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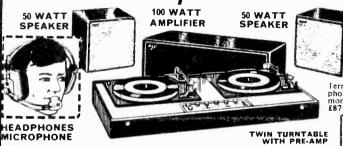
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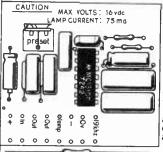
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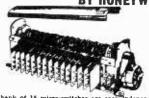
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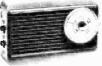
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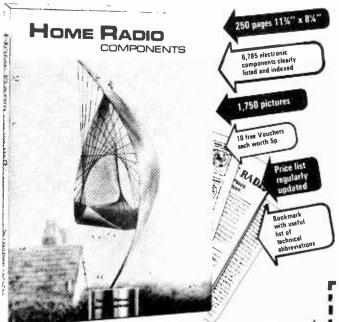
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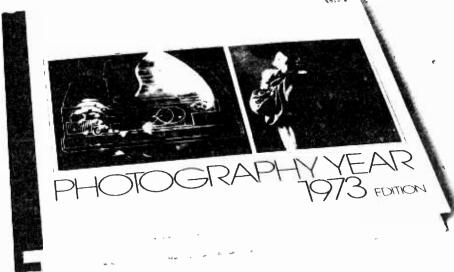
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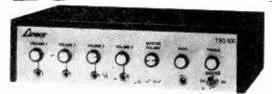
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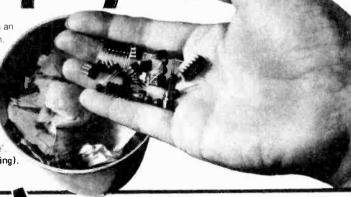
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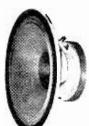
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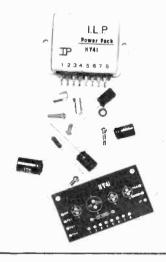


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Franchised distributors have been around for a few years, but only recently is the sophisticated organisation supported by its own AFDEC (Association of Franchised Distributors of Electronic Components) really becoming a powerful force. There are now ten times the number of distributors than there were 10 years ago, and the trends show that the current £40 million worth of business will be doubled in the next eight years, based on today's prices.

The franchised distributor usually, but not always, operates by bulk purchase at reduced prices, and sells at manufacturers' recommended prices. His profit for running costs is derived from the difference between 1-off prices and bulk prices. In most cases this margin is not very great, but several distributors find it sufficient to secure franchise agreements. The competition is high, demanding supreme efficiency and fast service. This means substantial capital tied up in stock at the risk of slow turnover, which also costs money.

Of the 100 or so of these firms now well established, some are looking to alternative outlets for their stock, and this is where the retailer may start to feel the pinch. At least two, SDS Components and GDS Sales, have set up offshoot companies to supply components to the small consumer, including the man-in-street hobbyist. The latter company, through Best Electronics (Slough) Ltd, go a stage further and specialise in supplying replacements and alternatives for the bench serviceman. RS Components (formerly Radiospares) have been operating on this basis for a long time, but they will not, as yet, supply direct to the hobbyist.

We see these developments as a welcome sign that the industrial suppliers are, at long last, recognising the potential market worth millions of pounds in the constructor and hobbyist field. At the same time the effects of this, combined with price increases due to VAT, will be a severe blow to the high street shop and small mail order business. What is also implied is that the shop can purchase from the distributor, but there does not appear to be any margin for overheads and profit for the shopkeeper. So if your local shop is reluctant to order small quantities from a series of distributors, the reason is obvious.

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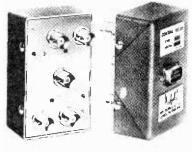
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Waters Electronics inform us that they have been appointed European Distributors for Mini-Products Inc. P.A., U.S.A.

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Unlike most beam aerials, planning permission with the 2-element models B24 and HQ-1 (illustrated) should be no problem.

The HQ-1 is a 4-band 2-element aerial incorporating the Mini-Products "multiple hat" loading principle This principle considerably reduces the aerial length. Operating bands are 6, 10, 15 and 20 metres. Forward gain is 5.6dB average. SWR at resonance is less than 1.5 to 1. Front to back ratio is 12 to 17dB, power rating 1.200W p.e.p. and input impedance  $50\Omega$ . Price is £42.95.

If any readers would like more "blurb" on the HQ-1 and the rest of the range of aerials, drop a line to P. W. Waters, G3OJV, Waters Electronics, 8 Gay Bowers, Hockley, Essex. Tel. Hockley 4930.



## A wire stripper

This is a device marketed by Spiralux (Hollands and Blair) Ltd. It is a wire stripper, wire looper, cutter and screwdriver. Price is 40p. Hollands and Blair Ltd., Bensham Grove, Thornton Heath, Surrey.



The Spiralux wire stripper.

#### Mullard films

Mullard Ltd. announce six new-colour 35mm films which are also available as slide sets. They are "The Transistor" which shows the basics of transistor operations; "Magnetism-Part 1" which deals with magnetic fields and their effect on current carrying conductors; "Magnetism—Part 2" which explains amongst other things the principles of moving-coil instruments.

The fourth filmstrip "Semiconductor Photcells" explains the theory of the photo-diode and photo-transistor and their various applications. "Conduction in Solids" tells how the lattice structure of a solid effects its conductivity and explains the function of electrons and film number six "Conduction in Gases" shows molecular movements in gases and their energies illustrates how glow and arc discharges differ in high and low pressure columns.

For further details and prices, please don't contact Mullard. All information can be received from The Slide Centre Limited, Portman House, 17 Broderick Road, London, SW17 7DZ.

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### **Auto adaptor**

Omnia Products market a useful little unit that enables stabilised voltages of 6, 7.5 and 9V to be obtained from a 12V car battery.

The required voltage can be set by the adjustment on the front of the unit (see photograph). An on/off switch and a pilot lamp are provided together with a phono socket for the output. The unit is fused and the lead supplied with our unit was fitted with a DIN plug for our EL3302 cassette recorder.

The Auto Adaptors can either be obtained from local dealers or direct from Omnia for £3.50. Omnia Products, 25 Wilbury Gardens, Hove, Sussex, BN3 6HO.

#### "Electrokits"

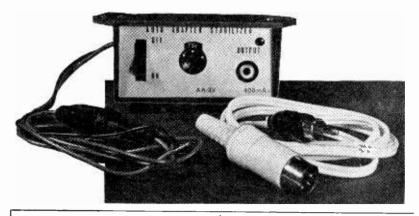
Electrokit have supplied us with their latest list of kit prices. As examples, the 8W Amplifier, published in P.W. November 1972, costs £8 $\cdot$ 20. The IC Power Supply in the same issue costs £4 $\cdot$ 00. The Reverberation Unit kit, including only the resistor pack, capacitor pack and semiconductor pack, costs £10 $\cdot$ 70.

All prices include post and packing. Further information may be obtained from *Electrokit*, 12 Lauderdale Road, London, W.9.

## Stylus patent

Re: British Patent 1160839 (Application 16619/67).

At the request of our clients Moviecol Enterprises Ltd., we are writing to draw your attention to the above British patent which covers a stylus operated miniature electric organ. We believe you will find this patent of interest in relation to the "Music Maker" described in the December issue of Practical Wireless on page 716. We suggest that you may also wish to notify Mr. D. Smith and Messrs. Servitronix Ltd., of the existence of our clients' British patent 1160839. Baron & Warren, Chartered Patent Agents (16 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HL.



## **Audio fidelity**

RSC Hi-Fi Centres Ltd., the retail and mail order part of the Audio Fidelity Group has recently opened branches in Coventry and Stockport, making a total of 19 branches in England and Scotland.

#### De-solder kit



Elekon Enterprises recently sent us a "Soksol De-soldering Kit". It comes complete with 20ft. of special copper braid, chemical solution and full instructions.

After the braid has been processed in the de-solder solution, it should be left to dry for about 48 hours. It will then, with the aid of a soldering iron, desolder joints. The kit, as illustrated, is available for £1 plus 15p post from Elekon Enterprises, 224a St. Paul's Road, Highbury Corner, London N.1.

### **World Radio Club**

World Radio Club, the BBC World Service programme for radio enthusiasts and DXers, now has 11.000 members.

World Radio Club is broadcast in the BBC World Service on Thursdays at 1245 GMT, Fridays at 2345 and Sundays at 0815 GMT. Membership is free and all listeners have to do to join is write to World Radio Club, BBC, Bush House, London. The BBC World Service is on

the air twenty-four hours a day, with News and a full range of programmes, broadcast on both short and medium waves, to be heard in all parts of the world at convenient listening times. World Radio Club is one of its programmes. The club caters for short-wave enthusiasts of all ages and for all listeners who want to get the best results from their radio equipment. It uses ordinary, uncomplicated English, whether talking about a simple aerial, or the latest space communication achievement.

DX News is a regular item each week, and with all the resources of the BBC at the disposal of the World Radio Club, it really is newsworthy. Members who write for help with practical listening problems will be answered by post or over the air.

Full details of BBC World Service programmes can be obtained from the BBC, Bush House, P.O. Box 76, Strand, London WC2B 4PH.

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# 4-METRE TRANSMITTER

UE to the fact that the limitations of crystal control are quite acceptable on the 4 metre band, a transmitter running some 10 to 15W on 70MHz can be a very straightforward piece of equipment. The transmitter shown here consists of the r.f. section only as an existing power supply and modulator was used in conjunction with it.

Maximum input to the p.a. is 50mA at 300V, or 15W, but the power actually run may depend somewhat on the available h.t. supply and modulater. It would be in order to operate the r.f. section from its own h.t. pack but this is scarcely necessary with low power, though it can be a solution if current cannot be drawn from existing equipment. HT requirements are up to a maximum of about 90mA at 300V for the whole r.f. section, plus 1.8A at 6.3V for the heaters.

Adequate grid drive was obtained with a 250V supply for the crystal oscillator and doubler but efficiency begins to fall off if less than 300V is provided for the p.a. It is useful to have a combined modulator/power-pack incorporating at least a 150mA 300V h.t. supply so that some 70 to 80mA will be available for the modulator itself and a similar current for an r.f. unit, or other equipment, which may be plugged in.

#### **CIRCUIT**

This is shown in Fig. 1 and uses a 6AM6 as the crystal oscillator. This type of circuit does not depend

on the tuning of L1 for oscillation; L1 is actually tuned to select the wanted harmonic.

Crystals are chosen so that multiplication by 8 gives a frequency in the 70MHz band. They will thus be in the vicinity of 8.8MHz. (This is quoted only as an example, and comes out at  $8.8 \times 8 = 70.4$ MHz).

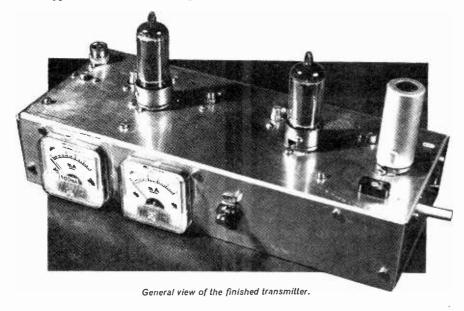
L1 is tuned to the 4th harmonic, or approx.  $35 \cdot 2MHz$  the following 5763 acting as a doubler. When first testing the circuit it can be useful to check the doubler grid current so a meter can be clipped across R6 for this purpose.

L2 and L3 are both tuned to the output frequency. Grid current in the p.a. develops bias across R8, which is  $22k\Omega$ , so 2 to 3mA grid current will provide some 44 to 66V bias. For ease in setting up and checking operation a 5mA meter M1 is permanently connected to show grid current.

The 5763 p.a. is listed as suitable for use up to 175MHz and was found to give very good efficiency. Meter M2 indicates anode current. A 1mA meter, shunted to read 0-100mA, was used here.

TC4 and L4 is a balanced centre-tapped arrangement so that TC5 can be employed for neutralising. It was found that the p.a. was stable without neutralising but tuning TC4 brought about quite noticeable changes in grid current, shown by M1. With neutralising this effect is almost absent and better efficiency is obtained.

Switch S1 removes h.t. from the p.a. mainly for tune-up purposes when checking grid current shown by M1 and also allows the transmitter frequency to be located on the receiver.



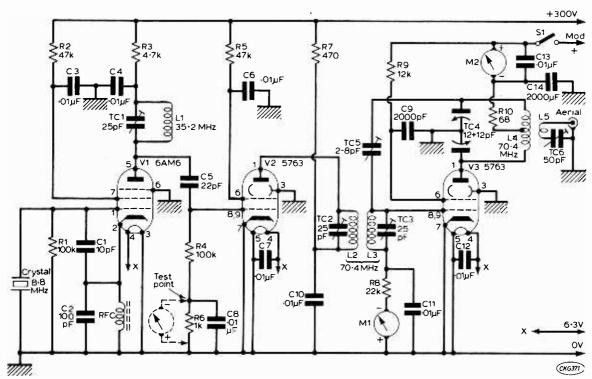
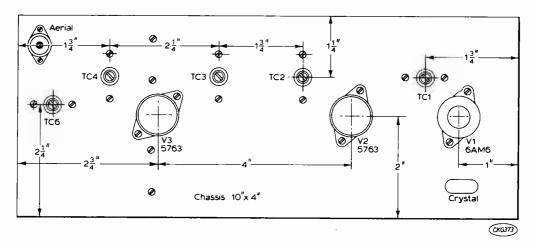


Fig. 1: Schematic diagram of the complete transmitter.

Fig. 2: Drilling details on top of the chassis.



#### CONSTRUCTION

Fig. 2 shows dimensions on top of the chassis for which  $10 \times 4$ in. flanged "universal chassis" member was used with flanged  $4 \times 2$ in. ends and  $10 \times 2$ in. plates for the front and back. It is convenient to leave off these side plates until most of the wiring is completed.

All the trimmers TC1-TC4 are of the type having isolated bushes for 6BA bolts so that the rotors are insulated from the chassis. TC1 could be a small air-spaced variable capacitor of the usual type with its bush insulated from the chassis with washers. TC2 and TC3 are not used in a balanced circuit, but are "butterfly" types mainly to provide an easy means of mounting L2 and L3. TC4 must be a butterfly

type. Ensure that there is ample clearance for the spindles of TC1-TC3, to avoid h.t. or p.a. bias shorts.

The fixing holes for the p.a. valveholder are left until a check has been made that the pins will come in such a position that pins 7, 8 and 9 are on one side of the screen below the chassis and the remaining pins the other side.

A 4 x 2in. flanged member forms the screen which is filed or cut away to give only essential clearance to the valveholder. A hole is drilled in advance for the heater lead. Only two other leads pass through here and these use the holes already punched in the member near the flanges. The latter have to be cut away for about <sup>1</sup>2in. so that the member fits inside the 10 x 4in. part. These are bolted together as in Fig. 3. To obtain enough clearance for pins 1, 6 and <sup>9</sup>9, pin 7 may be in contact with the screen.

