

Today, the number of replacement parts and components that a service facility must keep track of seems to be approaching infinity. This directory lists manufacturers, distributors and others who



supply the huge variety of parts needed to keep consumers' electronic products in operation.

37 Software/Services Directory Another characteristic of consumer electronics servicing today is the availability of supporting software and services. There is generalpurpose computer software, software for managing the servicing facility, and more. There are specialized services like board rework/repair, disk drive refurbishment and more. If you need this kind of software or service, look in this directory.

38 Association/Educational Services Directory

Operating a consumer electronics servicing facility today means continuing education to remain abreast of the almost daily advances in the technology. Another way to keep up with what's going on is to associate with others who are doing the same kind of work. This directory will provide you with information on what associations exist, and what kinds of education are available.

39 Company Mailing Addresses Once you have used one of the directories in this Buyers' Guide and identified the company or organization that you wish to contact, look in this directory to find out where to send your letter to, or what number to call.

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These graphic elements represent just a few of the thousands of components that a service center has to be aware of and keep track of. This 1991 Buyers' Guide can help in that effort by providing the service center management and technicians with the names and addresses of suppliers, and information about the products they supply.

Editorial E

The craft of electronic servicing

As I was paging through the January 1991 issue of IEEE Spectrum to see what's new in the world of electronics, I came across an ad for something quite the opposite; a reproduction of an old timepiece offered by the Franklin Mint, called the Universal Ring dial. The ad copy says: "Measure time the way George Washington did . . . with this fine precision timepiece. The Father of Our Country always treasured the precisely calibrated timepiece given to him by his close friend the Marquis de Lafayette.

"It was the Universal Ring Dial, the fine instrument preferred by the wealthy and powerful for over 150 years. Now this precision is re-created in etched solid brass to inaugurate the official collection of the National Maritime Historical Society.

"Pick it up. Turn the dial until sunlight coming through the pinhole focuses on the hour ring. And experience how Washington must have felt as he measured each dramatic moment in the birth of our nation."

"Every numeral and letter—as well as the acanthus leaf design—is deeply etched into the imported brass. Priced at \$100.00."

Then follows a series of instructions, with pictures. "Begin by setting the suspension ring to the local latitude. Next adjust the movable index to the current date. Finally, turn the entire dial until sunlight coming through the pinhole in the index is focused on the hour ring."

Isn't it amazing though, that in this age of electronics so advanced that you can have your time served up digitally, precisely, in such a number of ways and in such a number of places; microwave oven, TV, VCR, computer screen, that there would be a market for a timepiece that requires not only quite a bit of information to use, but that even requires that you be outside and that the sun be shining. And at a cost of \$100.00, when you can buy an electronic clock or watch accurate to the second for about \$10.00.

So what makes this particular, oldfashioned, inaccurate timepiece attractive? Of course it really has nothing to do with keeping time. It has to do with craftsmanship, beauty and elegance. For starters there's the craftsmanship in its manufacture. Even though, I suspect that there's some mass production in this batch of these timepieces, they're beautiful to look at. And considering the level of achievement of technology at the time these were designed, they appear to be elegant in their function and design. In fact that's part of their attraction; the design is not superfluous, there simply to enhance the attractiveness of the product. The function of the timepiece flows from its design.

Compare this to a watch or clock, or any electronics device of today. There's really little or no craftmanship in evidence. Oh, of course, if you look at some of the expensive products, like projection TVs, or expensive electronic watches, the case, the package, may be beautifully crafted, but that has nothing to do with the function of the product. In fact in these days of inexpensive, highly sophisticated, highly reliable electronics, as often as not the only difference between a \$10.00 electronic watch and a \$1,000 electronic watch is that the \$1,000 gold watch has a beautiful gold case. There is no difference in the electronics simply because the two of three dollars worth of electronics components is very high quality electronics goods, manufactured very inexpensively. Spending 10 or 100 times as much to manufacture the working parts would not result in any visible improvement.

It's interesting, then to think on the status of craftsmanship in today's electronics products. The engineers design them, efficient machines mass produce them, and even the elegant looking case of high end products may be machine carved, fitted and finished.

So where is the craftsmanship? It may very well be that the consumer-electronics servicing technician is the last craftsman still performing a craft in the consumer electronics business. To be able to diagnose a problem in one of these complex products, locate the defective component or components and to skillfully remove and replace them; that's a craft in a world in which there are very few crafts remaining, and one of which every technician should be proud.

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Today the unit being repaired might be a TV, VCR, camcorder or CD player, probably imported from another country, made by one of 20 different manufacturers under one of a hundred national and private brands. If you need a transistor or an integrated circuit, you might have to cross-reference among several component manufacturers or suppliers before you can identify one that you either have on hand or can get without too much trouble. Just keeping track of the names and addresses of suppliers can be a major task.

Here's help. This fifth annual ES&T Buyers' Guide contains information on hundreds of manufacturers and distributors who make or sell thousands of products. The guide will tell you who makes what, and it will give you addresses and phone numbers to contact. Save this issue. We get long-distance calls every day from readers who need an address. One look in the Buyers' Guide is usually all it takes to help them. If the callers had looked for themselves, they could have saved time and a toll call.

Using the Buyers' Guide

If you're in the market for a new oscilloscope this year, you would probably know the names of some of the major oscilloscope manufacturers, and you might have some of those companies' addresses somewhere in your files. Or maybe you would like to learn how to service computer disk drives, or compact disc players, but you have no idea who offers a course on that subject. If you figure the EIA is your source, you still have to figure out where to find that eternally misplaced address.

