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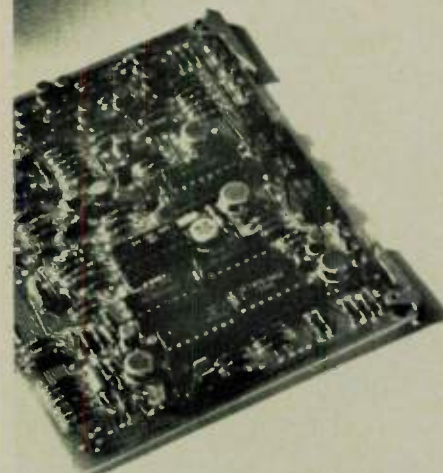
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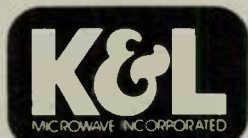


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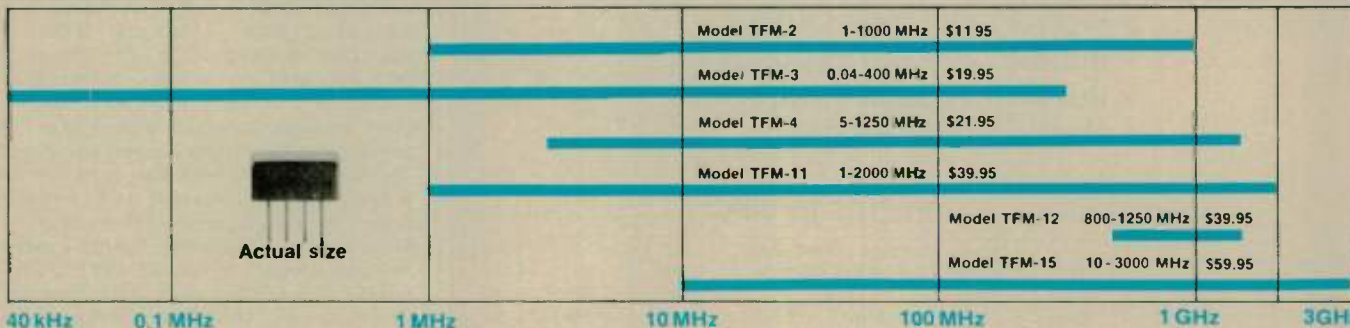
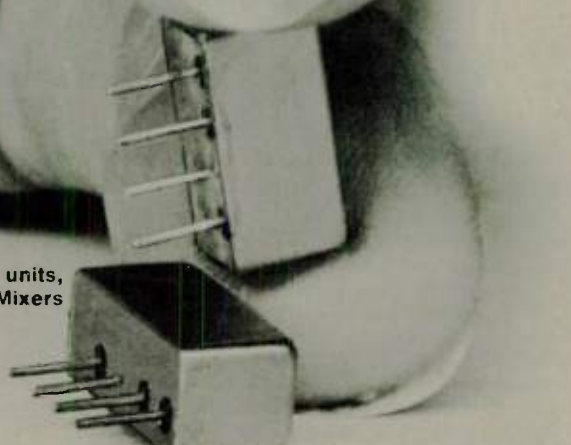
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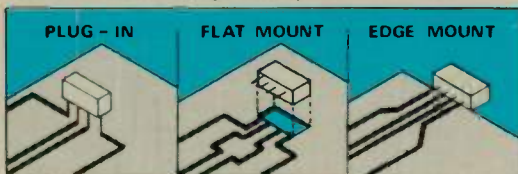
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	LO	RF	IF	Typ. Max.	Typ. Min.	LO RF	LO IF	Typ. Min.	Typ. Min.	Typ. Min.	Typ. Min.	Typ. Min.	Typ. Min.	Quantity	Price
TFM 2	1-1000	1-1000	DC-1000	6.0-7.5	7.0-8.5	50-45	45-40	40-35	35-35	30-25	25-20	8-49	\$11.95		
TFM 3	0.04-400	0.04-400	DC-400	5.3-7.0	6.0-8.0	60-50	55-45	50-35	45-30	35-25	25-25	5-49	\$19.95		
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TFM 11	1-2000	1-2000	5-400	7.0-8.5	7.5-9.0	50-45	45-40	35-25	27-20	25-20	25-20	1-24	\$39.95		
TFM 12	800-1250	800-1250	50-90	—	—	35-25	30-20	25-25	30-20	35-25	30-20	1-24	\$39.95		
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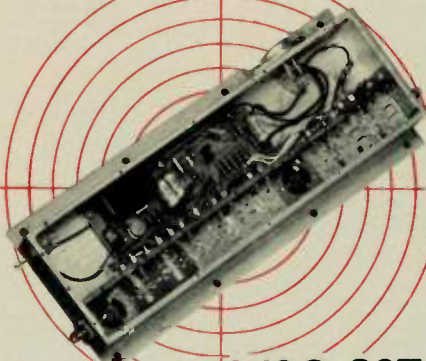
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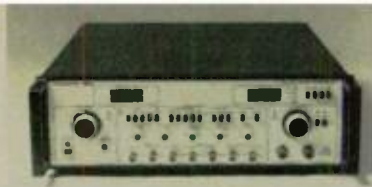
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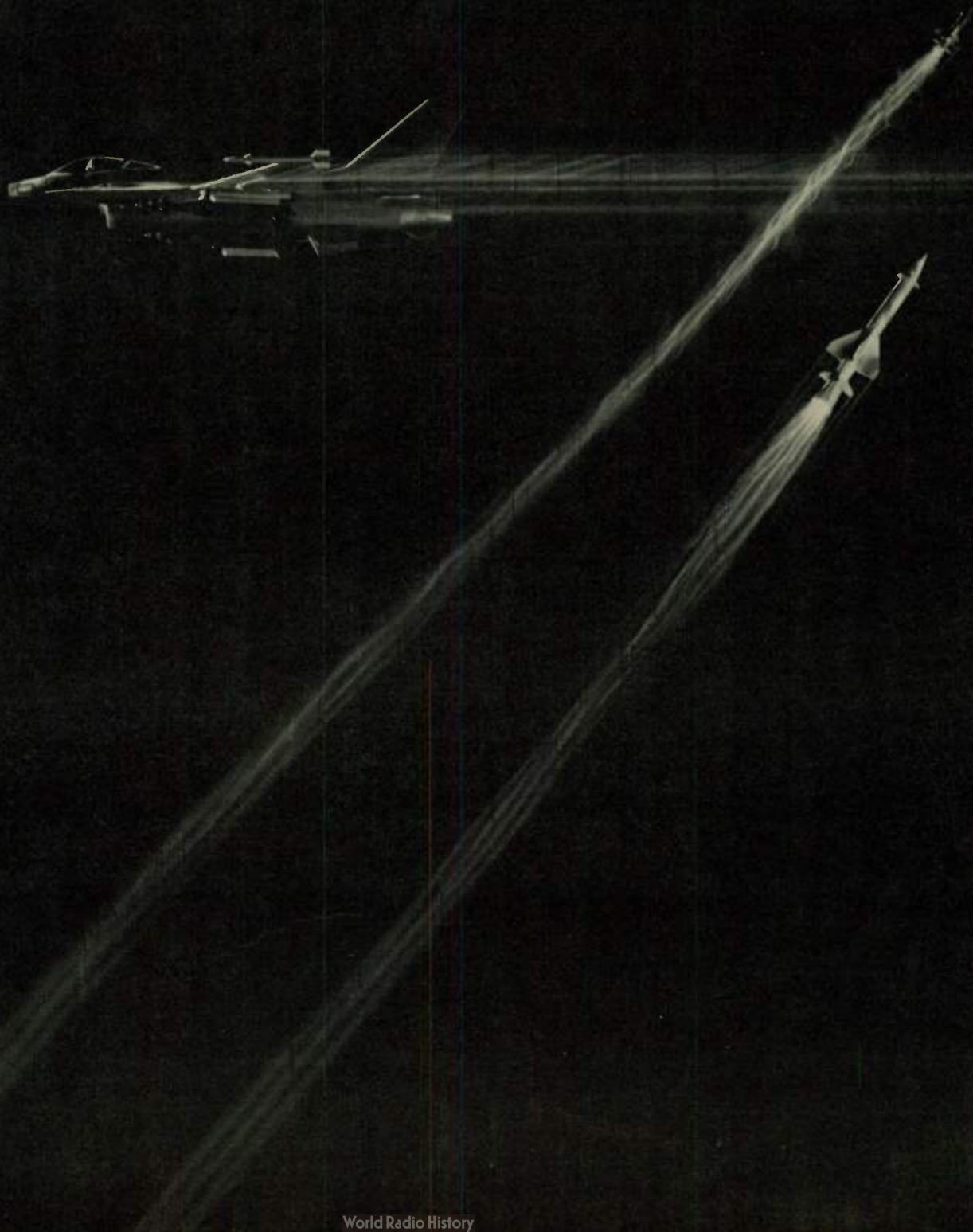
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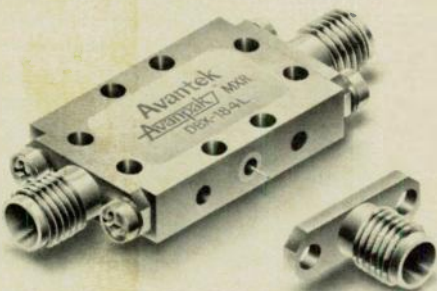
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	6.5	30	2.0:1	6.0-16.0	1XC-4.0
	7.5	30	2.0:1	4.0-18.0	1XC-4.0
DBX-185L/M	6.0	30	2.0:1	5.0-18.0	1XC-0.5
	6.5	30	2.0:1	5.0-16.0	1XC-6.0
	7.5	30	2.0:1	5.0-18.0	1XC-6.0
DBX-167L/M	6.0	30	2.0:1	7.0-16.0	1XC-1.0
	6.5	30	2.0:1	7.0-16.0	1XC-4.0
DBX-158L/M	5.5	30	2.0:1	8.0-15.0	1XC-0.5
	6.0	30	2.0:1	8.0-15.0	1XC-1.0
DBX-72L	5.5	35	1.7:0	2.0- 7.0	1XC-0.3
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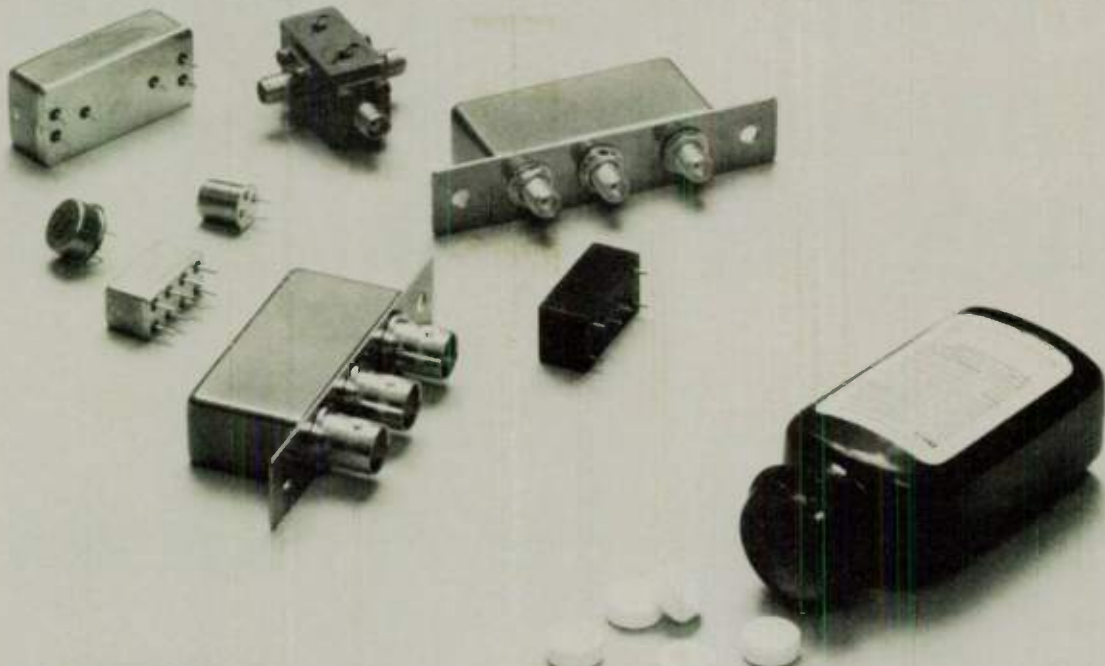
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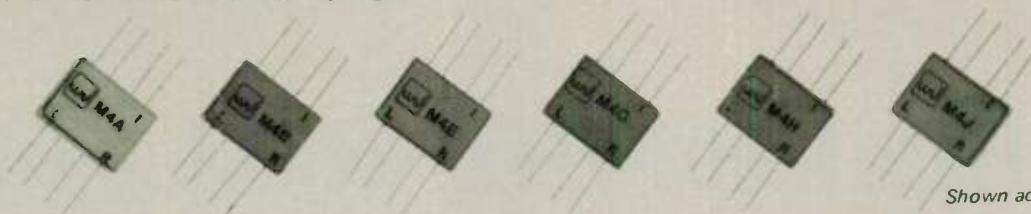
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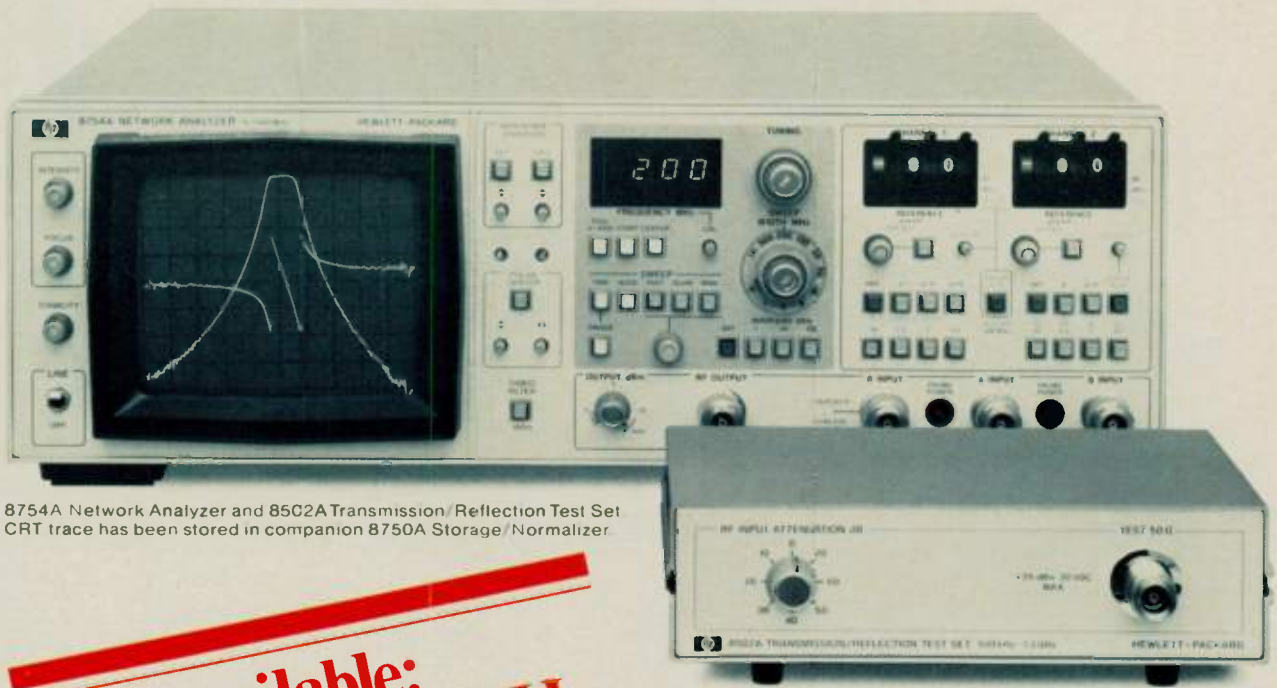
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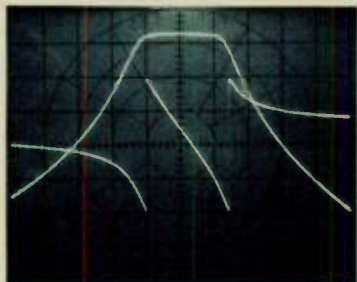
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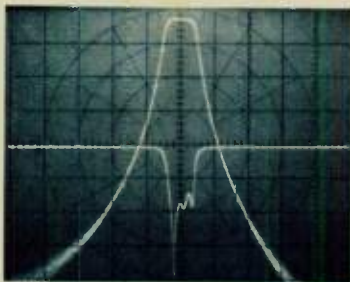
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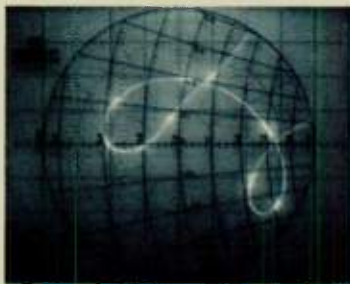
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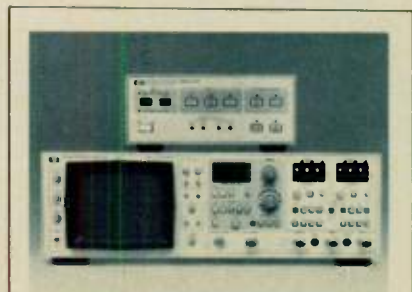
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The Passive Component Challenge in the 1980's

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The 1980s present formidable challenges to passive microwave component manufacturers. Market demand for these products during the past three years has exceeded capacity in many cases with lead times for "off the shelf" catalog components stretching beyond twenty weeks. Due to the continued build-up of military spending and the emphasis on complex electronic systems, both in the US and abroad, the demand outlook remains strong, especially over the next three to five years.