#### WIRING

Components and wiring are shown in Fig. 3. All leads are as short as reasonably possible, especially those for earth returns and by-pass capacitors. Heater leads to pins X run against the chassis. Insulated stand-offs are used to support some points in the h.t. circuit.

L1 stands vertically near TC1. L2 and L3 are about <sup>1</sup>gin. apart, but can be moved to obtain suitable grid current. If these are wound with bare wire take care that they do not touch each other. L4 is centre tapped for supply resistor R10. L5 is of well insulated wire and can be moved into L4 to increase coupling.

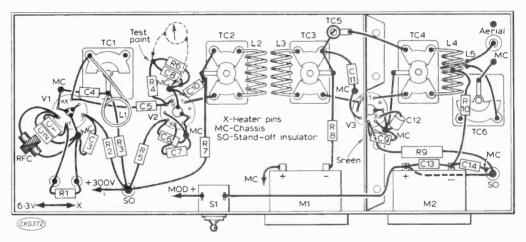
A 4-core flexible cord is made up and equipped with a multi-pin plug or other means of connecting to the modulator/power-supply. A screen is placed on the 6AM6, but not on the 5763's, in view of the heat produced here. A reduced h.t. supply could be used for a first test, though no damage will be done provided grid current is obtained in the way described. But failing this, cathode current in the 5763 stages may be high and anode dissipation above the rated maximum.

#### CO ADJUSTMENT

Resistors R5 and R7 can be temporarily disconnected from the h.t. line and S1 should be open. A meter is clipped across R6 (positive to chassis). L1 is then tuned by TC1 to secure maximum grid current in this stage, which is likely to be around 0·2mA or more.

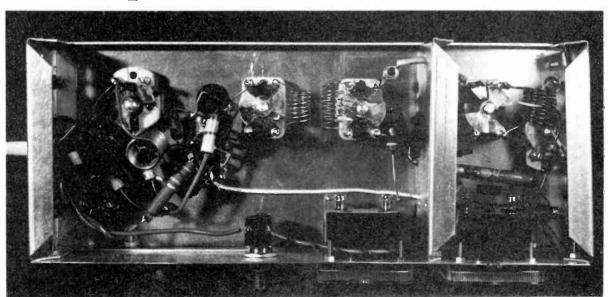
It is as well to make a check to see that L1 is tuned to the 4th harmonic. If the crystal frequency is about 8 8MHz, this will be 35 2MHz. Wrong tuning positions would be the 3rd harmonic (26 4MHz) and 5th harmonic (44MHz). Due to variations in the exact dimensions of L1 and stray circuit capacitances it might in some cases be possible to reach the 3rd or 5th harmonics near the extreme settings of TC1.

When output is obtained from L1 on 35MHz it is impossible to tune L2, L3 or L4 to the wrong harmonic, so incorrect operation of the p.a. should not arise. Once L1 is tuned to 4x the crystal frequency this is followed by 2x in the doubler, resulting in 8x, or around 70.4MHz, from a crystal with a fundamental frequency of about 8.8MHz. This is mentioned



▲ Fig. 3: Under-chassis wiring guide

This view will be useful in conjunction with Fig. 3



in detail to point out that if L1 is tuned to the 3rd harmonic, or 26·4MHz, the following stage might also, in error, be used as a tripler resulting in 3x3 or 9x or 79·2MHz. With variations in home-made coils, it might be possible to tune L4 to this frequency. This will be avoided by a wavemeter check of L1 or by noting that the doubler gives an output at the expected frequency on the receiver.

## ★ components list

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Resistors				•
R1 100kΩ	ા‡W R5	47kΩ 1W	R9	12kΩ 1W
R2 47kΩ	₩ R6	1kΩ ‡W	R10	68Ω ¼W
R3 4 · 7k9	Ω̃∮W R7	470Ω JW		4
R4 100ks	Ω 4 W R8	22kΩ ½W		
Capacitors	5			
C1 10pF :		C8 0·01	μF Di	sc cer.
C2 100pF	SM	C9 2000	pF 60	0VW
C3 0·01µ	F Disc cer.	C10 0·01		
C4 0 01µ	F Disc cer.	C11/ 0·01		
C5 22pF :	SM	C12 0·01		
C6 0.01µ1	F Disc cer.	C13 0-01	uF D	sc cer.
	F Disc cer.	C14 2000	pF 60	0 VW
TC1 25p	F air-spaced	trimmer (Ja	ckso	n C801)
TC2/3 25p	F+25pF but	terfly trimme	r (Ja	ckson C713)
TC4 12p	F+12pF but	terfly trimme	r (Jac	kson C713)
TC5 2-8	pF tubular tr	immer	,	
	F air spaced		icksoi	n C801)

#### Valves

V1 6AM6 V2 5763 V3 5763

#### Inductors

L1 10 turns 18 swg ½in. i.d., spaced to ¾in. long.

7 turns 20 swg ¾in. i.d., spaced to ¾in. long.

L3 As L2

L4 9 turns 18 swg ½in. i.d., spaced to ¾in. long.

L5 1 turn insulated wire in centre of L4.

#### Miscellaneous

M1, 5mA miniature meter. M2, 100mA miniature meter. S1, on-off toggle switch. Valveholders, B7G with screen (1), B9A (2). Chassis, universal chassis flanged members, 10 x 4in., 4 x 2in. (3 off), flat sheet 10 x 2in. (2 off) (Home Radio). Co-axial socket. RFC, dust-cored choke. Stand-offs. Crystal, 8·8 MHz (see text) Type HC6U and holder (Senator Crystals, 36 Valleyfield Rd, London, SW16.

#### DOUBLER ADJUSTMENT

TC2 and TC3 are tuned for maximum grid current on M1 with S1 open but R5 and R7 connected normally. If either trimmer is seen to be fully open for maximum grid current, stretch the associated coil a little. Conversely, should either trimmer be fully closed, the associated coil should be compressed.

With a 300V supply well over 4mA was obtained on M1, but the p.a. is normally operated with around 3mA. Should less than 2mA be obtained move L2 and L3 closer together. Insufficient grid current will considerably reduce r.f. output. Ancient or defective crystals cannot be expected to have the necessary activity and a crystal of the type listed is recommended, the exact frequency in this range being a personal choice of course.

Excess grid current can be avoided by slightly staggering the tuning of TC2 and TC3, or by moving L2 and L3 apart, or increasing the value of R5 to reduce the h.t. on V2.

#### **PA TUNING**

An initial test can be made using a 12V bulb as an r.f. load connected to the aerial outlet, or to a one or two turn loop placed over L4. TC5 is initially fully unscrewed. If necessary, stretch or compress L4 to bring tuning within the range of TC4.

With SI open, grid current shown by M1 will dip slightly as TC4 is tuned through resonance. Screw down TC5 slightly, checking meanwhile until no change in grid current can be observed when TC4 is tuned through resonance. If TC5 is screwed down too far changes in grid current will again become apparent as TC4 is adjusted. Neutralising is not touchy or difficult. It is correct when, with S1 closed, resonance obtained with TC4 coincides with maximum lamp brilliance, minimum current on M2, and adjusting TC4 causes no significant change in grid current.

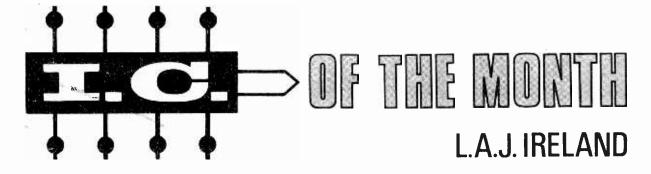
#### AERIAL

The enthusiastic 4m operator is likely to end up with some multi-element array which can be purchased or constructed from information in the various handbooks.

Here, it is proposed to point out that one can get started on 4m with nothing more than a dipole, around  $79^{1}{}_{2}$ in. overall length. This is conveniently made from  $^{1}{}_{4}$ in. or  $^{3}{}_{8}$ in. alloy tubing the inner ends being secured in a TV type junction box, or in an electrician's insulated junction box or bolted to a piece of insulating material. A  $75\Omega$  co-axial feeder is connected to the inner ends and the whole unit raised on a light pole or situated as circumstances allow. A little directivity will be found but there is not much real need to make provision to rotate the aerial.

Trimmer TC6 gives some control over loading, without moving L5, and allows adjustment to compensate for the reactance of L5, if necessary. There should be little difficulty in finding a setting for TC6, and a position for L5, which results in M2 showing the wanted input current, when TC4 is tuned to the dip, in the usual way.

If a test is made with a lamp load or some form of r.f. indicator, it will be seen that a worthwhile increase in output power may be achieved by very slight adjustments of TC4, and that the dip on M2 has its limitations as an indication of the exact tuning position for TC4. For this reason, it is a good plan to use some form of r.f. output indicator. One such indicator is a loop, crystal diode and sensitive d.c. meter (say, 100 pA to ImA full-scale). The loop is put in position to pick up some of the r.f. in L4/L5, taking care to avoid having it too near, until it is seen what meter reading is likely. Tuning is then directed towards obtaining the best reading on the meter, corresponding to maximum r.f. in L4. Other means, such as the use of an s.w.r. meter showing forward power in the aerial feeder, would be just as suitable, or even better, if suitable for the frequency.



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## ITT SAK110 Tachometer Driver

PECULATION on the impact of electronics on motor vehicle design has been current for so long, and with such little results, that it retains little credibility among engineers involved in either specialty. Granted that a few models have been produced with electronic fuel injectors rather than carburettors, and that the occasional Volkswagen carries a sticker about computer servicing methods, but in general electronics is classified with fuel cells among the "Advanced ideas for the 1980's" The difficulty seems to be that whereas electronic systems substituting for many of the devices in the car could be designed and produced, the mechanical versions, for example of the signal light flasher, have been so widely applied and are so familiar, that there is little incentive for replacement. It is therefore rather pleasing to be able to present this month an integrated circuit specifically designed for the car, the ITT SAK110 tachometer driver, for electronic rev. counters.

It is basically a variation of the multivibrator oscillator, with one stable state. An input pulse switches off the transistor which is conducting and the device produces an output current. This conducting state is, however, unstable, and after a time determined by an external capacitor and resistor the device reverts to the original state. The period of the output pulse is independent of input waveform, as long as it is of sufficient amplitude to trigger the transition to the conducting stage. The total charge passed by the device per second is therefore determined solely by the number of input pulses applied in that time, and can be displayed on an appropriate meter. If the pulses are derived from the contact breaker of a car the meter reading will indicate the number of sparks delivered to the engine per second and therefore the number of revolutions per minute, when suitably calibrated.

Since the device is expected to respond to pulses delivered to it by the contact breaker, high sensitivity is not required. In fact, it would be quite useless in close proximity to a car engine, an environment of high electrical noise. In such a location, a highly sensitive device would record a large number of spurious events. The integrated circuit will be unresponsive to input pulses of less than eight volts, thereby guaranteeing noise immunity while securing definite triggering at the operating voltage of the car battery and the circuit breaker. The unit is designed for negative earth operation, and the input is diode protected against any negative-going input, whether accidentally applied or resulting from

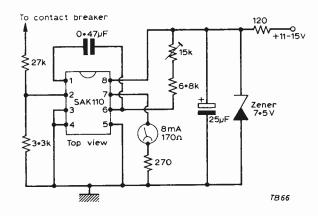


Fig. 1: Circuit using the SAK110, for a nominal battery voltage of 12V.

ambient noise. The meter is driven by a push-pull output pair of transistors fabricated on the integrated circuit substrate; such an arrangement permits the use of moving coil meters, despite their high inductance, and independent of the frequency of the output pulses required by the engine speed.

As is clear from Fig. 1, the unit operates from a zener stabilised power supply derived from the car battery, so that reliable operation is guaranteed despite the state of the battery charge. The other external components required are the timing resistor and capacitor, which determine the duration of the conducting period following receipt of a given triggering pulse.

If the conducting period is too short, the device will revert to the stable state during the period of the triggering pulse, and will be retriggered. Alternatively, if the period is too long, a second triggering pulse will arrive during the conduction state induced by its predecessor, and will be ignored. The first situation will be evident in that the rev. counter will not indicate an accelerating engine as speed is increased from tick-over; with long time-constants the lack of response will be evident at the high end of the speed range. A variable resistor is therefore indicated in Fig. 1 for adjustment of this parameter. The circuit illustrated gives an application of the SAK110 to a four cylinder four stroke engine, with a maximum speed of 6000 rpm.

The device is marketed in the U.K. by:—ITT Electronic Services, Edinburgh Way, Harlow, Essex at 77p plus postage.

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BACK in 1948 Bell Telephone Laboratories announced the "Transistor". They described it as a small germanium crystal unit that could amplify signals and so be made to oscillate.

Before the birth of the transistor, the technology of electronics was based on the valve, which had, in effect made modern communications possible. The valve was, however, chemically and mechanically fragile, used large amounts of power and developed a great deal of heat thus making the cost of operating and maintaining electronic systems high. Indeed, the research and development effort that led to the transistor was set in motion because people in the Bell Company were aware that the valve would not be reliable or economical enough to provide the high quality of telephone service that would soon be required.

John Bardeen and Walter Brattain were instrumental in the development of the transistor which gained its name from TRANSfer resiSTOR. Together with Dr. William Shockley they shared the 1956 Nobel prize for Physics as a result of their discovery.

Dr. Shockley was one of the first people to realise the significance of the discovery. He also realised the limitations of the device—high noise factor, relatively high cost of production and difficulty of manufacture together with lack of durability. Shockley did much more research on the junction device and finally came up with a "junction transistor" this being the basis of most semiconductor devices available today. He was also the only man at the time who attempted to exploit the transistor commercially.

The original commercial device was housed in a little metal tube less than an inch in length. When connected as an amplifier with a positive bias of less than 1V on the emitter and the output circuit consisting of a negative bias of 20V to 30V and a suitable load, the imput impedance was only about  $100\Omega$  while the output impedance ran at about  $10k\Omega$ .

Bell Telephone Laboratories demonstrated complete broadcast band superhet receivers using only transistors in the oscillator and amplifier sections. An audio output of 25mW could be obtained using two transistors in push-pull but in 1948 it was thought that the only use for transistors would be in telephone amplifiers and possibly large-scale computers.

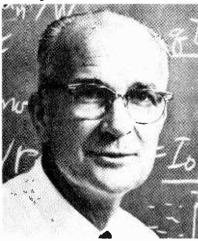
It was thought at that time that much use of transistors could be



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made by amateurs. The noise figures were poor compared with those obtained from valves and it was thought that this would be a major limiting factor in whatever application the device was used.

