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| LOAD IMPEDANCE | - | 8-16 $\Omega$ |
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| gensitivity for Rated ofp | $\mathrm{V}_{8}=25 \mathrm{~V} . \mathrm{Rl}=8 \Omega \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{KHz}$ | ${ }_{5} 5 \mathrm{mV}$. RMs |
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| Parameter | AL10 | AL80 | AL80 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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As a follow-up to our comments last month on the reception of priveleged transmissions, evidence exists which indicates that members of the public are quite openly being encouraged to break the law!

We refer of course, to advertisements that offer "walkie talkie radios" and "bugging devices" for which a licence is not available in the U.K.

These devices are currently being offered to members of the public and are often described for "fun and entertainment use". To invite members of the public to purchase these illegal devices is, in our opinion, a subliminal attempt to encourage the purchaser to break the law.

Purchasers of these devices could find themselves before the courts. Organisations or individuals that encourage others to break the law are aiding and abetting. Where does the responsibility lay? Is it the manufacturer, advertiser, publisher or retailer. Certainly, the purchaser will suffer if he breaks the law.

Heavy fines and the confiscation of equipment could result in conviction. What would the purchaser do then? Ask the supplier for his money back and reimbursement of fines and costs? Who is kidding who in these games that people are playing?

It is true that the small print invariably includes a statement to the effect that "a licence not available in the UK" or "a licence not generally available to members of the public".

Do not blame the Home Office if the equipment you purchase is not licensable in the UK-check first! Regulations exist on the allocation of frequencies to licensable equipment.

Our advice is'simple: watch out for the small print in those advertisements. It could be the most important line in that advert! If in doubt, check with the Home Office Radio Regulatory Department, Waterloo House, Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8UA. You have been warned!

LIONEL E. HOWES-Editor.

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## Eurovolts

THE International Union of Producers and Distributors of electricity has agreed a 230 V standard for electrical supplies throughout Europe. This standard has a $\pm 10 \%$ tolerance so the Continent can continue to operate on 220 V and the U.K. on 240 V .
This decision will now be made known to the International Electro-Technical Commission which hopes to produce a world standard voltage.

## U.S. calculators

THE San Francisco based group National Semiconductors have launched a range of pocket calculators under the "Novus" brand-name. Prices range from $£ 8$ to $£ 100$.

## Conference

THE Institute of Physics will hold a two day Conference on On-line Computers in Laboratory Use at Imperial College on 11-12 September, 1975. Residential accommodation will be available in Halls of Residence.
Papers will be presented under the following headings: General principals and techniques, Why use small computers?, Interfacing, Software, Systems Building and Data Presentation. Surveys of on-line computing applications in various branches of experimental physics. High energy physics, Plasma physics, crystallography, stress analysis, Space and atmospheric physics, Materials and Testing Atomic and Nuclear Physics, Low cost laboratory automation.

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Throughout the service area, reception should be improved and the area of good reception is expected to be extended southward to include Guildford, Godalming, Cranleigh, Horsham, Cuckfield, and Haywards Heath.

The v.h.f./f.m. transmissions of BBC Radio London on $94 \cdot 9 \mathrm{MHz}$ continue unchanged.

## Audio-Visual Show

EXTENSIVE car parking facilities, expansive exhibition areas and potentially high attendance feature in the first Midland Audio/Visual Show to be held on 11th, 12th 13th April 1975. The exhibition is already attracting some of the largest manufacturers of audio and audio visual systems and will include one Press/Trade day and two weekend days to enable members of the public from the highly populated Midlands area to atiend.

Site of this exhibition will be the conferenoe and exhibition complex at the National Agricultural Centre, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. Over seven million people are said to live within easy reach of this area.

Exhibitors products at the Midland Audio/Visual Show will encompass video tape equipment, video lighting effects, educational aids for schools, sales training work and business aids. In addition there will be the consumer items including cassette, radio, cartridge and record equipment.

## Lind-Air-Henry's

HENRY'S Home Entertainment Centres Ltd., a member of the Henry's Group of Companies, has now merged with Lind-Air Holdings Ltd. which trades as Lind-Air and Discount Audio. The new group has over 20 outlets in the United Kingdom and has recently opened its first European venture in Brussels with a 22,000 square foot showroom. The principal members of the board of the new group will be Henry French, chairman, David J. French, deputy chairman, Lionel G. Astor and Rafael Hyams, joint managing directors. The founder of Lind-Air, Mr. Bennie Linden still retains $\dot{a}$ material shareholding.

Henry's founded by Henry French over 30 years ago, and Lind-Air, both famous for their hi-fi centres which dominate the major London hi-fi areas of Tottenharm Court Road and Edgware Road, now form a sizeable retail group of hi-fi specialised outlets.

## South West <br> transmitter

THE BBC brought a new tnansmitter into service at Redruth recently to broadcast the Radio 4 South West medium-wave service including 'Morning Sou' West', local news and weather reports. The new transmitter is located at the existing Redruth medium-wave transmitter site and transmits on 397 metres $(755 \mathrm{kHz})$. The daytime coverage extends to St Ives, Penzance, Helston, Falmouth, Truro, Newquay, Cambourne and Redruth.

The existing Radio 4 service from Redruth on 330 metres $(908 \mathrm{kHz})$ continues as will the v.h.f. service on Radio 4 South West.

Barnstaple, Plymouth and Torquay already have transmitters radiating the local Radio 4 programmes in the medium-wave band. Others are planned for Exeter and Taunton.

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## GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

The machine is built into a wooden cabinet, designed as shown in Fig. 9. Once the cabinet has been built up the deck and electronics can be fitted. It should be stressed that accuracy in construction is essential if the parts are to fit together correctly and if the equipment is going to operate properly electronically.

The illustrations show the layout of every part but mistakes can still be made and every care should be taken to avoid errors in construction. It is always much simpler to take care initially and so eliminate time-consuming, and possibly expensive, troubleshooting later.

The main sections of the machine can be listed as follows:- cabinet, deck mechanism, power supply, recording and playback amplifiers. The power supply and amplifiers are built and fitted into the cabinet, along with the deck mechanism. The parts are then

wired together as shown in Fig. 10. It is possible to lift out the circuit panels while the machine is operating. Wired connections are mostly made to the printed side of the panels so setting-up and service work is thereby simplified.



Fig. 10: Wiring guide between the circuit boards, deck mechanism and individual components.

We suggest that the following sequence of construction be followed, with careful reference to the diagrams at each stage:-

1. Build cabinet.
2. Fit slider controls, VU meters, lamps and switches.
3. Make up and fit supporting metalwork and transformer etc to inside of cabinet.
4. Attach leads to heads, switch, control unit etc. of deck mechanism and mount deck mechanism in cabinet. The leads will be terminated later.
5. Build up electronic panels, Figs. 11 and 12, being particularly careful to check for accuracy of construction.
6. Fit panels to metalwork and observe that all parts fit accurately mechanically.
7. Connect panels to the remaining parts of the machine as shown in the wiring diagram, Fig. 10.
Once the machine has been completely constructed, RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO PLUG IN AND SWITCH ON STRAIGHT AWAY:

## TESTING

Using a meter, check that no short-circuits are present on any of the supply rails A, B or C, Fig. 2. Likewise, check the supply line to the motor control circuit, which is taken off prior to the solid-state regulator. Having checked these points, fuses F1 and F2 may remain in while F3 is removed.

Power can now be applied to the deck mechanism. The motor should run when a cassette is inserted
and +12 V should be available at the supply side of F3 fuseholder. This being so, F3 can be inserted. Using a cassette which does not have any important material recorded on it, the machine can be switched on when the cassette compartment lamp should light. On pressing the record button the record lamp should light and the relay will operate. Releasing the cassette and re-inserting it should restore the machine to the play mode. Voltages on the supply rail A, B and C may now be checked. In the play mode, rail A should read just under 11V. When pressing the "check record" button, rail B should assume +12 V . When "record" button is pressed, rail A should move to zero, while rail C assumes nearly 12 V with rail B at about $11 \cdot 5 \mathrm{~V}$.

When all the supply rail switching has been proved to be operating correctly the machine may be connected to an amplifier, and a preliminary check made, using a recorded cassette, to prove that the playback amplifiers are working. The pots VR4 for left and right channels, should be set to the half-way position for this test. If everything is working out well, results on playback at this stage should be quite acceptable, although the threshold level of the noise-limiting circuit will need to be finally adjusted. As the dual sliders of the slide controls double up as record level and variable line out potentiometers, they will have to be set correctly to provide the appropriate input level for the amplifier used. This approach has obviated the need for special arrangements to cope with the DIN and phono standards.


Fig. IV: Veroboard layout of main amplitiers. (viewed an component side)


Main circult board and relay, shown in detall at left. Note that connecling leads are taken from the printed rall side of the board.


Fig. 12: Auxillary component board layout. The finished board is shown below, R52 and $L 1$ are reversed for convenience, compared to Fig. 2, Part 1


## FINAL ADJUSTMENTS

There now follows the complete setting-up procedure. If any part of the setting-up cannot be achieved correctly a fault must exist in the machine which should be rectified before going any further. The first paragraph of the setting-up procedure repeats instructions already given. It is included to ensure that the overall instructions are complete.

1. Playback check. Switch to play, use pre-recorded tape if test tape not available, and with noise limiter off, adjust VR4 to minimum position (i.e. all track in circuit) and VR5 (slider control) to set satisfactory LINE out level for amplifier.
2. Adjust head position with azimuth screw to provide crispest top response.
3. Switch on noise limiter and turn up VR4 on each channel until best top response, consistent with minimum distortion, is obtained. Too much gain will overload the output stages.
4. Switch to record, and with no signal input, check that machine erases a previously recorded tape. If an oscilloscope is available, a 50 V peak-to-peak sinewave should appear across the erase head.
5. Insert chromium dioxide ( $\mathrm{CrO}_{2}$ ) cassette, and by making repeated recordings at low input level, adjust pots VR3 for best quality of recording. If oscilloscope is available, adjust for 25 V peak-to-peak signal (which corresponds to approximately 9V RMS).
6. Switch to standard tape (it does not matter if $\mathrm{CrO}_{2}$ cassette is left in at this stage) and adjust VR1 for a 20 per cent reduction of bias voltage across record/play head. The oscilloscope or a multimeter can be used for this test.
7. Check recording quality on standard tape. An improvement may be achieved by repeated tests using different settings of VR1.
8. Make recordings using progressively greater inputs until distortion sets in. Back off to satisfactory position, then adjust pots VR2 until meters show peak readings at level 10. If oscilloscope and signal generator are available, inject 1 kHz signal, adjust for 3 V peak-to-peak at emitter of Tr9, then adjust VR2 for level 10 reading on VU meter.

Having set up the machine according to the foregoing instructions, it should be possible to record and play back. It is important to realise however, that the machine can be overloaded by excessive input. Ideally, the input level at LINE should be such that the slider level controls need to be set half way in order to obtain a peak level indication.

It is possible for the input stage itself to be overloaded by excessive signal, so that the input to the level control potentiometers is itself distorted. Obviously, the only adjustment possible under these conditions is the setting of the optimum level of an already distorted signal!

## USING HEADPHONES

Should headphones be thought to be necessary then the circuit shown in Fig. 13 could be incorporated. This is one channel only, of course, but both channels could be built up on a small piece of veroboard and attached to the inside of the cabinet.


Fig. 13: Optiona/ circuil to permit the use of headphones, one channel only being shown here.

The circuit as shown will operate on replay only although it might be possible to utilise the unused contacts on the relay to switch the input from the
replay to the record amplifier so that both functions can be monitored on headphones.

## MORE ON DISTORTION

After completing the setting-up procedure it was found that some distortion was evident on certain commercial pre-recorded tapes and this was traced to the noise limiter circuitry, Tr15/16. The circuit was modified by splitting R48 and adding a pre-set potentiometer as shown in Fig. 14. Adjustment of the pot allows additional emitter feedback to be applied without altering any DC condition.


Fig. 14: Suggested modification to the noise limiter circuit, discussed in the text. Again, only one channel is shown.

Careful setting of the new pot and VR4 will enable optimum noise suppression to be obtained consistent with no overload condition. With the new pot set at mid position the gain of the stage approximates to unity while the noise should be down about 12 dB , in theory.