Indeed, for a market that has been sometimes regarded as mature in growth and technology, there continues to be emerging market opportunities and a significant amount of technological innovation. Perhaps the greatest technical challenges result from the requirements being generated by airborne ECM and missile applications. System technology trends have been pressing passive component manufacturers to respond with more miniaturization, broader bandwidths and increased integration of functions in a single package. In the newest systems now under development such as ASPJ and AMRAM, packaging density will be the biggest overall hurdle.

The use of microstrip on high dielectric constant substrate materials as a transmission medium and air dielectric slot line has found widespread acceptance among passive component manufacturers. This technology will continue to take hold with improved processing techniques promising decreased costs, particularly in large volume multifunction production applications, where size and performance constraints make the use of stripline prohibitive. Also under development, are microstrip chip components such as attenuators and LC networks which

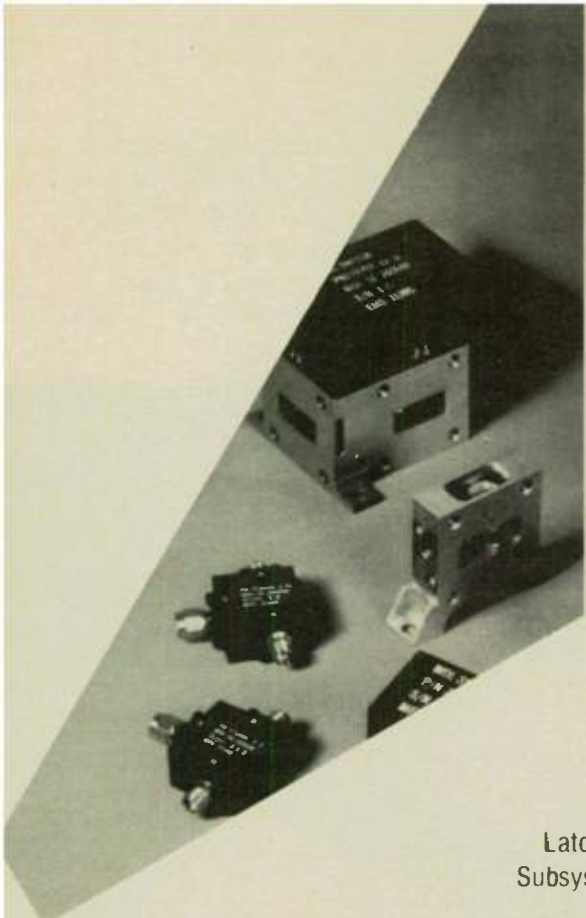
can be installed in integrated package supercomponents and offer electrical performance compatible with broadband requirements through K_a band and above. In these areas, passive component manufacturers will utilize thin film technology developed for active networks and integrated circuits.

Channelized receiver requirements have spurred growth in the filter multiplexer market. Segmenting the 2-18 GHz band into multiple channels has been done with several innovative design techniques, but these passive components are still cost driven by highly skilled labor. System requirements in the 1980s will place strong emphasis on lowering the cost of performing this type of function and on developing techniques to circumvent their use.

After several decades of false starts, it appears that the millimeter-wave market will become a reality in the 1980s, with high volume applications for many passive components. Applications will be radar, proximity fusing and secure communications. The large quantities associated with these requirements will increase the availability of standardized components that can be offered from the catalog. To participate in this market, the passive component manufacturer will have to invest a large amount of capital in development and equipment.

Better electrical performance and increased reliability will be required of all microwave interconnects, such as cable assemblies and coaxial connectors. The sub-miniature market will experience the most rapid growth, with the strongest trend in hermetic sealed versions used in MIC and hybrid packages. To meet volume constraints, system designers will continue to look for a flush mount integrated connector type that performs well

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In addition to meeting the technical challenges of the 1980s, microwave component manufacturers will be confronted with higher levels of reliability screening and software requirements. In the past, many passive microwave components have been sold almost as commodity items with relatively low levels of screening and testing. This began to change in the last decade, especially for those supplying to satellite applications. Now, however, stringent reliability requirements are being imposed on nearly all military systems and are passed down to the component supplier by the system manufacturer. This trend is likely to continue due to the increased complexity and sophistication of passive components.

The costs of screening, testing and reliability support are volume-related and favor the larger component houses who can afford to take on the added management burden. Many of these requirements such as high level end item screening, strict configuration control and trade ability mean that the manufacturer must be able to separate program-oriented business from standard products which are generally more direct labor and material cost driven. Certainly the risks will be higher for the passive component manufacturer who must deal with hardware that has software and testing costs that are a large percentage of the total end item cost. One trend that may help to hold down some of these costs is the push for QPL components. This allows the user to purchase a qualified part that has been manufactured as a standard with high volume savings.

Manufacturers of passive microwave components have good reason to be optimistic about the prospects for future growth. If the risks are higher, then so should be the rewards. To be successful, component houses will have to recognize and act on the technology and management requirements of future system programs. Emphasis will be on integration, and miniaturization and a broad component expertise will be needed to participate in the higher growth market segments.

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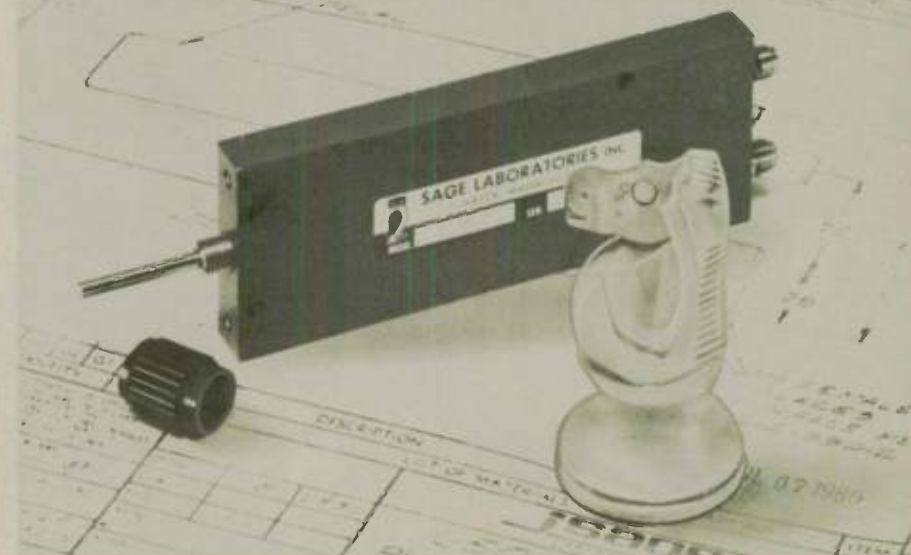
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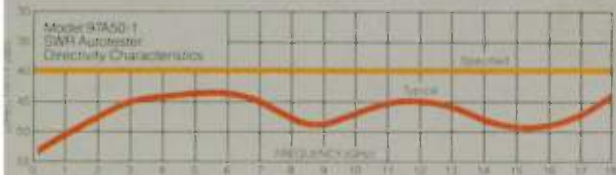
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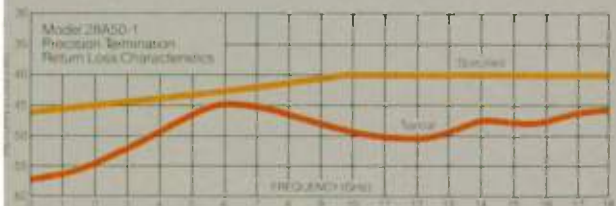
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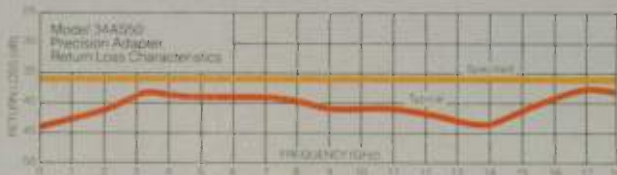


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Microwave Devices and Circuits: Contract Items at ERADCOM

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As has been customary with past reviews of ERADCOM work, this status report will deal with the review and update of microwave and millimeter-wave device and circuit contractual work excluding thermionic devices which will be offered in a later, separate review. Additionally, surface acoustic wave (SAW) work will be reported for the first time. Recently initiated, currently active and recently completed work will be presented.

Texas Instruments, under contract DAAB07-78-C-2966, is developing a 3.5 watt GaAs FET with 5 dB of gain and 35% efficiency at K_u -band. This effort is the supporting work for a second objective which is a 10 watt transmitter with 25 dB gain and 25% efficiency over the 12-16 GHz band. The driver amplifiers which produce .5 watt output over the band have been completed. The output devices which are 4800 μm gate width via hole grounded chips are producing 2.1 watts and have lower than expected gain. The via hole concept is being temporarily given up since TI sees no improvement in performance over the air bridge approach. A new device structure, currently under Navy sponsorship which yields 600 mW at 6 dB of gain from a gate width of 1350 μm will be pursued for possible application to the Army program.

As a back up to the above transmitter program, a new program has just been initiated with Hughes DAAK20-80-C-0527 to develop a 3.5 watt K_u -band GaAs FET device and a 6 watt amplifier at 15 GHz with 10 dB gain and 30% efficiency. The approach in the proposal centers of using a total 3.6 mm gate width device to achieve the objective from a combined cell (using Nagi combiners) architecture.

An effort to develop analog monolithic GaAs microwave IC's is being conducted at Rockwell International Corporation under contract DAAB07-78-C-2999. There are two objectives in this effort; the first being to develop a monolithic dc-10 GHz amplifier with 20 dB gain and noise figure of 5 dB, the second being a 15 GHz receiver with 1 GHz bandwidth and a 8 dB noise figure. The monolithic amplifier was successful and reported in the previous (the first generation used distributed elements) report. A second generation amplifier using lumped element matching was designed to reduce GaAs substrate area. It has resulted in 1/8 x 1/8" chip (first generation was 1/8 x 1/4") layout. The K_u -band receiver has been designed and fabricated. The above amplifier is utilized as a wide band IF amplifier within the K_u -band receiver. The receiver is fabricated on a 1/4" x 1/4" GaAs chip and uses an RF GaAs FET amplifier and a dual gate mixer as well as the wide-band IF amplifier. The LO source will be external to the chip for this feasibility demonstration. It is anticipated that the chip will be scribed into separate functions for testing. No test data is available yet.

As part of the Army monolithic technology thrust, a brand new contract (DAAK20-80-C-0279) has been awarded to TRW. We will develop a voltage tunable local oscillator operating over the 13-15 GHz frequency range in monolithic format to essentially round out limitations of the previous contract. The key performance parameters will be frequency control and stability. A mixer and wideband IF will be required. No data is available at this time.

Raytheon, under contract DAAK20-79-C-0269, is investigating monolithic on-chip matching techniques to pro-

vide an understanding of the means to optimize broadband performance and realize lowered costs in future microwave power GaAs FET device designs. The approach has been to investigate both all optimization and matching technology on GaAs substrates. Raytheon has worked with the 1600 μm state-of-the-art (SOA) cell which was optimized for power and gain prior to the Army program. Cell optimization has centered around thermal optimization while circuit work investigated both Wilkinson and Lange couples on 4 mil GaAs substrates. Current status of the program is that a physical layout of a 10-14 GHz power amplifier with a goal of 3 watt output on a 6.4 x 3.8 millimeter GaAs substrate has been completed. It consists of a four cell output amplifier together with a single cell, two cell and 50 Ω connected cell for test purposes. The various test configurations were chosen to yield maximum parameter information in the operation of the four cell output network. Additionally, a redesigned SAO cell with a .7 μm gate length has been completed.

A new program has been awarded to AVANTEK, DAAK20-80-C-0284, to develop a discrete GaAs Low Noise FET for 20 to 40 GHz wideband application. The specification at 22 GHz is 8 dB gain and 2 dB noise figure. Further useful performance is required to 40 GHz. Initial approaches as outlined in the proposal will be a gate whose mask dimensions will be 75 x .5 μm but after processing will have a length of < .5 μm . A "T" gate will be used to decrease gate resistance. The gate will be placed closer to the source.

TRW under contract DAAB07-77-2731 to develop a 65 watt 3.1 to 3.5 GHz bipolar power transistor has had a very significant breakthrough. After a

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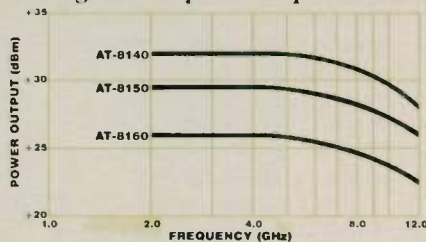
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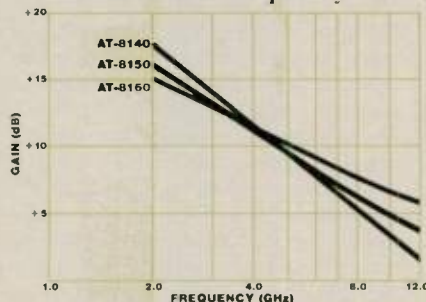
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long and uphill struggle they have achieved 85 watts at 3.1 GHz and 76 watts at 3.5 GHz, although not from the same chip simultaneously. Incorporation of matching transformers will hopefully level the power output across the above band.

Hughes, under contract DAAB07-78-C-3002, is developing high cutoff frequency Schottky Barrier diodes and mixers at 60, 94, 140, 220 and 340 GHz for line of sight communications, radar, missile guidance and terminal homing projectiles. The approach has been to design and fabricate beam lead diodes using proton bombardment and mesa etching techniques for low capacitance using GaAs. Current emphasis is at 94 GHz using variable geometry honeycomb diodes which have achieved conversion loss as low as 4.6 dB. At 220 GHz, two parallel approaches are being made to develop the 220 GHz mixer, both of which are designed to be sub-harmonically pumped. The approach uses a four port waveguide junction with anti-parallel diode pairs mounted at the junction center. The second approach is exploring the feasibility of using a planar mixer module mounted on the feed horn of a parabolic reflector.

The Army has pursued the InP device technology heavily over the last half decade for application to low noise coherent local oscillators. A follow on effort to previous work DAAB07-78-C-2940 (which ended last year and was reported in the previous report) was initiated at Varian under contract DAAK20-79-C-0279. This program has three objectives; a) develop low noise single diode CW InP Gunn Oscillators, b) develop InP power combiners, c) develop high power pulsed InP Gunn oscillators. Progress to date is as follows: a new two zone cathode diode is undergoing processing, the single diode benchmark is 125 mW at 94 GHz and 95% combining efficiency has been demonstrated using two diodes. Future plans include development of super thin devices and larger area pulsed devices.