In 1955 Shockley left Bell so that he could start up a semiconductor laboratory at Beckman Instruments. His company, in 1958, became known as the Shockley Transistor Corporation. This company never succeeded in making a success even though Shockley had brilliant men like Gordon Moore and Robert Noyce working with him.



Dr William Shockley, Poniatoff Professor of Engineering Science and Executive Consultant Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, the inventor of the junction transistor and a winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1956 is to lecture at the Institution of Electrical Engineers on 14th February 1973.

Noyce, together with a team of scientists broke away from the Shockley Transistor Corporation to form Fairchild Semiconductors, which since that time has made great strides in transistor development

Beckman Instruments sold Shockley to Clevite in 1960 who in turn sold out to ITT in 1965. Also in 1965, Shockley went back to Bell, becoming an executive consultant—a post he still holds.

Walter Brattain retired from Bell in 1967 after being a research physicist there for 38 years. John Bardeen is professor of physics and electrical engineering at Illinois University—a post he has held since 1951.

When one thinks of the fantastic developments that have taken place since 1948, one cannot begin to guess what the next 25 years hold. As the IEE states "Today's fantasy is tomorrow's reality!"

#### **Events**

To mark the 25th anniversary of the birth of the transistor, the Institution of Electrical Engineers, is holding the following events.

Full details are available from The Secretary, I.E.E., Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL.

#### 12th-16th February 1973

An exhibition at the Institution of Electrical Engineers demonstrating the evolution from the point-contract transistor to complex integrated circuits.

#### 13th February 1973 10.00 a.m

A colloquium "The 25th anniversary of the Transistor" at the Royal Society.

#### 14th February 1973 5.30 p.m.

A lecture by Dr. William Shockley "The invention of the transistor: an example of creative-failure methodology" at the IEE.

#### 15th February 1973 10.30 a.m.

A half-day discussion meeting "What next in semiconductors?" at the IEE.

#### Date to be announced 3.00 p.m.

A lecture by Dr. W. E. J. Farvis "The influence of the transistor in our society and economy" at the IEE.

The Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, is marking the anniversary by devoting an enlarged issue of its journal, "The Radio and Electronic Engineer" to a collection of 20 pages on semiconductor subjects. Copies of this can be obtained for £2 each post free from the Publications Sales Department, IERE, 9 Bedford Square, WC1B 3RG.

#### "BEEB" replies

If Mr. Miller's advice to his customers in Uttoxeter is as muddled as his views expressed in your correspondence column (November 72), no wonder his sales are so low. In view of the serious overcrowding on Medium Wave that already existed by the mid-1950s, no-one who wanted quality listening could have quarrelled with the BBC's decision that making network services available on v.h.f. should be the first call on the Corporation's limited resources. However, our first application to utilise v.h.f. local radio was made as early as 1960: it took six years to obtain Government permission. It was the commercial broadcasters who lacked faith in v.h.f. and who insisted on Medium Wave for their transmissions. It was the BBC which, far from frustrating them, demolished their regional structure to make Medium frequencies available. The 'Pirates' were pirates of course, because the programmes they offered could not have been broadcast by the BBC, or a legitimate commercial station in Britain within the legal restrictions of the day.

After two years on the air, it is disheartening to learn that Mr. Manners thinks we only relay Radios 1 and 2 at night. We originate our own programmes until 10 o'clock in the evening and on Friday nights until much later. If either of your correspondents thinks that local radio output is simply a carbon copy of existing programmes, they can simply not have bothered to listen.—Peter Redhouse (Manager), Radio London.

## DX reception

I need help. I intend to set up a receiving station for DX reception. I would like to build my own receiver and I would be glad to answer any correspondence and delighted to refund postage to any reader who could give me advice and a suitable circuit for a receiver and aerial details etc.—Paul Castle (324 Pietermaritz St., Pietermaritzburg Natal, South Africa).

#### Treasure traced

My son found a rare coin with the aid of the P.W. Treasure Tracer. Since then I have built the newer version published in your journal and this seems to be an even better instrument.

An item published in the Leicester Mercury describes my son's find and reads: "A rare American dime possibly worth £90, is the latest discovery of coin collector Ken McMillan (19) of 26 Tuckett Road, Woodhouse Eaves.

Ken refuses to say where he found the coin, but has staked a claim in case others are found. The dime is one of a comparatively small number minted in Denver, Colorado.

Ken, a coin collector since he was eight, uses a metal detector fitted with a radio transmitter to search for coins."—H. McMillan (Loughborough, Leicestershire).

#### Hyreg modules

Referring to the "IC of the Month" number 34 (December 1972 issue) I would like to comment on the statement made by Mr. Ireland in the last paragraph of his article.

Whilst, as Mr. Ireland states, the Westinghouse Hyreg AR1 power regulator is not generally suitable for induction and squirrel cage motor control (since this requires variable frequency as well suitable for a.c. synchronous fan applications. Here, because of the constant load factor and inertia provided by the fan blades, they work very well. For example with Expelair and Vent-Axia domestic fans.—A. M. Smith Sales Manager (Best Electronics).

#### **Calibrator** wanted

I was moved to write this letter after my discovery of a rather ludicrous situation. Namely that, up to the time of writing, I have been unable to find any firm that will undertake the calibration of audio signal generators.

Surely someone must have realised that, to calibrate a homebuilt generator to an accuracy of  $\pm 5\%$ , one must be in possession of a generator of similar performance. Goodness knows what one would do if the accuracy required is in the order of  $\pm 1\%$ .

This is a problem which I feel should have been solved long ago. Somewhere there must be an enterprising firm who could offer a calibration service to the home constructor. I only hope that they make their voice heard.—G. Clarke (Sunderland, Co. Durham).

#### Heard this one?

I recently had a "turn-out" of my shack the other week and came across the following which I thought may amuse your readers:

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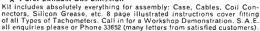
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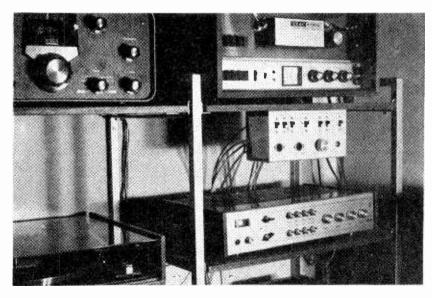
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Most hi-fi amplifiers these days have a choice of input channels but it is important to note that the choice is fixed in either one or another channel. With the Audio-Centre there is more freedom to make other arrangements or to play from more than one channel.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Combinations in the use of equipment are numerous and a choice has to be made from the start Assume the equipment to comprise: hi-fi amplifier. pickup, tuner (radio receiver) and tapedeck with a cassette recorder being used for dubbing tape.

The Audio-Centre described here then has the following possibilities:-

Pickup to Amplifier.

Pickup to Tapedeck, monitored over amplifier.

Pickup to Cassette recorder, monitored over

amplifier. Tuner to Amplifier.

Tuner to Tapedeck, monitored over ampli-

Tuner to Cassette recorder, monitored over

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Tapedeck to Amplifier.

Recorder to Amplifier.

Tapedeck to Cassette recorder, monitored over amplifier.

Recorder to Tapedeck, monitored over amplifier. Mixing microphone output with music from pickup or tape.

Possibility to play or record mono or stereo systems.

The simplest application is playback from any source, tape, radio or pickup through the amplifier. In Fig. 1 the No. I Line Out, is the tapedeck unit. It is possible to play from track 1-4 or 2-3 in the case of a mono (single) track recording depending on how the track switch is placed. For stereo recording place track switch in position 1-4 and the stereo-mono switch in the stereo position. The tape-play switch should be in position I. To add commentary, music or sound effects to a slide or cine projection the tapedeck is used. The pickup-record switch should be in position I and the mono-stereo switch on mono. The mixer control knob is turned to pu, and a microphone plugged into the front panel jack.

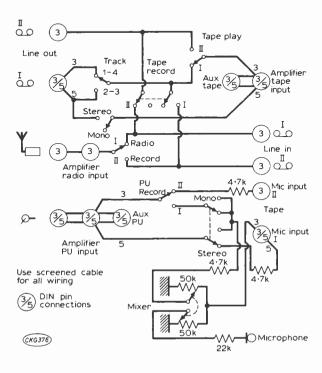
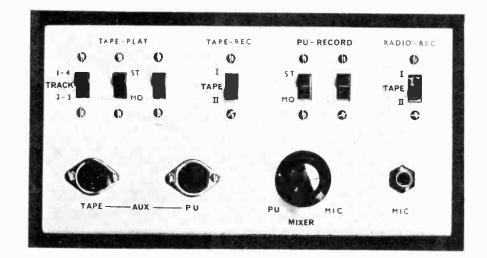
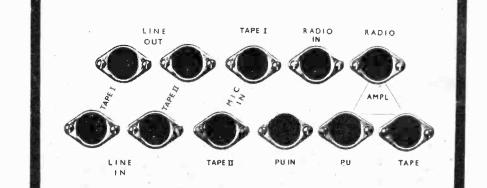


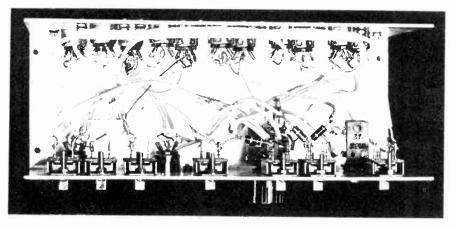
Fig. 1: Circuit of the author's prototype Audio-Centre.



Front panel layout, The heading photograph shows the finished unit in a practical set-up.



Rear apron of the cabinet carrying eleven DIN sockets.



Interior view of the Audio-Centre which may be compared with the wiring diagram of Fig. 4.

Start the programme music while watching a projection of the film or slides, begin the commentary and turn the mixer towards mic. Music may remain in the background at a very low level if the knob is not turned fully towards mic. Because it is a monorecording one channel (pin 5) is free on the mic. inputs of the tapedeck unit. This could be used for the recording of the pulse from an automatic slide projector to advance the slide. Remember that recording levels should be set in advance so that they

do not overload the tape recorder pre-amplifiers. This is done with the recording controls on the tape deck itself.

It may be that sound effects or commentary have been recorded previously on the cassette recorder, No. II in Fig. 1. These can be copied or dubbed on the tapedeck unit. Place tape record switch in position II and tape play switch in position II. Monitor the output via the amplifier. The recording from the cassette recorder is now transferred to Line Input of

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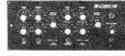
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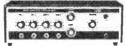
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In the adaptor cable plugs always use pin 2 for earth and pin 3 for the signal line. In the circuit diagram, Fig. 1, for simplicity, only single circuit lines are drawn, but it should be remembered that

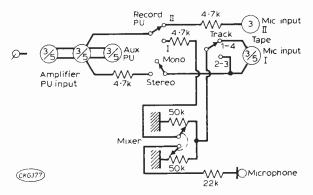


Fig. 2: An amendment to the circuit of Fig. 1 to improve the method of recording from a pickup.

screened cable is used everywhere and should be as short as possible between components. With DIN sockets and plugs, the No. 2 pin is earth and the screen of the cable should be connected to it. For the "left" channel in stereo the No. 3 pin is used and the "right" channel is No. 5. Where only one channel is in use, as for the radio tuner or cassette recorder, use pin 3.

Magnetic cartridges usually give only a very small output voltage, in the range of 3mV into  $50k\Omega$ . So for ceramic cartridges giving a higher output voltage change the circuit by connecting to Line Inputs of the

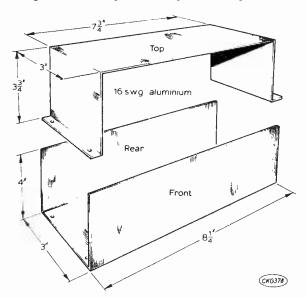


Fig. 3. Cabinet details. Dimensions are in no way critical.

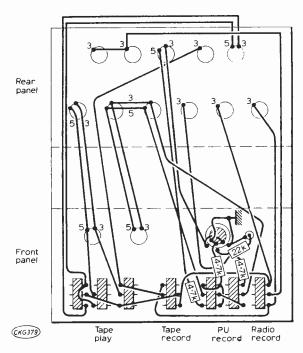


Fig. 4: Wiring diagram of the unit. All leads must be in screened cable.

tape recorders but leave the  $4.7k\Omega$  resistors in series with the pickup leads.

These resistors are necessary to match the impedances and also to prevent the monitoring amplifier from going dead when the microphone is turned full on. The  $22k\Omega$  resistor in series with the microphone was inserted to adjust the level of speech to that of the pickup output. These values might need altering with different equipment and should be tried by experiment.

An improvement in the method of recording from a pickup is given in Fig. 2. Changing the circuit in this way allows immediate recording on track 1-4 or 2-3 which is sometimes an advantage. It is then possible to mix the microphone into channels 3 and 5 instead of only channel 3. There is no need to use an extra track switch as the open contacts on the original d.p.d.t. switch may be used.

#### CONSTRUCTION

A box was constructed as shown in Fig. 3 and seven d.p.d.t. switches, toggle or slide type, placed on the front panel. The rear panel contains eleven socket outlets, preferably DIN type. If the microphone mixing facility is incorporated, add a twin ganged potentiometer of the log-antilog type and a microphone jack in the front panel. To connect an auxiliary tape recorder and pickup, two DIN type sockets are placed on the front panel. A guide for wiring is given in Fig. 4.

The front panel, after being drilled and filed out, should be sandpapered and then finished with fine emery cloth to remove any scratches. A bath in caustic soda solution will give a matt silver appearance to the panel. Wash off with clean water at the end of the process.

Lettering is done with transfers. A thin and even layer of transparent varnish from an aerosol spray will complete the job.

# practically wireless HENRY commentary by HENRY

No. 97 Let's be Frank

ELL, yes, I wish I could be Frank. Not that Henry is consumed by envy, or other such base emotions. Simply that Frank is one of those rare birds, the enthusiast able to indulge his fancies. Unlike Henry and other working technicians, he can afford to buy and build all the



An ungainly-looking parcel arrives.

enticing designs he sees described. Along the way, Frank has learned more tricks of the trade than Smithy ever imparted to Dick.

There was a time when Frank took notice of the advertised virtues of his purchases. He followed, meticulously, the recommendations of the article writers, buying this transformer from that firm, these capacitors (sorry, condensers then) from the other.

Now and again, like all of us, Frank burned his fingers. From a wealth of constructional detail, explaining the hooking and testing, the principles and production of the world-shaking project Frank duly enthused, sent off his postal order for the bits.

Old campaigners—i.e., regular Henry readers—will by now be au fait with the rigmarole. First there comes the lip-licking expectancy, then the anxious waiting while the postal authorities deal in their devious ways with our order. When it arrives, an ungainly parcel, looking like a mid-stream junior's

attempt to wrap Mother Hubbard's boot in brown paper, there are more moments of trepidation.

The inexperienced constructor, at this stage, plunges in, soldering iron at the 'high port' and screwdriver, pliers, at the 'ready'.

