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## The Right Business?

Did you ever have the feeling that you're in the wrong business? It's common enough in our trade. With prices continually on the decline and customers harder to please, where's the profit? What are we all slaving away for? The consumer electronics retail trade has been doing poorly for several years now, the setmakers are boombed out and servicing struggles: equipment still goes wrong, but customers with several sets/VCRs put off doing anything about it or buy a give-away special offer. Maybe we should all be doing something else, but what? Well, as everyone will have probably noticed by now the video games market is the one that's been booming away. Last year Nintendo, the market leader, made a pre-tax profit of some $£ 1 \mathrm{bn}$. That's more than either IBM or Microsoft managed, and about as much as Matsushita, which is still the world's largest consumer electronics manufacturer, achieved. As another way of looking at it, Nintendo made twice the profit recorded by Sony on a sixth of turnover and with a tenth of the staff. Or a greater profit than all the US film makers put together. Quite an achievement for a company that for a hundred or so years had been quietly making playing cards. It's no wonder that more and more companies want to get into this field. Sega, a major firm in the arcade games industry, has already succeeded in doing so - and managed a sixty per cent profit increase last year.

It's particularly significant that the success of these two companies has not been achieved through competitive pricing. The games and the equipment required to play them - no nonsense about compatibility and common standards in this field - are decidedly expensive. No, the fact is that the companies have the right products and have made a success of their marketing. They have succeeded in a notoriously fickle market - selling to children. But of course once something becomes a craze in this market there's no stopping it. Until boredom sets in. Nintendo and Sega have got round that one by upgrading their games to maintain interest (and profits!). A further factor seems to be that once the habit catches on people go on playing: the age limit has yet to be determined, if there is one.

The other aspect of Nintendo and Sega's success is control of the software and hardware. You can devise a game to be played on a Nintendo games console but you have to get approval and pay a licence fee on every game you sell. And you don't get to do the manufacturing and packaging: Nintendo insist on doing that. Hence total quality and market control. There could possibly be grounds for action on the basis of restrictive trade practice, but no one has seen fit to try that so far. It's a complete contras! to the video games boom in the USA a decade ago. That came to an end when vast quantities of poor-quality games virtually destroyed the market. It seems that children are often less easy to fool than adults.

While all this has been going on, Philips and others have been less than successful with a product that should have far greater potential - CD-i. Maybe the games companies will help out here. Sega has introduced a dual CD player/Mega Drive games console which has been a success - an upgraded version is due in time for the next Christmas selling season. Nintendo is understood to be developing a next generation machine that will incorporate a CD player. It will be interesting to see what the games firms can do with CD-i. Meanwhile, a bit of shelf space for the games would help your profits no end and, come to think about if, the publishing aspect of the games phenomenon is also booming - there are at present at least twenty five magazines in the UK devoted to the interests of Nintendo and Sega games players. Cheerio?!

## Teletopics

## GOING DIGITAL

The Independent Television Commission has published a discussion document on converting to digital terrestrial TV. Use of the present TV frequency allocations could, with digital transmission, provide viewers with around a hundred channels. This would involve dropping the present analogue system. Such a course would be unacceptable in the immediate future, so the discussion is about ways of getting there eventually. The ITC feels that a notice period of at least ten years would be required before discontinuing the present services. Initially the commission favours a gradual introduction of digital TV, using a combination of simulcasting duplicating present services in digital form - and the addition of new, digital channels. This could give viewers up to twenty extra channels, depending on the number of current transmitters in operation in the region - some areas are more congested than others, particularly the south and south east. Existing sets could continue to be used in conjunction with a receiver-decoder to convert the digital signal to conventional analogue PAL form. The ITC also feels that a European standard should be agreed before the start of digital TV transmissions.

## NEWS

After a lengthy period of argument the European Community has agreed to a four-year. $£ 180 \mathrm{~m}$ plan to promote widescreen TV. The money will be made available to broadcasters and programme makers for equipment upgrading and the production of new programmes. It will be released subject to a matching investment being made by the recipient. Originally the idea was to link the Community initiative to the introduction of HDTV but the present move is limited to encouragement of the widescreen format.

Time Warner, Microsoft and cable TV operator TeleCommunications Inc. are to co-operate in the development of interactive TV in the USA. The system would give viewers access to films and games from a vast electronic library, enable various news and information sources to be selected and provide services such as shopping by television.

Video games should be available via TV before long. The Sega Channel is to be launched as a cable service in the USA early next year and is likely to appear in Europe as a satellite TV service shortly afterwards. The channel will make about fifty games available for downloading via a special tuner-decoder that can be plugged into a Sega Megadrive games system. The BBC however has scrapped plans to expand its BBC Select subscription service, in which more than $£ 10 \mathrm{~m}$ has been invested. Existing contracts and the three current services - the Executive Business Club, Accountancy Television and Legal Network Television - will be maintained. The number of subscribers failed to reach anything like the hoped for levels. 'Open access' programmes that can be recorded without an adaptor will continue to be broadcast.

A further report on the future of Channel 5 is due shortly from the ITC. It will consider three main options: a similar service to the one dropped last year; a narrower option based on local TV services; and the use of the frequencies for digital TV services.

In early June the BBC and Thomson demonstrated digital TV technology to the European parliament. Live satellite transmissions via Eutelsat I F4 used equipment developed by the BBC, Thomson-CSF Laboratories and other partners within the RACE programme. A compression system that reduces the data rate of an HDTV signal by a factor of thirty (from around $1,000 \mathrm{Mbits} / \mathrm{sec}$ to about $30 \mathrm{Mbits} / \mathrm{sec}$ ), a digital sound coding system that provides five high-quality channels and a broadband optical network were included in the demonstrations.

## DEVELOPMENTS

The European Launching Group for Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB), which has been co-ordinating European research and development work on digital TV systems, expects to reach agreement on a European standard by the end of the year. This could result in the start of services within two years. Meanwhile a likely specification for the US digital HDTV system has begun to emerge: 787.5 lines and 60 fields/sec without interlacing.

Xerox has developed a prototype LCD screen that provides a resolution similar to that of a laser printer. It has 6.3 million pixels and an apparent resolution of 300 dots per inch. Active-matrix, amorphous silicon thin-film-transistor technology is used. The US government Advanced Research Projects Agency provided aid.

BT researchers are developing a new video data compression algorithm that could increase the compression ratio by a factor of two hundred. The system works by second-guessing movement to increase substantially the amount of picture information discarded. It would be independent of the resolution of the original picture source.

Last month we mentioned (page 647) a ghost-cancellation system being developed by the ITC. It's based on a $24 \mu \mathrm{sec}$ pulse that's inserted in line 318 , during the field blanking period. The pulse is no ordinary one however: it sweeps from 0 Hz to 5 MHz and is then cut off sharply. The rest of the line is left without modulation. To make use of the pulse the set has to contain a memory in which the basic pulse waveform is stored. This enables the set to compare the standard and the received pulse. After analysis of any reflections the set produces a mirror image of the ghost signal and uses this to achieve cancellation.

Ultra definition TV (UDTV) is another thing that was mentioned last month (page 638). This Japanese programme involves not just UDTV but versions 0-III, with a development period extending to the year 2015. The ultimate result would be a 4,000 -line picture.

## DOLBY SURROUND SOUND

BBC Manchester recorded the Corporation's first official Dolby Surround Sound production. The programme, 'For Those in Peril', was a documentary commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic. It was shown on BBC-1 on May 30th.

Dolby Pro-Logic Surround Sound is a feature of two new Hitachi models, the C2574TN and C2874TN. Suggested prices are $£ 850$ and $£ 950$ respectively. They provide a total output of 55W r.m.s. in the Dolby Pro-logic mode and come complete with all the speakers required.

## THEM DISCS

Philips and Paramount Pictures have agreed to make fifty films available in the CD-i format over the next two years.

The full-length films will have MPEG-compressed fullmotion video, which gives 'better than VHS' picture quality. Each dise can store up to 72 minutes of video with digital stereo sound - the first will appear in the UK this autumn. Philips also plans to launch a series of CD-i music videos and interactive movies (the viewer can control how the plot develops). Prices will range from $£ 15$ to $£ 50$. A full-motion video (FMV) cartridge, Model 22ER9141, that will plug into the back of existing CD-i decks is to be launched. It will provide an additional 1.5 Mbytes of memory for extra features.

Nimbus Records plans to launch its video CD format next spring. The system will enable the user to watch $C D$ video movies via a TV set and hi-fi system - provided the CD player has a digital output socket (according to Nimbus a third of the world's 120 million CD players and eighty per cent of new players have one). A video adaptor unit containing MPEG expansion chips will be required between the player and the TV set - Nimbus hopes that future CD players will have this chip set built in as standard. Video CD discs will have up to 79 minutes of MPEG video. No price details have been announced.

3DO, the US-Japanese consortium that's planning to introduce an interactive multimedia system as a 32 -bit competitor to CD-i, made several announcements during the Chicago Consumer Electronics Show in June. Panasonic intend to introduce a 3DO interactive multiplayer (IMP), Model FZ1, later this year, though a working prototype was not on display. AT\&T has signed a 3DO hardware licence agreement and may develop a network version of IMP. Sanyo is also understood to have entered into a licence agreement. 3DO players will use an MPEG decoder developed by C-Cube Microsystems. Although

3DO talks of a US launch this autumn and a European launch next year, there seems to be doubt as to whether development work on the players could be completed in this short time. Crystal Dynamics of California has announced two 3DO games, 'Crash ' N Burn' and 'Total Eclipse': they will include full-motion video, 3D graphics, high-quality animation and multi-channel sound.

Kodak and Philips have entered into a licensing agreement for the mass-production of prerecorded Photo CD discs.

## HARDWARE

JVC has launched a second multimedia player, the Wondermega Model RGM2, in Japan. It uses a 68000 processor and plays audio CDs, CD plus graphics discs, karaoke CDs, Sega Mega Drive and CD-ROM computer games and Wonderlibrary electronic books. Up to eight channels of PCM audio are provided. Price is the equivalent of $£ 370-$ no UK launch date has been suggested.

Panasonic has introduced an ultra-slim VHS-C camcorder, Model NVR50, at a suggested price of $£ 900$. Its slim shape has been achieved by using an 0.25 in., 320,000 pixel CCD imager and a combined PCB for the camera and VCR sections. Features include digital picture effects, programmed auto-exposure, a long-play mode and index search.

AT\&T intends to launch a videophone costing less than $\$ 500$ in the USA later this year. It will be a very considerable reduction in price compared with AT\&T's first generation consumer videophone. New video signal compression technology is being developed to reduce the cost of the system.

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# TV Fault Finding 

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## Philips KT4 Chassis

This set was tripping. Not much of a problem you'd have thought - a line output stage fault or something connected to one of the chopper power supply's outputs. Not this time though. Try as I might, I couldn't find anything amiss on the secondary side of the power supply. So checks were made on the primary side. After testing various components I switched on and was quite taken aback - the set started up. Though the h.t. was low there was a picture and sound. There were also five or six hum bars on the screen. After much head scratching and the replacement of several perfectly good decoupling capacitors I decided to try replacing C2128, which couples the drive to the base of the chopper transistor. When a new $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 50 \mathrm{~V}$ capacitor had been fitted the h.t. came up nicely and the set was declared fit.
S.C.

## Sony KVX2132

The problem was crackling Nicam, but only on the video channel in the E-E mode. Very strange! Definitely a case where a call to Sony's ever efficient technical line at Cumbernauld was required. As usual they had the answer. We were told to replace or fit into vacant spaces in the PCB D1104 (DAN202K), Q1104 (DTC144EK), R1128 (lk $\Omega$ ), R1130 ( $4 \cdot 7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ) and $\mathrm{Cl} 128(10 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 50 \mathrm{~V})$. With the exception of C1128 these are all surface-mounted devices. They didn't say it would be easy!
S.C.

## Philips FL1.2 Chassis

This set was completely dead with only the power-on LED alight. Usually with this chassis the display will show, by means of flashing LEDs, where the source of the fault is likely to be. The most common thing is to find that the mute, Nicam and standby LEDs are lit, indicating that the set is in the protection mode. A check at L5381 in the protection control line produced a reading of 0.7 V . This had triggered the protection circuit and shut the set down. So the set was in the protection mode, even though the LEDs weren't indicating this.

When the set is in the protection mode the cause of the fault can lie in one of six areas. The only sure way of determining which one is firing the protection circuit is to disconnect each in turn. The place to start is at the audio protection transistor Q7010: if there's a fault in the line output stage, or a fault somewhere else is loading the h.t. line, this transistor will conduct because of an imbalance between the +11 V and -11 V supplies generated by the chopper circuit. With Q7010 disconnected the h.t. reached 40 V and the set remained lifeless.

I suspected the line output stage, but checks on the transistor and tuning capacitor were inconclusive. On closer examination I saw that the field shift transistors Q7512 and Q7513 were cracked and in a sorry state. They proved to be short-circuit. It seemed to me that the line output transformer had given up the ghost and taken these two transistors with it. Note that several types of transformer are used, depending on the type of tube fitted. This particular set had a Philips tube without DAF (dynamic focusing). When a
new transformer and field shift transistors had been fitted we had full h.t. - even with the audio protection transistor reconnected. Up came the raster but there was an EW fault. Replacing the BDT60F transistor Q7610 cured this final problem.
S.C.

## Philips G110 Chassis

This set wouldn't power up. It's not an uncommon complaint with this chassis. Unfortunately if the chopper transistor fails a power supply rebuild is necessary. A further problem is that the majority of the components are surface mounted. This wasn't going to be necessary here however. The h.t. was low at 20 V , but obviously the power supply was working to some extent. I suspected a fault in the line output stage, and by disconnecting the h.t. feed to the transformer and fitting a dummy load the full h.t. was obtained. But there was nothing amoss in this area. When pin 3 of the transformer was disconnected the set started up and we had full h.t. and e.h.t. There was no 14 V supply however as pin 3 provides the feed, hence no sound or raster.

What was happening was that the timebase generator chip was working in the start-up mode. It receives an initial supply from the chopper circuit, the 14 V supply taking over once the line output stage gets going. Thus with the 14 V supply disconnected the chip wasn't working at its full capacity. We had however established that the fault was connected with the 14 V rail. The problem is that it feeds the 12 V regulator, whose output goes all over the place. To isolate the cause of the fault we had to disconnect various feeds. In fact the faulty component was the BC858 transistor Q7284 in the audio protection stage - it's another surfacemounted device.

A tip for this chassis: before you start, get your SMD transistor kit ready.
S.C.

## Philips CP110 Chassis

We're experiencing, and have done for some time, a high failure rate with the mains rectifier's reservoir capacitor $\mathrm{C} 2656(150 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 385 \mathrm{~V})$. It tends to go low in value, with the result that there's no start-up supply to the TEA1039 chopper drive chip IC7669. Pin 9 is the place to check. Around 14 V should be found here. If this supply is low or absent, replace C2656 despite being able to measure 300 V or more across it
S.L.

## Ferguson ICC7 Chassis

This set was dead with its 1.6AT mains fuse FP01 opencircuit and the BUH515 chopper transistor TP29 shortcircuit. Checks failed to reveal any obvious causes for the failure of these devices. On replacing them the power supply still didn't work but at least there were no fireworks. As there were no shorts across the secondary lines we looked at the drive to TP29. This is produced by IP01 (TEA226I), which proved to be faulty. There's a d.c. connection between the base of TP29 and IP01, which was
presumably killed when TP29 went short-circuit - all ways. After replacing this device the h.t. appeared but the set still refused to produce results. RP62 ( $0 \cdot 1 \Omega$ ) in the 24 V supply was open-circuit. A replacement finally brought the set back to the land of the living.

## Matsui 2091

A dead set with h.t. present at the collector of the line output transistor directed our attention to the line driver stage. The 2SC2230 transistor here had 18 V at its collector but no drive at its base. This comes from the TDA 1940 chip IC401 which was without its supply at pin 4 . Tracing the print back (we'd no manual) brought us to D407 which was opencircuit with 9 V at its anode but nothing at its cathode. S.L.

## Panasonic TC481

Intermittent loss of signals (no 12 V supply) is caused by R545 ( $3.3 \Omega$ ) developing a dry-joint. In the early stages of the fault the set will respond when tapped and continue working indefinitely.
R.B.

## Toshiba 261T4B

This set could be switched on and off but all one got was a rather loud grating noise from the line output transformer. A check showed that the h.t. at the transformer was low at only 50 V . We suspected the transformer but found that the $2 \cdot 4 \Omega$ resistor in series with its supply ( R 481 ) read $200 \Omega 2$. though its colours were perfect. A replacement restored normal operation.
H.MacM.

## Philips CTX Chassis

This set had remote control. It came to us twice for much the same fault. On the first occasion there was no tuning memory. Simple that, the memory battery was flat. A week later it was back again, this time with no brightness or colour memory. It's the only time I've had to replace the M5840A chip.
H.MacM.

## ITT CVC25 Chassis

These sets are normally quite reliable. Every so often however this one didn't want to start - it would need a few pushes on the mains switch. The cause of the trouble was eventually traced to a very dirty line hold control. This potentiometer, R710, is on the little plug-in panel. H.MacM.

## $B$ and $O 3316$ etc

A large number of these sets are in use in this area. A common fault, which can be cured by a tap on the cabinet, is loss of sound and vision. It occurs only when the chassis is warm. The cause is a microscopic dry-joint on a couple of the TCA270S chip's pins. This chip resides in can E. It's a very difficult fault to trace because checking with a feather will produce it!
H.MacM.

## Mitsubishi CT21M1TX

The power supply would start up at switch on then immediately shut down. This sort of trouble is normally caused by a heavy overload, but checks for shorts across the outputs and subsequently disconnecting them individually failed reveal any. The run supply rectifier D905 and its associated safety resistor R905 were in order and replacement of the

TEA2261 power supply control chip made no difference. We eventually found that the opto-isolator PC951 was defective, a replacement restoring normal operation. In retrospect we should have gone for this first as the set had failed during a thunderstorm.
R.F.

## Tatung 190 Chassis

The complaint was "sound but no picture". We found that the ine output stage wasn't working because there was no line drive at pin 26 of the TDA4505 chip IC101. Further scope checks around this chip showed that the line oscillator frequency at pin 23 was nearly 1 MHz instead of $15,625 \mathrm{~Hz}$. The $2 \cdot 7 \mathrm{nF}$ timing capacitor Cl 11 had gone open-circuit, a replacement restoring normal operation.
R.F.

## Sony KV2212UB

The complaint was of random channel changing. We found that the cause was defective up-down switches in the top flap.
R.J.A.

## Salora J Chassis

I've seen many of these sets over the years. They still seem to work well. This one had peak brilliance at switch on however, then shut down. We traced the cause to an opencircuit in the thin wiring loom, at connection 1 where it meets the main board
R.J.A.

## Sony KVX2121U (AE1 Chassis)

Loss of sync and/or picture caused us some difficulty. We eventually traced the cause to dry-joints on coil T101. It's on the right-hand side of signals panel A .
R.J.A.

## Samsung BT110/Alba PTV9C

We've had two of these sets in recently. The first one came from a dealer who replaced the fuse but found that the set remained dead. There was an output from the d.c. power supply, and when d.c. was connected across the battery terminals the set worked. But when the supply was fed to the d.c. jack it was dead. The cause of the trouble was a faulty changeover switch in the d.c. socket - it read $2 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ from centre to the output.

The problem with the other set was no TV tuning - radio was fine. When the case had been removed we found that the PCB was cracked for some distance near the tuning/volume controls. This had already been attended to and there were no other breaks. The cause of the trouble was that the $6.8 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor R 128 which feeds the 33 V regulator IC102 was open-circuit.
N.B.

## Ferguson TX80 Chassis

If one of these sets fails to come on from standby, check whether the line output transistor is short-circuit and either RPOI ( $27 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ) or RP36 ( $75 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 3 \mathrm{~W}$ ) is open-circuit. N.B.

## Fidelity ZX3000 Chassis

This set took upwards of an hour to come on. Faint pulsing from the power supply had been noted by the observant customer. A check at pin 9 of the TDA4600 power supply control chip IC8 showed that the 13.5 V start-up supply was low. It built up from 4 V to 10 V . but this was not enough to start the set. The two $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega 2$ resistors $\mathrm{R} 82 / 3$ and rectifier D7
in the start circuit were all o.k. As the voltage at pin 9 varied it seemed likely that the associated $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 25 \mathrm{~V}$ reservoir capacitor C87 was open-circuit. When it was removed we found that it had a discharge from its positive leg. N.B.

## Panasonic TC431GR (M12C Chassis)

These excellent sets have proved to be very reliable but now have a stock fault. No go, often intermittent, can be caused by loss of the h.t. supply to the line driver stage because of dry-joints on the $680 \Omega$ feed resistor R513.
N.B.

## Mitsubishi CT2141BM

The cause of an intermittently fading picture was loss of heater supply to the c.r.t. because of a dry-joint at pin 9 of the socket. All the pins were going the same way. N.B.

## Ferguson A59F (ICC7 Chassis)

A number of early production sets suffered from poor focus because the focus lead connector came adrift from its socket on the c.r.t. base panel. Some customers have complained about lack of straightness of the verticals and horizontals with the very flat tubes fitted. There doesn't seem to be anything one can do about this.
N.B.

## Blaupunkt Milano IL32 (FM100 Chassis)

This set was dead. The relay could be heard to click on when the remote control unit was used to switch the set on from standby, and the standby LED was on. So at any rate the standby power supply was operating. There was no mains feed to the main chassis however as relay M865 was open-circuit on one pole.
N.B.

## Panasonic TC2110 (U5N Chassis)

The first problem with this set was an intermittent mains switch. Its remote contacts were faulty: if the switch button was flicked the set would more often than not work all right. A replacement switch put that right. The set then ran for about half an hour after which it died. The power supply relay wasn't working and I soon found that there was no supply to the remote control panel. This comes from a small transformer which is mounted in the bottom left-hand corner of the set. It had an open-circuit primary winding. R.N.

## Philips CP110 Chassis

This set refused to start. I went through all the usual things without success. Scope checks then showed that there was a very damped waveform at the collector of the BUT11AF chopper transistor $\operatorname{Tr} 7665$. I eventually found that the BYD33D rectifier diode D6672 in the 32 V supply on the secondary side of the circuit was faulty, reading aout $1.5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ each way. A replacement restored normal operation. R.N.

## Philips KT3 Chassis

This 16 in. set was dead. When we removed the back we found that something had been spilt into it - something brown and gungy. We cleaned up generally and replaced various items, including the chopper transistor, but the set still failed to start up. We eventually found that the cause of the fault was a short between the primary and secondary sides of the chopper driver transformer. This had presumably occurred when the chopper transistor had failed. We
were subsequently told that the set was used in the kitchen, and that the offending substance was brown sauce. M.Dr.

## Hitachi CPT1444

The LED channel display lit and the channel numbers could be changed. But there was no picture or sound. Before ordering a manual I decided to check the fuses and found that FS901 (1.6AT) behind the on/off switch was opencircuit. No contributory cause could be found. Note that if the fuse next to it, FS902, goes open-circuit there will be no channel display and no tuning, just a snowy raster. M.Dr.

## Grundig CUC2400 Chassis

The man who traded in this set told us that another shop had taken a look and found that the tube was faulty. In fact R769 ( $15 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ) on the c.r.t. base panel was open-circuit. A replacement restored the blue in the picture.
M.Dr.

## Osume CTV1486T

The symptoms with this set were intermittent loss of sync, a blank raster, no sound, switching to standby and the LED channel display going off. We eventually found that the output from the 5 V regulator, IC105, was varying. The chip wasn't the cause of the trouble however. The standby transformer was faulty.
M.Dr.

## Alba CTV12

This set was dead though the channel indicator was alight. We eventually traced the cause to dry-joints on the line driver transformer.
J.E.

## Philips KT3 Chassis

The cause of intermittent tripping was eventually traced to the degaussing posistor. These devices usually rattle when they fail, but this one didn't. A very long test run after replacing it proved that the fault had been cured.
J.E.

## Mitsubishi BB1201B

No line or field lock was the problem with this set. Slight adjustment of the line oscillator coil L501 restored line lock but the field hold preset VR401 had to be replaced to restore field lock - there was a break in its track.
J.E.

## Philips 2A Chassis

There was an over bright raster with flyback lines and the first anode control had no effect. We found that the feed resistor R3473 ( $910 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ) had gone open-circuit.
J.E.

## Hitachi CPT1456

This set was dead with the power supply screaming in agony. We found that the 2SD1453 line output transistor was short-circuit collector-to-emitter. Unfortunately the cause of its failure was the line output transformer. J.E.

## Sony KVDX271

Sound all right but just a blank screen because there's no first anode voltage is becoming quite a common fault with these sets. You find that R 807 ( $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 1 \mathrm{~W}$ ) is open-circuit and D803 short-circuit.
J.E.

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# A Serviceman's Guide to PCs 

A computer, preferably a PC (Personal Computer), is rapidly becoming a 'must' in the service department. It will increase your profits, balance your accounts and keep VAT and tax records in impeccable order, taking the tedium out of book-keeping - in fact making it rather fun.

Neatly kept, accurate records printed out as a spreadsheet mean that your accountant will charge less for preparing your annual return for the tax people. A PC will produce letters and customers’ bills with minimum effort. How often have you laboriously typed or written the same phrases or paragraphs? A stock phrase or paragraph can be rapidly recalled from the PC's memory and inserted into the document you are preparing. You can store a list of every video/TV fault you've ever encountered or read about in a computer. To recall the required information, just type in the make and model and the monitor's screen will instantly display what you want.

The service engineer has just so much energy to use during a day. With a PC you can avoid those energywasting arguments with Mrs. Whoever about what was done to her TV set and when: touch the keys and within seconds the screen will show the date of the last repair, the amount charged and the work done. Press another key and a copy of the original bill will be printed out.

The IBM PC was introduced in 1981. Today the term PC
is generally applied to any computer that will run IBM programs. IBM and IBM-compatible computers (PC clones) have become the accepted standard for business use. More software programs are available for them than for any other type.

As a result of fierce competition, PC prices have fallen by almost fifty per cent during the last year or so. This hasn't happened with Apple Mac and Acorn computers. So if you don't already own a PC, now is the time to buy one.

There's a certain mystique about computers. They are nothing more than super-fast adding machines that process binary signals however. Any mathematical problem can be solved by the process of addition, and this is just what a PC does. The engineer who services colour TV sets, VCRs and camcorders will experience no difficulty in gaining an understanding of PC principles. Table 1 explains some commonly used computer terms that puzzled me and may puzzle you. PC terms are spelt the American way, for example program rather than programme.