## NOTES

It has been the purpose of this series to provide details for constructing a tape recorder which will compare favourably with commercial models. The design approach was made bearing in mind the requirements, capabilities and facilities of the home constructor. As a result the machine does not represent an attempt to mimic commercially available apparatus.
Again we stress that care is needed at all stages. Impetuosity invariabily leads to regrets and construction should be undertaken steadily and methodically. A couple of extra days spent on construction could well avoid a week's effort to rectify mistakes, besides avoiding expensive "blow-ups".
Every effort has been made in the design to ensure "repeatability" of the circuits. The frequent use of complementary transistor stages with heavy negative feedback is the most significant factor which guarantees that all the circuits will yield the same performance. If the setting-up procedures are accurately followed the performance specification attained will be:- Overall response 50 Hz to 9 kHz on standard tape, 50 Hz to 11 kHz on chrome tape. Typical signal to noise ratio 46 dB although these are all conservative figures.
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Fig. 15: The cassetle deck mechanism used by the author was supplied to him complete with the motor control board etc. wired in. This diagram shows how the boiard of Fig. 8 and Tr19 are connected to the bare deck as now supplied. Microswitch S2 is mounted on a metal bracket fixed to the deck and cabinet. It is operated by the head of a $1 \frac{1}{1} i n$. 6BA screw attached to the drilled bracket on the 'Record' swifch slide mechanism.
so that an improvement in signal-to-noise ratio is achieved by turning down the treble control on the amplifier when chrome tape is being used. The difference in performance is generally very noticeable. Use of the noise limiter circuit will depend upon the discretion of the user at any time, and will obviously be affected by the type of tape in use and the recorded programme material.

## MAINTENANCE

No machine will run perfectly without occasional maintenance. The usual cause of trouble with cassette machines is dirty heads, which cause poor recording and playback, with weak top response. A non-uniform deposit on the heads will cause one channel to be affected more than the other. Once the head has suffered wear, it has to be replaced, so good quality tape should always be used as cheap tape usually has a rough surface which wears away the head besides depositing oxide on the heads, pinch roller and guides. Deposits are cleaned off using soft tissue paper soaked in methylated spirits.

Sometimes a defective cassette can cause difficulty. The take-up hub can jam, so allowing tape to spill over the pinch roller and capstan. A loop of tape can then wrap itself around the pinch roller or capstan shaft so that the tape winds off both parts of the cassette on to the roller or shaft until the machine jams completely. The only way to release the tape then is by careful removal and unwinding, cutting with a razor blade if necessary. The cassette itself is generally a write-off.

Jamming cassettes can sometimes be eased by giving them a healthy slap on one side against a fairly solid surface. This causes the tape to settle evenly. Uneven winding can cause the tape to jam against the sides of the cassette casing.

## MOTOR QUERIES

Goldring-Lenco report that some readers constructing the Kempton or Ascot projects have complained to them that the motor in the cassette deck mechanism is marked $3-5 \mathrm{~V}$ believing that it ought to be 12 V . Some readers have even returned decks to GoldringLenco demanding correct replacements.

The motor as supplied is CORRECT! The motor control board, fed from a 12 V line, ensures that the correct voltage, nominally 4 to $4 \cdot 1 \mathrm{~V}$, is applied to the motor.

This inconvenience to Goldring-Lenco could have been avoided if readers had directed their queries to Practical Wireless in the normal manner.

## Note:-

Fig. 4 Part 1. Resistor R23 should be shown between C12 and R21 and not between R21 and the collector of Tr8. The circuit board of Fig. 11 is correct.
Fig. 5 Part 2. Resistor R36 should be shown between collector of Tr13 and C32. The circuit board of Fig.11 is correct.
Fig. 5 Part 2. The noise reduction switch marked S5 should be marked $S 6$.
In the components list S5 should be given as a SPST miniature toggle switch and not as DPDT. Add to the components list:-_S6 DPST miniature toggle switch. Fig. 7 Part 2. The 'Pause' switch is part of the cassette deck mechanism and is wired, via a $15 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor, between the left-hand contact of the commutating switch and the positive line. Connect the resistor between points A26 and C26, Fig.8, connect pause switch wires to A26 and positive line B1/B23.

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## DIGI-WATCH

READERS of this page will doubtless remember my urging them not to be too eager to buy a digital watch, but to wait a while because I thought prices would come tumbling. I note that already, one company in the UK is offering a digital wrist watch with liquid crystal display (LCD) for less than $£ 60$. I still think prices will be lower before the end of this year so don't burgle those piggy banks yet

## MINI TV CAMERA

Fairchild has been kind enough to send me a photograph of the latest television camera. Difference is that it is entirely solid state (those chargecoupled devices again). Not only that, but it measures only 3 in . in diameter and is just $1 \frac{7}{6} i n$. deep. Power consumption is a miserly 1.5 W . Whatever is coming next in tiny TV cameras?
Well, I'll tell you-there really is a smaller one, very much smaller! I've just heard of a TV device which can be safely slid along arteries and other internal organs allowing physicians to take a front seat look at the inside of humans. The lens part is a mere 4 mm . in size and inside that is a tiny motor which drives a rotating mirror system. Information is scant at this time but more should be in by the time the next "Ginsberg" page comes round. Before departing, one thing that all this super-miniaturisation raises is; how on earth do you service it?

## 1 A SOLAR CELL

I note with some satisfaction that North sea oil will be happily squelching ashore later this year-all part of beating the energy crisis. From the US comes news that one company has managed to manufacture a 3 in . solar cell which can supply one amp (1A) of current. Could be interesting and I'll keep you posted as and when details are obtained.

## ULTRASONICS

l've often thought that more use could be made of ultrasonic control. It isn't all that new in the realms of television since one or two companies already have ultrasonic channel changing; others also
include volume, brightness, etc. control also.
ITT Semiconductors recently released details of two new ICs which are specifically intended for ultrasonics. Good thing is that ITT isn't doing things by halves, it's launched one chip which is a receiver and another for the transmitter. The first pair cater for fifteen channels. The transmitter chip requires only a fairly simple diode matrix, a few Rs and Cs plus, of course, the transducer and runs off 9 V . The external crystal suggested is a 4.433 MHz job and, obviously, these ICs have the TV market very much in mind. However, the Amateur constructor may well see a superb chance to do some ultrasonic control


Fairchild solid-state camera
for models which are, say, only used indoors or in a limited space where range isn't too great. Another pair (transmitter and receiver) of ultrasonic ICs from the same company caters for 30 channel usage.

For those still not enamoured with ultrasonics, let it be known that a great deal of research is being carried out in a number of areas. In the medical field alone a number of ideas are in the pipe line. One such application is to use ultrasonics to detect and measure hardened arteries but without puncturing the skin. The National Heart and Lung Institute of America recently gave publicity to this multi-million dollar idea and experimental ultrasonic scanners are well to the forefront in this scheme.
Nearer to home, the Plessey Company is known to be "getting its feet wet" in a scheme involving the Government to ultrasonically monitor
the flow of water in tidal basins and, of course, in rivers.

## BODY-END-SPOT

Remember those large 1 W resistors where, instead of an all-band colour code it was body-tip-spot? Then came bands only for the vast majority But resistors are always getting smaller. Ever tried to read the colour code on a $\frac{1}{6} \mathrm{~W}$ or even a $1 / 16 \mathrm{~W}$ in a hurry? Now take it a stage further and think of the poor old manufacturers of tiny "chip" capacitors. These are minute little blocks with a tiny conductive strip at each end by means of which they are bonded directly into the circuit. It's all very well you ordering 500 chip capacitors of a certain value, especially if they all come together in a small polythene pack. But can you imagine these little items getting mixed up?-after all, some of them measure barely $0.05 \mathrm{in}^{2}$.
Not so for chip capacitor manufacturer Vitramon Inc. This company actually prints a letter of the alphabet in one of several colours on the chip capacitor itself. The letter plus colour forms a unique code which tells the capacitance of the chip in question. Please note all school teachers-A no longer stands for apple, it can mean 40 pF 3 V wkg.

## FLOPPY DISCS!

I note that a number of US giants are now firmly into the CCD technology and not only at the drawing board stage either. Intel has just announced a 16,384-bit memory using this technique. It is thought by many that the CCD-type memories will replace the current "floppy disc" types. These are just what their name implies. A thin disc (about 0.005 in . thick) is just under 8 in . in diameter with a large (about 1.5 in .) hole in the middle. The whole disc is housed in a plastic envelope, usually square and about $\frac{1}{-}-3 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. thick. The plastic case is filled with some form of very soft material which permits the disc to revolve-at about 360 r.p.m. This disc might hold over 3 million bits of information.
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VARIOUS designs have been presented in the past for devices which measure the time taken for a person to react to a signal of some kind. Often a moving coil meter is used to display the individual's reaction time, usually by measuring the charge accumulated onma capacitor during the interval between the occu son's responding by e of the signal and the person's responding by preng a switch.

## THE DISPLAY ARRANGEMENT

In the present circuit the display takes the form of a series of six light emitting diodes (LED's), the illumination of each representing some discrete interval of time after the signal has been given.

A pair of contacts is provided which, when touched, halts the passage of light along the LED display, leaving one LED illuminated to give the reaction time.

The signal is provided by the switching off of another LED which is normally on. The LED's in the display then come on one after another. If no reaction is made before the last light goes off the signal light comes on again, and the cycle repeats automatically.

If, however, the contacts are touched in time the cycle is suspended, and the LED which indicates the reaction time remains illuminated until contact is broken.

## ADVANTAGES

Obviously some accuracy is sacrificed by indicating time in discrete steps, but there are advantages in using this type of display.

First, the time interval measured by the display can be adjusted to cover the reaction times most likely to be encountered, whereas with a meter movement, if f.s.d. is arranged to indicate a suitable maximum time-say, $1 / 5$ second-then the first half of the scale from zero to $1 / 10$ second is redundant, because it would represent times which would not normally be achieved.

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Also, with the LED display the light is stopped immediately contact is made. With a meter movement, however, there is a time lag before the meter pointer comes to rest. This is caused by the mass of the movement plus any damping, which prevents the meter from following faithfully the charge on the timing capacitor; a factor which would perhaps give the uninitiated a lack of confidence in the time indicated.

These points, together with the fact that a more robust and slimline construction was possible, seemed to justify the extra complications involved. The cost of a sensitive meter movement is certainly greater than that of the LED's and associated components, and so the choice is justified also on economic grounds.

## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The complete circuit is given in Fig. I. Upon switchon $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ conducts forward bias being provided by R3. Resistors R2 and R5 limit the collector current to 20 mA . This current flows through the signal light LED D3 which is therefore illuminated.

About 3.6 volts are developed across R5, biasing on $\operatorname{Tr} 6$, and so providing a path for current which would otherwise be charging C2.
It is the charge accumulated on this capacitor that is later monitored to indicate the time interval. R2 has 2.4 volts developed across it, forward biasing Tr 7 which in turn removes the bias for Tr8. Thus, the supply to the LED display via Tr8 is removed.

Resistor $\mathbf{R} 2$ is also the emitter resistor for Tr 1 , and so the $2 \cdot 4$ volts developed across it keeps Tri cut off while Cl charges via R1.
The time constant here is long, and only after six or seven seconds does the base of $\operatorname{Trl}$ become sufficiently negative for it to start to conduct. As it does so some of the bias current to Tr3 now passes to Tr1, and so the collector current of Tr3 starts to fall, reducing the voltage across R2 as it does so.

This further assists conduction of Trl, and the net result is that $\operatorname{Tr} 1$ is turned fully on and $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ is switched off rapidly.


Fig. 1: Complete circuit diagram of the Reaction Timer. Only two stages of the display are shown, all being identical except for the resistor in series with the pre-set potentiometer. Values for the resistor are given.


Fig. 2: Layout of the Veroboard with breaks in copper rails indicated. The cathode $(+$ ) of the TIL 209 is the longer lead.

LED D3 now extinguishes, providing the signal, and the bias for Tr6 is removed, so allowing the capacitor C 2 to charge.
A constant charging current is provided by Tr5, its emitter voltage being fixed by the constant voltage ( $1 \cdot 2 \mathrm{~V}$ ) across the diodes D4 and D5, and the value of $\mathbf{R 9}$ determining the current through the transistor: in this case 1 mA .

By supplying the capacitor C 2 with a constant current the voltage across it is a function of time, unaffected by any change in battery voltage. Also, the charge increases in a linear fashion, simplifying the calibration calculations.