Frank, and others of us with a few barnacles around the belt, know better. We count the bits, tick them off with the precise assiduity of a maiden aunt cataloguing her trusseau, and align them ready for construction.

The secret of good set-building lies in the preparation. Let no-one kid you, gentle reader, constructing electronic equipment that works first time is an art unto itself.

Like all art, it begins with the planning and laying out. If you are following a published design, you have every right to expect this basic chore to have been done for you. Take a toddle around Frank's den, where the derelicts of a couple of generations gather dust on his shelves, and he will point out 'this one, obviously designed on the drawing boardcouldn't ever have worked', or that one: 'never completed-the suppliers ran out of the special transformer before the print on the drawing was dry.'

Many constructors apply the 'three-month errata lag' theory before sending off their precious lolly for the list of bits. In the month after publication, they argue, the author will have noted the mess made of his circuit by subs and printers, and had his squeals reproduced in some corner of the month-after-next issue.

Henry goes one better than this. He studies the correspondence columns, remembering the famous 'scope design from which, eventually, a beautiful series of television timebase circuits evolved; simply because the author was challenged on one or two points and then—only then—gave a column or two of his fundamental reasoning

Frank has a 'thing' about this. He never builds blindly. He wants to know why the author chose that particular value of component, and if the unfortunate chap hasn't said so, Frank persists in asking. So often, unfortunately, the only real reason is 'because it was there'.

But there is another, more sinister trend that Henry has noted, and the start of '73 is as good a time as any to denounce it. This is the practice of using someone else's circuit section with neither acknowledgement nor explanation. How many commercial amplifier designs can you think of that have chucked in the basic Baxandall tone control network without adjustment or rejigging to allow for mismatching? No prize for your answer-nor for the guess of the percentage distortion (THD and IM) of such amplifiers if measurements are made anywhere away from the straight and narrow.



Among my correspondence is a chilling number of letters from constructors who have failed through no fault of their own. We can't all be Frank, so how about you chaps dropping a line to Henry with observations on your constructional experiences? A guinea (that dates me, doesn't it? I mean £1.05, of course) for the most horrific letter published.

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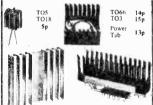
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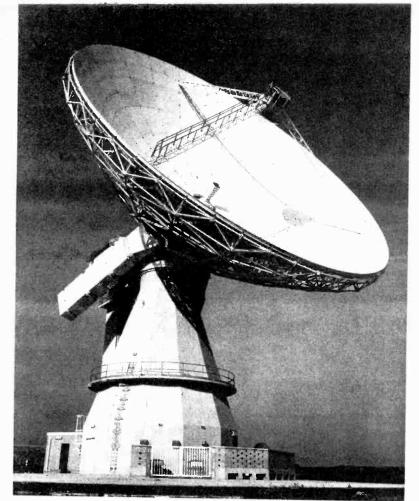
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# GOOMILLY 3

T is a well-known fact that satellites now carry almost half of this country's telephone calls to places beyond Europe. Things have come a long way since the first telephone call in the world by satellite was relayed across the Atlantic by Telstar ten or so years ago.

Satellites are now closely rivalling submerged cables as the principle form of telecommunication over long distances, and as there is an ever-increasing demand for the telephone services, the Post Office faces a great challenge.

The United Kingdom handled an annual total of 20 million international telephone calls five years ago. Now the figure is nearly 60 million and five years from now, the estimated number of calls per year to be handled will be in the region of 130 million.

Speaking at the opening ceremony for Goonhilly 3, Mr. Keith Hannant, Director of the Post Office's International and Maritime Services, said that since 1962, when Telstar first came into use, the Post Office had contributed about £9m towards the purchase and launching of satellites by Intelsat and £10m for the development of the earth station at Goonhilly.

The third earth station at Goonhilly Downs in Cornwall was recently handed over to the Post Office by Marconi Communication Systems. This new £2½ m station has a 97ft diameter dish aerial and its four transmitters are rated at a peak output of 10kW. Each is capable of multicarrier operation and will initially cater for 213 telephone circuits from 11 different earth stations. The eventual capacity will be 1800 circuits using 7 transmitted

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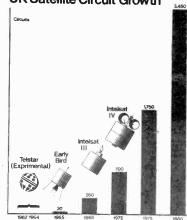
carriers and 33 received carriers. Goonhilly 3 will operate with an Intelsat IV satellite sited in geostationary orbit 22,300 miles above the Atlantic Ocean. This satellite, like those in orbit over the Indian and Pacific Oceans can provide up to 5,000 speech circuits, using 12 transponders. Each earth terminal can then communicate with all other terminals in the satellite coverage area.

It is for this reason that each terminal using the satellite must have one or more separate transmitters and receivers. Each one of these must be capable of handling a group of telephone channels multiplexed to occupy a section of the frequency spectrum of the satellite. Some of these groups are beamed by the satellite's aerials towards specific destinations while others are received by all the terminal stations.

An important design feature of Goonhilly 3 is the use of "microstrip receivers" providing increased reliability and eliminating the use of bulky waveguide units. These microstrip techniques are used for channel branching circuits and for the frequency downconverters which bring each of the received carriers to the i.f. of 70MHz. Each carrier is then demodulated to recover the multiplexed group of speech channels using conventional solid-state techniques.

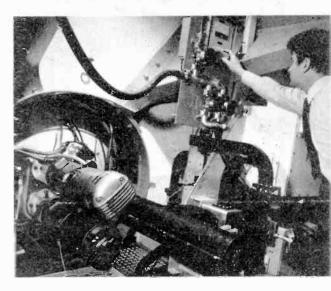
The first stages in these receivers employ cryogenically-cooled parametric amplifiers mounted in a cabin behind the aerial dish and connected to the

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Section of the main control panel



Aerial feed and parametric amplifiers





feed horn by means of a short flexible waveguide coupling. This is a standard technique in Marconi earth stations and enables the parametric receiver to be kept level whatever the elevation of the aerial dish, providing better accessibility for maintenance.

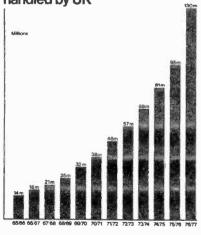
Four P2000 wideband transmitters have been utilised, each having a peak output power of 10kW in the 6,000MHz band. Two transmitters are used for telephone channels, the third for TV transmissions and the fourth as a standby. A fifth transmitter has been provided so that the telephone channel capacity can be increased when the need arises. The output from all these transmitters is combined in a waveguide "combining unit" which delivers the final high power output through a flexible waveguide to the transmitting horn.

The 97ft diameter dish aerial is built from aluminium petals on a steel backing structure rather like a photographer's flashgun and the Cassegrain sub-reflector is mounted on three steel lattice supports.

The complete aerial structure, with its elevation bearing assembly is housed inside the 60ft high reinforced concrete tower under the actual aerial.

Automatic satellite tracking is provided by an auxiliary mode feed system, providing error signals at the satellite beacon frequency, enabling a servo control system to drive the aerial in both elevation and azimuth until

#### international telephone calls handled by UK





TV channel morutors and control unit

the error signals have been reduced to zero. Then the aerial is aligned accurately with the satellite

The control panel for Aerial 3 comprises four separate consoles. The left-hand one giving an indication of the receive-path equipment and the right-hand one giving control of outgoing carriers and transmitters.

The two central panels monitor servo systems for tracking and display the aerial pointing angles together with azimuth and elevation tracking errors.

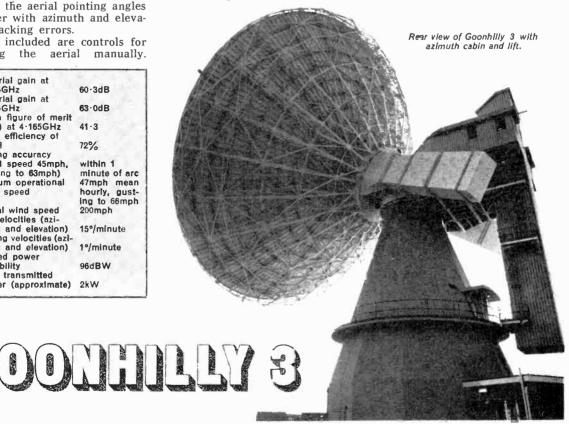
Also included are controls for steering the aerial manually. Except for the manual steering, operational changes can be made by just pressing buttons which become illuminated when the change is complete.

Looking into the future, the Post Office is planning an aerial system to replace "Goonhilly I" which they will probably "pension off" about 1978.

Intelsat V should then have taken over from Intelsat IV and this will probably feature timedivision multiple access systems which should greatly improve the traffic-carrying capabilities of the satellite links.

Incidentally, as a point to note, when the Post Office first started trans-Atlantic telephone services 46 years ago, the minimum charge for a one-minute call was £15. Now, a call to the U.S. or Canada can be made by S.T.D. for as little as 50p per minute.

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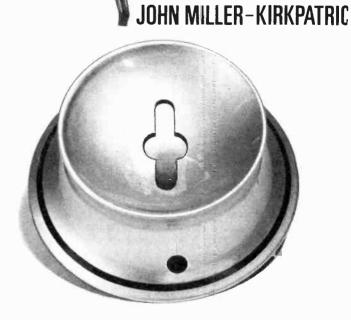


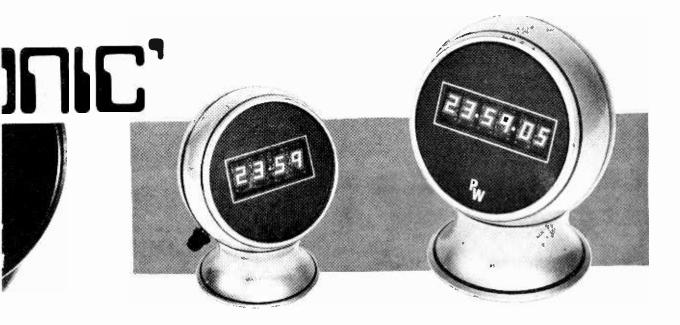
6 digit 24 hour digital clock utilising 7 segment LED's for the display. Brief details are also included for those who prefer a simplified version for 12 hour function and 4 digit display.

OST electronic calculators today use an LSI (Large Scale Integration) chip which may contain upwards of 7000 transistors in a small IC package. This LSI technology has now produced a digital clock chip, several chips are rumoured to be in design or production but the first to become generally available is the MM5311 by National Semiconductors. This chip contains all the normal requirements of a digital clock with 7 segment or inverted BCD outputs and 4 or 6 digit drive lines. Rather than produce a fixed clock function, the manufacturers have provided on this chip the options for 4 or 6 digit display, operation from 50 or 60Hz mains frequency, 12 or 24 hour read-out and compatability with TTL gates.

#### The MM5311

The block diagram of the chip is shown in Fig. 1. The half wave 50 or 60Hz input is squared by a shaping circuit and then divided by 50 or 60 to give 1 pulse per second. Three other counter stages complete the division to 12 or 24 hours depending on the 12 or 24 hour select input. Logic gates between the counters allow time setting at the rate of one hour digit per second or one minute digit per second, a hold enable allows the stopping of the entire counting





# D-STATE DIGITAL CLOCK

chain. The multiplexer samples the outputs from these counters routing the data to a ROM (read only memory) which is programmed to provide the BCD and 7 segment outputs. The multiplexer is also used to provide the six (or four) digit select outputs, each one indicates in succession the digits' information being presented at the BCD, and 7 segment outputs.

The equivalent circuit using TTL would require 8 7490's, 5 7492's, 3 7400's, 4 74151's, 7442, 7447, plus discrete components, the cost would be about £20 and the resulting clock would be about seven times as large as the LSI clock.

#### **D**isplay

This project uses LED 7 segment units for the displays, this is because although the unit cost of these devices is higher than filament equivalents, the LED requires much less in the way of external driving components and thus the result is a smaller package, more reliable and at an equivalent cost per digit displayed. There is no need to be scared of using LEDs, their encapsulated packaging makes them virtually indestructible and the only real way to harm a LED is to pass too high a voltage through it (most LEDs work on only 1 or 2 volts).

#### Construction (general)

We shall deal in this project with the construction of a six digit read-out, 24 hour clock, a four digit clock requires that only four digits be wired on the display, four driver transistors be used and one pin of the chip not wired to negative. A 12 hour version instead of a 24 hour version requires that one pin of the chip is wired to negative (in fact a small switch could be used to switch from 12 to 24 hour display as required).

The case used was chosen to give a professional finish to the project. As most electronic casings are nothing more than metal or plastic boxes which do not lend themselves to a good finish, a commercially made case was required, this was found cleverly disguised as a table mirror stand in a local shop. The case is available in three sizes and several colours, the middle sized case was used for the six digit clock but a four digit version can be packed (and I mean packed) into the small sized case. Perhaps these or similar cases would lend themselves to other project cases (e.g. radios, etc.).

#### Construction (display)

The whole clock is built onto the inside of the front half of the case (which unscrews from the back half). The first thing to do is to remove the mirror, it is held on by three pieces of double sided sticky tape and can be levered off but to protect the case it is probably best to cover the mirror with a cloth and smash it by tapping (!) with a small hammer. Decide what sort of display you are going to use and cut an aperture for it in the face of the case. A word of warning at this point, some of the facings are made of thick plastic and some of thin, in the latter

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case it may be best to melt the plastic using a soldering iron with an old bit rather than drilling out the hole.

The display is to be mounted in 0.1in matrix Veroboard and mounted through the aperture. because of this the board should be cut with a border of about half an inch all round the display unit. If you are using TIL302 displays a board 15 strips by 36 holes will be required. Remove copper strips E, F, L & M altogether. This should leave three complete strips along the centre, then two blanks and four strips on either side. Now solder low-profile 14 pin sockets so that the pin 4s of the sockets are in positions J31, J27, J18, J13, and J9, this will give three pairs of sockets to give spacing between hours, minutes and seconds. The layout of the LED (and thus the sockets) as seen from the soldering side is shown in Fig. 2. As the three centre lines are used only once per device these may be used as anchor points by soldering all of pins 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11, 12 to the respective copper rails, however breaks have

ing 3 volts d.c. (1.5 volt in the case of other than TIL302 displays) between the first digit lead and the first segment lead, if no segment lights connect the supply the other way round (some types of LED are common cathode, others common anode, TIL302 are common anode). Check that each segment of each digit lights, and that only one lights at each test, if more than one segment lights, there is a short somewhere. When the check is OK your display unit is complete. Use of a TIXL360 display (one six digit package) would replace the above instructions if a smaller sized digit is acceptable.

Check that the display fits into the front of the case

and screw or 'Araldite' into position.