## What's Inside?

Fig. 1 shows in block outline form the items that go to make up a typical PC installation. But remember that, as with TV sets and VCRs, the layout and design of individual


Fig. 1: Block outline of a typical IBM-compatible PC.
models can vary considerably. The basic principles remain the same however.

The 'system unit' is the case that houses the computer. It includes the mains-fed power supply that provides outputs for the mother board and the disc drives. A quiet cooling fan is incorporated. You've a choice between a desktop computer case, a floor-standing mini tower case, a midi tower or a full tower system. Tower computers are popular because they don't take up desk space and have plenty of inside room for future hardware expansion.

The mother board holds the CPU (central processing unit) which can be regarded as the computer's brain. It processes information, in digital form of course, in accordance with instructions contained in a program. The 80286,80386 and 80486 are popular CPU chips (microprocessors).

Because the 386 and 486 microprocessors use high-speed clock oscillators the PC's basic memory chips can't respond to CPU instructions and data fast enough. So with these CPUs the binary data stored in the memory chips is preloaded into a small, faster memory area that's known as the processor 'cashe RAM' or 'cashe memory'. A turbo switch enables two clock oscillator speeds to be selected, 8 MHz or 25 MHz .

A maths co-processor can be added on the mother board. Don't expect an improvement in the PC's performance unless a program that's designed for use with a coprocessor is used. Examples include CAD packages, some spreadsheet programs, many graphical programs and number-crunching mathematics programs. Note that the 80486 DX chip has a built-in cache memory and maths coprocessor.

Thus the mother board has the main electronic circuitry, plus various expansion slots. The computer's RAM (Random Access Memory) chips are mounted on plug-in modules known as Single In-line Memory Modules (SIMMs) or Single In-line Packages (SIPs). Eight slots for SIMMs are shown in Fig. 1. Not long ago a PC would have a typical memory capacity of IMbyte. Today a minimum of 4Mbytes is desirable. Plugging extra PCBs into these slots provides additional memory capacity or facilities.

The RS232 board, known as the serial/parallel input/output interface, plugs into the mother board. It provides typically one-four serial data ports so that devices such as a mouse, light pen or scanner can be connected. It also drives Centronics compatible parallel data line ports (labelled LPT1, LPT2 etc.) that provide links to devices such as a printer, a modem - or another computer.

The Graphics Adaptor board also plugs into the mother board. It drives the monitor. Although a monochrome monitor is appropriate for business use, it's worth investing in a high-resolution colour monitor. Choose your monitor carefully: go for one that produces deep, rich colours without fringing around white letters.

The currently popular super VGA colour monitors provide a resolution as high as $1,024 \times 768$ pixels with 16 colours, or $800 \times 600$ pixels with 256 colours. Line scanning frequencies - higher than used in TV sets - are typically between 30 and 38 kHz . Field scan rates may range between 45 and 85 Hz . Early colour monitors responded to digital input signals. This limited the range and quality of the colours that could be produced, because the signals changed in distinct digital steps. Today's analogue monitors produce far superior colours.

A 14in. super VGA interlaced monitor, set to $640 \times 480$ pixels with 16 colour modes, is suitable for service department use. If you intend to use the PC for desktop
publishing, or with a CAD (Computer Aided Design) package, a 17 or 20 in . high-resolution, non-interlaced monitor is desirable. With a TV receiver an interlaced display is necessary because of the limited signal bandwidth. For some PC applications however the signal bandwidth may be 80 MHz or higher.

A screen glass anti-glare filter is a 'must'. Don't take chances with precious eyesight. A good filter screen protects the user from ultraviolet rays, eliminates external light reflections and improves the sharpness of letters. Buy one that has an anti-static chassis earthing lead and complies with the new EC legislation.

In the arrangement shown in Fig. I a Small Computer Systems lnterface (SCSI) PCB, or 'Scuzzy’ as it’s called, plugs into mother board to provide links to the discs. It controls the outputs to and inputs from a hard disc drive (drive C ) and 3.5 in . microfloppy and/or $5 \cdot 25 \mathrm{in}$. floppy disc drives (drives A and B). An alternative to the SCSI board is an Integrated Drive Electronics (IDE) board - these are becoming popular. With an IDE board some circuitry that was once in this area is moved into the hard disc drive unit.

The Hard Disc Drive contains several aluminium platters. Each one has a thin magnetic surface that can store many Mbytes of digital data, including the computer's Disc Operating System (DOS). The floppy disc drives are used to back-up information, to store additional data and load programs etc. on to the hard drive.

A program that's known as the Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) in contained in a chip on the mother board. When you switch the PC on, the BIOS first carries out some test routines. It then orders the DOS program that's stored on the hard disc to load itself into the RAM chips. The BIOS chip also contains other programs that give orders to the system hardware.

## The Keyboard

The older 'standard' keyboard is now obsolescent. You need a modern 102-key (UK) enhanced version. Before buying a keyboard, satisfy yourself that the keys have a firm, positive feel.

## The Mouse

This is a small device that you roll around on the desk surface to control the movement of the cursor on the screen. When the required function or Window's icon is covered by the cursor you select it by pressing the button on top of the mouse. Get a mouse matt: it's inexpensive and makes it much easier to use a mouse.

## The Disc Operating System

The Disc Operating System (DOS) program is stored on the hard disc. When the PC is switched on it first 'boots up'. This expression comes from the old saying to 'lift yourself up by your bootstraps'. You see a changing series of numbers and statements on the screen. The PC is testing its functions, booting itself up and giving itself instructions. It then loads the DOS into the RAMs connected to the mother board.

There's also on the hard dise a collection of statements in a file known as the CONFIG.SYS. After loading the DOS into the RAMs the computer reads this file and immediately carries out the CONFIG.SYS instructions. These specify vital DOS settings, such as the number of files DOS can have open, and the keyboard settings.

The computer then searches the hard disc for a file called AUTOEXEC.BAT. This orders the DOS to load certain commands into the RAMs, and sets what is known as a 'path' for certain programs. Type a few keystrokes and these programs are instantly available. AUTOEXEC.BAT commands also set the time and date, mouse control and other factors.

The DOS program acts as a general manager. It controls the flow of digital data between the various disc drives, and translates the instructions received by the computer from its electronic bits and the installed software program. Instructions typed on the keyboard make DOS talk to BIOS which in turn tells the CPU what to do.

Three popular disc operating systems are MSDOS 5 (Microsoft DOS no. 5), IBM's new OS/22.0 and Digital Research's DRDOS 6.0. They are all good and you won't go wrong with any of them. When you buy a PC or a separate hard disc you may find that an operating system has already been installed.

My personal choice is DRDOS 6.0 which includes DiskMAX, a program that's claimed to double the hard disc storage capacity. TaskMAX and MemoryMAX. It also has ViewMAX, an optional user-friendly graphical interface, and a comprehensive set of excellent instruction manuals.

## Buying a PC

How much PC power will you need? Not enough means that the machine won't meet your needs. Too much means that hard-earned money has been wasted on features you'll never use. The nice thing about a PC however is that additional RAM and plug-in expansion PCBs are easy to add make sure that the PC has plenty of expansion slots before you buy it. With many PCs you can update, usually by changing the mother board, to a faster, more powerful CPU.

My minimum recommendation for service department use is a PC with a 25 MHz 80363 CPU and 4 Mbyte of RAM. Anything less will soon become obsolete. Buy one with a high-quality hard drive which has a minimum storage capacity of 60 Mbytes . For the larger business 120 Mbytes or more is advisable.

You'll also need at least one 3.5 in . floppy disc drive. A full tower system will have space for several floppy disc drives and additional hard drives. A $5 \cdot 25 \mathrm{in}$. floppy disc drive can be fitted if you wish, but $5 \cdot 25 \mathrm{in}$. discs are now on their way out.

## Building a PC

A profitable undertaking for the service engineer is to build your own PC. The one that I'm using to write this article was assembled from separate PCBs in a full tower case. The PCBs and parts are all readily available. You don't even need a soldering iron, as everything plugs into the mother board or connects by means of plug-in leads.

Not only will you save money: the finished unit will not be just a mysterious box of tricks. You'll know how it operates and, if necessary, will be able to service it yourself. To call in a computer engineer to fix a faulty PC is expensive, as is a maintenance contract. A PC is easier to repair than a VCR or a camcorder, and is a lot more reliable. The TV engineer will naturally be quite at home should the monitor require attention.

Another point is that PC construction, installation and servicing offer an extra and profitable source of income for the competent service engineer.

Several companies have available complete PC kits. With one of these everything is to hand when construction starts, and the completed unit will be as good as any other one on the market. Another advantage of buying a kit rather than separate items from different suppliers is that a help line is available should a problem arise.

At the time of writing Maplin has reasonably priced IBM compatible desktop kits. Maplin and Watford Electronics can supply individual boards and components with which to build your own desktop or tower PC.

Constructing and testing a DIY PC will be the subject of a separate article later.

## Printers

Printer prices have dropped to an all time low. The dotmatrix type, in which the printed letters are formed by a series of dots made by pins that strike through a ribbon, is the most economical type. You can get from 9-pin types (draft quality) to 24-pin types that provide good, clear near letter or letter-quality print. Prices range from about $£ 100$ upwards.

Inkjet and Cannon's Bubblejet printers produce better results. PaintJet colour printers are available at around $£ 700-£ 800$. Laser printers produce the best quality printing. They are more expensive to buy and cost more to run, though at the time of writing prices continue to fall.

The Daisywheel printer is now virtually obsolescent. New ones are still available however. They are low cost devices that are cheap to run. The Daisywheel printer uses the same technology as a top-quality electronic typewriter, with superb print. Its drawbacks are slowness and inability to print graphics and drawings.

Some printers are noisy. If this worries you a soundproof acoustic lid can be fitted - but this may cost more than the printer! Before buying a printer try to see (and hear) it working.

Paper is handled either in the form of continuous sheets with tear-off holes or via a sheet feeder. The sheet-feeder is probably the best arrangement for the service department: it saves the bother of having to separate the sheets and tear off yards of sprocket holes.

## Bundled Software

'Bundled software' is supplied with many PC systems. It may consist of an operating system program with integrated software to provide wordprocessor, spreadsheet, database and other facilities. Personally I think it best to buy or build your own PC system at the most advantageous price then select software programs to suit your particular requirements.

## CLI and GUI

Software programs come on floppy or microfloppy discs with instruction manuals. You load the program into your computer and store it permanently on the hard disc. You can choose between text-driven Command Line Interface (CLI) and point-and-click Graphic User Interface (GUI) software programs. Before making your choice, try to see both types in action.

If you are happy with a screenful of little coloured pictures (icons in computer jargon). you may favour GUI (Windows). With GUI you move the screen pointer to the icon that represents the required program, function or setting, then click a mouse button to select it. Many computer enthusiasts love GUI with its pretty pictures.

Windows programs require a lot of hardware - hefty chunks of hard disc space and many Mbytes of RAM. You also need to buy and install Microsoft's Windows 3.1 program plus a DOS operating system. The quoted system requirements for Microsoft Windows 3.1 are 7 Mbytes of hard disc space and a minimum of 2Mbytes of RAM.

Other Windows programs require more RAM and plenty of hard disc space, while at least a 386 CPU and preferably a 486 type is desirable. The state-of-the art Windows NT program calls for yet more Mbytes of hard disc space plus, it seems, at least 8 Mbytes of RAM and a 486 CPU.

With DOS-based CLI programs you start with a clear screen at the DOS prompt (C). A few brief keystrokes select the desired program. In a business context the competent touch-typist who doesn't need to look at the keyboard will probably prefer a DOS-based program (the incompetent two-finger basher who does look at the keyboard will also be happy with CLI, and to hell with the icons - editor!). It's easier than using a mouse to chase little icons over the screen.

## Next Month

In the concluding instalment we'll consider software programs that are suitable for the forward-looking service engineer who wants to boost his income. We'll also discuss several wordprocessing, spreadsheet and CAD packages, modems/fax programs and virus prevention programs helpful to the video/TV engineer.

## Table 1: Some computer terms

AT PC: Advance Technology PC - has an 80286, 80386 or 80486 CPU.

Batch file: File containing a sequence of commands. Typing in the name of the file loads the desired program.

Boot: The start-up process when a PC is switched on. The PC tests itself then loads the disc operating system from the hard disc into RAM.

Bus: An expansion lead that carries data between different sections of the computer.

Centronics port: Usually called a parallel port. Used to feed data into and out of a computer. Often feeds a printer.

Crash: Program failure where the PC locks solid. You must then reboot the computer (see below).

Default setting: Settings/colours used by a PC automatically unless you chose something different.

Disc cache: Section of memory used to store a copy of binary data recently read from the hard disc.

DPI: Dots per inch - the resolution of a printer.
FAT: File Allocation Table. Found at the start of every disc. Contains information used by the DOS to locate file entries.

File: Section of data stored on a disc for retrieval by the PC.
Mailmerge: Enables customers' names and addresses held
in a database to be inserted at any desired point in a standard letter. This gives the impression of a personal letter.

Memory terms: One byte is eight bits, a nibble four bits. A RAM is a random access, i.e. read/write, memory. A ROM is a read-only memory. An 'extended memory' (one Mbyte and above) cannot be addressed by DOS, though 80286/386/486 CPUs can in a special mode. An 'expanded (EMS) memory' is one that uses a bank-switching procedure to give access to up to 32Mbytes of memory in 64 Kbyte chunks.

Multitasking: Running two or more programs together.
Macro: A time-saving way of recording a keystroke sequence that can be recalled when needed.

Pixel: Pixture element - each dot on the screen.
Program: A series of instructions that tell the CPU and thus the computer what to do.

Reboot: Force the PC to repeat its start-up procedure.
RS232: International standard for serial port operation.
WIMP: Stands for Windows, icons, mouse and pointers.
XT PC: Extra Technology PC. Has the older 8088 or 8086 CPU.

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# What a Life! 

## Donald Bullock

Life has been easier since son Steven started to work with me. What has distressed me a bit however is the speed with which he's picked up technical knowledge that took me forty years to acquire. But it does mean that I can slip off to Spain whenever I like, in the knowledge that life in the workshop goes on - just as long as I slip back often enough to sweep the floor, wash the teacups, empty the dustbins and tackle the tricky ones that pop up now and again. The fax machine has proved to be a boon to us, but one thing I could do with is a set of the last fifty or sixty copies of Television. Can anyone oblige?

## Mr Nutt's Problems

We have been in this business a long time now - to the extent that we ve had the valued custom of four generations of some local families. Those whom I moan about are a minority. It's just the relentless dedication with which they afflict us! Take Mr. Nutt for example. He's the paranoid smallholder who is convinced that everyone is watching him and eavesdropping. The other day he called in with his Philips 16in. portable - it's a KT3 chassis set.
"My neighbour has aimed a dish transmitter at my place" he confided. "But I've got him rumbled. This old set lets me know whenever he listens in to us. The picture turns into a transmitter. I want you to build something into the set to stop him."

Now I know Mr. Nutt of old. Apart from this fixation he's perfectly sane. Arguing with him about it it useless. "All right Mr. Nutt" I said, "leave it with us."

For the first ten minutes the set suffered from intermittent line collapse. I confidently resoldered the pins of the line output transformer but this made no difference. I then found, by tapping and flexing the chassis. that the cause of the trouble lay somewhere in the area around the U470 sync and U450 power modules. Resoldering every doubtful joint on the two panels and lightly cleaning the edge contacts again failed to cure the problem. So I finally switched off the workshop lights, drew the blinds, felt my way back to the chassis and began tapping about on it. As I did so I noticed a spark. When I switched the lights back on again I found that it had come from one leg of the degaussing posistor R292. It was dry-jointed, though it looked all right. Resoldering it cured the trouble.

## Nostalgia

I was going to study the circuit to see why R292 should have had this effect but the phone went and Greeneyes came in with the tea. She was just in time to hear me being less than enthusiastic about attending to a satellite TV system.
"What's the matter with you?" she asked. "When I came to work with you as your secretary colour TV was just starting and you sailed into colour servicing quite cheerfully. It's not at all like that now." Steven wanted to know what it was like in the early days, which always gets me going.

When I started there was only monochrome BBC in Band I. Most of the sets were of the t.r.f. type, gramophone records were shellac 78s and classy homes had radiograms.

Then ITV started up in Band III, bringing signal problems the like of which we'd never seen before, and
programme converters that sat on the top of the set. They too caused problems galore. Cyldon and Brayhead subsequently came up with a family of rotary tuners that were designed to be fitted into the sets. When converting a set for ITV reception we first had to make sure that we had the right tuner. Then, armed with braces and bits, we'd cut a huge hole in the side of the customer's highly polished and valued TV set, hoping against hope that our conversion would be satisfactory.

All sorts of things could blight our plans. If we weren't careful, the bulky tuner wouldn't align with the hole we'd made. But the most common headaches were that the Band III signal available, from Birmingham in our case, wouldn't be enough, or that the pictures obtained would be heavily patterned. Sometimes the neighbours would experience patterning.

In this area every conversion was a chancy business. As the ITV signal was dicey and weak, service calls multiplied. "Poor ITV" was a common complaint. and we'd trot off with a pocketful of r.f. amplifier valves. The Mullard PCC84 was the most common one, but there were also UCC84s and ECC84s, and some of the more exclusive brands like Murphy and Ekco used Mazda valves - the 30 Ll to start with, then later the higher-gain 30L15. It wasn't long before we resorted to the dodge of using the high-slope 30L15 whenever a low-emission r.f. amplifier valve had to be replaced. It meant adjusting the r.f. padders in the tuner, something that was supposed to be taboo, but the effect was little short of miraculous - until the valve's emission settled at a lower level.

Most Mazda valves had metal skirts and fitted rigidly into the special holders. They seemed to present instahility problems however. Trying to calm an Ekco i.f. strip was a difficult business. I settled for using Hunt's paper capacitors connected between the screen grids and chassis, followed by careful realignment. I never did find an answer for use with the red. metal-cased Mullard EF50 valves. They seemed to be determined to float regardless.

But the picture quality with those early Ekco and Murphy sets was remarkable for their day. Our favourite was the Ekco 327 . There was a scramble for it every time one came in part exchange. Eventually we all had one.

Relaying these things to Steven suggested to me why he's so bright and receptive to the latest developments while I'm less so. "Your brain is like a brand new computer loaded with miles and miles of virgin tape" I said. "Mine's an old valve model with the tape worn out be repeated erasure of redundant technical knowledge. I used to know countless valve equivalents, and furthermore which pin was connected to which electrode in them all. I can still remember dozens of them. All useless knowledge now, taking up space in my napper. Same with all the technical tips and ruses for scores of radio and TV brands that are now just memories. There's hardly any roon left for all the new-fangled things you pick up so easily!"

Later, I heard Steven talking to Greeneyes as they looked through an ancient photo album he $d$ found.
"Dad looks bright and young in these pictures" he said. "Funny what happens as time passes."

I poked my head around the door. "That old Decca you're stuck on - the one with no luminance. You can put your scope and meter away. Just pop in another luminance delay line. There's one in that old Tatung chassis you couldn't fix. And that Bush 2020T that's still giving you problems even though you've changed the TDA3562A. Take it out and fit a Telefunken one - or do the mod. Oh, and that Saba you were waiting for help to lift it off the bench: l've popped it in the van for you."

## Test Case 368

Workshop Sage, dragged away from his bench to the reception desk, was confronted by a customer who wanted an instant yuote for video head replacement in a fairly ancient Panasonic front-loading VCR. Quizzed as to how he knew that the heads were faulty. Mr. Wells explained that the diagnosis had been made some months earlier by another dealer who was no longer in business. Mr. Wells mentioned that the dealer had twice boosted the heads. This puzzled Sage somewhat. He'd heard of picture tubes being boosted, but not video heads. What wonder technology had the now defunct dealer used?

Anyway. Sage went off to consult price lists and suchlike and came back with alternative prices for pattern, rebuilt and Panasonic original drums. Mr. Wells accepted the lowest of the three quotes, which was probably wise in view of the age of the machine. So an upper drum assembly was ordered and the machine was taken to the waiting-spares rack.

The job of fitting the replacement, when it arrived, was given to Sherlock who had said that he wanted more experience in this side of servicing. Before he fitted the drum Sherlock checked out the machine. During playback of a known good tape all the classic symptoms of worn heads were seen - there were worms, dots and streaking in the picture. The machine's own recordings were very much worse. So there was no doubt that the heads were in need of replacement. Donning his cotton gloves, Sherlock soon had the old drum out and the new one in. He'd changed one upper drum before, so he knew the ropes reasonably well. He also found that the back tension was far too high, as it often is with Panasonic VCRs.

Sage wouldn't let him use the alignment tape for setting up! He was given a colour-bar cassette, with an
assurance that it was a perfectly acceptable substitute. Sherlock then set about the mechanical alignment, which is not difficult provided the necessary test equipment primarily an oscilloscope and a good format-standard tape - is available. With this vintage of machine there's no fancy auto-tracking system to worry about. The job progressed well, a good straight-edged r.f. envelope pattern being obtained with minimal tweaking of the entry and exit guides. Lateral adjustment of the audio/control head assembly then enabled best tracking to be made to coincide with the tracking control's centre position. At the end of the session the quality of the playback picture was excellent for an old machine and Sherlock was well pleased with the results of his efforts. His pride evaporated within minutes however!

The trouble occurred when Sherlock did a test recording and then viewed the playback picture. It was marred by steaking and white/black inversion effects. These were similar to those present before the drum had been replaced, though they were not quite so bad. Sherlock tried another tape, with exactly the same results. Cleaning the heads didn't help at all, and Sherlock began to suspect that he'd fitted a faulty drum. There wasn't another one in stock with which to carry out a substitution test, and almost every idea that occurred to Sherlock had to be discounted because the playback performance was so good. The back tension was rechecked and found to be correct, as were the lead-out connections from the new heads. Time for a consultation!

While Sherlock described the setting-up and alignment procedures he'd gone through since fitting the replacement drum, Sage looked at the playback picture with a recording made by the machine itself. It was very plain to Sage where the trouble lay, and how the previous service department had 'boosted' the performance of the worn heads. If it's not plain to you, give it some thought before turning to page 739 for the solution!

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# Modern TV Receiver Techniques 

Part 8: The Shadowmask Tube

Eugene Trundle

The basic operating principles of the shadowmask colour tube have remained unchanged since it first came into use in the USA some forty years ago. There have however been many refinements and improvements in that time.

## Basic Mode of Operation

Three cathodes, one for each of the primary colours red, green and blue, are heated in a vacuum. Under these conditions electrons are emitted from the surface coating of the cathodes. They are formed into sharply-focused beams which are accelerated towards the screen. As they emerge from the gun, the beams are deflected from side to side and from the top to the bottom of the screen to trace out the raster. This beam deflection has to be synchronised with that in the camera or other picture source, for which purpose sync pulses are added to the picture information. Deflection is carried out by generating magnetic fields in the neck of the tube. Synchronised, sawtooth-waveform currents are passed through coils (the scanning yoke) around the neck of the tube to produce these fields. The line-frequency current waveforms produce side-to-side deflection and the field-frequency waveforms top-tobottom deflection.

As the beams emerge from the neck into the bowl of the tube they are accelerated by a very high voltage so that they strike the phosphor-coated screen at high velocity. Thus bombarded, the red, green and blue phosphors glow brightly, forming a pattern of light, shade and colour. Continuously refreshed with new information, the screen displays coloured, moving pictures.

The key to the operation of a colour picture tube is the shadowmask, which is mounted about a centimetre behind the phosphor-coated glass screen. Precision-aligned with the vertical stripes of red, green and blue light-emitting phosphor on the rear surface of the screen, the shadowmask acts as a filter to ensure that each of the three beams strikes only the coloured phosphor assigned to it. By using the red, green and blue drive waveforms to modulate the intensity of the three beams the amount of each type of light produced at the tube screen is continuously varied. In various proportions, the combination of red, green and blue light can produce white, grey and almost any colour that occurs in nature. Cutting off a beam removes that colour, while cutting off all three beams leaves us with black. Though we take it for granted, the colour TV picture tube is a truly amazing piece of precision technology.

## Driving the Tube

Most of the 'hardware' within a conventional TV set is concerned with control of the tube and the scanning process rather signal handling. Thus the circuitry we've looked at so far in this series represents only a small proportion of the cost and bulk of a set's contents.

Apart from the easily obtained power to heat the tube's cathodes, it's necessary to generate high voltages to modulate, focus and accelerate the electron beams, and to provide precision generators of the sawtooth currents that flow
through the deflection coils. All this depends in turn on the provision of a closely-stabilised and efficient power supply. Much of the energy produced by this power supply is dissipated as heat in the shadowmask and in the tube drive system. Despite this, the shadowmask tube looks set to remain for many years to come the standard TV picture display system. Only in somewhat specialised applications, e.g. for very small and very large pictures, is it being usurped by other technologies such as LCD devices. In taking a closer look at the operation of the shadowmask tube, we'll start at the back end.

## The Electron Gun

The electron gun generates, modulates, focuses and accelerates the three electron beams. The process starts with a tungsten heater that's buried in but insulated from a cylindrical cathode. This has a coating that consists of a mixture of oxides of barium, strontium and calcium. When heated to over $1,000^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$ this coating emits electrons which form a cloud, or space charge, around the cathode. Closely surrounding the cathode and spaced about 0.1 mm from it is the so-called grid, in practice a nickel cylinder with a closed end except for a pinhole in the centre (see Fig. 1). The beam emerges from this pinhole, its intensity being controlled by the potential difference between the grid and the cathode. In practice the grid is held at a fixed voltage of around zero while the cathode voltage is varied above and below some 140 V , thus altering the effective grid bias. The more negative-going the cathode voltage with respect to the grid the greater the electron current flow, since this is equivalent to making the grid more positive with respect to the cathode. (The beam consists of electrons that carry a negative charge: they are thus attracted to a point at a more positive voltage.)

The electron beam is brought to a sharp focus, or crossover, just beyond the grid by the electron-lens effect of the grid and the next electrode, the first anode (often referred to as the screen grid), which is held at a constant potential of a few hundred volts. The purpose of the next electron lens is to focus an image of this sharp crossover point at the phosphor screen. It's done by two or more cylindrical electrodes which, as shown in Fig. 1, are held at progressively higher voltages.

After the initial crossover, the diverging beam of electrons is pre-focused by the lens formed by the first and second anodes. The main electron lens consists of the cylindrical anodes two and three, which are usually operated at about 5 kV and 25 kV respectively. The beam of electrons


Fig. 1: Basic arrangement of a picture tube electron gun.
diverges until it reaches a point between these to electrodes, then begins to converge again, being brought to a focal point at the phosphor surface behind the tube's faceplate (screen). By adjusting the voltage applied to the second anode the focal length of this second electron lens is altered, enabling the beam to be precisely focused at the screen. The focus control takes the form of a potentiometer which in modern sets is generally integrated with the line output transformer.