As part of the InP thrust, a 6.3A program was awarded to Varian to establish the reproducibility and reliability of the InP devices developed under the aforementioned 6.2 A work. The contract number is DAAK20-79-C-0280. Progress to date has shown results such as 195 mW at 57 GHz both repeatably and reproducibly from two zone cathode, five epi layer devices. This work includes the development of diamond in copper heat sinking packages and varactor tuning methods.

Hughes is currently developing a 10 watt combiner at 140 GHz for mis-

sile seeker application under contract DAAK20-79-C-0259. Current progress to date has demonstrated 9.2 watts (50 to 100 nsec pulse) at 141 GHz.

Texas Instruments is under contract to design a family of highly selective L-Band filters for pre-selector functions in TDMA communication systems such as GPS to replace the large and costly filters currently utilized (contract DAAK20-79-C-0257). The approach is to utilize surface acoustic wave technology (SAW) on both quartz and lithium niobate. The band to be covered is 1-1.5 GHz. The frequency of operation requires use of E-beam lithography to define the .5 μ m transducer metal line widths. Progress to date has been the generation of a computer program for generating apodization and/or withdrawal weighted transducers and the design of two filters (1227 MHz and 1575 MHz) for quartz or lithium niobate. This approach should yield significantly lower insertion loss and steeper sloped/higher out of band rejections performance than available hithertofore. Size will be reduced dramatically.

A program to significantly increase the frequency stability of Army meteorological probes at L-band through the use of SAW delay line technology has resulted in an increase in stability from 1700 ppm to 300 ppm of the standard Army radiosonde probe. This new technology replaces the stripline cavity stabilized oscillator previously used. On a follow on contract TRW (DAAK20-80-C-0260) is designing and fabricating a 403 MHz version for use in parts of the world where regulations prohibit the use of the L-band frequency. Due to experience gained through the L-band effort a design architecture has already been chosen. No other results are yet available.

In an effort to marry the GaAs microwave monolithic technology with the SAW signal processing technology, a new and innovative effort with far reaching consequences has been initiated at United Technologies Research Center (DAAK20-79-C-0263). The objective of this effort is centered around the fact that GaAs is weakly piezoelectric and thus offers the possibility of fabricating SAW structures upon it. The impact is, of course, that the possibility is available to build complete monolithic GaAs receivers (including signal processing such as correlation, convolution, etc.) on a single chip. The demonstration vehicle will be a voltage tunable oscillator using a SAW resonator on GaAs. Work to date has dealt primarily with resonator parameters for surface wave propagation and temperature stability and looks very promising. 



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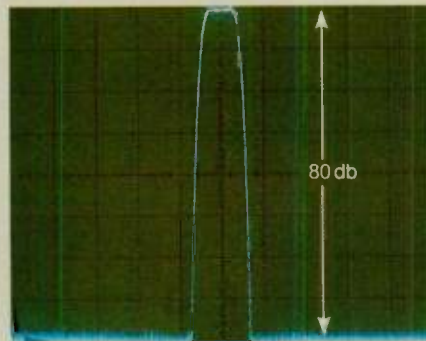
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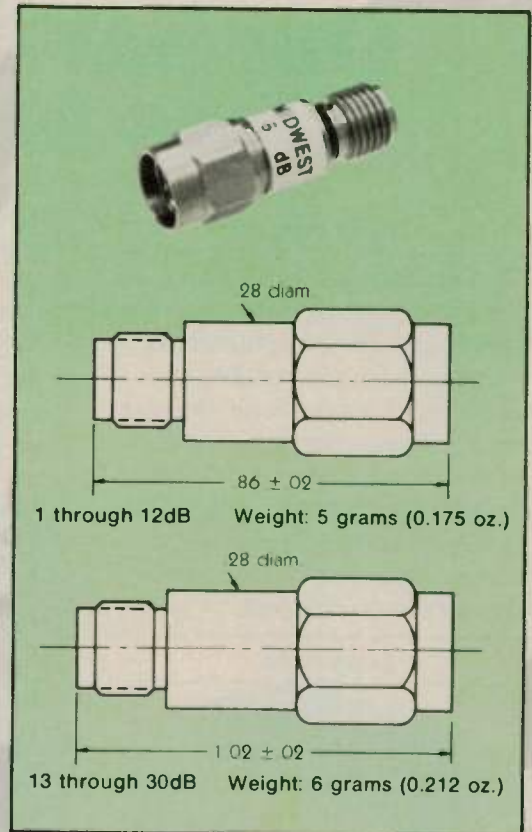
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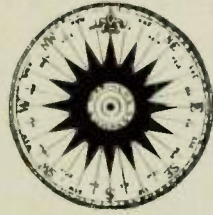
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At Sylvania Systems Group — West Div. **E. Arthur Meyers** assumed the position of Manager, EW Engineering Dept. within the EW Organization. . . **Susan B. MacDonald** joins COMPAC as Sales Manager. . . In its movement to centralize management, TRW Semiconductors appointed **Chuck Thompson** divisional marketing mgr. for long range planning and **Majid Basy** assumes Mr. Thompson's prior post as manager of power operations, TRW Semiconductors. . . Other changes in corporate ranks include the promotion of **Frank J. Thomas** to V.P. of Operations and appointment of **Richard C. Singleton** as Controller at Antekna Inc. . . **Garrett E. Pierce** becomes the Financial V.P. at Materials Research Corp., a newly created position. . . Laser Diode Labs, the Valtec Inc. subsidiary, appointed **Steven Klunk** as Sales Manager . . . **David Sobo** was named V.P. of Marketing at Leasametric, Inc. . . Microlab/FXR named **David Garippa** as Vice President and Treasurer. . . **S. Edward Brown** has been promoted from Eastern to Nat'l Sales Manager at Frequency Sources West Division. . . At TerraCom, the Loral Corp. Div., **John A. McGuire** was named Executive V.P. . . **Mason Carter, Jr.** joins Metex Corp. as General Manager of the newly established Electronic Products Div., **William E. Sweetman** is appointed General Mgr. of its recently formed Technical Products Div. and **Jack Bernstein** becomes Senior V.P. for Corporate Development, a new position. . . Narda Microwave Corp.'s shareholders elected **Paul N. Fulton** a Director and **Glenn B. DeBella** was elected Vice President by the Narda Board. . . **Colonel Robert R. Rankine, Jr.** assumes the directorship of the Air Force Avionics Lab, at WPAFB.

CONTRACTS

GTE received a \$7.4M contract from the US Army to develop the AN/MLQ-33 countermeasure system. . . Other US Army awards include \$3M from ERADCOM (Electronics Research & Development Command) to produce a new ground radar detector and radio direction-finding system. **Bunker Ramo Corp.** is contractor for the AN/MSQ-103 TEAMPACK system and **GTE Products** will install the 50-ft. antenna masts on the AN/TSQ-114 Special Purpose Detection Sets (TRAIL-BLAZER). . . **CORADCOM**, the US Army Communications Research and Development Command, awarded a contract to **Harris Corp.** for satellite communications earth stations. Initial funding for production of superHF, jam-resistant, secure terminals amounts to \$12.7M. . . An AF contract valued at \$16.4M has been awarded by Aeronautical Systems Div. to **ITT Avionics Div.** for developing an ECM self-protection system for manned strategic aircraft. . . **Ford Aerospace & Communications Corp.'s Western Development Labs** received a \$2.7M, 2-year contract from NASA — Lewis Research Center to develop a multibeam, scanning spot beam spacecraft antenna system. . . **California Microwave, Inc.** signed a

\$6.6M contract to supply radio modernization equipment to Mexico's Sec. of Communication & Transportation. . . **Cal. Microwave** also received a \$1.3M turnkey contract award from Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe to supply the electronic system for an experimental satellite earth terminal at SHAPE's Technical Centre. . . **Hughes Aircraft Co.'s Electron Dynamics Div.** received an order from **P. T. Radio Frequency Communications**, Bandung, Indonesia, for 40 of the Hughes 40 W communications power amplifiers.

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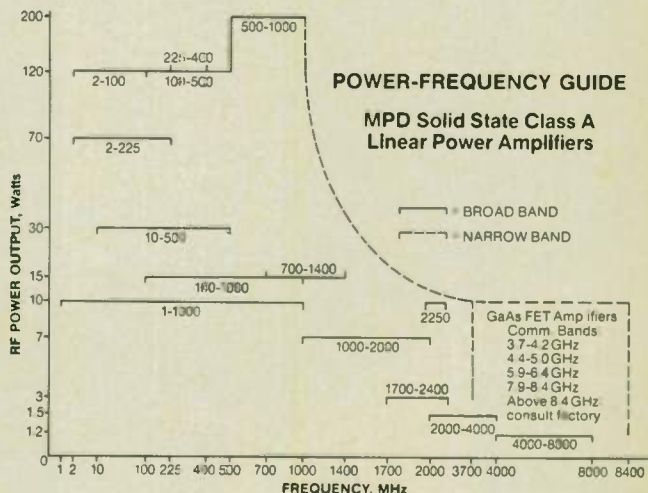
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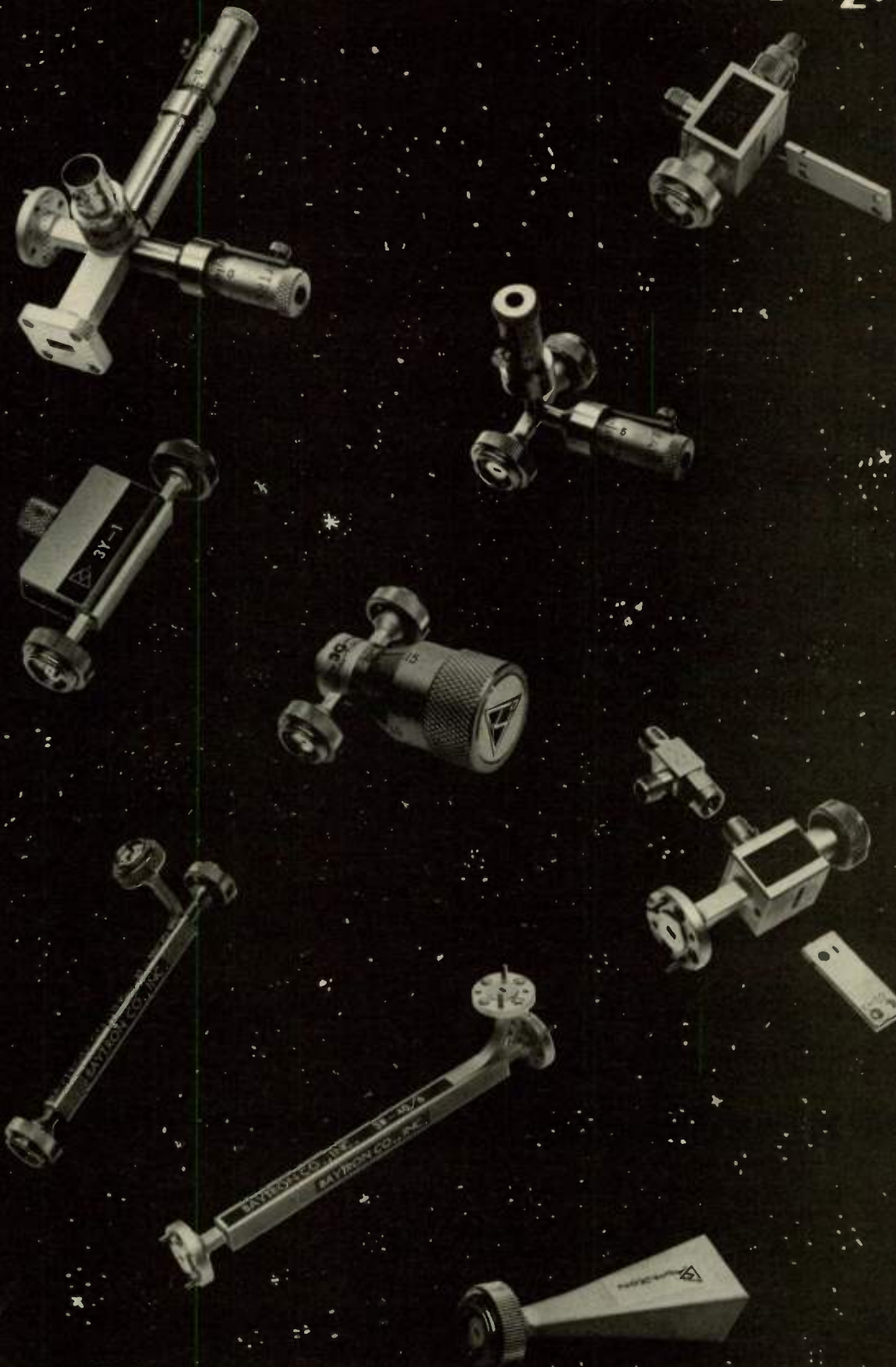
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The Resonant Mode PIN Switch

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*This paper describes a new mode of operation of the PIN diode shunt RF switch. * This mode produces RF switching speeds that are considerably faster than the applied bias pulse rise-time and pulse widths that are considerably shorter than the applied bias pulse width. The basic principle utilizes the fast "snap-off" action of the PIN diode to shock excite an L-C bias network. The bias is easily adjusted so that RF can flow through the switch for only one half-cycle of this bias circuit ringing.*

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output. (Note C_A and C_B are just dc blocks and do not affect the RF, and L looks like an RF open to keep the RF from going out the bias port).

Attempts to raise the switching speeds of such circuits have led to circuits using smaller inductors and diodes with narrower I regions. In all cases up to now, the bias network has been critically damped to prevent ringing and overshoot. Present designs using this technique can produce pulse widths of ~ 10 ns with rise and fall times of 3-4 ns² at the several watt level. Half-nanosecond rise times have been demonstrated at the 20 mW level.³

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In working with switches of the type shown in Figure 1 we made the observation that if C_A and C_B in Figure 1 were made very small, it would reduce the RF pulse width at the switch output. A further observation was made that if the reverse bias pulse width was widened the RF output would oscillate on and off as shown in Figure 2. The traces

INTRODUCTION

The schematic of a conventional¹ shunt mode PIN diode switch is shown in Figure 1. When the diode is reverse biased, it essentially disappears from the circuit and allows RF to pass freely from the input to the output with little attenuation. When the diode is forward biased, it "shorts" the 50 Ω line and causes most of the RF input to be reflected rather than transmitted. Thus, by varying the bias, one can turn the RF on and off at the

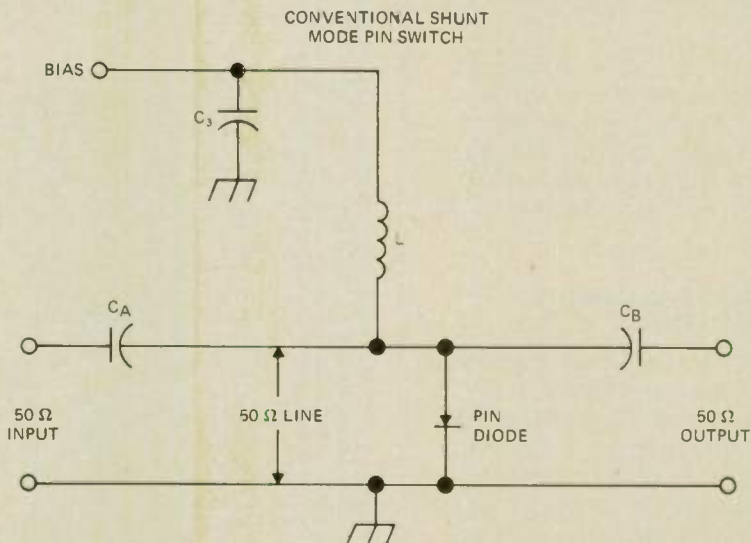


Fig. 1 Conventional shunt mode PIN RF switch.