#### Construction (clock)

The main clock board is built onto a piece of 0·lin matrix Veroboard 24 strips by 26 holes cut as in Fig. 4. The transformer used was soldered

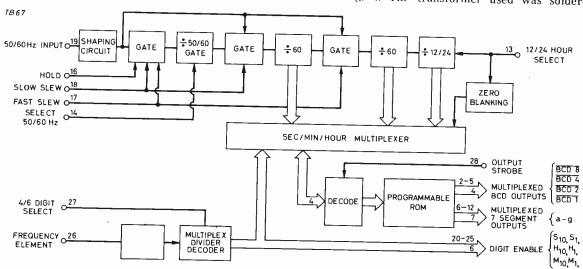


Fig. 1: Block diagram of the National Semiconductors MM5311 chip. This represents the "heart" or "brain" of the clock.

to be made in strip K as shown in Fig. 3a to keep the X's (common) at pin 3's separate from each other. Also cut track N at the same points.

Taking each socket at a time connect pins 3, 9, and 14 (X's) to each other and to the appropriate section of track N, then connect a lead (6in) to the track N section, these leads will eventually go to the digit select transistors. When all six sockets have been wired up check that there is no connection between any pair of them. Solder each pin 7 to track D below thus paralleling the E segments. Solder pin 1's to each other, leaving about 4 inches of flying lead at one end. Similarly, but using a different coloured wire if possible, connect all pin 2's to each other, all pin 13's to each other and pin 8's to each other leaving flying leads in each case. Solder flying leads to the ends of tracks D, H and J, this should result in a new set of seven leads (the segment drives) which should be anchored to the board by tying with a small piece of wire so as to give no strain on the solder joints. Insert the LED's into the sockets, the two indentations in the top of the package denote the top, the pins nearest to these are pins 1 and 14. Test connections by connect-

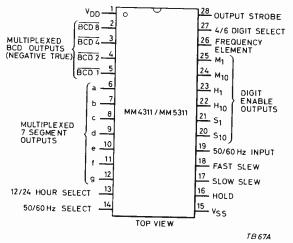


Fig. 1(a): Connections for the MM5311 chip.

directly to the board by the tags, thus anchoring it to the board and leaving the feet of the transformer as an anchor point for the whole board. Check that the mains connections are isolated from each other and from the rest of the board. Solder the rectifier into holes AB2 (-), Y2 (+), and AA2 and Z2 (input from transformer) connect the 0 and one of the 12V outputs of the transformer to the appropriate inputs to the rectifier. The power supply reservoir/smoothing capacitor (C1) is soldered between AB4 (-) and AB13 (+) and check that strip AB is broken between these points. Connect the rectifier output (Y2) to the positive end of the capacitor CI and check that all connections from the power supply are isolated from the rest of the board except for strip AB10-26 which becomes the positive supply line. Mount the 28 pin socket for IC1 with pins 14 and 15 in positions AA17 and AA23 and solder all 28 pins in place, checking that the

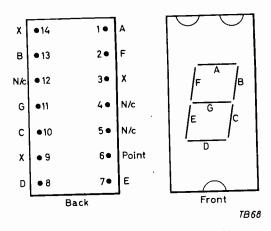
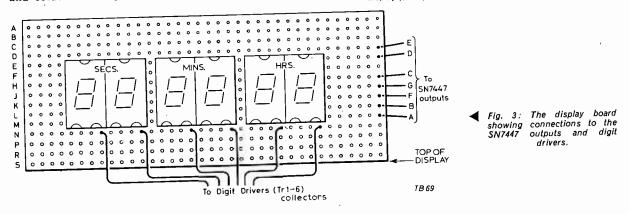


Fig. 2: View of the LED socket (rear) and the LED display (front). This is the Texas TIL302 display.



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Fig. 3 (a): The display board, copper side.

copper strips between the pins has been cut. Connect a wire from the negative end of C1 to K14 thus making strip K the main negative line. Connect a  $100k\Omega$  resistor between negative (K24) and pin 26 (N24) and a  $0.02\mu\mathrm{F}$  capacitor between positive (AB25) and pin 26 (N25). Add positive at pin 15 by connecting AB24 and AA24, and negative to pin 1 by connecting L17 and K17. Connect diode D2 to pin 19 (W26) and pin 15 (AA26) with positive end of diode at pin 15. The 0.01 pF capacitor C2 is connected to pin 19 at W25 and negative at K26. Solder the other  $100k\Omega$  resistor R2 between one of the transformer outputs (N13) and a spare piece of strip (W13), break strip W at W14 to isolate from IC1. Now connect a wire from pin 19 (W24) to the resistor at W12, this has connected the 50Hz input to pin 19.

#### Switch SW1

Connect the wiper of the one pole four way switch to negative at K25 and the outputs of the switch as follows—

1st position to pin 18 (X25) for FAST SLEW setting, 2nd position to pin 17 (Y25) for SLOW SLEW setting,

3rd position to pin 16 (Z25) for HOLD, 4th position open circuit for NORMAL.

Solder a 14 pin socket (for IC2) into position with pin 1 at A14 and pin 8 at H17, and break the copper

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between the pins. Join pin 1 to 2, 4 to 5, 12 to 13, and 9 to 10, thus joining the inputs to each of the four 7400 gates. As the BCD output of IC1 is inverted IC2 re-inverts it back to true BCD for input to the 7447 decoder IC3. As the BCD outputs of IC1 are not directly compatible with TTL they are loaded with four  $3\cdot3k\Omega$  resistors (R3-R6). Connect IC1 to IC2 as follows:

IC2 pin 1 to IC1 pin 2
..., 4 ..., 3
..., 13 ..., 4
..., 10 ..., 5

, ,, 14 to main positive line (AB10-26)

IC1 pin 2 via  $3 \cdot 3k\Omega$  to negative (K14-26)

Solder a 16 pin socket for IC3 into position so that pin 1 is at A21 and pin 9 at J24 with breaks in the copper between the pins.

Now connect IC3 socket as follows:

IC3 pin 6 to IC2 pin 3

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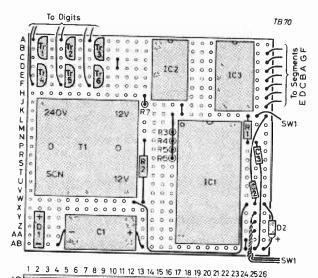
, ,, 16 to main positive line (AB10-26)

" " 8 to IC2 pin 7.

Connect the outputs from IC3 (pins 9-15) to the appropriate flying leads from the segment drives of the display, i.e.:

IC3 pin 13 to the A segment lead (to display pins 1)

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Fig. 4. The main clock board. The positive end of D2 should be shown connected to AA26 to conform with the text.

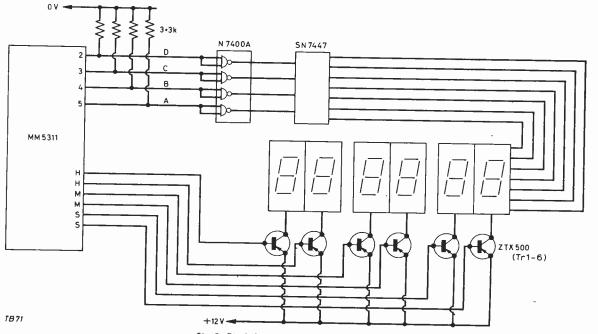


Fig. 5: Block diagram of the 6 digit 24 hour clock.

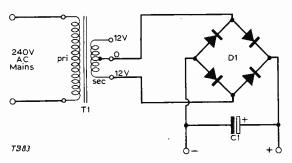


Fig. 6: Clock mains power supply theoretical circuit.

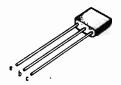


Fig. 7. Lead connections for the ZXT500 transistors.

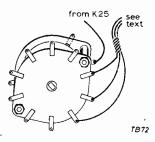


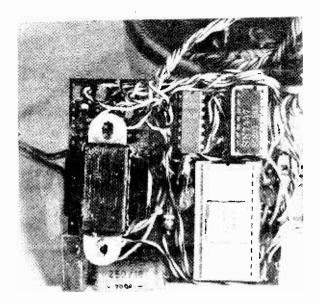
Fig. 8: Connections to SW1—see text for further details. K25 is the switch pole and the adjacent tag (below) goes to X25 on the clock

The last area of the board A-H, 1-10 is used for the digit driver transistors. Connect the digit select output from IC1 for seconds (pin 21) to the base of a ZTX500, the collector to the positive supply and the emitter to the flying lead to the seconds digit (if you are using a four digit display use the minutes output and lead, but make sure that the speed setting is at SLOW). To enable the six digit output connect IC1 pin 26 to negative (K14-26).

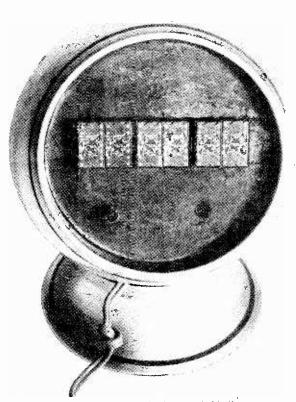
#### **Testing**

The unit is now ready for initial testing, place a 7400 in the IC2 socket and a 7447 in the IC3 socket, do not insert IC1 at this stage. Plug the clock into the mains and check that the voltage across IC2 pins 7 and 14 is between 4.5 and 5.5 volts, if not then the value of the 68 ohm resistor should be changed.

Make a temporary connection from the hours digit to positive, the result should be that the display shows a zero, this is because the inputs to the 7400 are at logical '1' and thus the outputs are at logical '0' and thus the inputs to the 7447 are also at logical '0'. If necessary check for shorts, etc until a zero display is the result. Next short pins 1, then 4, then 10 and 13 to IC2 pin 7 (do not use the main negative supply as this is about 7 volts negative to the ground of IC2 and IC3). If these pins are shorted one at a time the resulting displays should be 8, 4, 2 and 1. If this is so



Photograph shows the main clock board. Mains transformer T1 can be clearly seen on the left hand side of the board.



View showing the LED display mounted in the case.

then the 7400 and 7447 would appear to be working, disconnect the temporary connection to the hours digit and also disconnect the mains.

Before touching IC1 it should be noted that it is possible to ruin the IC by shorting the pins with metal or even with the fingers, the black plastic cloth covering the pins is to stop the build up of any static during

#### \* components list

#### Resistors:

All 10% ½W miniature.

#### Capacitors:

C1 250µF 16 volt miniature electrolytic

C2 0.01 µF 100 volt miniature paper or polyester

C3 0.02 µF 100 volt miniature paper or polyester

#### **Integrated Circuits**

#### & Semiconductors:

IC1 MM5311 National Semiconductors IC2 SN7400 Texas IC3 SN7447 Texas Tr1-6 ZTX500 Ferranti

D1 REC65 Silicon bridge rectifier printed circuit type, R.S. Components

D2 IN914 Silicon rectifier

LED1-6 TIL302 7 segment displays. Texas

#### Miscellaneous:

T1, Subminiature mains transformer, type 12V, 12-0-12V r.m.s. 50mA. R.S. Components; SW1, 1 pole, 4 way miniature water switch; 16 pin DIL socket; 1 off 14 pin DIL socket for SN7400; 1-6 14 pin DIL sockets for TIL302's; 0-1in matrix Veroboard.

Note that R.S. Components Ltd only supply components to the trade. Readers will have to order via their local component shop.

The cases are available from-

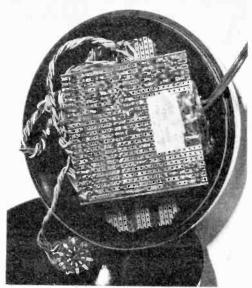
GARLAND, The Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Herts or many large chemists shops.

Prices (including P & P) Small £1·20, Medium £1·70. Colours—Gold & Brown, Green & Silver, Silver & Blue, White & Black, Red & Orange, Orange & Brown.

The MM5311, LEDs and sockets are available from—BYWOOD ELECTRONICS, 181 Ebberns Rd, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Prices (including P & P) MM5311 £11-62, 28 pin socket £1-15, TIL302 4 for £10, 6 for £14.





Internal view of the completed six digit clock. Note the position of SW1

storage. First orient the IC to the socket, pin 1 of the IC (identified by a dot) goes to the negative supply (i.e. at the end of the socket nearest to IC2) be very sure before you continue. Remove the black cloth and insert the IC in the socket holding the IC by the ends—carefully.

Switch on the mains supply, the seconds (or minutes) display connected earlier should now be alight and counting at one per second. It not check the following:

Not alight ZTX500 connections

12 volt supply to IC1

Not counting speed switch at normal (SLOW for 4 digit)

pin 26 is at negative (6 digit only)

Flickering 8 speed switch or ZTX500.

Check the circuitry and correct if necessary to get the digit counting at one per second. Now disconnect the mains and connect the other ZTX500's to the digits and the digit select pins, connect back to the mains. The complete display should now be on, check the functions of the speed select switch, fast, slow, hold and normal. At this point if you are using a 60Hz input, connect IC1 pin 14 to negative, and if you require a 12 hour read-out connect IC1 pin 13 to negative. The display can be switched on and off by connecting pin 28 to negative (for OFF).

#### Completion

The clock circuitry is now complete and ready to go into the case. Screw or glue the transformer base to the back of the clock face, this should leave a clearance between the clock components board and the display board. The speed switch SW1 is set into the back or the base of the case and the main lead is fed through the back and base of the case. Screw the two halves of the case together and your clock is completed.

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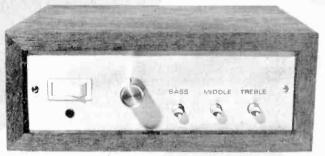
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SPECIAL PRODUCT REPORT

# DIGITAL MULTIMETER-

THE digital multimeter has become established in industrial circles as an accurate device capable of a much higher performance than an alternative moving coil analogue instrument. Indeed, the accuracies obtained speak for themselves, and the easy readability of measurements on numerical display tubes lends this type of meter to assembly line testing and fault-finding by semi-skilled personnel.

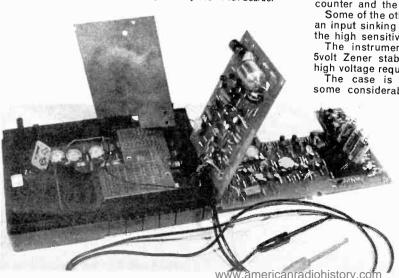
For average work that requires accuracies of up to 0.5%, then the Advance DDM2 and the Avo DA114 will cost in the region of £100 or more. The usual accuracies expected from conventional analogue meters are unlikely to be better than about 1%, and in many cases much worse, at up to about £40.

To obtain a digital performance at an analogue price some economies are inevitable. But there may be frequent cases where accuracies of one or two per cent are acceptable, in which case the moving coil meter is excellent.

able, in which case the moving coil meter is excellent. One digital multimeter now being produced merits a special mention in that it combines performance competitive with that of analogue alternatives. The price is £49, and they are to be sold direct by mail order to any customer with a 12 month guarantee. In the time available to us we were unable to subject this new instrument, the DM1 from Sinclair Radionics Ltd., to rigorous laboratory measurements, but our sample does indicate that it will undoubtedly provide engineers and experimenters with most of the facilities that are commonly required of a multimeter.