That's why we put together this Buyers' Guide—all the information you need is gathered together in one place. No need to search through stacks of papers. Here's your onesource alternative.

If you want an oscilloscope, turn to the Product Directory and look up oscilloscopes. Every company that responded to our questionnaire will be listed there, and every company's address will be listed in the Company Address Directory.

We've broken down this information into five categories:

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Finding a product or part

We have subdivided the product directory according to certain types of products:

- Test equipment.
- Test equipment accessories.
- Circuit damage protective equipment and supplies.
- Supplies/accessories equipment.
- Audio and video accessories.
- Tools

For example, if you are looking for a VCR test jig kit, turn to the test equipment accessories section of the Product Directory. The companies listed there all say they offer test jig kits. If the company name is followed by a *D, that tells you this company is a distributor, not a manufacturer, of that product.

You will notice that certain company names are in blue. Those companies have advertised in this issue. If you want to learn a little more about that company, turn to the page number listed to the far right. The ad alone might give you enough information to help you decide.

Once you know who you want to contact for more information, turn to the Company Address Directory.

The address, telephone number and fax number for each company are listed there. (Of course, if the company you are interested in has advertised in this issue, you can just pull out your Reader Service card and circle the reply number listed under the advertisement.)

The Replacement Parts/Components Directory works the same way. Just look up the type of component you need, then turn to the Company Address Directory to find out how to contact a company that supplies that product. The Company Address Directory lists information on more than 450 companies and associations that offer products or services for the electronics servicer.

Checking out services

Consult the Services Directory if you need to contact a consultant, get a disk drive or head refurbished, plug into an on-line service, find a company to repair or rework a PC board, rent or lease equipment, calibrate your older test equipment, or repair a tuner.

Your source for continuing education

The Association and Educational Sources Directory helps you find books, schools and training seminars for continuing your electronics servicing education. It also points you toward sources for service literature and schematics for the products you service. Finally, it lists those companies that produce management software systems that can help you run your business.

Keep in touch

Although the annual Buyers' Guide is a year in the making, we realize it can't be absolutely complete —new companies are always starting up, going out of business, or moving. And technology keeps adding new products to track. If you know of a company that you think other readers should be aware of, or if you would like us to extend our coverage to new product areas, drop us a line. Of course, if you find a mistake, please contact us immediately. We'll publish a correction in the next Feedback department.