What we have described so far is the basic electrode system. Various more complex arrangements have been designed. They depend on the tube's neck diameter and the characteristics of the deflection fields. Fig. 2 shows a lens system with five anodes. This is often used in narrow-neck, wide-angle tubes to compensate for the small lens diameters for each beam.


Fig. 2: This combination of a high uni-potential and a bipotential lens gives reduced spherical aberration in the lens system as a whole.

With a conventional electron gun structure the three cathodes are mounted close together side-by-side and the accelerating and focusing electrodes are common to all three beams, though with separate apertures for each beam: the effect is of three small electron-lens systems side-by-side.

Other types of tube, notably the Sony Trinitron, have a single, large-diameter electron-lens system that's common


Fig. 3: The Trinitron gun system, which has a common electron lens for all three beams.
to all three beams. Fig. 3 shows the basic arrangement. Here the three beams cross over in the centre of the gun. The single, large lens system focuses the electrons in each beam, the following convergence electrode system setting the outer (blue and red) beams so that all three beams converge at the shadowmask (in the Trinitron the shadowmask takes the form of an aperture grille). With a conventional tube this convergence function is performed by magnets, as we shall see next.

## Beam Alignment and Landing

During manufacture of the picture tube the phosphors are laid down on the faceplate - in effect printed - with reference to fixed points for each beam at its deflection centre (the centre of the area under the influence of the deflection fields), since seen from the shadowmask and
screen the deflection centre is the apparent origin of the beam. To ensure that each beam lands on only the correct phosophor stripes, the beams must be prealigned after leaving the gun and before entering the deflection fields. This can be done by means of a pair of two-pole magnet rings that move the positions of all three beams in the horizontal plane. The rings are adjusted for correct colour purity, i.e. so that the beam from one gun doesn't spill over on to the adjacent phosphor stripes, 'staining' the colour reproduction.

In effect the colour picture consists of three separate red green and blue images which must be overlaid exactly and kept in registration at all points over the screen. To take up tolerances in tube manufacture, a means of adjusting the positions of the images traced out by the two outer beams (red and blue) so that they are precisely overlaid with the green image produced by the centre beam (green) is generally provided. Again this is done by means of ring magnets, a pair of four-pole magnets and a pair of six-pole ones. Their magnetic fields affect only the paths of the outer beams and can move them in either direction, either together or differentially, the adjustment being known as static convergence. Aim for no colour fringing at or near the centre of the screen.

In some types of tubes, notably Philips ranges, these beam alignment magnets are neither visible nor manually adjustable: during manufacture they are induced in a magnetic ring that's mounted at the end of the electron gun assembly. With most other types of tube the external ring magnets are aligned and sealed at the factory, and are not intended to be adjusted or disturbed during the life of the tube.

## Beam Deflection

We have seen how the beams are generated, modulated, focused and aligned with respect to each other: they amount to a sort of three-colour pen that can be used to trace out the picture. This tracing action is carried out by the powerful magnetic fields produced in the neck of the tube by the deflection yoke. a double pair of saddle-wound (usually) coils on a ferrite former. The yoke is a tight fit on the tube's neck and embraces part of the flared section of the tube where the neck opens out into the bowl. Vertical lines of magnetic force deflect the beams horizontally while horizontal flux lines produce vertical deflection. With sawooth current waveforms at the correct frequencies flowing in the in the line and field deflection coils, a rectangular raster is traced out on the screen. So long as the scanning is synchronised with the video information, the image is correctly positioned with everything on the screen in the right place and correctly proportioned.

## Dynamic Convergence

As we've seen, the primary purpose of the scanning yoke is to deflect the beams. In a monochrome tube with a single beam the yoke generates homogeneous (evenly spaced) magnetic fields in the tube's neck. With a colour tube the yoke has two secondary but very important functions: it has to correct for the inherent pincuchion distortion that occurs when a relatively-flat, rectangular screen is scanned; and it must converge the beams so that the images they produce coincide over the entire screen area, at the edges as well as the centre.

Pincushion correction is achieved by precision shaping of the magnetic field density in the tube's neck. Dynamic convergence as it's called is also a function of magnetic flux


Fig. 4 (left): With a uniform deflection field the three beams converge at point $A$ in the centre of the screen, because the screen and the image plane coincide here. Near the edge of the screen (point B) the three beams are no longer in registration - being beyond the image plane they diverge. The beam approach angles in the neck of the tube have been exaggerated to illustrate this.

Fig. 5 (right): By using a specially-tailored deflection field of graded density, each beam's deflection angle is slightly different, ensuring convergence of all three beams across the width of the screen. Again the beam approach angles have been exaggerated.
tailoring in the deflection field - see Figs. 4 and 5.
Fig. 4 shows the effect of a uniform horizontal deflection field in a cross-section of the tube. The three beams converge at the centre of the screen: since each beam is affected equally by the magnetic flux, convergence is maintained along an arc called the image plane. Away from the centre the beams diverge, striking the screen out of registration with each other, the misregistration increasing towards the edges of the screen. Fig. 5 shows how the design of the deflection yoke can prevent this: the flux density of the magnetic field varies across the neck of the tube so that the angle through which each beam is deflected depends on the path it takes through the deflection zone. The outer (blue and red) beams can especially be seen to pass through 'magnetic gradients' as they are being deflected. The result is that the three beams converge at the same point on the screen at all horizontal deflection angles.

For vertical scanning a barrel-shaped field is required to achieve the same effect. Fig. 6 shows the astigmatic flux fields required for vertical and horizontal beam deflection. The yoke is designed to produce these fields, and is closely matched to the tube with which it is intended to be used: many yokes are sealed on to the tube, forming an integral part of the picture-tube assembly.


Fig. 6: Cross-section of the tube neck at the deflection centre, where the neck opens out into the bowl. The lines show the astigmatic fields required to retain correct convergence of the beams over the entire screen area.

In general, tube sizes up to 53 cm ( 21 in .) have $90^{\circ}$ deflection angles and no need for external pincuchion-correction circuitry in the scan-drive circuits. Larger screen sizes employ deflection angles of around $110^{\circ}$ and require an amplitude-modulated line scan drive (EW correction) to cancel out the inherent pincushion distortion in the raster. We'll examine these correction circuits when we come to the timebases later in this series.

Earlier colour tubes required elaborate dynamic convergence correction arrangements (a separate yoke assembly and coil on the tube neck) and raster correction systems. Spot defocusing at the edges of the picture was a particular problem. Improvements in electron lens design and the use of computers to design precision deflection yokes has rendered this unnecessary.

## The Shadowmask

All consumer-type, direct-view picture tubes have shadowmasks with vertical slots. Most have a matrix of slots as shown in Fig. 7(a): Trinitron tubes have an aperture grille


Fig. 7: Slot mask/phosphor stripe screen system used with a conventional tube (a), alternative aperture-grille arrangement used in Sony Trinitron tubes (b).
with long, continuous slots as shown in Fig. 7(b). With large Trinitron grilles there are three very fine (three-micron diameter) wire cross-braces to keep the assembly rigid, especially when hot. The principle of the shadowmask is illustrated in Fig. 8: it depends on the slightly different approach angles of the three beams to intercept and block beam electrons heading for the 'wrong' phosphor - we've already seen that the beams are prealigned to ensure that their approach angle to the shadowmask is correct.

In doing its job the shadowmask absorbs over 75 per cent of the energy of the beams, dissipating it as heat - between 5 W and 25 W depending on tube size and picture brightness. This heating results in expansion of the steel shadowmask, bringing with it the risk of doming or bulging and consequent picture colour impurity. Various measures can be taken to combat this. First the whole mask is held in a spring- or swing-support system for controlled expansion. Blackening the mask assists dissipation, while a surface coating of ceramic material can be applied to stiffen it. Instead of using steel, a metal called invar can be used: it's more expensive and difficult to work, but has a lower coefficient of expansion.

## Degaussing

If the shadowmask, its mounting system or the tube's rimband becomes magnetised, beam landing is upset and


Fig. 8: Illustrating the filter action of a shadowmask. The electron beams are wider than the slots in the shadowmask and are sharply 'chopped' by them. The beam approach angles have been exaggerated to help show the effect. The same principle is used by the Trinitron tube's aperture grille.
the result is colour impurity. A magnetic shield inside the tube acts as a barrier to ambient fields such as that of the Earth. This, the mask and the rimband are magnetically neutralised at each switch-on from cold by a degaussing coil harness mounted on the outside of the tube's bowl. At switch-on the coils are briefly energised by a 50 Hz a.c. mains current that decays to virtually zero within a second or so as the control element heats up.

## The Phosphor Screen

The phosphors used are chemical compounds, based on zinc- and oxy-sulphides, that glow when bombarded by electrons. Each phosphor is dyed (pigmented) in its own emissive colour in order to increase the absorption of ambient light. The screen is thus made darker and less reflective, improving the picture contrast - especially when the screen is being viewed in high ambient light conditions. For the same reason the spaces between the red, green and blue phosphor stripes, present to provide guard bands against the effect of slight horizontal beam-landing errors, are filled with a carbon- or graphite-based black pigment. This is called black matrixing: with more recent tube designs there have been improvements in the way in which the black pigment is deposited on the screen, giving better


Fig. 9: Phosphor stripes in action on the faceplate of a TV picture tube. The black matrix stripes between the colour phosphor stripes can be seen. Though the phosphor stripes are continuous vertically, the lozengeshaped shadowmask perforations are visible, breaking the colours into elongated dots.
resolution, saturation, brightness and white uniformity. Fig. 9 shows a close-up of part of a test pattern on a 68 cm screen.

Each phosphor stripe is about 180 microns wide: an RGB triplet. with black guard bands, is typically 800 microns $(0.8 \mathrm{~mm})$ wide in a large-screen picture tube. With smaller tubes (say 51 cm and less) the stripe triplet is about 600 microns wide. Obviously the stripe pitch is a limiting factor for picture definition, and small screens cannot resolve the full detail available with a broadcast transmission or an S -VHS or $\mathrm{Hi}-8$ tape recording. For speciat purposes, e.g. for high-resolution picture monitors and computer VDUs, tubes with a finer stripe pitch - down to 300 microns $/ 0.3 \mathrm{~mm}$ - are available. Their price is correspondingly high.

The back of the phosphor layer is sprayed with a coat of shiny, conductive aluminium, just like a mirror. This serves three purposes. It reflects the phosphor light forwards, forms a barrier for harmful ions (heavy charged particles) in the electron beam, and equalises the electrostatic charge over the entire screen area. The back of the aluminium layer is in turn coated with a black pigment to absorb heat radiated from the nearby shadowmask and dissipate it in the large heatsink/exchanger formed by the tube's glass faceplate.

## The Faceplate

To withstand the huge atmospheric pressure upon it, the glass faceplate of even a relatively small tube is $12.5 \mathrm{~mm}(0.5 \mathrm{in}$.) thick at the centre, more at the edges and corners. It's made of darkened glass, the transmission factor being typically fifty per cent. Although this light-filtering effect halves picture brightness, the contrast is improved: while the picture light passes through the glass only once, reflected ambient light (from the viewing area) has to pass through twice. This makes the screen appear darker, improving the perceived picture contrast.

Apart from providing the viewing area, the glass faceplate acts as a barrier to $X$ rays and provides implosion protection. X-ray radiation occurs when metalwork is under electron bombardment at a high enough potential. Any X-ray radiation is contained within the tube by including strontium carbonate in the glass mix from which the tube's envelope is made. Protection against implosion is provided by the sheer strength and thickness of the glass, aided by the rimband which contains the outward pressure of the faceplate edges due to the tension within it.

Because of the need to keep the aperture grille in tension. the faceplate of the Trinitron tube has a dead-flat vertical profile: the curvature in the horizontal plane corresponds to a section of a large cylinder. Other types of tube have a front profile that matches a small section of a large sphere, with in some cases a flatter central section.

## Miscellaneous Features

A graphite-based conductive coating is applied to both the inner and the outer surfaces of the picture tube's bowl. In conjunction with the glass envelope of the tube as the dielectric, a capacitor is thus formed: it acts as a reservoir/smoothing capacitor for the e.h.t. supply. Sometimes the charge held may be suddenly released in the form of a flashover - a spark between electrodes within the tube. This suddenly-released energy can be life threatening to
semiconductor devices in the TV set/monitor. Its effect is minimised by making the internal conductive coating resistive (to reduce and dissipate the surge) and by providing spark gaps and series resistors on the tube base panel to intercept the voltage spike when a flashover occurs.

The e.h.t. connection is made to the internal conductive coating. The beam current thus returns to chassis via the relatively high-impedance e.h.t. system. By including a resistor at the earthy end of the e.h.t. system the beam current can be monitored to provide protection in the form of beam-current limiting via the tube drive circuits and/or some other arrangement such as shutting down the tube drive.

Before it's sealed the tube is pumped to a high vacuum. During the life of the tube however gases are liberated from the electrodes and chemicals within it : they are absorbed by the gas-hungry getter, which is made of a barium compound and is activated by r.f. heating after evacuation of the tube.

## Widescreen Tubes

The new generation of widescreen tubes (16:9 aspect ratio) do not differ in principle from the latest types of
conventional tubes. But the large deflection angle and the huge variation in beam path length from the corners to the centre make high demands on the electron gun and the beam-converging deflection yoke. They are overcome by enhanced design along the lines already described.

## Viewfinder Technique

An interesting colour display technique is used in the viewfinder section of some consumer-type camcorders. It retains the high definition and low power consumption of a small monochrome tube but provides colour pictures by means of a rotating colour wheel between the faceplate and the viewer's eye. This filter-wheel has red, green and blue segments and rotates at 150 r.p.m. RGB video signals are fed to the tube sequentially, in synchronism with the rotation of the wheel. The results are very good.

## Next Month

In the next instalment we'll take a look at projection systems and various types of LCD devices, including the three-panel LCD projector systems now coming into favour for large picture displays.

## The Satmaster Pro PC Package

The original Satmaster computer program was designed to run on IBM PCs and any one hundred per cent compatible machines. Its basic purpose is to facilitate the design of and simulate a satellite system on screen via a link budget calculation, enabling you to check various "what if" possibilities presented to it. It can calculate azimuth, elevation, compass bearings, polar mount settings, and circular and rectangular aperture beamwidths, providing full graphical plotting of theoretical lobe patterns.

Data is provided on the majority of satellites required. As the program provides set-up angles and data for dish installations it's an ideal way for those unfamiliar with such matters to learn about the subject. In addition to data such as magnetic variations for Europe, noise temperature versus noise figure and all manner of other items Satmaster contains a 20,000 word technical guide. Throughout operation a help facility is available via the F1 key.

Subsequently an expanded version called Satmaster Pro was introduced. As a way of evaluating it we'll first consider the differences between the two. At the start however I must say that the Pro version is not a replacement for the original one, but rather a version that's aimed at a somewhat different section of the satellite fraternity.

## Advantages

The Pro version offers the following advantages with respect to the basic version:
(1) Extra data, including world, Far East and European CCIR climatic zone maps; more town and country files, mainly for the Middle East and South Africa; world
seasonal temperature and water vapour density maps (helpful for predicting atmospheric absorption); and apex and polar elevations for each town.
(2) Laser printer support, enabling superb quality graphs, maps and charts to be obtained from the program.
(3) Automatic calculation of rain fade margins, and taking linear or circular polarisation into account in link budget analysis.
(4) Calculation of rain attenuation, atmospheric absorption and cross-polar discrimination - particularly helpful in areas where rainfall is high and with installations where the elevation is low.

## Performance

The menu layout is more friendly and logical than with the basic version. Operation is simple: menus pull down from the header bar and escape takes you backwards - all standard stuff for the computer operator. There's no mouse support however.

The country and town files provide latitude and longitude figures for major towns and cities, but some files are more detailed than others. For most people this won't be noticeable, but users in some parts of the world will find the information somewhat sparse - there are no country files for India, Sri Lanka, Russia, Singapore and South America. Town and country listings can easily be added via the editor however, and advice is given in the user manual on how to obtain such data.

The satellite data files and graphics are detailed for our
part of the world, but those in America for example will not find data on their satellites. A noteworthy point however is that when you ask for a listing of data on satellites above the horizon for a given plot all satellites are listed, not just those detailed in the satellite files.

The following craft are covered: Arabsat 1 B and 1 C ; Astra 1A and 1B; DFS Kopernikus; the Eustelsat II series; Hispasat 1 and 2; the Intelsat K and VI series; Marco Polo 1 and 2; TDF 1 and 2; Tele-X; Telecom II; and TV-Sat 2. Satellite files can be edited and new ones created.

## Link Budget

Although both versions have the ability to calculate link budgets it would not do to omit mention of the incredible detail and power of calculation they offer. Under this menu one enters the site and satellite data followed by link budget parameters and obtains a remarkable set of results, which can be tailored to CCIR grade 4 or 5 requirements. One can follow on by calculating beamwidths and plotting lobes for circular or rectangular apertures. This menu allows printouts to be made.

## Business Use

Effort has gone into making the program directly and instantly usable for those in the satellite business. Your business header can be fed in during the set-up procedure and is thus present on hard copies. As the Pro version can be used with a laser printer, professional-looking paperwork can be produced for estimates etc. You can provide simulated representations of the performance of a given system throughout the year by correlation with the vapour density and seasonal temperature maps and data for example.

## Installation

Any one hundred per cent IBM compatible PC with at least 384 K of RAM and using DOS higher than 3.1 will run the program. About 1 Mbyte of hard disc space is used. The program comes in compressed form on a 3.5 in . floppy disc. To install it on the hard dise is simplicity itself. From DOS select the drive in which the floppy disc has been inserted, type INSTALL C: or just INSTALL then press enter. A directory called SATPRO will be created. To run the program select this directory from DOS (cd/SATPRO) then type SATMAST.

## Findings

The program is very well presented and is designed for easy, logical operation. Thought has been given to operation. Data can often be retained from one operation to another and there's out-of-range parameter rejection and advice on suitable values, cursor or single key facility selection within menus and so on. Anyone can use this program!

Some graphics are not too clear however and the varying scale of maps is disappointing. One or two items could have been presented more clearly - for example with the Far East rain climatic zone map what is a zone boundary and what is a coastline is at first sight barely discernible. The use of shading or colour would remove such confusion.

Some of the points I have made about omissions may seem unduly fussy, but the Satmaster Pro is intended for world-wide use. The fact that the program is upgradeable means that data can be added however - a super feature. So long as you have the location and satellite data the Pro will
do the calculations.
The Satmaster Pro program has two distinct characters, passive and active. The former consists of an extensive database which can be used in the active mode or as a source of facts and figures. The active role consists of its ability to carry out calculations. This enables even the most demanding system engineer to design an installation with great confidence.

Thus Satmaster Pro has great potential for both institutional and industrial training, while specialist satellite installers will find it very useful. In all fairness however one would find it difficult to convince a small dealer installing only Astra systems supplied as packages that it would have practical benefits for him. The potential for installation work is in working out what would be required to achieve superior results. Unfortunately at present price seems to be the main consideration here, and Sat Pro can't help with this!

Manufacturers and distributors of equipment could make use of both programs to provide technical data for inclusion with their products, thereby helping installers and assisting with decisions about the suitability of particular products under given conditions.

Use with a portable PC would provide invaluable help for those aligning portable links around the world.

And aside from its business uses the program is a fascinating plaything for anyone interested in satellite reception.

The versions l've tried were Satmaster 4.02 and Satmaster Pro $1 \cdot 12$. Although the instruction guide supplied seemed a bit thin and was apparently 'temporary' it provided just the right amount of prompting in addition to that on-screen. The technical and help guides can be printed from the floppy disc.

The Satmaster (version 4) and Satmaster Pro programs are available from Swift Television Publications, 17 Pittsfield, Cricklade, Swindon SN6 6AN (telephone/fax 0793750 620) at $£ 35$ and $£ 69$ plus postage respectively. More recently a Satmaster Pro for Windows version has become available at $£ 99$ plus postage. The package includes anti-piracy measures and updates are available for earlier versions.

## SERVICES/ADDRESSES

Electrotech Distribution, one of the UK's largest satellite equipment distributors, is expanding its range and setting up a service and repair centre. The latter will take on general service and repair work for any satellite related equipment and will be available to anyone in the trade, not just Electrotech customers. Phone no. is 081830 0366, address 33 Fapcote Trading Estate, Dudden Hill Lane, London NW10 2DJ. The company considers that present standard repair charges of around $£ 65$ for out-of-guarantee receivers are 'far too high - particularly in view of what's inside a receiver and what normally goes wrong'.

Daewoo has set up a service and spares operation to support brand sales which start in August. Address is Daewoo Electronic Sales UK Ltd., Unit 640, Winnersh Triangle, Wokingham, Berks RG11 5TP. Spares ordering telephone number is 0734695666 . Spares for OEM products should be obtained from the original distributor.

Euras International Ltd. has moved to Euras House, 51 Bristol Road, Keynsham, Bristol BS18 2BA. Telephone 0272860900 , fax 0272860343 , videotext 0272860007.

Satellite Solutions is running a series of one-day courses on installing motorised dish systems. They are being held at various venues around the country during July-August. Details can be obtained from Debbie Halliday on 0604670 900. The first one is at South Mimms on July 22nd.

## A Simple Nicam VCR Upgrade

Many stereo VCRs without a built-in Nicam decoder must be in use. Some appear on the second-hand market. My own machine. a Panasonic NV830, is one of these. It has performed very well for several years with only a change of heads. Rather than replace it with a newer, Nicam model I decided to add an external decoder.

Adding Nicam has been described in Television on various occasions, so l'll just give some brief details that could also be applied to other non-Nicam stereo VCRs. Instead of using the Sendz decoder, as Michael Harris described in the May issue, I used a Nicam decoder that was salvaged from a damaged TV receiver. Any self-contained module or salvaged board should in fact be suitable, as the principles remain the same.

One advantage of modifying the NV830 in the manner described here is that it still continues to record f.m. audio on the linear mono track whilst simultaneously recording the Nicam sound on the hi-fi stereo tracks. As the machine has track selector buttons, either f.m. mono, Nicam stereo or Nicam left channel or right can be selected for playback. Thus the machine is capable of dual-language operation should this feature ever be used in the UK.

## The Conversion

Fortunately the Nicam decoder panel I used already had 12 V and 5 V regulators. so all that was required was to provide an unregulated input. A redundant Ferguson BSB receiver case and power transformer were thus used to house and power the Nicam board. As luck would have it, the only other thing required was an i.f. input signal, the panel supplying buffered stereo audio outputs. The decoder normally provides Nicam reception, f.m. being selected instead by a switch signal. I avoided the complexity of
adding a switch by not using the decoder's f.m. audio output, retaining the VCR's own audio for recording on the linear mono track.

If we cut the mono fim. audio feed to the recording amplifiers for the hi-fii tracks and add the decoded Nicam sound at this point we can let the VCR do the switching. Panasonic, and probably many other manufacturers, had produced machines of this vintage for use with the German Zwietone stereo system. Because of this there's a simple mono link connecting the left- and right-hand hi-fi channels. It can easily be removed. Fig. I shows a block diagram of the whole system white Fig. 2 shows the relevant part of the NV830's f.m. audio sub-circuit board.

When plug P4303 is disconnected there is no f.m. feed to the hi-fi channels. Removal of the wire link next to D4318 then separates the left-and right-hand channels. The Nicam left and right inputs can be connected to P4303 via suitable coupling capacitors, the f.m. feed to the plug being cut. I connected the right channel to pin 1 and the left to pin 4. Matching the levels of the Nicam and f.m. audio signals can be done by using simple resistive potential dividers or altering the gain of the op-amps in the Nicam decoder. To be honest however I didn't bother to adjust the Nicam signal level (it's about 3dB higher) as the NV830 has a manual record-level control.

If you don't want to modify the audio sub-board you could connect the Nicam stereo signals to the external audio phono input sockets instead and set the machine permanently to the 'simulcast' mode. A mono version of Nicam would then be recorded on the linear audio track instead of the f.m. mono signal. This would be no great loss as the linear track's output will probably never be used.

The input to the Nicam decoder was taken from the VCR


Fig. 1: Block diagram of the complete system.


Fig. 2: Modifications to the audio sub-circuit board. Remove the existing $\mathbf{P} 4303$ plug then connect the Nicam inputs as follows: pin 1 right channel; pin 2 right earth; pin 3 left earth; pin 4 left channel. Pin 5 was not used (it previously provided audio muting).
tuner's i.f. output pin. I added an emitter-follower stage as a buffer, though a simple high-value resistor might do. Buffering is necessary because the additional load will otherwise spoil the vision i.f. signal's h.f. response. Without buffering there was a slight loss of the higher video frequencies: this could not be seen on recordings but was noticeable in the monitor mode.

Can anyone supply a circuit diagram for, or technical assistance with, the Excel 20 in . monitor made by Niven of Andover? All costs would be covered. J. Howells, Protech Audio Visual, 4 Kingsway Road, Fallings Park, Wolverhampton WV10 OSD. 0902728242.

I am trying to obtain a digital display and circuit board, part no. 13VE001C, or a digital display only, part no. F1P8KM8A, for the Saisho Model VR705. Can anyone supply or suggest a source? M. Zwierzanski, 92 Locks Crescent, Portslade, East Sussex BN41 2AD. 0273420040.

Wanted: A Connoisseur tone arm with head shell. Trevor Smith, 41 Clifton Road, Wallington, Surrey SM6 8AN. 081 7732660.

Wanted: Circuit diagram and instruction manual (photocopies will do) for the Tektronix 5110 scope and 5A19 and 5B10 plug-in units. S. Beukes, PO Box 5963, Durban, South Africa, 4000.

Wanted: LOPT for the Matsui Model 1460. John G. Collyer, 17 Riverside Court, Longford Close, Grundpont, Oxford OX1 4NG. 0831641877.

Wanted: Circuit diagram or service manual for the NordMende FG3360 PAL colour signal generator and the Rohde and Schwarz HUZ-BN 15012/2 v.h.f. field strength indicator. P. Gascoyne, Shaunton, Main Street, West Hanney, Wantage, Oxon OX12 0LH. 0235868695.

Wanted: Russian version of the Vega 402D circuit diagram. Does anyone know of equivalents for TR9/10 on the TB board, or a source of spares for these sets? Can anyone suggest a cure for intermittent field bounce with the Thorn 9600 chassis? S. Quick, 51 Robin Gardens, Waterlooville, Hants PO8 9XF. 0705232264.

Wanted: Philips UV616S/6456 four-band TV tuner. J. Evans, 7 Shap Drive, Warndon, Worcs WR4 9NY.