## DISPLAY DIODES

The voltage across R 2 at this time is at a very low level because the current through it is now limited to 300 microamps by R3, and so Tr 7 is turned off. Tr8, which supplies current to the display diodes, now receives bias from the forward voltage drop across D4 and D5 in common with Tr5. The current to the LED's is thus fixed by R24, whose value is chosen to provide 20 mA .

Each LED in the display is driven by an n.p.n. and a p.n.p. transistor arranged so that they function as a sensitive thyristor. When the voltage on the base of the n.p.n. transistor exceeds 0.5 V conduction starts. Each transistor then provides a bias path for the other, forming a rapid switch requiring only a minute current to activate it.


After a time interval of $1 / 10$ second from LED D3 turning off, the voltage on C2 has reached $2 \cdot 1$ volts. If the slider of VR1 is in a position such that 0.5 volts appear on Trl's base when $2 \cdot 1$ volts are present on C2, LED D7 will come on $1 / 10$ second after D3 goes off, a path being provided through the diodes and Tr8.

When the time interval extends to $1 / 9$ second the voltage on C2 has increased to $2 \cdot 4$ volts, and if the slider of VR2 is adjusted so that 0.5 volts appear on it when 2.4 volts are present at the top of R14, then LED D9 would come on and represent a time interval of $1 / 9$ second. LED D7 is switched off in the process because the voltage at the junction of D 8 and D9 is equal to the forward voltage of D9 only (typically 1.6 volts), and this is, of course, insufficient to cause D7 and D8 to conduct.

The process continues thus along the line, the illumination of each LED causing the cut-off of the one preceding it until the last LED, representing $1 / 5$ second, is on.

## TOUCH SWITCH

If in the meantime the contacts are touched a small current flows into the base of $\operatorname{Tr} 4$, and is amplified sufficiently to turn on Tr6 again and short out the timing capacitor C2.

Although the voltage to all of the presets is in this way removed, whichever of the LED's was on at the time the contacts were touched remains on due to the self-maintaining action of the thyristor configuration of the lamp drivers.

The LED remaining illuminated represents the resonse time. For instance, the $1 / 8$ lamp would indicate a response time between $1 / 8$ and $1 / 7$ second.

When contact is removed the capacitor is allowed to charge again, and once the voltage across it exceeds its previous value, the remaining LED's go through their normal sequence until the last LED comes on.


Fig. 3: Calibration circuit using a voltmeter and potentiometer.

## RESET

Once the last LED is on, some means must be provided to turn it off and switch the signal light back on. This is done in the following way: When the charge on C2 reaches the battery voltage minus $1 \cdot 2$ volts-corresponding to a duration of $1 / 3$ second -Tr2 is brought into conduction (the emitter voltage is reduced by the forward voltage drop of D1 and D 2 to achieve this) reducing the charge on Cl and thereby turning off $\operatorname{Tr} 1$, so allowing $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ to turn back on.

We are now back where we started with the signal light back on. So, as described above, the 'supply to the display LED's is now removed by the action of $\operatorname{Tr} 7$, and the last remaining lamp is extinguished.

## CONSTRUCTION

A suitable Veroboard layout is given in Fig. 2. The LEDs are best mounted last, as they are arranged


Fig. 4: Construction of the case, the sides and botiom being made from Daler board and the panel from paxolin.

## components list


to sit above the other components so that they protrude through the front panel.

The circuitry associated with each LED in the display is identical, with the exception of the value of the feed resistors to the presets. These are chosen to bring the presets to mid-range for the times allocated to them.

The sides and removable base of the case were constructed from "Daler Board," which is available from art dealers. This material has a good finish and is easily cut.

The top of the case was cut from paxolin and fixed with Araldite to the case sides. Two 6BA screws, with their heads filed flat, were used for the touch contacts. Fig. 3 gives details.

Because of its small size, a sub-miniature jack socket was used for an on/off switch, a jack plug being inserted to switch the unit off. This socket could also be used to plug in an external power supply, although the total current consumption of only 22 mA is easily supplied by a PP3 battery.

## CALIBRATION

Calibration is a simple matter, only a $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ potentiometer and a voltmeter being required; the set-up is shown in Fig. 4.

All the presets are first turned fully anti-clockwise. The calibration potentiometer is also turned anticlockwise. The unit is switched on and the signal light allowed to go off. It will now remain off because the voltage on C2 is kept down by the calibration potentiometer.

The next step is to turn up the calibration control until the voltmeter indicates $2: 1$ volts. VR1 is now advanced slowly until D7 switches on. Now the cali-
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## by Eric Dowdeswell G4AR

It is good to report that letters are still coming in on the subject of running a competition in this column. Unfortunately no-one has yet come up with a method of confirming the reception of a station other than by the virtually impossible method of getting a QSL card, difficult often for the transmitting amateur himself, let alone the SWL! A tape recording was frequently suggested but then not everyone has a recorder, although one must admit that they are remarkably cheap these days. However I have concluded that this is possibly the only way out and I am in the process of formulating some rules based on recordings.

It is a pity that the log itself cannot be accepted but it is a fact of life today that it is all too easy to $\log$ stations as worked by, say, a local DX'er. Looking at the pile of logs I get, I'm afraid that this does happen, the listener not having actually heard the DX station involved. As I have said before, it is no use running any competition unless the competitors can be assured that the winners have indeed heard the stations submitted in logs.

John Porter (Baslow, Derby) lost half his long wire in the gales but managed to copy VQ9HCS in the Seychelles on 15 m for a fairly rare one. C. P. Bennett (Slough, Berks) joins our ranks with a Codar CR70A and ditto preselector fed from a 10 ft vertical or 100 ft long wire. He lacks signals on the 10 m band which is not an unusual moan, only to be expected at the bottom of the sunspot cycle. Nevertheless some of our SWL's do quite well and so the receiving set-up ought to be suspect. Receiver alignment or rather, misalignment, can be a contributory factor and an aerial designed for the band will help no end, as will bringing any existing aerial to resonance on 10 m .

Roger Trett (Norwich) swears he will try to get up much earlier in the mornings to get some of that exotic DX that the lie-a-beds never hear! More from John Porter who is all agog at hearing a W8 and a W0 on CW on TWO METRES! Yes, very likely, now that amateur satellite Oscar 7 is in orbit following its launching on November 15 last. The 432 MHz to 144 MHz repeater has already provided many transAtlantic QSO's. Strong signals from telemetry beacons on $435 \cdot 1$ and $145 \cdot 98 \mathrm{MHz}$ are being heard. A second repeater from the 2 m to the 10 m band is also opera-
tional plus a telemetry beacon on $29 \cdot 5 \mathrm{MHz}$. All this should be an incentive for some of you to try your hand at 2 m and down. John uses a Microwave Modules converter into his FR50B and an indoor dipole on 2 m .

Regular Alan Doherty (Portrush) wanted some QTH's for the stations he had heard but generally I am unable to help in this respect. Can only suggest keeping an eye on the DX news in Short Wave Magazine or Radio Communication where the QTH's of the rarer DX stations are generally given. Stephen Lawrence (Market Harborough) had some blush-making comments to make on the column plus ideas for a contest involving a short contest period so that logs could be checked against each other. This would penalise the really good operator who might hear the odd weak DX station that nobody else hears, and this does happen. This is where the tape recording would prove invaluable.

Malcolm Sole (Lancaster) would like times quoted on reception reports but I'm afraid that the delay before the information gets into print makes such information useless. All we can hope to do is to indicate the unusual stations that have been active in recent times and leave it to the SWL to deduce from experience when he is most likely to be able to hear them on the particular band indicated. Malcolm has an AR88 and 300ft of wire in the loft some loft! or too many zeros! I've asked Malcolm to elucidate.

Steve Cottis and Nick Hunt of the same street in Harrogate have very sensibly combined their energies and borrowed a receiver in order to get started in our exciting hobby. The set is fairly good but nevertheless they would like to get a set of their own, but as they say 'money is very important as we have not got much of it', and since they are aged but 13 this is very understandable. Congratulations chaps, and let's hope your initiative will be rewarded.

Tim Charles (Colchester) was still waiting for his new CR70A when he wrote from hospital where he was visiting his Mum. He managed to note VPIFF on 40 m SSB and VR6AF on the same band on CW plus KS6AZ on 20 m CW all worthwhile goodies by any standards. Gary Edge (Warrington) must have been laying down the law to his 9R59DS which came up with HZ1TA, VU2BX and FP8SPM on 80 m SSB. Following my February compliments to 16-year-old John Martin I received an unsigned letter from an unknown address in Plymouth pointing out that Phillip Askey of the Plymouth Radio Club had passed his RAE at $141_{2}$ ! I gather that he is no less than G8JNN and I hope these startling revelations will not prove to be too much of an embarrassment! Outstanding entry from the log of Max France (Warrington) was VS6FB at
$1543 z$ towards the end of December on 80 m . Round about our sunset I suppose, without looking up the tables, which would make the path ideal at the time.

Eric Carling (Lymington) persists with his request for a band/countries table each month but we again run into the problem of substantiating claims. Alan Rae (Glasgow) got money in lieu of goods at Christmas time and so is now looking for a receiver. Preference runs to Drake 2A, FR50 or 100 or the Trio series Jr310,500 or 160. Stanley Sharred's brother David A8312 has decided to join the act by sharing the equipment and submitting his own log. David likes 160 m where he has heard no less than 33 countries in little over a year. He, like several other readers, sent me info on ST2AY which is much appreciated but so far nil QSO! Hoped to make it in the CQ WW 160 m contest but in spite of working 20 countries the ST2 eluded me.

On getting QSL cards, Bernard Hughes BRS25901 (Worcester) reports a QSL card from Fiji as costing him 10p plus two IRC's plus an SAE! Which explains why we cannot demand cards as evidence in competitions! John Burgess (Birmingham) joins us with his Codar TRF receiver and 25 ft outdoor wire and so far has concentrated on 20 and 80 m . Graham Wilson (Blackpool) stuck with SSTV with his JR310 into a Spacemark monitor on 14230 kHz to list nearly 100 stations. Paul Barker (Sunderland) is also happy on this mode plus some SSB catches. Paul comments on the excellent work done by VK6WC who acted as relay station in the first critical hours of the Darwin disaster.

Newcomer Michael Adams A8520 (Gosport) has a CR70A and finds it a delight to use. The 132ft of wire, preselector and ATU must help quite a lot too. A Mtcrowave Modules converter puts him on 2 m as an additional interest.

Keith Rawlings A8569 (Broxbourne, Herts) has begun his listening on 2 m and 70 cm , with converters into a PR40 fed from a 5 element job on 2 m and a 46 element on 70 cm rotated by an AR22. He has made up a preselector for the 70 cm band which netted him FiAVG for a start. Michael Green (Northwich) has also been listening in to Oscar 7 with a converter into his HF arrangement of a QP166 front-end into a CR 100 as an IF strip. As he says, further info on the Oscars can be heard on the RSGB broadcasts on about 3600 kHz starting at 0930 on Sundays as well as on some VHF channels. The Oscar Net is on 3780 kHz Sundays at $1015 z$. John Martin A8'781 (Kingsbridge, Devon) joins us with a general $\log$ but is very concerned at the general noise on 80 m . We all learn to live with it, in time! An enlarged log from Tim Charles, previously mentioned above, confirms reception of his new CR70A at long last! Andrew Darragh (Wetherby) is also gloating, this time over a FR50B, which he actually had to buy!