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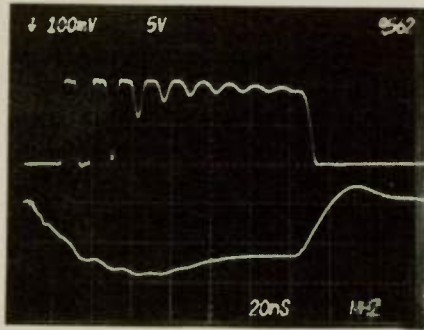


Fig. 2 Applied bias pulse and detected RF for small values of blocking capacitance in the coaxial PIN diode switch ($L = 570 \text{ nH}$, 20 ns/div)

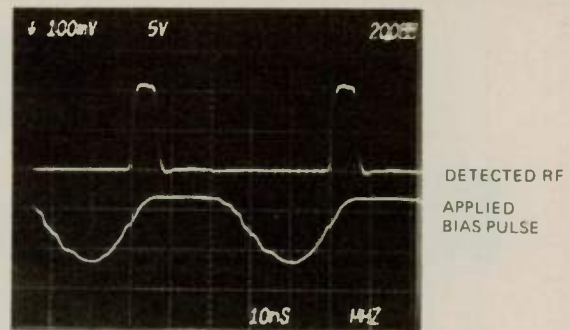


Fig. 3 Detected RF output from coaxial switch using narrow bias pulse (10 ns/div).

in Figure 2 were taken at X-band using a Hewlett-Packard coaxial PIN diode switch (HP-33144A), driven by an Amperex ATF-456A driver. This switch was modified by placing 1.1 pF chip capacitors in series with each of the two existing 200 pF blocking capacitors in the unit. If the applied bias pulse is narrowed a single pulse out the chain shown in Figure 2 could be obtained. This is shown in Figure 3. *The important observation from Figure 3 is that the output RF pulse width and rise and fall times are shorter than the applied bias pulse.* Figure 4 shows a sampling scope photo of the RF output pulse corresponding to the detected pulse shown in Figure 3. The peak output shown in Figure 4 is 1 W in X-band. The insertion loss in the "on" state is 1.8 dB and the isolation in the off state is $> 80 \text{ dB}$.

The results shown in Figures 2-4 were clearly due to some type of ringing in the switch, but the package of the 33144A coaxial switch did not lend itself to internal probing to determine the cause.

EXPERIMENTAL CIRCUIT MEASUREMENTS

In an effort to understand this effect, the experimental microstripline circuit depicted in Figure 5 was constructed. This circuit was built on $1/16''$ thick, teflon-glass circuit board. The diode module was a Hewlett-Packard 33644A coaxial hermetic package, containing four narrow base PIN diodes. This module is

the same one used inside the HP-33144A coaxial switch described earlier. A schematic diagram of the experimental microstripline switch is shown in Figure 6.

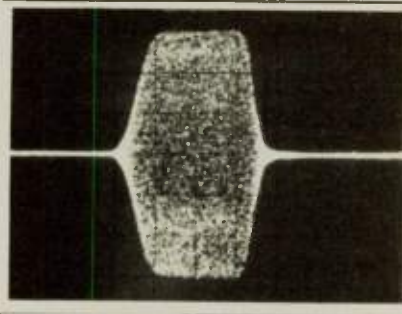


Fig. 4 Sampling Scope Signal corresponding to Figure 3 (X-band, 1 W , 2 ns/div , $L = 570 \text{ nH}$).

The microstripline circuit's behavior was found to be similar to that of the modified coaxial switch tested earlier. It allows easy probing of the voltages and currents in the different circuit paths.

Figure 7 shows the measured voltage waveform across the PIN diodes when the bias is switched from forward to reverse and held there (corresponding to a wide "on" pulse). The inductance used was 143 nH . The voltage is found to ring at a frequency determined by the bias inductance and switch capacitance and it eventually reaches a steady state reverse voltage. This ringing is excited by the snap-off⁴ action of the narrow base PIN diodes. Figure 7 explains the effect seen in Figure 2, i.e. the voltage across the PIN diodes is ringing from forward to reverse bias which turns the RF off and on, respectively. The voltage eventually settles to the applied reverse value which leaves the RF output on. (Note the difference in ringing frequencies between Figures 2 and 5 is due to the different bias inductances used in the coaxial and microstripline circuits).

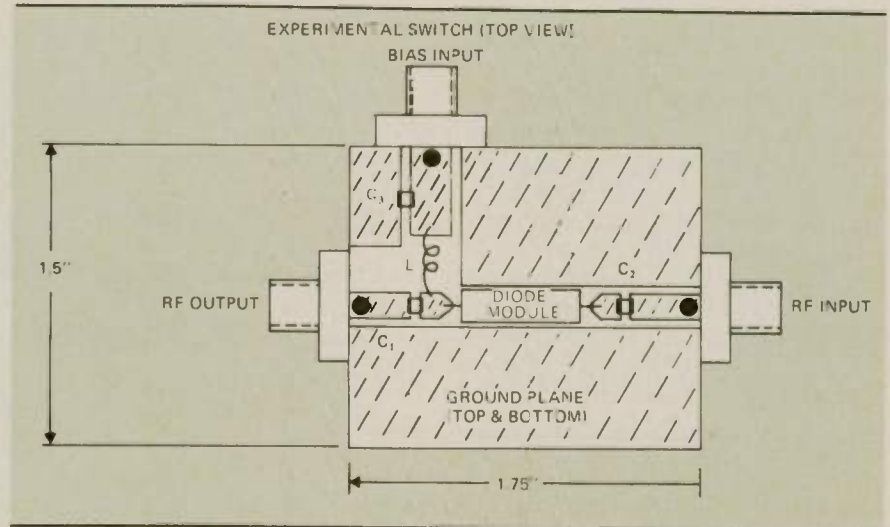


Fig. 5 Experimental resonant mode PIN switch in microstripline format.

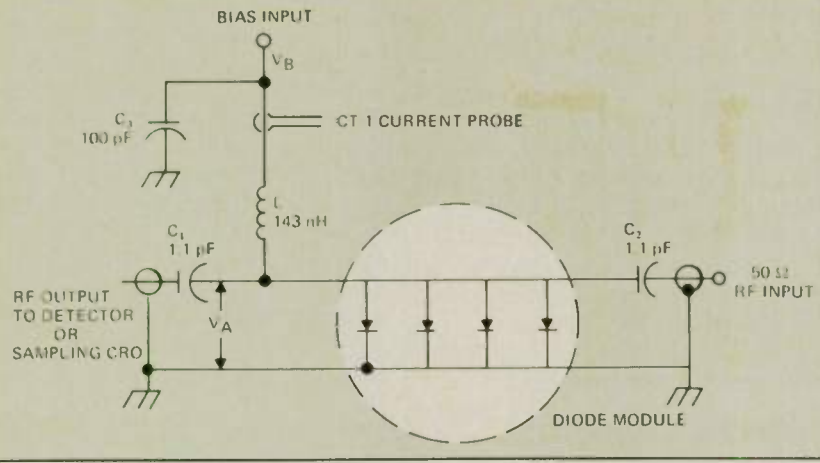


Fig. 6 Schematic diagram of experimental resonant mode PIN switch.

Figure 8 shows all of the pertinent waveforms corresponding to this mode of PIN switch operation. These waveforms were measured on the microstripline switch. The top trace is the applied bias pulse measured at the bypassed end of the bias inductor. (Note – the fall time of the bias pulse is sped up by the ringing action of the circuit.) The second trace on Figure 8 shows the current in the inductor. When reverse bias is applied, the current through the bias inductor begins to ramp towards larger reverse values, extracting the stored charge from the PIN diodes. After all the charge has been removed the diode current ceases abruptly (because of the snap-off action of the narrow base PIN diode). This abrupt cessation of current causes a ringing to occur in the L-C circuit consisting of the bias inductance and switch capacitance. One half-cycle of this ringing can be seen on the third trace in Figure 8 which cor-

responds to the voltage across the PIN diodes. This voltage would have continued ringing (such as shown in Figure 7) except for the fact that the applied bias has gone back to the forward bias state, preventing another ringing cycle. The bottom trace in Figure 8 shows the detected RF output. It can be observed that the RF output occurs during the half cycle of ringing in the reverse bias direction.

THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

The basic theoretical explanation of the operation of this switching mode can be summarized by saying that the abrupt cessation (or "snap-off") of current flow in the narrow base PIN diode that occurs when it is switched from forward to reverse bias causes the bias circuit to ring if it is underdamped. If the applied bias pulse returns to forward bias before the ringing voltage is allowed to ring back to reverse bias again, a single pulse of

(Where $f_r = (2\pi\sqrt{LC})^{-1}$). Hence, the rise and fall times and pulse width are determined by the L-C network, not the bias pulse, i.e.:

$$\text{Pulse Width} \cong \frac{1}{2f_r} = \pi\sqrt{LC} \quad (1)$$

A simplified equivalent circuit of the PIN switch is shown in Figure 9. The inductance, L, is just the bias inductor shown in Figures 5 and 6. The capacitance is the reverse bias capacitance of the diodes in parallel with the two 1.1 pF blocking capacitors shown in Figure 6. (It can be shown that for the ringing circuit the 50 Ohm line impedances and bias inductor bypass capacitor can be considered as short circuits to first order).⁵ The switch shown in the equivalent circuit represents the "snap-off" action of the diodes, i.e. the diodes are a "short circuit" until all of the charge is extracted and then they become an open circuit. This will occur when a reverse charge,

$$Q = \int_0^t I_R dt \cong I_F \cdot \tau \quad (2)$$

where I_R = reverse current
 I_F = forward bias current
 τ = minority carrier lifetime in diodes

has been extracted from the diodes (since all four diodes are assumed identical we can treat them as one diode with four times the area). The minority carrier lifetime of the diodes was measured using the charge removal method⁴ and is 50 ns. For the data shown in Figure 8, the forward bias current was 40 mA.

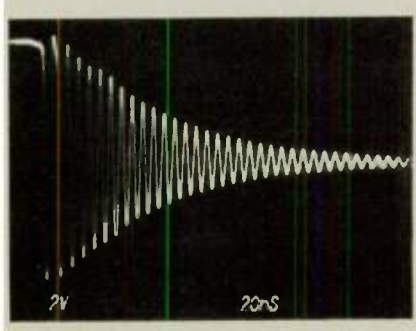


Fig. 7 Ringing voltage across diodes for a very wide bias pulse (L = 143 nH).

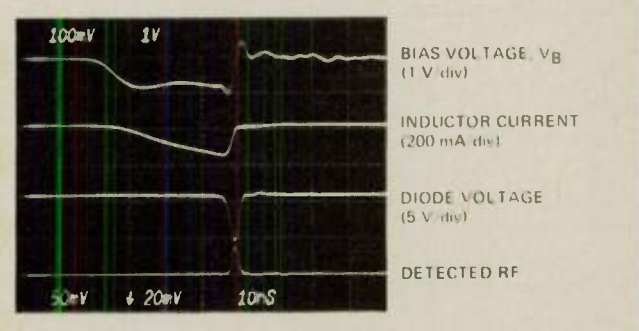


Fig. 8 Internal waveforms of experimental switch adjusted for single pulse output (L = 143 nH).

This means that $Q = I_F \cdot \tau = (.04A) \cdot (50 \times 10^{-9} \text{ sec}) = 2.0 \times 10^{-9}$ coulombs. Hence, diode snap-off should occur when the area under the current trace on Figure 8 is equal to this charge. The area under the diode current trace in Figure 8 between the zero crossing and snap-off is about 1.1 square divisions. Since each square division corresponds to $(200 \text{ mA}) \cdot (10 \text{ ns}) = 2 \times 10^{-9}$ coulombs the charge removed is $(1.1 \text{ div}^2) \cdot (2 \times 10^{-9}) = 2.2 \times 10^{-9}$ coulombs. Hence, the snap-off time measured agrees very well with its theoretical value. The exact shape of the bias current waveform does not matter as long as all the charge is withdrawn in a time much shorter than the carrier lifetime, then diode snap-off will occur at a time defined by Eq. 2. The inductance used to obtain the waveform shown in Figure 8 was $L = 143 \text{ nH}$.

The frequency of the ringing shown in Figure 7 is 175 MHz. The value of capacitance needed to cause this resonance with 143 nH is 5.78 pF. This agrees closely with the values used in the experimental circuit shown in Figures 5 and 6 (4 pF total diode capacitance in parallel with the two 1.1 pF blocking capacitors). One further test that can be made on the simple theoretical model is the amplitude of the ringing voltage. Figure 8 shows a current step of 160 mA in 3 ns or a $di/dt = 5.3 \times 10^7$ amps/second. The voltage across the diodes should be approximately $L \cdot di/dt$. This voltage is $(5.3 \times 10^7 \text{ A/s}) \cdot (143 \times 10^{-9} \text{ H}) = 7.6$ volts. This compares favorably with the 6.5 volt spike seen in

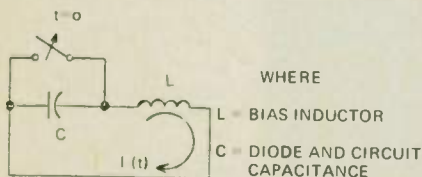


Fig. 9 Simplified equivalent circuit of resonant mode PIN switch.

Figure 9. The conclusions to be drawn from the above results are that the effect is well understood

and the model shown in Figure 9 is correct.

The capacitance of the L-C network cannot be made appreciably smaller due to the limitation imposed by the diode capacitance. Hence, to shorten the pulse width it is necessary to reduce the value of the bias inductor (or use a lower capacitance shunt diode). However, one cannot make the inductance too small or the Ldi/dt "kick" will be insufficient to fully reverse bias the diodes and the insertion loss will increase. For full turn-on of a 1 W X-band output we found that the minimum value of L we could use was 64 nH in the switch shown in Figure 5. The resulting output is shown in Figure 10. The "junk" that occurs at the end of the RF pulse is transient ringing in a different part of the switch and not the LC bias ringing. This is more clearly shown in the lower trace on Figure 10 which was taken with the RF input source replaced by a termination.

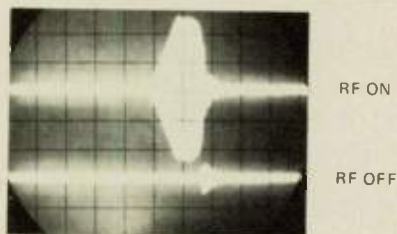


Fig. 10 Experimental switch, shortest full height pulse achievable (1W X-band 1 ns/div L = 64 nH).

This mode of operation also works well for applied bias pulse repetition frequencies (PRF's) up to very high values. We have been able to generate pulse widths of a few nanoseconds at PRF's up to 100 MHz under control of the external bias pulse generator. (The pulse width is controlled by the L-C bias circuit and the PRF is controlled by applied bias pulse generator).

CONCLUSIONS

This paper has analyzed a newly discovered mode of operation of the shunt mode PIN RF switch. This mode produces switch rise times that are faster

and pulse widths that are narrower than the applied bias pulse. The basic principle utilizes the "snap off" action of a PIN diode to shock excite an underdamped series resonant L-C bias network. The circuit is easily adjusted to allow RF to pass through the switch for only one-half cycle of this ringing. Hence, the switch rise-time and pulse width are controlled by the L-C network instead of the applied bias pulse.

A model of the switch was generated and shown to be consistent with measured data.