Wanted: Capstan motor for the Hitachi VT17E and service manuals for the Akai VS427EK and Panasonic NV780E (photocopies would do). P. Thomas, 5 Lingfield Green,

Just three cables are required to link the VCR to the decoder. These are for the i.f. input and the left and right audio outputs. All should of course be individually screened. I earthed the screen of the i.f. lead at the VCR tuner end and the screens of the audio leads at the decoder end. This avoids hum loops. No additional switches or indicators were required as all the signals are available within the VCR which already has switches and indicators as part of its audio mode selection system.

## In Conclusion

The hardest part of the project was hiding the decoder box! It can be tucked down behind the VCR, under the TV set. The performance of the upgraded VCR is good, enabling me to record stereo (and Dolby stereo) programmes without any noticeable audio playback degradation. It has given the oid machine a new lease of life.

Darlington, Co. Durham DL1 IDD.
Wanted: Pin connections for the Mitsumi TIF5-E31P8630/40T satellite tuner head and a copy of the first edition of European Scrambling Systems by J. McCormac. J.G. McCormack, 920 Manchester Road, Castleton, Rochdale OLII 2SR.

Wanted: New or used remote control unit for the Sony SLC9 VCR. Colin McCormick, 23 Shapleys Gardens, Staddiscombe, Plymouth, Devon PL9 9TY. 0752405201 (evenings).

Wanted: Technical information on the Sweda electronic cash register type 350: IC14 is getting hot. Also ON811, ON812 or PG780G chips for the Sweda 2550 cash till. Steven Nicholson, 77 Deerlands Avenue, Parson Cross, Sheffield S5 7WS.

Wanted: Circuit diagram, parts list and any other information for the Fisher CA345 hi-fi amplifier. T. Edwards, 11 Birch Grove, Windsor, Berks.

Wanted: Manual or circuit diagram for the TI Crypton Motorscope Mk. V or VI, also an $0.15 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 3.5 \mathrm{kV}$ capacitor for this motor servicing item. Brian West, 5 Yew Tree Walk, Clifton, Shefford, Beds SG17 5HN. 0234267433 day, 0462815421 evenings.

Wanted: Any information (manuals/circuits) for the IBM VGA Models 8503, 8512, 8513, 8514, 8515, 8518 and 9515. Has anyone seen technical information for Sega/Nintendo systems? S.P. Skinner, 432 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, W. Midlands B90 4AQ. 0217443811.

Wanted: J17 sound de-emphasis circuit for use with French Telecome 2A/B. Brian Webb, 42 Westways, Havant, Hants PO9 3LN. 0705474938.

Wanted: Service sheet or any other service information for a Supervision Filmnet/Rt1 4 decoder, or same type of decoder for spares. A.S. Dhada, 180 Headfield Road, Savile Town, Dewsbury WF12 9JH. 0924466439.

Wanted: Any service information and sales brochures for pre-1960 Dynatron equipment. John Howes, 11 Crendon Park, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 0BE. 0892537288.

# Test Report: Denon SC7000 Desoldering Tool 

Steve Beeching

Desoldering tools can generally either suck or blow: the Denon SC7000 can do both. In terms of its size and weight the SC7000 is similar to the instant soldering irons, with bent copper wire tip, used by many service technicians. This is the whole point of the SC7000: instant operation for intermittent rather than continuous use. It's not that instant as there's a warm-up time of a couple of minutes or so. In practice the sample I used for this review took about thirty seconds to reach its set temperature then another minute for the tip to reach the working temperature

## Operation

As with any hand-held gun type of tool there's a trigger. This one operates a pump for either desoldering or hot-air soldering. There's an on/off mains switch at the bottom, where the mains cable enters the unit. A small vertical slider at the side controls the blowing/suction action: maximum blow at the top position, reducing as the slider is moved downwards, with a fixed suction setting at the bottom. The temperature control at the rear provides variation over the range $300-450^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. I found that $420^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ is a suitable temperature for most applications.

In the suck mode solder is drawn into a small cartridge which is mounted in the cut-out at the top. A pair of sliding knobs at either side, top rear, enable it to be released - to change the cartridge is quick and easy. Two cartridges come with the tool, so the user can whip a full one out and pop a clean one in without unduly delaying the job in hand. Several tips are available: the one I used had a tip size of 2.5 mm with a 1 mm hole. A set of cleaning pins of different sizes is provided to poke down the hole in the tip if it becomes clogged.

## On Test

I first set the tool to suck for desoldering at just over $400^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. I also cleaned the tip: otherwise reflow of the soldered joints would be impaired as they wouldn't be wetted.

Ordinary chips whose pins pass through holes in the PCB were no problem at all. I sat the heated tip on to the i.c.'s leg so that the leg went inside the tip as the solder melted. When the trigger was pressed the solder disappeared into the cartridge. Once all the legs had been dealt with in this way I gave each one a little wiggle, using small pliers, to free it from the print. The chip was then removed. Finally the desoldering tool was used to clean any excess solder from the print - solder wick would do as well for this purpose of course.

VCR motor drive chips present a different problem. Because of the cooling effect of their thick legs there is often print damage when a desoldering tool such as a wick of spring-loaded sucker is used. A heated desoldering tool is without doubt the only way of removing chips of this type safely - particularly the ones found in camcorders.

Surface-mounted devices require different treatment. This is where the ability to switch between suck and blow comes into its own. Three-terminal devices such as diode blocks and transistors can be lifted in two stages. First, use
suction to remove the solder. I found that applying a small amount of flux solder to the pads considerably helped reflow. Then switch to blow to heat the pads, using tweezers to tilt the device to release two legs then ease off the other one. A similar technique works with small dual in-line i.c.s. Desolder the pads along one side, then blow hot air on to them while gently easing this side of the device from the print. An advantage with this approach is that when the component's pads are eased up there's not enough solder left to bridge between the pads and the print, so that they come off cleanly. Then simply heat the other side of the device with hot air, lifting it off when the solder melts. Print cleaning completes the job. With such a device it's always difficult to decide whether removal of the solder from all the pads would be better. If you do this only a thin film of solder will be left bonding each pad to the print: the film is more likely to break than the print. On the other hand the presence of plenty of solder on the pads stores heat during reflow, making it easy to lift the device. It's a question of judgement.

Sucking then blowing can cause problems, as the previously sucked up solder can be blown out, splattering everywhere. There are two ways of avoiding this. First, to blow the loose molten solder into a container, out of the way. Alternatively fit a clean cartridge - as previously mentioned doing this is quick and simple. This is probably a good time to poke the cleaning rod down the spout, blowing at the same time, to remove any loose debris clinging to the internal surfaces.

When solder paste is used for resoldering, the hot-air blower can be used to reflow it. I found that the air flow has to be adjusted once or twice during this process to find a compromise between paste reflow and a howling gale that blows it all over the place.

As with all desoldering tools, efficient operation depends on the solder holder and pump. Regular cleaning is essential. The operating manual tells you clearly how to dismantle the unit and clean it - though some of the spelling leaves a bit to be desired.

As I said at the start, the SC7000 is intended for intermittent use. After ten-fifteen minutes the handle becomes too hot to hold. Thus a rest period is enforced while the user rushes off to immerse his/her hands in a tub of cold water. . .

The pump is a diaphragm device and does vibrate. I didn't find this excessive or disruptive, though it does mean that you can't carry on a telephone conversation while the device is being used.

## Conclusion

Apart from that the tool is a very useful item to have in the workshop for removing and replacing i.c.s in TV sets and VCRs. It does not readily stretch to camcorder use without the optional SMD accessory kit that was unfortunately not available at the time of our evaluation. The SC7000 is available from Farnell Electronic Components Ltd., Canal Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS 12 2TU (telephone no. 0532636 311) under part no. 226889 at $£ 285$ (one-off price) plus VAT and postage. Farnell stock all the spares for it, including a comprehensive range of tips.

## Servicing the Samsung Model BT110

This is a 5 in . monochrome TV receiver incorporating an a.m./f.m. radio section. Two other models, the Alba PTV9C and Goodmans Q9001, incorporate the same chassis and are identical in appearance.

The power options are as follows: mains operation via an unregulated mains adaptor; operation via internal batteries $(1.5 \mathrm{~V} \times 6)$; or operation from a car/caravan battery. There have been two versions, the main difference being in the type of u.h.f. tuner fitted. The early version (mainly Goodmans sets) used type TEB5736VJID, the later version type EBU5731BL. These tuners are not compatible. The later version also has an earphone socket and provision to adjust the field hold control via a hole in the side of the cabinet.

## Circuitry

The power supply circuit is shown in Fig. 1. It uses a series regulator, with the regulating transistor Q701 (KSD288) connected in series with the negative side of the supply. Q702 (KSC815C or KTC1815) is the driver and Q703 ((KSA539C or KTA1015) the error detector. R706/R704/D702 provide a start-up feed. The regulated output across C701 is 10.2 V . Since the internal batteries provide only 9V, when these are used a boost diode (D406) is brought into operation in the line output stage to generate the required 10.2 V across C 415 .

There are only five other transistors. Q401 (KSC1008C or KTC 1959) is the line driver which is RC coupled (with a d.c. restorer) to the base of the KSD362R line output transistor Q402. Q501 (KSC2310 or KTC2229) is the video output transistor. Q101 (KSC1674C or KTC1923) is the SAWF driver. Q601 (KSC815C or KTC1815) is used for a.m./f.m. switching.

Most of the circuitry is contained in four chips. IC01 (KIA7792P), which is on a separate panel, is the a.m./f.m. radio receiver. IC101 (KA2913A) is the TV sound/vision i.f. strip. IC201 (KIA7313) or KA2212) is the audio amplifier. IC301 (KA2133) is the timebase chip, providing an output at pin 9 for the line driver transistor and an output at pin 8 to drive the field scan coils (there is feedback to pins 3 and 6).

## Faults

The following list of faults is based on experience gained whilst repairing a large number of these receivers.

No mains operation: Mains adaptors tend to run fairly hot in normal operation and are prone to failure. Replacement will normally restore power.

No power (mains or battery operation): Check whether Q701 (KSD288) is open-circuit. The TIP41A is a suitable replacement.

If necessary check D702, D701 R706, Q702 and Q703.
You sometimes find that the on/off switch has worn contacts. Also check the print between the switch and the d.c. input socket for cracks.

Fuse F701 (2A) can blow for no apparent reason.
L.T. voltage high: There should be $10 \cdot 2 \mathrm{~V}$ across C701. If the voltage is high, try adjusting VR701. If this has no or
only very little effect, VR701 could have gone high in value or have an open-circuit centre contact.

No internal battery operation: Check whether boost diode D406 (SR306) is open-circuit.

No raster: Check the cr.t. heater (pins 3 and 4). If o.k., check for $250-300 \mathrm{~V}$ at pin 5 (first anode) of the c.r.t. If this supply is missing, check R414 ( $1.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ). D408 (1N40(4) may be short-circuit if R414 is open-circuit, also C414 $(0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F} .400 \mathrm{~V})$ may be faulty. Occasionally replacing these components results in R414 burning up because there's internal leakage in the c.r.t.

If the KSD362R line output transistor Q402 is hot, check whether the FR104 (or PS104R) efficiency diode D404 is short-circuit.

If there's no line drive at the base of Q401, check the voltage at pin 9 of IC301 (KA2133) - the reading here should be 0.4 V . If this voltage is missing, before replacing the chip check that its 10 V supply is present at pin 4. Absence of this voltage is often due to the safety resistor R $50911 \Omega, 0.5 \mathrm{~W}$ ) being open-circuit for no apparent reason - it's mounted on the c.r.t. base panel. Alternatively L401 $(330 \mu \mathrm{H})$ may have gone open-circuit.

No line hold, or line jitter: Replace C406 ( $47 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 16 \mathrm{~V}$ ).
Field roll or excessive height: Check C309 (1,000) F) and VR301 ( $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ).

Low u.h.f. gain: Check the aerial socket and adjacent print. L104 $(2.3 \mu \mathrm{H})$ may have gone open-circuit, Q101 then acting as a wideband amplifier with low gain.

Check for a break in the print between the i.f. output from the tuner and C108.

Check the value of the a.g.c. preset VR105 (10k $\Omega$ ).
The tuners are fairly reliable. A replacement is worth trying as a last resort.

No sound: Check for an open-circuit loudspeaker, also the earphone socket if one is fitted.


Fig. 1: The simple power supply circuit. An adaptor is required for mains operation. Note that the regulator transistor 0701 is in series with the negative side of the supply.

## Modifying the Amstrad MP3 TV Adaptor

Brian Williams

The Amstrad MP3 TV adaptor was designed to enable various computer monitors - the Amstrad CPC6128, Philips 8833 and CBM 1084 - to be used for TV reception as well. It has been available as a surplus equipment item from various sources. At the time of writing this Bull Electrical have the MP3 in stock. The experimenter, TV-DXer or someone who requires TV from his monitor when this is not being used for its usual purpose will find the MP3 of interest.

The modifications outlined in this article are all simple and easy to carry out. There are many possibilities. For example, if a monitor is not available a u.h.f. modulator can be added and the adaptor used with a standard TV set: this has the advantage that any signal processing modifications required can be carried out in the adaptor, leaving the TV set unmodified.

The MP3 is an ideal item for the newcomer to DX-TV. There's plenty of room for additions within the case, and the PCB is easy to work on.

The modifications described here include the addition of a tuning meter, a.f.c. normal/defeat switching, positive-/negative-going baseband video switching, modulation of the output to u.h.f., extension of the tuning range to include the ATV band, and adding a narrowband i.f. stage.

## General Notes

The adaptor requires an external 12 V power supply: consumption is around 180 mA . Fig. 1 shows a suitable circuit using a 78 type series regulator, a transformer, a bridge rectifier and a handful of other components. It may
be possible to obtain the 12 V supply from your monitor or TV set, but don't do anything that will interfere with the built-in safety arrangements. The supply must be regulated.

The adaptor generally comes with a few instructions and diagrams. One advertiser even included a couple of 6 MHz filters to replace the $5 \cdot 5 \mathrm{MHz}$ ones.

Individuals will want to decide for themselves what use to make of the modifications suggested here. The front


Fig. 1: Suitable 12 V power supply. The transformer's secondary winding should provide $12-18 \mathrm{~V}$ a.c. (two 6.3 V windings connected in series and in phase can be used). Put a $3 A$ fuse in the three-pin mains plug.
panel has enough room for all the suggested modifications, which can be carried out without removing the PCB from the case.

Portable operation from a car battery is feasible. This would be of interest to the TV-DXer who likes to take his rig to a local high spot - or a quiet r.f. location! In this case battery power can be saved by snipping out the $560 \Omega$ resistor R406 which supplies the sync generators - these are


Fig. 2: Top side of the PCB, showing items relevant to the modifications described in this article.


Fig. 3: Adding a tuning meter. Connect the red lead to the slider (centre tag) of the tuning potentiometer and the blue lead to its earthy end (blue wire). Earth the screen near the potentiometer, leaving it open at the meter end.
not needed when RGB outputs are not used.
The one drawback of the MP3 is the lack of any tuning indication. Fortunately the Maplin $4 \mathrm{in} ., 50 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ meter, part no. RX54J, fits nicely in the hollow in the case. Some may prefer to use an 'outboard' tuning potentiometer with a scale. The integral tuning potentiometer however is geared down and is entirely suitable, with the suggested modification, for use with a tuning meter.

For normal UK TV reception it's a good idea to remove the 5.58 MHz dot/pattern and intermodulation filter CF202 and short-circuit coil L202. Otherwise the 6 MHz sound may suffer from distortion on peaks.

The inclusion of a switchable wide/narrow bandwidth i.f. stage is highly recommended for DX reception. The difference narrow-bandwidth operation makes with a weak signal has to be seen to be believed. It is also useful where two DX signals are so closely spaced that there's cross-modulation. During a summer SpE opening for example there are often signals in channels R1 and R2 simultaneously. Narrowbandwidth i.f. operation will separate them nicely. Note that this mode of operation will remove the colour and sound with say ch. E2 reception.

Fig. 2 shows items on the top/component side of the PCB relevant to the modifications described in this article.

## Adding a Tuning Meter

You can easily fix the $50 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ Maplin meter, stock no. RX54J, by its own terminal screws to the top of the MP3's case, in the gap. Fig. 3 shows the connections. When wiring it up, leave plenty of flex to allow the top cover to be taken off.

To calibrate it, open the meter carefully then reverse the scale plate, which can be marked in pencil with the positions of the various $R$ and $E$ channels or whatever. $B e$


Fig. 4: A.F.C. on/off switching arrangements, (a) boffin's way, (b) lazy man's way.
careful not to drop anything down the gap of the meter movement.

Mount the resistors directly at the meter's terminals, then cover them with insulating tape. Use miniature twin screened flex. The diode is not essential, but does away with any worries should the meter be wired incorrectly. Because of the use of preferred value resistors, slight juggling may
be necessary to get the meter to read full scale when the luning potentiometer is set to maximum voltage (about 33 V ). In my experience it's best not to use a preset for this purpose, as this will leac to eventual calibration inaccuracies (unless a very high-grade component is used).

## ATV Reception

A simple modification enables the varicap tuner's l.f. coverage to be extended down to 435 MHz . Cut the blue wire from the earthy end of the tuning potentiometer at the point where it is connected to the PCB, then solder it to one of the tuner's earth lugs. The purist may prefer to link out R003. This entails removal of the PCB, which is easy enough.

The extent of the tuner's coverage will depend on manufacturing tolerances, component values, setting up etc. Both my MF3s will cover the ATV band however.

## AFC on/off

This facility is required when a tropospheric opening brings many Band III signals. With the a.f.c. wired so that it is permanently on, the tuner won't receive a weak signal when there's an adjacent stronger one. The modification is an essential one for the serious DX-TV enthusiast.

There are two ways of going about it. First the boffin's way, see Fig. 4(a). Two resistors and a miniature, singlepole changeover toggle switch are required. Use screened wire for the connections to the switch. There's plenty of room to mount it on the front panel. Earth all the screens at a single point - the tuner can lug. Unsolder the tuner's a.f.c. pin (see Fig. 2) from the print carefully, or cut the pin so that soldered connections can be made to both sides.

The alternative is the lazy man's or brute-force way, see Fig. 4(b), though there seem to be no ill effects after carrying out the modification in this way and making daily use of it for over six months. An on-off toggle switch is used to short pin 6 of the tuner to chassis via a $100 \Omega$ resistor, thus defeating the a.f.c. action. Solder the resistor to pin 6 , connecting it to the switch via a screened lead. This action removes most of the power from the relevant place within IC201 and seems to work well. The current drain through R221 ( $22 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ) is negligible.

## Baseband Video Switching

Switching for positive-going vision is required if you want to receive French system L signals. There's room on the front panel for two undependent phono sockets for this purpose, and ready-made buffer stages are present.

Negative-going baseband composite video (i.e. not RGB) can be tapped from the emitter of Q601. Its emitter load resistor R 671 ( $560 \Omega$ ) is marked on the PCB and a soldered joint can be made to the leadout wire. If only a negativegoing signal is used, link B604 is a more convenient tap-off point. Use a miniature screened lead: there's a chassis link that can be used to earth the screen. It's in order to take a d.c. output from this point, going to a $75 \Omega$ load resistor. The result will be a lower d.c. voltage at the emitter of Q601, but this doesn't seem to have any adverse effects - sync clipping is a danger if capacitive coupling (say $47 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ) is used. I found that a.c. coupling to the Hitachi VT11 VCR led to problems with the automatic ext/int switching - a d.c. connection must be used with this VCR.

Positive-going baseband video can be tapped from the emitter of Q602, i.e. from across R607 (820 2). Note that there's a 47 pF coupling capacitor ( C 601 ) connected to this


Fig. 5 (left): DIN socket connections, looking into the socket from the plug side.

Fig. 6 (right): Adding a phono audio output socket.
point - it feeds the chroma signal to IC601, which is used when RGB outputs are required. C601 can be ignored or taken out if required - it must be left in if the DIN output is required. As before, use a miniature screened lead.

If preferred, instead of using two separate sockets take the feeds via a front-panel mounted changeover switch to a single output phono socket.

## The DIN Socket

Fig. 5 shows the connections to the DIN socket on the MP3's front panel. I removed it as it wasn't compatible with the plug to the other equipment I have. If you use it, note that the shell is at +12 V while pin 5 is the earth connection.

## Adding a UHF Modulator

A standard u.h.f. TV receiver can be used as the monitor if a u.h.f. modulator is added to the MP3. Note however that it won't be possible to resolve system B/G sound. The MP3 has an integral system B/G sound system which gets around this problem so long as the original 5.5 MHz crystals are left in place.

Various u.h.f. modulators are available from advertisers in this magazine. The Astec UM1289 is a good choice. Note that some modulators operate with a 5 V instead of the usual 12 V supply. If you use one of these a regulated 5 V supply will have to be provided. You can run a 7805 directly off a 7812 , and this will suffice.

The UM1289 presents no undue problems. With other types a check should be made on the standing d.c. voltage at the inputs - this will determine the polarity of any electrolytic capacitor used to tap the outputs from Q601 and Q602. Likewise the audio input - see Fig. 6.

## Adding an Audio Phono Socket

A phono socket can be fitted to the front panel to provide an audio output for a tape recorder, VCR, etc. Use a screened lead as shown in Fig. 6, and an $0 \cdot 1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ coupling capacitor. Take the output from the jungle chip IC201 nearly everything in this receiver is done inside IC201! The electronic volume control works on pin 29 of this chip and cannot be 'got at'. This means that you can only tap from the chip audio that's controlled by the front-panel volume control. Thus any sound that's recorded via the phono socket is affected by the front-panel volume control: a suitable level will have to be found by trial and error. Solder the $0 \cdot 1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ coupling capacitor to the right-hand side of C351, looking at the top of the PCB - see Fig. 2.

## Narrowing the IF Bandwidth

This is the largest modification, but as previously mentioned is very well worth doing for DX operation. With
the circuit shown in Fig. 7 the i.f. passband will be narrowed to about 2.8 MHz . Two alternative circuits are provided to suit different requirements.

A simple but quite effective i.f. filter is shown in Fig. 8. It will narrow the passband to about $3 \cdot 5 \mathrm{MHz}$. This is achieved by setting the cores of the two coils to the same frequency at the centre of the passband.

Both circuits are easy to incorporate in the MP3 and can be built 'ugly' fashion on to the corner of the tuner can, occupying some space near C202 $(0 \cdot 01 \mu \mathrm{~F})$. This capacitor couples the tuner's i.f. output to the base of Q201, a lowgain buffer/amplifier that drives the SAW filter.


Fig. 7: Extra i.f. stage to reduce the passband to about 2.8 MHz . Leave C202 in position when a switch is used to select a narrow or wide bandwidth (see text).

You can obtain coils from various sources or wind them yourself with the aid of a grid-dip oscillator (all right, a f.e.t.-dip oscillator!). I used Toko coils, type TKXCA34732CQN or alternatively KXCAK3347AHC, with internal 27 pF capacitor, in position CQN, and type KXCAK 2499 ABZ with internal 12 pF capacitor in position ABZ . Electronically the difference between the two circuits is the provision of a buffer/amplifier and use of doubled up coils in Fig. 7. Both circuits work well and there has been no hint of instability. If i.f. instability should be experienced a possible cure would be to increase the value of R204 from $27 \Omega$ to say $56 \Omega$ or $68 \Omega$. But first look for the cause in the added circuitry. Note that Q20I's emitter is not decoupled, so there's a degree of negative feedback in this stage.

To incorporate either circuit in the MP3 all that's necessary is to remove C202. It can be cut out, leaving enough leadout wire to make solder connections to the added circuit. This saves having to take the PCB out of the case to gain access to the underside. Note that the Toko coils incorporate capacitors as indicated above: they are marked with asterisks in Figs. 7 and 8.

You might wish to include switching so that either narrow- or normal-bandwidth operation can be selected. I use a simple single-pole changeover toggle switch for this purpose, the switching being done at the input end. Use a short length of good-quality miniature coaxial cable to connect the signal to the switch. Having a common input at


Fig. 8: Simple i.f. filter to reduce the passband to about 3.5 MHz .
the base of Q201 introduces no coupling of any consequence.

It might be possible to find room for the old Philips G8 chassis i.f. selectivity module, type U800. I use these successfully in another rig. They are ready-made, threestage i.f. amplifiers. All that need be done is to provide 12 V and switch the module in/out of circuit. As an upmarket approach, small 12 V relays with DPDT contacts could be used.

## General Hints

(1) Setting the a.g.c. crossover potentiometer RV201. Disregard the procedure in the leaflet! If a signal generator is available, feed $40 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ at about 210 MHz into the aerial socket and adjust RV201 so that the signal is seen just to drop from the level at the anticlockwise position. If a signal generator is not available, use a weak but stable off-air u.h.f. signal. First adjust RV20I (use an antalogue meter on the 2.5 V range) for 0.9 V at the potentiometer (NOT at the tuner's a.g.c. pin). Then make slight final adjustment with an off-air signal.
(2) It's desirable to provide reverse-polarity protection in the MP3. This is easy to do: solder a hefty diode, BY127 or similar, across the power input plug CP501 (see Fig. 2) with its cathode to the positive connection. A fuse must be included in series with the positive (red) lead: 250 mA is suitable.
(3) Note that the contrast and colour controls on the front panel work only when RGB outputs from the DIN socket are used.
(4) Opening the top of the case is not as simple as the instructions imply! After removing the three screws, ease the top front of the case upwards so that the lugs inside are released. Don't attempt to force the case open by pushing the slots at the rear.

To remove the PCB from the bottom part of the case first pull off the front knobs (except the tuning one), then push down the plastic latches at each side of the PCB and ease it forwards and upwards. Watch the bandswitch as it is loose on its mounting. Pull off the power and speaker plugs carefully.

Note that the tin plate fixed in the top cover is a magnetic shield to help prevent purity errors with a nearby tube, as the speaker's magnet is of the open type.
(5) French system $L$ signals have a.m. audio which can't be demodulated by the MP3. There's no easy answer to this one! Possibilities are a separate receiver that takes the i.f. directly from the tuner, or a receiver similar to a scanner tuned to the off-air signal.

## CORRECTION

Our apologies for the printing error that occurred in last month's issue. The drawing for Fig. 5, page 637, appeared as Fig. 1 on page 655 and vice versa.

## Next Month in TELEVISION

## HELP WITH THE ICC5 CHASSIS

The ICC5 was the first Thomson designed chassis to be used in Ferguson TV sets. It caused much concern amongst those used to traditional Ferguson designs. J. LeJeune provides fault-finding guidance based on a lot of bench experience with this chassis.