## Log extracts

B. Hughes:-80m HZ1KE UA9VH/JT1 KG4DS XU1DX ZD7FT 20m VQ9HCS VK8CE 4W1GM
M. Bennett:-80m HM5LV TG9YN 20m FP8IZ VQ9B 5B4AV 15 m HClAD 9Y5GA
D. Sharred:-160m EP2BQ OJ0MA PY1RO VS6DO 9G1AR 80m FM7AB OY7K VP1FF ZL2BT 8P6ES 40 m HP1IW ZD7FT ZL2AMJ
A. Rae:-80m HIBLC HK3KT JY9GR KZ5EQ W7AZG 6W8AF 9Y4CP
E. Carling:-20m A2CCV (Botswana) BV2B

ZS1ANT (Antarctica) 15m CO2PZ HR3JJR TG9YN YN1GV 10m A2CCY ZD7FT 9G1AR
S. Budd:-80m CP2BD HI8HA HK4BTY JA8LQ KG4DS PJ2CW SU1MA TR8AC 20 m VP2AYL XU1DX 8RIX (POB 164 Georgetown)
M. France: 80 m FG7GF KG4OS VP1FF ZF1RD 3E1KC (Panama) 9X5PT
M. Sole:-40m F2JD/P/5U7 20m BV2B HM1AQ KG6SW VP8NP YJ8CS
J. Porter: 20m HI3XMV M1C VP8NP 15m FY7AS HS4AFD KZ5DK 2m A W8 and W0 heard on CW via Oscar 7
R. Trett:-20m VP2VPK (Tortola) 15m A2CCY CT3AA PJ2VD
G. Wilson:-20m(SSTV) CT1EQ EA5IO HA6VK HB9NL JA7FS K2ONE OD5HC SV1CG VE3FCN VU2AIC VQ9R
M. Adams:-80m FP8FU VE7EL VP5BT ZL3GS 15m KP4DLA 5T5AC
A. Doherty:-80m EP2VJ HI8XRG YN2DX 40 m JA1DSL TG9PW VP9CW 20m TJ1TAF 5U7BA
M. Green:- 80 m XE3LK VP2SG 10 m (from 2 m via Oscar 7) DC8BB G8AWS G8BCL 2 m (from 70cm via Oscar ${ }^{\prime}$ ) DJ9DL F6CH G8AWS HB9RG IOSVS LX1DB LX1SI VE2BYG
T. Charles: -160 m K8CCV WB8AJH 80 m A4XVB HP1SW PZ5FB TT2JX VP2EEB (Anguilla) 15m JY9CR PJ8AJA PZ1DR VQ9FCS
P. Barker:-20m (SSTV) HB9IT I2LOV OE1SF OK30ZAS SV1CD
A. Darragh:-80m FP8SPM HI8XRG 20m DU1XKE HP1ZV 8R1X 15m JY9CR PZ1DR TU2DV

All stations are SSB except those in bold which are CW.


## SHORT WAVE BROADCASTS

## by Derek Bell

IN these days of the ever rising price it does my old bones good to be able to relate the story recently sent to me by Andrew Toms of Coventry. He wandered into a jumble sale in that neck of the woods and saw reposing there an old eight-band portable receiver, priced at ten pence. Bearing this home he found that it gave him:-

6055 at 2100 Radio Sweden from Horby
6065 at 1924 V.O.A. from Morocco
9540 at 1700 Radio Australia from Perth
All this when coupled to an ex W.D. tank aerial mounted ten feet in the air. Andrew asks for details of communications receivers suitable for general short wave listening. Well, OM, these would fill a book, but you seem well set up so I think it would be perhaps best to stay as you are.

CQ, CQ, Rex Cooper, you asked for details recently of FEBA from the Seychelles. In a recent band survey by the World DX Club (to whom my thanks for the gen) this station was reported on 11855 at 1800 . While on the subject of band sweeping, acting on a recent letter reporting no traffic on 5 MHz I did a bit of band surveying myself and came up with Ecos del Torbes, San Cristobal, Venezuela -continued on page 1130



THE internal amplifier circuit shown in Fig. 5 uses the LM380 (IC17) in its simplest possible configuration. SK1 is a switched jack socket that allows a phono output to be taken before the internal amplifier and is so wired that the internal amplification system is disconnected when used with an outside amplifier. The output from ICl7 is taken to both the internal speaker and to a headphone socket. This socket, when used, automatically cuts out the internal speaker. Should these jack sockets not be wanted the printed circuit board has two pairs of pins ( $A \& A_{1}$ and $B \& B_{1}$ ) which can be shorted together and the jack sockets omitted. Maximum output power from ICl7 is developed across an $8 \Omega$ loudspeaker but in practice it has been found that sheer power is not too important from the internal unit, consequently any medium impedance loud-


Fig. 5: Circuit of the simple audio ampilifer incorporated in the organspeaker ( $8 \Omega-35 \Omega$ ) of suitable dimensions can be used.

Apart from the keyboard resistors and the power supply, all circuitry is housed on one board. This includes all the manual controls and thus greatly simplifies the normal problems of interconnections. The second board houses the power supply, Fig. 6, and, as with the rest of the organ, it contains only essential components. A fairly reliable -12 V rail is required, hence the zener D7 and the series regulator transistor Tr4.


Fig. 6: Circuit of the power supply. Constructed on a PCB separately from the main organ PCB.

All smoothing and decoupling capacitors are mounted on the main board, with the exception of C29 which serves to provide a satisfactory -27V rail to feed the MOS devices.

## NOTE

It is most important, before continuing any further, that the following points are read before even unwrapping the MOS integrated circuits (ICl to ICl3)!

In order to check the workings of the main board it is suggested that the power supply be assembled first. This board, Fig. 7, should be fabricated from fibreglass laminate as it will be used to support the mains transformer. Plenty of space has been allowed for transformers other than the $\mathrm{MT} 50 /{ }^{1} 2$ but if using an unspecified transformer it is as well to check that it will fit before continuing. Using a pair of long-nose pliers form the component leads to exactly fit the hole spacing on the board, Fig. 8, ensuring that the diodes and the capacitor are inserted with correct polarity.

The tappings on the transformer should give an RMS output voltage of 18 or 19 V , so if using the specified device it is suggested the supply be taken from the terminals marked 0 V and 19 V . On rectification this should give an off-load DC voltage of 26.6 V across C29. Do not expect an exact voltage at this


## MIERE

PART 2
point as it will be dependent on the loading of R30 and any eventual loading from the rest of the circuitry. Although the circuitry calls for a nominal -27 V rail it has been found in practice that the circuits function adequately with this rail as low as -22 V . On the other hand the -27 V rail should not exceed -30 V as damage to the IC's might result.

## POWER SUPPLY TESTING

When the power supply board is assembled, connect up a temporary mains lead to the primary of the transformer (not forgetting the earth wire to the board) and then wind a few layers of insulating tape around the terminals for protection.

It is suggested that a power supply test be carried out before any of the circuitry is assembled into the cabinet. Connect up to the mains, and check the off-load output voltages. Relative to the OV (positive) rail should be something between -25 and -27 V at the negative end of C30. If voltages wildly different from this are found check that the diodes are the right way round. If the voltage is just outside the above limits alter the output tapping of the mains transformer accordingly.

Having established a proper value for the nominal -27 V rail go on to check that there is -12 V at the emitter of Tr4. With the correct zener diode this should automatically fall within the range of 11.5 to $12 \cdot 5 \mathrm{~V}$. If very different from this suspect the zener and replace it


Fig. 7: Actual size layout for the PCB on which the power supply is built.


Fig. 8: Location of components on power supply PCB. Observe correct polarity of diodes and capactlors.

## MAIN PCB

By any standards this is a large circuit board (Fig.9) and it has to carry a number of manual controls which rely on their soldered connections for mechanical rigidity. For this reason fibreglass laminate must be used. It is large because we have removed most of a conventional organ's complexity from the hands of the constructor and put it into the board. Whether the board is home-made or bought it must be thoroughly checked for quality. Make a test for possible hair-line cracks in the very fine conductors that run between the tone generator IC's and the lead-out lands on the edge of the board. At the same time check that none of these fine conductors are shorting to their neighbours, either from under-etching or a "smear" from the roller kinning process.
If the board is ready-made there should, of course, be no problem but it saves an awful lot of bother later to devote five minutes to this test. Should any discontinuity be found in any of these conductors "home in" on the break with testmeter probes and then carefully solder a single strand of wire (taken from some fine flex) across the offending area. Do not try to bridge the gap with solder, at best it will make a messy job and at worst it will introduce a doubtful connection which could cause trouble later. Short circuits can easily be cleared by running a sharp knife between the conductors until the "bridge" is felt when it can then be scraped clear.

## MAIN BOARD ASSEMBLY

Start assembly with the nine slider potentiometers. The type specified will fit the lands on the circuit board exactly and will be self supporting. It is not recommended to use other types, but if it is unavoidable the contact positions may not coincide with those on the board. As a make-shift remedy carefully drill three holes in the correct position (without interfering with any of the printed wiring in that area) and attach the potentiometers in place on the top side of the board with Araldite. Connections to the lands can then be made on the underside of the board with insulated wire. This is an exceedingly messy job and should be avoided because it will be almost impossible to replace these components at a later date.
Make sure that all the tracks of the sliders are parallel with each other, a small latitude in positioning is afforded by the slight flexibility of their solder tags. When they are correctly positioned make sure that they are rigidly fixed with a generous amount of solder on each land.
Now insert and solder-in the inductor, L1 and L2, after which the board can be turned upside down for subsequent soldering. The components already in place will act as legs to hold the board clear of the working surface. Because of the high density of printed wiring, little metal is left on the board for soldering lands necessitating extreme care with the soldering iron. A miniature iron must be used for this and all subsequent operations, one with a $3 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. diameter bit or, at most, ${ }^{1}$ in. diameter. Ideally, the iron should be equipped with an earthing lead, for reasons which will be explained later, but if it has no earth connection do not worry unduly; it is certainly not worth rushing out to buy one specially! Use the minimum amount of solder for each joint and make sure that each connection is clean and bright before moving on to the next. Dry joints can be a great headache in this project!

## OSCILLATOR AND VIBRATO STAGES

Now wire in all the topside conductor jumpers. These are cut from 22SWG tinned copper wire that has been work hardened to keep it straight. It is a useful tip to know how to harden wire for this, and other projects. First of all cut off about a yard of wire from the reel; it will, of course, have a tendency to curl. Firmly grip each end in a couple of pairs of pliers, a couple of twists around the jaws of the pliers helps maintain the grip, and then slightly stretch the wire by pulling apart on the pliers. Allow the wire to stretch for about 2 or 3 inches and when the pliers are removed the wire will remain straight.
Now cut off straight lengths; form the ends to fit the holes for the jumpers and solder them into position. Make absolutely sure that they are the right length so that there is no chance of them bowing and shorting together. Apart from the jumpers in the vicinity of IC2 to IC13 do not forget the two short links near IC15. Next insert and solder all the board pins into their correct locations.

Start assembly of the rest of the circuitry in the following sequence after which one can carry out a few tests to check progress. Begin with the master oscillator and vibrato stages by soldering in the resistors R1 to R11 (R5 and R6 are located near the slider pot VR2). Proceed with capacitors Cl to C 7.


Close-up of the organ control panel and outlets for external amplifier or speaker. The first three vertical sliders at the left control the 16 ft . pitch, the next three controlling the 8ft pitch.

The latter is a compression type and should be mounted on the top side of the board; use tinned copper wire to connect its two terminals to the corresponding holes in the PCB. Make absolutely sure that C6 is in the right holes and that the polarity is correct.
Solder in the semiconductors D1, D2, Tr1, Tr2 and $\operatorname{Tr} 3$. Be careful not to damage the plastic casing of the diodes, form the leads and make sure they are inserted the right way round.

Now the oscillator can be tested with the help of a medium-wave transistor radio. Temporarily connect the 0 V and -12 V rails of the power supply to the corresponding circuit pins on the main board (near the location for ICl3), hook a length of insulated flex to the end of R10 nearest Tr3 and set VR1 to minimum vibrato, i.e. the slider should be furthest away from the edge of the board). Set VR2 to the centre of its range and switch on the radio, tuned to about the middle of the medium waveband. Place the insulated wire from R10 very close to the radio and switch on the organ's supply. Using a screwdriver, adjust C7 until a signal is picked up by the radio. If there is a station nearby you should hear a clear heterodyne whistle. A signal indicates that the oscillator is functioning.

If no signal is picked up at any setting of C7 then it is almost certain that there is a missed conection, or $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ or the diodes are the wrong way round. Proceed to check the tune control by tuning C 7 for a clear heterodyne whistle at some position on the waveband and then try sliding VR2 across its travel. It should have much the same effect as tuning C7 except that the degree of control is much finer.

Finally, check the vibrato by listening to the whistle while advancing VRl. The whistle should start to "wobble" in frequency and eventually, as the control is advanced further, break-up altogether into a series of low frequency pulses.

## TONE FORMING STAGES

However tempted one may be, do not under any circumstances, insert the MOS integrated circuits (ICs 1 to 13); this should be done at the very last stage in assembly. Instead, carry out assembly of the tone forming circuits and amplifiers.