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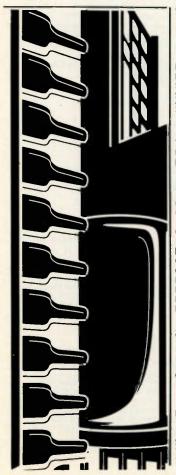
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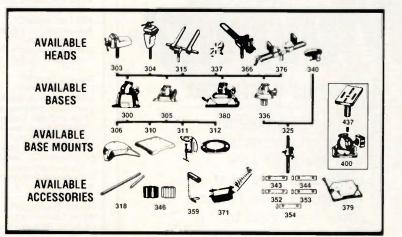
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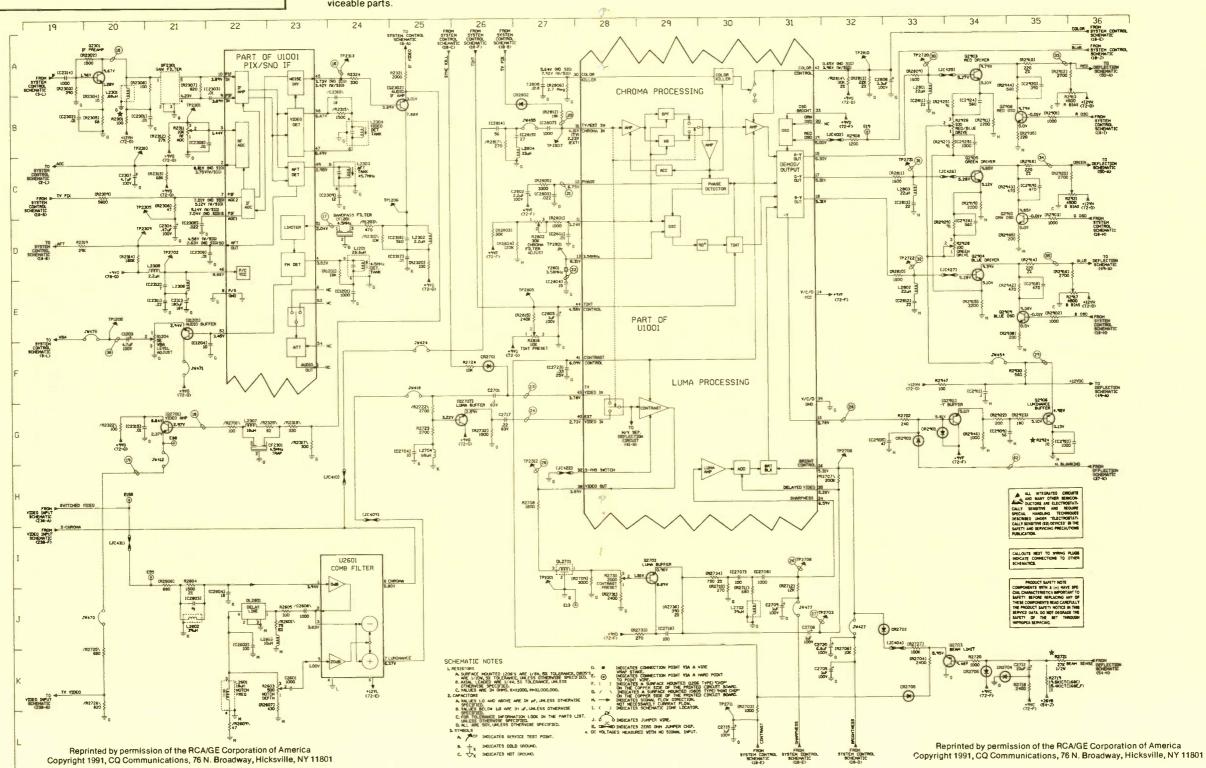
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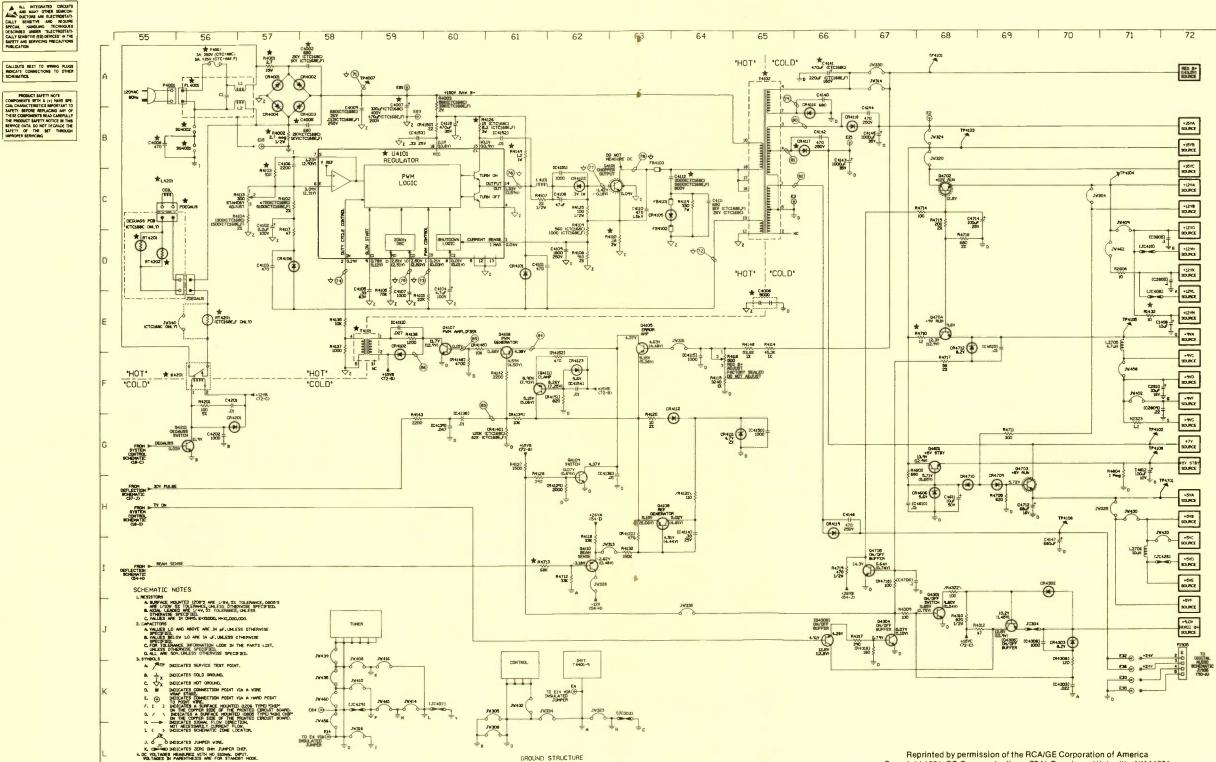