## SIMPLE TRANSFORMER TESTER

It's helpful to be able to test a transformer before going to the trouble of obtaining and trying a replacement. This simple tester can be used with LOPTs and other types of transformer. A scope is used as the monitoring device - some waveforms show what to expect.

## MORE ON PANASONIC'S DIGITAL CHASSIS

Start of a short series that will describe the circuitry used in the Panasonic Euro 1 digital TV chassis. In this initial instalment Ray Meadows looks at the power supply and timebase output stage circuitry.

## VHS VCR SERVICING

Regular maintenance will prolong the life of any VCR. It can be done during quiet periods. John Coombes provides a schedule for regular checks on VHS machines.

## ALTERNATIVES TO THE CRT

In the next instalment in his current series Eugene Trundle describes alternative display systems to the c.r.t. They are based on the LCD, either as a directly viewed device or as a light valve.

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## SURFACE MOUNT LED's




| £2 PACK | $100+$ | $\mathbf{1 k}+$ |
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| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | .08 | .06 |
| 12 | .08 | .06 |
| 15 | .06 | .045 |
| 12 | .08 | .06 |
| 15 | .06 | .045 |
| 12 | .08 | .06 |
| 15 | .06 | .045 |
| 8 | .12 | .09 |
| 6 | .16 | .12 |
| 6 | .16 | .12 |
| 6 | .16 | .12 |



STANDARD LED's
These LED's have radial leads

| CODE | PART NO | COLOUR | SPEC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Z2682 | MV6052 | Red 5mm | 0.7mcd@ 20mA tint/undiffused |
| 22683 | SL35091G | Orange 3 mm | $16 \mathrm{mcd} @ 10 \mathrm{~mA}$ |
| 22684 | HLMP3850 | Yellow 5 mm | 150mcd @ 20mA untinv/u |
| 22685 | HLMP3950 | Green 5mm | 150 mcd @ 20mA untint/undif |
| Z2686 | TLMP7413 | Yellow 5 mm | 150 mcd @ 20mA untinvun |
| 22687 | TLMP7513 | Green 5mm | $150 \mathrm{mcd} @ 20 \mathrm{~mA}$ untint/undiffus |
| Z2688 | TLMP7313 | HE Red 5 mm | 150 mcd @ 20 mA untint/undiffu |
| 22689 | LST712L | Orange/Green 5mm | 4mcd @ 20mA milky/diffused |
| 22690 | XC5549R | Red 5mm | 4mcd@10mA tinted/undiffused |
| Z2694 | TLMP5401* | Yellow $5 \times 2 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $4 \mathrm{mcd} @ 20 \mathrm{~mA}$ tinted/undiffused |


| £2 PACK | $100+$ | $\mathbf{1 k}+$ |
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| $\mathbf{2 5}$ | .045 | .03 |
| 16 | .06 | .04 |
| 12 | .075 | .05 |
| 12 | .075 | .05 |
| 12 | .075 | .05 |
| 12 | .075 | .05 |
| 12 | .075 | .05 |
| 10 | .09 | .06 |
| 30 | .04 | .025 |
| 15 | .055 | .035 |

These have an inlerlocking moulding incorporated to enable accurate alignment when stacked.

| CODE | TYPE | COLOUR | SIZE | SPECIFICATION | TU/DU | OTY | £2 PACK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 22907 | HLMP0401 | YELLOW | 2.5X7MM | O.9MCD © 10MA | TD | 1900 | 12 |
| Z2908 | HLMP0504 | GREEN | $2.5 \times 7 \mathrm{MM}$ | 0.9MCD © 10MA | TD | 296 | 12 |
| 22909 | HLMP1321 | HE RED | 3MM | 6.OMCD $\odot 10 \mathrm{MA}$ | TU | 1700 | 16 |
| Z2910 | HLMP1421 | YELLOW | 3MM | 6.OMCD $\odot 10 \mathrm{MA}$ | TU | 100 | 12 |
| 22911 | HLMP1521 | GREEN | 3MM | 4.2 MCD © 10MA | TU | 400 | 12 |
| 22912 | HLMP3050 | RED | 5MM | $2.0 \mathrm{MCD} \oplus 20 \mathrm{MA}$ | TU | 6880 | 30 |
| 22913 | HLMP3316 | HE RED | 5MM | 20.0 MCD - 10MA | TU | 1192 | 15 |
| 22914 | HLMP3416 | YELLOW | 5MM | 20.0MCD © 10MA | TU | $5444{ }^{\circ}$ | 12 |
| 22915 | HLMP3517 | GREEN | 5 MM | 6.7MCD © 10MA | TU | 1514 | 14 |
| 22916 | HLMP3519 | GREEN | 5MM | 10.6MCD®10MA | TU | 2172 | 12 |
| 22917 | HLMP3862 | YELLOW | 5MM | 8.OMCD © 10MA | TD | 200 | 14 |
| 22918 | HLMP4610 | HE RED | 5MM | 2.OMCD@ 10MA | TD | 8422 | 25 |
| Z2919 | MV54123 | GREEN | $2 \times 5 \mathrm{MM}$ | 1.0 MCD 020 MA | TD | 592 | 15 |
| Z2920 | MV6051 | RED | 5MM | 0.4 MCD @20MA | UD | 4400 | 15 |
| 22921 | MV64520 | GREEN | 5MM | 12.0MCD 020 MA | TU | 514 | 12 |
| Z2922 | MV6752 | HE RED | 5MM | 17.0mcde20MA | TU | 19112 | 20 |
| 22923 | TF5012 | HE RED |  |  |  | 2416 | 20 |
| Z2924 | TF5031 | HE RED | 5MM | 6.3MCD® 10MA | TD | 56170 | 25 |
| 22925 | TF5032 | RED | 5MM | 10.0MCD 10MA | TD | 1564 | 20 |
| 22926 | TLMP5001 | RED | $2 \times 5 \mathrm{MM}$ | INTERLOCKING | TD | 2775 | 20 |
| 22927 | TLMP5301 | HE RED | 2X5MM | INTERLOCKING | TD | 12823 | 15 |
| 22928 | TLMP5501 | GREEN | 2X5MM | INTERLOCKING | TD | 3600 | 15 |
| Z2929 | TLMP5801 | RED/GRN | $2 \times 5 \mathrm{MM}$ | INTERLOCKING | TD | 567 | 10 |
| 22930 | TLMP7003 | UB RED | 5MM | 200.0MCD@20MA | UU | 1278 | 10 |
| Z2931 | TLMP7005 | UB RED | 5MM | 300.0 MCD 020 MA | UU | 924 | 8 |
| 22932 | TLMP9710 | HE RED | TO46 | 3.0 MCD @ 20 MA | H | 95 | 12 |
| H = Hermetic; TU/DU $=$ Tinted/Untinted/Diffused/Undiffused |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Traffic Light LED modules. Plastic moulding $15 \times 10 \times 7.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ that have $2 \times 3 \mathrm{~mm}$ LED's mounted in them. Ideal for railway modellers etc
$Z 2855$ Red and Orange
$\mathbf{Z 2 8 5 6}$ Red and Green
22857 Green and Yellow
All the same price - any mix, 10 for $£ 2.00$
Panel mntg LED's in chrome bezel, with long leads. Requi e 6 mm hole
Z2744 Yellow Pack of $\mathbf{6} \mathbf{\Sigma 1 . 0 0}$
22745 Green Pack of $\mathbf{6} \mathbf{\Sigma 1 . 0 0}$

22860 3mm red diffused IR LED. No other info, so 10 for $£ 1$


These excellent quality 1.5 mm Led's are housed in a $6.2 \times 5 \times 2.4 \mathrm{~mm}$ package with built in resistor for 5 V operation (add 470R resistor for 12V). Available in Green (DP £1.73) or red (DP E1.16).

## 22135 Red

1E1 $100+0.15$
22136 Green ........................................................2/と1 $100+.25$


22481 PC mnig packaged red LED - mounts at right angles to PCB. $10.5 \times 8 \times 3.9 \mathrm{~mm}$. LED is 3 mm . Ore type 9301 A . Pack of PCB. $10.5 \times 8 \times 3.9 \mathrm{~mm}$. LED Is 3
$10 £ 1.00100+0.05: 1 \mathrm{k}+0.04$
Z1934 Stackable red LED - white casing round
$6 \times 3.5 \mathrm{~mm}$. Pack of 10 for $\$ 1.00$
A couple of small matching rectangular LED's, $3.8 \times 1.75 \mathrm{~mm}$ : 22500 Green Pack of $12 \Sigma 1 \quad 100+.051 \mathrm{k}+.04$ 22501 Red Pack of $12 \mathbf{\Sigma 1} 100+.051 \mathrm{k}+.04$
21845 Rectangular LED $7 \times 2.5$ Red. Unusual size by Hewlett Packard type LMP301.
Price ............................................... Pack of 12/ £1.00 Z1464 3 way white (lights up red) 7.5 mm .. 20p 10/ 1.40 $Z 1932$ Red square LED with rounded corners. 5 mm . Pack of 15 tor $\$ 1.00$
Z1933 Thin rect. red LED - $5 \times 1.5 \mathrm{~mm}$. Pack of 20 $\$ 1.00$


## (Last digit of Type No. denotes array length)

22571 Hewlett Packard sub-min red LED array type HLMP6204. Strip of $4 \times 1.8 \mathrm{~mm}$ LED's, easlly seperated if required. DP 1.27. Our Price: Pack of 8 £2.00
Z2091 Red 5 mm square, Liton type LTL9223A. Pack of 12 £1.00; $100+0.038 ; 1 k+0.03$
Z2098 Red $7 \times 2.55 \mathrm{~mm}$ rectangular by Senior type SE65110. Pack of $12 £ 1.00 ; 100+0.038 ; 1 k+0.03$
22095 Red 5 mm square with rounded corners by Phillips type HR44DL. Pack of $12 £ 1.00 ; 100+0.038 ; 1 k+0.03$
22096 Clear infra red $4.5 \times 1.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ rectangular, Honeywell type 8406. Pack of $8 \mathrm{£1.00;} \mathrm{100+0.06;} 1 \mathrm{k}+0.04$

22097 Red $5 \times 2 \mathrm{~mm}$ rectangular by GI, type MV57123. Pack of 12 £1.00; $100+0.038 ; 1 k+0.03$.

22182 Standard 5 mm red LED with 18 mm leads, bent at right angles. $18 / £ 1.00100+0.031 k+0.0210 k+0.015$.


Hermetically sealed, TO46 case

| CODE | PART | COL | RATING | £2 PK | 100 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Z2764 | TLMP9210 | GRN | 3.0 mcdG20ma | 15 | .07 |
| Z2765 | TLMP9310 | YELL | 3.0 mcde20ma | 15 | 07 |

25501 Panel $71 \times 27 \mathrm{~mm}$ with dual 7 seg LED+red and green rect LED's. Pack of 10 E .00


25502 Another, this time with a dual and single 7 seg LED+red and green rect LED's. Pack of $8 \mathbf{£ 2 . 0 0}$

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## (C) LED BLOCKS



Z1499 Opto slotted switch on small ( $25 \times 26 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) pane Type P850.

Z2722 7 seg LED, MAN74A 0.3" CC red. A tube of 25 for $£ 3.50$ $500+0.10$

22435 Single 7 seg LED 10 mm high diglt. Type LN514RK. Common cathode. 4 for $£ 1.00 ; 100+0.15 ; 1 k+0.10$


22434 Dual 7 seg LED , type TDDA5250 by TFK. Ped common anode 13 mm digit helght. DP 1.14. Our special low price (we have 10000 to clear) 2 for $£ 1.00 ; 100+0.25$ : $1 k+0.18$

Z2905D Red 2 digit $0.5^{\prime \prime}$ display as above. Common cathode for $\$ 1.00100+0.50$
Z1500 Opto reflective switch type OPB6076 with 3pin
connector £1.00


22658 LED module. An Interesting little PCB $50 \times 35 \mathrm{~mm}$ tha has mounted on It a 7 digit 7 segment red dilsplay. and a plastle moulding under which are 3 surface mount LED's, one each red, yellow and green. On the back of the PCB is a SED5031M chip. Offered without Info at present, although we are working on It. Belleved to have been the display on a moblle phone. Only $\& 1$ each


22903D Red LED PCB mounted display - 12 bubble digits 0.11 high. Full data supplied. Only $£ 1.50100+0.80$ 2415 Display. 8 digit LED multiplexed. With data. $31 \times 16 \mathrm{~mm}$. $31 \times 16$

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Z5501 Panel $71 \times 27 \mathrm{~mm}$ with dual 7 seg LED + red and green rect LED's. Pack of 10 £2.00
Z5502 Another, this time with a dual and single 7 seg L.ED + red and green rect LED's. Pack of $\mathbf{8} \mathbf{£ 2 . 0 0}$

Z2906D As above but common anode 2 for $£ 1.00100+0.50$ $1 k+0.35$


22362 MS463M $0.6^{\prime \prime}$ common cathode 4 dig|t multiplexed dlsplay on PCB $70 \times 30$ with 15 way connector. Intended for dightal clock use. Suppiled with pin out. ONL Y £1.50

Z2904D Red 3.5 digit $0.5^{\prime \prime}$ PCB mounted LED display. Common anode multiplexed output and stackable with full data $£ 1.00$ $100+0.50$

21381 Right angle DIL socket for mounting 7 seg displays (takes our MAN6740 dual digit). Extremely high quality. Prices: $40 \mathrm{p} 10+0.26100+0.17$.

- Small square face 105 mm

95 mm dia hole
21914 Green
21915 Amber
(Any mix) 5 for El
21916 White
$100+0.101 k+0.06$

Type F - Large square face 135 mm Clip fix. requires 12.5 mm dia hole
$\mathbf{z 1 9 1 7} 7$ Red
$\begin{array}{ll}21917 \\ 21948 & \text { Gereen (Any mix) } 5 \text { for } \mathrm{E1}\end{array}$
$\mathbf{Z 1 9 1 9}$ Amber
NEON INDICATORS
Top quallity range by IMO - they are cheap because they're $110 / 120 \mathrm{~V}$ - but we supply a sultable resistor for mains operation


Type A - Panel mounting $33 \times 15 \mathrm{~mm}$ with $025^{\prime \prime}$ tagss Clip fix. equires $25 \times 125 \mathrm{~mm}$ cut-out
$\mathbf{2 1 8 9 9}$ Gieen
for \&1 $100+0.10 \quad 1 k+0.06$
Type B - Panel mounting $36.5 \times 265 \mathrm{~mm}$ with 0.25 " tags Clip
(1x, requres $30 \times 22.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ cut-out
21901 Red
(Any mix) 5 for $\mathrm{E1}$
$+0.10 \quad 1 k+0.06$
21903 Amber
$100+0.10 \quad 1 k+0.06$


Type C-Smail round face 10 mm dia Clip fix, requires 9 mm diahcle
$\mathbf{Z 1 9 0 5}$ Red (Any mix) 5 for El $\mathbf{2 1 9 0 8}$ Green $100+\mathbf{0 . 1 0} \mathbf{1 k + 0 . 0 6}$ 21908 White

Type D - Large round face 135 mm dia Clip fix, 125 mm dia hole
(Any mix) 5 for $\& 1$
21910 Green $100+0.101 k+0.06$ 21912 White

$\mathbf{Z 1 9 1 9}$
$\mathbf{Z 1 9 2 0}$ Amber


Tyge G - Small round face 7.5 mm dia, threaded body requires 6.5 mm dia hole
21921 Red
Price:
5 for 1 1; $100+0.10 ; 1 k-0.06$
Type $\mathbf{H}$ - Body dia 17.5 mm - chrome bezel. Wire ends
22066 Clear
Price
5 for $£ 1.00$
$K 700$ Pack of indicators types A.G May include any of those listed above Great value for money! 20 for $\mathbf{\Sigma 2} .50$

22459 Neon bulbs 5.5 mm dla $\times 15 \mathrm{~mm}$ long - wire ended OV neons at a great saving over normal prices! Made by VCH international. In packs of 100 at $\mathbf{\$ 4 . 0 0} 10+3.00$

5.11 Mains neon, clear $0.25^{\prime \prime}$ tabs require 15 mm hole 2514 As above, but 110 V red. Same prices
Z517 Mains neon, orange. Square face. Req 12 mm hole Prices .............................. 20p 10/1.30 100/10.45 Z518 Mains neon, white. $0.187^{\prime \prime}$ tabs. Req 15 mm hole. Prices ............................... 20p 10/1.30 100/ 10.45 ZE29 Mains neons - 90 V neon + resistor with clear sleeve over and leads 70 mm long. Some have dry joints.
over and leads 70 mm long. Some have dry joints. 100 /...................................................... $\mathbf{6 0}$

# $1 \cdot$ SUPER SENSATIBNALSUMMER CREENWEDD 27 Park Rd. Southampton SOI 3TB <br> EVERYTHING FOR THE ON THIS PACE PRICE OF 



A selection of 2 \& 4 digit red and green displays with on board serial data in/parallel data out chips. Designed to operate with minimal interface. TLL compatible. Wide power supply operation. Direct current drive. Comprehensive data available - see below for details.

| CODE | TYPE | COLOUR | DESCRIPTION | Qty | PRICE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 22888 | TSM4307 | RED | 2-DIGIT 0.3"p | 429 | $\underline{1.00}$ |
| 22889 | TSM4507 | RED | 2-DIGIT 0.5"p | 873 | £2.40 |
| 22890 | TSM5032 | RED | 2-DIGIT 0.3" | 543 | £1.00 |
| 22891 | TSM5032P | RED | 2-DIGIT 0.3"p | 354 | £1.00 |
| 22892 | TSM5052 | RED | 2-DIGIT 0.5" | 131 | £1,40 |
| 22893 | TSM5052P | RED | 2-DIGIT 0.5p | 955 | ¢1.40 |
| 22894 | TSM5232P | GREEN | 2-DIGIT 0.3"p | 654 | £1.10 |
| 22895 | TSM5252 | GREEN | 2-DIGIT 0.5" | 14 | £1.50 |
| 22896 | TSM5252P | GREEN | 2-DIGIT 0.5"p | 14 | $\varepsilon 1.50$ |
| 22897 | TSM5732 | HE RED | 2-DIGIT 0.3" | 663 | E1.10 |
| 22898 | TSM5735P | HE RED | 4-DIGIT 0.3"p | 74 | £2.00 |
| 22899 | TSM5752 | HE RED | 2-DIGIT 0.5" | 98 | £1.50 |
| 22900 | TSM6232P | GREEN | 2-DIGIT 0.3"p | 248 | £1.10 |
| 22901 | TSM6732P | HE RED | 2-DIGIT 0.3"p | 358 | £1.10 |

The p suffix indicates pcb with $0.1^{\prime \prime}$ pitch pins
Individual data sheets are supplied with each device, and a booklet, Z2999 is available with applications data + program listing on all the devices, price $\mathbf{£ 2 . 0 0}$
K848 A pack of 10 assorted of the above types $£ 5.00$


221634 Digit multipiexed LCD. $50 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$ probably for an electronic balance-symbols include balance pens, 5 stage bar graph, ib's and kg's etc. Digit height 12 mm Self adhesive pad on back. 13 pin PCB connector.


21637 LCD Display - Direct drive $31 / 2$ digit with LO-BATT 12.7 mm high digits Op voltage $4-12$ RMS ", 32 Hz type Consumes only $25 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ with all segments on. Trade price $£ 797$ each Supplied with data, but no edge connector

## Prices ... <br> $\varepsilon 1.0025+0.65100+0.50$



221194 digit LCD 12.5 mm high with low dattery and clock symbol. Complete with edge connector

241158 digit 12.7 mm high LCD and holder These are 14 segment devices allowing alphanumeric display. Normally
costing over $£ 15.00$ we are otfering these for iust costing over $£ 15.00$ we are oftering these for iust ......... £4.50 22432 LCD 8 diglt 10 mm high. Single sided 36 way edge
connector. Only $£ 2.00100+1.00 \quad 1 \mathrm{k}+0.80$


$\mathbf{Z 5 2 8 7}$ Here's an oldie - we had a batch of these some time ago - the "Tyrometer" - used to indicate tyre pressures on HGV's, this is the pod that fitted into the drivers cab. On the front panel are two small push and a toggle switch. Inside is a PCB with 11 miniature wire ended bulbs, a choke, 2 caps and a buzzer. There's a short length of 14 way ribbon cable too. £3.95
(A) OPTOCOUPLERS

| (i) Transistor |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CODE | PART | VOLTS | CTR\% | NOTE | E2 PK 100+ |  |
|  | NO | (RMS) | MIN |  | QTY |  |
| 22773 | 4N35 | 2500 | 100 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 22775 | CNY1711 | 3000 | 63 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 22777 | CNY33 | 1770 | 20 |  | 10 | 12 |
| 22779 | CNY47 | 2000 | 20 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 22780 | CNY47A | 2000 | 40 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 22782 | CNY51 | 4000 | 100 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| Z2783 | H11A2 | 1060 | 20 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 27788 | H11A3 | 1770 | 20 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 22790 | H11A520 | 4000 | 20 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 2791 | H11A550 | 4000 | 50 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 27792 | H11AA2 | 1770 | 10 | D | 6 | 20 |
| 27793 | H11AGI | 4000 | 300 | A | 6 | 20 |
| 22794 | Hilavi | 4000 | 100 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 22795 | H11AVIA | 4000 | 100 | B | 10 | . 12 |
| 22796 | H11aV3 | 4000 | 20 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 22797 | H11AV3A | 4000 | 20 | B | 10 | . 12 |
| 22800 | H1104 | 1770 | 10 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| 22822 | H11F2 | 1770 |  | C | 10 | . 12 |
| 22826 | H11J3 | NOINF |  |  | 20 | . 06 |
| Z2835 | MCT2 | 1060 | 20 |  | 10 | . 12 |
| Notes: | A: CMOS CTR @ 1 mA |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | B: GULLWING |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | C: FET - NO OTHER DATA |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | D: AC INPUT |  |  |  |  |  |
| K845 Mixed pack containing many of the above, plus others in quantities too small to list. $\mathbf{2 5}$ for $\mathbf{£ 2 . 9 5}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (ii) Darlington |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CODE | PART | VOLTS | CTR\% |  | E2 PK100+ |  |
|  | NO | (RMS) | MIN |  | QTY |  |
| 22771 | 4N30 | 1060 | 100 |  | 8 | . 13 |
| 22772 | 4N31 | 1060 | 50 |  | 10 | . 10 |
| 22778 | CNY35 | 1060 | 10 |  | 10 | 10 |
| Z2781 | CNY48 | 1500 | 600 |  | 6 | . 16 |
| 22798 | H11B2 | 1770 | 200 |  | 8 | . 13 |
| 22799 | H1183 | 1700 | 100 |  | 8 | . 13 |
| 22823 | H11G1 | 2500 | 1000 |  | 4 | . 25 |
| Z2824 | H11G3 | 1500 | 200 |  | 8 | . 13 |
| Z2825 | H11G46 | 4000 | 500 |  | 6 | . 16 |
| Z2831 | MCA230 | 2500 | 100 |  | 8 | . 13 |
| Z2832 | MCA231 | 2500 | 100 |  | 8 | . 13 |
| Z2835 | MCA255 | 2500 | 200 |  | 6 | .16 |

K846 Mixed pack containing many of the above. plus others in quantities too small to list. 25 for $\mathbf{£ 3 . 9 5}$
(iii) Triac/SCR

CODE PART VOLTS Itr mA Vo NOTE E2PACK 100+

|  | NO | (RMS) | $\operatorname{MAX}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 22774 | 4N39 | 1060 | 14 | 200 | S | 6 | 16 |
| 22776 | CNY30 | 1770 | 11 | 200 | S | 6 | . 16 |
| 22783 | GE3009 | 7500 | 30 |  | T | 6 | . 16 |
| 22784 | GE3010 | 7500 | 15 |  | T | 6 | . 16 |
| 22785 | GE3012 | 7500 | 5 |  | T | 6 | . 16 |
| 22786 | GE3021 | 7500 | 15 |  | T | 6 | 16 |
| 22836 | MOC3009 | 7500 | 30 |  | T | 6 | 16 |
| 22837 | MOC3011 | 7500 | 10 |  | $T$ | 6 | . 16 |
| 22838 | MOC3012 | 7500 | 5 |  | $T$ | 6 | . 16 |
| 22840 | MOC3021L | 7500 | 15 |  | TP | 6 | . 16 |
| Note: S = SCR |  | $T=$ Triac |  | $\mathbf{P}=$ Surface mount pins |  |  |  |
| K847 Mixed pack containing many of the above, plus others in quantities too small to list. $\mathbf{2 0}$ for $\mathbf{£ 3 . 9 5}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(iv) Schmitt

## CODE PART

 NO H11L2 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { VOLTS } & \text { Itr mA } \\ \text { (RMS) } & \text { (MAX) } \\ 2500 & 10\end{array}$ E2PACK $100+$ QTY.35

## GREENWELD ${ }^{27}$ Park Rad. Southampoton SO1 3 IB Tel: 0703236363 Fax: 236307 All one off and pack prices INCLUDE V.A.T. Qty. prices do not.

