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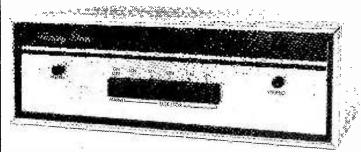
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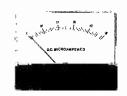
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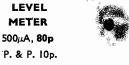
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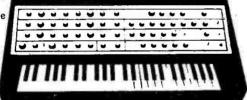


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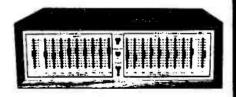
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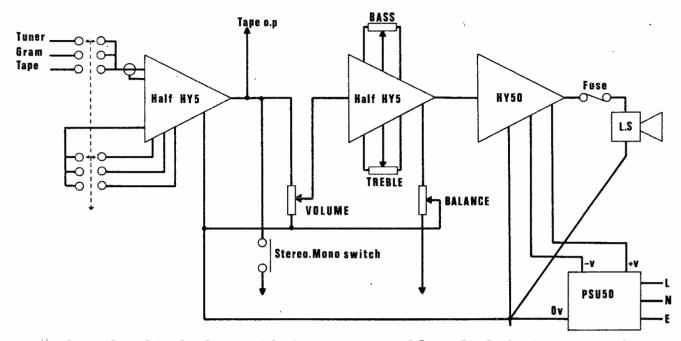




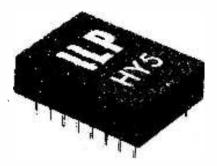


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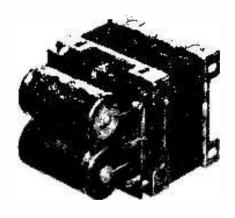
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1	Amps		Ret.	Price	l'ost
1	12V	24V	No.	2	#
	0.3	0.15	242	1.58	0.34
	0.5	0.25	111	1.38	0.34
	1	0.5	213	1.74	0.47
1	2	1	71	2.30	0.47
	4	2	18	2.96	0.56
	6	3	70	4.18	0.56
	8	4	108	4.56	0.64
	10	จั	72	5.20	0.72
	12	6	116	5.51	0.72
	16	8	17	7.00	0.80
Į	20	10	115	10.42	0.88
i	30	15	187	13 25	1.01
į	40	20	232	14.85	0.A.
	60	30	226	16.83	0.A.

#### 30 Volts

		4:12			
	Prim.	200-240V,	Sec.	12, 15,	20, 24, 30V
ļ	Ambs	Ref.		Price	Post
i		No.		#	£
	0.5	112		1.90	0-47
	1	79		2.40	0.56
	2 3	3		3.50	0.56
	3	20		4.50	0.64
	4	21		5.15	0.72
	5	51	•	6.40	0.72
	6	117		7.16	0.88
	8	88		9.55	0.95
1	10	89		9.87	0.95

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		rrice	Price.	rrice	
·VA	Ref.	Cased	Plugs	Open	Post
Watts	No.	£	2 & 3 pin	£	#
Tapped	at 115,	220, 240 X	olta		
20	113	3.85	0.50	1.71	0.47
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Ambs	Ref. No.	Price £	Post £	Amps	Ref.	Price £	Post £
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0-6	0-6	506	500	234	1 38	0.25
0-6	06	1000	1000	212	1.90	0.47
9-0-0	.0.00	100		13	1.40	0.25
09	0-9	330	330	235	1.50	0.25
0-8-9	0-8-9	500	. 500	207	1.93	0.34
0-8-9	0-8-9	1000	1009	208	2.75	0.47
15-0-15	ate fra	40		240	1.35	0.25
0-15	6-15	200	200	236	1.38	0.25
20-0-20		30		241	1.35	0.25
0-20	0-20	150	150	237	1.38	0.25
0-15-20	0-15-20	500	500	205	2.73	0.56
0-20	0-20	300	300	214	1.93	0.47
0-20			VO SCREEN	1116	8.30	0.64
20-12-0-12 20	** *	700 (Tr/C	) —	221	2.20	0.47
0-15-20	0-15-20	1000	1000	206	3.50	0.56
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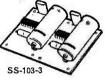
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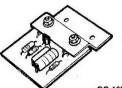
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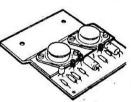
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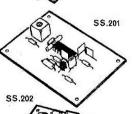


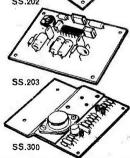


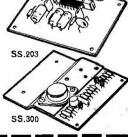












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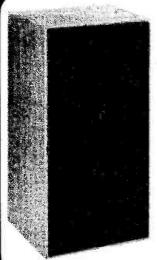
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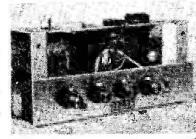
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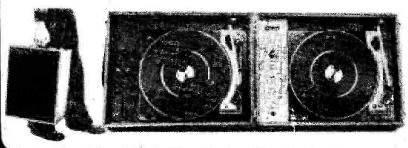
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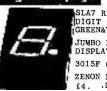


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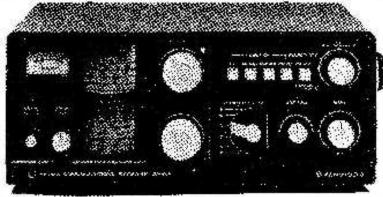
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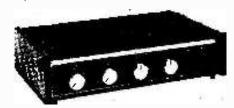
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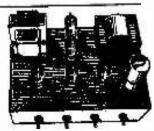
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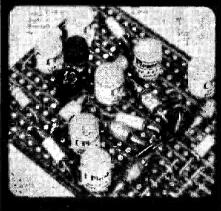
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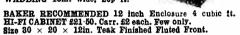
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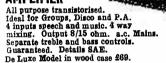
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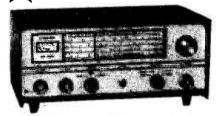
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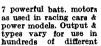
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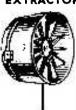
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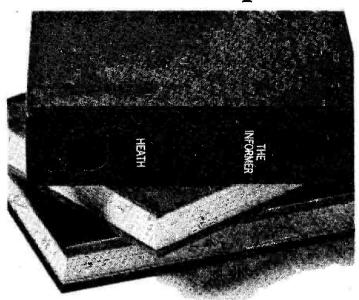
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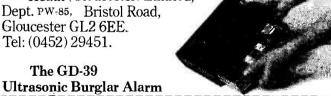
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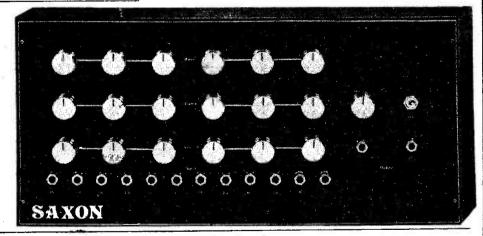
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# Technological Poverty

THE radio and electronic technician is expected to spend some years of his life in training and study to become qualified. He usually joins a professional society, such as The Society of Electronic and Radio Technicians, and continually updates his knowledge of radio and electronic science. He does this for love.

Compared to members of powerful trade unions, workers in all branches of technology have lost not only their salary differential above these workers but are in the majority of cases substantially below what these workers earn. A look at recent advertisements for technicians in this magazine tells the story: Wireless technician £40 to £46 pw, Laboratory technician grade 5 £42 to £49, Prototype wiremen £45 including overtime. Recent news items draw the comparison; to Chryslers workers £54.77 is a pittance, they want £70 per week, seamen reject 30% giving them £70 for their rather long week, dockers basic rises to £55 and average earnings will be £60 to £70 per week, and now the miners are talking about £100 per week in 1976.

Is it really so difficult to bolt bits of car together? To labour on a ship? To hump containers or coal? The results are beginning to show; hands up any prototype wiremen who are **not** self-employed. This is the only way these skilled electronic workers are able to make a decent living, supervised by technicians who are paid less. There is a chronic shortage of technicians which is not corrected by the law of supply and demand, because the professionally qualified engineers, physicists and chemists are in a similar position. Car builders, dockers and miners have caught them up and, in many cases, overtaken them. Low professional salaries hold the technicians back.

How has this situation come about? Firstly, integrated circuits have streamlined the design and subsequent maintenance of electronic equipment; secondly, lack of industrial investment has slowed the growth of automation and instrumentation; thirdly, the powerful unions insist on high manning levels and prevent investment in technology. All of this reduces the need for technological staff, and has given rise to a surplus at the professional level. By standing still British industry is rapidly becoming underdeveloped; nations with underdeveloped industry have little need for advanced technology. It comes as no surprise to technicians that universities, technical colleges and teachers training colleges are beginning to find a shortage of technical students.

What can the individual do about it? Some technicians have, like the prototype wiremen, become self-employed to gain extra money, tax relief on their cars and relief on travel to work. Some have come under the umbrella of powerful unions in printing works and similar establishments. Some have found employment in the EEC, USA, Canada, South Africa, Gulf States, Australia and New Zealand who all provide a much higher standard of living for technicians of all grades. Many 'moonlight' but the vast majority just put up with it and hope for better things in the future.

Those of us who are already qualified have a message for all the students about to study technology; in Britain today your certificate, diploma or degree in technology is a passport to poverty.

LIONEL E. HOWES-Editor

# NEWS..

#### Radar Lights

T the Mullard Research Laboratories, radars have been designed which can detect whether moving objects are advancing or receding. One of these has been applied to the control of portable traffic lights in a way which, at reasonable cost, gives the performance required by the Department of the Environment.

The radars are fitted to a pair of traffic lights and are interfaced with a control unit; they respond to traffic movement but not to irrelevant objects such as moving branches of trees.

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The system is now at the preproduction stage and production is planned to start very soon.

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#### "Radio Exchange"

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#### INTERFACE '75-TEXAS SEMINAR

HURSDAY, 5th June, saw the 1975 Texas Instruments Ltd. Seminar at South Bank in London. The day started at 10.00 a.m. with a talk on Technology Trends in Integrated Circuits. This was followed by an updating on advanced digital circuits entitled New I.C. Products and their Applications.

The next very informative lecture was entitled Semiconductor Memories—it was a comparison of memory products in different systems; their reliability and system interface requirements; the reliability of programmable read-only memory (PROM); fusible links using the PROM in random logic applications, etc. New concepts in power devices were then discussed; high-speed Darlington transistors and their operation and the benefits of fast, slow-recovery high voltage rectifiers.

The following talk entitled Power Control discussed new Darlington transistors in deflection circuits for VDUs, economical switching regulated power supplies with multiple outputs and power control with triacs and thyristors in "touch-switching circuits".

The afternoon lectures started with a discussion on Scientific Calculator Developments—a review of advances in calculator techniques and the development from an initial 4-function chip to that of the latest complex scientific and statistical machines.

J-FETs and MOSFETs was the title of the next lecture and subjects covered were: low-noise J-FETs in audio and other applications, dual gate MOSFETs in tuner front ends and in a digital frequency display and FETs for switching circuits.

What makes a VLED bright? That was the question posed for a discussion entitled Operating Techniques with Visible Light Emitting Diodes. The physiological aspects of VLED brightness were covered together with various techniques used to optimise their efficiency and circuit considerations necessary to maximise visual response.

The last in the series of lectures was Microprocessor Units—an introduction to various MPU architectures. Trade-offs in technology versus complexity and performance were covered together with Schottky microprocessors and an I<sup>2</sup>L expandable 4-bit-slice MPU, MOS single and multichip microprocessors. Delegates were also shown how to build a 16-bit mini-computer from standard products.

All in all, this was yet another very successful and extremely well-attended Texas Instruments seminar. Exceedingly good value at the £16 plus VAT charge, for a good lunch was included together with wads of useful reference data and a copy of Semiconductor Circuit Design (which, by itself, costs £5). If you would like to know more about Texas Instruments components or be interested in attending next year's Seminar, please contact Richard Mann at Texas Instruments Limited, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7PA.

#### **Bulk Buying**

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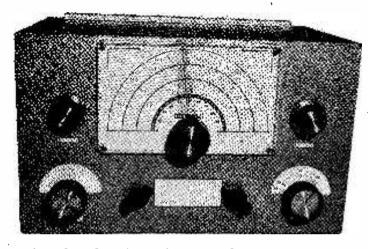
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oreduce second channel interference, it is necessary either to increase selectivity before the mixer or frequency-changer, or to use a higher intermediate frequency. If an RF stage is used to increase selectivity, the need for a number of coils, with switching and ganged tuning, is introduced. On the other hand, the high IF alone does not result in better selectivity.

The receiver described here seeks to avoid these difficulties by double conversion. It has a first IF of 5.5MHz to reduce second channel interference, followed by conversion to 465kHz, for improved selectivity. The choice of a first IF around 5.5MHz, combined with the fact that the oscillator may be above or below the received signal frequency, allows four amateur bands to be tuned, without any need for oscillator coil switching. This considerably simplifies construction.

#### **AERIAL TUNING**

The variable tuned circuits of the receiver are shown in Fig. 1. S1 to S4 are sections of the 4-way bandswitch. Only two aerial coils are required. L1 tunes 160m and 80m, while L2 covers 40m and 20m. Variable capacitor VC1 is the aerial tuning control which is peaked for best reception. There is no ganged tuning in the receiver.



Aerial socket A1 is for normal aerials, S1 switching to the required primary of L1 or L2. Socket A2 is for a short aerial, which is useful, as even a short indoor wire or rod will provide a considerable number of signals. The 5.5MHz trap is optional and can be added later. It is only needed in those circumstances where breakthrough around 5.5MHz is troublesome.

A small 365pF capacitor is used for VC1 but only about 250pF is required here. However, this capacitor, and similar midget ganged capacitors for transistor portables, can be easily obtained.

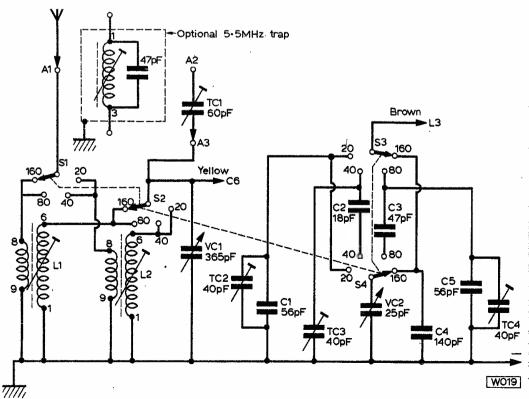


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#### OSCILLATOR TUNING

VC2 tunes the oscillator coil L3 and is operated by a two-speed ball drive. For 160m C4 is across VC2 while on 80m C5 and TC4 are in use, with C3 in series with VC2. For the 40m band TC3 is across L1 with C2 in series with VC2. For 20m C1 and TC2 are in parallel with VC2 and L3.

The oscillator is HF of the signal frequency for 160, 80 and 40m, and LF of the signal frequency for 20m. With a 5.5MHz IF, the oscillator frequency coverage is a follows:

Aerial Circui	Oscillator	
1.65— $2.05$ MHz	(160m)	7·15— 7·55MHz
3·45 3·90MHz	(80m)	8.95— 9.40MHz
6.70 - 7.60 MHz	(40m)	12·20—13·10MHz
13.90—14.60MHz	(20m)	8·40 9·10MHz

It is not necessary, of course, that the first IF is exactly  $5\cdot5 \text{MHz}$ . When adjustment of the oscillator coil and trimmers is to be made, 160m is dealt with first, as C4 is fixed. With the bandswitch at 160m, L3 is adjusted until the swing of VC2 gives Top Band reception  $1\cdot8\cdot2\cdot0 \text{MHz}$ . The switch is then set to 80m and TC4 adjusted to bring this band into the tuning range. In a similar way, TC3 is adjusted to bring in 40m, and TC2 for 20m.

#### 1st MIXER/OSCILLATOR

The circuit of the 1st mixer and oscillator is shown in Fig. 2. When assembled, this board has flying leads and a chassis return, for connecting to the bandswitch, etc.

As Tr1 is a gate-protected device, assembly is straightforward. The oscillator coil L3 is on the board, and the same coil is used for the four bands,

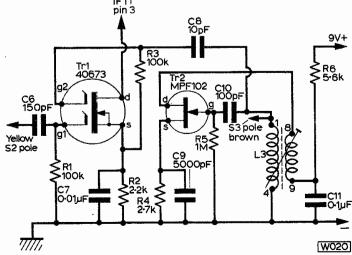


Fig. 2: First mixer and oscillator stages.

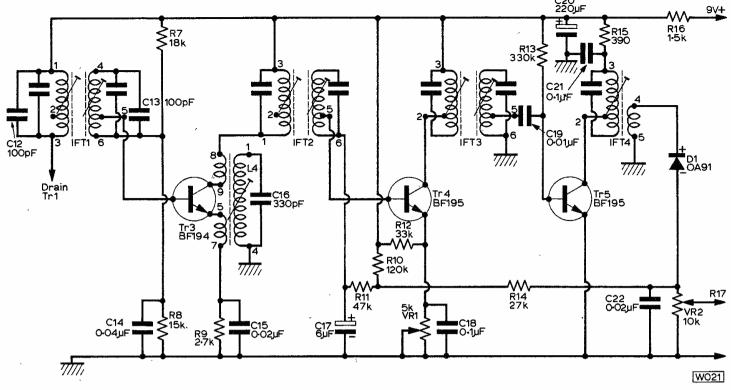


Fig. 3: Circuit diagram of the 5-5MHz IFT input circuit, 2nd mlxer/oscillator, and 465kHz amplifier.

as described. The drain circuit of Tr1 passes to the primary of the 5.5MHz IF transformer mounted on the next board.