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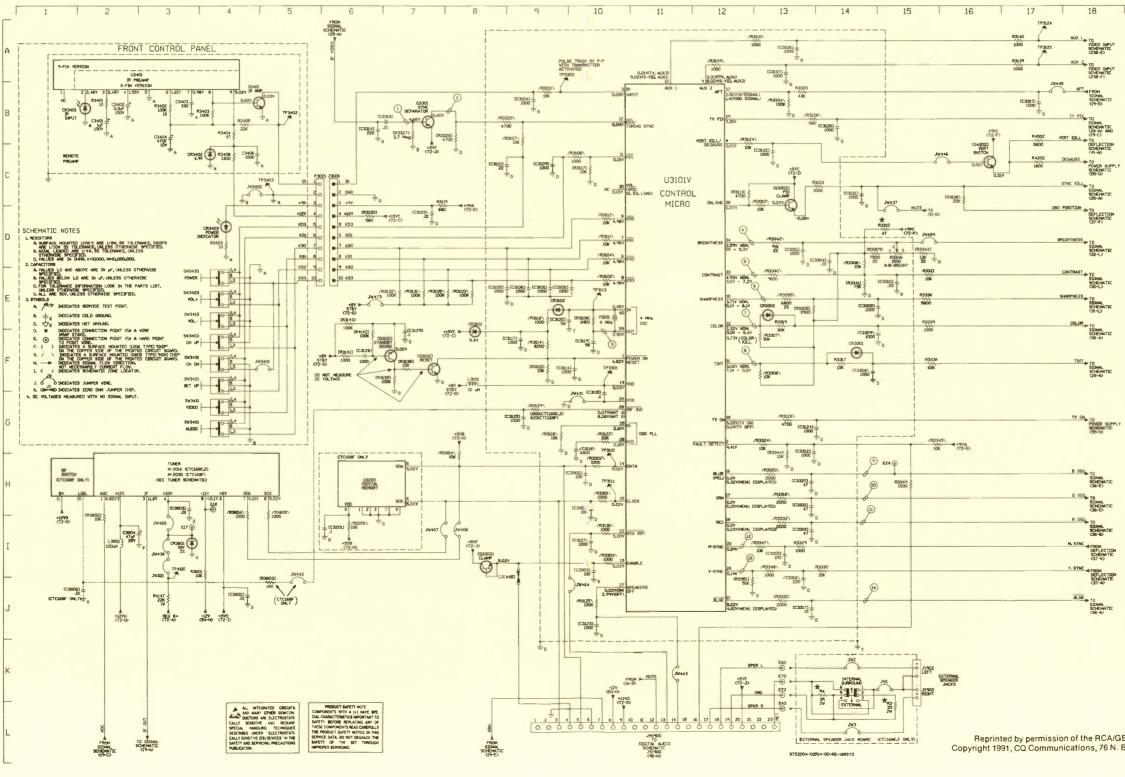
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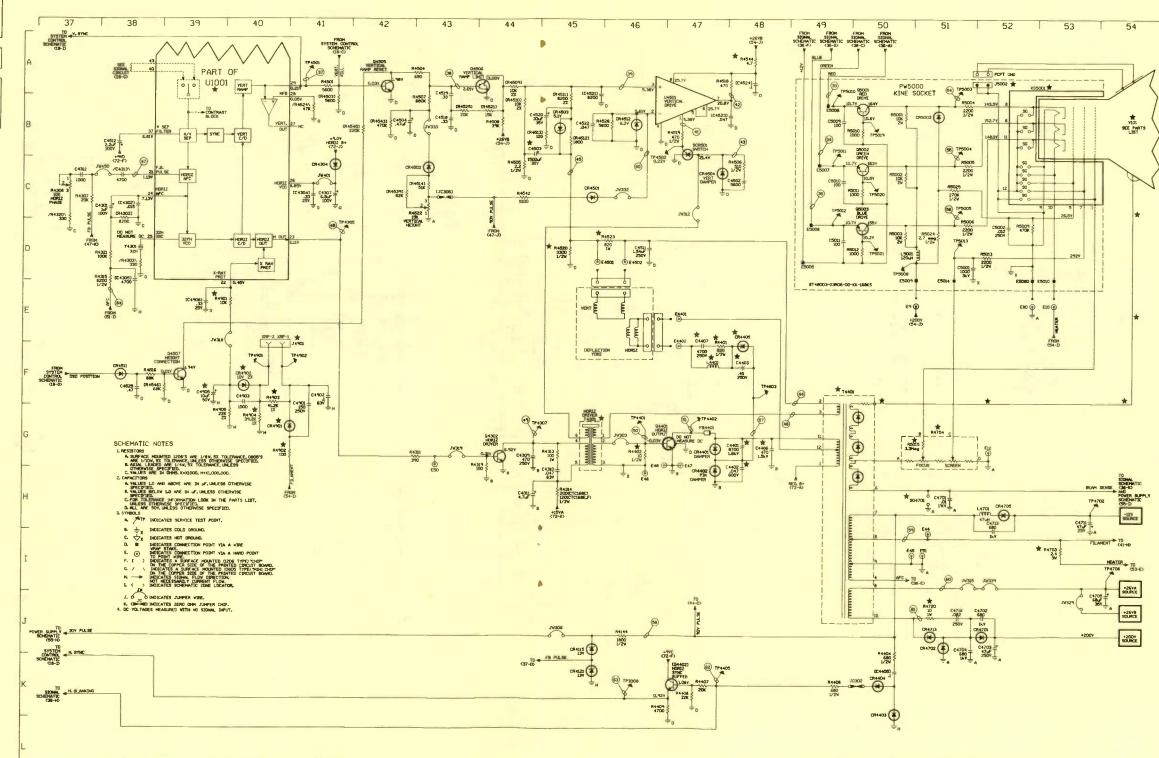
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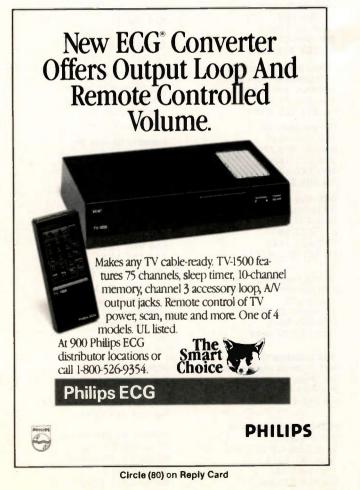
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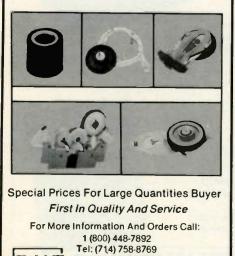
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By Conrad Persson