The construction of this instrument is based on a sandwich of two printed circuit board assemblies with a screen between them. Three miniature "Nixie" type tubes with integral decimal point provide the display, with a small number 1 first significant digit indicated when required by a neon with a diffracting plastic lens. It is surprising that

Interior view of the DMI showing the "layered" P.C. boards.



SINCLAIR DM1

VOLTA	AGE F min,	.S.D. max	MAX RES	Typical accuracy
D.C.	1 V	1000 <b>V</b>	1mV	0·4% ind. 0·2% fsd.
A.C.	1V	1000V	1mV	1·0% ind. 0·2% fsd.
D.C.		1A	1nA	0·5% ind. 0·2% fsd.
A.C.	, .	1A	1μΑ	1·0% ind. 0·2% fsd.
RESIST	0 to 11	ΛΩ		0.6% ind. 0.2% fsd.
INPUT	RESIS	TANCE Up t	o 1000MΩ	, 0

Manufacturers' Specification

no integrated circuits have been used and on questioning this with the Sinclair engineer it was done as part of the exercise to keep the price down. Also typical of this policy is the 1 indicator mentioned above.

The method of achieving the performance at low cost is, naturally, a Sinclair trade secret, but they do let it be known that all parameters are interpreted by the instrument in terms of a common 0.1 volt scale. A ramp generator switches on a 100kHz oscillator until the ramp reaches the same voltage as that coming into the circuit. A cascaded analogue-to-digital converter changes this information into a series of square topped pulses which drive a counter and the output is fed to the readout tubes.

Some of the other features not given in the table include an input sinking current of only 50pA which provides for the high sensitivity quoted.

The instrument is battery powered and employs a 5volt Zener stabilised blocking oscillator to obtain the high voltage required for the display.

The case is moulded in blue polypropylene and some considerable thought has gone into its design.

The ranges are selected by pressing

The ranges are selected by pressing hinged segments such as are now successfully used for other box applications in this material. The test leads and clips are permanently soldered in and anchored so that they can be tidily stowed in the central recess around the edges. The size of the complete instrument is 190 x 130 x 58mm making it light and comfortable to hold in the hand while working. Supplied by Sinclair Radionics Ltd., St. Ives, Hunts., PE17 4HJ

Sometimes we seem to take our hobby of radio and electronic construction a bit too seriously. Modern components and techniques have opened up new realms to the amateur and highly sophisticated circuits are now possible but a lot of fun can still be had from simple projects such as that featured here.

Like most simple projects it is a variation on a theme, in this case those 'mazes' printed in children's books and on the back of cornflake packets... "How can the bear find his way to the jar of honey?"... you know the sort of thing. These 'mazes' may be fun for the very young but to say the least they lack

The reason for this is that no identification of the route is visible from the front; you are working almost blind.

#### **OPERATION**

The method of play is as follows: The probe is touched on to the *Start* point (at the top left) and the unit is switched on. The probe has then got to be moved from one point to another (up and down or left and right but *not* diagonally) eventually ending up at the *Finish* button at the bottom right.

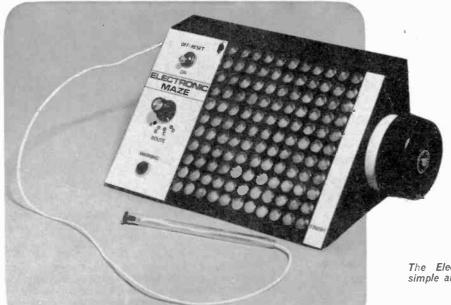
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the sophistication required for adults. Our version not only increases the sophistication but turns the game into one of skill.

Despite the simplicity of the arrangement, completing the maze without an error is very difficult indeed, requiring a considerable degree of skill. In addition four different configurations of the route can be selected by a switch and since the route will be built as a mirror image of the front view, even the builder will take some time to master all the routes.

However, if you stray off the route a warning bulb will light up and if you don't get back very quickly to the point you have just moved from, a bell will ring, indicating a failure. The delay between the warning bulb coming on and the bell ringing is about 0.75 second using the components specified, which is pretty quick, especially when you bear in mind that your reactions at their best will take 0.1 second and that's just for the thinking time; you have still to move the probe back physically.

With a well designed maze there will be a large number of false trails. If one of these is followed a point will eventually be reached where you can go no further without the light coming on. In this case you will have to back-track along the route you took until you find another branch of the played When maze. seriously, one can take several minutes to complete the course as it is very difficult to remember the route you took and which are false trails.



The Electronic Maze, although very simple and cheap to build, will provide hours of fun.

One attractive feature of this design is that children over about six are just as good as adults. They may lack the reasoning powers of an adult but their memory appears to be very much better and this evens up matters.

Experience has shown that people pick up the game very quickly and a lengthy explanation of the

rules is not needed.

The building cost is low; even if you have to buy all new components including the bell, it should set you back between £2.00 and £2.50.

#### THE CIRCUIT

The electronics part is very simple and the complete circuit is shown in Fig. 1. The maze route is connected to the positive line and the probe to the base of Tr1. For the moment SW2 can be ignored, this is the switch which governs the choice of route.

While the probe is touching the maze route, the base of Tr1 is shorted to the positive line which also connects to the emitter of the transistor. When the probe is off route (i.e. on a dummy point) R1 will apply bias to Tr1 and it will conduct. A light bulb is in the collector circuit of Tr1 and this will immediately light up. At the same time the voltage at the collector will move towards that of the positive line and C1 starts to charge up through R2. The voltage at the junction of these two components will initially start at the full negative potential but will become more and more positive as the capacitor charges. This governs the time delay.

When this point is sufficiently positive, the gate of the SCR will trigger the device into conduction and the battery potential will be applied across the bell,

causing it to ring.

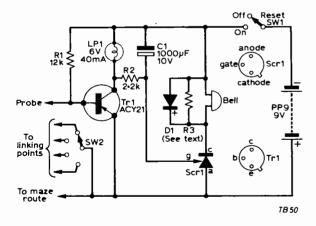


Fig. 1: The complete circuit of the Electronic Maze.

The SCR will remain conducting until the gate voltage drops and the supply is disconnected but, of course, electric bells, when operated from d.c. include a make-and-break circuit. Normally C1 will hold its charge for some seconds and keep the bell ringing, even if the probe is brought back onto the route but if you want the bell to ring continually (so that it can only be stopped by switching off) a resistor should be wired in parallel to keep the SCR on so it continues to draw current. A 330 $\Omega$  resistor should therefore be wired in parallel. This will mean that, when on, the SCR will be passing at least 27mA,

holding it on while the break circuit is open. This component was not fitted to the final version as it was not found necessary but readers may wish to do so.

In any make-and-break inductive circuit, very high back e.m.f. voltages are generated (several hundred volts) and if you want to be sure that no damage will befall the SCR, especially if it is a 'minimum rated' component as in the components list, then a diode should be included in the circuit to protect it, this will short circuit these high voltages. The 330Ω resistor, if fitted, will considerably damp this and the diode will not be necessary. It is a matter of fitting one or the other, both are not necessary. The diode can be of almost any type, an 0A81, 0A91, 1N914, 1N4001 etc.

As with the holding resistor, this can be fitted between the terminals inside the bell housing.

#### THE CASE

The maze itself is made up from a matrix of brass drawing pins pushed through a panel of <sup>3</sup><sub>16</sub>in. plywood. Before making the maze itself, the woodwork should be completed though the front panel, which holds the maze, should not be fitted at this stage.

The drawing pins have to be accurately sited and the spacing will depend on their size. Those used by the author (pretty standard types) were just under  $^{1}$ 2in. diameter and a  $^{1}$ 2in. matrix was used. The pins must not touch each other of course but the gap between them should not be too large;  $^{1}$ 16in. is about right but it should not be more than  $^{1}$ 8in.

Once the spacing has been settled, a matrix should be drawn in pencil on to the plywood—11 lines horizontally and the same number vertically with the correct spacing. Where the lines cross is the point where the drawing pins are pushed through. Fair pressure is needed but once all the pins are in place they can be hammered home.

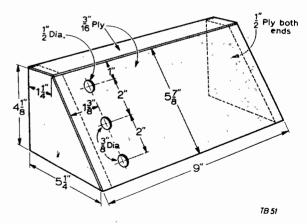


Fig. 2: The woodwork dimensions used on the prototype. Those readers who are accomplished at carpentry may well be able to improve on this.

The remainder of the case is as shown in Fig. 2. This part of the project is far from critical and those more accomplished at woodwork than the author will no doubt be able to improve on it. The construction shown in Fig. 2 is nice and simple and the maze pattern is presented at a convenient angle.

#### THE MAZE

The back of the main panel should consist of 132 drawing pin ends and it is the way in which these are wired that determines the pattern. Working out this pattern is good fun but it must be carefully planned if the best use is to be made of the matrix. There is no need to follow the plan used in the prototype but Fig. 3 shows the one used and it will be described as an example of how to proceed.

As we are viewing from the back the "Start" point will be at the top right. A route should then be designed to end up at the bottom left. All kinds of false trails can be incorporated in this pattern and certain pins

—four in the case of the prototype—can be taken to a switch which will select one route and cut off the other three.

Each pin on the route must have 'guard' or dummy pins around it except where the route runs. Where a false trail ends the pin must be surrounded on three sides by dummies.

If the route switching means that there is more than one basic route (as in the prototype) these will have to be linked. Fig. 3 shows the pattern on the one described here and the top and bottom sections are separate and are only joined by the switched pins. To join these a link wire is included (on the right hand row, about halfway down).

The linking pins are connected to SW2 and these are incorporated in the maze. The dotted lines show the routes formed when these are switched in, but remember that only one of these dotted routes will apply at any one time.

#### **CONSTRUCTION NOTES**

The majority of the components can be mounted on a small tagboard as shown in Fig. 4. When this is completed it is screwed on to one of the side panels,

#### ★ components list

SCR1 CRS1/05 (1A, 50V) 12kΩ, ¼W, 5% R1 2.2kD, 1W, 5% R9 SW1 On-off togg e switch SW2 One-pole, four-way C<sub>1</sub> 1000µF 10Vsee text rotary switch Tr1 ACY21 LP1: 6V, 40mA bulb, MES type Doorbell, suitable for operating from 9V d.c. Battery, PP9 or similar and battery clip. Bulb holder with red lens. Six way tag-board, miniature type. Gross of brass drawing pins. Discarded ball point pen. Plywood as in drawing (1 in and 3 in) Total cost: about £2.25

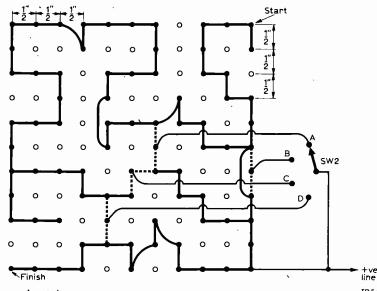


Fig. 3: The "route" used on the prototype. This need not be copied but the route should be carefully planned before wiring.

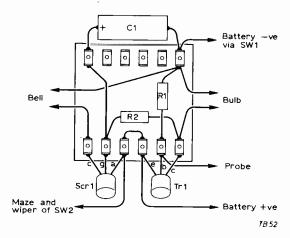


Fig. 4: The electronic components are mounted on a small piece of tag board as shown.

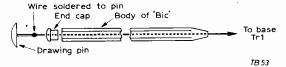


Fig. 5: The construction of the probe.

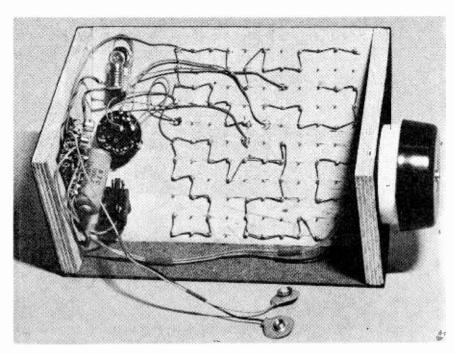
inside of course. The bell fits on the outside of the other side panel.

The siting of the bulb, SW1 and SW2 can be seen from the photographs and wires run from these to the circuit board and the maze. The battery, a PP9 type, will easily fit into the space available.

The probe is made up from a discarded ballpoint pen and a drawing pin—the construction of this is shown in Fig. 5 and is fairly obvious. The drawing pin at the end of the probe will thus bridge across adjacent points making it possible to go from one to the next without the bulb lighting.

The time delay between the warning bulb and the

An inside view of the prototype showing the wiring of the pins and the switched points running to SW2.



bell ringing is governed by the time constant formed by R2 and C1. It is not practical to increase the value of R2 or the SCR will fail to trigger. (In fact if the SCR fails to trigger the value of R2 may have to be reduced to say  $1.5 \mathrm{k}\Omega$  or even lower but the  $2.2 \mathrm{k}\Omega$  used was sufficient with several samples of SCR so it should be sufficient.)

Since R2 cannot be increased to extend the time delay, the value of C1 must be changed. A delay of less than 0.75 second (as used in the prototype) will make the game too difficult but the delay may be increased by increasing the value of C1. Generally speaking if you double the value of the capacitor, you will double the time delay.

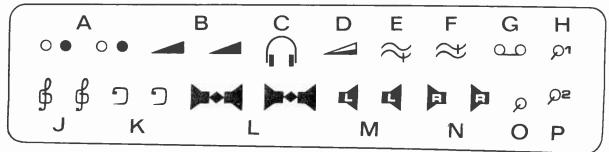


Your transfer sheet given with this month's issue has been designed especially for the home constructor who wants to finish off his audio equipment to a professional standard. The colour, red, will show up well on nearly all surfaces and the adhesive has been specially formulated to adhere to aluminium or paint; it will stick to paper but results may not be quite as successful. Most of the lettering is straightforward and needs 'no explanation. The modern international symbols shown below may not be familiar, so their meanings are given below.