#### 2nd MIXER AND IF

Fig. 3 shows this part of the receiver. IFT1 is a 10.7MHz IF transformer, loaded by C12 and C13 so that it can be tuned to 5.5MHz. As the extra capacitance needed here depends on the internal capacitors, different values might be necessary with other 10.7MHz IFT's. There are thus two circuits operating at 5.5MHz and the small screened transformer was found to be ideal here.

Tr3 is a self-oscillating mixer, with oscillator coil L4 and C16 in parallel. When L4 is correctly tuned, a 465kHz signal is fed for IFT2. Diode D1 provides

automatic gain control bias in the usual way, through R14. The gain of Tr4 is also controlled manually by VR1. This is essential, as strong signals will overload later stages, while the signal level will be too great for satisfactory SSB or CW operation.

The board for this section of the circuit also has flying leads and a pin for the positive connection. All components in Fig. 3, except VR1 and the volume control VR2, are present on this board.

#### **AUDIO AMPLIFIER**

The amplifier is shown in Fig. 4, and is a transformerless circuit giving excellent gain and output. An IC or equivalent audio amplifier could no doubt be used, but the transistors are inexpensive and

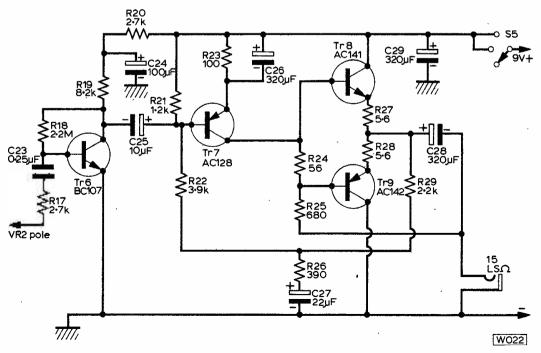


Fig. 4: Circuit of the four transistor audio amplifier. The loudspeaker impedance should be around 15Ω.

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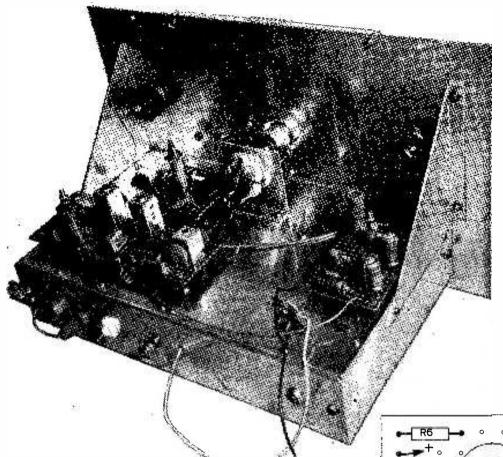
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Fig. 5: below, drawing showing both sides of the first mixer and oscillator board.

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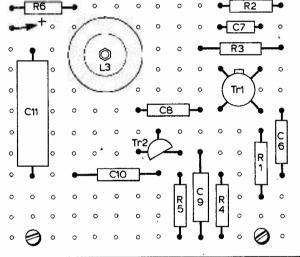
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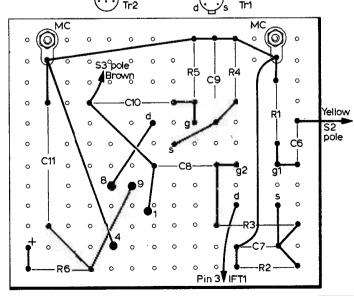
The method of wiring here is followed in the other circuit boards of the receiver. Plain perforated board, 0.15in. matrix, is used, approximately  $51 \times 57$ mm ( $2 \times 2^{1}$ 4in). Fig. 5 shows both sides of the board.

Drill two holes for the 6BA bolts MC. The metal chassis can also be drilled at the same time, through these holes, so that no fitting difficulty arises later. Each bolt is  $12 \cdot 5 \text{mm}$  ( $^{1}2 \text{in}$ ) long and has a tag forming the chassis return. When the board is finished, extra nuts hold it about 6 mm ( $^{1}4 \text{in}$ ) clear of the chassis and nuts under the chassis lock it in position.

Holes are drilled for the pins of the oscillator coil L3 which is then fixed with adhesive. The resistors and capacitors are added as in Fig. 5. Bend the wire ends over, cut as needed and solder, keeping all connections and joints near the board so that there is no possibility of contact with the chassis. Insulated sleeving is put on wires which cross other leads

As it is difficult to check the leads of Trl and Tr2 when these are fitted, short lengths of coloured insulated sleeving are put on these wires first. Brown is used for source, yellow for gate 1 of Trl with white for gate 2, and drain leads left bare. The devices are then positioned as in Fig. 5. Trl is gate-





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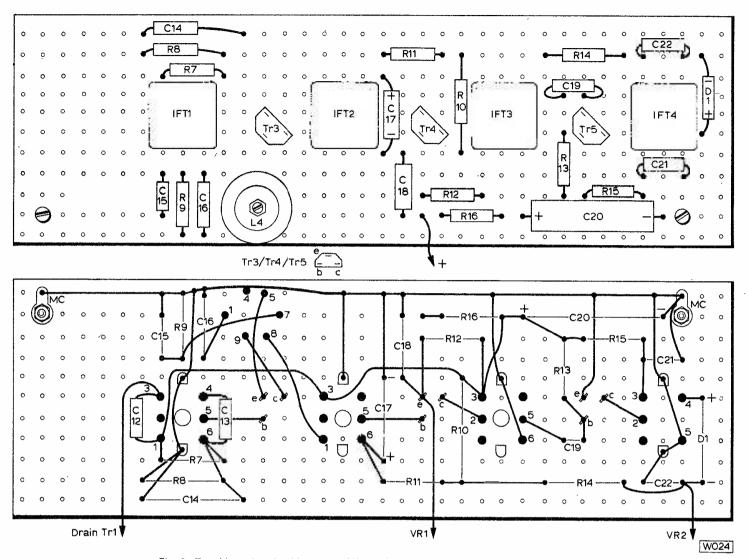


Fig. 6: Topside and underside views of the 2nd mixer/oscillator and 465kHz IF board.

protected, so that no special care is necessary when soldering, except for the usual caution to avoid lengthy and unnecessary heating.

A pin or flying lead is provided from R6, for the battery positive circuit. A wire (Yellow in Fig. 5) runs from C6, down through the chassis to the bandswitch together with a brown wire from pin 1 and C8 which is for oscillator tuning. On top of the chassis, a wire runs from D of Tr1, to pin 3 of IFT1. The chassis return is via the bolts mentioned.

If desired, this board can be tested by connecting up a 9V supply and using a receiver to note that the oscillator carrier can be found with the receiver on any of the oscillator frequencies mentioned.

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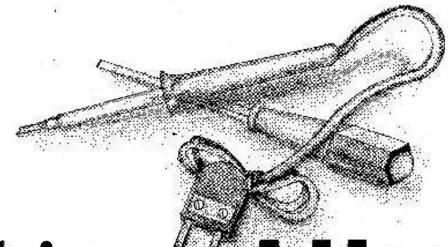
Fig. 6 shows both sides of this board. It is prepared by drilling for the four IFT's, bolts MC and second oscillator coil L4. Central holes are necessary under IFT1, 2 and 3 for trimming purposes. A very small round file may be helpful when making the holes as the IFT's and coil should fit without any strain on the pins.

All the IFT screening cans are connected to the chassis while C12 and C13 are directly across the windings of IFT1, below the board, as in Fig. 6.

Leave a pin or projecting wire of R16 for the positive supply as this is a junction point for other leads later. Flying leads are left for VR1 (from C18) and for VR2 (from C22). When the board is finished, the drain wire from Tr1 can be cut to a suitable length and soldered to pin 3, IFT1. Correctly positioned holes for the bolts MC are made by placing the board on the chassis before wiring it. Chassis holes are drilled to reach the cores of IFT1/2 and 3.

If desired, this board can be tested before fitting. To do this, leave pin 3 of IFT1 (drain) off, connect VR1 and VR2 and a 9V supply. The audio signal from VR2 can be taken to the audio amplifier or to phones via an isolating capacitor. As the 465kHz IFT's are pre-aligned, little or no adjustment should be necessary at this stage. A signal generator tuned to 5.5MHz can be temporarily coupled to pin 3 of IFT1, and L4 tuned until this is heard. The two cores of IFT1 can then be peaked up for best volume.

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IN THIS, the final part of the P.W. Apollo series, we will look at the construction of the AM/FM Varicap Tuner which was discussed theoretically in Part 3.

#### **CONSTRUCTION**

Whenever making a project that employs an integrated circuit, it is always advisable to familiarise oneself with the device from the manufacturer's data sheet. So much has been published on the CA3089E and the stereo decoder that a great deal of knowledge and experience is readily available on their usage.

Integrated circuits need printed circuit boards for radio frequency applications. Veroboard and the like will not suffice for best results, so follow precisely the etching patterns shown in this article or obtain p.c.b.s ready-made before starting the project.

The base board layout allows simple construction practice so follow details for each module and the final assembly will present no difficulties.

#### THE TUNERHEAD

The tunerhead is available pre-aligned and tested. The resources for manufacturing such an item are generally beyond the average constructor. The only point to note is that the tuning bias supply is externally decoupled with an additional electrolytic capacitor of approximately  $10\mu F$  and that this capacitor is soldered to the lugs as shown in Fig. 4.8.

#### THE FM IF AMPLIFIER

Again, since it was felt that the construction of an FM IF strip with only 0·1 per cent THD may be beyond the technical resources of the average constructor a standard unit that is also available readybuilt was chosen. However, for the more experienced constructor a kit is also available.

The IF linear phase blocks are pre-aligned and require only a minimum of trimming to ensure best

\* Ambit International.

results and this should be no more than a single turn of the input and output transformer cores.

The p.c.b. pattern is shown ready for copying (Fig. 4.1) and also with the components superimposed for positioning (Fig. 4.2). The leadout from the module is taken via some p.c.b. pins to the mother board but there are also some minor modifications to accommodate the switch for the muting circuit so that this function can be defeated when searching around for a weak station.

With the EC3302U tunerhead the a.g.c. facility is not operational though if a tunerhead such as the Larsholt 8319/8321 or the Toko EF5600K were used, this could then be employed by making the appropriate connection. However, the a.g.c. is not a facility that will be missed much in most locations in Britain. Modern limiting amplifiers, especially when preceded by an eight pole filter, will not be adversely affected by its omission.

When soldering always use an iron of adequate heat capacity and remember that more faults occur through "under soldering" than through components damaged by too much heat. Even the IC will not be affected by the amount of heat it takes to leave a really complete smooth and shiny soldered joint.

The pins that are used to fit the module to the mother board can be made from 20 s.w.g. tinned copper wire if desired. Just bend the top across to prevent the pins from dropping through whilst being soldered. The quadrature detector coil can be either single or double tuned as previously mentioned. Provision is made on the board for the use of a single KACSK 586HM, and this transformer can then be aligned without anything more complex than a voltmeter. Full details are given in the section on testing and alignment.

#### THE STEREO DECODER

The KB4400 requires little in the way of external circuitry and there are few points to note during the construction that are not supplied by reference to the circuit and layout diagrams .(Figs. 4.3 and 4.4.)

The decoder is once again mounted to the base board via pins.

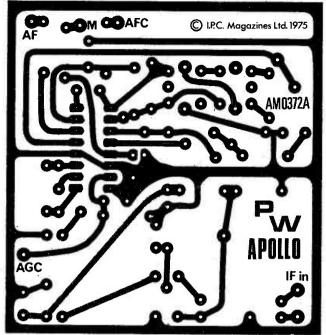


Fig. 4.1: Printed circuit board master for the FM/IF Board shown full size.

#### THE AM RADIO MODULE

The AM tuner module has been fully documented in Part 1 of the Apollo series. It is quite possible that readers will have constructed such a module and wish to incorporate it in this design, but, if not, the layout and p.c.b. patterns are shown in Figs. 4.5 and 4.6. There have been one or two minor routing changes in the p.c.b. layout to keep the tracks from the tuning diode to the aerial socket away from the output of the RF stage. It is never a good idea to place inputs and outputs in close proximity especially in RF layouts where the mutual coupling is far greater than in audio. A trimmer has also been included across the RF stage in the new layout.

The net results of the improvements is that the positioning and alignment of the ferrite rod aerial is not as critical as previously.

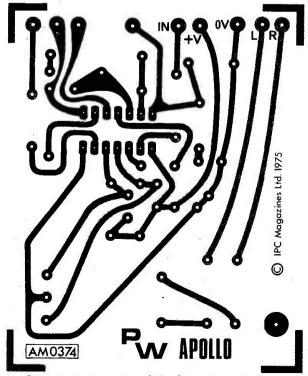


Fig. 4.3: Printed circuit master of the Stereo Decoder Board shown full size.

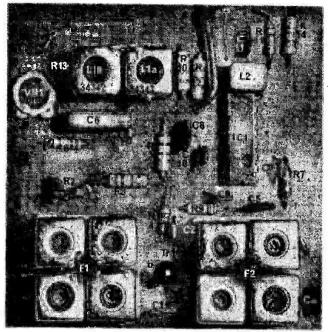


Fig. 4.2: Layout of the components on the FM/IF Board. If a single tuned circuit is to be used instead of the double tuned circuit shown then a KACSK586HM should replace L1a.

The overall component layout and the pins to and from the AM radio module remain unchanged apart from the alterations mentioned above.

The new coil for the RF stage is the Toko 6A6371 which is electrically the same as the 6A6408 but with the pin connections revised according to the changes in the layout.

#### THE POWER SUPPLY

A standard Douglas mains transformer can be used in the power supply or maybe the MTC "do-it-your-self" transformer with ready wound primary would be suitable. In any case, remember that the two windings must be separate and that a centre-tapped 40V winding will certainly not be suitable.

The voltage regulator devices are the 78 series fixed voltage regulators but by placing a Zener diode in the earth lead as shown in Fig. 3.4 the output voltage can be increased by the amount of the Zener voltage. This method is a simple means of adapting any 78 regulator in place of the 30V source.

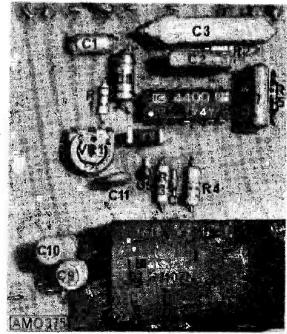


Fig. 4.4: Layout of the components on the Stereo Decoder Board.

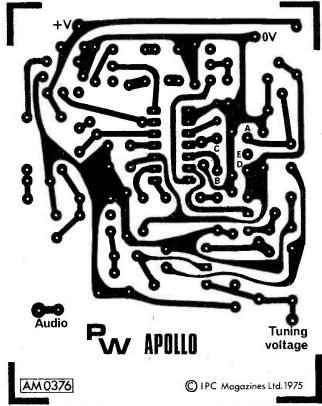


Fig. 4.5: Full size printed circuit master for the AM Module.

### TEST PROCEDURES

Before attaching any of the modules to the base board, it is advisable to test them first.

The tunerhead is supplied ready built and tested but if the FM/IF section has been home made then it is advisable to ascertain that the unit is functioning by connecting the units up with an audio amplifier and the outptut from the tunerhead.

Begin by rotating the muting control (VR1) fully anticlockwise, in order to defeat the muting function, and apply the supply to the unit. The meter need not be connected for this test as it is simply intended to provide a go/no go indication.

The tunerhead can be simply connected up via the edge connector terminations to provide an input to the IF.

Some white noise should be heard in the audio amplifier (the output from the IF board is approximately 330mV), and by tuning the front end, a signal should be heard without too much difficulty. The actual degree of success will depend on the strength of the FM signals in each particular location and reference to the BBC FM transmitter area coverage will reveal the relative strength in any particular area.

Provided some recognisable sound is forthcoming, adjust the quadrature detector stage coil (L1) which is assumed to be the KACSK 586HM since the double tuned variety, the TKACS 34342/3, requires a wobbulator for alignment and persons possessing such equipment will not require comment on its application.

The core should be rotated for best audio which is also liable to coincide with maximum off station noise. (Remember that the mute preset has been left untouched in the mute defeat position.) When confident of the functioning of the IF affix to the base board.

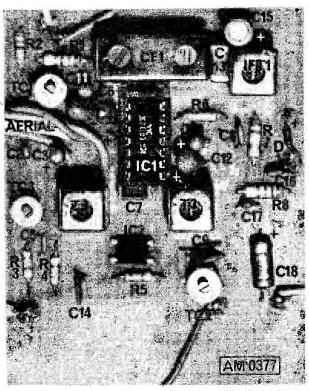


Fig. 4.6: Layout of the components on the AM Module. Note that there is another trimmer capacitor (TC3) on this board, otherwise all components are the same as given in Part 1 of the series, except the RF coil which is now a 6A6371.

### POWER SUPPLY UNIT

The power supply is relatively simple in terms of components, but before applying any of its outputs directly to the tunerhead/IF ensure that the voltages are in fact correct. If possible the d.c. line should be examined on an oscilloscope to make certain that there is no hum present.