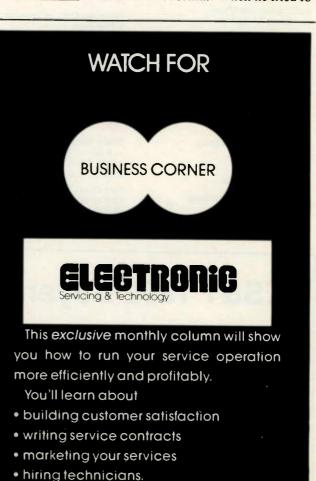
A friend of mine has an IBM compatible computer. When he bought it it was equipped with 1 megabyte of memory, a hard disk drive designated as C:, and a 5¼ inch floppy disk drive designated as A: Because he does a lot of work with memory intensive programs he decided to add another meg of memory. Because he

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also had a need to be able to read and write to a $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch floppy disk, at the same time he added a $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch disk drive.

After he added these enhancements, and went through the computer's resident setup program, everything seemed to work pretty well. When he got to the steps having to do with disk drives it even told him he had three drives: A: B: and C:. However, when he tried to format the new $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch drive, designated B, it wouldn't format. When he tried to





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format the drive he got a "DIVIDE OVERFLOW ERROR" message on the screen.

When he went through another setup program that he had available, the program recognized the disk as a 5¹/₄ floppy disk, and even allowed him to format the disk at 1.2Megabytes. This would have had some value as a floppy disk, as he could have written to and read from the disks on this computer. He was also able to read some other disks that had been written to on another computer. He believes that those were disks that had been formatted at 720Kbytes. The problem was that he could not read disks that had been formatted at 1.4Mbytes on another computer, and no other 3¹/₂ inch floppy disk drive would read disks that came from his computer.

The next obvious step was to check his newly configured system out using a diagnostic disk. This diagnostic program thoroughly checked out the new memory board, as well as all the electronics that was in the computer originally. Everything checked out just fine, except that when the program checked out the newly installed drive it gave him an indication that the drive was bad.

As the new drive was the only thing giving him a problem, it seemed logical that the problem was that the drive was in fact bad, so he sent it back to the supplier. The supplier checked the disk drive out thoroughly, then returned it to him. There was no problem with the drive.

Up to this point, nothing seemed to point to where the problem actually was, but this next step changed that trend. Suspecting that there might be some problem with the DOS program that was installed on the hard drive, he turned the computer off, then rebooted it with a floppy disk drive with the operating system and a higher version of DOS on it. When he tried to format, and read and write using the 31/2 inch disk drive, it performed flawlessly. Apparently the problem was not in the disk or any other hardware, but with the operating software.

The solution to the problem now seemed to be within reach, so he attempted to reinstall DOS onto the hard disk from the floppy disk that contained the higher version of DOS. The result was a message that there was insufficient room on the hard disk.

Actually, there was more than enough room, but again some software problem was causing this message.

There might have been an alternative way to get around this new problem, but not knowing what it might be, my friend decided to use the brute force method: he backed up the hard disk onto $5\frac{1}{4}$ inch floppy disks, reformatted the hard disk with the FORMAT C: command, and then **RESTORED** the information to the hard disk. Everything seemed to work fine after that; for a while.

The next day, when he turned the computer on, he got the indication on the screen that the computer had gone through the power on self test, but nothing happened beyond that. The computer sat there not looking at the hard disk drive, not looking at the keyboard.

Realizing that he had not repartitioned the hard disk before formatting it, he proceeded to repartition the hard disk using the FDISK command, then reformatted it and then restored the backup data from the floppy disks. Everything is now working fine. Actually, as often happens in a case like this, my friend is not exactly sure what the problem was. He suspects that perhaps the two hidden files became corrupted. Or perhaps the older version of DOS would not support the 3½ inch floppy disk drive.

The lessons that he learned from this experience (and which we hope will be of value to you as well) is 1. that it is possible for a diagnostic program to misdiagnose a problem, and 2. when there is a problem that might be software related, it's always a good idea to try turning off the computer and then rebooting it from a known good system floppy disk to see if the problem goes away.

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Test your electronics knowledge

Sam Wilson

Important! See "What Do You Know About Electronics?" in this issue. There is a new contest and explanation of errors in the December issue!

1. For the circuit of Figure A the RMS voltage multiplied by the RMS current equals

(a) the peak power.

- (b) the true power.
- (c) the average power.
- (d) the RMS power.

2. If you double the voltage across a thermistor

(a) the current through it will double.(b) the current through it will be halved.

(c) the current through it will not change.

(d) you cannot determine the resulting current by ohm's law.

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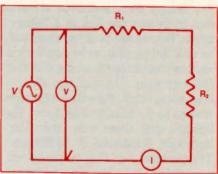


Figure A.

3. The amplifier in Figure B is being operated

(a) class A.
(b) class B.
(c) class AB.
(d) class C.

4. In an unregulated power supply the output of a bridge rectifier is delivered to an LC filter. Better supply regulation occurs if

(a) it is a choke-input filter.

(b) it is a capacitor-input filter.

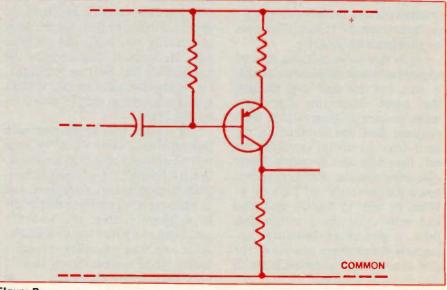


Figure B.

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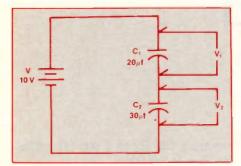


Figure C.



Figure D.