GRAPHIC \& DOT MATRIX DISPLAYS


LM225 Hitachl $640 \times 200$ dot matrix LCD for PC's, WP's, and industrial equipment. Module size $270 \times 150 \times 13 \mathrm{~mm}$. Display area $239 \times 104 \mathrm{~mm}$. Dot size $0.32 \times 0.46$; pitch 0.49 . Has on board $16 \times$ HD61100 \& $4 \times$ HD61 103 chips. Reduced from £39.50. Now only $£ 25.00$

## SAIEE E14.95

Z5424D Graphic module LCO by Hitachl type LM212. Viewing area $240 \quad 26 \mathrm{~mm}$. Overail size $270 \quad 63 \mathrm{~mm}$. Similar to LM211 but narrower, for which we have data (supplles). ©:20

## SAINE E12.95

25489 20x2 dot matrix display by Toshiba, type TLC501 win
2xHD44100 \& HD44780A00 chips on board. Fitted with 14 pin IDC type plug. PCB $115 \times 37 \mathrm{~mm}$. $£ 7.00$

## Sinn:

25460 Epson dot matrix display rype EG2401A. Display area $139 \times 39 \mathrm{~mm}$. Overall size $178 \times 69 \mathrm{~mm}$. No data at present $£ 15.00$

## sAME <br> 

$\mathbf{Z 5 4 5 8}$ Epson 20 character $\times 8$ line LCD, model EA-Y-20080AT with backlight. This is the same spec (apart from the size) of our Z4372. Overall size $140 \times 95 \mathrm{~mm}$. Dispaly area $83 \times 63 \mathrm{~mm}$ Supplied with comprehens ive data. £25.00

# SAIEE E14.95 


(D) LCD DOT MATRIX MODULES

All with HD44780 controller (and HO44100 on larger displays)
CODE PART No. SIZE CHAR HT PRICE Z5482D TLCM1620 16X2 $5 \times 1 \begin{array}{llll} & 5.27 & 5.00\end{array}$ 25484D TLCM2011 20×1 $5 \times 7 \quad 520 \quad 4.60$ Z54860 TLCM4021 40×2 $5 \times 7 \quad 5.20 \quad 9.50$
A data sheet is included in the price.
Application notes: A 16 page booklet is available, price

## E2.00 order code 22842 <br> 

2509816 character $x 1$ line Very similar to our $Z 1814$ but slightly larger character $-6.3 \times 315(8 \times 5$ dots) Type LCDM16166 by Refac. Supplied with data. Uses Hitach HD44780AOO chip.
Price

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12xavaris
21731 NEC Vacuum Fluorescent Display FIP8BII 8 digit multiplexed output 10 mm high Heater voltage 2 V gridt

## SARTEEE1.00

25459 Futaba 16 character $\times 2$ line vacuum fluorescent display type 162-BY-C1Z. Supplied with pin out. Next month's 'Guardian' will have some driver circuits shown. Only $£ 2.50$

## Shter El.00



25118 Glant 30 mm fluorescent 2 character green star burst SAAEEEEOO Pice $£ 1.00100+0.70$


Lampholders - rectangular snap in type that take LES bulb. Needs $16.1 \times 19.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ cut-out. DP (1978) $92 p$

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| Z253 | 48 V | 2500R | 4Pco@1A Dpco@1A | Perivale | PC4 | $30 \times 30 \times 19$ | Plug in Continent | 98 | £ 0.80 |
| Z3010 | 48 V | 3000R | 6Pco | 17 | V23030-C2026 | $29 \times 16 \times 13$ | Pc Mntg | 53 | £1.00 |
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Z1711 Another toggle switch, very similar to above No rating printed on body, but looks about 10A. This one does not have a clip fix.
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Z5432 Nice littie surface mount module. PCB $70 \times 51$ has sub panel $56 \times 26 \mathrm{~mm}$ plugged into $2 \times 18$ SIL skits. On It are $10 \mathrm{IC's} \mathrm{kc}$. On the maln panel are 4 blg chlps - TMS320, CF34035 \& 6 , smaller chlps - ZN429. TL431C efc. Complete panet for

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Z5411 Marconl panel $225 \times 195 \mathrm{~mm}$. No Info on thls PSU, but it's got some really nice bits on It $-2 \times 2$ N3716 TO3 transistors, 13 BCY71, $2 \times$ BC107. BFW43, BFX29, LM317K and LM337K T03 varlable voltage regs, some high power zeners, pot cores, R's, C's olc., loggle switch with locking Great v

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$210391 \times 39 \mathrm{~mm}$. This panel has soldered in components TCA4500A and TBA651R, AM radio with IF amp. Probably complete RF section of radio, as IF's and trimmer are on Price ${ }_{\substack{\text { Sillt } \\ \text { filice } \\ 5}}$ FOR EI.OO


## 2493 D Module. <br> As above, but PCB has $3 \times B C 184 \mathrm{~L}$

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2674 Newbrain data. Interfaces and connector pin out i/p, o/p, port map, cct diagram + data on CP420C. (This
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Xtra Special OOOS E ENOS 25414 Antistatic warning label. 2000/f5 25268 Cord Set $£ 1.75$ Z2339 100mH 10A coil $6 / \mathrm{fl}$ 25060 Italian C60 tape + 32 page book 2 for $£ 1$ 24199 Timer $£ 1.50$ 2035/6 Term unit $£ 2$ Z5270 Ribbons $4 / \Sigma 1$ 25368 Aerials 5/£1 Z2648 UHF Tuner $3 / \mathrm{E} 1$ Star Buy!!


# EVERYTHING ON THIS PAGE 



## LATEE AERERTMALS

Stocks listed on this page have only recently arrived, and although not included in our SALE they represent such good value for money, we thought you'd like to see them anyway

## Amazing Clock $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ Min/Max Temp Modales!


$\mathbf{7 5 5 5 8}$ LCD Min/max electronic thermometer module. Reads -5 to +50 C (23-122F) Resolution 0.1 . Accuracy $\pm 1 \mathrm{C}$. Uses single AA 1.5 V cell. Size $68 \times 35 \times 24 \mathrm{~mm}$. 13 mm display. Supplied with comprehensive instructions.

## SUPER BARGAIN ©3100+ BUY - OXY L3 2.00



25555 Centronics lead - 36 way plug both ends, 1.8 m long $\mathbf{\Sigma 2 . 5 0}$

Some more surplus from Adastra:
25553 Intercom lead - 15 m of twin flex wound on a handy frame with a 2.5 mm plug either end. Greal value at $60 p ; 100+0.25$; $1000+0.20$

XLR connectors - high quality brass chassis mounting:
230123 pin socket with release catch $£ 1.00$ $100+0.60$
Z3013 3 pin plug 80p $\quad 100+0.50$
23014 Standard 75R BNC Plug Cat price 99p Superdeal 5 for $£ 2.00100+0.251000+0.20$

## FIBRE OPTIC CABLE

Just purchased 40.000 m of 0.2 mm dia top quality fibre optic cable. Ideal for modellers and experimenters. Last tme we had this (Winter 91/92) it whizzed out the door - so don't leave it too long before ordering!
Tech Spec: 1310 nm - $0.32-0.39 \mathrm{~dB} / \mathrm{km}$
$1550 \mathrm{~nm}-0.22-0.24 \mathrm{~dB} / \mathrm{km}$.
Sold in the follwing packs:
2301510 m £2.00
25559100 m £ 12.00
29153 1000m reel $£ 85$

$\mathbf{Z 5 5 5 7}$ Clock module with timer and two alarms. Displays day, hour, min and AM/PM. Overall size $48 \times 32 \times 7 \mathrm{~mm}$; display 10 mm .
AMAZING PRICE! ? $\begin{aligned} & 100+ \\ & 200\end{aligned}$

$\mathbf{3 5 5 6 0}$ These headphones have excellent quality transducers, although the gimmicky fold-up style leaves a bit to be desired. Supplied with mini plug + adaptor to std size. $£ 3.95$


BENCH POWER SUPPLY 29154 Well made by Wednesday Electronics, this variable output PSU has std mains input and $0-30 \mathrm{~V}$ DC 1.5A output. Line regulation $0.01 \% / \mathrm{V}$; Load regulation 0.1\%; Ripple rejection 65 dB ; Quiescent current 3.5 mA ; Output noise $150 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ : Size $168 \times 82 \times 55 \mathrm{~mm}$. Individually boxed with instruction leaflet.
PRICE £29.95

## MORE POWER SUPPLIES!

Nice parcel of PSU's,-2 switch mode, 2 linear.


25549 Black plastic cased transformer $102: 77 \times 70 \mathrm{~mm}$ with single 'keyhole' hook for hanging on wall. 2 m long 3 core mains cable and 2 m long output lead terminating in 3 pin socket. 240 V ac input, 18 V 2.15 A ac output. Room inside for bridge, cap and regulator if required. £4.95
Z5550 Similar to above, but output lead has 4 way socket. This one is rated 230 V ac input, $12 v+12 v$ each at 1A ac output. £4.95


29148 QUEL Powerline switch mode PSU Ventilated case $267 \times 120 \times 57 \mathrm{~mm}$. Input: $42-$ 56 V DC. Output: $+5 \mathrm{~V} 25 \mathrm{~A} ;-5 \mathrm{~V} 4 \mathrm{~A} ;+12 \mathrm{~V} 4 \mathrm{~A}$ $-12 V 4 A ;+24 V 4 A$. Max. output power 200 watts. \& 9.95
Z9145 As above, but input $115 / 230 v a c$ (or $325 v$ DC). Outputs: $+5 v 25 A ;-5 v 4 A ;+12 v$ .3A; -12V 3A; $-48 V 2 A$. Max output power 200 watts. $£ 19.95$
We're re-offering some red LED displayswhich have appeared in previous lists; now at much reduced prices.

| CODE | TYPE | SIZE | CA/CC | DP | QTY | £2PACK | $100+$ | $1000+$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Z3001 | S806RWB | 20 mm | CA | RH | 792 | $\mathbf{8}$ | .12 | .08 |
| Z3002 | LTS312R | $0.3^{\prime \prime}$ | CA | BOTH | 1325 | 15 | .08 | .05 |
| Z3003 | 3719 | $0.3^{\prime \prime}$ | CA | RH | 1075 | 20 | .05 | .03 |
| Z3004 | 3729 | $0.3^{\prime \prime}$ | CA | RH | 9807 | 20 | .05 | .03 |
| Z3005 | MIP4710 | $0.43^{\prime \prime}$ | CA | RH | 1705 | 20 | .05 | .03 |
| Z3006 | MAN4710A | $0.43^{\prime \prime}$ | CA | RH | 1441 | 20 | .05 | .03 |
| Z3007 | MIP4720 | $0.43^{\prime \prime}$ | CA | LH | 977 | 20 | .05 | .03 |
| Z3008 | MIP4920 | $0.43^{\prime \prime}$ | CA | NONE | 3983 | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | .05 | .03 |



Bi-Pak Clearanca

1/3ra off all remaining Bl-Pak product - please give alternatives where possible, as stocks are low on some items
SEMICONDUCTOR PACK
An incredible assortment of devices ranging from small signal diodes through transistors, ICs, regulators, SCRs, triacs, small signal, power, AF, RF. All are new full spec devices, so this pack offers really great value:
Code Description
VP917 Pack of approx 200 (count by weight)

Price Pack of approx 1000 (count by weight)
$£ 30.00$

## TRANSISTORS

Pack No Qty Description VP46 40 PNP Transistors like BC177/8. all good TO18.

Price

VP48 5 Pairs NPN/PNP plastic Power Transistors, 4A with data. $£ 1.00$
VP50 60 NPN Sil Switching Trans, TO18 and TO92.
VP51 60 PNP Sil Switching Trans, TO18 and TO92.
$£ 1.00$

VP153 15 TIS91 Sil Trans PNP 4OV 400mA $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{Fe}} 100+\mathrm{TO92}$. $£ 1.00$
VP154 15 MPSA56 Sil Trans PNP 80V 800mA H ${ }_{5} 50+$ TO92.
VP155 20 BF595 Sil Trans NPN equiv BF184 H.F. TO92.
£1.00
VP156 20 BF495 Sil Trans NPN equiv BF173 H.F. TO92.
$£ 1.00$
VP157 15 TXX500 Series Sil Trans PNP plastic.
£1.00
ZTX108 Sil Trans NPN equiv BC108 plastic.
VP101 25 BC183L Sil Trans NPN 30V 200 mA TO92.
£1.00
VP102 5 SJE5451 Sil Power Trans NPN 80V $4 \mathrm{~A} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{Fe}^{20+}$. $£ 1.00$ 2 NPN/PNP pairs Sil Power Trans like SJE5451.
£ 1.00
VP164 4 2N6289 Sil Power Trans NPN
$40 V 40 W 7 A H_{F e} 30+. \quad £ 1.00$
VP165 6 BFT33 NPN Sil Trans 80V 5A $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{Fe}}$ 50-200 TO39.
£1.00
VP167 1 BUY69C NPN Trans TO3 VCB 500 10A 100W H Fe $15+$.
£1.00
VP169 10 BXS21 equiv BC394 NPN Sil Trans 80 V 50 mA TO18. $£ 1.00$
VP170 10 Assonted Power Trans NPN/PNP coded and data. $£ 1.00$
VP171 10 BF355 NPN TO39 Sil Trans equiv BF258 225V 100mA. £1.00
VP172 10 SM1502 PNP TO39 Sil Trans equiv $100 \mathrm{~V} 100 \mathrm{mAH}_{\mathrm{Fe}} 100+$. $£ 1.00$
VP200 30 OC71 type germanium AF
VP201 25 OC45 germanium RF
VP261 4 Programmable Unijunction Transistor MEU22, full data. £1.00
VP272 10 MOS-FETs Signetics, SD304. £1.00
VP290 15 MPSA06 Sil Transistors NPN 80V $500 \mathrm{~mA} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{Fe}} 50+\mathrm{TO} 92$ £ 1.00
VP429 10 AC176K NPN germanium Transistors 1 A 32 V .
2N3055 Sil Power Transistors full spec.
1.00

VP430
VP431 25 PNP Sil Power Transistors TO39 like 2N2905A.
£2.00

### 22.00 VP10 $60 \quad$ C280 Capacitors metal

£1.00 VP11 50 Electrolytics alltypes.

VP451
all good TO39 VP452 5 all good IO39. £1.0C VP452

## ICS

Pack No Qty Description VP59
VP209
VP210
VP211
VP212
VP214
VP215
VP216
VP282 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { PNP Power Transistors BD244AX } \\ \text { equiv TIP2955. } & \text { £1.00 }\end{array}$

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£2.00

## 74LSOO.

12 74LS74
10 CD4001B.
10 CD4011B.
10 CD4069B.
10 741P 8 pin.
10555 Timers 8 pin. 1 Programme Sound Generator Chip AY0-3-8912

VP15
VP180

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VP53 G.I. 28 pin IC.
Z80A CPU Microprocessor. 40 pin DIL.
$\pm 3.00$
VP291mixed volts.
$£ 1.00$
5 0.01/250V Miniature layer metal Capacitors. $£ 1.00$
25 Tantalum Bead Capacitors, assorted values.
£1.00
Electrolytics assonted $2.2-470 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 40-63 \mathrm{~V}$.
£1.50 Electrolytics $2 \times 1000 / 2200$ / $3300 / 4700 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 10-16 \mathrm{~V} . \quad £ 2$. VP534 5 Axial electrolytics $1000 \mu \mathrm{~F}$. 16 V . $£ 1.00$ VP535 4 Radial electrolytics $2200 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 16 \mathrm{~V}$. $\$ 1.00$ VP536 3 Axial electrolytics $4700 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 10 \mathrm{~V}$. $£ 1.00$

| VP537 | 4 | Axial electrolytics |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $10000 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 6.3 \mathrm{~V}$. | £1.50 |
| VP331 | 28 | $22 \mu$ 10V Radial | £1.00 |
| VP332 | 24 | $22 \mu 16 \mathrm{~V}$ Axia | £1.00 |
| VP333 | 20 | $22 \mu$ 40V Radial | £1.00 |
| VP334 | 16 | $22 \mu 43 V$ Axial | £1.00 |
| VP335 | 25 | $47 \mu 16 \mathrm{~V}$ Radial | £1.00 |
| VP336 | 15 | $47 \mu 50 \mathrm{~V}$ Radial | £1.00 |
| VP337 | 24 | $100 \mu 16 \mathrm{~V}$ Radial | £1.00 |
| VP338 | 20 | 100 $\mu 25 \mathrm{~V}$ Axial | £1.00 |
| VP339 | 12 | $100 \mu 63 \mathrm{~V}$ Radia | £1.00 |
| VP340 | 10 | $100 \mu 100 \mathrm{~V}$ Axial | £1.00 |
| VP341 | 16 | $220 \mu 25 \mathrm{~V}$ Radial | £1.00 |
| VP342 | 14 | $220 \mu 40 \mathrm{~V}$ Axial | £1.00 |
| VP343 | 12 | $220 \mu 63 \mathrm{~V}$ Axial | £1.00 |
| VP344 | 20 | $330 \mu$ 10V Radial | £1.00 |
| VP345 | 12 | $330 \mu 25 V$ Radial | £1.00 |
| VP346 | 8 | $330 \mu 100 \mathrm{~V}$ Axia | \$1.00 |
| VP347 | 16 | $470 \mu 10 \mathrm{~V}$ Radial | £1.00 |
| VP348 | 12 | $470 \mu 16 \mathrm{~V}$ Axial | £1.00 |
| VP349 | 10 | $470 \mu 50 \mathrm{~V}$ Radial | £1.00 |
| VP350 | 8 | 1000 $\mu 16 \mathrm{~V}$ Radial | £1.00 |
| VP351 | 10 | $2200 \mu$ 10V Radial | £1.00 |

## RESISTORS \& POTS

VP481
74 SERIES SALE
'ROCK BOTIOM' PRICES
PackNo Qty Description Price VPA
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { VP223 } 50 & \text { Assorted } 74 \text { TL ICs } \\ & \text { 'ALL GATES' new and coded }\end{array}$ our mix 7400-7453. £6.00

VP16
£0.00 VP140
VP224
$\begin{array}{ll} & \begin{array}{l}\text { ALL GAIES new and cod } \\ \text { our mix } 7400-7453 .\end{array} \\ \text { VP74111 } 4 \quad \begin{array}{l}74111 \text { Dual J-K Master } \\ \text { Slave. Flip-flop }\end{array}\end{array}$
VP74121 4 74121 Monostable Multi Vibrator.
$\$ 1.00$

VP74279 474279 Quad S/R Latches.
£1.00
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { BP801 } 10 \quad 7401 & \text { £1.00 }\end{array}$
BP802
BP803
BP804
BP805
BP807
BP808

## BP809

BP810
BP811
BP812
BP813
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£1.0C
£1.00
£1.00
£1.00

VP287
VP288
VP289
MINIATURE CARBON FILM RESISTORS $0.25 \& 0.5 W 5 \%$
Resistance values from $1 \Omega$-10meg $\Omega$.
Available in lots of 100 pieces per value.
To order state R100 0.25W or R200 0.5 W . plus resistance required.
eg R1001k $=0.25 \mathrm{~W} 1 \mathrm{k}$.
BI-PAK PRICE PER 100 PIECES
R100 £1.00 per pack. R200 £1.30 per pack.
RESISTOR DEVELOPMENT PACK
R199 100 of each value individually packed from 1 R to $10 \mathrm{M} 1 / 1 \mathrm{~W} 5 \%$ resistors. Total 8.500 would normally cost $£ 85.00$.
Special low price.
$£ 45.00$

##  All one off and pack prices INCLUDE V.A.T. Qty. prices do not

## 1/3rd OFF ALL ITEMS ON THIS PAGE

A range of miniature pots with spliced 6 mm shaft. Body is 17 mm dia, and fixing requires a 7 mm hole.

| Code | Qty | Description | Price |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BP633 | 4 | 50 k lin. | $£ 1.00$ |
| BP634 | 4 | 100 k lin. | $£ 1.00$ |

BP634 4 100k lin.

| BP636 | 4 | 5 k log. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BP638 | 4 | 50 klog. |
| BP639 | 4 | 100 k log. |
| BP640 | 4 | 1M log. |
| BP641 | 10 | Assorted lin values. |
| BP642 | 10 | Assorted log values. |

BP642 10 Assorted log values.
VP144 4100 k lin multi turn Pots, ideal variable cap tuning. £1.00
VP145 10 Assorted Pots, inc dual and switched types.
$\begin{array}{ccc}\text { VP148 } 30 \begin{array}{l}\text { Pre-sets, horizontal and } \\ \text { vertical mixed values. }\end{array} & £ 1.00\end{array}$
Price
$£ 1.00$
$£ 1.00$
£1.00
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£1.00

VP427 o pc cushion grip screwdriver set chrome steel.
£4.00
VP103 6pC STANLEY screwdriver set, flat and
£1.00 VP420 'Chubby' screwdrivers, flat blade 4.5 \& $£ 1.00 \mathrm{omm}$. 2 for $£ 1.50$ £1.00 VP419 'Chubby' screwdrivers, crosspoint No 1 £2.00 \& 2 . 2 for $£ 1.50$
£2.00 VP575 Ball Grip Ratchet Screwdriver
with 2 flat, and 2 pozidrive bits. $£ 2.50$

VP273 $10 \quad 10 \mathrm{k}$ Lin rotary potentiometers slim spindle.
40 mm track slider pots. VP23

1040 mm track slider pots. 100 k in.
crosspoint.
£3.50
VP422 Screwdriver 400 mm long No 2 crosspoint, extra long reach. £3.00 VP421 Screwdriver 400 mm long 6 mm flat

Files
VP407 10 po Needle File Set.
$£ 3.00$

## Soldering



18 and 22SWG. £10
VP247 15W Lightweight' high quality low cost
$£ 1.00$ soldering iron. 1.7 m lead. £3.50 VP491 12V 15W soldering iron, 4.3 m lead with car cigar type plug for mobile use. $£ 3.00$

## TOOLS

  Code Sty Contents PBP8

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VP95 Plastic miniature vice with suction
base.
£ 1.75 Rules
VP405 Steel Rules $1 \times 4^{\prime \prime}, 1 \times 10^{\prime \prime}$, measuring ins and mm .
VP89 $2 \mathrm{~m} /$ fo
steel tape measure.
plastic case.
Hacksaw
ngins BP820
for E1 ins BP820

VP406 Junior hacksaw and 3 blades + Hobby BP830

## Hex wrenches

VP410 18 pc Hex Wrench keys. wailet.
Pliers, Snips \& Cutters
VP417A Miniature $4^{\prime \prime}$ adjustable wrench. BP841
Forged alloy steel.
£2.25 BP842
VP417 6" adjustable wrench. Forged alloy BP843
steel.
VP415 5" grip locking pliers.
VP414 End Action Stripping Pliers, adju jows.
VP221 Miniature Long-nose pliers. £1.55
Snipe \&Combination Pliers. $5^{\prime \prime}$ red insulated
handles.
$f, 4.50$
VP412 Crimping Pliers, Wire Strippers and Bolt
Cutters.
$£ 2.00$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { VP571 } & 41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \text { pliers. Green insulated } & \\ & \text { handles. } & \text { £i } 95 \\ \text { VP570 } & 4^{\prime \prime} \text { end nippers. Blue insulated }\end{array}$

| handles. |  |  | $£ 1.95$ |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| VP418 $8^{\prime \prime}$ tin snips. Hardened steel spring |  |  |  |
| joint. | $£ 2.00$ |  |  |

## Screwdrivers

VP218 Watchmakers Screwdriver Set 6 pieces.
VP425 7 pc high quality screwdriver set c800
VP426 7 pc high quality screwdriver set 1000V.

| Sty | Contents | Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 7482 | £1.00 |
| 10 | 7484 | £1.00 |
| B | 7491 | £1.00 |
| B | 7492 | £1.00 |
| 3 | 7493 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 7494 | £1.00 |
| 3 | 7495 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 7496 | £1.00 |
| 5 | 74141 | £1.00 |
| 3 | 74151 | £1.00 |
| 3 | 74153 | £1.00 |
| 3 | 74155 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74156 | £1.00 |
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| 8 | 74160 | £1.00 |
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| 8 | 74164 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74165 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74174 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74175 | £1.00 |
| 5 | 74181 | £1.00 |
| 3 | 74182 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74191 | £1.00 |
| $B$ | 74193 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74195 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74196 | $£ 1.00$ |
| 3 | 74197 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74199 | £1.00 |
| 10 | 74LS11 | £1.00 |
| 10 | 74LS20 | £1.00 |
| 10 | 74LS26 | £1.00 |
| 10 | 74LS33 | £1.00 |
| 6 | 74LS42 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74LS55 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74LS73 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74LS74 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74LS76 | £1.00 |
| 6 | 74LS93 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74LS95 | £1.00 |
| 0 | 74LS122 | £1.00 |
| 0 | 74LS148 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 74LS173 | £1.00 |
| 0 | 74LS221 | £1.00 |
| 0 | 74LS275 | £1.00 |
| 8 | 7415279 | £1.00 |
| $\bigcirc$ | 74LS393 | £1.00 |

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| Pack No | Qty | Description | Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VPP26 | 15 | Small $0.125^{\prime \prime}$ red LEDs. | £1.00 |
| VP28 | 10 | Rectangular 0.2" red LEDs. $£ 1.00$ |  |
| $V P^{4} 30$ | 6 | Red 7 seg CC $14 \mathrm{~mm} \times 7.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ RDP FND353 LED Display. $£ 2.00$ |  |
| VP431 | 4 | RDP FND353 LED Display. Green 7 seg CA 0.6" LDP | £2.00 |
|  |  | XAN6520 LED Display | £2.00 |
| VP433 | 6 | Red overflow $0.6^{\prime \prime} 3 \times$ CA $3 \times$ CC |  |
|  |  | 683050 LED Display. | £2.00 |
| VP= 34 | 5 | Green overflow 0.6"CA |  |
|  |  | XAN 6530 LED Display. | £2.00 |
| VP438 | 20 | Assorted LED Displays our |  |
| VP 447 | 1 | Pair Opto Coupled |  |
|  |  | Modules with data. | £0.60 |
| VP*99 | 4 | DL707R LED display CA. | £1.00 |
| VP203 | 15 | Triangular shape LEDs |  |
| VP:307 | 10 | Small 3mm yellow LEDs. £1.00 |  |
| VP2943 | 3 | Tricolour LEDs rectangular. |  |
|  |  | 5 mm , red, green yellow. Large 5 mm orange LEDs. | £1.00 |
| VP266 | 10 |  | £1.00 |
| VP279 | 10 | OCP71 Photo Germanium |  |
|  |  | Transistor PNP. | £1.00 |
| Code | Q |  | Price |
| VP284 | 2 | Opto-isolator IL74-4N27. |  |
|  |  | single. | £1.00 |
| VP285 | 1 | Dual Opto-isolator ILD74. | £1.00 |

## INDICATORS

| Code | Qty | Description | Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1534 | 5 | T $11 / 2 \mathrm{LES}$ Bulbs 6 V 0.30 W . | £1.00 |
| 15.35 | 5 | T $11 / 2$ LES Bulbs 6.5 V 1 W . | £1.00 |
| 15.36 | 5 | T 111/2 LES Bulbs 14V0.75W. | £1.00 |
| 1542 | 5 | MES Round 12 V 2.2 W . | £1.00 |
| 15.39 | 5 | MES Round 6.5V 0.15A. | £1.00 |
| 1532 | 5 | Panel mounting bezel. High quality black plastic with recessed aperture. omm dia. For use with |  |
| 1553 | 5 | 3 mm LED. | $£ 1.00$ |
|  |  | convex end. | £1.00 |
| VP578 | 3 | 12 V indicator. Red, 8 mm dia $\times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. |  |
| VP579 |  | 220 mm long wires. | $£ 1.00$$£ 1.00$ |
|  | 3 | Panel mounting 3mm |  |
|  |  | Green LED in chrome |  |
|  |  | holder. Needs 7 mm hole. |  |

## DHDES \& SCRS

Pack No Qty Description

| VP29 30Assorted volt Zeners. <br> 50 mW - $2 W$ | $£ 1.00$ |
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VP 3010 Assorted volt Zeners, $\quad £ 1.00$

VP31 10 5A SCRS TO66, 50-400V.
coded. £1.00
$V P=220$ 3A SCRs TO66, up to 400 V .
coded. $£ 1.00$
VPE3 100 Silicon Diodes like IN4148. £1.00
VP34 200 Silicon Diodes like
OA200/BAX13-16, 40V. $£ 1.00$
VP35 50 1A IN4000 Diodes all good
uncoded. £1
VP49 30 Assorted Silicon Rectifiers
1A-10A mixed volts. $£ 1$
VP141 40 IN4002 Silicon Rectifiers 1A
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { VP184 } 3 & \text { 4A 400V Triacs plastic. } & £ 1.00\end{array}$
VP187 10 SCRs 800 mA 200 V

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VP194 $50 \quad$ 2N5064 plastic TO92.
VP194

VP195
VP196
VP197
VP198
VP222
VP264
VP265
VP274
VP275
VP276
VP277 4 Triacs 2A 400V TO39
VP278
50 OA91 point contact germanium diodes uncoded.
0 OA47 gold bonded germ Diodes uncoded $£ 1.00$
50 OA70-79 detector germanium Diodes.
50 OA90 type germanium Diode uncoded. £1.00
40 BA248 Silicon Diode 350V 2A fast recovery.
20 3A stud Rectifiers. $50-400 \mathrm{~V}$ assorted.
4 3A 400V Bridge Rectifiers. $£ 1.00$
25 OA10 germanium Diodes. £1.00
12 SCRs (Thyristors) 1A 100-400V TO39.
3 5A 400V SCRs, TO220. TIC106D.
£1.00
$£ 1.00$
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## MISCELLANEOUS

VP872 4 channel light sequencer, chassis version. PCB $143 \times 41 \mathrm{~mm}$ ready assembled for immediate use. Takes up to 200 watts per channel. 4 mode settings. Variable speed control. Each channel individually fused. Just wire in lamps and mains to connector blocks on PCB.
£12.95
VP873 Wireless Babyphone. Small PCB $55 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ contains ready built transmitter operating from $88-108 \mathrm{MHz}$. Operates from PP3 battery.
$£ 7.95$

VP875 Speaker terminal. Pax panel $60 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ has phono socket and 2 screws. FC52mm Pack of 4
£1.00

## ZON X-81 SOUND UNIT

The ZON $\times-81$ sound unit is completely self-contained and especially designed for use with the ZX-81. It just plugs in: no dismantling or soldering.
No power pack batteries, leads or other extras. Manual Volume Control on panel - ample volume from built-in loudspeaker.
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Pack No Qty Description
Price
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3.5 mm Jack

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Code Qty Description Price
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VP301A 1 Phono plug to coax plug lead 2 m long $£ 1.00$
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40 reel.
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|  |  | 3 A SPST, red top. | £1.50 |
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|  |  | 3A SPDT, red top. | £1.50 |
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|  |  | o way SPST, assorted. | 1.00 |
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(a) Fasteners (steel)
Code
839
Qty
Description
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| Code | Qty | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
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|  |  | sink $46 \times 46 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ |

87710 TO18 Black push fit. 13 dia $\times 6 \mathrm{~mm}$
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|  | Code | Qty | Description |  |
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| $95 p$ |  |  | with calibrated metal skit |  |
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| $35 p$ |  |  | without black inlay |  |
| 50p |  |  | 24 mm dia $\times 17 \mathrm{~nm}$ high. | £100 |
| 30p | 1113 | 4 | Matches 1101, but |  |
| 40p |  |  | with indicator line. | £1.00 |
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| 30p |  |  | Black plastic silver insert. |  |
| 15p |  |  | 22 mm dia $\times 14 \mathrm{~mm}$ high. | £100 |
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## Ferguson 3V30/JVC HR7300

The problem was no reel drive. I found that CP2 in the supply to the 10 VT 05 reel driver chip IC12 was open-circuit while the chip itself, a hybrid device, had burnt up. The cause of all this was an intermittently short-circuit reel motor.
N.B.