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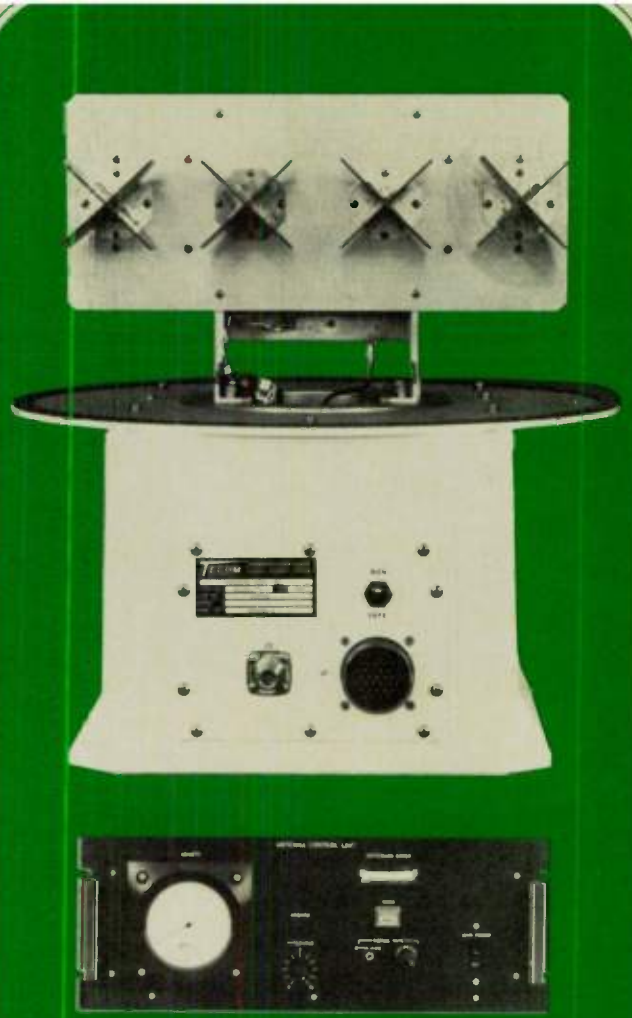
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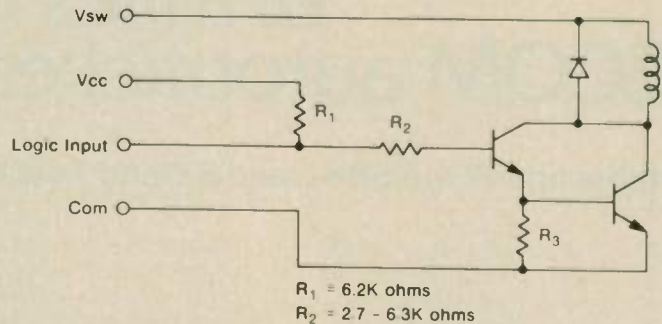
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Pocket Calculator Program for Analysis of Lossy Microstrip

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Anyone working with microstrip circuits knows the two formulas published by Wheeler in 1965,¹ one for the calculation of the characteristic impedance of narrow strips and the other for wide strips. Some busy workers may have missed Wheeler's more recent paper² in which he derived a single formula for computation of the characteristic impedance of narrow as well as wide strips. In combination with the incremental inductance rule,³ the new formula can be used for the analysis of the Q factor and attenuation of microstrip transmission lines of an almost arbitrary shape.

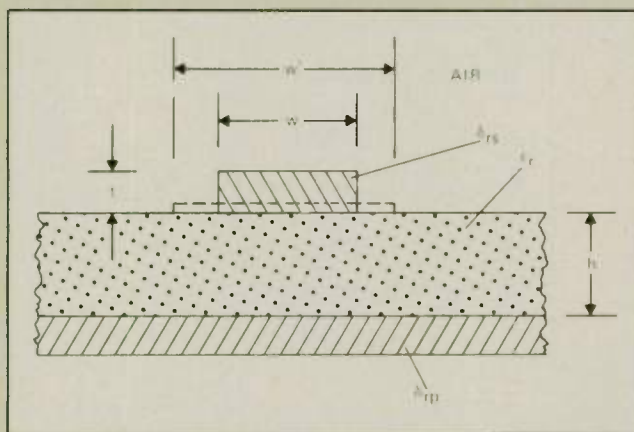
In his 1977 paper, Wheeler emphasized that his procedure was very suitable for programmable pocket calculators. When dispersion effects are also taken into account, which can be easily

done by applying the Getsinger model,⁴ a procedure is obtained for complete analysis of microstrip transmission lines at microwave frequencies. Such analysis programs, which will be described here, have been written for the TI59 and HP67 calculators. Starting with specified microstrip dimensions and specified properties of the substrate material, the programs compute the characteristic impedance Z_0 and the effective dielectric constant ϵ_{eff0} for low frequencies. Furthermore, the programs compute the frequency dependent values of the Q factor, the attenuation constant α , and the dispersive dielectric constant ϵ_{eff} . In order to also permit analysis of laminates with aluminum backing, the programs are written so that the strip conductivity and the ground plate conductivity are each entered separately. This

article will discuss the program written in algebraic logic of the TI59 calculator, with the differences pertaining to the reverse Polish notation of the HP67 calculator pointed out in square brackets [].

LOSSLESS MICROSTRIP

The computation of the characteristic impedance is accomplished by the steps shown in Figure 1. The physical width w of the strip conductor is first corrected by amount Δw in order to obtain the equivalent width w' (Formulas (1), (2), and (3)). This computation is performed in the subroutine SBR 001 which is located between positions 001 and 076. The output of this subroutine is the value of the corrected width w' which is stored in register 12.



$$(1) \quad a = \frac{1 + 1/\epsilon_r}{2}$$

$$(2) \quad \Delta w = \frac{t}{\pi} \left\{ 1 + \ln \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{t}{h}\right)^2 + \left[\frac{1}{\pi \left(\frac{w}{t} + 1.1\right)} \right]^2} \right) \right\}$$

$$(3) \quad w' = w + a \Delta w$$

$$(4) \quad b = \left(\frac{14 + 8/\epsilon_r}{11} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{4h}{w'} \right)$$

$$(5) \quad Z_0 = \frac{42.4}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r + 1}} \ln \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{4h}{w'} \right) \left[b + \sqrt{b^2 + a \pi^2} \right] \right\}$$

Fig. 1 Lossless microstrip.

TABLE I

Strokes TI59	Strokes HP67	Comments
2 STO 11	2 STO B	enter h
1 STO 12	1 STO C	enter w
.01 STO 13	.01 STO D	enter t
10 STO 14	10 STO E	enter ϵ_r
SBR 001	GSB a	compute w'
SBR 080		compute Z_0

The computation of the characteristic impedance according to Equation (5) is performed in the subroutine 080, located between positions 080 and 158. The result of computation is Z_0 which appears in the display register. [In the HP67 program, computations of w' and of Z_0 are both performed in subroutine a.]

Subroutines 001 and 080 may be used independently of the rest of the program, if only the properties of a lossless microstrip are of interest. As an example, the characteristic impedance will be computed for the following microstrip transmission line: $h=2$ mm, $w=1$ mm, $t=0.1$ mm, $\epsilon_r=10$. Listed in Table I are the instructions which are to be entered in the calculator. After keying the instruction "SBR 001," the calculator will

briefly flash the values of w and w' , and then display steadily the value of w' . In the present example, the brief displays will be "1." and then "1.013161134." The latter value then reappears in the permanent display. When the last instruction "SBR 080" is keyed in, the resulting value of Z_0 appears in the display, first as a flash, then steadily. In the present example, the value is 65.7139774. The values beyond the third digit are meaningless, since Wheeler's procedure has an accuracy of 2% or better. These digits are presented here only as

microstrip dimensions but with dielectric removed. The characteristic impedance of the air-filled microstrip is denoted by Z'_0 . The effective dielectric constant at low frequencies ϵ_{eff0} can be now computed by Equation (6). If the calculator has stayed on after completing the previous example, ϵ_{eff0} may be found as in Table II. The value of ϵ_{eff0} seen in the display is 6.3239161.

DISPERSION

Knowledge of the effective dielectric constant is important for calculations of the wavelength in

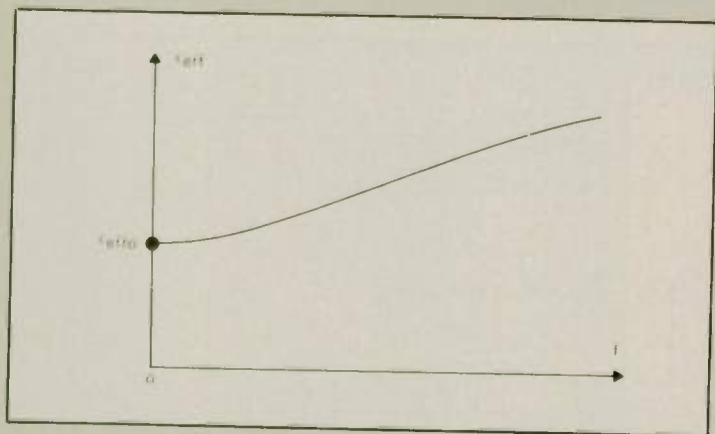
TABLE II

Strokes TI59	Strokes HP67	Comments
1 STO 14	1 STO E	enter $\epsilon_r=1$
1 STO 12		enter w, because register 12 presently contains value of w' from the previous example
SBR 001	GSB a	compute w' for the air dielectric
SBR 080		compute Z'_0 for the air dielectric
: 65.714 = x ²	65.714 : x ²	divide by previous Z_0 and square the result

the verification of the proper execution of the program. [w and w' flash and Z_0 is displayed.]

To find the effective dielectric constant of this microstrip, the characteristic impedance must be computed again for the same

the microstrip, which is $1/\sqrt{\epsilon_{eff}}$ times the free space wavelength. ϵ_{eff} is a slowly varying function of frequency, as indicated in Figure 2. This effect is known under the name dispersion. The low-frequency value of the effective di-



Z_0 computed with dielectric removed

Z_0 computed with dielectric present

$$(6) \quad \epsilon_{eff0} = \left(\frac{Z'_0}{Z_0} \right)^2$$

$$(7) \quad f_p \text{ (GHz)} = \frac{Z_0}{0.8 \pi h \text{ (mm)}}$$

$$(8) \quad G = 0.6 + 0.009 Z_0$$

$$(9) \quad \epsilon_{eff} = \epsilon_r - \frac{\epsilon_r - \epsilon_{eff0}}{1 + G \left(\frac{f}{f_p} \right)^2}$$

Fig. 2 Dispersion.

ϵ_{eff} . Behavior at other frequencies may be approximately described by Equation (9) which has been derived by Getsinger.⁴ In this formula f_p and G are two auxiliary constants defined by Equations (7) and (8). Note that the units selected for the program are millimeters for h , and gigahertz for f and f_p .

The dispersive value ϵ_{eff} is computed in subroutine 180, located between positions 180 and 230. [On HP67, ϵ_{eff} is computed in the main program, and may be verified only by observing the

TABLE III

Strokes	Comments
05 x 25.4 = STO 01	enter h in mm
10.1 STO 04	enter ϵ_r
10 STO 08	enter f in GHz
29 STO 25	enter Z_0 in Ω
7.37 STO 26	enter $\epsilon_{\text{eff}0}$
SBR 180	display: 8.763745531

final result in register E.] After execution, the output is contained in the display register. To verify whether subroutine 180 is working properly, we may compute the following example which is taken from Getsinger's

$\epsilon_{\text{eff}0} = 7.37$, $Z_0 = 29 \Omega$. In order to evaluate the effective dielectric constant at 10 GHz, we must enter the following instructions in the calculator (see Table III). The resulting ϵ_{eff} is in agreement with Getsinger's Figure 4.

SKIN EFFECT

The skin depth δ depends on the frequency of operation and on the conductivity of the material. The two typical materials for microstrip conductors are copper and aluminum. The conductivity of copper is $\sigma = 5.8 \times 10^7$ S/m (same as mhos/m), and the conductivity of aluminum is $\sigma = 3.62 \times 10^7$ S/m. In order to avoid entering the conductivity into the calculator for each computation, the conductivity of copper is already incorporated in Formula (10). Only the relative conductivity, σ_r , has to be entered. For copper, $\sigma_r = 1$, and for aluminum $\sigma_r = 3.62/5.8 = 0.62$.

The skin depth is computed by subroutine 160 [subroutine b]. In order to check the operation of this subroutine, we will compute the skin depth of aluminum at 2 GHz. The instructions for the calculator are given in Table IV. Therefore, the skin depth is approximately .0019 mm, or 1.9 μm .

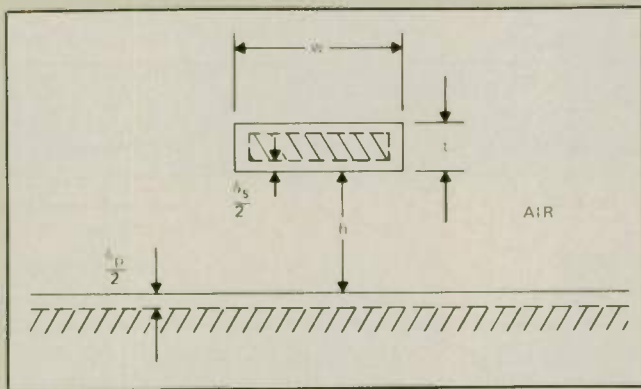
The lossy in microstrip consist of dielectric losses and conductor losses. They may be expressed in terms of Q factors: Q_d for dielectric losses, Q_c for conductor losses. Instead of Q factor, Wheeler prefers to use the power factor p , which is identical to $1/Q$.

TABLE IV

Strokes TI59	Strokes HP67	Comments
2 STO 08	2 STO 8	enter f
.62 STO 17	.62 Enter	enter σ_r
SBR 160	GSB b	display: .00187670

The dielectric losses in the microstrip transmission line are computed from the dielectric dissipation factor $\tan \delta$, usually given by the manufacturer of the dielectric substrate. For most substrates, $\tan \delta$ has a value between 0.001 and 0.0001. Since only a portion of the total electric field in microstrip transmission line is contained within the dielectric material, the value of $\tan \delta$ is to be multiplied by the Wheeler's "filling fraction," as seen in Equation (11).

Computation of the conductor losses is based on the skin-effect consideration which is illustrated in Figure 3. Note that in this



Dimensions (when $\epsilon_r = 1$)			Result
h	w	t	Z'_0
$h + \delta_p / 2$	w	t	Z''_0
$h + \delta_s / 2$	$w - \delta_s$	$t - \delta_s$	Z'''_0

(10)
$$\delta \text{ (mm)} = \frac{1}{20 \pi \sqrt{f \text{ (GHz)} \cdot 58 \cdot \sigma_r}}$$

(11)
$$\frac{1}{Q_d} = \frac{1 - 1/\epsilon_{\text{eff}}}{1 - 1/\epsilon_r} \tan \delta$$

(12)
$$\frac{1}{Q_c} = \frac{Z''_0 - Z'_0 + Z'''_0 - Z'_0}{Z'_0}$$

(13)
$$Q = \frac{1}{1/Q_c + 1/Q_d}$$

(14)
$$\alpha \text{ (dB/m)} = 90.96 \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}} \frac{f \text{ (GHz)}}{Q}$$

Fig. 3 Losses.

computation the dielectric has been removed, and the whole space between conductors is filled with air. The characteristic impedance for the air-filled transmission line must be computed three times, the corresponding results being denoted Z'_0 , Z''_0 , and Z'''_0 .

The first of these characteristic impedances, Z'_0 , is computed for the air-filled microstrip made out of perfectly conducting materials (skin depth is zero); thus, the dimensions are h , w , and t . The second characteristic impedance, Z''_0 , is computed for a microstrip in which the ground plane conductor has been recessed by one-half of the corresponding skin depth. Finally, characteristic impedance Z'''_0 is computed for a microstrip in which all the sides of the strip conductor have been recessed by one-half of the skin depth for the strip conductor. Using the values of Z'_0 , Z''_0 , and Z'''_0 , the inverse of Q_c can be computed by (12). Afterwards, the overall Q and the attenuation constant are obtained from (13) and (14).

The entire computation is controlled by the main program which is stored between position 240 and position 447 [000 and 118]. The examples which have been computed above are only the intermediate stages of the entire analysis, and they have been necessary only for a better familiarization with the program. The entire analysis proceeds through all the intermediate states automatically. The user must only enter the input data into registers 01 through 08, [1 through 8], call the main program by the command "SBR 240" [GSB a], and then read the results from the registers 25 through 29 [A through E].

The computational procedure will be explained on the following example. Suppose the microstrip dimensions are $h=1$ mm, $w=2.75$ mm, and $t=0.1$ mm. The dielectric constant of the substrate is $\epsilon_r=2.5$ and its dissipation factor is $\tan \delta=0.001$. The strip is made of copper and the ground plate is made of aluminum. The instructions for the calculator shown in Table V.