5. Assume the RMS voltage in the circuit of Figure A is exactly 10.0 volts. Also, the color codes of the resistors are:

R₁ - Orange, Orange, Brown, Gold and

R2 - Orange, Orange Brown, Silver

What is the maximum possible RMS current if the resistors are in tolerance?

1 = _____ milliamperes.

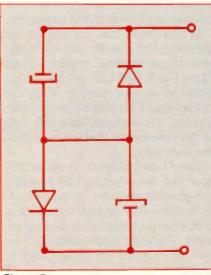


Figure E.

6. Give the values of DC voltage across C_1 and C_2 in the circuit of Figure C. Assume perfect (no leakage) capacitors and exact capacitor values.

 $V_1 = ____volts$ $V_2 = ____volts$

7. Line 21 of the VITS signal is marked on drawings as "framing code." What is it used for?

8. A technician connects a lightemitting diode to a diode curve tracer and gets the curve of Figure D. Which if the following is correct?

(a) The LED has been destroyed.(b) The curve shows the LED is not operating properly.(c) The test shows that the LED is

working properly.

9. Maybe you can make a non-polarized electrolytic capacitor using the connections shown in Figure E. Maybe not. Are the diodes properly connected?

(a) yes

(b) no

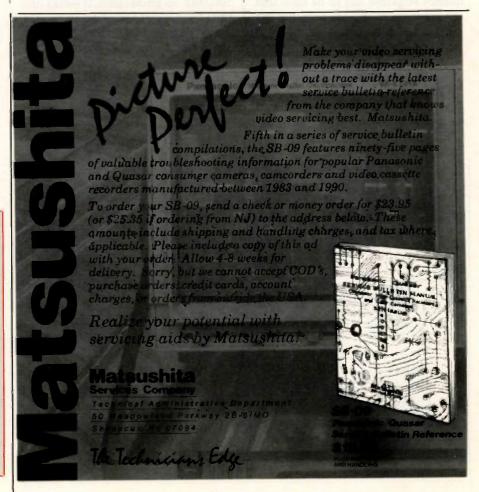
10. Which of the following components would you expect to find in a voltage-controlled oscillator circuit?

- (a) variac
- (b) varactor
- (c) variometer
- (d) (None of these choices is correct.)

I feel guilty about having two wrong answers in the December issue, so, here is a bonus question worth 10 easy points -

11. Who invented the Wheatstone bridge?

- (a) Wheatstone
- (b) Edison
- (c) Christie
- (d) Wilson
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Audio Corner 🗮

Frequency response and tonal balance

By John Shepler

Tonal balance occurs when you adjust an audio system to have just the right degree of treble, bass, and mid-range. Clock radios, portables, loudspeakers, and automobile sound systems are all designed to have a balanced sound. The tone controls exist to compensate for everyone's particular taste.

Preserving tonal balance is important when matching components. Any time you substitute one loudspeaker for another or change amplifiers, you run the risk of upsetting the tonal balance of the system. You also run the risk of upsetting the customer.

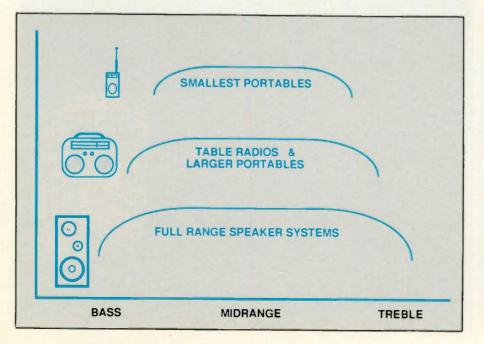
Tonal balance and frequency response are closely related. For voices and music to sound natural, the frequency response has to be such that for every low frequency note that can be produced a corresponding high frequency note is available. Otherwise, the sound will be described as "tinny," "boomy," "muddy," or "dull."

Shepler is an electronics engineering manager and broadcast consultant. He has more than 20 years experience in all phases of electronics. Suprisingly, it is not important that all audio systems have a flat response from 20 Hz to 20 kHz. Many applications such as two-way radio, telephones, PA systems, and intercoms would not work so well with a wide response. Wide frequency responses make equipment more susceptible to noise. For systems that are voice only, like paging equipment, you want to tailor the response to the voice range to achieve maximum intelligibility.

What is important is that the frequency response of any audio system be tailored for tonal balance. Figure 1 shows the general idea.

Old timers in audio engineering used something called the "Rule of 500,000" to guide them. It works like this: for natural sounding audio, the lower frequency limit times the upper frequency limit should equal approximately 500,000.

Let's see how this works. If a home stereo system has a response of 25 Hz to 20 kHz, then 25 times 20,000 equals 500,000. This also works for a typical AM radio with a response



covering 100 Hz to 5,000 Hz. The product is 500,000.

This says that if you want to cut high frequency noise and hiss, turning down the treble is not enough. You have to reduce the bass an equal amount or the resulting audio will be unpleasant to listen to.

Appropriate frequency response is one of several factors that determine why one radio or TV sounds good and another sounds bad. Low distortion is also important. You must have enough power to drive the loudspeakers to a comfortable volume without clipping. You also need some reserve power for audio peaks for someone who likes to listen at high volumes.

Be careful when replacing speakers. Not only is the tonal balance of speakers different, the power requirements vary as well. Most speakers designed to be built into equipment are reasonably efficient. Acoustic suspension speakers, such as those you see in automobiles, require a lot more power. You can't just substitute one type for the other.

Another key factor in audio equipment design is the speaker enclosure. The combination of speaker and enclosure is tuned for best response. Much of the magic has to do with the resonance of speaker and enclosure.