Start with all the IC sockets as this will help in locating the positions of other components. Complete the installation of the remaining passive components, R12 to R29, the seven pre-set potentiometers and C8 to C28. At the same time put temporary shorting links across the board pins. $A$ and $A_{1}$, and $B$ and $B_{1}$. The board has been designed for use with Mullard C280 capacitors but ample room has been left to accommodate other types. When using the C280 devices widen the distance between the lead-outs slightly; this should be done very carefully and the leads should not be bent too close to the plastic covering as they can sometimes break away altogether. It is best to hold the lead with a pair of long-nose pliers, very close to the case, and carry out the bending operation on the side of the pliers furthest from the case.

Integrated circuits ICl4 to IC17 can now be inserted into their sockets ensuring that they are correctly orientated. Be careful in deciding which way round they go because the orientation mark is a very small indent in one corner of the top side. This should not be confused with the larger moulding mark which appears on some devices. Before proceeding to the final stage of board assembly set all the pre-set potentiometers to the centre of their adjustment.

## MOS DEVICES

It only remains to insert the MOS devices. A reasonable amount of care is required for this operation because the devices, although protected to a degree, are subject to damage from high voltage static electricity, the type that can be induced on the body when one wears a pair of nylon overalls or a nylon sweater. To protect the devices in transit they are supplied with special packing. In the case of ICl it will probably be sent in a plastic box, its pins pressed into a piece of black conducting foam rubber. It is quite safe to handle the device while its pins are thus protected but it would be a foolish man who did so immediately after combing his hair or stroking the cat, ideal ways of building up a high static charge on the body!!

Likewise, IC2 to IC13 are supplied with shorting devices, connected around the pins. Again the IC's


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may be handled with these in place, but eventually these protective measures have to be removed so that one can solder the devices into place. ICl is a dual-in-line package and hence a socket can be used for it and soldering is not required.

The ten-lead TO-5 packages of ICs 2 to 13, however, present a problem because sockets for this type of package are extremely expensive, making their use unjustifiable. Remember however, that soldering these devices straight to the board will probably invalidate any guarantee from the manufacturer for free replacement in the event of failure. As the sockets are very nearly as expensive as the devices themselves it was felt the extra insurance was hardly good value for money, and in any case provided these instructions are followed in every detail there should not be any problems.

The main worry is static electricity and every possible precaution must be taken to prevent introducing a static potential difference between the pins of the IC's which can be caused by a body charge induced by wearing synthetic fibre clothing while sitting on PVC chairs, wearing insulated soled shoes, a charge on a formica working surface that is insulated from the ground by rubber feet and from a charge induced on an unearthed soldering iron. Static is enhanced by dry, hot conditions.

From the above it might seem that we are suggesting that you strip off all your clothes and go barefooted into the garden to do your assembly on the lawn on a wet cold winter's day! Fortunately one need not go to these lengths but it is necessary to do one or two apparently strange things to ensure complete protection.

The object is to try and keep everything at a uniform potential and to avoid aggravating problems, i.e. work on a wooden table and avoid PVC covered chairs, a good old fashioned wooden chair is safer. Take off those beautiful synthetic soled shoes and put on your oldest slippers. Prepare your working surface by covering it with a generous sheet of aluminium cooking foil and make sure that it covers all the area on which you intend to work. Put all your tools and the PCB on this sheet together with the soldering iron stand and connect a lead of fine wire between a cool metal part of the iron's case and this sheet. If the soldering iron is properly earthed this means that anything that comes in contact with your work surface will auomatically be earthed. While working on this part of the project, frequently touch the fingers on the foil. Alternatively roll up the sleeves so that the elbows frequently come into contact with the foil.

Tip out the IC's onto the aluminium foil and make sure that they have all come into contact with it. They can then be handled in the normal way without any further worries.

## DIVIDER IC's

Inserting ten-lead devices through a drilled circuit board can be a bit of a problem. It is therefore advisable to trim the leads to different lengths making the lead immediately under the locating lug the longest. Then, working round the leads, trim each one a little shorter than its predecessor but do not overdo the trimming because it must end up with between ${ }^{3}{ }_{8} \mathrm{in}$. and ${ }_{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{in}$. for the shortest lead!

The lead immediately under the lug of each of the twelve IC's should be inserted first into the hole
which carries an identifying lug on the printed wiring side of the board. Then work round, carefully inserting each successively shorter lead in turn until the IC is in place. Push the circuit home making sure that the leads fan out gently without shorting against each other. Turn the board over and carefully solder the device into place with the maximum of care and the minimum of solder.
Proceed like this until all the TO-5 devices have been installed. Check that blobs of solder have not been dropped on the fine printed wiring and that there are no bridges between pads on the IC connection pattern. Finally insert ICl into its socket, again making sure of its correct orientation, and the board is now complete and ready for testing.

Solder temporary leads, each about 12 in . in length, to the board pins as follows: one wire to pin LSI, two wires to that marked 0 V and one wire each to $-12 \mathrm{~V},-27 \mathrm{~V}, 16 \mathrm{ft}$, and 8 ft . Now dispense with the static protection paraphernalia as once the IC's are in circuit there is little chance of them being damaged.

## TESTING

Test the main board by connecting the leads 0 V , -12 V and -27 V to the corresponding pins on the power supply PCB, and another lead from the 0 V pin together with one marked LSl to the loudspeaker (not yet in the cabinet). Set the knobs of all the sliders as follows: VRl furthest away from the front of the boand, VR2 mid-way, VR4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 furthest away from the front of the board (i.e. to minimum signal) and VR16 to the furthest left position (minimum volume). Switch on the power when a "clunk" from the loudspeaker should be heard and nothing more. If nothing at all is heard check shorted points $B$ and $B_{1}$ and similarly points $A$ and A $_{1}$. Advance the volume control (VR16) to about mid-way and you could hear a gentle "singing" from the loudspeaker. This may only be a faint signal but is a good sign that things are as they should be.

Now for the great moment: advance VR6, (the square wave control at 8 ft pitch), to maximum and touch the flying lead from the 8 ft pin on to any of the lands numbered 1 to 60 . There should be a loud clear tone from the loudspeaker for every land that is touched. Pin 1 should be the lowest octave tone for the note $D$, pin 2 should be one octave up on this, pin 3 another octave higher, pin 4 one more octave higher and pin 5 the highest octave for D. Pin 6 should be the lowest octave for $D$ and so on. Keep the wire on one mid-frequency tone and check that its loudness can be controlled by VR6 and the volume control VR16.
Now leave VR6 at minimum level and check the "spikey" signal by advancing VR4. It should sound much thinner and, probably, will be of much lower amplitude. Advance the volume control to maximum and turn VR15 (preset) down until the sound is at a comfortable level, approximately $25 \%$ up-from its lowest position. If the sound is weak at this setting go to the busbar preamplifier gain control (pre-set) VR3 and adjust this to give a comfortable level.

PART 3 NEXT MONTH CONTINUES WITH THE TESTING OF THE MAIN PCB, AND WRRING OF THE KEYBOARD.


THIS receiver uses an integrated circuit which provides mixer, oscillator, IF, detector and audio driver stages, with a ceramic filter in the IF position. A complementary push-pull audio output stage follows, to operate the speaker.

## CIRCUIT DESIGN

The switching and tuning arrangements adopted are of a somewhat simple nature and the way in which the three bands are obtained will be clear from Fig. l. VCl/VC2 is the tuning capacitor with an integral ball drive. The band switch has three poles. On " M ", for medium wave reception, L1 and L2 are in series and tuned by VCl . VC2 tunes the oscillator coil, with padder C4 in circuit. S1 also places C2 across VC2. In these circumstances, oscillator coverage is approximately 1165 to 2020 kHz . As the receiver intermediate frequency is 455 kHz , the oscillator operating HF of the signal frequency, coverage is approximately $710-1565 \mathrm{kHz}$. No pre-set trimmer is required in the oscillator circuit because the panel trimmer VC3 allows for peaking of the aerial circuit throughout the band.

With the switch at " 160 " C2 remains in circuit, but the padder is changed to C3. Oscillator coverage is now approximately 2160 to 2600 kHz . The oscillator is HF of the signal frequency as before so the receiver tunes about $1705-2145 \mathrm{kHz}$ which includes the 160 m band ( $1800-2000 \mathrm{kHz}$ ). L1 and L2 remain in series, but aerial tuning coverage is reduced by TC2 in series with VCl , to obtain a suitable band.

With the switch at " 80 " Sl shorts out the MW section L2 leaving only the short wave winding L1 in use. C2 is no longer across VC2 and TC3 is in series with C4. As a result, oscillator coverage is approximately 3045 to 3415 kHz . The oscillator is now on the LF side of the signal frequency giving a band of about $3500-3870 \mathrm{kHz}$ for 80 m reception. TC1 is in series with VCl providing suitable coverage in the aerial circuit.

Alignment of these circuits is not particularly tricky as VC3 is present on all bands allowing manual trimming. It should be noted that there is not a great deal of latitude in capacitor values. Capacitor C4 is larger than the usual padder because the oscillator coil has to be set to a somewhat lower inductance than normal, which is easily within the cone adjustment. The circuit allows effective bandspreading of 160 m and 80 m plus most of the usual MW coverage without the switching otherwise necessary to select alternative oscillator coils for the various bands.


## CIRCUIT DETAILS

The pins of IC1 are numbered as seen from below, Fig. 2. The aerial coil point 5 goes to the mixer base pin l. Pin 3 is for the mixer emitter circuit with emitter bias components R2, R3 and C9. Pin 4 is the input of the audio amplifier, with pin 5 for negative feedback from the output transistors, via R16. Pin 6 is the audio section output, driving Tr and Tr 2 . Pin 7 is the IC earth line.
Pin 8 is the audio output going to volume control VR1, and AGC bias via R4 and R5 to control the gain of earlier stages. Pin 9 is the IC positive supply point. Pins 10 and 11 are the 1 F amplifier input, with by-pass capacitor C8 on pin 11.
Pins 12 and 13 are collector and emitter circuits of the IC oscillator, and go to the oscillator coil. Pin 14 is the mixer output in conjunction with pin 2, which is earthed via C7.
The IC is effectively 14 transistors, the end occupied by pins 1 and 14 being identified as shown in Fig. 2.
External connections only for the CFT455C filter are shown, pins are bridged and connected to place the ceramic filter in series with the coupling windings.
The output transistors employ emitter resistors R14 and R15 to stabilise working conditions the circuit being satisfactory for a loudspeaker of 8 ohms or over. A speaker of up to 75 ohms may be used, though output falls off a little, and a somewhat


Fig. 1: Circuit diagram of the switching and tuning arrangements of the receiver. Connections to L3, L4 and L5 are shown in Fig. 2.
lower impedance (but not under 8 ohms) is more suitable. Low impedance phones may be plugged into the jack socket, for personnal listening.

## CONSTRUCTION

The receiver, with speaker and battery, was constructed to fit a case $6 \times 3^{1}{ }_{2} \times 1^{3}$ inin. internal dimensions, as a pocket set giving good 80 m and 160 m amateur band reception in addition to normal MW reception. The whole circuit of Fig. 2, with the exception of the aerial, VRI and speaker, is assembled on $0 \cdot 1$ in matrix plain Veroboard. In order that the components may be readily accommodated, it is most convenient to use the $1_{4}$ watt resistors sometimes listed as "miniature". The capacitors are also of small size, and except for the electrolytics, are mostly low voltage disc ceramic.
The board is approximately $4^{1}{ }_{4} \times 1^{5}$ in, and components can be located from Fig. 3. Holes are first drilled to take the pins of the oscillator coil, IF filter and for bolts to secure the two angle brackets which attach the board to the receiver panel and which alsu form the earth return connecting points. Tags are fitted for this purpose. In most places the wire ends of resistors and capacitors can reach between the connecting points. Where other connections are required, these can be 24SWG tinned copper or similar wire. Insulating sleeving is necessary on many leads and different colours can be used to identify various connections.