## NEC9033

The fault symptom I've had with a couple of these machines has been low, varying sound. The sound is low because the audio/control head wears out: it varies because the pinch roller is barrelled, as a result of which the tape moves out of position.
N.B.

## Panasonic NV2000

The customer's complaint was that there were no deck functions. This was because the cassette didn't sit right down on the left-hand side when the carriage closed. The cause of the problem was that the cassette balance spring on this side was very weak - part no. VMB0730.
N.B.

## Ferguson FV61LV

There were a number of faults with this brand new, centremechanism machine, some of them intermittent. Here's the list: excessive fast-wind torque (to the extent that oncewound tapes were too tight to play!), no tape end sensing, failure to accept a cassette, failure to eject a cassette, no capstan operation and switching off with no mechanical movement. Just about every operation is controlled by the ST90T30-QFP80 servo microcontroller chip IT01. It's a many-legged, four-sided flatpack device mounted on the lower PCB. We found that it was thermally faulty. N.B.

## GoldStar GSE1891I

The customer said that this machine had for some time refused to eject cassettes. On the last occasion he'd used a breadknife to force it to release the cassette. As a result, the right-hand mount for the synchronisation bar and gears had broken. Obtaining replacement parts turned out to be a bit of a problem. In the process I learnt that the usual cause of the problem is broken gears. Not this time though! I eventually obtained the part number for the side piece required from GoldStar technical. CPC then supplied both sides as a kit. They were easy to fit - unlike many carriages, this one is very simple and easy to reassemble.
N.B.

## Akai VS425EK

There were two faults on this machine. First, the customer complained that very intermittently it would chew a tape on eject. A new belt, clutch and mode switch cured that. I also noticed that there was a nasty graunching when the cassette was ejected, the blinder moving very urgently. Investigation showed that the graunching came from the mechanism only when the front was fitted - to be more
specific when the blinder was lifted to eject the cassette.
I carried out the eject spacer modification - fitting the spacer under the front rack lug on the left-hand side - and noticed that the synchronising gear (arm loading BLK, item 43) that links the drive from one side of the carriage to the other was buckled on the righ-hand side, where the blinder lifting lever sits. When this had been replaced everything ran as smooth as silk.
N.B.

## Panasonic NVJ30

This machine couldn't be tuned in the E-E mode. Because of an instruction from the timer microcontroller chip IC7501, which handles tuning, it was locked in the Band I mode. The instruction comes via IC7502 (MN12C261D5) which was faulty - it provides parallel switching lines from the serial data fed to it.
N.B.

## Samsung VI710

There was no go at all. While plenty of unregulated voltage reached the STK5333 multiregulator chip no supplies left it. A replacement restored normal operation.
N.B.

## Philips DMP Series Decks

A common failure with these decks is the rather unusual pinch roller assembly. The rubber roller seems to decompose rather alarmingly. Symptoms vary - poor or varying sound or tracking for example or tape damage.
N.B.

## Alba VCR3000X

There were no functions and no displays. This is not unusual - replace C 821 . When this had been done the machine came to life but wouldn't accept a cassette. Fortunately I've had this one before. It's usually due to microcontroller lock-out. Load the tape by rotating the carriage motor by hand, then press the power on/off button followed by the eject button. The cassette will then be ejected and future instructions will be obeyed.
J.E.

## JVC HRD610

The playback picture had five thin tracking lines spaced equally apart across the picture and the sound was muted. The cause was that the exit guide was loose. Slight adjustment of the guide's height, followed by tightening the grub screw, corrected the fault. It's worth noting that a defective mechacon chip can produce almost identical symptoms but in this case the audio track will be erased whilst you are looking at the symptom.
J.E.

## Panasonic NVG7

There was vertical rolling when a known good tape or a self-recorded one was played back. In addition the tape would be crinkled along its bottom edge. The pinch roller
was glossy and tape ridges were evident. A new roller cured both problems.

## Akai VS35

This machine would stop at random in the record mode. The tape would remain threaded and the pinch wheel would be engaged on the capstan shaft. To try to simulate the fault we disconnected the take-up reel pulses while the machine was working correctly. The machine stopped, but the pinch wheel was disengaged and the tape was released from the drum. So absence of the reel pulses was not the cause of the problem. We next tried stopping the capstan motor physically, whereupon the normal stop mode was entered. So the capstan department was not the cause of the fault. When the drum was stopped physically the symptoms matched those of the fault condition. So we had a drum servo fault.

We replaced the BU2735S servo chip 1C503 but after recording for two hours the fault reappeared. Voltage and waveform checks were of no use because of the intermittent nature of the fault. So we replaced the motor circuit board on the lower drum assembly. Numerous test recordings proved that the fault had been cured.
J.E.

## Akai VS55

As there was no record colour, checks were carried out around the LA7330 chroma processing chip IC400. The video input, filter input and output, sync signals and d.c. levels appeared to be o.k. but there was no record output signal at pin 9 . We then found that the frequency of the 4.433 MHz voltage-controlled oscillator was erratic - about 1.2 kHz low on average. Because of failure of the oscillator to lock, the colour-killer was active. Careful monitoring of the oscillator's control voltage (nominally 2.2 V ) at pin 15 showed that it was about 100 mV low. After some further checks we found that steering diode D401 had a reverse leakage of $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. A replacement restored normal operation.
N.E.E.

## Sony SLVX10

"No sound" it said on the job card that accompanied one of these machines. When we inserted a cassette and pressed the play button there was a snowy picture and of course no sound. There was little improvement when the tracking control was adjusted - capstan servo symptoms appeared on the screen instead. The audio circuit is centred on the LA7294 chip IC201, pin 12 being the mute input. We found that the mute action, which is controlled by the syscon chip, was in operation. As there was a servo problem we checked for CTL pulses at pin 10 of the servo processing chip IC351: they were missing. This took us back to pin 4 of the LA7123 CTL pulse amplifier chip IC352, where the pulses were also missing. After carrying out voltage checks we decided to replace IC352. This restored a beautiful picture along with sound as the mute was released by the syscon chip.

Another of these machines was brought in because of intermittent failure to record the sound. We set it to record and connected a scope to the bias oscillator's output point. After an hour or so oscillation suddenly stopped. The switched supply for the 2SD734 bias oscillator transistor Q2001 comes from pin 1 of the LA7294 chip IC201. A voltage check here produced a reading of only 0.6 V . When Q2001's collector was disconnected the voltage at pin 1 of IC201 rose to the correct figure. We found that Q2001 had a $40 \Omega$ leak between its collector and emitter, though it behaved perfectly at times, especially when cold. When a
new transistor was fitted the machine worked without any further problems - because of stock shortages we used a $2 S D 774$.
R.A.

## Amstrad VCR4600

When a function was selected the mechanics would start but the machine would almost instantaneously power down. Scope checks on the supply lines showed that there was a large negative-going pulse on the 5 V rail. As a result, the supply to the microcortroller chip was being regularly removed. Thus functions wouldn't latch on. Our first suspect, the 5 V regulator, proved to be o.k. The culprit was eventually found to be the bridge rectifier.
A.D.

## Samsung SI1260

This machine came in with a fully laced tape inside. When it was powered it refused to unlace the tape. We eventually found that the cause of the problem was D212, which was open-circuit. It provides IC206 with a -15 V supply.
A.D.

## Ferguson 3V42/JVC HRD455

This one could apply to other models which use the same deck. We found that during the last part of the loading cycle, as the pinch roller starts to pull in, the loading motor would slow down and struggle to complete the loading sequence. The cause was traced to the grease on the lower drum casting - the bit with the V blocks. Though it wasn't as hard as in some models it was nevertheless very sticky, impeding the slant pole base. To cure the problem clean the grease off with solvent then apply a smear of graphite grease.
M.Dr.

## Akai VSF410

There was no clock display and no manual or remote functions would operate. The machine would accept and play a prerecorded tape however. The supplies to the operation PCB were all o.k., and the timer microcontroller chip's two clock oscillators were running. But there was no activity at any other pin. Voltage checks showed that the not power down' input at pin 5 was low, putting the chip into its idle mode as though the mains supply had failed. Tracing back to the power-down detector circuit brought us to transistor TR203 which had an open-circuit collector. A replacement restored normal operation.
R.F.

## Samsung SI1260

As soon as the machine was powered the loading motor would run in the eject direction, stopping only when the syscon microcontroller chip decided that a fault condition was present and shut down the switched supplies. Attention was eventually turned to the mode switch, where the voltage at pin $D$ never rose above 1.8 V regardless of the position of the mechanism. This pin is effectively the cassette-up switch - so the machine must have thought the cassette housing was down even though it wasn't. A new mode switch (part no. 63579-101-026) provided a complete cure.
R.F.

## Akai VS485

Apart from a hum bar, and picture disturbance that appeared only when the loading motor ran, i.e. when ejecting or inserting a cassette, this machine performed normally.

Scope checks showed that there was significant ripple on the IDL 10 V supply. There was a smaller amount of ripple on the IDL 5 V line. As the ripple was at 50 Hz it seemed that there was an open-circuit rectifier diode somewhere in the supply, but investigation showed that D 9 was short-circuit while the fusible resistor FR6 ( 0.152 ) was open-circuit. Aren't these resistors expensive?!
R.F.

## Panasonic NVF70

As these machines age, particularly the mechanics (G mechanism with review motor), various squeaks and rattles can arise. This is particularly the case with models, such as this one, that have jog shuttle dials. A delightful series of shrieks, whines, rattles and buzzes can be demonstrated. Replacement of the tension unit (part no. VXA3516) and the soft brake (VXL1873) usually restores relatively quiet operation.
B.S.

## Panasonic NVFS90

The complaint, a very unusual one with these machines, was of poor picture quality. An abundance of faint, flickering lines were present in the background of the playback picture. The condition was even worse in the LP mode. I decided to check on the HQ pack. As I removed the screening can X3301, the crystal associated with the 1 H delay CCD chip IC3302, came out of the board. Resoldering it back into the board restored the normally excellent playback picture.
B.S.

## Matsui VX6600Y

No E-E picture with normal sound is becoming a very common fault with this model. Check inductor L4801 which goes open-circuit.
T.L.

## Akai VS427

No playback sound caused us some problems. The sound circuits were being switched off because the main microcontroller chip was sending out the wrong signal. Must be the chip we thought, but to be on the safe side we tried a new front operations panel. This cured the fault. The $\mu$ PD75216A-268 timer microcontroller chip IC1 was the culprit, a replacement restoring the sound.
T.L.

## Hitachi VT410

The problem was poor or very noisy eject. In this model the cassette carriage is driven by the capstan motor via a series of cogs and gears. The cause of the fault was the worm on the right-hand side of the carriage, part no. 6435571. As a precaution I also replaced the worm wheel assembly, part no. 6896971 .
R.J.A.

## Akai VSF33

Low or no clock display was caused by the fact that the power supply wasn't oscillating. Akai has a modification sheet and kit, AV10015, part no. EX744015JOAP, to correct this.
R.J.A.

## Philips VR6293

This machine had a tendency to eject tapes at odd intervals. The customer had put up with this for some time, complaining only when the machine failed completely. Total
failure was caused by a power supply fault - a new $3.3 \Omega$ resistor was all that was required to put this right. I then called up the service test program, which indicated that the drum motor had stopped although the machine was working perfectly. I was able to catch the machine in the fault condition just once, when it was switched on from cold one morning: the drum gave a little kick then refused to turn again, after which the machine shut down. Various component replacements in the drum motor driver stages failed to cure the fault, so a new lower drum was eventually tried. This provided a complete cure. I'm finding that motors which cause this sort of fault are becoming very common. R.N.

## Sharp VC581

This machine had been looked at by a dealer who had decided that it was not worth repair. It eventually came to me via a neighbour. As there was no take up I looked at the idler wheel. This had been changed, but was not making contact with the take-up spool or the reel motor. There was too much clearance between the idler and the motor, and the idler was fouling the motor fixing screws. After removing the motor I realised that it could be fitted in either of two ways. When it was turned through $180^{\circ}$ and refitted the machine worked. A good clean up and a new set of belts completed the repair, saving what turned out to be a very good machine from the scrap heap.
R.N.

## Panasonic NVL20

This machine produced very poor E-E pictures that could be cleared by tapping the tuner and r.f. converter. As MCES were on holiday I removed the tuner and converter and had a look inside. I found a large number of dry-joints along the output pins in both units and very carefully resoldered them. When the units had been refitted the machine worked perfectly and didn't even need to be retuned.
R.N.

## Ferguson 3V53/JVC HRD755

This hi-fi machine wouldn't switch on. It would accept a cassette but wouldn't eject it. The clock was flashing away and could be set. but basically the machine was dead. No faults could be found when initial checks were carried out in the power supply. I then found that the on line didn't go low when the on button was pressed. The switch itself was o.k., but the power-on output from the microcontroller chip IC202 didn't change. If a shorting lead was used to take the line low the machine made an attempt to start and various supply lines became active. A replacement microcontroller chip, type M50742-621, put matters right.
R.N.

## Hinari VXL5

The video signal was low, smeary and contained crushed sync pulses in the playback and E-E modes. Sound was not affected. As we didn't have a manual we carried out scope checks back from the r.f. modulator. Things were clearly wrong around Q306, where we found that C353 $(47 \mu \mathrm{~F}$, 16 V ) was short-circuit. It appears to be a video signal coupling capacitor.
S.L.

## Sharp VCA5011HM

The cause of failure to accept a cassette was incorrect voltages around the BA6238AM chip IC803. D805, type HZS12EB3, was short-circuit. A standard 12 V zener diode in this position restored normal operation. S.L.

# Coaxial Cable RC Relay System 

Keith Wevill, B.Sc.

I was very interested in Alan Beech's IR remote control relay article in the June issue as I had for some time been considering something similar. My interest in the subject started when my brother wanted to be able to control his VCR and satellite receiver from the bedroom.

The difference between Alan's system and what I had been contemplating is that rather than fit extra cables I wanted to use the coaxial lead between the VCR downstairs and the TV set in the bedroom to carry the remote control signals. This approach presents a number of problems, but the solution described here overcomes them and means that no extra wiring is required.

The main problems with using the coaxial lead are in avoiding interference to the u.h.f. signal and powering the IR receiver. Separate supplies could be used for the IR receiver and the LED driver, but if a single supply can be used the overall system is simpler, with only a small receiver unit next to the remote-controlled TV set and just one on/off switch. The method I use to power the receiver is similar to the way in which a line-powered aerial preamplifier is supplied via the coaxial downlead, with a minor modification to enable the control signals to be sent down the coaxial lead without interrupting the power.

Fig. I shows the circuit. I haven't shown the IR receiver, the LED driver or the mains supply circuit as these can be the same as in Alan's system. In fact almost any IR receiver and LED driver can be used. The receiver I used in my initial experiments was designed for remote-control versions of the Ferguson TX9/TX10 chassis, the driver and LEDs being taken from a scrap remote-control unit. The only receiver requirements are that it should operate at 5 V , with a quiescent consumption of less than 10 mA , and that it should provide positive-going output pulses. Many chips and discrete circuits fit these requirements.

Power for the IR receiver comes from the 12 V regulator and is fed to the coaxial lead via a $100 \mathrm{~S}, 2.5 \mathrm{~W}$ resistor and a $1 \mu \mathrm{H}$ choke. The resistor has two functions. First, it limits the maximum current. Secondly, it allows the control signals to be extracted. The choke presents a low impedance to the d.c.


Fig. 1: Circuit diagram.
supply and the control pulses, and a high impedance at u.h.f. It thus isolates the power and the control signals from the u.h.f. signal path. Capacitive coupling is used for the u.h.f. signals to prevent the VCR or the TV set's aerial connector shorting the d.c. supply. At the remote-control end the d.c. feed and the control sigmals are similarly separated, using a capacitor and choke. The choke also removes some of the h.f. components of the remote control signal, thus minimising interference to the u.h.f. feed.

The BC108 transistor at the IR receiver end of the link is used to transmit the pulses down the coaxial line, being switched on whenever the output from the IR receiver goes high. This connects the two $100 \Omega 2$ resistors across the line. As a result, a 40 mA pulse is transmitted down the line. This produces a 4 V pulse across the $100 \Omega, 2.5 \mathrm{~W}$ resistor at the LED driver end. It's coupled by the $0.022 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor to the base of the BC558 pnp transistor, which inverts the pulse to provide the input for the IR LED driver. This capacitive coupling prevents damage to the LEDs should a short occur on the line.

The IR receiver is powered by the 5 V regulator, whose d.c. input comes via the choke, $100 \Omega$ resistor and 1 N 4002 diode. The latter is included to isolate the d.c. input when the line goes low during pulse transmission. The $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor supplies the regulator during the brief period when a pulse is being transmitted. The IR receiver should not consume more than about 10 mA . otherwise the voltage drop along the line may result in the input to the regulator falling below the minimum value of 8 V .

## Construction and Use

Construction is not critical, but all leads that carry the u.h.f. signal should be kept as short as possible. Although transistor types have been quoted, there's nothing critical about them. Virtually any npn transistor that can carry 40 mA can be used to drive the line, while almost any pnp transistor can be used to provide the output to the LED driver.

The circuit can be used with Alan Beech's system by inserting it between the output of the BC547 emitterfollower buffer stage and the $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor that's in series with the base of the LED driver transistor. As mentioned above, the 5 V supply for the SL486 IR receiver chip comes from the 78L05 regulator that's powered via the coaxial lead.

For correct operation of this system it's essential that there is a d.c. path via the inner conductor between the connections at each end of the link. There should be no or a very high d.c. resistance across the cable. Some aerial sockets include a series isolating capacitor which must be shorted out for the system to function. Any series resistance, for example a resistive splitter, will reduce the voltage of the pulse transmitted down the line. The maximum series resistance that can be tolerated before problems occur is approximately $700 \Omega$.

No picture interference has been seen with the unit in use, but this could occur with a weak signal. If so try increasing the value of the chokes or the $100 \Omega$ series resistors. Don't increase the values too much as this could impair the operation of the system.

It should be possible to use more than one IR receiver unit fed from a single power supply, but check that the input to the 5 V regulators doesn't fall below 9 V otherwise the operation of the system may be impaired.

# Letters 

## CITY AND GUILDS SCHEMES

I am writing this in reply to Andrew Woods' letter in the June issue, under the heading 'Training Inadequacies'. Mr. Woods expressed two main concerns, with the relevance to the industry of the City and Guilds 2240 Electronics Servicing schemes and with the value of 'paper qualifications' in general. On behalf of the City and Guilds of London Institute I would like to update you and your readers about the 2240 schemes in particular and perhaps dispel some concerns that may be current about qualifications.

The 2240 schemes comprise three parts. They were fully revised in 1985-86. As a result they incorporated practical assignments and course-work assessments in addition to written examinations. Parts 1 and 2 were revised again in 1989-90, to put them into a 'competance-based' format. The new syllabus thus covers both the knowledge and skills required to perform certain tasks. At the same time compulsory practical tests, administered through the Electronics Examinations Board (EEB), were introduced at all three levels in order to increase the practical aspects of these qualifications.

When introducing new qualifications or revising existing syllabuses the City and Guilds of London Institute always consults a wide range of representatives from the industry concerned and from the educational sector in order to take into account current needs. In the case of 2240 the schemes are specifically designed to complement practical experience in industry, so that learning and knowledge are put into practice. Naturally further time and experience in an industry will enhance an individual's abilities.

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## MUTER REACTIVATOR TIP

Here's a tip for anyone who, like us, bought a Muter c.r.t. analyser/reactivator and found it impossible to buy the 9 -pin plug to make up an adaptor. The solution lies inside the old Waltham ST30 stereo music centre. There are three suitable plugs here. They fit the Muter lead a treat.
J. Howells, Protech Audio Visual.

Fallings Park, Wolverhampton.

## SCRATCHES

I was rather perturbed by the May issue front cover photograph, which shows Eugene Trundle's video monitoring jig. It is arranged to record a mechanical fault with a VCR that's standing on its side on a bare bench. So what, you may ask?

How many times have you had to try to talk your way out of the fact that a piece of equipment you accepted for repair
has a scratch which wasn't there to start with? My credibility has taken a few knocks over this one, thankfully a long time ago. Now when I have to put a unit on its side etc. I use what was previously a liner from an old velvet curtain, folded a couple of times. I also point out to the customer any scratches and other marks on the unit when it's accepted for repair, thereby eliminating any complaints later.
M.K. Hayter,

Moseley, Birmingham.

## FITTING MULTIPINNED COMPONENTS

Here's a 'dodge' I use when fitting multipinned components such as line output transformers, chips etc. With a suitably sized twist drill I slightly countersink each hole by hand. You will find that components slide in quite easily when this has been done.
K. Wright,

Preston, Lancs.

## VIDEOCRYPT PATTERNING

I read with interest Chris Watton's article 'A Western' in the June issue. Chris says that he doesn't know whether patterning caused by VideoCrypt decoders occurs in areas that don't use channel 25. It does!

A large proportion of the area in which I work is served by the Bilsdale transmitter, which uses channels 29 and 23 for ITV and Channel 4 respectively. Patterning caused by a VideoCrypt decoder is a common problem with satellite installations in this area. The purpose of this letter is to provide some tips for others who are plagued by the problem.

First, use of the highly-screened type of coaxial cable normally employed for the LNB to satellite receiver feed for other r.f. runs can provide a solution due to the high screening factor. Secondly I find that a little experimentation with lead positioning, particularly the satellite receiver's mains lead, can also help.

With the ever-increasing use of scart sockets, the approach I have adopted with my own equipment is as follows. The aerial signal is connected directly to the TV receiver via a low-loss signal splitter, the second feed going to the VCR for off-air recording of terrestrial TV channels. The Pace 9200 satellite receiver is not connected to the TV set or VCR at r.f., being hooked up via the scart sockets, one to the VCR, one to the TV set. This prevents any patterning on ITV or Channel 4, as happened previously when the 'standard' way of interconnecting equipment was used. I do have an r.f. feed from the satellite receiver to the VCR, but this is purely so that the VCR's r.f. output socket can be used to feed a distribution amplifier for sets in other parts of the house.

Finally there's a small modification that can be done to Pace receivers of the IRD type: it can also sometimes help to prevent patterning. Inside the receiver you'll see a crystal at the rear, right-hand side of the decoder board. If it is stood up on the board, remove it and lay it flat. Fit wire links in the holes at either side and solder them to the body of the crystal. You'll find that this has already been done in some receivers.
Andrew Tebbutt.
Saltburn-by-sea, Cleveland.

## SAFETY

Your June issue appears to show a technician working on a live TV set with both bare hands. The test equipment shows
readings and oscillograms, so we must assume that there is life of some sort in the set. It's very bad practice to have both hands in the back of a set like this. Even though you may be on a rubber mat and the supply is mains isolated via an RCD you can still receive a lethal shock from even a relatively small voltage, since any shock received will be across your heart muscle.
L. Mackenzie, T.Eng.,

Edinburgh.
Editor's note: A point worth emphasising though Richard's left hand is not actually in contact with the chassis - it's at rest on the workbench. The photograph, being two-dimensional, fails to make this clear.