Check that the operation of the AM/FM switch reverses the tuning voltage in the correct sense.

### STEREO DECODER

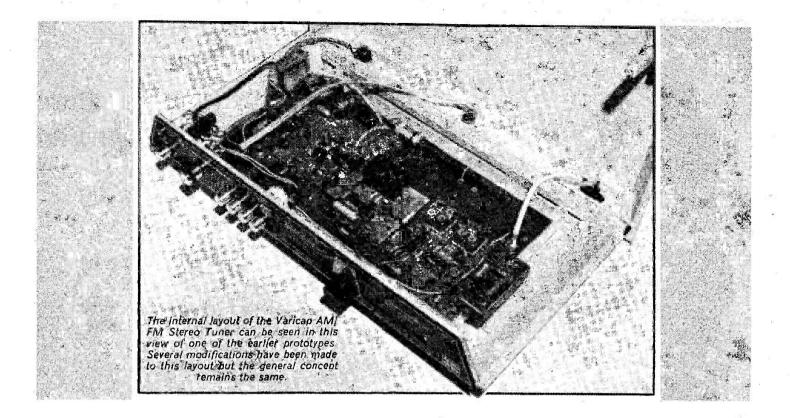
The stereo decoder requires only the adjustment of the preset to align it though before attempting alignment make certain that the tuner is, in fact, tuned to a stereo broadcast (see Radio Times) and that the mono/stereo switch is in the stereo position. Alignment is completed when the stereo broadcast beacon LED lights up. Note where the LED extinguishes in the rotation of the preset (VR1) and return the preset to the centre of its travel during the period of the illumination of the LED to set the VCO in the phase locked loop as close to 19kHz as possible.

### AM MODULE

The AM module has been described previously (May 1975) but there are a couple of points which should be mentioned here since the demand for the triple diode (MVAM1) has outstripped the capacity that Motorola had set aside for its manufacture.

The two section diode, the MVAM2 has been made in larger quantities and it is possible to employ it in place of the MVAM1 on the Apollo tuner board.

Two MVAM2 are required: one to control the RF and aerial section coils and half the other MVAM2 for the oscillator tuning control. This means that the tracking of the signal frequency circuits will be



largely independent of the dissimilarities which may occur between two different examples of the MVAM2.

In practice, the MVAM2 tend to be quite closely matched between samples from the same batch and the results are indistinguishable from those obtained using the more expensive MVAM1 device.

By the time of publication the supply may have caught up with the demand for the MVAM1 but,

as stated, this substitution provides the basis for a lower cost alternative.

### FINAL TESTING

When satisfied that the power supply is providing the correct voltages and all sections are soldered down onto the base board, together with the additional components and the various links (see Figs.

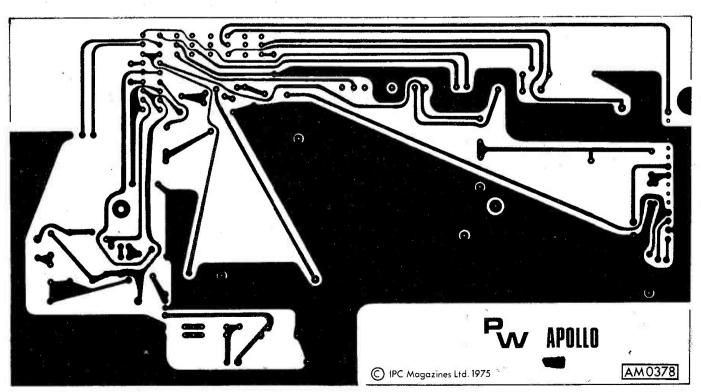


Fig. 4.7: Half scale printed circuit master of the mother board. The three smaller boards and the tunerhead are mounted on this board.

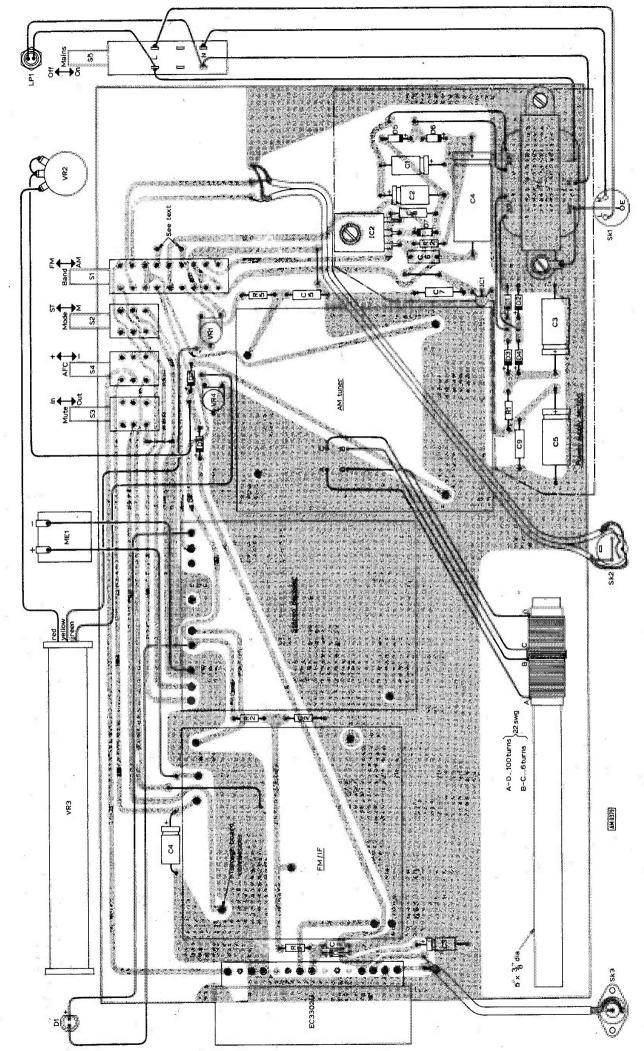
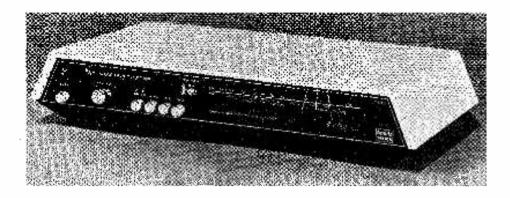


Fig. 4.8: Layout of the three small boards, the tunerhead and the other components on the main board. The interwiring to the front and rear panels is also shown on this diagram. The four leads to the ferrite rod aerial go to the four corresponding points on the AM Board. Note the link from the main board on to the FMJIF Board, and the capacitor mounted on the tunerhead.

The completed tuner. The case was specially designed for this project and has overall dimensions of 420 x 230 x 90mm (16½ x 9 x 3½in).



4.7 and 4.8), switch to FM stereo and turn on the mains.

With an aerial at the rear tune around for a station and peak up using the signal strength meter as a guide.

Slowly rotate the cores in the IF filter—NO MORE THAN HALF A TURN EACH, until the maximum peaking is achieved. In most cases such adjustment will bring about no improvement since the filters are accurately prealigned before despatch.

With the signal strength and fine tune control peaked adjust the detector coil for maximum audio. (Defeat a.f.c. for this operation.)

The IF strip is now aligned and the decoder should be checked for accurate stereo indication.

### MEDIUM WAVE RECEPTION

With the AM/FM switch in the AM position and the ferrite rod connected, check that reception of the medium wave is satisfactory. To align the scale rotate the preset at the end of the tuning potentiometer until -27V is present. Adjust the core in the oscillator of the AM section for coverage of 190 to 550 metres from one end of its travel to the other. The simplest means of checking this is to calibrate against existing broadcast stations though a signal generator will naturally be a great help.

Mark the scale on a piece of paper and keep for reference when marking the final scale.

### FM ALIGNMENT

FM alignment can be carried out in much the same way. With such a high tuning voltage it may be necessary to reduce the FM range by placing a resistor in the lead from the AM/FM tuning voltage changeover switch to reduce the maximum tuning bias on FM to about 20V otherwise the coverage will extend into the aircraft band to approximately 115MHz.

### CONCLUSION

The remainder of the exercise will largely depend on the individual's experience. Fault finding can be a lengthy process to the inexperienced and the only advice is to employ a systematic approach and work back from the audio amplifier stages to determine the section in which the fault lies. Once isolated the modular approach allows for easy breakdown.

A refinement of preset tuning can be added via a six-way pushbutton unit as described in Part 1 of the Apollo series. Perhaps this could be mounted via a 3-pin DIN or similar socket at the front or rear of the tuner cabinet and thus also include a remote tuning facility.

### **AMENDMENTS**

In Part 3, several modifications have been made and now incorporated into the main circuit board. In Fig. 3.1:

Capacitor C3 has been reduced to  $4.7\mu$ F.

Resistor R3 has been eliminated and replaced by a link.

Resistor R4 has been replaced by a  $4.7k\Omega$  preset potentiometer (horizontal skeleton type) which will be referred to as VR4.

Potentiometer VR1 has been moved to be directly in series with VR3 i.e. between VR3 and S1.

Switch S1d has been replaced by two diodes (D2 and D3 Fig. 4.8). The unused switch position has been used to provide outputs which may be used to operate lamps to indicate FM or AM mode.

In Fig. 3.2:

Resistor R1 has been eliminated.

Resistor R15 has been replaced by a wire link on the circuit board.

In Fig. 3.4, resistor R1 has been reduced to  $47\Omega$ .  $0.1\mu$ F capacitor has been placed in parallel with C5. This will be referred to as C9.

Capacitor C6 should be connected to the junction of R2 and IC2 rather than to D7.

In Fig. 3.1 S2 is shown in the "stereo defeat" position and S3 in the "mute" position. S1 is in the "FM" position and S4 in the "AFC on" position.

### PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD

Due to lack of space it is not possible to show the main printed circuit board full size. For constructors wishing to make their own printed circuit board a full-size paper drawing of the main board only is available from:

Practical Wireless Fleetway House Farringdon Street London EC4A 4AD,

Mark the envelope "Varicap Tuner."

A cheque or Postal Order for 20p made out to Practical Wireless and a 10 x 8in s.a.e. must be enclosed. Do not enclose any other correspondence or queries.

NOTE In Part 1 (May 1975), Fig. 1.4 capacitor C19 should be shown connected to Pin 6 of IC3 whilst pin 2 is unused. Fig. 1.7 is correct in this respect except that the capacitor marked C1 should be marked C19.

The ferrite rod should be <sup>3</sup>8 in diameter and about 5 in long. 22 s.w.g. wire is suitable for the coils.

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smaller capacitors, as needed. L2 and the oscillator coil are easily obtained for use as a pair and as the receiver is fully screened, L1 is added for aerial coupling. Cascaded IF amplifiers, one double-tuned and one single-tuned IFTs, give a good degree of sensitivity and reasonable selectivity. Mixer and IF stages run from a 6·2V line, stabilised by D1.

Audio signals from the volume control VR1 pass to a high gain IC amplifier with push-pull output. In the case of a car radio with a large Class A output stage, current drain is too heavy for dry battery working. This is not so with the circuit here, which can be run in this way from a 9V or higher voltage supply, with economy equal to that of a battery portable. Dry battery working may be adopted if it is not wished to make the required connections for a permanent installation, or when testing the circuit, or using it where no accumulator supply is available.

car radio providing pre-set reception of two local stations in addition to manual tuning, is very convenient and the receiver described here is of this type. Though intended for operation from the 12V vehicle supply, the circuit allows satisfactory working from dry batteries.

Fig. 1 is the circuit. The 3-way switch S1/2 provides for manual tuning, or two pre-selected stations. With S1/S2 at A, C1 with TC3 tunes the aerial circuit L2, while TC6 tunes the oscillator coil. The values in use are for 200kHz on long waves, but in some areas LW reception is not wanted, and the capacitors can be modified for an additional pre-set MW station. With the switch at B, TC2 and TC5 provide a pre-selected MW programme. The remaining position is for manual tuning, with the ganged capacitor VC1/VC2. This allows MW coverage, which is useful for alternative programmes, or when driving outside the area for which positions A and B have been set.

Coverage obtained in the aerial circuit with various pre-sets in the TC2 position is approximately as follows:

7 to 60pF 1600-1000kHz 30 to 140pF 1350-750kHz 40 to 250pF 1200-600kHz

The smaller values will not of course tune to the LF end of the MW band, but the larger values cannot always be fitted as their relatively high minimum capacitance prevents tuning to the HF end of the band. However, there should be no difficulty in fitting one of these three values, to suit stations wanted, or local circumstances. Should position A be for an additional MW station, C1 is omitted, and the required value is used for TC3.

In the oscillator section, the padder C4 is necessary for ganged tuning, but is not present in positions A or B. Here, TC5 can be as follows:

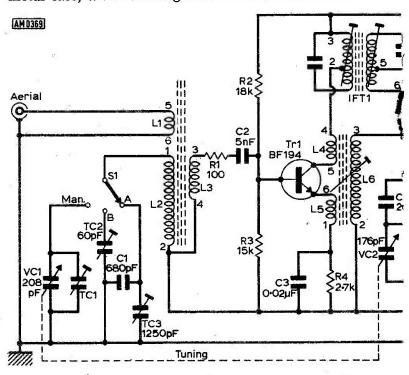
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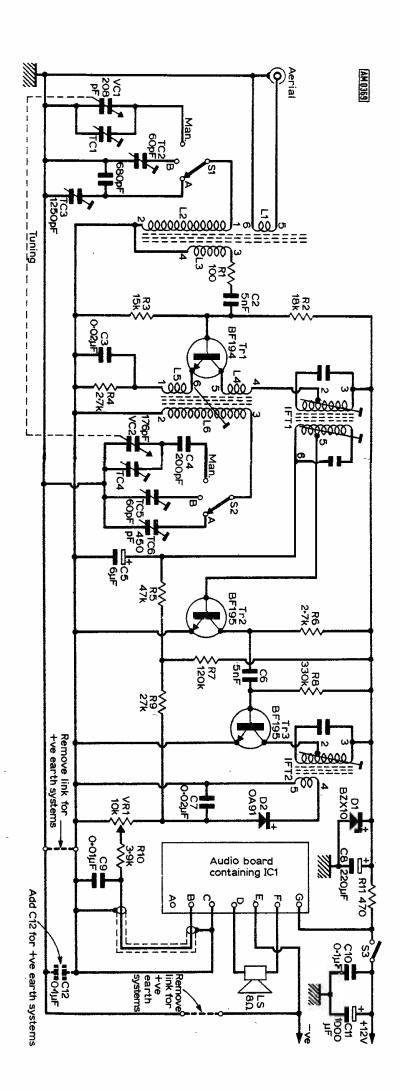
Again, if 200kHz LW is not required, the 450pF trimmer TC6 in Fig. 1 can be replaced by one of the

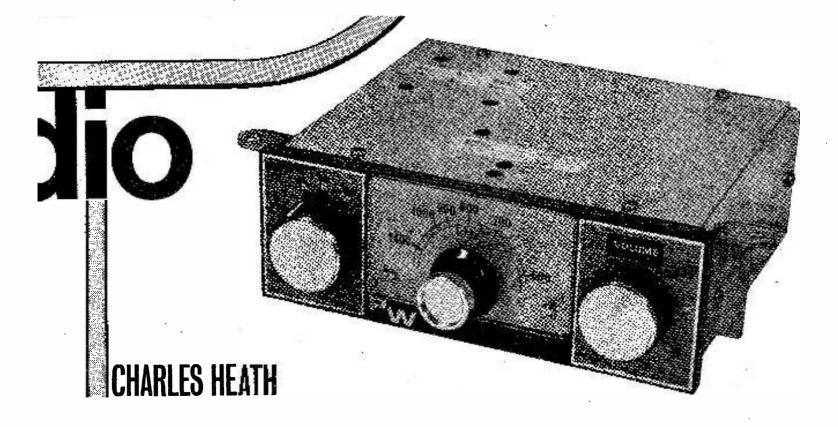
### POLARITY AND SUPPLY

The emitter or negative line is isolated from the chassis so that a positive or negative earth is possible. L1 tuning capacitor and trimmers return to the receiver metal case. With a positive earth, C12 provides the RF circuit for these components. With a negative earth, as in Fig. 1, chassis and negative line are connected so C12 is not necessary and may be omitted.

No difficulty will arise if the negative or emitter line is isolated as described, as either positive or negative supply leads can then be connected to the metal case, with no change in results. This isolation







is of course carried through to include the AF amplifier.

In the vehicle installation used with the receiver, it was found that C10 and C11, with the addition of a 220 µF 25V capacitor between positive supply point, and chassis, was enough to avoid interference, even with the engine running. Some car receivers also employ small chokes in the supply. Should interference prove troublesome when first testing the receiver in a vehicle, it is worth trying an alternative and sound return from receiver case to vehicle chassis, especially if this is not done by mounting brackets or other direct contact from case to metal parts. Should interference cease or be much reduced with the aerial unplugged, check its earthing and that it is not unnecessarily close to vehicle wiring. plugs, generator, etc. On the other hand, if interference ceases when temporarily connecting a dry battery, it is introduced through the battery supply, and more suppression is necessary. It is assumed that the vehicle itself has the usual suppressors.