Strokes TI59	Strokes HP67	Comments
1 STO 01	1 STO 1	h in mm
2.75 STO 02	2.75 STO 2	w in mm
.1 STO 03	.1 STO 3	t in mm
2.5 STO 04	2.5 STO 4	ϵ_r of the substrate
1 STO 05	1 STO 5	σ_r for the strip conductor
.62 STO 06	.62 STO 6	σ_r for the ground plate
.001 STO 07	.001 STO 7	$\tan \delta$ of the substrate
2 STO 08	2 STO 8	f in GHz
SBR 240	GSB a	execute the main program

The calculator will now compute a sequence of four different characteristic impedances Z_0 , Z'_0 , Z''_0 , Z'''_0 through the use of subroutines 001, 080, and 160 [a and b] which are familiar from the earlier discussion. In each

calculators disagree in the last one (or several) digits. In the results presented here, only those digits are shown which are identical on both calculators. All the pertinent results may now be read from the appropriate registers in

Strokes TI59	Strokes HP67	Display	Comments
RCL 25	RCL A	49.458131	Z_0 in Ω
RCL 26	RCL B	2.04437532	ϵ_{eff0}
RCL 27	RCL C	382.047	Q
RCL 28	RCL D	.681647	α in dB/m
RCL 29	RCL E	2.04924136	ϵ_{eff}

computation, the values of w , w' and the corresponding characteristic impedance will be flashed on the display. In this way, the user can monitor the progress of the computation. After the fourth characteristic impedance has

Table VI. It can be seen that the dispersion is not yet pronounced, ϵ_{eff} differs only slightly from ϵ_{eff0} . In the effective dielectric constant at 10 GHz is now to be computed, the procedure is as follows in Table VII. The effective

Strokes TI59	Strokes HP67	Display	Comments
10 STO 08	10 STO 8		enter new operation frequency
SBR 240	GSB a		repeat the analysis
RCL 29	RCL E	2.14120670	ϵ_{eff} at 10 GHz

flashed in the display, the Q factor appears in permanent display signifying that the computation has been computed [on HP67, display contains α]. The entire computation takes about 50 seconds [35 s]. For the example at hand, the first six digits of the display are 382.047 [.681647]. Because of the slight differences in computational techniques, the results computed by the two cal-

culators disagree in the last one (or several) digits. In the results presented here, only those digits are shown which are identical on both calculators. All the pertinent results may now be read from the appropriate registers in

LIMITATIONS

The display of the pocket calculator has ten digits, but only the first two digits of the displayed results may be considered reliable, and even those must be viewed with some reservations. First of all, very seldom can the microstrip dimensions be fabri-

...ted with two digits of accuracy. Also, the cross section of the strip conductor only roughly approximates a rectangular shape (the edges are not smooth, etc.).

As far as the theoretical value of the characteristic impedance is concerned, Wheeler has found that his formula is accurate within 2%, with a typical error smaller than 1%.

The thickness t used in computations should be limited by:

$$t < w.$$

Thus, the cross section of the strip may be either a flat rectangle, such as shown in Figures 1 and 3, or up to a square. Wheeler says that for a square shape more accurate results are obtained if the strip is narrow (i.e. when $w < h$), but he shows an example in which the correct result is obtained for a square shape on a wide strip which has $w = 2h$.

The range of widths for which Wheeler has presented his results is:

$$0.1 h \leq x \leq 10 h.$$

Another limitation of the described procedure stems from the fact that the loss computation is based on the assumption of conductor dimensions being much larger than the skin depth. At low frequencies, this assumption may be violated, because the skin depth δ may become larger than the conductor thickness t . In such a case, the corrected thickness $t - \delta_s$ for computation of Z_0'' comes out to be a negative number. The computation of Z_0'' proceeds formally in the same way as before, based on w' which is smaller than w . The

main program has a built-in warning against this situation. If $\delta_s > t$, the final display is not anymore set equal to Q , but the display is set to "-1." When this signal is encountered at the end of execution, it serves only as a warning. The computation is completed as usual, and the results are stored in registers 25 to 29 as before. However, the values of Q and α are not reliable in this case. The attenuation of strips which are thin in comparison with the skin depth has been studied by Horton, Easter, and Gopinath,⁵ and also by Rizzoli.⁶ Both studies show that when $t \leq 2\delta$, the attenuation becomes much larger than the value computed by the method described here.

[For the HP program execution stops with the value of $t - \delta_s$, a negative number, displayed in the register. The correct value of Z_0 is still available in register A.]

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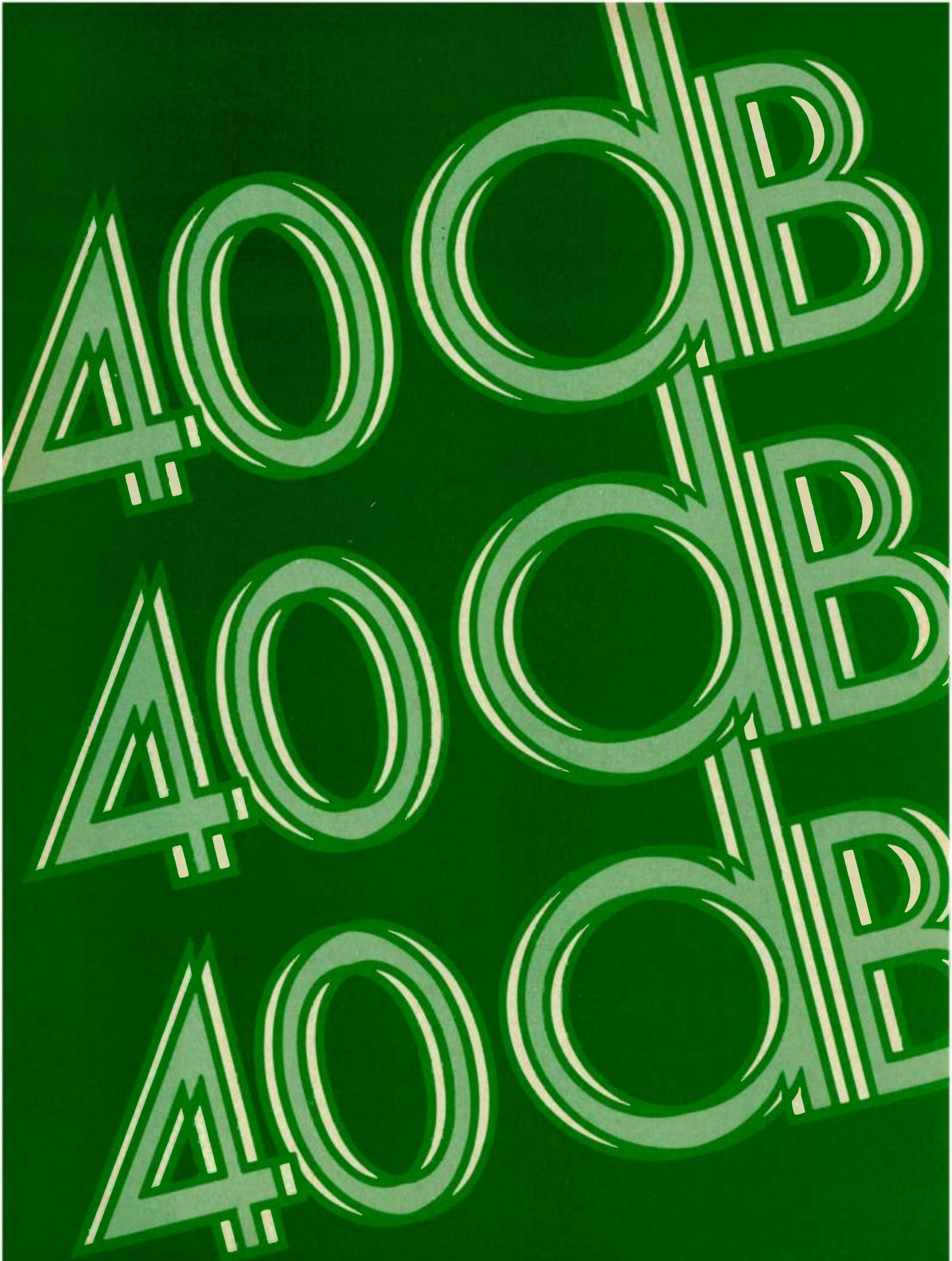
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004	STO (i)	35 33	014	1	01	024	GSB a	32 22 11
005	RCL 4	34 04	015	STO E	33 15	025	RCL 5	34 05
006	STO E	33 15	016	GSB a	32 22 11	026	GSB b	32 22 12
007	RCL 1	34 01	017	RCL 6	34 06	027	STO 9	33 09
008	STO B	33 12	018	GSB b	32 22 12	028	2	02
009	RCL 2	34 02	019	2	02	029	÷	81
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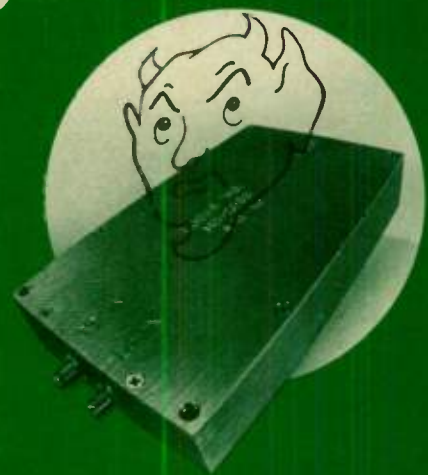
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034	RCL 9	34 09	096	-	51	158	PAUSE	35 72
035	-	51	097	÷	81	159	1/x	35 62
036	STO C	33 13	098	RCL 7	34 07	160	4	04
037	RCL 3	34 03	099	x	71	161	x	71
038	RCL 9	34 09	100	RCL C	34 13	162	RCL B	34 12
039	-	51	101	+	61	163	x	71
040	STO D	33 14	102	ENTER	41	164	STO O	33 00
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092	-	51	154	x	71	216	RETURN	35 22

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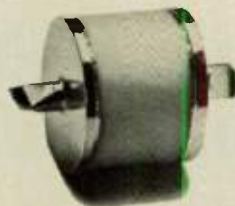
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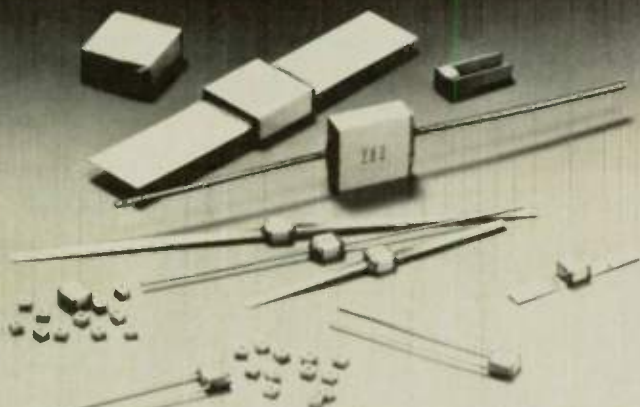
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(from page 46) CALCULATOR

TI-59 PROGRAM

THICKNESS CORRECTION:

001 (RCL 13 : RCL 11) x² STO 15
011 ((RCL 12 2nd Pause
016 : RCL 13 + 1.1) X 2nd π) x² w
028 1/x SUM 15 (((RCL 15 √x 1/x
038 X 4) Inx + 1) : 2nd π)
048 STO 15 RCL 13 2nd Prd 15 ((
056 RCL 14 1/x + 1) : 2) STO 16
067 2nd Prd 15 RCL 15 SUM 12
073 RCL 12 2nd Pause w
076 INV SBR

CHARACTERISTIC IMPEDANCE:

080 (RCL 11 X 4 : RCL 12) STO 17
091 ((14 + 8 : RCL 14) : 11)
105 STO 15 RCL 17 2nd Prd 15 ((
112 2nd π x² X RCL 16) STO 18
120 (RCL 15 x²) SUM 18 RCL 18 √x
130 SUM 15 ((RCL 15 X RCL 17 + 1
141) Inx X 42.4 : (RCL 14 + 1)
155 √x) 2nd Pause Z₀
158 INV SBR

SKIN DEPTH:

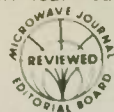
160 ((RCL 08 X RCL 17 X 58) √x
172 X 20 X 2nd π) 1/x
179 INV SBR δ

DISPERSION:

180 (.8 X 2nd π X RCL 01 X
189 RCL 08 : RCL 25) x² STO 15 ((
199 RCL 25 X .009 + .6) 2nd Prd 15
212 1 SUM 15 (RCL 04 - (RCL 04 -
223 RCL 26) : RCL 15) ε_{eff}
230 INV SBR

MAIN PROGRAM:

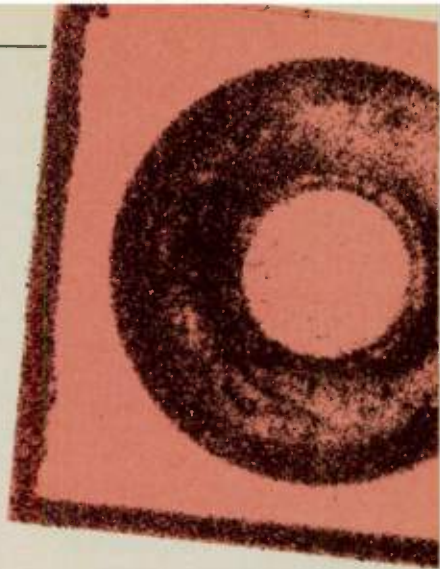
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248 RCL 03 STO 13 RCL 04 STO 14
256 SBR 001 SBR 080 STO 25 Z₀
264 1 STO 14 RCL 02 STO 12 SBR 001
274 SBR 080 STO 10 Z₀
279 RCL 02 STO 12 RCL 06 STO 17
287 (SBR 160 : 2) STO 21 δ_p/2
296 SUM 11 RCL 02 STO 12 SBR 001
305 SBR 080 STO 22 Z₀
310 RCL 05 STO 17 RCL 02 STO 12
318 SBR 160 STO 23 δ_s
323 INV SUM 12 RCL 01 STO 11
330 (RCL 23 : 2) SUM 11 RCL 23
340 INV SUM 13 SBR 001 SBR 080 Z₀
349 SUM 22 RCL 10 INV SUM 22
356 INV SUM 22 (RCL 22 : RCL 10)
366 STO 19 1/Q_c
368 (RCL 10 : RCL 25) x² STO 26 ε_{eff0}
378 SBR 180 STO 29 ε_{eff}
383 ((1 - RCL 29 1/x) : (1 -
395 RCL 04 1/x) X RCL 07) STO 20 1/Q_d
405 SUM 19 RCL 19 1/x STO 27 Q
412 (RCL 29 √x X RCL 08 X 90.96 :
426 RCL 27) STO 28 α
431 0. x t RCL 13 INV 2nd x t A
439 RCL 27 2nd Pause INV SBR
444 2nd Lbl A 1. +/-
448 R/S



Novel PIN Diode for MIC Phase Shifter

A novel PIN diode structure utilizing borosilicate glass in an etched moat around the diode mesa offers a low cost diode passivation technique. Diode chips made in this form have been utilized to make an X-band MIC phase shifter measuring only 20 x 41 x 10 mm yet operating to 300 - 500 W peak RF power (depending upon the diode breakdown voltage employed with short circuit loads).

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INTRODUCTION

High power PIN diode phase shifters have been reported^{1,2} for use at L- and S bands. These are operable to peak RF powers of 1 kW, as required in surveillance type radars operating at these frequencies.

At X-band frequencies and above, however, it becomes in-

creasingly difficult to design a phase shifter having a cross section which does not exceed a half-wavelength in any dimension, because the physical size of the phase shifter is not insignificant compared with the half-wavelength dimension at these high frequencies. Equally important, the phase shifter must be made very light weight, since X-band radars are typically used for airborne applications.

500 volt breakdown diodes) or 500 W (with 840 volt breakdown). Emphasized in the paper are 1) the diode structure and characteristics, 2) the circuit configuration and design criteria, and 3) measured RF performance of the phase shifter, both under high and low power.

compared to the diode breakdown voltage. Accordingly, higher diode breakdown voltage results in higher peak power performance for the phase shifter.