- A On-Off
- **B** Volume
- C Headphones
- **D** Loudness
- E Bass Cut

- F Treble Cut
- G Tape
- H Ceramic Pickup
- J Treble
- K Bass

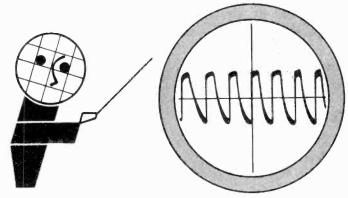
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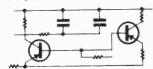
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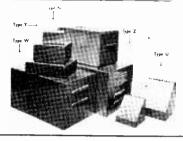
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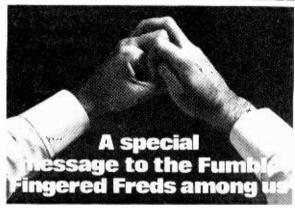
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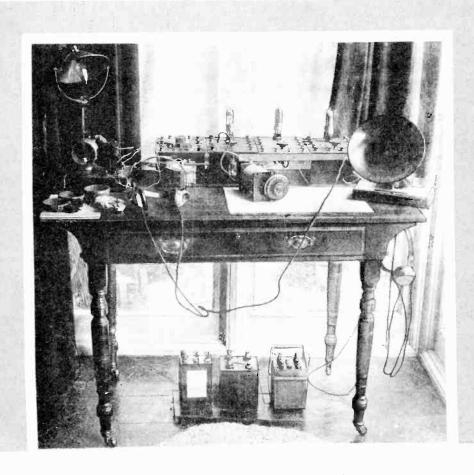
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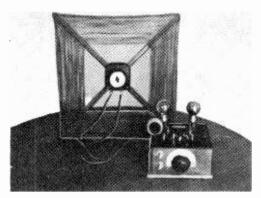
Reader H. E. Grafton Watts of Uxbridge, Middlesex, recently came across this photograph of his receiving set-up of 1925, when he was just 15 years of age and still at school. He recalls putting shields round the valves because the filaments were so bright only to find they expired from the excessive heat!

The horn of the Amplion loudspeaker was driven from a diaphragm mounted in the cast aluminium box below the horn. The "box" on the left-hand side of the table would appear to be a variometer tuning unit followed by a detector unit, since a catswhisker crystal detector can be seen mounted vertically on the front of the unit. The remaining two units were presumably audio amplifier stages.

The loose coils at the front of the table bring back memories of nails in cotton reels used to wind coils in the early do-it-yourself days. The large accumulators on the floor are a far cry from the small dry batteries that are used today for powering solid-state receivers!

At the end of his most interesting letter Mr. Grafton Watts recalls the elderly lady appealing to him to slow down the dance music of the Savoy Orpheans coming from the loudspeaker!





Regular reader Chris Petsikopoulos of Athens has renovated this 1922 French receiver which uses two R5 valves by La Radiotechnique. The bandswitched frame aerial was made by Thomson Houston.

#### Mighty Monster

Douglas Byrne, curator of the museum organised by the Wireless Preservation Society, has sent a delightful photograph of a young visitor at the controls of a mighty receiver of 1926 vintage. Just a bit bigger than the multitransistor receiver that she normally totes around!

The line of "portholes" seen in the photograph enabled the operator to see the individual valve filaments when adjusting the rheostats, next line down. The seven bright-emitter valves comprised two radio-frequency amplifying stages, a detector and four audio stages of amplification. In the jargon of the day the receiver was known as a 2-V-4 contrasting with the more popular 0-V-1 and 1-V-1 of that time.



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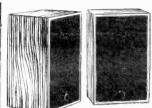
But the l.e.d. is far from being fully developed as yet and is only an infant on the semiconductor scene. A recent order from the U.S. Armed Services has been for a huge array of l.e.ds measuring some 6×4 feet. This area will contain approximately two million diodes. The colour which these diodes will radiate will be dependent upon the current passing through them and will offer a choice of either red or green. Further details are restricted for obvious reasons. However, it is interesting to note that the supplying Company already manufactures a 2,240 element array. This is used for marking film and is described as a "replacement cathode ray tube" in this particular application. Look out Shadow Mask and Trinitron?

When the l.e.d. first rose to fame the "in" colour was red. Then, someone produced a green emitting version. Now comes news that workers are concentrating on a range of colours and there seems no theoretical reason why white should not be included. The fabrication of these new multi-colour capability devices is complex, but it would be a safe bet to watch out for some information on them at the Physics Exhibition. We might even see a sample or two which will cause an endearing glow in the hearts of many workers in this field.

While the l.e.d. forges ahead, the liquid crystal still remains a tantalising vision for many. One Company at the Electronica exhibition offered a liquid crystal readout with four digits. These, note, were offered in production quantities so it looks as though another device has passed quietly from the realms of research and into the pages of practice.

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#### MONTHLY **NEWS FOR** DX LISTENERS

URING the past few months we have been examining the ways and means of gaining extra pleasure and interest from the hobby of DX Listening. One of our readers, Mr. G. E. W. Hewlett of Torquay, has suggested yet another method of achieving this aim.

Mr. Hewlett has made an intensive study of all the broadcasts from Radio Australia. He has logged their transmissions at all hours of the day and night and has heard their broadcasts on many different bands. Every time a broadcast is heard he notes the signal strength (on the SINPO scale), the transmitter power and the beam of the transmitting aerial.

All this information provides a good overall picture of the station's Service. During November 1972 Mr. Hewlett logged Radio Australia on no fewer than 305 occasions. He chose Radio Australia as his subject because the station can be received via two different propagation paths. There is the obvious direct route and also the longer route round the other side of the earth.

This method can be applied to any station, or alternatively to a particular area of the world. If the information collected is made into a fully comprehensive report and forwarded to the station it will be very useful to the station engineers. The reason for this is that all the receptions were made by the same person on the same receiver at the same location. This enables the station to draw direct comparisons between the various broadcasts that they have made.

The following table is an extract from Mr. Hewlett's log and gives some idea of the extent of his research into the station:

Freq. Time Transmitter Details Language South & South-East Asia Service 7145 1500 Darwin, 250 kW, Beam 301 English 7235 1500 Shepp., 100 kW, Beam 308 English 9535 2130 Shepp., 100 kW, Beam 308 Vietnamese 9550 1700 Shepp., 100 kW, Beam 320 English 9680 1700 Shepp., 100 kW, Beam 308 English 9740 2100 Shepp., 100 kW, Beam 308 English 11765 1330 Shepp., 50 kW, Beam 320 Thai 11765 1430 Shepp., 50 kW, Beam 320 English 11790 2130 Shepp., 100 kW, Beam 320 Vietnamese 11790 2230 Shepp., 100 kW, Beam 320 Indonesian 15320 2300 Shepp., 100 kW, Beam 320 English 15405 2230 Shepp., 100 kW, Beam 308 Indonesian 17715 0500 *Darwin*, 250 kW, Beam 301 English 17715 2230 *Shepp.*, 100 kW, Beam 320 Indonesian 17870 0300 Shepp., 50 kW, Beam 308 English 21550 0200 Shepp., 50 kW, Beam 320 English East Asia & North-West Pacific Service 15240 2100 Shepp., 50 kW, Beam 342 English 17715 2100 Shepp., 50 kW, Beam 342 English Pacific Islands Service 9570 0700 Shepp., 50 kW, Beam 128 English

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The first log for this month comes from Rendcomb College in Cirencester, Gloucestershire. It was sent in by Simon Wormleighton and J. P. Fletcher. The equipment consisted of an HRO receiver with 8 metre folded dipole and an Astrad-Altair receiver with a forty foot long-wire. The stations logged included:

6130 R. Norway in English at 1230

7135 T.W.R., Monte Carlo in English at 1930

9745 R. Baghdad, Iraq in English at 1940

11755 R. Finland in English at 1825

11955 FEBA, Seychelles in English at 1755

15250 RSA South Africa in English at 1600

17815 HCJB, Quito, Ecuador in English at 2030

17820 R. Canada International, English at 1250 25790 RSA, South Africa in English at 1510.

Rex Cooper of Foulden in Norfolk has sent in another interesting report of stations heard on his 6-valve Domestic Receiver. The log includes the first mention on this page of the Madagascar relay of Radio Nederland.

9605 R. Dif. de Sao Paulo, Portuguese at 2310

9610 R. Damascus, Syria in English at 2145

11650 RAE, Argentina in English at 2325

11650 R. Nederland, Madagascar relay with sign-off in English at 1830

11720 R. Nacional de Brasilia, Portuguese at 2200

11720 Saudi-Arabian BC, English at 1810

11890 R. Lebanon with News in English at 1835 17800 NHK, Japan, News in English at 0905

Richard Witney of Braintree in Essex received a

Skywood SX-203 receiver for Christmas which he used to hear the following stations:

7100 R. Tirana, Albania in English at 2220

7245 R. Austria in English at 0902

9545 R. Ghana in English at 2100

9655 R. Damascus, Syria in English at 2030

9675 Radio Ceylon in English at 0200

11815 T.W.R., Bonaire in English at 0100

15185 Radio Nigeria in English at 1620

15245 RSA, South Africa in English at 1600

Reports should arrive by the 15th of the month and be addressed to me at 59 Windrush, Highworth, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN6 7DT.

# SHORT WAVES

# THE AMATEUR BANDS David Gibson, G3JDG

## Frequencies in kHz • Times in GMT

YOW that we are well into 1973, how about getting down to some Amateur Radio resolutions? Hopefully, these will last longer than the ones you all made on January 1 and have all now been broken! One possibility might be to attempt to contribute something really worthwhile this year. For example, there are three beacon stations all happily radiating in the ten metre band. At present we are on the downward trend of the sunspot cycle and conditions on 28MHz should (in theory) get progressively worse—or more interesting? If you can standardise on a receiver, the settings of the controls on the receiver, and a "standard" antenna. you could monitor these beacons at regular intervals and collect some useful data. Frequencies and locations for the beacons are as follows: GB3SX, 28·185MHz, Crowborough in Sussex; 28.195MHz and 28.200MHz, near Saltzburg in Germany; 3B8MS, 28·190MHz, Signal Mount in Mauritius. If it will help, or encourage anyone, I will be happy to publish the sunspot count each month, although these will be a bit behind since they will come from a professional laboratory who don't exist for the purpose of sending ol' 3JDG sunspot counts. Incidentally, there are other beacon stations radiating. Two metres is another band which has these in evidence.

D. Warmer (Sittingbourne) is a keen 3.5MHz listener and spends about 80 per cent of his time on that band. He mentions that VE7AGJ is looking for G contacts on 80 at around 0430hrs. Early birds might try the top end of eighty, from 3.790MHz to 3.800MHz.

Listeners on the h.f. bands will have to mind their manners. This is very pertinent if they hear ZD8AW who is an XYL and operates from Ascension Island. (Now what's a nice girl like you . . . etc?)

Another eagle-eared s.w.l. is **J. Birrell** (Nottingham) who gives word that VK9RY is on from Papua. Apparently this station is on every day on 21MHz and 28MHz. John also notes that ZD9GC is active from Gough Island. Worth a listen in the afternoons on 28MHz for a ZD9 callsign.

Two events are not too far away and might be of interest to many readers. The first is mainly for the v.h.f. types. This is the RSGB v.h.f./u.h.f. Convention which takes place at the Winning Post Hotel, Whitton. Middlesex on April 7. Full details from the RSGB—usually a very interesting affair and well worth going to if your interests lie in the higher frequencies. Second event is the first Mobile Rally which should stir up quite a bit of activity on top band. This is the White Rose Rally at Lawnswood Girls' High School, Ring Road, West Park, Leeds 16 on April 1.

A very high activity in February for contest types. My little black book lists the following: February 3-4. ARRL DX (phone); 10-11, topband contest; 17-18, ARRL DX (c.w.); 18, 70MHz open contest; 24-25. REF contest (phone); March 3-4 Two metres

and seventy centimetres contest; March 3-4, ARRL DX (phone); March 4, two metre fixed. Speaking of future events, did anyone log EI0YSE. This was a special callsign for a station operating at the Royal Dublin Society showgrounds.

For those not familiar with contests they are very good fun and can bump up your "Countries heard" score (and your ego too) quite a bit. If you haven't listened in on a contest before, now is the time to try. Start with a phone one and see how many stations you can log. You can also give your aerial a good try out too and see how your rig compares with other peoples' equipment.

Those, like '3JDG, who have a miniscule garden will weep openly when they hear of **Graham Armstrong**'s 550ft. long wire. This r.f. clothes line is some 50ft. up and feeds a 9R-59DS receiver. Topband goodies bagged are DL5XF, EP2BQ, HB9CM, PA0HLA, PA0PN, W1GL all on s.s.b. On c.w.; KV4FZ, KV4UE, OK1ATP, OK1FCW, W1BB, W1HGT, W8FFT.

People with the super-dooper b.f.o. swishing, a.v.c.—controlling everything receivers should try a regen claims Stanley Sharred (Birmingham). Topband on his three-valve receiver sounded like; GW3UCB, OK1FCW, OK1ATP, W1HGT, W1VS and a K7 which got away (all these on c.w.). Meanwhile, in another part of the house lurks an R1155, 140ft antenna and a brother, one David Sharred. Log for eighty from the udder brudder reads; YA1DT, YO3AN, XP2CA, ZC4HC, ZL2MI, ZS3GH.

Neil Marshall (Old Coulsdon) has 128ft. of wire in the loft. This, plus a 19 set got him the following on 80 metres; K4CIA, OH0NJ, PY1CAD, VE1BB, VE1IE, VE2XB, VE3UA, VK2AVA, VU25BX, WA2EAH, WA90TH, W1DL, W2GO, W4AP, ZL4KF, ZS1MH, ZS3GH, 4Z4DX, 9H1C.

Eighty metres is my favourite band confesses **Peter Reed** (Brighton). Receiver is an R1155N and a Joystick antenna. Cream of those received are; CE8AA, VK2AVA and ZL4KE.

Roger Dixon (Skipton) pointed his CX 203 receiver in the direction of twenty metres this last month. This, together with a PR30 and 100ft. end fed brought the following log on s.s.b.; CR6A, CT1XY, EA5LC, EA8BW, F6AOE, F9LC/MM. CT3AP, FY7AE, G3KGJ/P/VP9, HS5AFJ, IT9LPP, JA3FD, JA4BLY, JA8MWU, KISLL, K2ISP, LU4ECO, OH0NI, VE0MAB/MM, VE1ASJ, VE3CNE, VE5CJ, VE7ATP, VK2AZO, VK3IPI, VK3LB, VK4GD, VG6RG, VOICO, WlAA, W2JQV, W3CRA, W6CWN/MM, W6DL/CT1, W6ZJA, XT2AG, ZB2A, ZC4DJ, ZD3D, ZD5EL, ZD8KO, ZL1ABO, ZL2AAW. ZM1ASY, ZS4NJ, 4X4BL, 5T5DA, 9H4H, 9H5D, 9J2SS, 9K2BQ, 9V1QT.

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**CHARLES MOLLOY** 

M. BEYLEMANS of Brussels, Belgium reports hearing Radio Algiers 251kHz on the long-•waves relaying the French Network of R.T. Algerienne. Reception reports should go to 21 Boulevard des Martyres, Algiers. Azilal, Morocco on 209kHz is another North African that uses this band and is usually heard with programming in Arabic and some interference from Kiev, USSR. Geoffrey Driver (Woodham, Surrey) has been active on the medium waves and his log includes Tenerife, Canary Islands on 620kHz; Bissau, Portuguese Guinea 1070kHz; Novi Sad. Yugoslavia 1268kHz in English at 2200hrs; Radio Tirana, Albania 1394kHz; Trans World Radio, Monaco 1466kHz at 2130hrs; Manx Radio on 1594kHz.