No interference was found to be introduced through the speaker leads. D or F cannot be earthed directly, but could be by-passed by  $0 \cdot 1 \mu F$  or similar capacitor. Should permanent operation from a 9V dry battery be envisaged a little current can be saved by omitting D1, which is then unnecessary.

### SPEAKER AND AERIAL

The speaker may be from 3 to 15 ohms, but around 8 ohms is recommended. A little more power is available however, with a 3 ohm unit, but at increased current drain, whereas a 15 ohm unit will give some extra economy for dry-battery running.

When the metal case is closed, an external aerial becomes necessary, and various car aerials are avail-

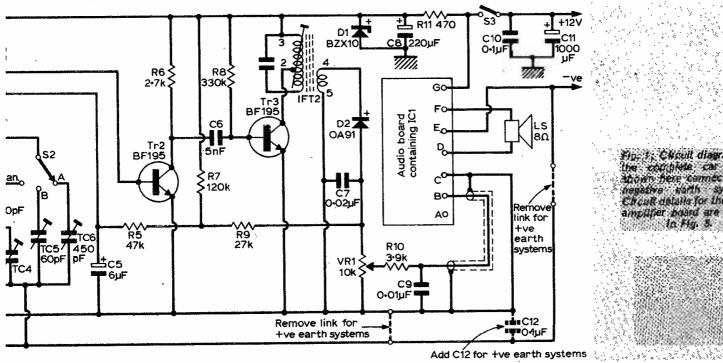
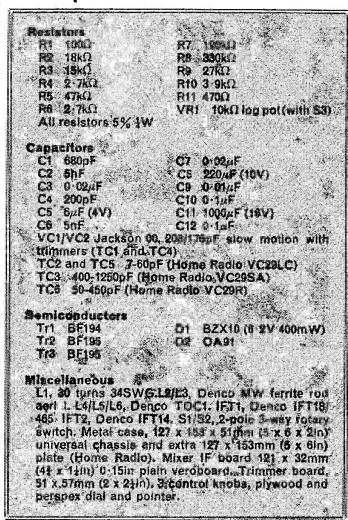


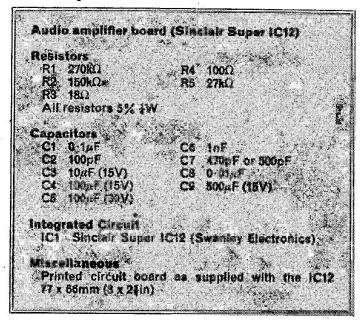
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able, including some which avoid any need to drill holes in the vehicle. It will be found that the aerial loading has some effect on tuning. Holes in the re-

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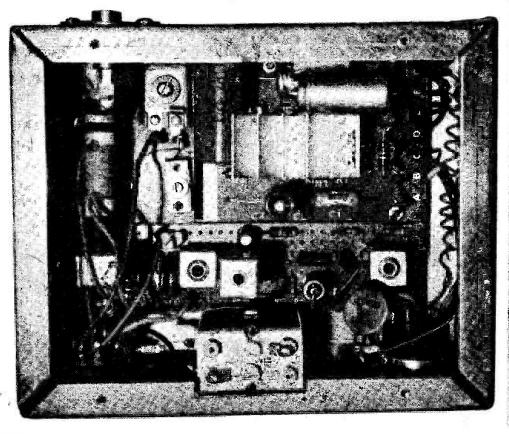


ceiver allow trimmers to be reached, so that a final alignment of these can be undertaken after the radio is fitted and the aerial connected.

### CASE PREPARATION

The case (a) is  $127 \times 152 \times 51$ mm (5 x 6 x 2in) made up from two  $127 \times 51$ mm (5 x 2in) and two  $152 \times 51$ mm (6 x 2in) universal chassis flanged members (b and c), and two  $127 \times 152$ mm (5 x 6in) flat plates (d). Cut one end flange off each 'b' member. Assemble the box, with the 'c' items inside the 'b' sides. The cut-off ends of the latter are at the front. The 'd' plates are then drilled so that the bottom can be fixed with 6BA bolts, and the top with self-tapping screws. Check that the box is square.

The 'b' front is removed and drilled or punched for



Processes of the interior of the car result also showing the arrangement of the universal chassis members. The vertical members are referred to as it in the text. The front of the receiver is at the boltom.

VR1, the switch and ganged capacitor. The latter is fixed with three 4BA bolts. Do not overlook that these must be cut or filed short, or washers put between gang and front, in order to prevent the screws from projecting inside the gang and bending its plates. Cut the top flange so that the trimmers can be reached, and then bolt the front and bottom plate together. Sides and back are left off until construction is otherwise finished.

Fit the back with a co-axial socket as shown. Speaker leads run from the IC board through a grommet or they can go to a pair of insulated sockets. Power connections can be to a 2-pin non-reversible plug as used for battery connecting, twin insulated leads, or a single lead and chassis as required. To improve the front appearance, a piece of varnished 3-ply approximately 159 x 54mm (6<sup>1</sup>4 x 2<sup>1</sup>8in) is fixed to the front by two chrome 6BA bolts. These also hold a piece of 1.5mm (1/16in) perspex about 45 x 76mm (1<sup>3</sup>4 x 3in) which protects a card scale of similar size. The latter is marked for MW tuning. Later, 6mm (1<sup>4</sup>4in) holes are punched in the top plate, to allow the six trimmers and oscillator coil to be reached with a suitable insulated adjusting tool.

### MIXER-IF BOARD

This board is approximately 127 x 32mm (5 x 1<sup>1</sup>4in), Fig. 2 and is fitted so that its front edge is 26mm (lin) from the front of the case. Drill the board and bottom to take 6BA bolts for mounting it about 6mm (<sup>1</sup>4in) clear of the bottom. The board is cut as in Fig. 2 to clear the vanes of the tuning capacitor. Holes now have to be drilled for the oscillator coil and IFTs, with a central hole under IFT1, to reach the

lower core. If final IF alignment is done after fitting the board, a matching hole is necessary in the case bottom

The chassis, as previously mentioned, is isolated from the negative line. If therefore a negative earth is always to be used, C12 can be omitted and the adjacent negative pin wired to the tag MC. Pins or projecting leads are fitted for subsequent connections to R1, negative line, pin 3 of oscillator coil, R11, VR1 and negative adjacent to C8.

### **AERIAL COIL**

No alignment problems can arise with the two preset frequencies. But the manual tuning alignment requires the correct ganged capacitor, and the aerial inductance which is intended for use with the oscillator coil. For this reason, L2 is a MW portable receiver winding, with the ferrite rod reduced to about 76mm (3in). The rod can be snapped by gripping it with a vice or tool at the wanted point, and sharply tapping the projecting end. A 9mm ( $^{3}$ <sub>8</sub>in) hole is drilled in a block of hardwood or other insulated material, to take the end of the rod, which is then glued and mounted at a centre height of 26mm (1in) from the metal case bottom.

L3 which consists of a few turns on L2 is placed towards the receiver front. Join adjacent ends of L2 and L3, points 4 and 2, and take to the pin in Fig. 2. The free end of L3 goes to R1, and the free end of L2 will go to S1.

L1 is 30 turns of 34SWG enamelled or other thin wire, wound on a paper strip around the free end of the rod. It is later connected to inner and outer (case) of the co-axial socket.

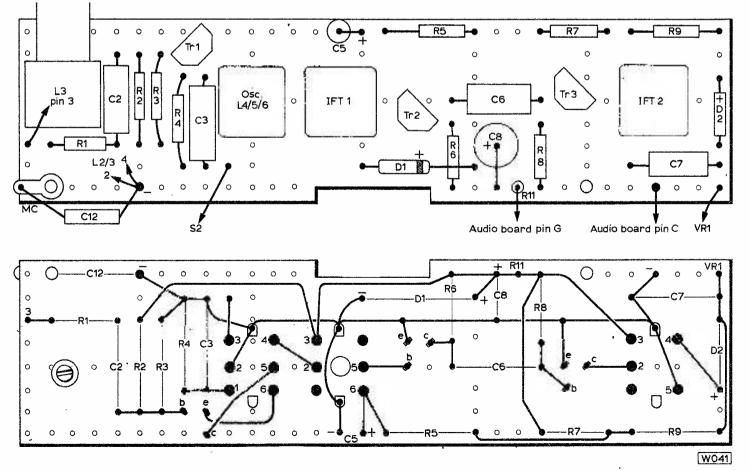


Fig. 2: Mixer/IF board, showing both component side and wiring side. The board is cut away in the centre to accommodate the tuning capacitor.

### IF ALIGNMENT

As the IFT's are aligned by the maker, unnecessary adjustment of the cores should be avoided. A final slight re-adjustment may be necessary after wiring, and if this is so, a correctly fitting tool must be used, as a wedge-shaped blade may break the cores so that they jam. If necessary, a suitable tool can be obtained from the IFT maker.

Adjustment can be made with a weak but stable signal tuned in. Each core is slightly adjusted either way, as necessary for best volume. A signal generator can of course be used, and is more convenient. With a modulated signal of this type, the cores can be adjusted for maximum battery current with the audio amplifier working. The signal generator input being reduced to give a current of 30-40mA or so maximum, with VR1 well advanced. Once each of the three IFT cores has been set for best results, no further adjustment is needed here.

### TRIMMER BOARD

This is paxolin, about 51 x 57mm (2 x  $2^14$ in) in size, fitted as in Fig. 3. Holes take the tags of TC2 and TC5, and the adjusting screws of all trimmers. Two fixing bolts with extra nuts raise the board a little from the metal, and one forms the MC or return connection, as shown.

Connections to the switch are as in Fig. 4. Trimmers TC1 and TC4 are integral with the ganged capacitor. Should a component without trimmers be used, a trimmer must be connected to each section of the gang.

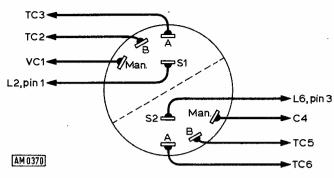


Fig. 4: Connections for the manual/pre-select waveband switch, \$1/\$2.

### **AUDIO AMPLIFIER**

The Sinclair Super IC12 is a multi-transistor integrated circuit with finned heat sink, providing high gain and adequate audio output from 12V. The associated circuit and component values are shown in Fig. 5. It is assumed that the Sinclair PCB which is drilled with component positions printed on the top side will be used. Assembly then merely consists of forming the wire ends of resistors and capacitors to suit the holes so that they can be soldered in position, and any excess snipped off. It will be noticed that C5 is rated at 30V, as the module is intended for use with up to 28V. In this case, however, 28V will not be reached and C5 can be of a lower rating. It is also advantageous to use a larger

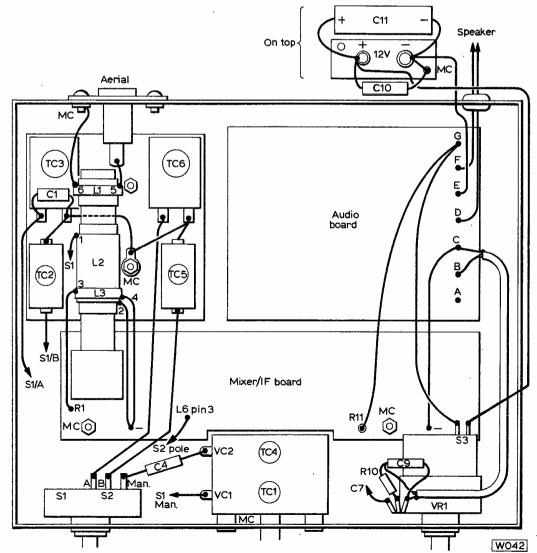


Fig. 3: General layout, showing positioning of the three boards, ferrite rod and controls. The view is from above.

capacitance here and C5 may be  $250\mu F$ ,  $500\mu F$  or larger.

Referring to Fig. 3. B runs via the screened lead to C9 and R10. The braid is returned to C. A lead also runs from C to negative on the IF board. D and F are for the speaker. E is for the negative power supply. G is for positive, via S3, supplying also R11. Connections are arranged in the way shown to avoid feedback loops in the negative line.

If a positive earth is to be used, remember that the negative line must be disconnected at the supply socket, and must not be completed to the metal case

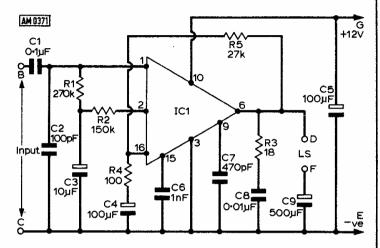


Fig. 5: Audio amplifier circuit using the Sinclair Super IC12 and associated PCB. The audio output is approximately 5W into an  $8\Omega$ speaker.

at any point. If the receiver is not to be run from an accessory fuse-way, an in-line fuseholder should be included in the live power lead, to avoid any possible power short in the receiver causing damage or interrupting the supply to other items. The power supply can be a permanently fitted insulated lead and case return, or two such leads, as mentioned. For plug-in connections, the plug should be shrouded or secured with a screw, or pins should be on the receiver end, and sockets on the lead end, to avoid any possible short to metal parts should the plug come out of place.

### **ALIGNMENT**

With the switch at manual tuning, adjustments should be made to obtain a band coverage of about 1500-550kHz. Adjust TC1 and TC4 at the HF end of the band and L2 and the oscillator coil at the LF end of the band. Repeat these adjustments until no further improvement is obtained. The switch can then be set at B and TC5 adjusted to bring in the wanted transmission, TC2 being set for best volume. Now with the switch at A adjust TC6 and TC3.

When the case lid is fitted and the aerial connected slight re-adjustment of trimming will be required for optimum results. As movement of L2 is not feasible, a very slight re-setting of L6 can be made, while rocking VC1/VC2 to tune in a signal near the LF end of the band. Trimmers TC1 to TC6 can then be checked TC4 being left untouched. R1 is to prevent unwanted oscillation which may begin near the HF end of the band, especially with the aerial disconnected. If no such trouble arises with the aerial connected, R1 may be left as shown. Otherwise it can be increased to 150 or  $220\Omega$  or so, depending on the actual gain of Tr1. However in most cases values as given should be suitable.

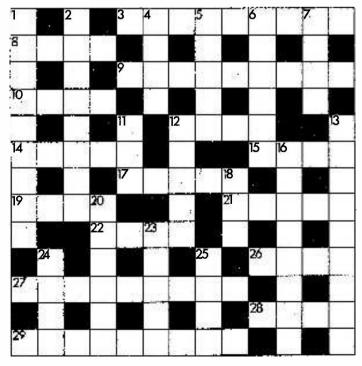
### **ACROSS**

- It's high on the list with earpieces? (9)
- Slough not making solid-state? (4)
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- Cape shape example of 1 Down? (4)
- 97 Girl with a bike that's a MHz? (9)
- 28 Set for a smile? (4)
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- A speaker against noise abatement (9)
- Within a whisker of receiving from them? (8)
- Mild alloy in some Ekco components (4)
- Bad home reception led him to it? (5)
- Nut tea around to get the right wavelength! (6)
- A pointed piece in broken components (4)
- 11 This charge may not be electrical (3)
- 12 Over-selectivity cuts out the poetry! (5)
- 13 Protecting your coils from interference? (9)
- 16 You need brass for this amateur lay-out? (8)
- 18 He's got a swine of a call-sign! (3)
- Play this unschooled art nut's oscillator! (6) 20
- 23 Relay distortion by and egg-producer! (5)
- Second-rate transistor value? (4)
- Kept on the air, we hear, from a chimney (4)

### FOR AMUSEMENT ONLY ANSWERS NEXT MONTH





### **British Justice?**

The Editorial—Thou shalt not listen—in the March issue of P.W. is interesting. I believe that a Licence for the operation of a Sound only, Broadcast receiver is no longer necessary.

On the back of a Television Broadcast Receiving Licence, section 4 of the Schedule says that if any message is received:—other than that which the apparatus is authorised to receive—unintentionally—the message shall NOT be communicated to anyone—Except to specified authorised persons.

As Section 1 of the Schedule and the accompanying Notes refer specifically to—apparatus for wireless telegraphy—there would appear to be some discrepancy between the terms of the receiving licence and the information which formed the basis of your Editorial.

If, as stated in the editorial, it is an offence to listen, one would be admitting an offence if one passed information which ought to be passed on, to the appropriate authority. The offence would be one of illegal listening. This seems to me to be a travesty of British Justice.

General Coverage Communications receivers are usually capable of receiving many transmissions which are privileged in one respect or another; a standard FM receiver is not difficult to modify, to receive aircraft and public service bands: short of Big Brother, it would be impossible to prevent such transmissions from being listened to.

It is also illegal with certain exceptions, such as Ansaphone, to tape record telephone conversations, yet the same type of inductive coil is used in some T.V. Hi-Fi adaptors.

It would seem that whilst those with criminal intent, could not only listen, but make what use they pleased, of what they heard: a comparatively innocent licensed operator could get done in every sense of the word.

A somewhat difficult field to control, is that of the purchase of the various types of transmitter. including those of the Walkie-Talkie type being used by people who have no knowledge of how to use them. I am not, nor am I likely to be a licensed operator, but the havoc which these sets, inexperienced hands, cause, both to licensed operators and the various other authorised users of transmission equipment, is something which I feel strongly about.—A. D. Crossland (Portsmouth).

### It's free!

I have several good pre-war radio chassis in good condition, together with a workable Grundig tape-recorder (TK2) which I am happy to give away free to any group of under-privileged boys or youth club which would appreciate the equipment. This would have to be collected from Purley, of course.