If you doubt this, try connecting the output of a small portable radio to a larger external speaker. Most likely you'll find that radio sounded better on its own speaker. Many car radios sound terrible through headphones, but perform extremely well in the automobile environment they are matched to.

Keep tonal balance in mind any time you are selecting components, substituting speakers or amplifiers, or dealing with customers who like to create unique combinations of equipment. The right tonal balance is certain to produce the most pleasing sound.

Business Corner

Have an advertising audit, have an advertising plan.

By William J. Lynott

How are you doing with marketing your business? Is it growing as fast as you'd like? Do you have a comprehensive marketing plan? Or does an ad in the Yellow Pages pretty much constitute your entire marketing effort? One of the pitfalls facing entrepreneurs who enter the business world with plenty of technical skills but little or no formal business training is a failure to appreciate the critical importance of marketing. Very few businesses of any size can maintain fiscal health without it. On the other hand, skillful marketing opens the door to unlimited growth.

Too many small service dealers start their businesses on the premise that offering top-notch service at competitive prices is all they will need to succeed. Unfortunately, that is far from the truth. Of course, these things are a critical part of the recipe for success; but they alone cannot generate the growth that is needed to keep a service business on solid financial ground.

On average, an electronics service dealer will lose about 20% of his customers each year. No matter how good the service offered, a number of people will move away, die, or simply decide to try a competitor. Just staying where you are requires replacing those customers with new ones. Growing larger obviously requires even more aggressive marketing.

While Yellow Page advertising is able to provide a large measure of this customer replacement, particularly for those companies whose YP ads are skillfully done, it is seldom enough to sustain long-term growth.

I spoke with a service dealer this

morning who told me that with tough times coming up, he is planning to triple his YP ad budget. I advised him to proceed with caution before making such a major commitment. He has been advertising in the Yellow Pages for years—and that is just about his entire marketing effort. In my view, given those circumstances, it is unlikely that such a huge increase in that medium will produce proportionate results. I advise him instead to conduct what I call a marketing audit.

Critical self-examinations called audits are common practice in other parts of our businesses. They are no less important in marketing. And a marketing audit need not be conducted by an outside consulting firm or a CPA. You can easily do it yourself.

While an audit should be customized for each individual business, there are key questions that are common to all. Here are the ones I consider to be most important for your business:

• Has there been a significant gain or loss in number of customers in the past year? In total dollar volume?

• Where are your revenue dollars coming from? Which types of service produce the highest dollar volume? The lowest? Do you have a record of trends and a budget for sales for each of the major classifications of service that you perform? Do you set specific sales goals or quotas for each form of income?

• What are the major strengths and weaknesses of your chief competitors. How do you stack up against their strengths? What can you do to exploit their weaknesses? What ac-

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Video Corner

The LCD projection system

By the ES&T staff.

Over the years the number of changes in television technology has been staggering, perhaps as only an electronics servicing technician can truly appreciate. First the picture tube increased gradually in size. Then color was added to the picture. Gradually vacuum tubes were replaced with transistors, then with integrated circuits. In fact, until only recently, the only vacuum tube in the TV set that has not been replaced with some kind of solid state has been the picture tube.

That has begun to change. Many small sets, both monochrome and color, have begun to feature liquid crystal display (LCD) systems, not entirely unlike the faces of today's digital watches.

There are a number of advantages of LCDs as TV display that suit them for use not only in small TVs, but in larger TVs as well. 1. They are relatively rugged. 2. They don't consume a great deal of power. 3. They are compact. 4. They don't require a source of high voltage.

At the moment, LCDs also have disadvantages: they are costly to pro-

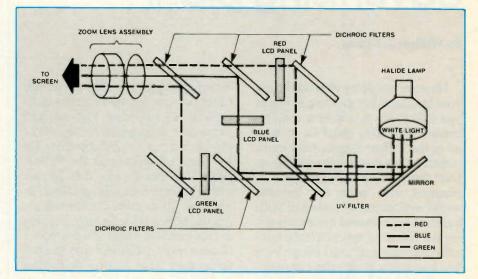


Figure 1. In the LCD TV, a halide lamp provides the light source. Dichroic filters separate the white light into its green, blue and red components. Each of these beams of colored light is projected through an LCD panel, and the three separate modulated light beams are combined in the lens assembly for projection of the picture. (Drawing courtesy Sharp)

duce, and their size is limited. So far the largest LCD screen produced has been around 14 inches. And that was prohibitively expensive.

As is the case with all technology, however, we can expect the cost of these units to come down, and the practical upper limit on size to increase, as the technology advances. In fact, LCD is, as noted earlier, practical today for the hand held sizes of TV, and as will be described

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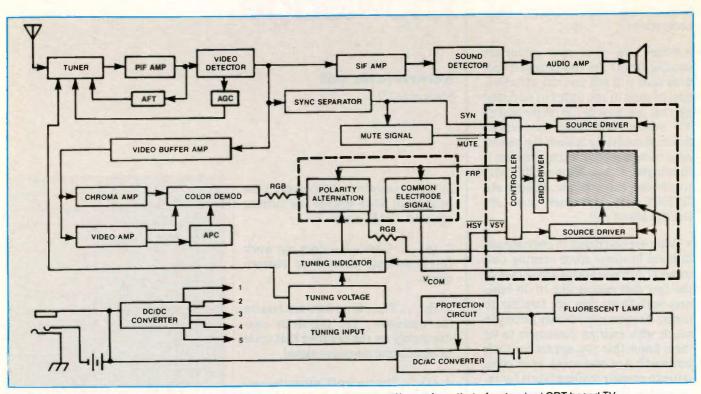


Figure 2. The block diagram of the LCD projection TV looks considerably different from that of a standard CRT based TV. (Drawing courtesy Sharp)

here also for projection TV.