When soldering to the IC, the same care to avoid overheating should be taken as when soldering the transistors. With the latter, short pieces of green sleeving were put on the emitter leads with white on the collector leads, to avoid possible short circuits and provide easy identification of connections. Flying leads are provided from R7, for VR1 centre tag and from $\mathrm{R} 6 / \mathrm{Cl} 2$, also for VR1. The remaining VR1 tag is wired to chassis. Leads from C18 positive and the positive line run to the speaker. A red lead from C14 positive is fitted with a positive battery clip.
The bridging connections on the IF filter should not be overlooked and connections must not touch unused pins. C3 and C4 are soldered to pin 3 of the

## * components list

| R15 | $2 \cdot 2 \mathrm{R}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| R16 | 15 kn |
| R17 | 10 kn |
| R18 | 220 ka |
| R19 | $2.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |

All resistors are $5 \%$ : watt VR1 $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega \log$, potentiometer with switch S4


Semiconductors
IC1 TAD100 Tr1 AC141 Tr2 AC142 Tr3 ZTX108 or similar

## Miscellaneous

Ferrite rod aerial (Denco 5in. with MW winding only). Osclllator colil LS (Denco TOC1). Filter F1 CTF455C (Ambit). Switch S1/2/3 3 pole 3 way rotary wafer. S5 silde switch. Speaker 8 ohm $2 \mathrm{i} / \mathrm{ln}$. but see text. Insulated jack socket $\mathbf{3} \cdot \mathbf{5 m m}$. Veroboard, see text. Knobs.
oscillator coil and will go to S3. C10 has short leads to pins 8 and 9 of IC1.
A small soldering iron is necessary and care must be taken not to form very large joints or to bridge adjacent points with solder. The layout of components is quite compact though there is some free space.


Fig. 2: Circuit diagram of the receiver and amplifier sections of the ' $C+2$ '


Fig. 3: Component layout on the perforated board. Use insulated wire for the underside wiring.


Fig. 4 : Front panel component location and interwiring. Capacitors C3 and C4 are mounted between the board and the front panel.

The whole receiver is assembled on the panel of the case, so that it can be tested and adjusted easily. Connections here can be seen from Fig. 4.

VC1/VC2 is fixed with three 4BA countersunk bolts and is set back a little by placing extra unts or washers between the capacitor and panel. If this is not done the control knob will project much more than necessary, sinoe the spindle could, in any case, only be cut down very little, due to the integral reduction drive. VCl is, the front section, having most plates, and VC2 the rear section.

The rotary switch is wired as shown except for the trimmers. These are then mounted by using 18 SWG or other stout wire directly to VC3 and the switch tags. These three trimmers are directly behind the switch.

## FERRITE AERIAL

A $1^{1}{ }_{2}$ in 6BA bolt passes through the panel and a spacer or extra nuts allows the rod to be clamped as in Fig. 4, by passing a strip of stout card round it.

A strip of paper about lin to $\mathbf{1 1}^{1} 2 \mathrm{in}$ long is wound round the end of the rod, with a little adhesive, forming a tube which will allow L1/L2 to be slid along the rod. Ll begins at 1 , and is 30 turns of 26SWG enamelled wire, close wound, ending at 2. L 3 is two turns of any thin insulated wire, say 34 SWG, near L1.

As the MW section L2 is intended for use by itself 17 turns are unwound from its outer end. All the individual strands of the wire must be carefully cleaned and soldered together. This lead is 3, Figs. 1 and 4. L1 and L2 must be so phased that beginning at 1 , continuing on to 2 and 3 , and then to 4 , all turns are in the same direction.

L4, already present with L2, is modified to leave only three turns. L3 and L4 must be in the same direction, as explained for L1 and L2. It is worth noting that the receiver can be tested on medium waves only by connecting L 2 , unmodified, to VCl and chassis, and L4 to C5 and 1, ICl. Position the winding on the rod so that VC3 peaks up signal throughout the range.

## ALIGNMENT

This can be greatly simplified by using a signal generator or second receiver, but in any case efficiency is not lost provided VC3 can be rotated to peak up signals and is then not fully closed or fully open. However, band coverage does depend considerably on the trimmers and oscillator core setting.

If a calibrated receiver is available, place an insulated lead from its aerial socket near VC2. Switch to medium waves and close VCl/2. Unscrew the core of the oscillator coil until the oscillator frequency is 1165 kHz , as shown by the receiver. If the receiver is not a type with a tuning indicator or BFO, the oscillator signal or carrier will be located only as a reduction in background noise, as when tuning in a station carrying no programme. The core can then be left in this position. Otherwise, unscrew the core a little, checking reception, until the MW band obtained is about $710-1565 \mathrm{kHz}$. Any integral trimmers on the ganged capacitor should be left fully unscrewed.

Signals near the HF band end should peak up with VC3 about one-third closed. Position L2 on the rod so that VC3 is best in a similar position near the LF end of the band ( $\mathrm{VCl} / 2$ nearly closed). With the
switch at 160 , coverage depends on $C 3$, and no other adjustment is provided. If $1 \cdot 8$ to 2 MHz cannot be tuned, the oscillator coil core is probably wrongly set. There is some latitude, this range being about 1705 to 2145 kHz . TC2 is adjusted so that the aerial circuit coverage is suitable, shown by VC3 not needing to be fully open for best volume.

When the switch is at 80 , oscillator coil coverage is adjusted with TC3. There is not much latitude here, though a little over $3 \cdot 5$ to $3 \cdot 8 \mathrm{MHz}$ can be tuned with the full swing of VC1/2. It is then necessary to set TCl and if necessary also modify the position of L1 on the rod, until aerial coverage is similar, again as shown by VC3 peaking signals when rotated.

## NOTES

MW reception will usually be by means of the internal ferrite rod, through an external aerial naturally increases range. The ferrite rod will give sufficient pick-up of strong local signals on the 80 m and 160 m bands. It may be necessary to make use of the directional effects of the aerial by turning the whole receiver. However, normally an external aerial will be provided for 80 m and 160 m .

This aerial increases range and signal strength so that more transmissions can be heard, even if it is only a relatively short indoor wire. The aerial lead goes to C1. If a very long aerial is available, a further small capacitor or preset of about 50 pF maximum can be put in this lead. For best reception an earthed connection should also be available, as this can increase signal strength to a worthwhile extent.

The aerial and earth sockets are on the side of the case with thin flexible leads running to them. The phones socket must be of fully insulated type, or separately insulated from the metal panel.

The dial is $23_{8} \times{ }^{1}{ }_{4}$ in with a scale marked $0-100$. It is covered with a piece of thin Perspex of the same size, fixed with the bolt holding the ferrite rod mount, and a second bolt near VC3. A transparent cursor with a line marked on it can be drilled to be a tight fit on a small grommet, which firmly grips the ${ }^{1}$ in. spindle. Alternatively, a metal pointer could be soldered on. A piece of metal is shaped to hold the battery against the end of the case, and is bolted inside the case.


Internal view of the ' $I C+2$ ' receiver (w/thout BFO).

## OPTIONAL BFO

Broadcasts received on medium waves are AM or amplitude modulated and will be heard in the usual way. Some transmissions in the 160 and 80 metre bands are also AM. However, on the 80 m amateur band in particular, a large number of single sideband and CW Morse transmissions will be present. A beat frequency oscillator is necessary to receive these and this can be assembled on the space provided at the end of the board, near the speaker. The BFO is not in use for the reception of AM signals, on any frequency.

Fig. 5 is the circuit of the BFO which is brought into operation by closing S5. The panel control VC4 allows fine adjustment of BFO frequency.

As the BFO pitch control now occupies the hole used for the phone socket, this has to be moved to the side of the case. It is also necessary to position the battery immediately against the speaker, and near the ferrite rod, so as to clear VC4 and the coil.

The coil is wound with 38 SWG wire, Fig. 6. L6 has 165 turns and L7 has 40 turns. The former is approximately 7 mm in diameter with an adjustable core. Begin winding near the base of the former, this being point C . Wind L 6 in a pile occupying about 8 mm winding length, ending at $D$. Leave a space of about 1 mm and begin at A , winding L 7 in *a pile occupying about 4 mm and terminating at $B$. The windings can be secured with a little adhesive and the ends are left long enough to reach the various connecting points.

Components for this stage are positioned and wired as in Fig. 6. S 5 is a miniature slide switch, fitted in a slot near the speaker. VC4 is also a miniature component, secured with its bush nut. As the spindle of the specified VC4 is not ${ }^{1} 4$ in in diameter it is necessary to obtain a knob with a small hole, or to cut and shape a small piece of metal to pack out the spindle diameter. Or drill a ${ }^{1}{ }_{2}$ in length of plastic rod ${ }_{4}$ in in diameter to fit the capacitor shaft.

No additional coupling into the receiver circuit was found necessary, other than that provided by stray capacitance and the unscreened coil.


The ' $I C+2$ ' receiver with the extra BFO components added.


Fig. 5: Circuit diagram of the beal frequency oscillator.


Fig. 6: Layout of the BFO components on the perforated board. The variable capacitor VC4 occuples the hole prevlously used for the jack socket.

## BFO ADJUSTMENT

The BFO can have no effect until it is adjusted to about the same frequency as the receiver intermediate frequency of 455 kHz . To do this, half closeVC4 and rotate the core of L6 until a strong heterodyne accompanies any AM signal tuned in. This is probably most easily done on the MW band. Check with more than one station to make sure the heterodyne is not a harmonic reaching the aerial circuit.
To receive CW, close S5 and adjust VC4 for the best note. For SSB reception, very careful adjustment of receiver tuning and VC4 are necessary. When CW or SSB signals are very strong, the aerial trimmer should be set to reduce them in power, so that VR1 can be near maximum gain. In this way the carrier of the BFO has sufficient strength to allow proper detection. A little use will soon show how the BFO control is adjusted.

# pRODUCTION LINES 

## LED DIGITAL WATCH DISPLAYS

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Meters or further information available direct from the sole UK importers, Electronic Brokers Ltd., of 49, Pancras Road, London NW1 2 QB, the Microtest 80 is priced at £11.95 ex VAT with special terms for quantity purchases.


The Microtest 80 mini-meter.

## HAM II ROTATOR

The Ham II rotator system, available from South Midlands Communications Ltd. is designed for Amateur aerial systems with a maximum of 7.5 sq . ft. It provides a full $360^{\circ}$ range of rotation and aerial position is indicated on a meter scale.

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## EXHAUST GAS ANALYSER

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ROTATOR
UNIT
(Above) circuits (110V version) of the control unit and rotator unit (Below) controlunit and rotator.

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# BLIE MLCLULLE <br> A.FOWELL 

ANYONE who has ever attempted to organise a quiz, either between friends or within the family, will no doubt have watched with envy the smooth running of such television programmes as University Challenge, Top of the Form, etc. In the home quiz, however, a free-for-all situation arises where a question is asked and whoever shouts first is allowed to answer! The difficulty here being in deciding who shouted first! In the TV programmes already mentioned the problem is solved using a buzzer system.

The quiz monitor described in this article was designed with a view to recreating a "University Challenge" atmosphere by providing each player with a button. The first button pressed turns on a corresponding light on the main console and sounds a buzzer. Once this has happened all other players are automatically excluded, and, although the buzzer stops upon releasing the button, the light remains on until cancelled by the quiz master.

## Circuit

The complete circuit of the quiz monitor for up to four players is shown in Fig. 1. At first sight the circuit looks rather complicated but its operation can

be readily understood by considering the action of a similar circuit, but for two players only, Fig. 2.

PB3 is a normally closed push button, whilst PB1 and PB2 are normally open. The values of R1, R2. R3 and R4 are chosen so that on closing PB1, sufficient gate current flows to trigger TH1 into conduction and LP1 therefore lights up. The voltage on THl anode falls to about 1 V under these conditions, so the cathode of D2 is firmly fixed at a potential of 1 V . The junction of R5 and R6 cannot therefore rise above about 1.6 V , even if PB2 is pressed. R6 and R7 are chosen so that under this condition there is insufficient drive to the gate of TH2 to cause it to conduct. The same arguments apply if the other button is pressed first.

Due to normal thyristor action LPl will remain illuminated even when PB1 is released, and it can only be extinguished by momentarily reducing the current through TH1 to zero. PB3 is included in the circuit for this purpose and is under the control of the quiz master. The thyristors specified are sensitive gate types which necessitate the use of R4 and R8. These prevent premature firing of the thyristor


Fig. 1 : Circuit diagram of the monitor proper the output being fed to the buzzer circuit of Fig. 3.


Fig. 2: A simplified circuit for two players only, to illustrate the operation of the monitor.
by providing a low impedance path to earth for any noise signals that may be present.

It is possible for the bulbs to light simultaneously if both buttons are pressed at precisely the same moment. In practice, however, this does not happen very often, but when it does it is reasonable to consider the situation as a draw. Diodes D3 and D4 are included in order to make the values of R2, R3, R6 and R7 relatively unimportant.