If you can kindly provide a "link" in this matter, I shall be grateful.—A. Lorand (23 Banstead Road, Purley, Surrey).

### **Unjust VAT**

The following is an extract of a letter sent to Mr Sproxton's MP—Mr Bruce Douglas.

I represent a group of 25 business men, though there are many more, who retail electronic components. Our customers, besides the general public are Universities, teaching hospitals, schools, polytechnics, and Government Departments. Although most of us own our businesses we work very long hours, for extremely modest rewards. Our main consolation is the fact that we are interested in what we are doing. We have always co-operated with the Government whatever its colour, and try to be law-abiding citizens.

When VAT was introduced, in spite of difficulties, we made it

work. Now, ignoring all the warnings from responsible bodies against bringing in a multiple VAT system, Mr Healey is trying to enforce it. What is the reason for it? Please do not tell me it is to raise revenue. Far more money can be raised far more easily, by simply increasing VAT to 10% or 12%. Was it a sop to the Left Wing, who imagine they are soaking the rich? If so, who are the rich? The medical student building electronic apparatus? The wireless amateur trying to build his experimental transmitter? Was this legislation demanded by the Civil Service, who wanted a valid reason for increasing their ever-proliferating numbers? Whatever the reason, they have produced a scheme that is completely un-workable!

We stock over 6000 different components. small electronic which now carry three different rates of VAT!! In addition to that, on many items we cannot even get a reliable definition of what rate of VAT they carry. Some of us recently had a meeting with Excise Customs Senior and Officials and already many of the rulings they gave us have been turned upside down. When one of our members asked them if we could assume that, if we were charged 25% VAT by our suppliers, that this was a reliable indication of what we charged our customers, we were told "no it has nothing to do with it, you must make up your own mind what you charge"!

To try and work this ludicrous scheme we would need far more staff, at a time when we are hard put to it, to pay the wages of the ones we already employ. Even with unlimited staff we would still have to say to the Customs and Excise, when they ask for their money, "come an examine our stock (all 6000 items) and then give us a written definition of the VAT rate on each one".

It seems to me that Governments, whatever their persuasions are determined to stamp out the small business (and in the case of your own Party, to take over all the big ones) but there are two million of us giving employment to a further four million and patient though we are, we have been needlessly provoked long enough. We are now preparing to fight back. Please bear this in mind.—A. Sproxton (Home Radio Ltd).

## PRODUCTION LINES colin riches

### **HEATSINKS**

Conventional high performance heatsinks are large and heavy, but where size and weight are of importance, the Redline series of heatsinks provides an efficient economical alternative. They comprise an assembly of twisted vane surfaces mounted on a tubular heat pipe thereby combining the advantages of both.

Typical of the series is the L2220 heatsink which is 200mm by 60mm and weighs 60gm. It accepts two TO-3 devices and has a thermal performance equal to that of a conventional heatsink three times its weight. Information is available from Redpoint Associates Limited, Lynton Road, Cheney Manor, Swindon, Wilts SN2 2QN.

### **TOROIDAL CORES**

TMP Electronic Supplies inform me that they can supply a complete range of toroidal cores for making your own transformers.

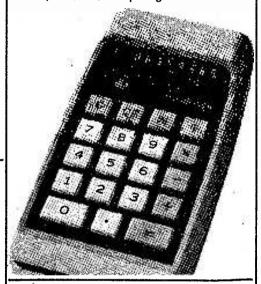
All toroidal inductors are highly self shielding, most of the flux lines are contained within the toroidal form thereby keeping the flux density essentially uniform over its entire magnetic path. Stray magnetic fields have little or no effect on toroids. It is seldom necessary to enclose toroids in a screened can to prevent feedback etc, hence multistage filters and amplifiers can be built using them without the worry of coupling between them.

These cores lend themselves easily to use on broadband RF transformers, winding primary and secondary bifilar or trifilar, thereby obtaining an impedance ratio transformation and are particularly effective in interstage applications. The ordinary slug tuned coil can be used in conjunction with a toroid by connecting them both in series, this way the high "Q" of the toroid coil and the convenience of the slug tuned coil are combined.

Further information and prices may be obtained from TMP Electronic Supplies, 3 Bryn Clyd, Leeswood, Mold, Clwyd, CH7 4RU, North Wales.

### DATAMATH II

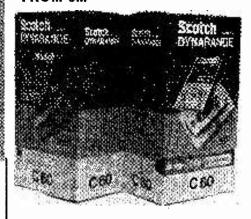
In case you thought the write-up on the Texas Instruments calculator seemed a bit strange, the photograph showed the sophisticated model SR-50 while the text described the T1-2500 II. In addition, the address we gave was of the Bedford plant. The European Calculator Division is based at 165 Bath Road, Slough SL1 4AD, Berks. Our apologies . . .



### ORGAN KITS

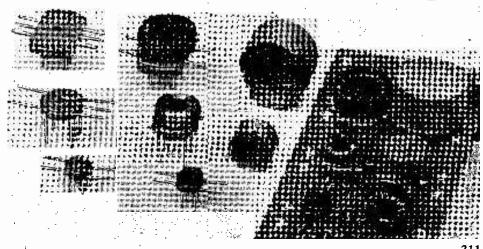
A. Marshall and Son (London) Limited (Dept. P.W.) of 42 Crickle-wood Broadway, London, NW2 3HD tell us that they are now able to supply kits of parts (less cabinet) for the P.W. Easybuild Organ. Send a stamped addressed envelope to them for full details.

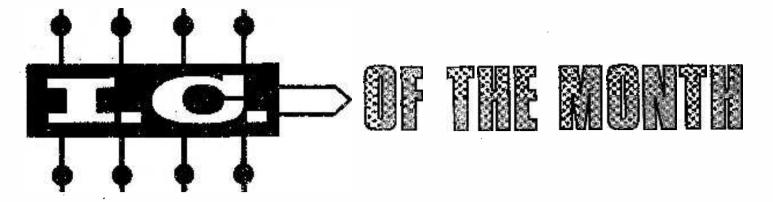
### HIGH-OUTPUT CASSETTES FROM 3M



A new range of medium-priced lownoise, high-output cassettes from 3M is claimed to give an improvement of up to 9dB in high frequency response over standard cassettes. Scotch New High Energy cassettes feature a completely new gammaferric oxide tape, not a cobalt tape as employed in previous Scotch High Energy cassettes. The uniformity and size of the acicular (needle-like) crystals is very accurately controlled during the manufacturing process, and this, together with binder improvements, has enabled a high density coating to be produced with optimum surface finish, resulting in extended high frequency response.

The cassettes, available in C45, C60 and C90 versions, have 3M's exclusive Posi-Trak back coating for smooth, even winding and improved speed regulation (less wow and flutter). They are manufactured under clean-room conditions and are ultrasonically sealed to exclude dust and other frequency-robbing contaminants. Ultrasonic welding, says 3M, assures virtually stress-free construction, and this technique, coupled with Posi-Trak treatment, produces cassettes which are highly resistant to jamming under normal play or rewind conditions. 3M Ltd., 380-384, Harrow Road, London, W9 2HU.





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### SGS-Ates TDA2020 POWER AMPLIFIER

T is only a few years since the first IC audio power amplifiers were introduced, yet now we have quite a wide variety of types and devices becoming available which will handle higher power levels. The TDA2020 device from SGS-Ates is thought to handle more power than any other IC audio amplifier, having a rating of about 20W into a  $4\Omega$  load. However, it is not only the high power handling capability which renders the TDA2020 especially attractive. The device incorporates a new type of short circuit protection which automatically limits the dissipated power so as to keep the working point of the output transistors within their safe operating area. Without this protection, any accidental shorting of the loudspeaker leads could destroy the device.

In addition, a thermal shutdown system is included which limits the maximum junction temperature to 135°C. Therefore a large margin of safety in the size of the heat sink is not required, as the risk of thermal runaway, which is found in discrete power amplifiers, does not exist. Special attention has also been given to reducing the 'thump' noise at switch-on and to eliminating cross-over distortion.

### PACKAGE AND HEAT SINK

The TDA2020 is encapsulated in a normal 14-pin quad-in-line package, with a copper insert fitted into the back. This insert must be clamped so that it is in good thermal contact with an external heat sink. Heat transfer is best assisted by means of a thin layer of silicone grease or preferably one of the special heat conducting mixtures containing a silicone grease and a metal oxide.

A plastic spacer is supplied with the TDA2020 for spacing the bolts which attach the external heat sink. Various forms of heat sink are possible, but if maximum power is required, the thermal resistance of the heat sink should not exceed 6°C/W. The thermal resistance between the chip and the copper insert is less than  $3^{\circ}$ C/W, so if the power being dissipated in the device is 10W, the temperature of the chip is  $9\times10=90^{\circ}$ C above the ambient temperature. On a hot day this may be around  $30^{\circ}$ C, so the chip temperature is then about  $120^{\circ}$ C, fairly near to the maximum value of  $135^{\circ}$ C.

The copper insert is connected electrically to the

silicon substrate and care must be taken to ensure that the heat sink in contact with the copper does not touch any point of the circuit other than the negative supply line.

### CIRCUIT

The TDA2020, like other IC power amplifiers, is basically an operational amplifier, as shown in Fig. 1. The input signal is fed to the non-inverting input of pin 7, negative feedback being taken from the output at pin 14, through R3 to the inverting input at pin 8. Gain is determined by the ratio of R3 to R2 and the HF response by the value of the compensating capacitor C5.

Unlike the circuits employed with most audio power amplifiers, the recommended circuits for the TDA2020 do not employ a capacitor between the output terminal of the device and the loudspeaker. The absence of any large capacitor, therefore, enables a much more compact unit to be built. The omission of this capacitor, however, makes it necessary to arrange that the quiescent potential at the

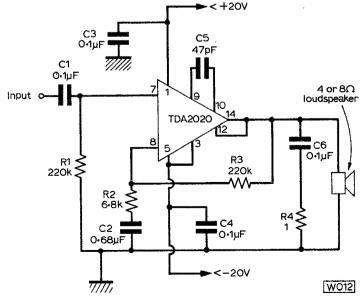


Fig. 1 : Circuit configuration for a single channel high power amplifier, utilising the TDA2020.

output (pin 14) is at earth potential, or a steady current would pass through the loudspeaker. Therefore, in the circuit shown, balanced positive and negative supplies are employed, since the quiescent output voltage is mid-way between the power supply lines.

The absolute maximum voltage rating of the TDA2020 is  $\pm 20$ V. Although higher voltages are likely to damage the IC, it will operate quite correctly from supply voltages down to  $\pm 5$ V. The variation of the maximum output power obtainable from a typical device with the supply voltage is shown in Fig. 2. A stabilised supply of  $\pm 17$ V is used to

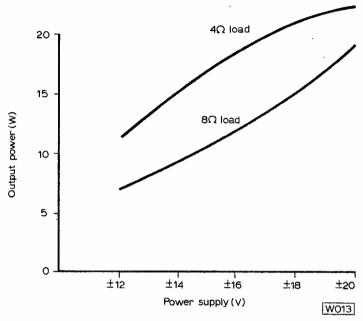


Fig. 2: Graph of maximum.output power plotted against supply voltage for the TDA2020.

obtain 20W RMS into a  $4\Omega$  loudspeaker at 1% THD (even if the input is a sine wave). Alternatively, 13W RMS into an  $8\Omega$  load can be obtained by using a smaller heat sink and the higher impedance speaker.

If a  $\pm 15$ V supply is employed, every TDA2020 device is guaranteed to deliver 15W RMS into a 4 $\Omega$  load at 1% THD. At lower power levels, less than about 8W, the distortion does not exceed about 0.2% and at most frequencies is about 0.1%.

### STEREO OR QUADRAPHONY

Two of the amplifier circuits shown in Fig. 1 can be employed in a stereo system, but R2 and C2 of the two channels should be replaced by the network shown in Fig. 3 to form a balance control. If desired,

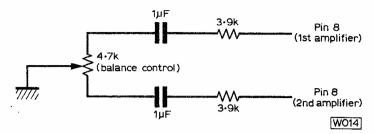


Fig. 3: A stereo amplifier can be made using two of the circuits shown in Fig. 1 with the pin 8 connections replaced with the above network.

The feedback resistor R3 remains connected to pin 8.

a common heat sink may be used for both of the devices.

Four TDA2020s can also be utilised in a quadraphonic system, thereby taking full advantage of the circuit simplicity. The only electrolytic capacitors required are those in the power supplies. A common heat sink may be employed for all four channels, although it must obviously have a smaller thermal resistance than the heat sink required for a single channel amplifier.

### 36W CIRCUIT

A single channel 36W circuit employing an  $8\Omega$  loudspeaker is shown in Fig. 4. This type of circuit is known as a 'bridge' or push-pull amplifier and requires two TDA2020 devices. The input signal is fed to the inverting input of the left-hand amplifier and to the non-inverting input of the right-hand amplifier. Thus, as the output voltage of one device rises, the other falls, and one obtains twice the voltage swing across the loudspeaker, than would have been obtained with a single device.

Available from Chromasonic Electronics (for £3.90 inc. VAT and p/p) and other distributors.

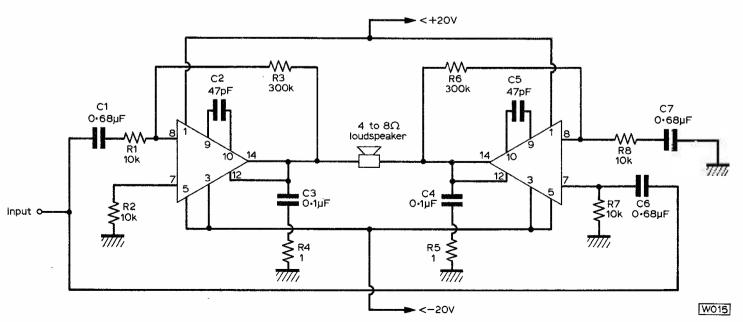
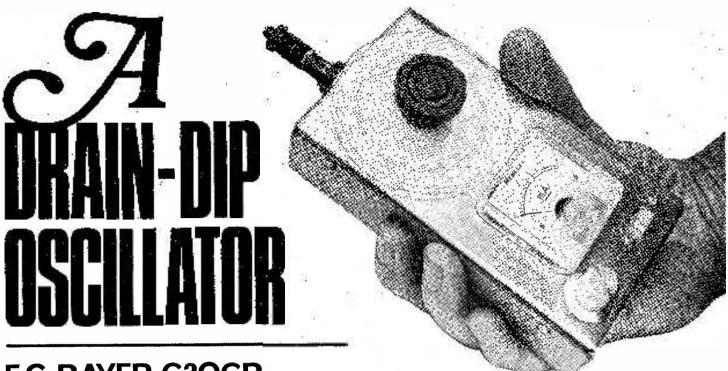


Fig. 4: Circuit diagram of a 36W single channel amplifier using two TDA2020 devices in a bridge circuit.



### F.G.RAYER G3OGR

type of grid dip oscillator. Its principle usage is in determining the resonant frequency of a tuned circuit but it can also be used to find unknown values of inductance and capacitance. It employs plug-in coils, having four ranges which cover from 3MHz to 50MHz. This includes frequencies for which a DDO will usually be needed, such as checking multiplier stages and other amateur transmitter circuits, or the resonant frequency of aerials, etc.

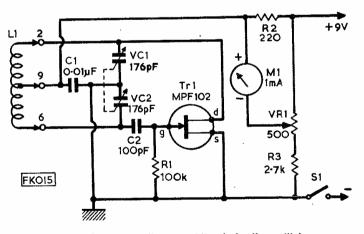


Fig. 1: Schematic diagram of the drain-dip oscillator.

The circuit is shown in Fig. 1, and by using centre-tapped coils it is possible to dispense with the need for any RF choke, which may cause dead spots or reduce efficiency on some frequencies in certain circuits. In fact the upper limit at which the circuit will continue to function depends largely on Tr1; in this case it was near 100MHz. However, at VHF VC1/2 becomes rather large and if there is much need for these frequencies it is better to employ a VHF dip oscillator.

### SENSITIVITY

The circuit is designed to give a generous meter indication. The meter is employed in a bridge circuit with Tr1 and R2 in one side and VR1 and R3 in the other side. It was felt that this provides adequate sensitivity without calling for a microammeter as the indicating instrument or a meter amplifier. In operation, VR1 is adjusted so that the meter reads about half-scale. The instrument is held so that L1 is coupled to the resonant circuit of the equipment. Coupling is tight when L1 and the equipment inductor are side by side or end to end on the same axis, and falls as L1 is moved away, or turned at an angle. With L1 near the equipment inductor, the dip indicated can move the meter completely to the zero stop. However, such tight coupling is normally avoided as the accuracy of frequency readings is then reduced.

The usual procedure is to find approximate resonance by putting L1 quite near the inductor then moving the DDO away a little. Readings also depend on the Q or loading of the circuit under test, the frequency, type of coil and other factors. In the case of inaccessible coils, it may be better to make a link with a few turns each end, placing one loop near L1 and the other on or near the equipment coil.