Kenneth Turner (Edinburgh) has heard the 10kW Radio London 1457kHz which he reports as being strong during the afternoon. Dr. H. S. Brodribb (St. Leonards-on-Sea) points out that Radio Brighton 1484kHz is on an international common frequency and consequently it is inaudible along the south coast of England because of interference from Ostend. Radio Merseyside is now on 1484kHz as well as v.h.f. but at the time of writing there is still no reliable news about Radio Nottingham or Radio Derby.

Brian Walsh (Romford Essex) has heard CKGO Ottawa on 1440kHz at 0230hrs GMT. CKGO is not a new station but is the new callsign for CKPM, which is listed on that channel. Readers who have not yet heard North America on the medium waves should listen on 930kHz after 2330hrs for CJON St John's, Newfoundland. Look for the AFN station on 935kHz and then tune slightly to the low frequency side of it. CJON has been a consistent signal recently and has been logged several times when no other North American could be heard. On the high frequency side of AFN there is CBM Montreal on 940kHz, which is a key station of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and is being heard well at present. WINS 1010kHz in New York City is often strong and sometimes causes a heterodyne with Lopik, Holland on 1007kHz before the latter closes down at midnight. WOR 710kHz, also in NYC, has been logged a number of times recently by the writer after 2330hrs with interference from CJOX Grand Bank, Newfoundland on the same frequency.

The Voice of Free Asia is the name of the 1000kW Voice of America outlet on 1580kHz, located at Ban Pachi Thailand. It is on the air nightly from 2200hrs until 2230hrs with news in Cambodian, but the identification at the start and finish of the transmission is in English. Tune between the European channels on 1578kHz (Italy) and 1586kHz (West Germany). Ban Pachi has been heard in Europe several times this winter and it verifies. Reception reports should be sent to the VOA, Washington DC 20547, USA.

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7HEN we think about audio amplifiers we almost always think in terms of high fidelity and high output power. There are many occasions, however, where distortion is of minor importance and other factors come into play. Most audio amplifiers have a quiescent current drain of at least 25mA, for battery operation this is a little severe. For a baby alarm such a current consumption would be very expensive. An amplifier on the other hand may not always be required for ordinary speech and music; frequently we want pulses or tone to be fed to the speaker, for this we want high output for a low quiescent current. The amplifier that we are describing here is designed for these functions rather than for good quality. It can be used with almost any speaker impedance and all-in-all is a pretty versatile little circuit. It is possible to obtain pretty fair quality by adjusting a preset pot incorporated in the circuit, but this is not the prime purpose of our project this month.

### The Circuit

The amplifier takes a pretty conventional form. The input signal is fed to the base of Tr1 via the d.c. blocking capacitor C1. The input sensitivity for full output is about 30mV and the input impedance a little under  $10k\Omega$ . Tr1 is the driver for the complementary output pair. In the no-signal state the voltage at the collector of Tr1 should be roughly half that of the supply voltage, as will be the common point of Tr2 and Tr3. When a positive going signal is applied to Tr1 this transistor conducts more, thus increasing the bias current for Tr3, but turning off Tr2. When the signal swings negative the reverse happens. The common point of both these changes is at the emitter junctions of Tr2 and Tr3 and this signal is applied to the loudspeaker via the d.c. blocking capacitor C2.

Circuits of this type require some form of d.c. stabilisation and so the base bias supply for the driver transistor is taken from the output. This also applies a.c. feedback, so improving the quality slightly. R3 serves the function of applying a certain amount of base bias between the bases of Tr2 and Tr3. If the output quality is of no importance at all, then this resistor may be omitted, connecting the two bases together. The quiescent current is then extremely low, only about 1mg but for any sort of quality the resistor is really needed.

VRI can almost be regarded as a quality control preset. If the value is at maximum the quiescent is low and so is the quality. By reducing the value, the quality will improve dramatically but so will the quiescent current. Fair to good quality will be obtained when this reaches a little over 20mA. When setting this component a meter should be inserted in the supply line to ensure that the current drain is not much over this.

C2 need not be quite so high a value if the amplifier is not required to handle low frequencies, in fact it can be as low as  $10\mu F$  if pulses are being handled.

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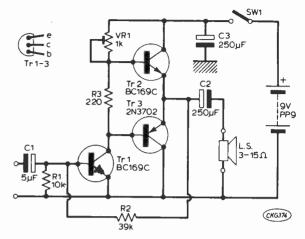


Fig. 1: The complete circuit; see the text regarding VR1 and R3.

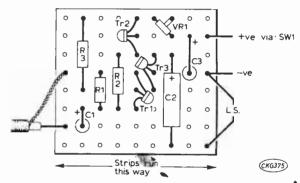


Fig. 2: A suggested component layout on Veroboard.

# \* components list

R1	10kΩ JW, 5 per cent	1p
R2	39kΩ	1p
R3	220Ω	1p
VR1	1kΩ skeleton preset	5p
C1	5μF 10V min.	4p
C2	250µF 10V min.	
C3	250µF 10V min.	5p
Trt	BC169C	5p 11p
Tr2	BC169C	A.P. (VSC) (VSC) (SC) (SC) (SC) (SC) (SC) (SC) (SC) (
Tr3	2N3702	11p
SW1	On-off toggle switch	10p 5p
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### A hash at "Auntie"

I am amazed at all the fuss that is being made over the 50th anniversary of the BBC. All the celebrations on BBC radio and television are just another method that the 'Beeb' uses to try to tell us how marvellous it is.

For the past 50 years, contrary to what it makes out, the BBC has not been the only broadcasting service in this country. ITV has played a large part in broadcasting for 18 of those years, and the so-called 'pirate' stations of the 1960's proved far more popular than the BBC, which lost many millions of listeners, during this time. There has also been Radio Luxembourg, which has provided a great deal of competition for the BBC for many years.

The Editorial in the December PW called the BBC 'the best broadcasting service in the world. It so happens that the BBC transmitters at Shoreham are very bad quality, and cause countless harmonics all the way down the medium wave band. It is also quite possible to cover the whole country with a few kilowatts on MW, and yet the BBC is so inefficient that it has to use one kilowatt from Shoreham to cover a small part of the south coast. This also applies to most other BBC transmitters. Most of the BBC's programmes are good, but the Corporation as a whole cannot be worthy of praise until it decides to build some decent medium wave transmitters .- P. Woodward (Lancing, Sussex).

#### **Car Radios**

On reading Mr. Capel's article again on Car Radio Installation, I was reminded of my own experience this year.

It would seem that the Mark III Cortina with metallic paint must be the worst ever offender for ignition interference, this was confirmed by the radio specialist of a very large Ford dealer nearby.

Having put my aerial on the wing near the screen on the near side, opposite the distributor, my troubles began. For most radio listeners who only listen to strong local stations, no problem, but I also listen to foreigners and the interference was terrible.

By having a wire attached to the chassis and dabbing the other end around the front end of the car, I was surprised but pleased, to find a very noticeable drop in the interference when touching the hub cap. This led me to find that the whole steering yoke and also the bottom end of the steering mechanism are insulated from the main chassis.

I have now connected both these units, plus the fan motor chassis and the hood, by individual connecting wires to the main chassis. Also it is very important to keep the spark plug gap down to its given figure

One learns by experience, the hard way.—A. B. Sammons (Solihull, Warwickshire).

#### VAT

Under one of my 'hats', I have to advise clients of my accountancy practice on all the aspects of Value Added Tax. It was only recently that I realised that I had forgotten to deal with the problem of this business which is predominantly a Mail Order concern. I think it fair to say that the problems we will be faced with that are special to the nature of trade will be the same for our rivals, and if your readers, who are our customers, are not advised as to what they will be faced with, there will be chaos after 31st March

To put the problem in a nutshell:

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We would like to hear of any other views or problems in connection with VAT. Please write to The Editor and mark your letters "VAT".—Editor.

#### Pitfalls?

May I warn your readers of certain unpublicised pitfalls of Stereo—in view of the new Radio 2 service?

When fitting a 'Stereo Decoder', look very closely at the v.h.f. receiver. The fact that it has a socket marked 'Multiplex' or 'Stereo Decoder' doesn't necessarily mean a coded signal is available. Many of these receivers, on examination, prove to have a capacitor of around  $0.02\mu F$  shunted across them. This cap. must be removed before stereo can be obtained.

Having got stereo from such a decoder, check the level of the 38kHz signal at the output with an a.c. voltmeter (in series with a  $0 \cdot 1\mu F$  cap.) If it is too high, it can lead to burnt out output transistors. The cure is, of course, a pair of r.c. filters.

When setting up, note particularly that the fact that a programme is marked 'Stereo' in the programme page doesn't necessarily mean that all of it is in stereo! Much worry can be caused at the 'failure' of the decoder, when all it is, is a mono recording being transmitted. (This happens all too often.)—R. G. Young (Peacehaven, Sussex).

# Low Reading ΩHMMETER

N. WILKINSON

NLY the most sophisticated and expensive meters are able to read resistance values below about  $10\Omega$ . However it is fairly simple to construct a suitable device which will check such low resistances as the windings of an i.f. transformer, the contacts of a switch or even a loud-speaker speech coil.

### The circuit

A suitable circuit for taking such readings is shown in Fig. 1. The meter is a  $500\mu A$  f.s.d. meter with a coil resistance of  $75\Omega$ . This was used by the author as it was handy but similar types can be used if modifications are made. The circuit is so arranged that when VR1 is adjusted to give an f.s.d. reading, 25mA is being drawn from the battery. If VR1 is left in the maximum current position, the meter will only be overloaded by about 25 per cent and will not be damaged.

The shunt resistance R2  $(1.5\Omega)$  in the case of the prototype) can be found for any meter as follows:

$$R_s = \frac{R_m}{N-1}$$

where Rs is the value of R2, Rm is the coil resistance of the particular meter used and N is the number of times the scale is multiplied. In our case we want a  $500\mu A$  meter to read 25mA and so N is 50. By calculation we shall find that Rs is very nearly  $1.5\Omega$ .

As the coil resistance is high compared to that of the shunt it is convenient to ignore in later calculations and simply now regard our meter as being a  $500\mu A$  meter having a  $1.5\Omega$  coil resistance

If VR1 is set so that the meter is reading f.s.d. and we connect  $1\cdot 5\Omega$  across the test probes, this will reduce the current through the coil to half or  $250\mu A$  and the meter will register this. If  $6\Omega$  is connected, this will reduce the reading by a factor of 1 to 4 or 20 per cent. The table shows a full range of values and the meter reading. In this way readings between  $0\cdot 05\Omega$  and about  $12\Omega$  can be read quite easily.

#### Construction

Care should be taken in the construction so that all leads have low resistances in themselves—especially the probes. If the meter scale is left as it is, a graph of the readings against the resistance can be drawn, alternatively the face of the meter can be calibrated.

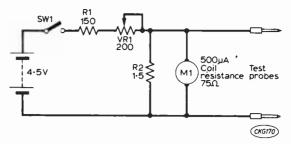


Fig. 1: The circuit used for measuring low resistance.

#### TABLE 1

Scale reading (µA)	Resistance (Ω)	Scale reading (µA)	Resistance (Ω)
16	0.05	330	3.0
31	0.1	365	4.0
125	0.5	385	5⋅0
166	0.75	400	6.0
200	1.0	420	8.0
250	1.5	435	10 · 0
285	2.0	445	12.0
310	2.5		

The shunt can be a reasonably high tolerance fixed resistor though these are not always easy to come by. A six yard length of 29 s.w.g. enamelled copper wire will have a resistance of  $1.5\Omega$ .

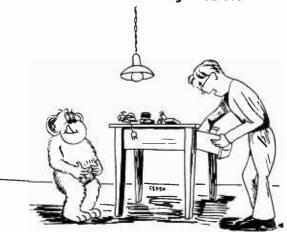
### Setting up

Switch on SW1 and adjust VR1 until full scale deflection is registered. Now short together the probes and only a tiny reading should be shown. Adjust the mechanical zero to bring the pointer back to read zero on the scale. The low reading ohmmeter will now be ready for use.

The circuit is only really good for readings below about  $10\Omega$  but values above this can usually be taken quite easily from a normal multimeter.

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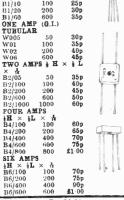
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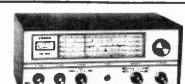


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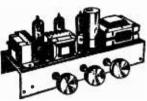
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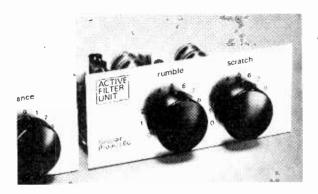
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#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

The A.F.U. employs two Sallen and Key type active filter stages, one rumble (high pass) and one scratch (low pass). The two stages use complementary transistors to minimise distortion.

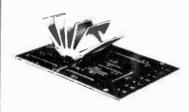
Supply voltage: 15 to 35 volts Current 3mA maximum

Gain at 1kHz: Filters flat 0 98 (—0.2 dB) HF cut off: (—3dB) variable from 28 kHz to 5 kHz at 12 dB/octave.

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# Stereo 60 Pre-amp/control unit

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SPECIFICATIONS—Input sensitivities: Radio – up to 3mV. Mag. p.u 3mV correct to RTAA. curve ! 1dB 20 to 25,000 Hz Ceramic p.u – up to 3mV. Aux – up to 3mV. Output: 250mV Signal to noise ratio: better than 70dB. Channel matching: within 1dB, Tone controls: TREBLE - 12 to -12dB at 10KHz BASS + 12 to —12dB at 100Hz Front panel: brushed aluminium with black knobs and controls. Size: 66 x 40 x 207mm

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SPECIFICATIONS—Number of transistors: 16 plus 20 in LC Tuning range: 87.5 to 108MHz. Sensitivity: 7μV for lock in over full deviation. Squelch level: Typically 20μV. Signal to noise ratio: >65dB. Audio frequency response: 10Hz = 15KHz (-1dB). Total harmonic distortion: 0.15% for 30% modulation. Stereo decoder operating level: 2μV. Cross talk: 40dB. Output voltage: 2 x 150mV R.M.S. maximum Operating voltage: 25-30VDC Indicators: Stereo on , tuning. Size: 93 x 40 x 207mm



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**Typical Project 60 applications** 

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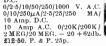
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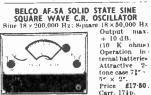
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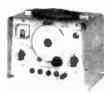


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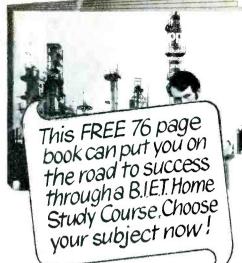
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