## SONY MAINS SWITCH

I often seem to see an article in Television soon after having had to solve a similar problem the hard way. Examples that come to mind include the Philips ' C ' wrap mechanism (March 1992) and the tuning of a locked-out 3V55 (February 1993, page 253). More recently (May) Steve Cannon's article 'It's only the on-off switch' seemed relevant when I was called to attend to a dead Sony KV2090. Before taking the back off I indicated that the cause is rarely the switch. expecting a power supply problem. But this time it was the mains switch!

A phone call to the nice people at SES referred me to the nice people at Sony Special Operations. For those who have not come across this matter, the switch (part no. 1-554-76221) was the subject of a callback some time ago. A check on the set's serial number revealed that it hadn't been modified, so Sony arranged for the replacement to be carried out, free of charge to the owner

It shows that one should start with the very obvious sometimes!
Peter Delaney, B.Sc.,
Wargrave, Berks

## NIKKAI BABY 10

In the May issue L. Mackenzie cast doubt on the alternative regulator I suggested (RS type LT 1084CP-12) as a replacement for the AL2411 in the Nikkai Baby 10. May council for the defence reply?

Two different samples of original Baby 10 working regulators gave me measured outputs of 10.85 V (not 10.4 V ). The RS 12 V regulator with the recommended series diode produced 10.9 V , making L. Mackenzie's dire predictions rather unlikely.

I have since used the variable output version of the RS device (LT1084CP, stock no. 265-320) which requires about $180 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ from pin 1 to chassis for the correct output and no series diode (l used a $220 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ preset to enable precise adjustment to be carried out). This is cheaper than the fixed 12 V version, but runs hotter and is best mounted on the metal side plate behind the mains transformer.

Another increasingly common fault with these sets is the appearance of what look like hum bars after an hour or so of mains operation. It's easy to blame the AL2411 again (or that useless Avis modification) but closer inspection shows that the 'hum bars' are random, vary with picture content and disappear if the signal is attenuated! The cause of the problem is overheating of the TA7680AP i.f. chip IC101 inside the screened case by the tuner. My simple remedy is to cut a suitable rectangle from an old screening cover and bend it, by trial and error, so that one end presses flat against the top of IC 101 (heatsink compound helps) while
the other end is soldered along the inside edge of the i.f. screening compartment, nearest the front of the set, before replacing the top cover. This is crude but is easier than it sounds - and it works!

I rest my case, m'lud.
Chris Avis,
Exeter.

## PHILIPS VR6870 POWER SUPPLY

In a letter in your January issue I pointed out that two VCR Clinic reports misidentified a capacitor in the power supply of the Philips VR6870 VCR. Once again I have to return to the same subject. In the June issue Clinic there is reference to a 10 V zener diode identified as D4. But D4 is a BYV1020 rectifier diode. The BZX79C10 zener diode is D3.
R.R. Humilton,

Ashtead, Surrey.

## CIRCUS TRICKS

"I'll give you sixty quid for that video in the window" he said.

It was priced at $£ 85$, but I said I’d let it go for $£ 75$.
He explained that he was from the circus up the road, and would take it without guarantee for $£ 60$.

I patiently explained the sale of goods act, pointing out that I couldn't sell the VCR without a guarantee. But I could reduce it from three months to one for $£ 70$.

He then said that the shop up the road had one for $£ 50$ with a 12 -month guarantee.

Being doubtful about this, I asked why he hadn't bought it instead of trying to buy one from me for $£ 70$ ?

He replied that they wouldn't sell it to him. When I tried to understand the logic of this he took from his pocket the "sixty quid". It turned out to consist of circus tickets.

I showed him the door.
S. Woodbridge-Smith, Argyle TV and Video,

Peverell, Plymouth.

## BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Some time ago I wrote on the subject of commentary-free TV sound. Sky Sports now provides such a service. One subcarrier has the complete sound while with another only the effects microphone is live during actual play. With a football match for example the pre-match, half-time and post-match chit-chat are normal but during play there are only the crowd sounds. Sheer bliss!

On giving the matter more though I realise that my objections were not so much to the commentators, more to the 'special guests' who, though experts and like talking, are certainly not commentators. Anyway, you can now have Sky Sports on two channels, one with commentary and one without.
Gus Cusick,
Preston. Lancs.

## BACK INJURY

Following previous published letters more and more engineers have been in touch with us about suing for back injuries caused by lifting heavy TV sets. This is just to let others know that we can provide advice and suggest possible legal representatives. Keep writing in!
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There was intermittent sound because the tape shifted in height as it ran across the audio head: the cause of the problem was the pinch roller.
S.B.

## Sony CCDTR55

This 790 g wonder had a cassette stuck in it. Pressing the eject button had no effect, though motor noise and mechanical movement could be heard for a while, followed by shutdown and then the caution indicator blinking. When we opened the unit we found that the camera block could be separated from the VTR section. The machine unloaded without problem when an external d.c. voltage was applied to the loading motor, so the load/unload mechanism seemed to be all right.

We next checked for reel pulses at the syscon chip IC601 on board VS37. These and the head switching pulses were present, but in comparison with another machine the capstan motor movement seemed to be much too fast. A check showed that the capstan FG pulses at pin 62 of IC601 were missing. They come from the CX20115A chip IC503. which produced no output pulses at pin 12. The d.c. vollage here was also incorrect. A new CX20115A chip restored normal operation. It's an SMD, so special care is required. R.A.

## Sony CCDV90E

We had to attend to this camcorder on three occasions. It showed the no power symptom, i.e. no display in the LCD window. On the first two occasions the LCD appeared and all other functions were restored when the lithium battery, which is used to store day and date information, was removed then replaced. On the third occasion manipulating the lithium battery made no difference. So voltage checks were carried out around IC151 ( $\mu$ PD7503G) and reset transistors Q156/8/9 on board FD4P. No abnormal readings were found, but when C153 ( $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ) was momentarily shorted the LC display came on. Shorting C153 makes Q159's collector, which is connected to IC151's reset pin, go high. On the assumption that IC151 was not able to reset internally we fitted a replacement. Everything then functioned normally.
R.A.

## Sony CCDTR75E

The reported fault was that there were no functions and a tape was stuck in the mechanism. After removing the tape and checking for any obvious mechanical problems we inserted a cassette. It seemed to load correctly but when we tried there were no functions and the tape was once more stuck. After several more attempts at loading it became clear that the cause of the problem was a capstan fault. In fact the capstan motor didn't turn - it merely twitched. A new CXA1127AM capstan drive chip restored normal operation: one of its three-phase drive outputs had failed. D.C.W.

## Bauer VCC526AF

The complaint with this full-size VHS Panasonic clone was that it produced noise on the sound with recordings. We

Reports from Simon Bodgett, Ronald Aranha, David C. Woodnott Brian Storm and John C. Priest
soon found that the noise was there during playback as well - the lower capstan motor bearing was worn to the extent that the rotor scraped against the motor's windings. When the capstan shaft was rotated by hand the noise was not evident: the symptom occurred only when sideways pressure from the pinch roller was present. A new set of bearings cured the problem.
D.C.W.

## Sony CCDF375E

There was no playback sound. A check with another machine proved that sound was being recorded. The playback audio f.m. signal from the video heads passes via the servo/syscon PCB, where there are a buffer stage and a stage of amplification. The $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ coupling capacitor between the two stages, C401, was open-circuit. D.C.W.

## Panasonic NVS5B

The complaint was of a 'cinemascope viewfinder'. On inspection we found that the fault was lack of height in the electronic viewfinder display. Recordings made and then played back on another machine proved that the camera operation was o.k., and an AV link to a monitor to display the live picture proved that the fault was within the EVF unit.

The EVF PCB is fitted inside the camcorder's right-hand side casing. Viewfinder brightness and focus controls are accessible through a small oval hole sealed with a rubber cap. There's also a height control on this PCB, but it's not within reach of the adjusiment hole. A little judicious pressure on the PCB, using a plastic probe inserted through the hole, cured the fault intermittently however. There was obviously a dry-joint somewhere.

The palmgrip casing was dismantled to gain access to the EVF PCB, which was then removed and examined. The cause of the tault would probably lie in the area of pins 1 and 5 of IC801 and resistors VR801 (height) and R802/R827. But despite a close examination, using a $\times 10$ headband magnifier, no tault could be seen. We decided to apply a small bead of rework flux to each suspect joint in the area, using a sharpened matchstick, and then use a Weller hot-air soldering tool to heat each joint in turn until the solder flowed. During this operation the surfacemounted components were held in place with fine tweezers, to prevent them moving while the solder was fluid.

When we reassembled the camcorder and tested it we found that the fault had been cleared completely. This was confirmed by several periods of recording and playback with 'rough' handling and vibration to try to recreate the fault. Everything was o.k.

A week later another NVS5 arrived in the workshop with exactly the same fault. It also responded to the reflow treatment.
J.C.P.

## Panasonic NVS5B

Intermittent no zoom was the complaint with this palmcorder. When we stripped it down we found that simply touching the flexicable between the process CBA and the main CBA produced the fault. A new flexicable (VWJ049S) cured the fault.

# Long-distance Television 

Roger Bunney

The 1993 Sporadic E (SpE) season got off to a dismal start. As I write this in early June there have been few signals to excite or captivate. An interesting reception was a possibly Arabic double-hop signal floating under a single-hop signal from Yugoslavia: whenever a signal is present from the 'Yugoslavian' area it's always worth checking for Arabic signals. The absence of an SpE opening in April and the late start of the season in May, plus the closeness of the last sunspot peak, suggest that the 1993 season will be poor and will fizzle out early. The following log shows what May produced by way of SpE signals:

12/5/93 CST (Czechoslovakia) ch. R I: CIS (Russia) R 1: JRT (Yugoslavia) E3. 4: ARD (Germany) E4; R.AI (Italy) IA, B; RTP (Portugal) E3; TDF (France) L2.
13/5/93 RAI IA; SVT (Sweden) E2; NRK (Norway) E2; CST R1, 2.
14/5/93 RUV (Iceland) E4; NRK E3: SVT E2: RTP E3.
16/5/93 Suspected JTV (Jordan) or IRIB (Iran) E3.
17/5/93 JRT E3: Arabic ch. E3/4 signals 1610-1615.
18/5/93 RAI IA.
21/5/93 NRK E2: SVT E2. 3.
25/5/93 CIS R1, 2.
26/5/93 CIS R1, 2; RAI IA.
27/5/93 TVE (Spain) E3; RTP E3: MTV (Hungary) R1, 2; CST RI; ORF (Austria) E2a; SVT E3; DR (Denmark) E3.
30/5/93 NRK E2, 3, 4; SVT E2, 3, 4; CIS R1-4; TVP (Poland) R2.
31/5/93 DR E3, 4; CIS R2; JRT E3.
Tropospheric activity was noted on the $7 / 8$ th and $11 / 12$ th, with Band III/u.h.f. reception of German and Scandinavian signals in the north east, then on the $22 \mathrm{nd} / 23$ rd with reception of French and Benelux signals in the south/south east.

Tim Anderson (St. Leonards) reports that several DXers have received on their scanners a tropospheric scatter signal at 36.83 MHz , with at times weak audio. The signal is always present and has been received across the southern UK and as far north as S. Wales. Can anyone suggest the source?

My thanks to Iain Menzies (Aberdeen), David Glenday (Arbroath), Brian Williams (Penarth), Peter Schubert
(Rainham), Simon Hamer (Powys) and Tim Anderson (St. Leonards) for sending in reception reports.

## News Items

Planning permission: The RSGB recently provided details of planning law changes that may affect readers seeking permission to erect a TV-DXing mast. It states in Annex 4 of PPG8 para 1 of the Department of the Environment/Welsh Office document Planning Policy Guidance Note 8 - Telecommunications (PPG8), issued last December, that generally potential interference is irrelevant to planning applications since other controls exist to deal with interference. It's thus unlikely that permission would be refused on interference grounds, whether the equipment is to be used for transmission or not. Should an application be refused solely on the grounds of anticipated interference, if an appeal is made the planning authority must produce detailed evidence of interference or anticipated interference, together with reasons for there being 'no reasonable remedies that would be satisfactory".
Holland: A new station, TV Zuid-Holland, is due to start up in Rotterdam this autumn. It is intended to provide a feed for cable systems but will also operate a 30 kW e.r.p. u.h.f. transmitter with output from the 180 m Waalhaven harbour PTT tower. Transmissions, on a channel still to be decided, will be in the clear.
Baltic states: The BDXC News reports that there are now two high-powered Band I transmitters in Latvia. Riga ch. R3 ( 150 kW ) and Kuldiga ch. R1 ( 10 kW ). The UIET test pattern used has the identification 'LATVIJAS TV' for local Latvian channels or "UT" for the Ostankino (Moscow) service. The identification 'OP C' means that the signal originates from the Kalingrad region. At times the pattern is transmitted without identification. A new US-financed commercial station, 'Baltic TV', is now in operation at Vilnius, Lithuania. Belgium: The ARTE/21 service is now being transmitted from Anderlues on ch. E61. The ARTE service has scrambled vision but clear sound. When ARTE programmes are not being transmitted the feed is taken from either RTBF-1 or Sport 21. Apart from Brussels ch. E45 the former Tele 21 transmitters now carry the RTBF-1 service or Sport 21. A new main transmitter is under construction at St. PietersLeeuw, some 15 km south west of Brussels: it will carry the Wavre replacement transmissions and should be on air by the end of the year.
Amateur radio: On February 6/7th there was, as previously reported here, an attempt to bounce 50 MHz signals via the moon between the US West Coast and Europe. I heard nothing on my scanner but others were more successful and heard weak signals. It seems that stacked Yagi aerials were


[^0]the best bet for reception. The least that was required was a six-element array cut to frequency. Polish amateurs can now use the $50-52 \mathrm{MHz}$ band, with SSB/CW at up to 10 W . At least a hundred stations should be in operation by the time that this is read. The Ukraine is also to allow 50 MHz operation, probably by mid-summer.
Sunspots: The minimum count in sunspot cycle 22 is expected to be in 1997, with cycle 23 peaking in the year 2000. Time flies! Thanks to Six News for this information.

## Satellite TV

The mystery of the Space Shuttle pictures via Houston TV/NASA TV has been cleared up: the satellite link was via Intelsat 504 at $31.4^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. This satellite is now in an inclined orbit, having been moved from $40.5^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ last spring.

The BBC SNG unit UKI-17 is in operation in Yugoslavia and can often be seen feeding back via Eutelsat II F1 at $13^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ - try 11.68 GHz . Another new SNG identification is Starbird UK1-94, also seen at $13^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$.

Astra 1C was successfully launched on May 11 th and was seen on test while being moved to $19 \cdot 2^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$. Telecine Romandie has been given permission by the Swiss authorities to transmit its Cinevision service via an Astra transponder, with subcarriers for German, French, Spanish, Italian and English sound. A decision has still to be made on he encryption system: the subscription would be about 15 iwiss francs ( $£ 6$ ) a month.

Red Hot Dutch has been granted a licence to broadcast in Jenmark. Although the supply of equipment for viewing it s illegal in the UK, it's not illegal to view the programmes. The encryption system is Enigma, a variant on VideoCrypt.
A Turkish channel, ATV, was due to go on air via utelsat II F2 at $10^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ on June 14th. An English-language aannel, Wire TV, is seen in the clear via Intelsat 601 at $7.5^{\circ} \mathrm{W}(11.5 \mathrm{GHz}$ horizontal). Programming includes live Bs from various parts of the UK.
We've had Gorizont and Ekran: now we have Coupon, a :w group of three broadcasting satellites that provide obal coverage with transponders which are available for ise. Its phased aerial system provides steerable-beam up d down links with a variable e.i.r.p. of $30-50 \mathrm{dBW}$. The stem should be in operation early next year.
Intelsat is to lease three Express class satellites from issia, operations starting next summer. The satellites will positioned over the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, ch one having ten C band and two Ku band transponders.
The Deutches Bundespost has withdrawn from Europsat, lich means that the project - for a new DBS service from ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ - is likely to be abandoned.
The Middle East Broadcasting service via Eutelsat II FI $13^{\circ}$ E now carries teletext.

## atellite Reception for DXers

ith the gradual reduction in the number of Band I TV nsmitters in operation in recent years and increasing interence in this band, satellite TV has seemed to many DXers, :luding the writer, to be the best alternative way of seeking usual signals. At my valley location, where tropospheric seption has never been outstanding, a 1.5 m dish on a small st in the back garden gives me any TV that's being downked in the Ku band from - in my partially screened posi-$\mathrm{n}-16^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. A clearer view to the east would offer : even more exotic fare. The dish can provide a vast mber of signals, even 'real DX' such as the Israeli TV spot am aimed at Tel Aviv! The signals are available day and sht, all year round, and are constantly changing.


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What's required for practical, cheap satellite DX-TV reception? First, obviously, a dish: it should be at least 90 cm in diameter, though 60 cm Astra dishes have been pressed into use. There are two basic types, offset and prime focus. The offset type has the advantage of nill shadowing since the electronics are on an arm beneath the dish. For it to traverse the Clarke Belt (where the geostationary satellites are in orbit) the dish has to be mounted on a tracking mechanism. This can be either an horizon-to-horizon or a polar mount.

The assembly required at the dish's focal point consists of a feed horn, a wideband magnetic polariser to convert the incoming vertically- and horizontally-polarised signals to a common plane, and an LNB (low-noise block) which converts the Ku band signals to an i.f. of $950-1,750 \mathrm{MHz}$ for linking via coaxial cable to the receiver. The LNB will have a gain of typically $50-60 \mathrm{~dB}$ : the noise figure should be well under ldB. Note that the sections of the Ku band used for TV transmissions are $10.95-11 \cdot 7 \mathrm{GHz}$ (FSS - fixed satellite service), $11 \cdot 7-12 \cdot 5 \mathrm{GHz}$ (DBS) and $12 \cdot 5-12 \cdot 7 \mathrm{GHz}$ (telecom).

We'll take this further next month.

## Warning

An Australian reader recently ordered a copy of the book European Scrambling Systems from a UK source. On arrival at Melbourne the book was seized by the Attorney General's Department for consideration by the Literature Classification officer as a possible prohibited import. Some five weeks later it was relleased. Several countries seem to be touchy about encryption, hacking and industrial espionage. Anyone ordering publications from abroad should note that problems may be encountered.

# Satellite Notebook 

Nick Beer

A worrying factor with the introduction of IRDs is what will eventually happen to equipment with a VideoCrypt circuit fault? At present manufacturers don't supply spares for the VideoCrypt circuit. Thus either the equipment has to be returned for repair or a complete new PCB has to be obtained. A recent experience with a Finlux/Cambridge unit made me think about the problem. The unit was brand new with a faulty i.c. in the VideoCrypt circuit. I couldn't get the device of course. No great surprise, except that the chip was included in the parts list with no specific note about availability. In some units it's easy to isolate the VideoCrypt circuitry which is on a separate PCB that can be removed and linked across, but in this IRD all the circuitry is on one double-sided PCB - the current Pace PRD800/900 IRDs are also built in this way.

It worries me that there are circuits which dealers cannot repair in items they are selling. If this policy is continued throughout the life of a VideoCrypt unit, customers and dealers will be at the mercy of the manufacturer with respect to repairability. Should a manufacturer decide that he won't repair a unit over say five years old, or quote a high price for doing so, there will be no chance of a second opinion.

I can only see the situation in the satellite and terrestrial subscriber-service field getting worse: more decoders, more services and thus more that has to be sent away. I would be very interested to know what manufacturers' long-term policies on such matters are, but a statement on current policy is about all that you can get. In fairness, I suppose that licensed VideoCrypt manufacturers have to abide by the rules laid down by the licenser.

## Problems

It was perhaps predictable that, having in a previous column extolled the virtues of Manhatten LNBs, 1 would soon have a problem with one of them. Sure enough I did and no ordinary problem either. Our installation chap had fitted an 80 cm Lenson Heath dish on an az/el mount, with an 0.8 dB Manhattan LNB and a Racal feed/polariser. This lot was to be used with a B and O LM satellite receiver built into an MX3500 TV set. Because of a supply problem at B and O, there was a delay of a couple of weeks before the LM unit could be installed.

I called to fit the LM receiver, did so then started to set it up. To start with I had problems because I couldn't move up or down the menus with the fast-wind keys, though I noticed that I could do so with the step keys. When I selected the video tuning menu, I got a slim strip across the top of the screen instead of a large black-backed menu. A ha! The software has been changed and no-one's told me! A check with the installation guide that comes with the unit confirmed this. Interesting that to move up a menu you press the forward step key while to move down you press the backwards step key, the complete opposite of what you'd expect and of what was previously the case!

The new screen layout is sensible: the picture is no longer obliterated by the menu when you carry out tuning. Another thing that I noticed is that the Astra 1C channels
are pretuned in amongst the 1 A and 1 B channels: the first 24 presets are tuned to the horizontal channels and the second 24 to the vertical channels. This means that there are at present lots of blank channels in amongst the used ones and that the majority of favourite channels are in the 20s.

Anyway, back to the installation. Having set up the polarisation current on about ten channels I noticed some faint beat bars across the picture, with satellite reception only. These became worse, causing corrugation of the entire image, including the menus. There was also a faint 1 kHz tone with the sound. Then the colour disappeared from the on-screen displays and the program list option disappeared from the main menu. A hard reset cured the menu problems, but the only way to remove the vision problem was to let the unit cool down. I popped in another LM unit and everything was fine - for about half an hour. As I didn't have a scope or manual with me I decided to try another power supply module, in case there was hum/poor regulation with a supply used by the satellite unit. This seemed to cure the problem, but it was back within another three-quarters of an hour. So 1 replaced the LNB, using the customer's own ladder to battle through overgrown cotoneaster. At last the problem had been cured: I can only assume that something in the LNB was drawing too much current.

## Buzzes with a Pace PRD900

One of our rental customers, who has a Luxor 9272 VCR and 5587 colour set, purchased a Pace PRD900 system from us and installed it himself. He then complained of a buzz on the sound, via the VCR at r.f. only, i.e. in the E-E mode and therefore also on recorded satellite material. This was indeed the case, and was a nuisance as the customer said. A Salora 5902 system he'd previously rented didn't produce the problem.

Checks showed that the 9272 was correctly aligned r.f.and i.f.-wise, and that the problem was present with other PRD800 and PRD900 IRDs. Another 9272 made no difference. It appeared that the problem was to do with the satellite receiver's video modulation level. I contacted Pace technical, who said that it was not a known problem and couldn't offer any advice. Without a manual at the time, I decided that a home-brew modification was the only solution - unless the customer decided to buy a different system.

I found the r.f. modulator's video input and fitted a $47 \Omega$ resistor in series with it. This had virtually no effect. After trying several different values I had to go up to about $180 \Omega$ before the video level and the buzz could be reduced. During a subsequent call Pace confirmed that the video modulator incorporates a.g.c., hence my problem. The resistor remains in place and the customer is delighted with the result, despite being apprehensive about having to have his unit modified. This doesn't get to the root of the trouble of course, though it does provide a solution. The contrast control built into the receiver failed to provide a cure, but after adding the $180 \Omega 2$ resistor its range enabled the buzz to be reduced to an undetectable level.

## And finally. . .

Here's a little tale to cheer you up. A satellite/aerial installer I know specialises in MATV and SMATV work. He was called some distance to look at an Astra SMATV head end that had not long since been installed by a large, reputable company for a local authority. The strange complaint was that Eurosport was the only Astra channel available. A check with a compass and meter soon showed why: the dish was pointing at Eutelsat II F1. Oops!

# CD Player Casebook 

## enwood DPM6630

iis machine was brought in with two discs stuck in the echanism. One was in the six-disc magazine, the other e in the single-disc tray assembly. Nothing happened len the open/close button was pressed to open the tray or \& eject button was pressed to open the magazine. Initially thought that there might be a power supply fault, but ecks in this department showed that everything was in der. Perhaps the LA6510 loading motor drive chip was llty? As the same type of chip is used as the zus/tracking driver I interchanged the two. This made no ference. I removed the two discs by unwinding the chanism by hand, after gaining access to the series of ¡s at the bottom of the mechanism. When this had been re there was still no movement from the mechanism, so acks were made around the system microcontroller chip ${ }^{\prime}$. As a high of around 0.7 V was obtained at pins 35 and when eject or open/close was pressed I came to the clusion that IC7 was probably faulty, but a replacement I't alter the situation.
Iaving provision for a tray and a six-disc magazine, the hanism used in this player is very complicated. Several switches dotted around it tell the main microcontroller what the mechanism is doing. If the mechanism goes of sync the microcontroller chip gets thoroughly used. The result can be complete lock-out, which is had happened. Part of the plastic chassis had broken. affected the series of cogs driven by the loading r. The only cure is a complete new plastic chassis, part 10-2994-11. If nothing on the main chassis is actually in Kenwood advise fitting the counter-measure parts fart no. W05-0434-00. This should rectify any other ems that might occur should a disc get stuck. It won't
however rectify problems such as the one we had. If the plastic is broken, the mechanism must be replaced. M.L.

## JVC RCX510

There was no CD sound from this portable music system. It read the TOC all right and went into the play mode, but nothing came from the speakers. The tape and radio functions were o.k.

I stripped the unit down to gain access to the CD board in order to carry out some voltage checks, plug checks, etc. When this had been done my first move was to give the CD board a gentle twist while in the play mode to see if any cracks in some of the finer print showed up. No luck: the fault remained the same. Then I spotted the cause of the problem. It was a fault I've not had before. Two or three of the data processor chip's pins had come away from the board and weren't making proper contact. Very careful soldering in this area restored normal operation, after which all was fine.
M.L.

## Toshiba RT8089

This CD/radio/cassette unit would read the TOC but when it was asked to play it would spin up then rotate the disc backwards at high speed. There was evidently a focus fault, and we found that the focus servo couldn't be set up because of an offset error caused by the optical unit. After fitting and setting up a new unit the results were superb. A new cassette belt was also required on the PB deck: the old one had wrapped itself around the single motor's pulley, stressing both decks!
N.B.
head assembly. With the adjustment made correctly, the Panasonic VCR's recordings played back as well as the test tape.

The moral of this story is always to check the recording current after fitting new heads. This is important even where the presets haven't been disturbed. The optimum current depends to some extent on the characteristics of the individual heads. The new ones may not be identical to the originals when they were new. The same applies with rotary hi-fi audio heads, while with a stationary (longitudinal-track) audio head it's essential to check the bias level after replacing the head assembly.

It turned out that the one VCR whose drum Sherlock had previously replaced was a later type with no provision for manual adjustment of the recording current.

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