### **INDUCTORS**

Each coil is centre tapped and wound as in Fig. 2. The windings are as follows:

- (1) 50-20MHz. 10 turns of 24SWG enamelled wire.
- (2) 32-12MHz. 20 turns of 24SWG enamelled wire.
  (3) 12-5MHz. 50 turns of 34SWG enamelled wire.
- (4) 8-3MHz. 90 turns of 38SWG enamelled wire.

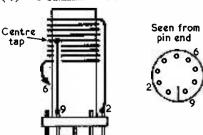


Fig. 2: Each of the four colls required is wound as shown here.

There is no need to employ these exact gauges of wire. It will be noted that three coils will enable the 3-30MHz range to be covered, if this is adequate coverage.

Turns are close wound beginning as near as possible to the threaded end of the formers. The ends can be secured with adhesive or cotton and may run down outside, as in Fig. 2. Alternatively, small holes can be drilled in the formers, so that the leads pass down inside, emerging through further holes near the appropriate pins. The coil formers must be fitted in a holder when soldering to the pins and should be left in it until the pins are cool.

### CONSTRUCTION

The case is made by taking a single  $8\times3$ in. flanged universal chassis member and clipping out 90 degree sections from each flange,  $1^1$ 4in. from the

Box

Signal Sign

Fig. 3: Layout of components on the front of the case. A corresponding photograph of the oscillator is shown at the right.

ends. The member is then bent across here, to form a flanged, open box  $5^{1}{}_{2}\times3\times1^{1}{}_{4}$ in. in size. A sharp bend is obtained by gripping the metal along the required bending line between pieces of wood in a vice.

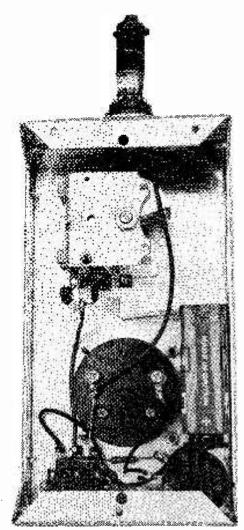
The ganged capacitor, meter, S1 and VR1 are positioned as in Fig. 3. The capacitor is fixed with three 4BA bolts. One holds the bracket shown, which keeps the battery in position. Ordinary washers or washers cut from the same thickness metal are put under the capacitor at the other fixing positions. Slide switch S1 occupies a slot and is held with two bolts. A separate switch is more convenient than incorporating one with VR1.

A 3-lead transistor holder was used, mainly as a simple means of trying alternative transistors. The MPF102 seemed most generally suitable but the MFP105 and 2N5459 were found to be satisfactory. The Source tag is soldered to VC1, or has a very short lead here, and this secures the holder. Solder C2 and R1 to the Gate tag and connect the Drain tag to VC1 as in Fig. 3.

The battery should fit between the meter and flange, with VR1 and the bracket at the ends, as in Fig. 3, and its connectors must not be able to touch the metal.

### **CALIBRATION**

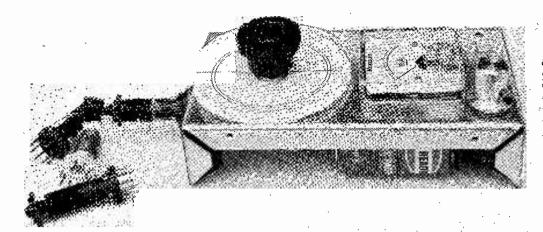
The dial with four scales is fixed with adhesive and a 3in. diameter disc of thin Perspex was prepared with a washer or tank cutter, scribed with a line, and fixed to the control knob with three screws.



### \* components list

### Miscellaneous

Tr1, MPF102, with socket. M1, 1mA meter. S1, on off switch. Knobs (2) and dial (see text). Aluminum box approx. 5½ x 3 x 1½in. Coil formers (4), ministure 9 pln, without cores (Denco). B9A valveholder. Wire for coils.



Finished oscillator with set of coils covering 3 to 50MHz. No cores are fitted to the coil formers. If any adjustment is found necessary to the number or spacing of the turns on a coil this must be made symmetrically about the centre tap.

If VR1 is set for about half scale on the meter, this should do for most of the band. Readings will tend to fall off near the extreme HF end of the coverage provided. When a short wave receiver covering up to 30MHz is available, place the DDO near a wire attached to the aerial socket and tune it to various frequencies, as indicated by the receiver S-meter, or BFO. These frequencies can then be marked on the DDO scales. If necessary, tune up and down to make sure a harmonic response is not being obtained with the receiver. A calibrated absorption wavemeter may also be used for calibration. There will be no ambiguity in frequency readings due to harmonics with this form of wavemeter.

When checking the frequency of a circuit, avoid unnecessarily tight coupling. This will pull the frequency of the DDO, so that a less accurate reading is obtained. Where transmitter multiplier stages or other circuits are tuned up with no power applied, bandswitches must be in the appropriate position because the resonant frequency will be influenced by stray capacitances thrown across the circuit.

If the design of equipment results in the DDO coil being very near metal parts and inductors other than that being checked, so that no definite indication is readily obtained, it is better to employ a coupling link, as described.

### FINDING INDUCTANCE

It may be necessary to check the inductance of unknown short wave coils, or to wind coils to some wanted inductance. The inductance of a winding can be found with reasonable accuracy by connecting a known capacitance across the winding and determining the resonant frequency of the combination with the DDO.

A 100pF 1% silver mica capacitor can be used, and the inductance L in  $\mu$ H can then be found from the following:

$$L = \frac{25330}{100xF^2}$$

F is the frequency in MHz, as found with the DDO. For example, assume resonance arises at 10 MHz. Then  $25330/100 \times 10 \times 10 = 2 \cdot 53 \mu\text{H}$ .

### FINDING CAPACITANCE

By placing the unknown capacitor across a known inductance, the same method can be used to determine the capacitor value. This may be useful with capacitors with obliterated markings, or to find the value of variable capacitors or trimmers.

A  $5\mu H$  inductor is convenient and can be wound on a lin. diameter former using 24SWG enamelled wire. Wind six turns closewound leave a space of  $^{1}8$ in., and wind a further six turns. The ends are each lin. long. If maximum accuracy is required, the inductance can be modified slightly by increasing or reducing the space, checking resonant frequency by the formula given.

The value of the unknown capacitor C in pi' can now be found from:

$$C = \frac{25330}{5 \times F^2}$$

F is the frequency in MHz, as before. For example, suppose resonance arises at 10MHz. From this,  $25330/5 \times 10 \times 10 = 50 \cdot 6$ pF.

A check by these means will show the value of a capacitor or inductor with enough accuracy for most purposes. For maximum accuracy, the capacitor or inductor forming the standard should be of close tolerance and the resonant frequency checked with a finely calibrated receiver, tuned to the DDO.

### CQ! CQ! CQ! CQ!

### INFORMATION WANTED

...service manual or circuit diagram for a Grundig Prima Boy. Will refund postage after I've photo-copied it.—Eugene De Mello, P.O. Box 295, Zanzibar.

...circuits to build a VLF 3-30kHz LF 30-300kHz converter.— C. Mahoney, 37 Camp Place, Callander, Perthshire, Scotland.

...buy or borrow circuit details of Bendix RA10, P.W. September 58, R101-B (ARN-6); source for PU head Cosmocord GP19 or similar; surplus conversion manuals Nos. 2 and 3.—A.D. Besford, G3NHU, 49 Blake Road, Gt. Yarmouth Norfolk.

...loan or purchase handbook for Lafayette HA-600A receiver.—B. Harvey, 114 St. Nicholas Drive, Wybers Wood, Grimsby, South Humberside.

...article on DX'ers Processing Unit from P. W. July 1972.—W. E. Philpott, Russell House, East Cliff, Rye, Sussex, TN31 7LP.

...information and circuit diagrams on modified No. 19 set and B44 Mk. 3.—J. Apollo-Oluoch, Comm. Dept. E.A.P.L., Box 151, Kisumu, Kenya.

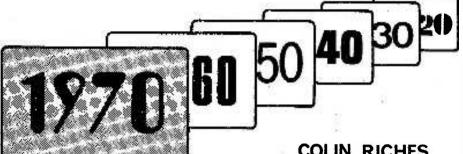
...buy or borrow any info. on Avo electronic CT38, especially opv valve.—P. Saunders, 13 Pulteney Gardens, Bath.

...circuit or info on micro voltmeter model No. 10B serial No. 503 (U.S.A.)—F. Higgins, 4 Rural Cottages, Shrawardine, Shrewsbury.

...gen required on manufacturer/importer of Sonora tape recorder. Also cct. diagram required.—K. D. Halliday, 145 Wenlock Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

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### GOING BACK



### The Fultograph

¬ IRST, I would like to say a sincere "thank you" to all those readers who have written to me with information on the "Fultograph". I am at present compiling an article on this fascinating machine and hope to publish it in the near future.

### A shop for us

RECENTLY received a copy of the Tudor Rees (Vintage Services) catalogue and was pleasantly surprised on opening it to find vast lists of vintage radio books, service manuals, magazines and equipment offered for sale.

If you are keen on renovating vintage receivers, buying spare parts or complete models, then this is the catalogue for you.

Tudor Rees has a shop at 64 Broad Street, Staple Hill, Bristol BS16 5NL, and as you can see from the photograph it's pretty well stocked.

**COLIN RICHES** 

Tudor tells me that he has always been interested in radio and electronics from his schooldays (he's now 31) so was brought up on valves and the early days of transistors (yours truly can remember paying £1 for a "red-spot" type). He was an apprentice at the local aircraft factory and worked there with "things electronic". After leaving that, he spent approximately seven years at the Bristol University as an electronics technician-but with transistor technology becoming "integrated circuit" technology, he realised he was fast becoming bored with the work as it was, to him, more maths than electronics and all the 'mystery and mystic" had gone.

Owning a vintage car (1937 Chevrolet) and belonging to various vintage clubs, Tudor was often asked by people to repair old car radios (valve/vibrator iobs). After the first one, he became hooked-valves and components he could see! Marvellous! His repairs to vintage sets soon

moved into the domestic field and he did jobs from his home until demand became so great he opened his shop.

The business is now in its third year and Tudor says he's "touching wood" that it will continue to flourish. He comments, "There are easier ways of making a living, but not so many that, are so interesting! Every day there is something new and the old designs were so clever!'

He tells me that it really is a form of nostalgia to him. Nostalgia from the days when as a boy he built radios on wooden bases using old Practical Wireless circuits and using 2 volt battery triodes, etc. (bring back the PM2!). It's also nostalgia from the golden days of radio, when British wireless sets were British made—and good.

Personally, Tudor Rees now collects early American wireless sets of about the 1930s, the Scott, McMurdo, etc.

His shop stocks most equipment from 1920-1950. He literally gets asked for almost anything from this period and says that there is quite a demand for the early 1930's mains radios. Also, almost everybody he speaks to asks for crystal sets.

### Catalogue

The catalogue gives a good insight into the kind of gear for sale in Mr. Rees's shop and he tells me it is his intention to offer a full service to the vintage radio collector and enthusiast.

If you would like to have a copy of the catalogue send 40p plus 7p to the above-mentioned address. If you wish to contact the shop by telephone, the number is Bristol (0272) 565472.

### Mid pou know?

▼N 1926 an Aberdeen court imposed fines of £2 each on two wireless "pirates."

The Sheriff, or magistrate, was told by the prosecution that fines of £10 had been imposed for similar offences "south of the border."

The Sheriff replied that heavier fines might be required to bring Englishmen to their senses but he hoped the Scotsmen, with their appreciation of the value of money, would come to their senses through the imposition of a much smaller fine!



Mr. Rees' 'Aladdin's Cave' of vintage radio equipment.

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### TEENISION ON SALE 21st. JULY

### VIDEOTAPE RECORDING

Videotape recorders intended for the domestic and educational markets are now available. To handle such machines it is necessary to understand the specialised circuit techniques used and the mechanical arrangements. This is the first part of a new series.

### • THORN 9000 CHASSIS

Thorn's new 9000 chassis, built around the PIL colour tube, employs much novel circuitry including the Syclops combined line-output/power supply circuit. How this and the rest of the circuit works will be explained.

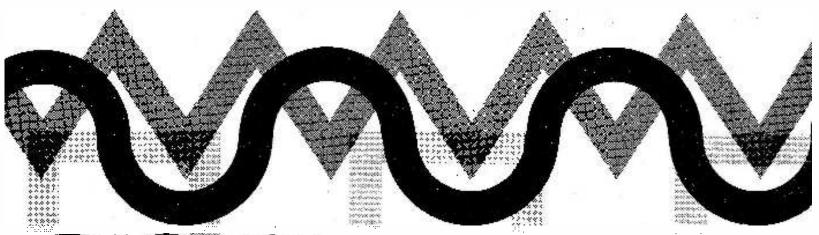
### OVER-VOLTAGE PROTECTION

With the advent of solid-state chassis using stabilised power supplies came the need for over-voltage protection, to prevent the h.t. or e.h.t. rising excessively in the event of a fault in the regulator circuit. This guide covers many different circuit techniques.

### • ELECTRONIC LOGIC

Many will already have come across logic circuitry; those now plunging into the peculiarities of Ceefax/Oracle decoding will shortly have to do so. Our guide, mainly in diagrammatic form, covers the various logic elements.





## DIGITAL WAVEGORM GENERATOR John Smith C. English THREE

READERS not having access to the instrumentation described in Part 2, may nevertheless wish to build a function generator. These readers can make a number of simplifications to the design, without impairing the performance more than their lack of instrumentation dictates.

+15V R84 ∽₩ R86 C9 **R87** ~₩ **R83 R88** 5k R89 ѵ R90 ᠕᠕ R91 ѵ All 5k 77777 **S**5 TL. R4 Function IC1 8038 **≶**R82 81k -150

Fig. 10: Circuit diagram of the main generator section of the simplified Digital Waveform Generator.

Consider the circuit diagrams shown in Part 1. The decade switching is unnecessary because calibration inaccuracies make S3 and S4 virtually ineffective. Therefore the first simplification made is to dispense with these two decade switches and employ the coarse steps given by S1 only.

Secondly, it is unnecessary to have two separate banks of resistors. Without instrumentation to select these resistors the up and down strokes of the triangular waveform cannot be made symmetrical. Therefore pins 4 and 5 of the 8038 are linked together and a single-gang nine-way switch is employed instead of the more expensive twin gang unit.

If desired a "fine" adjustment may be incorporated using a  $5k\Omega$  potentiometer (VR6) in series with the switch (see the simplified function generator diagram, Figs. 10 and 11).

Thirdly, the removal of the decade switches means that the LED indicators are unnecessary, and these are dispensed with.

Finally, the sine purity potentiometers VR1 and VR2 may be omitted as they have very little effect on the waveform. The rest of the circuitry remains the same, but as a consequence of the simplifications outlined, a very much smaller case may be used to house the instrument.

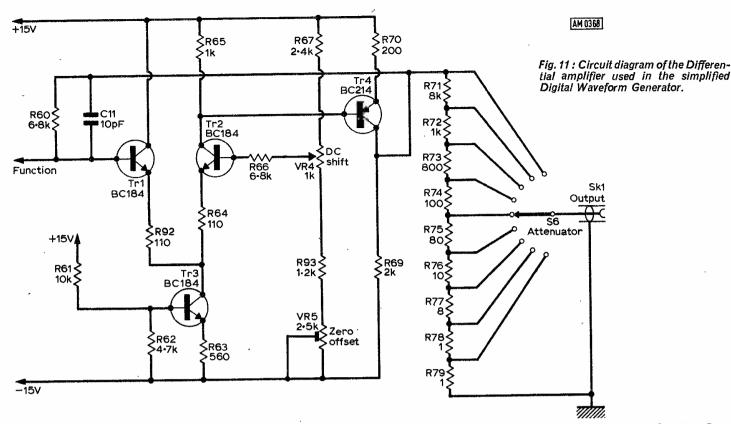
In the simplified circuit diagram shown in Fig. 10, capacitors C1 to C7 have the design values shown in the early components list, but the front panel should be differently marked. As there are no LEDs to indicate the decimal places, the range switch must be marked thus: Range 1:  $\times 1$  second; Range 2:  $\times 100 \text{mSec}$ ; Range 3:  $\times 10 \text{mSec}$ ; Range 4:  $\times 1 \text{mSec}$ ; Range 5:  $\times 100 \mu \text{Sec}$ ; Range 6:  $\times 10 \mu \text{Sec}$ ; Range 7:  $\times 1 \mu \text{Sec}$ .

Of course range seven is no more accurate in this design than it is in the earlier model.

### COMPONENTS

Where marked with the same component number the same component as shown in the first components

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list is used. The components which differ or are added are:

S8 Single-pole nine-way switch.

S9 Single-pole seven-way switch.

R82  $81k\Omega$ 

R83-R91  $5k\Omega$  resistors  $(10k\Omega + 10k\Omega$  in parallel).

R92  $110\Omega$ 

R93 1·2kΩ.

VR5  $2.5k\Omega$ .

VR6  $5k\Omega$ .

The unnecessary components are: R1, R6 to R59, R68, VR1, VR2, VR3, S1, S2, S3, S4, C12, D1, D2, D3.

### PERIOD VERSUS FREQUENCY

This simplified signal generator design is calibrated for *period* in the same manner as the more accurate instrument described in Part 2. However, some readers constructing the simplified instrument may prefer to have switched *frequencies* as an alternative to period calibration. The changes required are quite simple. First the range switch must be marked thus: Range 1: ×0·1Hz; Range 2: ×1Hz; Range 3: ×10Hz; Range 4: ×100Hz; Range 5: ×1kHz; Range 6: ×10kHz; Range 7: ×100kHz.