Three types of diodes were developed for the present X-band phase shifter. Design parameters of these are summarized in Table 1. The type A₁ diode has a junction capacitance, C_j, of 0.10 pF and breakdown voltage, V_B, of 500 volt. The type A₂ diode is the same as the type A₁ except the C_j = 0.15 pF. the type B diode, with C_j = 0.10 pF, has higher V_B than the type A₁ and A₂.

Diode wafers were fabricated by p-type diffusion into the I layer, which had been grown epitaxially on an N+ substrate. The diode structure is shown in Figure 1. The mesa is formed by a groove which does not reach the N+ substrate, and is covered with lead-boro-silicate glass for passivation. This grooved mesa structure offers greater diode capaci-

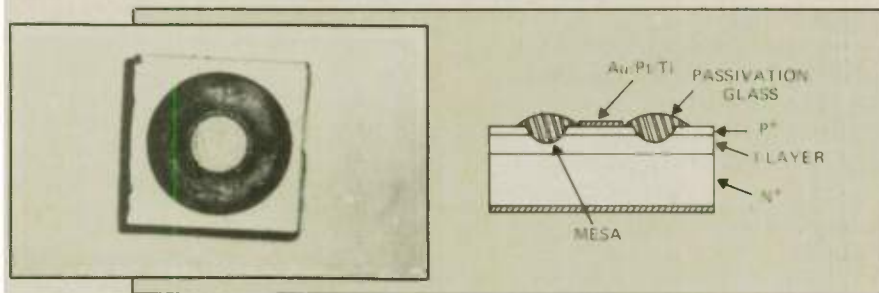


Fig. 1 Grooved mesa PIN diode. (a) photograph of a chip and (b) cross sectional view.

GLASSED MOAT PIN DIODES

The maximum RF power sustainable by a PIN diode for short pulsed conditions in the reversed bias state is limited by the magnitude of the RF voltage swing

TABLE 1

DESIGN PARAMETERS OF PIN DIODES

Type	Junction Capacitance C _j at 100 V	Forward Resistance R _s at 100 mA	Breakdown Voltage V _B	I Region Width	Chip Size
A ₁ , A ₂	A ₁ : 0.10 pF A ₂ : 0.15 pF	0.74 Ω	500 V	40 μm	500 μm □
B	0.10 pF	0.88 Ω	840 V	50 μm	700 μm □

In this paper describes the development of a small size and light weight X-band 3 bit MIC phase shifter having peak RF power handling of 300 W (with

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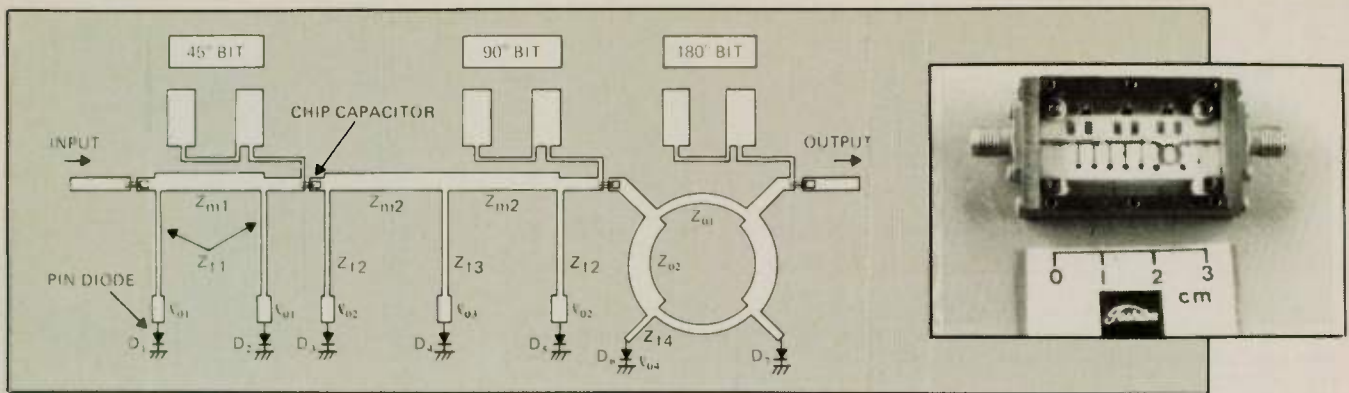


Fig. 2 (a) 3-bit circuit configuration and (b) photograph of a phase shifter.

tance reproducibility than does the conventional technique in which the mesa structure is etched through (to the N+ substrate). It does so, however, at the sacrifice of breakdown voltage. The capacitance tends to be more reproducibly obtained because, when the etching proceeds only part way into the I layer, it does not encroach as much on the cylindrical center area which defines the diode's capacitance. On the other hand, because the complete I layer boundary of the diode is not totally covered by the glass some leakage path ultimately is encountered as the applied high voltage causes wide spreading of the depletion zone; and therefore a lesser breakdown is experienced. Sufficient breakdown, however, is realized to permit the desired peak power handling for the phase shifter, as will be seen. In this case, after some experimental tradeoffs were conducted between junction capacitance variation and realizable breakdown voltage, a groove depth of 40 to 50 microns was chosen. The resultant structure, shown diagrammatically in Figure 1, was used to produce diodes having 500 volts of breakdown (with 40 μm groove depth) to 840 volts (with 50 μm groove). A subset consisting of 0.10 and 0.15 pF junction capacitance for the 500 volt breakdown diodes was used to accommodate the extra capacitance appropriate for smaller phase shift bits. These can be used in both 300 W and 500 W circuits, since voltage stress is low in these positions. The resultant design parameters of these three diode types are shown in Table 1.

PHASE SHIFTER CIRCUIT DESIGN

As shown in Figure 2a, the 3-bit phase shift circuit is composed of a 45° two-stub loaded line bit, a 90° three-stub loaded line bit and a 180° branchline hybrid bit. The 180° section affords moderately wideband performance around 9 GHz by tolerating $\pm 10^\circ$ phase shift error. (See footnote p. 49.) Single plate chip capacitors are used for dc isolation between individual bits, and the whole circuit is integrated on a 13 mm x 0.63 mm alumina substrate.

In the 300 W phase shifter, the type A₁ diode (Table 1) is used for diodes D₄, D₆ and D₇ and type A₂ for the rest of the diodes. In the 500 W phase shifter, diodes D₄, D₆ and D₇ are replaced with the 840 volt, type B diodes.

The diode chip is mounted on a gold plated molybdenum pedestal, which in turn is soldered to

the metal ground plane within a hole drilled in the alumina circuit adjacent to the required diode circuit connection. Since it is in this vicinity that the circuit is most likely to have a voltage arc over, possibly between the diode connection wire or strap and the base of the diode or its metal pedestal mount, a silicon rubber compound was applied to the chip after installation. This coating has a thickness of a few tens of microns. Sharp discontinuities of the microstrip circuit could also induce an arc over near the diode holes, consequently, the circuit patterns were modified to have rounded corners in these areas.

MEASURED LOW POWER PERFORMANCE

Electrical performance of the 300 W phase shifter over a 6% fractional bandwidth centered at 9 GHz is summarized in Table 2.

TABLE 2

ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE OF THE 300 W PHASE SHIFTER

Phase shift bits	3	Max. rated input power	300 W (peak)
Phase shift range	0 ~ 315°	Max. rated input power	5 W (CW)
Max. phase shift error (*)	$\pm 15^\circ$	Forward bias supply	+ 2 V, 300 ma/3 bit
Rms phase shift error (*)	8°	Reverse bias supply	-40 V
Insertion phase variation (*) (*)	$\pm 10^\circ$	Operating temperature range	-30° to +60 C
Max. insertion loss	2.3 dB	Weight	17 g
Max. VSWR	1.6	RF connectors	SMA type female

(*) Over all bias states and frequencies

(*) (*) Unit to unit

of 300 W is defined under the condition of 1 microsecond pulse width and 0.001 duty cycle.

Measured small signal characteristics of phase shift, insertion loss and SWR are shown in Figure 3.

Performance for the 500 W phase shifter is the same except that more forward bias (+100 milliamperes instead of +50 milliamperes per diode) is used in order to regain the 2.3 dB insertion loss while using the higher voltage (and hence, higher forward resistance) diodes.

HIGH-POWER EVALUATION

Three kinds of high power RF experiments were performed in order to establish the power handling capability of the two phase shifter designs.

First, the dependence of insertion loss on RF input power was measured for the 300 W and 500 W phase shifters using reverse bias voltage (V_R) as a parameter.

Figure 4, from which it can be seen that for peak input power levels below 500 W and 900 W respectively, the insertion loss of the all reversed biased circuits ($V_R = -40V$) is below the corresponding loss of the circuit when all diodes are forward biased. This indicates that, below these RF power levels, little RF heating and/or diode breakdown is induced by the incident RF voltage waveforms.

In the second set of tests, the output port of the phase shifter was terminated with a sliding short circuit which was moved through a half wavelength of travel for each high RF power level (incident at the other port). This test was repeated using increased RF power levels until diode burnout, signified by a dc short-circuited diode, was observed. It was found that the burnout power so obtained depended upon the way in which the RF input power was increased. For example, when the input power was

taneously sliding the short circuit termination through all phases as well as simultaneously electronically switching the diode back and forth between forward and reverse bias between RF pulses) the 180° bit diode burned out at $P_{in} = 580$ W for the 300 W phase shifter design. On the other hand, if the input power was abruptly applied, diode failures in the 180° bit occurred at only $P_{in} = 380$ W peak. This difference in power handling capability could be due to the relatively long time constant associated with surface charge build up of the PIN diode itself. Alternatively, it could be associated with some transient heating phenomena in the diode, possibly even in the overshoot of RF voltage in the test circuit or in the diode phase shifter circuit. In any case, however, the practical phase shifter must be able to sustain rapid application of rated power and accordingly a rating below 380 W peak is necessary when only the 500 volt breakdown (type A) diodes are used.

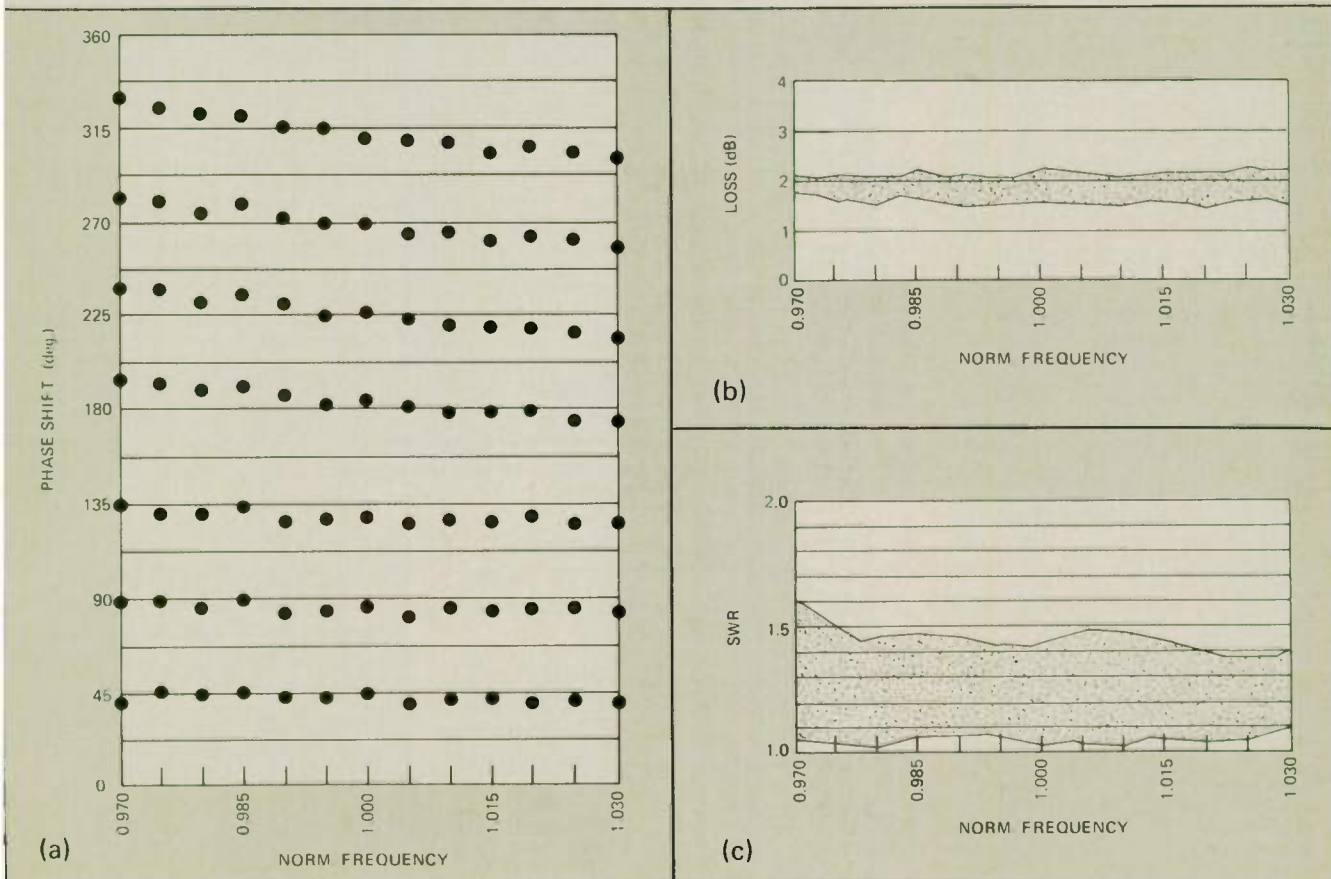


Fig. 3 Small signal performance of the 300 W phase shifter (a) Phase shift, (b) Insertion loss, (c) SWR.

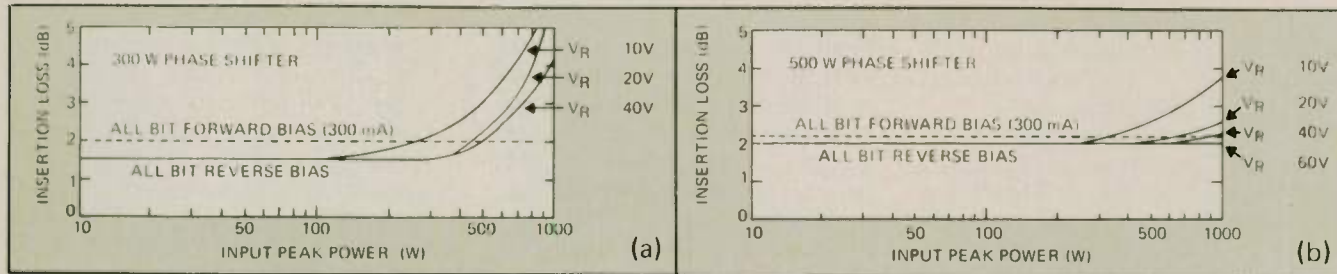


Fig. 4 Dependence of insertion loss on RF input power (a) 300 W phase shifter and (b) 500 W phase shifter.

A third method for evaluating the phase shifter under high power consisted of observing the dc leakage current induced in the diodes when the RF power is applied. This was done in a single diode test fixture consisting of a 50 ohm microstrip line which the diode terminates. The equivalent circuit, including the biasing and oscilloscope measuring hookup, is shown in Figure 5a. In this test it was found that no leakage current was measured for the reverse bias condition (-40 volts) until the input power reached a peak of 130 W. Further increase of P_{in} produced the rectified waveform shown in Figure 5b. With continuing power increase this waveform develops a slight bump near the trailing edge, as shown in Figure 5c. Once the onset of this bump is observed, its magnitude is found to increase rapidly as a function of increasing P_{in} , with burnout typically encountered at $P_{in} = 530$ W (under the condition that RF was applied quickly from the off to on condition. In a separate analysis it was estimated that 530 W in this experimental fixture corresponded to the 380 W which likewise produced burnout in the 180° bits of the complete phase shifter circuit. This estimate was performed taking into account the additional circuit losses found in the complete phase shifter compared with the lower loss of the single diode test fixture.