In fact Sharp makes a projection TV today, based on LCD technology, that rivals other projection TVs in terms of picture quality, but has the advantage of being relatively small in size and light in weight. Actually, to call it a TV is not quite correct. It has no internal tuner, and so is actually a monitor, and requires a signal source such as a TV tuner or a VCR. But it is so small and so lightweight that the average adult can pick it up and carry it around in one hand by the slide out handle. The picture can be varied in size using the zoom lens up to 100 inches diagonally. As it's likely that LCD technology, and probably LCD projection technology, will be used more extensively in the future, we'll present a little about it here. If readers find that this kind of information is useful, we'll publish some more detailed articles in the future.

The projection TV uses three of the same LCD panels as used in the 3-inch color TV. The important difference is that one panel is used for each primary color (red, green and blue). This projection "TV" is actually more correctly a monitor, as it does not have an internal tuner. It therefore does not require the 35V tuner voltage.

The individual LCD panels in the LCD projection unit do not have built-in color filters as in the 3-inch TV. Instead, dichroic filters are used to divide white light (in the case of the Sharp projection unit, halide lamp light) into three primary colors: red, green and blue. Each LCD panel modulates one of these colors. The three color images are recombined at the zoom lens assembly, and projected onto a screen. The image size may be enlarged up to 100 inches diagonally. The red and green LCD modules are identical and interchangeable. The blue LCD module is unique.

Figure 1 illustrates the path of the light through the optical path. Figure 2 is the overall block diagram of the LCD TV.



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tions can you take to become more competitive?

Business Corner

• Where are your new customers coming from? Do you maintain records that will tell you the effectiveness of each of the forms of advertising that you now do? With the cost of YP advertising today, no service dealer should deny himself the knowledge of how effective that medium is in bringing in new business. It's easy to develop this statistic. Simply ask EVERY new customer how she learned about you.

• What are you doing to generate additional business from existing customers? Are you taking advantage of the fact that people like to do business with firms that are familiar to them? Are you periodically getting in touch with existing customers to let them know that you appreciate their business? Are you using your computer to prepare mailing labels for inexpensive direct mail promotions to existing customers?

• Is your pricing format a help or a hindrance to your marketing efforts?

• Are you taking advantage of such free or low-cost marketing techniques as community involvement, clean and brightly-painted service trucks, and cross-promotion with non-competing local companies?

• Finally, do you have an overall marketing plan with specific objectives and a diversified approach to spending your advertising dollars.

As I said earlier, each marketing audit must be tailored to suit the company's particular circumstances. Questions and topics will vary depending on the age and size of the business, the owner's short and longterm objectives and other considerations. In the main, however, the questions outlined above will provide the basis for an effective audit for most small electronics servicers.

I know that to some dealers this whole business will seem too much bother and much too theoretical. I hope you don't feel that way. A practical, carefully thought out marketing plan is one of the surest roads I know to success for service dealers.

Test your electronics knowledge

Answers to the quiz (from page 53)

1. (c)... Only in audio systems is the product of RMS voltage and current equal to "RMS power."

2. (d) . . . Ohm's law does not work for non-linear circuits or components.

3. (b)... There is no forward bias on the transistor. The transistor conducts only on the negative half cycle of an ac input sinewave signal.

4. (a)... The tradeoff is that the output DC voltage is lower for a chokeinput filter when compared with a capacitor-input filter connected to the same rectifier output.

5. I = 16.38 milliamperes . . . For the 330-ohm resistor the lowest allowable value for the 5% resistor is:

 $330 - (0.05)(330) = 313.5\Omega$.

For the 10% resistor it is:

 $330 - (0.1)(330) = 297\Omega.$

Adding those values gives 610.5Ω . Then, by ohm's law: I = V/R = 10/610.5 = 16.38 milliamperes.

6. The equations and solutions are given here:

 $V_1 = V[C_2/(C_1 + C_2)] = 10[30/(20 + 30)] = 6V$ $V_2 = V[C_1)/(C_1 + C_2)] = 10[20/(20 + 30)] = 4V$

Note the that the higher voltage is across the lower capacitance value.

7. Line 21 is used for a hearing-impaired signal.

8. The curve is correct, so the LED is OK.

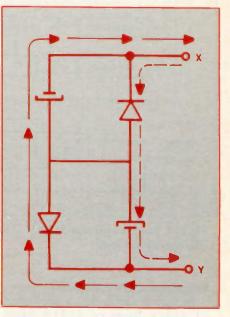


Figure F.

9. (a) . . . Figure F shows electron flow for two half-cycles of sinewave ac voltage across the circuit. Note that one of the capacitors is charged during each half cycle.

10. (b) . . . Varactor is an acronym for voltage variable capacitor. It has also been called a varicap. It is used in modern VCO circuits. Back in the old days - when Hector was a pup - a reactance tube was used for the same purpose - that is, to control the oscillator frequency.

11. (c) . . . (this information was obtained from an article by Robert G. Middleton.) Christie was the first to use the circuit. Wheatstone gave full credit to Christie when he did his work on the circuit 10 years later.

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