Switch S8 now becomes a multiplier giving 100, 200, 300, 400Hz etc. up to 900Hz. VR6 cannot be used in this arrangement and must be replaced by a link. Secondly the multiplier switch S8 must be wired with different values of resistor as shown in Fig. 12 to give the preselected frequencies. As with the previous design use of the 8038BC will give much higher accuracy and better waveforms than the cheaper CC model.

### USING THE FUNCTION GENERATOR

When using the function generator it may be convenient to convert from period measurement to frequency. The relationship between period (p) and frequency (f) is given simply by f=1/p.

Table 1 gives this relationship for the first two significant decades in the form of a four figure num-

ber. To use the table find the row given by the first decade and the column given by the second decade and multiply the four figure number by the appropriate factor.

For example, if the decade switches are set to 3, 6, 0 on range 4 (3.6mSec) the frequency is 277.8Hz (divide the number appearing in row 3, Pl, column 6, P2, by 10).

Alternatively if a particular frequency is required,  $1.8 \,\mathrm{kHz}$  for example, look for the nearest frequency given in the table; 1818 in this case.  $1.818 \,\mathrm{kHz}$  is obtainable on Range 5 with the decade switches set to 550. To produce a frequency nearer to  $1.8 \,\mathrm{kHz}$  the third decade switch must be used. In this case it gives steps of  $3.2 \, (1818-1786)/10$ , therefore five or six steps on this third decade are necessary to obtain  $1.8 \,\mathrm{kHz}$ .

It must be remembered that the third decade lowers the frequency set by the first two switches.

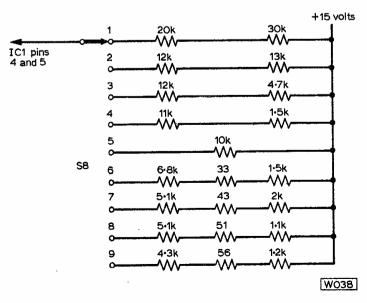


Fig. 12: Values of resistors to be wired to the multiplier switch S8 are shown here.

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Range 1: ÷10,000 to give Hz Range 2: ÷1,000 to give Hz Range 3: ÷100 to give Hz Range 4: ÷10 to give Hz Range 5: ÷1,000 to give kHz Range 6: ÷100 to give kHz Range 7: ÷10 to give kHz

P3 The third decade lowers the frequency in roughly equal steps. For example, at P1 and P2 setting of 18, P3 reduces frequency in the steps 1019, 1018, 1017, etc.

With a little practice the use of the table for converting period to frequency or frequency to period settings is quick and accurate.

### USING SINE WAVES

Apart from their use as a signal source in the development of circuits, sine waves are invaluable for gain-frequency plots of amplifiers. In the case of an audio amplifier a set of characteristics may be plotted showing level response, maximum bass/treble response and minimum bass/treble response.

The fine adjustments possible using the three decade switches makes the generator admirably suited to plotting the characteristics of scratch filters, or indeed any other kind of filter working in the 0.1Hz to 100kHz range.

A further use is in the gain—phase analysis of general feedback amplifier design for stability.

### USING TRIANGULAR WAVES

The triangular waveform can be very useful in the investigation of trigger levels for devices like Schmitt trigger circuits, logic circuits, pulse generators, etc. At low frequencies it provides a slowly rising ramp where time and voltage are related. Such a waveform can often be most useful in general circuit design where linearity is important.

The triangular waveform can be used for investigating intermodulation distortion. When examining an amplifier with sine waves, deviation from linearity does not show up very well and with square waves not at all. However, providing there is no distortion due to frequency limitations, deviations from linearity shows itself most clearly on triangular waveforms.

It is well known that non-linear characteristics, such as a diode, can be used for demodulation or frequency changing simply by applying two signals and using the resulting sum and difference frequencies generated. Similarly, if a multiplicity of frequencies are applied to an amplifier which has non-linear characteristics sum and difference (intermodulation) components are produced. This is why some inferior amplifiers can pick up interference from powerful radio stations.

Great care must be exercised in testing to ensure that frequency limitations are not causing distortion, a factor of at least 20 to 25 must be allowed for faithfully reproducing the harmonics. For example an amplifier of 10Hz to 100kHz bandwidth should be tested with a triangular waveform of less than 4 to 5kHz, 500Hz to 1kHz would be ideal.

In the case of class B output stages any crossover or unbalance in the output amplifiers is immediately apparent when the triangular waveshape is applied. With these tests it is desirable to use a double beam oscilloscope to compare input directly with output signal, however, if this facility is not available the linearity of the generator is good enough to obtain useful results from a single beam instrument.

### SOUARE WAVE TESTING

The square wave signal is used as a source for testing digital circuits such as counters, logic, digital frequency meters, etc., but is also used increasingly by hi-fi specialists for testing audio amplifiers.

Gain frequency plotting and linearity checks with sine and triangular waveforms tell little about the transient response of amplifiers. Square wave tests are capable of showing unwanted resonances which can spoil an amplifier's ability to reproduce transients, (sharply changing waveforms such as cymbals).

A well-shaped square wave signal consists of the fundamental frequency plus a large number of harmonics, which are necessary to form a precise square wave signal. Therefore when a square wave is applied to an amplifier it is, in effect, producing a whole band of frequencies. This means that when the square wave output is viewed on an oscilloscope its shape is determined by the characteristics of the amplifier.

The characteristics of an amplifier are investigated by connecting it to a resistive load and applying a small amplitude square wave signal to the input. It is essential in this test to ensure that the input signal is small enough to prevent saturation of any stage in the amplifier.

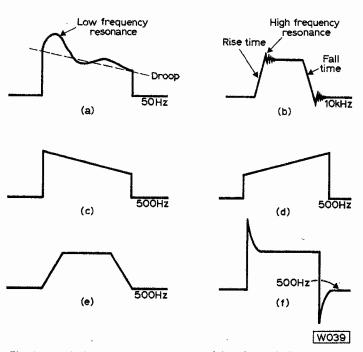
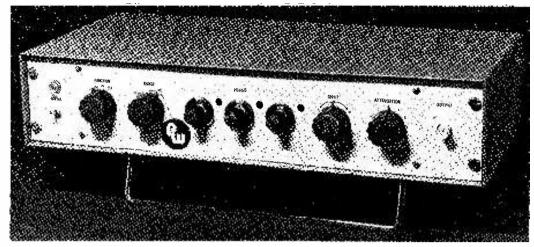


Fig. 13: Typical square wave responses. (a) Pulse with droop and low frequency resonance. (b) Pulse with low rise and fall times and high frequency resonance (c) Effect of bass cut (d) Effect of bass boost (e) Effect of treble cut (f) Effect of treble boost.



The completed Digital Waveform Generator.

### SQUARE WAVE RESPONSES

The output signal will not be perfect, Figs. 13a and 13b show the possible responses to low and higher frequency square waves. Fig. 13a shows a pulse with droop and a low frequency resonance, such a resonance could be concerned with the low frequency phase-gain characteristics of the amplifier.

Low frequency resonance is not common, but the pulse will droop in any capacitively coupled amplifier, as it is related to the low frequency 3dB point. Strictly speaking it is difficult to relate droop to the 3dB point in an amplifier, because the rate at which the amplifier response falls towards cut off influences the droop. However, many writers assume a single time constant (6dB per octave) and estimate the 3dB point from the droop that this single time constant causes. Droop is also caused by the bass cut control and may be used to evaluate the operation of the bass tone circuits.

Fig. 13b shows the response to a high frequency square wave. Here the rise and fall times are related to the high frequency response and may be used to calculate this response if the 6dB per octave time constant is assumed. The figure also shows some high frequency resonance which may be caused by the overall gain-phase response, alternatively it may be caused by a single faulty stage in the amplifier. Whatever the cause, such resonances must be eliminated.

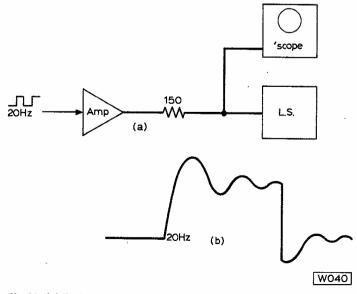


Fig. 14: (a) Test set-up for producing the characteristics of a loudspeaker in its enclosure (b) The response of an underdamped system.

### TONE CONTROLS

Figs. 13c, d, e, and f show the effects on a 500Hz signal of the bass cut, bass boost, treble cut and treble boost controls respectively.

The bass cut control increases the droop (c), whilst the bass boost control gives a rising response (d). However, if a very low frequency signal is used the cut off characteristics of the amplifier causes droop which no amount of bass boost can compensate.

In waveform (e) it is apparent that treble cut gives rise to a slowly rising response. (Most of the high frequencies are concentrated in the leading edge of the pulse). Treble boost, on the other hand increases the amplitude of the high frequency components giving rise to the spikes shown in (f). In practice the low frequency characteristics show up better at low square wave frequencies (50 to 100Hz), whilst the high frequency effects are more apparent at the higher frequencies. (1 to 4kHz).

The testing of loudspeaker enclosure damping can also be carried out with the aid of square waves. In this test the square wave generator must drive a powerful amplifier coupled to the loudspeaker through a high resistance. A resistance some ten times that of the loudspeaker will be necessary using an amplifier capable of operating without its loudspeaker load. The amplifier must also be capable of operating at frequencies below that of the speaker resonance under test, and capable of producting satisfactory square waves at 20 to 30Hz.

Fig. 14 shows the test circuit arrangement. A high gain oscilloscope is necessary to see the type of response shown. This response represents an underdamped system where the box or loudspeaker is resonating.

This method provides a means of investigating the effect of various cavities and baffles using a variety of loudspeakers. Removing or omitting the high resistance will cause the amplifier to damp the loudspeaker system (a highly desirable characteristic in practice) which will mask the effects of acoustic damping in the loudspeaker system.

These suggestions represent just a few uses for the function generator, there are many more. Readers constructing the instrument will find that it is an invaluable signal source for testing their various constructional projects.

ERROR In the circuit of Fig. 4, Part 1, the resistor in the bias chain of Tr3 (R61) was shown connected to earth. It should in fact be connected to the +15V line as indicated in the board layout in Fig. 6 Part 2.

### ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

### RACING ELECTRONICS

WHEN a racing car goes out on to the track, a great number of estimates have to be made. For example, how long the fuel will last. If you pull the car in for refuelling too quickly, you will loose valuable time. If you leave it too late, it may run out of petrol and you'll loose the race alltogether.

At Indianapolis, Indiana, the Gatorade-McLaren racing car is different—it cuts out all the guesswork. Under the bonnet sits an engine plus a radio transmitter. The input of the transmitter accepts signals from various sensors strategically placed, and the output is radioed back to a computer in the pits. A printout or a visual display tells the pit mechanics and engineers exactly what the state of the car is—and the information is never more than one second old! The sensors are scanned 100 times every second by the computer.

A tiny propeller in the fuel lead tells the computer exactly how much fuel is being used and the computer can then display exactly how much is left. It can also time the car each lap.

Some 14 of the car's functions are monitored. These include the "ride height" of each wheel, the oil and water temperature and their pressures, forward and sideways acceleration, manifold pressure, air inlet temperature etc.

Perhaps the ultimate will be where the driver sits on the side of the track and "drives" the car by looking at a tv screen which shows the track immediately in front or the radiosteered car via a small tv camera. Possible, but remote.

### **OPTICAL COAX?**

Have you ever looked at a piece of coaxial cable and thought how much material and effort goes into producing it? All that copper. Now think of the larger coaxial cables used in professional telephone cable systems etc. It could well be that the coax cable will be replaced, gradually, by plastic fibres.

A laser beam can be shone down a plastic light fibre (like the "mare's tail" displays) and the single beam can carry some six different tv channels or a very large number of telephone conversations. Good thing about plastic fibre is that it doesn't rot or corrode, it's light in weight and the system isn't prone to electromagnetic or electrostatic interference.

At the University of London, one experiment has been to pass signals down a light fibre (just one) and it is possible to "tap" off the signal anywhere along the fibre without breaking the plastic. A sensor—so tiny that it can be mounted on the inside edges of a small clothes peg, is simply clipped anywhere along the fibre and the signal can be heard via the tap.

It is interesting to note that two of the large connector manufacturers— Amphenol and ITT Cannon, already offer connectors not for connecting things electrically, but optically. Amphenol has a small "coaxial type" plug and socket, while ITT Cannon has a multi "pin" plug and socket.

### 20% EFFICIENCY CELL

Another thing not to be taken lightly is the new approach to photocells by Bell Labs. A 5 micron thick gallium arsenide coating is one of the secrets which, it is claimed, assists in the making of a cell which will have nearly 20% efficiency. While 20% may not sound very high to some, it is quite an achievement when comparing it with the 8% efficiency of the current silicon cell.

### GIVE US A TUNE!

The world of computers seems to be a place where the smaller and smaller gets ever more complex. We've reached the stage of minicomputers which seem to have amazing versatility when coupled to certain other items. For example I hear of one application where a minicomputer was programmed and coupled to a suitably "voiced" oscillator and tone forming circuits. The net result and point to it all was that the computer played the second instrument in a Beethoven clarinet duet and listeners were unable to tell which was the computer and which was the real man plus proper clarinet.

Perhaps schoolboys will be programming their more advanced pocket calculators to sing Good King Wenceslas outside your door at Christmas thereby allowing them to concentrate on the more important task of collecting and counting the money.

### DIAMONDS ARE . . .

Diamonds are supposed to be a girl's best triend so perhaps saphire could do something for the men? It's certainly doing something for the giant US company Hughes Aircraft. This company had been making liquid crystal displays by placing same on a bulk silicon cubstrate. This same substrate also contained the addressing and switching circuitry. Now, Hughes is building the display but using a saphire substrate. Better yield and isolation between elements plus simpler processing are some of the advantages. A 10,000 element display has been fabricated using this type of substrate and it measures only one inch square. Rumour has it that Hughes is now working on a 2 inch square device.

I would think that viewing a single element on the saphire substrate one would see precious little.

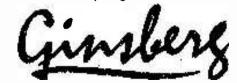
### TIE-PIN TELLY?

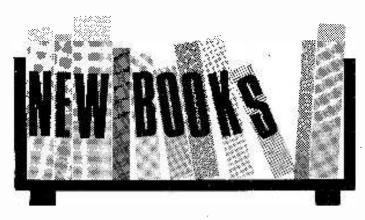
Some time back I commented on a minute calculator which fitted on the wrist. I note that the Optel Corp. in America has just launched a wristwatch which is also a calculator—the whole lot in a single wristwatch case. Prices quoted are between 500 dollars and 1,000 dollars and the watches/calculators have eight digit readouts and employ liquid crystal displays. The batteries are disposable types and should last for a least one year.

About time we saw the tie-pin television isn't it?

### **BUG-FINDER**

In the June issue we referred to the EMI wide-band receiver as the Bloodhound. This should have read 'Bughound.' Our apologies.





A GUIDE TO AMATEUR RADIO (Sixteenth Edition) By Pat Hawker G3VA Published by the Radio Society of Great Britain, 35 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2AE 112 pages  $9\frac{3}{4} \times 7\frac{1}{4}$ in. (248  $\times$  184mm) Price 98p (£1.10 inc. p/p)

S compiler of the Amateur Bands feature every month I receive many letters from would-be listeners to the short wave bands. One question pops up more frequently than any other, "where can I get a book that explains all the jargon I hear and read about concerning the SW bands?" "What's a QSL card?" is another favourite.

Having enjoyed the privileges of a licensed radio amateur for more years than I care to remember I usually try to steer a newcomer's interest towards the amateur bands! I see no point in listening to broadcast stations, frequently using very high power, when I can be talking to another amateur thousands of miles away on gear that I have built myself. One cannot achieve this overnight but it should be the natural target of any short wave listener. It is at this point that I always advise newcomers to write to the RSGB for the Guide!

In reviewing a book it is all too easy to list material that one feels ought to have been included in the interests of completeness. In the Guide this seems to me to be quite impossible! It's all there, page after page of solid information, all the hieroglyphics and jargon carefully explained in much detail. However, since this is the sixteenth edition it is inevitable that much of the material used was already set and the consequent saving in production costs is reflected in the very low cover price.

For year after year the Council of the RSGB has dodged the issue of revising the Guide and the longer it is left the costlier will be the work involved but it will have to be done. Reading the Guide a newcomer could be forgiven for thinking that a new term "Mc/s" had been invented, replacing MHz! Even in the new material it has been persisted with. A note to explain why it occurs at all would not have been out of place on the first page.

There are many other inconsistencies which could be cleared up such as the use of K, ohms, m/ohms and K $\Omega$  for resistance instead of  $\Omega$ , k $\Omega$ , M $\Omega$ , etc. "Condenser" instead of "capacitor" in places, reference to component suppliers no longer in business, use of metric and Imperial measurements on one diagram!