From this discussion it can be seen that from each stage of the circuit there must be one diode to every other stage. Thus for the four-channel circuit, Fig. 1, there are 12 diodes acting as feedback elements to other stages.

## Audible Warning

Fig. 3 shows the buzzer circuitry. Diodes D17 to D20 act in conjunction with Trl, R17 and R18 as a logic 'OR' gate, i.e. if any of the four buttons are pressed then $\operatorname{Tr}$ l is turned on and the buzzer sounds. Diode D21 is essential to prevent high voltage spikes,


Finished circuit board wired to panel sockets. The lamps protrude through the holes in the panel.
due to the inductance of the buzzer coil, from damaging Trl. Cl is included to minimise interference from the buzzers' contacts.

It will be noted that separate batteries are used for the main circuit and for the buzzer. The reason for this is twofold. First, the buzzer used only requires around 4.5 V and it is difficult to design the rest of the circuit to work reliably off such a low voltage. Second, and more important, is the fact that the buzzer draws about 1A from a 9 V supply. This causes a substantial voltage drop which can upset the operation of the main circuit.

## Construction

The prototype was built into a plastic instrument case measuring approximately $6 \times 4 \times 4 \mathrm{in}$, although any case of about this size will suffice. All of the electronics, including the buzzer, are mounted on a piece of $0 \cdot 1 \mathrm{lin}$ pitch veroboard about $53_{4} \mathrm{in} \times \quad 3{ }_{4}{ }_{4} \mathrm{in}$. The copper tracks need to be cut at sevenal points, and these are indicated, with the corresponding component layout, in Fig. 4. The veroboard required is slightly longer than the standard 5 in length, but if the buzzer can be accommodated elsewhere within


Fig. 3: Buzzer circuitry and input diodes fed from main circuit, Fig. 1.
the box, then the board dimensions can be reduced to $4 \times 3{ }_{4} \mathrm{in}$.

The 21 diodes can be any general purpose signal type but D4, D8, D12 and D16 must be silicon since the forward voltage drop of germanium, about $0 \cdot 2 \mathrm{~V}$, is too low for this part of the circuit. It is also recommended that the specified type of thyristor is used since its operating conditions are quite critical. The bulbs are 12 V Lilliput types, which, with the 9 V supply, only consume about 50 mA . Bulb holders were dispensed with, for cheapness, and the bulbs soldered directly to the veroboard. Provided the soldering operation is carried out quickly the bulbs should not be damaged.

PB1 and PB4 can be ordinary bell pushes which are readily available very cheaply. PB 5 , on the other hand, must be a normally closed type, and may be a little more difficult to obtain. Trl can be any silicon NPN transistor with a collector current rating of at least 500 mA . The buzzer is a standard domestic type which is easily obtainable at most electrical retailers.

The instrument case used for the prototype has two sets of slots moulded into it. These are used to secure the veroboard and an aluminium plate, the same size as the circuit board, which holds the two


Fig. 4: Component layout on circuit board. Note carefully the breaks in the copper rails.

## $\star$ components list

## Resistors

| R1 | $560 \Omega$ | R10 $820 \Omega$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| R2 | $820 \Omega$ | R11 $470 \Omega$ |
| R3 | $470 \Omega$ | R12 $470 \Omega$ |
| R4 | $470 \Omega$ | R13 $560 \Omega$ |
| R5 | $560 \Omega$ | R14 $820 \Omega$ |
| R6 | $820 \Omega$ | R15 $470 \Omega$ |
| R7 | $470 \Omega$ | R16 $470 \Omega$ |
| R8 | $470 \Omega$ | R17 $330 \Omega$ |
| R9 | $560 \Omega$ | R18 $2.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |

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## Capacitor

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$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { TH2 } \\ \text { TH3 }\end{array}\right\}$ Motorola MCR 101 ( 0.5 A )
TH4
D1 to D21 1N914, 1 N916 etc.
Tr1 2N3053 (Silicon NPN type with collector current rating of 500 mA . min.)

## Miscellaneous

Four normally open push buttons. One normally closed push button. Five 2.5 or $\mathbf{3 . 5 \mathrm { mm } \text { jack sockets }}$ and plugs. Four Lilliput 12 V bulbs. Friedland 'Mini buzzer' or similar. PP7 (9V) and $1289(4.5 \mathrm{~V})$ batterles.

## Constructors of this monitor will be interested in the Reaction Timer also described in this issue.

batteries. The front panel, again of aluminium, completes the case and holds the circuit and chassis in position, see photographs.
The five push-buttons are connected to the circuit by means of panel-mounted jack sockets and plugs. It will be noted that no on/off switch is included since, with the bulbs and buzzer off, the current taken is only the leakage current of the thyristors and Trl, which is negligible. If the unit is to be left for any length of time the batteries can be disconnected.

No great difficulty should be encountered in the construction of this project but the following points may be helpful. Make sure that adjacent tracks on the veroboard are not shorted out by blobs of solder. This is easily avoided by the use of a soldering iron with a bit diameter of no more than ${ }^{1}$ in. Secondly, cut the veroboard track in accordance with Fig. 4 before mounting the components as it will be difficult to do so afterwards.

## Testing

Having completed the unit, connect the batteries and press any one button. The corresponding bulb should light and remain lit upon releasing the button. The buzzer should also sound during the time the button is pressed. Pressing PB5 should extinguish the light. Repeat this test with each of the other three buttons. Now, press one button, bringing on the corresponding light, and press each of the other three buttons. The buzzer should sound each time but the original light only should be lit. If any part of these two lests fails then it is likely that one or more of the diodes is either not connected or is connected the wrong way round.


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| 4.7 $\mu \mathrm{F} 63 \mathrm{~V}$ | $6 \frac{1}{1} \mathrm{P}$ | $150 \mu \mathrm{~F} 63 \mathrm{~V}$ | 15p |
| 6.8MF 63V | $6 \frac{1}{1} p$ | $220 \mu \mathrm{~F} 6.4 \mathrm{~V}$ | ${ }_{6}^{6+p}$ |
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EVERY once in a while, some major breakthrough in electronics changes the whole face of the industry. Now that world patents have been officially filed and registered, Solitronix Inc. has released details of a new device-in fact a new technology; the Unitron.

This component has such application potential that it is impossible to overstress its impact on the electronics scene both in industrial/professional and military applications plus, of course, consumer electronics. It works on an old, established principle but only now that there are newer materials available is it possible to exploit the full potential. Materials currently under investigation in the laboratories promise even better devices.

## The device

The Unitron is extremely simple, both in operation and manufacture-which means cheap devices. The heading shows simple magnets with north and south poles. Text books inform that like poles repel while unlike poles attract. Push two north poles together and they will oppose you, but make it one north and one south pole and they'll try to get together-you have to physically hold them apart.

Now let us come to the clever part. Lef us lay down a large number of very tiny magnets close together such that the flux or magnetic field of each magnet couples with that of its neighbours. If we lay them so that they attract, then there will be a certain interaction between the poles of each adjacent magnet. Similarly, a certain repulsion will take place if adjacent magnets have like poles.

It is at this juncture that materials start to play an important role. Until recently, materials available would only allow a magnet structure such as that above which, in itself, is pretty useless. Research during the past two years has led us to a new magnetic material/substance which is synthetic (i.e. man made). The new substance is called Polyferro-samarium-bybutylcobalt. To the layman it is a bit of a mouthful but to us it spelt success. Abbreviated to PSB it has the strangest effect upon magnetism and it is this effect which gives rise to the Unitron which makes possible a whole new family of devices.

The material PSB takes the form of a scft, plastic ferrite with a crystalline structure. In its normal synthesised state it is not magnetised, i.e. it isn't a magnet and thus has no north or south poles and has no field surrounding it-it is magnetically inert. If we now bring another magnet close to the material it will suddenly magnetise forming a miniature magnet complete with poles. This effect may also be obtained by simply applying some form of voltage either a.c. or d.c. Taking away the source of power makes the material magnetically inert again. The rise and fall times of this induced magnetic effect can be less than a microsecond, however, the material stores some of the power which is released when the next "pulse" of power is applied. The

[^1]power appears to be stored within the material itself as a series of minute magnets which are themselves composed of smaller magnets. This tiny atomic magnet structure has the combined power of all the tiny magnets locked within it, but the poles are set up in such a fashion as to make the net magnetic effect across the whole structure add up to zero-until the next signal pulse is applied.

## Structure

A diagram of the device is shown in Fig. 1. The drawing is simplified to preserve clarity. For example, there are 100 tiny vertical magnets and in some devices the coupling magnets (the long ones top and bottom) are divided and cross-coupled. The sizes are given which shows just how tiny these structures are. The length of one magnet element is only $2 \mu$ wide by $4 \mu$ long.

Fig. 1: Devices commonly have 100 elements on a $300 \mu \times 10 \mu$ area. Only six are shown here for clarity. Note $1 \mu=0.0000393$ in. or $1 / 1000 \mathrm{in}=25 \mu$.


Fig. 2: M.W. receiver. The coil/capacitor combination L1/C1 tunes medium waves. (In example, we assume a 1 MHz signal coming from the ferrite rod). L2/C2 tunes 2 MHz and feeds signal back to input. L3/C3 tunes 4 MHz and passes signal to D1, load R/Im and speaker.

Device specifications in the semiconductor industry are commonly given in mils and to give some idea of the smallness of the elements in the Unitron it should be remembered that 1 mil is $1 / 1000 \mathrm{in}$. which is equal to $25 \cdot 4$ microns. Thus even $25 \cdot 4$ microns ( $25 \cdot 4 \mu$ ) is only 0.001 in . and thus $1 \mu$ is 0.001 divided by $25 \cdot 4$.

The Unitron structure is manufactured using similar techniques to those for making integrated circuits except that an electron beam is employed to trim the magnetic pattern.

First, a solid layer (less than $0.05 \mu$ for small signal devices and up to $7 \mu$ for power components) is deposited on a ceramic substrate. Then, a computer-controlled programmed laser beam cuts the devices into separate areas. Lastly, another computer programmed electron beam divides the areas into a series of minute islands each forming an inert, potential magnet made of PSB.

## Operation

There is another peculiarity of PSB. The signal-induced magnetic field runs from input to output coupling magnetsa sort of magnetic ripple along the individual magnetic structures. However, immediately a signal is applied, a secondary magnetic surface wave streaks along the surface of the material, like a flat stone skimming across a millpond. Further, such a secondary field is exactly twice the speed, and therefore twice the frequency, of the induced field and lastly, it is very much larger. In other words, we have magnetic amplification. The degree of amplification is a function of two things-the type of field which caused it and the permitive index of the grade of PSB used.

Maximum gain obtained from a Unitron to date is 120 dB . This is from an area less than $0.01 \mathrm{in}^{2}$. For power devices the same order of gain is obtainable but a larger area is required because dissipation is higher within the device itself.

Perhaps the most startling thing about seeing a Unitron for the first time is that it has only two leads (although power devices may have their cases bonded to a heat sink to improve heat dissipation).

The Unitron does, of course, require a battery or some source of power. Efficiency is extremely high for small signal applications. For example, Fig. 2 shows the circuitry required for a small medium wave receiver running from a 1.4 V power source. The resistor, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{lim}}$ is employed to act as a form of load, but also to limit the current taken by the device.

Thus if the output required (as shown in Fig. 2) is 250 mW or $\frac{1}{2} W$ and the Unitron was a grade 1 device (efficiency $85 \%$ ) then one simply allows d.c. power equal to $115 \%$ to be applied i.e., $85 \%$ plus the $15 \%$ to make up $100 \%$ plus $15 \%$ for the loss. In the case of Fig. 2 and assuming 250 mW required, then $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{llm}}$ would be calculated for $0 \cdot 1785 \mathrm{~A}$ to flow. This is a
simple calculation using only Ohms law viz; Volts $x$ Current $=$ Power which means $1.4 \mathrm{~V} \times 0.1785 \mathrm{~A}=250 \mathrm{~mW}$.

That's all there is to the design. Unitrons are classified and marked according to their frequency handling capability and power ability. Providing the frequency rating is greater than that for which the device is to be used, there are no problems. Power is simply a matter of Ohms law as explained i.e., the applied voltage multiplied by the current drawn by the device must equal a number which is less than the specified power rating of the particular device. Thus a 3PSB2 is a Unitron for use up to 3 MHz (first figure) and must not dissipate more than 2W (last figure). Devices needing a heat sink are signified by the addition of the letter $S$ after the last flgure. If there is no $\mathbf{S}$, then the dissipation is for free air.
A Unitron 3PSB1 (as used in Fig. 2) currently costs about one dollar on the US market, that's about 40p in English money. Already the consumer industry has placed orders for some 100 million devices and production lines are running flat out. The devices should find their way onto the US Amateur market by the third quarter of this year. By then, even better Unitrons will be available.

Some practical circuits are given in the remaining diagrams just to whet your appetite and show what can be achleved. Before closing the theoretical side, it is worth mentioning a spin off from the Unitron research program. Figure 3 shows a structure using only 3 magnets for simplicity. The complex build up of power i.e. stored field, in the PSB structure made us think. Isn't that just what a capacitor does-or even a coil?
To date, an electronic capacitor has been fabricated which could prove invaluable in the IC industry. There seems no reason why an electronic tuned circuit should not be manufactured using the Unitron technique. This would mean that complete receivers, transmitters, etc. could be manufactured on a single IC chip less than one hundredth of an inch square. The capacitor structure shown in Fig. 3 has allowed an electronic capacitance of $0 \cdot 1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ at 3V working to be achieved in an area on $6 \mu$ by $10 \mu[1 \mu=$ 0.0000393 in.$]$.

## Applications

Radio Amateurs will be interested in the circuit shown in Fig. 4. Here, a single field effect transistor feeds a single Unitron. Although the f.e.t. v.f.o. needs to tune only one section of half the lowest band of interest (remember, the induced reverse surface wave is twice the frequency which induced it) then any higher harmonic can be tuned by simple selective tuned circuits. A signal coming in at, say, $3 \cdot 5 \mathrm{MHz}$ would come out of the Unitron at 7 MHz . Here, a simple 7 MHz acceptor LC combination would either accept the signal and pass it to the next stage for amplification or could feed it back to the input. Here it would go back through the Unitron and emerge as a 14 MHz signal and so on. Input impedance of the Unitron varies with frequency but even at 20 MHz this is still several hundred megohms so there is virtually zero damping of tuned circuits.
The Unitron may be a bit of a disappointment physically because it looks very much like an ordinary transistor.

Since the Unitron is bidirectional i.e., the signal can flow either way thus input and output are interchangeable, no pip or case marking is required and lead identification is unnecessary. What could be simplerl
It will be interesting to see just how far the Unitron has progressed by this time next year-who knows, transistors and ICs as we know them, may well be obsolete.Dw

Fig. 3: (above) Electronic $0.1 \mu F 3 V$ wkg capacitor which takes up only $10 \mu \times 6 \mu$. An electron/c coil can be fabricated (up to $86 \mu H$ ) but /s more complex.
Fig. 4: (right) Single f.e.t. v.f.o. providing only $1 \mu W$ can drive a single Unitron to give $\pm W$ output on six bands, $1 \cdot 8-30 \mathrm{MHz}$.


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MR. L. OWEN, 7 St. Richard's Road, Deal, Kent, writes to say that he used to have some small part in the manufacture of McMurdo Silver " $15-17$ " receivers of about 1937-38. He says not many were made but, if anyone can help, he'd like to acquire one for old times' sake.

A photograph of the " $R$ " type valves published a short while ago brought back two rather poignant memories to Mr. R. J. Hall of Penzance, Cornwall. He says that just after the First World War, he saw a shop window full of that type of valve for sale at ld. each. Upon mentioning the fact to his elder brother who had been a radio operator in the R.N.A.S. on airships, he informed him that the " $R$ " valves used by the Navy had filaments made of placinum wire-the filaments and lead-out wires being one single length of wire.

On hearing this, the young R.J.H. quickly returned to the shop to buy some but was promptly informed by the proprietor that he had disposed of the lot for a "a few shillings."

Mr. Hall's second recollection concerns an ex-Navy set which he had. It contained six " $R$ " type valves all set in a row on the top of the set. Unfortunately a little accident occurred when H.T. and L.T. leads at the rear of the set were reversed. The valves lit up like arc lights for a few seconds, then were ruined forever.

Tempus fugit says W. J. Swift of 36 Pattenden Road, Catford, London SE6 4NQ, and this makes him less able to do the things he used to do. He has a book "Talks About Wireless" which contains some history of wireless pioneering. It is written by Sir Oliver Lodge and was published by Cassell in 1925. Another book in Mr. Swift's possession is "The Book
of Practical Radio," by John ScottTaggart. It has 163 diagrams and 63 plates and was published by The Amalgamated Press in 1925. If anyone would like to make him an offer for these two books, please contact him direct.

Gilbert Davey of Harrow tells me that he has a "Hezzanith" horn loudspeaker which dates from about 1926 and which he uses in conjunction with his O-V-2 battery-operated receiver with which it was originally supplied. The maker's name, inscribed on the speaker is Heath and Co. of New Eltham, London. He wonders if there is any connection with the firm of scientific instrument makers of that name with an address in the same area.

Unlike the Brown "H" horn speaker shown in the October issue of P.W., Mr. Davey's speaker has a large diaphragm fixed around the edge and held over two magnets with the usual speech current windings round them. A knurled knob underneath operates a screw system


Mr. McAllster's modifled crystal set.
which brings the magnets nearer to or further away from the diaphragm. After 50 years, the mag. nets seem as powerful as they always were. The horn mounting is in the centre of the diaphragm just above the magnet system.

Operating the speaker from the O.V-2 receiver, the quality is similar to that of a small, cheap transistor set. Mr. Davey stresses that speech is far better than music although he always enjoyed its rendering of Jack Payne and Henry Hall in the earlier days.

Wiltshire reader George Southgate (Fourways Cottage, Chilmark, Salisbury) tells me he has many items of vintage equipment for disposal-valves, phones, condensers, transformers, mainsenergised speakers, etc. If any readers are interested will they please send a stamped, addressed envelope to him for details.

## $\mathfrak{A}$ million pirates

Even in January 1927 the Post Office were contemplating taking steps to discover unlicensed users of broadcast receivers so that disciplinary action could be taken against them. They stated that it was difficult to estimate even approximately the number of "pirates" in the country but a conservative figure would be a million!

## Anpome belp ?

S. J. McAlister, the manager of Bord Na Mona, Derrygreenagh Works, Rochfortbridge, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, has sent me a photograph of an old crystal set and wonders if anyone can give him some more information on it.

The set was manufactured by Service Radio Co. Ltd., London N.16, and Mr. McAlister thinks it is dated c. 1925. It has two plugin coils (see picture) numbered 50 and 60 and signed John Nicols.

On the left of the set there is a space for a "Service" amplifier powered by accumulators of 4 V for L.T. and 45 V H.T.

The set is on display in Mr . MoAlister's V.H.T. Radio Communications Workshop and to enable visitors to listen to it, he has fitted an audio amplifier, the speaker of which can be seen to the left of the unit. The set is in perfect working condition.

## ON THE AIR

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on 4980 at 0230 ! (I must have been mad!) so for all those night owls here's one for the log book.

Thirteen year old David Lovatt of Cheadle, Staffs, wonders if anyone knows of Radio Malaya in the 49 metre band. Radio Malaysia, as it is now known, still has a service on 6100 and 6175 called the Voice of Malaysia. It is a 100 kW transmitter from Kuala Lumpur.

Peter Kay from Maghull, Liverpool, sends a comprehensive list of QSL times that must have taken hours to type. The star prize goes to Voice of Vietnam via Radio Havana, Cuba, that came after nearly two years! It seems that Peter has not been able to latch on to some of the broadcasts that I have featured in the column, and to this I can only say that if the DX isn't running then even the most expensive set won't find it.
The ionosphere I once heard described as "like a moving bowl of custard", and when you ask for SINPO lists, Peter, you would find that they would be out of date, in some extreme cases, after two hours. I can help with your other request though, and to do this let us call on David Gordon whose QTH is in Salford. David sends info on three DX shows:-
R. Finland on 9500 at 1425 No Days given
R. Prague on 9605 at 1545 No Days given
R. Budapest on 9760 at 1615 Tues. and Fri.

Why not let me know of any DX shows you hear and then I will put together a week's list to ensure that you never miss any, thus keeping you glued to the set every spare minute.

When he has finished his days "collar feeling" policeman James Walker of Milton Keynes turns to feeling the tuning knob of his Heathkit SW717 with its 50 ft long wire aerial. He has logged the following:-

VOA Greenville Mass. on 15430 at 1530
Vatican Radio on 11740 at 1500
R. Ghana on 21720 at 1500

James then goes on to tell me that R. Peking's 1975 calendar has arrived and that it is the traditional aspects of China painted by Chinese artists. This came, along with a huge collection of magazines and pennants, so here's your chance, pennant collectors, QSL Peking, and try your luck.

From the horse's mouth comes an answer to the
recent query regarding a TV set that puts out the Deutsche Welle sign-on tune. David Porter is a BBC engineer at Sutton Coldfield and he explains that the sound carrier of a u.h.f. set is demodulated in an intercarrier sound detector and runs at 6 MHz , this being the difference between the sound and vision carriers. Thus there are circuits in the set tuned to 6 MHz followed by an a.f. amplification stage. Any local 6 MHz signal tends to be picked up and amplified by these circuits. So there we are!

David Blair from Airdrie in Bonny Scotland logs WYFR on 11645 at 1700 and wonders what it is all about. This station used to be called Radio New York World Wide (WNYW) and it was sold a year or so ago to "Family Radio Ltd" a religious broadcasting company that owns many local US stations, particularly on v.h.f. The new company retained all the old WNYW frequencies but changed the programming from sweet music to general religious broadcasts.

From wild and woolie Wales, Holyhead to be exact, comes a plea from John Higginbotham. He would like to know the exact info that he should put on a QSL request. Many s.w. stations like the following, John:-

1. Date, time and frequency of broadcast heard.
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It always helps to comment on the type of programme and some stations require either IRCs or return postage, or both.

Martin Daft at his QTH in Mapperley, Notts, is bothered by interference from household electrical goods since buying an r.f. amplifier. This is purely a case of "amplify the signal, amplify the noise." Finally Peter Roberts of Pont Vaillant, Guernsey, very kindly says that it was this column that turned him on to DXing and that his Heathkit GR1 with its $35 f \mathrm{ft}$ long wire has rewarded him with, among others:-

Tema, Ghana on 9545 at 2110
WINB Red Lion on 15185 at 2000
V. of Nigeria on 15270 at 0610 (another early bird)

One final note while on the transmitter subject; R. Finland is to start a service on 9620 with a new 100 watter and is seriously considering a service on the MW. Thus we say farewell to this months column and wish 73s to you and yours.

## REACTION TIMER

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bration pot is turned up further until 2.4 volts is shown on the voltmeter, and VR2 is then slowly advanced until D9 comes on. At this point D7 will switch off.

The process is continued with the voltmeter indicating 2.7 volts for VR3 adjustment, 3 volts for VR4, $3 \cdot 5$ volts for VR5 and $4 \cdot 3$ volts for VR6. These voltages correspond to the charges that will be present on C2 after time intervals of $1 / 10,1 / 9,1 / 8$, 1/7, 1/6 and $1 / 5$ second from the signal light going off.

Calibration is now complete, and the meter and potentiometer can be removed.

For readers wishing to set the unit for intervals of time other than those given, the formula for the voltage on $\mathbf{C} 2$ is

$$
V=\frac{I t}{C_{2}}
$$

where $I$ is in microamps, $C_{2}$ is in microfarads, $t$ is in seconds and $V$ is in volts. In this unit $I=1,000$ microamps, $C_{2}=47_{\mu} \mathrm{F}$, and so $V=21 \cdot 3 \times t$.

The current through the presets VR1 and VR6 is minute in comparison with the 1 mA charging current to C 2 , and is ignored in the calculations.

The total accuracy of the unit is determined mainly by the actual capacitance of C2. A common tolerance value for tantalum capacitors is 10 or 20 per cent, but one would be unlucky indeed to pick a capacitor at the edge of its tolerance.

If it is desired to increase the length of time that the signal light remains on, this is best achieved by increasing the value of Cl . If a light dependent resistor is wored in series with R1 and placed behind a small aperture in the case, a random element will be introduced into the duration of the signal, due to changes in the light entering when the unit is mover, or time of day, etc.

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