Chapter One (This is Amateur Radio) answers some of the simpler questions, "what types of licences are available in the UK?, "how much do they cost?", "are the exams difficult to pass?" and perhaps more pertinent "how much does an amateur station cost?". Chapter Two (Getting Started) looks at log-keeping, discusses the characteristics of the amateur bands from 1.8MHz to above 1215MHz, advises on the sending of reports, and reviews amateur equipment in a general way. Although the PA circuit in Fig. 17 is not intended to be a practical one, a blocking capacitor in the anode circuit would not have come amiss! Chapter Three (Communications Receivers) gets down to details on requirements, leading to practical designs for a high stability converter, a Q multiplier and the now famous RSGB Transistor Four simple superhet.

Chapter Four (Amateur Transmitters) discusses the usual types of oscillators found in amateur transmitting

equipment, leading on to power amplifier design and the problems of harmonics and parasitics, a much-beloved subject of the Radio Amateurs Examination! CW and telephony operation is followed by aerials, frequency measurement and the RSGB Noviset, a low power transmitter for telephony or CW on the 160/80m bands.

Chapter Five (The Licence Examinations) is perhaps the most important chapter in the Guide! Details of the RAE syllabus, which is very frightening and daunting to the prospective candidate but need not be, a typical exam paper, a summary of licence conditions and a table of frequencies available to the UK amateur. Finally, preparing and passing the RAE, some very useful advice indeed if only candidates would heed it!

Having got a ticket Chapter Six (Operating an Amateur Station) will assume a new significance with notes on the Morse code, RST code, International Q code and Amateur Abbreviations, and, very useful indeed, the list of callsign prefixes. Chapter Seven (Workshop Practice) should convince the newcomer that making one's own equipment is not so very difficult after all, and, very significantly, that it's very much cheaper and certainly much more satisfying. For some strange reason a 3.5MHz direct-conversion receiver design is included in this chapter.

Chapter Eight (Amateur Radio Equipment) is completely new in the Guide and quite invaluable to the would-be purchaser of any amateur gear. A review of receivers from the 30s to the present day runs on to transmitters and transceivers and is followed by an extremely useful listing of equipment, by make, with basic technical data. Finally, Chapter Nine (The RSGB and the Radio Amateur) outlines the work of the Society and the advantages of being a member.

Don't worry about my trivial criticisms! It's still a wonderful publication and worth every penny!

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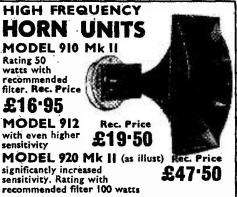
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by Eric Dowdeswell G4AR

Reports from readers continue to arrive in spite of the competition from many other summer activities. Perhaps I ought to put summer in quotes as snow falls to a depth of several inches in the North! That'll keep the lads glued to their sets! Incidentally, because of changes to our printing schedules you can now hold your reports to me until the end of the month. This ought to get your reports into print a bit sooner after you part with them and generally make the news a bit more up-to-date.

Among the regular publications that come my way is *TARS TALK*, journal of the Torbay Amateur Radio Society, and one that I enjoy reading very much. The Society obviously has a solid core of hardworking members resulting in a healthy membership. Apart from regular meetings the Society organises coach trips from time to time in which wives, girl-friends and children take part, thus showing that radio amateurs do have a human facet, for a short time, anyway! Those interested and lucky enough to live in the Torbay area should contact M. Yates, G3UIQ, 23 Waverley Road, Newton Abbot, Devon, secretary of TARS.

There are dozens of similar societies up and down the country so if you are unattached radio-societywise (ugh!) why not ask the Radio Society of Great Britain at 35 Doughty Street, London WC1, for the address of your local society? In the larger towns there may well be two or three from which you can choose. While you are at it, why not consider getting a copy of the Society's *Guide to Amateur Radio* (16th Edition) which is a give-away at £1·10 p/p. Hopefully, my review of the Guide should appear elsewhere in this issue.

Tim Charles (Colchester) grabbed the far end of his 132ft aerial wire and pulled it round to form a half wave loop on 80m, and, parallel tuned with 500pF, was delighted to find it tuned to all the HF bands. I feel it must have been mis-matched at times but full marks Tim for experimenting! On 2m Tim now has a Microwaves Module converter feeding his CR70A on 2 to 4MHz. He mentions some very low power work by G8EWC on 2m, heard by Tim when the power was just 10mW, that's milliwatts not megawatts! Distance was only one and a half miles but the 8-element Yagi at EWC must have helped.

Paul Barker (Sunderland) doesn't intend to wear out his bandswitch! He stuck to 20m SSB and SSTV and found CN8HD on the latter mode. Paul praises the conditions into the Middle East and Africa of late on 20m, no doubt due to the change towards summer propagation paths. Stephen Budd A8713 (Worthing) also preferred 20m where he found KG6, KS6 and 9N1 for comparatively rare ones. I must say it is nice to see some people getting away from the bedlam on 80m for the relative quiet of 20m! It was always my favourite band and could usually be relied upon to produce something new from time to time.

Colin Fawcett (Oldham) reports back on to the bands after a three-year lapse, starting off again with an Eddystone 840 to which he hopes to add an SSTV monitor before long. We look forward to your reports in this field OM. In spite of several logs from M. C. P. Bennett (Slough) I still don't know his first name! Come along OM and reveal all to us! He's now got a Trio JR310 and keeps his CR70A for 160m only. Just to prove he doesn't sleep he reports ZL's on 40m at 0200, VK's on 20m at 0600 but 15m not waking up until around 1400GMT, M.C.P. mentions the activities of one or two DXpeditions but I'm afraid they will have been and gone by the time you read this in print. Finally, he reckons that KC4AF, HS5ABD and ZA3PC are the work of a single phoney operator.

Peter Walton A9002 (Llanfair PG, Gwynedd) has an Eddystone 358X and 87ft of wire plus a 15ft vertical, with an ATU in between and he concentrated on 20m mainly. I often get requests for data on ATU's and as I still have a few copies of the PW Aerial Data Chart stashed away anyone interested can send me a SAE, not less than 8 x 6in.

An appeal from Mark Hill A9008 (114 Green Lane, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham) to others of similar age group to correspond with him. He has an RA-1 receiver fed from a Microwave Modules converter at 28/30MHz for 2m work, the aerial being the halo type. Other gear includes a Collins TCS8 and Codar T28 together with a G5RV aerial plus a 20m dipole and a base-loaded whip. All that's missing are some of my log sheets and those are already in the post! Welcome to the column, Mark. Stephen Terry (Banbury) BRS35669 produced a useful list of things heard but complained of QRM caused by moving his QTH. For the time being he is using 100ft of wire and hopes to get back into the groove very soon. Another enthusiast intent on getting the best aerials he can is Andrew Swiffin (Cheadle) who is in the process of erecting dipoles for 10 to 80m. One aim is to get them as far away as possible from his neighbour's colour TV installation and the line time base QRM he is suffering at the moment.

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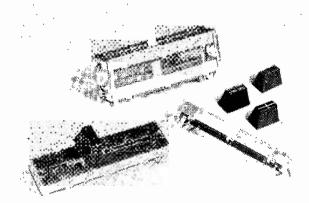
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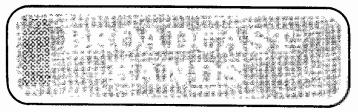
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### SHORT WAVE BROADCASTS by Derek Bell

ROM somewhere in Ireland Cpl. D. Hardman writes to this column requesting the times and freqs. of the Singapore radio stations. These are as follows: 5010, 5052, 6000, 6155, 7170, 7250, 9653, 11940kHz. The service runs 24 hours a day and includes a VHF system. It is, however, very seasonal here in Europe, depending on the darkness path. To while away the hours Cpl. Hardman has an HAC one-valver. To show what can be done with this set, Christopher Midgley of Cleckheaton has logged:—

 Radio Jordan
 at 1700 on 9560

 Radio Baghdad
 at 1930 on 9745

 NHK Tokyo
 at 0800 on 17855

Christopher had added 90 feet of aerial wire and an ATU to the basic set and says the QSL cards are rolling in thick and fast, numbering 52 at the time of writing.

Moving over the Irish border to Drogheda, Tomas O'Donghaille writes for information on his Koyo KTR. Tomas says that when tuning up and down the bands the set "oscillates". My first thought is that these are heterodynes caused by signals on adjacent stations interfering with each other. This type of interference is sometimes called "adjacent channel" interference and the clue to it is that when the tuning is moved from side to side the pitch of the interference changes. The only way out is to have the set checked by an expert. If it is the same on all signals then the IF stages could be unstable.

Two readers write asking for more details of the abbreviations used in our radio hobby so I will deal with them separately if I may. Martin Chapple of

Leamington Spa asks for some frequencies:—
Adventist World Radio is 9670

Radio Berlin International is 7260 and 1151 These, of course, are in English and both have many other slots for transmissions in other tongues.

B. W. Cowie of Telford is the other letter writer and for both a short list is offered:—see box

Barry Clayton from Bristol writes a welcome letter to tell us of a competition being run by Radio RSA in which the listener has to log and report on RSA transmissions on all the freqs. they use up to Nov.1st 1975. These are:— 3995, 5980, 7270, 9525, 9695, 11900, 11970, 15155, 15220, 15175, 17780 and 21535kHz. A formidable task you will agree but if you do manage it send the results to: Contest 75, Radio RSA, Box 4559, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Barry also takes this column to task regarding the amount of attention given to newcomers to the hobby. I can only say that a large percentage of letters come from newcomers and they do deserve help since they are the ones that ensure that the hobby flourishes.

David Lovatt from Stoke-on-Trent is awarded this column's 'Honorary gold tuning knob'! This thirteen-year-old won first prize in Radio Sofia's recent New Year competition, and deserves our congratulations. David writes appealing to us to "save the English transmission of Radio Finland". This is in danger of being dropped in favour of a German language broadcast. If readers care to write to Radio Finland by all means do so but, whether German or English, Radio Finland will still be there to be heard!

Now that the summer schedules frequency changes have taken place and things have settled down we can have an update on the week's DX 'Show list' recently featured in this column. These are provided by **Gary Stevens** from London and the changes to shows noted in the previous item are as follows:—

Tues. Hungary now 2130 on 6025 and 7175
Thurs. Holland now 1830 on 6045
Sats. Israel now 2000 on 12025 and 9009
Canada now 2102 on 15325 and 11855

Continuing "across the pond" the summer schedules from Radio Canada have been received by this column and they show a coverage from 0600 to 0800 and from 1715 to 1900 then from 2005 to 2159 on the frequencies 5995, 6100, 7235, 7290, 9685, 11855, 15325 and 17820kHz. It is interesting to hear

kW kilowatt broadcast BC MHz megahertz long distance DX Greenwich Mean Time Net network GMT metre (band) station identification m. ID transmitter kilohertz (frequency) Тx kHz

Some groups of the International Q Code have been taken over by short wave listeners and amateurs and their meanings adapted:—

**QRV** Ready **QRG** Frequency **QRX** Stand by **QRK** Signal strength **QSB** Fading QRM Interference (by QSL Verification card other stations) **OSO** Radio contact QRN Interference (at-**QSY** Frequency change mospheric/electr'l **OTH** Location or address QRT Shut down

A good source of information for both SWLs and listeners to the amateur bands is A Guide to Amateur Radio by Pat Hawker G3VA from the RSGB at £1·10 inc.



trom overseas since it shows just how far your column voyages and how this hobby of our is truly international.

Time to wrap up now I am afraid. The post this month was exceptionally heavy so apologies to all who were left out and best wishes to you and yours.

### MEDIUM WAVE DX by CHARLES MOLLOY

ADIO South Africa is back on the medium waves following a public protest at the suspension of broadcasting on this band last year. Programmes in Afrikaans/English are transmitted from Johannesburg on 575kHz/638kHz, from Port Elizabeth on 1043kHz/1178kHz, and from Cape Town on 557kHz/656kHz. Listen between midnight and sunrise for the All-Night Service which is broadcast on all frequencies.

A number of West African broadcasters are audible in the UK after dark at this time of year. Enugu in Nigeria can be found on 1320kHz with a programme in English at 2300 while Conakry in the Republic of Guinea is a regular on 1403kHz after the French stations on this frequency sign-off at 2300. Radio Senegal in Dakar shares 764kHz with Sotton in Switzerland but the two are easily separated with a medium wave loop aerial. The RNE outlet at Tenerife in the Canary Islands can be heard with Spanish programming after Belgium clears the frequency. Radio Kinshasa, Zaire is on 692kHz all night and is sometimes found clear of the East German station on that channel.

Glyn Morgan (Tredegar) returns to the medium waves after a long absence due to illness. He is using a Lafavette HA230 connected to a 12ft down lead from an attic TV aerial. His first late night session brought an unidentified Russian on 1070kHz (Ust Kamenogorsk in Kazakhstan signs-on at 0000). A MW loop is now under construction. Welcome back to the band Glyn, hope to hear from you again before long. Fourteen year old Peter Bouger (Kettering) uses a very old Bush radio with an aerial tuning unit and a 150ft long outdoor aerial 25ft above ground level. He reports hearing the AFN low power outlet at Heidelberg on 1304kHz and a programme in English from Sweden on 1178kHz at 2250. Radio Sweden carries "Sweden Calling DXers" on this frequency at approximately 2300 every Tuesday while "DX Circle" is broadcast by Deutschlandfunk, West Germany, on alternate Wednesdays at 1900 on 1268kHz. "DX Circle" can only be heard on the medium waves.

N. Taylor (Sunbury-on-Thames) has a PW Medium Wave Loop but is having some difficulty using it with his Pioneer SX737 receiver which has its own internal aerial. A method tried by the writer is to attach the receiver to the centre of the loop so that the nulls of the loop and an internal aerial coincide, i.e., point in the same direction. The loop and the receiver are then rotated together to null out unwanted stations, coupling between the two being by induction.

Harold Emblem writes again from Mirfield in Yorkshire. With his Eddystone 730 and MW loop he has heard CJON in St. John's in Newfoundland on 930kHz, WCBS in New York City on 880kHz. Arkhangelsk with local identification and sign-on at 0200 and Tashkent in Uzbekistan with sign-on at 0300, both stations on 908kHz. Harold mentions that if reception towards the east is good then Arkhangelsk will not be heard, a good pointer to conditions. Three of the Greek Armed Forces (Yened) low power stations have been heard recently by the writer during the evenings. Kavala on 1355kHz was logged at 2115 with news in English with unidentified parallel outlets on 1301kHz (Serrae off frequency?) and on 1291kHz. The transmission on 1301kHz was heard until sign-off at 2200 GMT.

### BROADCAST BANDS

Short Wave Reports by the 15th of the month to Derek Bell, c/o Practical Wireless, Fleetway House, Fartingtion Street, London, EC4A 4AD. Medium Wave Logs to Charles Molley, 132 Segars Lane, Southport, PRS 346.

### AMATEUR BANDS

Logs covering any amateur band/s in band/ aiphabetical order by the end of the month to Eric Dowderwell GIAR, Silver Fin. Leatherhead Road, Ashteed, Surrey, KT21



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Some minor points have arisen:-

Recording Amplifier's econe para, VR6 should read VR6 Flg. 4. A23 should be between C12. and Pot.

p920 Component List. C20, is electrolytic. C30 is tentalium S5 a SPDT. Add S6 DPDT Add F3, 50mA cartridge fuse and helder. C32 one off

pent Fig. 5. R36 should be between Tri3(e) and C32.

p992 Fig. 7, add resistor 15k $\Omega$  in series with pause switch, between RH end of R63 and + line.

Fig. 8, and thick between A26 and rail A.

p1087 Fig. 10. \$2 should read \$4.

p1088 Fig. 11. Linmarked resistor below Tr12 is R38.C26 above Tro should read R26.C21, left of Tr7, should read R21.

p1000 Fig. 12.L2 should read L1.

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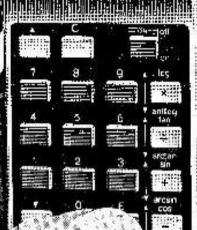
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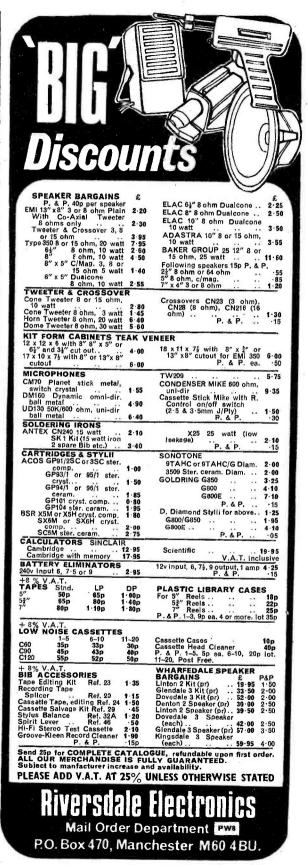
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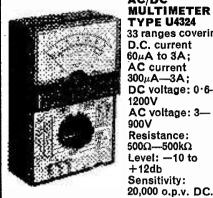
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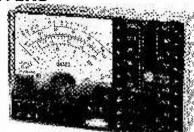
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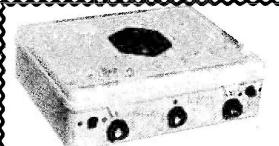
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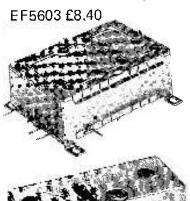
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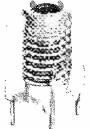


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