Based on the results of these three tests, it is felt that the 300 W rating represents both a conservative and realistic rating for reliable operation of the phase shifters in a complete phased array antenna. Further reliability testing, described in next section, supports this view. Using the same criteria in the 500 W rated

design (with positions D_4 , D_6 and D_7 occupied by 840 volt breakdown (type B) diodes, burnout occurred at a minimum critical power of 580 W, and the rating of 500 W accordingly was applied in this case.

RELIABILITY TESTING

Four types of reliability tests were conducted to verify the diode and circuit design.

First, ten complete phase shifters were operated at room tem-

humidity of 90% for 2000 hours, then tested to determine whether their reverse dc leakage current at room temperature was below $10 \mu A$ at the rated breakdown voltage. No failures were observed for any of these tests, thereby confirming the integrity of both the diode and circuit designs.

Fourth, HTRB (High Temperature Reverse Bias) tests were performed at three levels of tem-

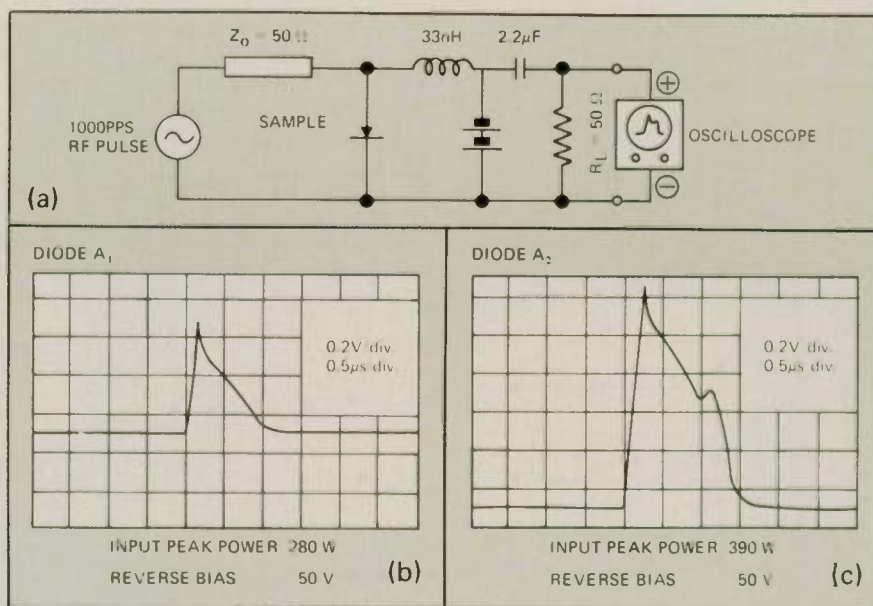


Fig. 5 Rectified current waveforms (a) measurement circuit, (b) waveform at $P_{in} = 280$ W and (c) at $P_{in} = 390$ W.

perature with an incident peak power of 300 W (at 1 μ sec pulses, 0.001 duty cycle and matched loads) for 8000 hours.

Second, a single phase shifter was switched under an ambient temperature of 100°C from forward (+100 mA) to reverse bias (-40 V) at a 100 Hz rate for 1000 hours.

Third, 50 diodes were biased at 200 volts at an ambient temperature of 60°C and at a relative

temperatures (175, 200, and 245°C) for 10 Type-B diodes each. The diodes were reverse-biased at 400 V peak with a 100 Hz half-wave rectified voltage source. An MTF (Median-Time-to-Failure), or time at which 50% cumulative failure occurs, was found to be 3500, 400, and 10 hours for the 175, 200, and 245°C tests, respectively, with a diode failure criterion of 30% decrease in breakdown voltage. From Arrhenius plots, the MTF of diodes,

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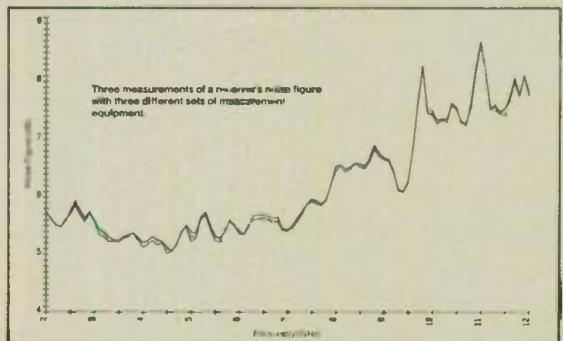
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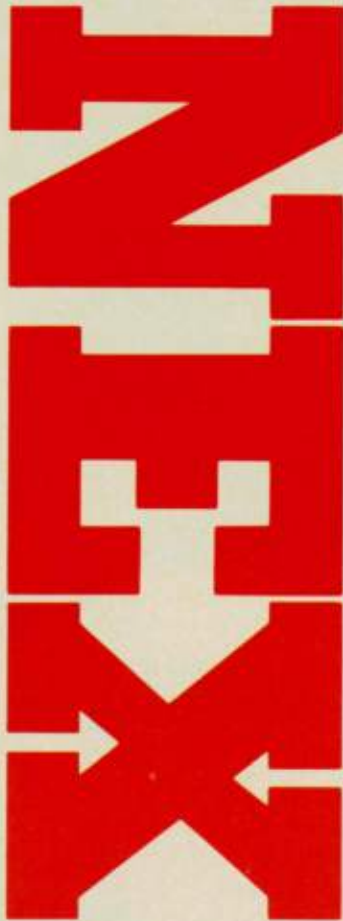
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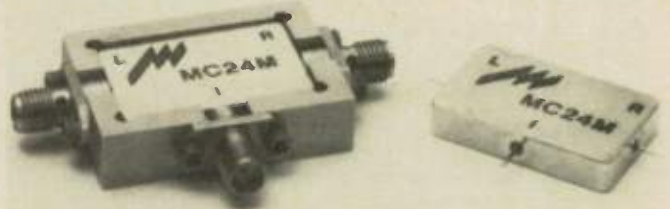
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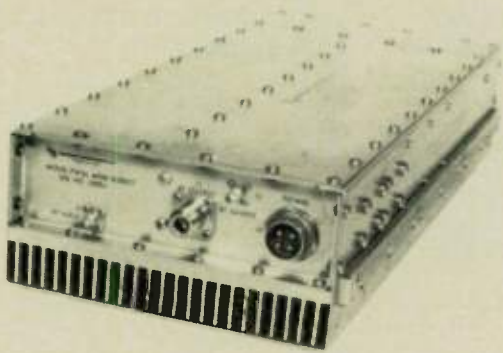
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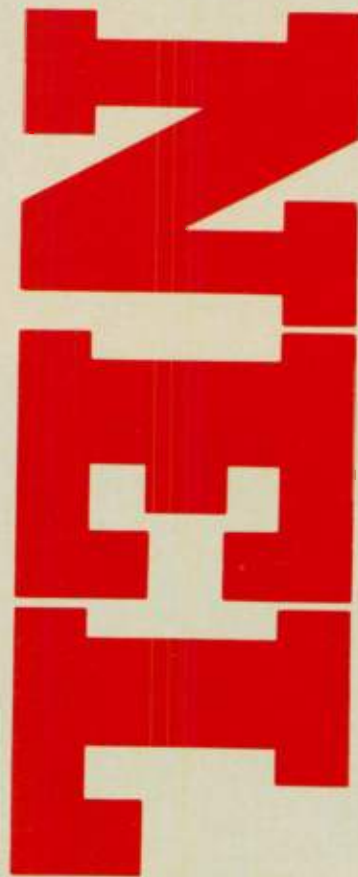
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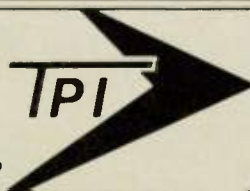
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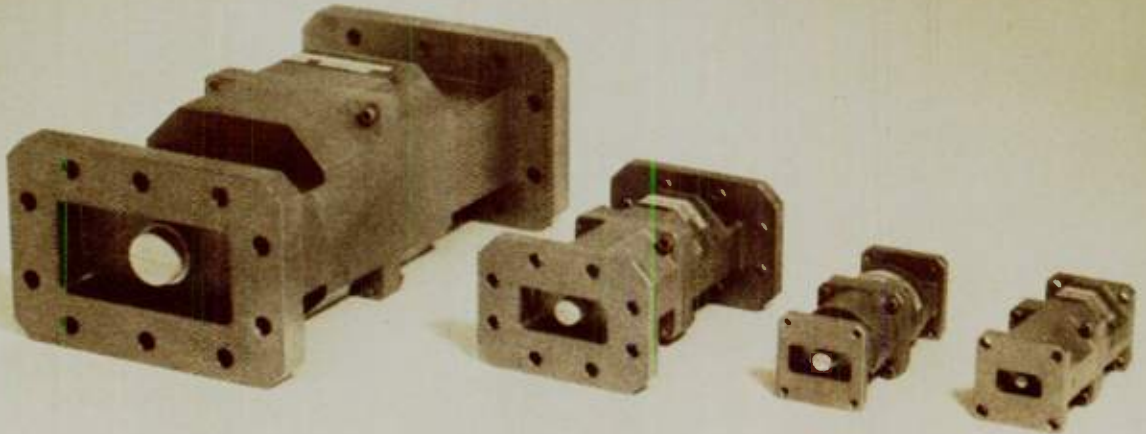
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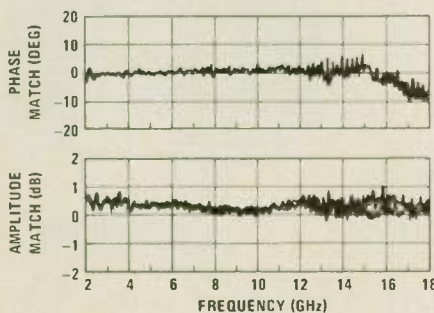
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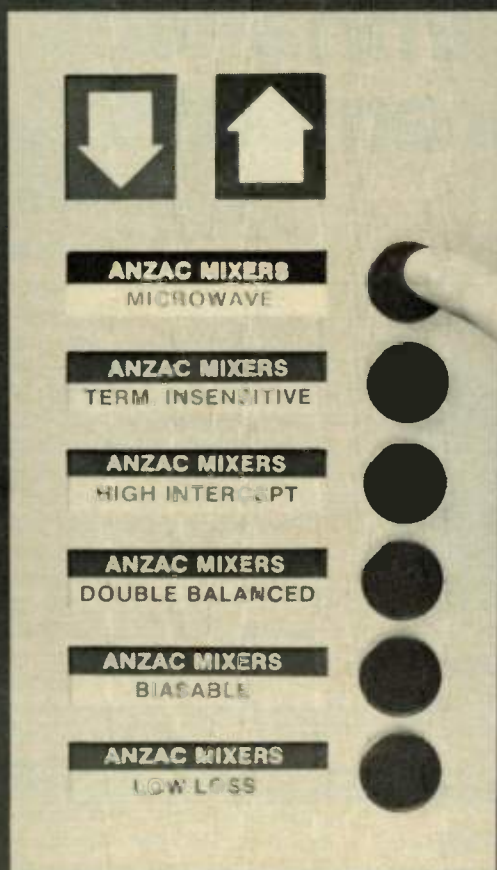
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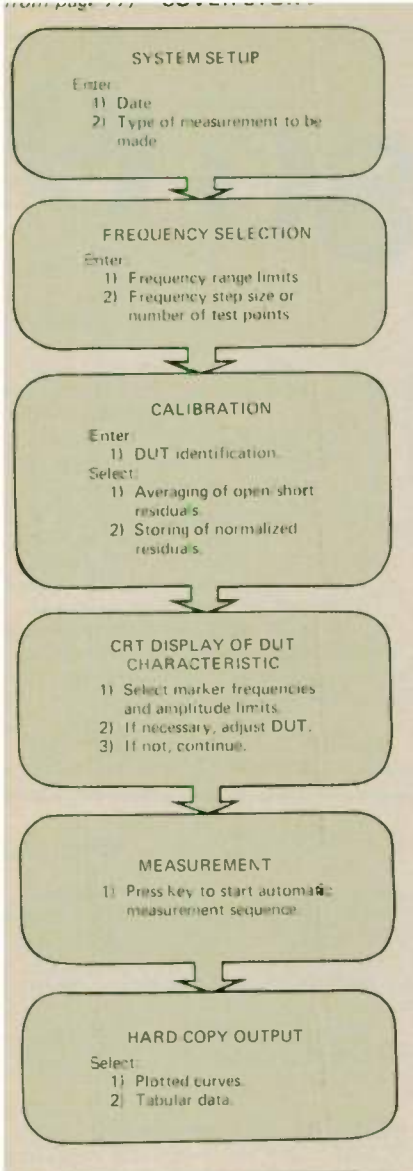


Fig. 2 Series 5600 operational procedure.

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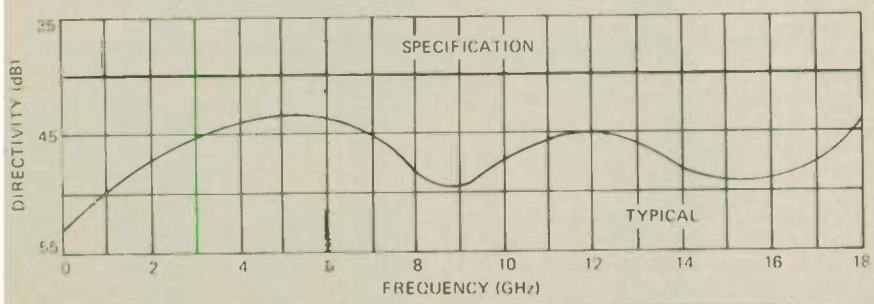


Fig. 4 Model 97A50-1 SWR Autotester directivity.

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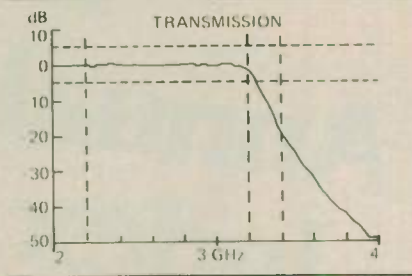


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ERRATUM

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APPENDIX

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100 PRINT "PROG. CALCULATES ZOE,
      ZOO FOR TCHEBYCHEFF FILTER"
110 INIT
120 PRINT "Z0 = ?":
130 INPUT Z0
140 PRINT "F1 =, F2 = ?":
150 INPUT F1, F2
160 REM CALCULATE G VALUES (PG 99 MATTHAEI)
170 PRINT "N = ?": "RIPPLE = ?":
180 INPUT N, D
190 PRINT
200 X=D/17.37
210 E1=EXP(X)
220 E2=EXP(X)
230 E=LOG((E2+E1)/(E2-E1))
240 X=E/(2-N)
250 G1=0.5*(EXP(X)-EXP(-X))
260 DIM A(N)
270 DIM B(N)
280 DIM GIN(1)
290 FOR K=1 TO N
300 A(K)=SIN((2-K)*PI/(2-N))
310 B(K)=G1^2+SIN(K*PI/N)^2
320 NEXT K
330 G11=2-A(1)/G1
340 IF N=1 THEN 440
350 FOR K=2 TO N
360 G(K)=4-A(K)-A(K-1)/B(K)-G(K-1)
370 NEXT K
380 IF 1/N=0 THEN 440
390 X=E/4
400 E2=EXP(X)
410 E1=EXP(X)
420 GIN(1)=(E2+E1)/(E2-E1)^2
430 GO TO 450
440 GIN(1)=1
450 REM CALCULATE ZOE, ZOO (PG 473 MATTHAEI)
460 W=2*(F2-F1)/(F2+F1)
470 GO-1
480 DIM J(N)
490 J0=SORPI*W/(2-G-G1)
500 J(N)=SORPI*W/(2-G(N)-GIN(1))
510 IF N=1 THEN 550
520 FOR K=1 TO N-1
530 J(K)=PI*W/(2-SORIG(K)-G(K+1))
540 NEXT K
550 PRINT "N ZOE ZOO"
560 Z2=Z0*(1+J0+J0^2)
570 Z1=Z0*(1+J0+J0^2)
580 PRINT USING 590,1,2,2,1
590 IMAGE 2D,1D,6D,1D,6D,1D
600 FOR K=1 TO N
610 Z2=Z0*(1+J(K)+J(K)^2)
620 Z1=Z0*(1+J(K)+J(K)^2)
630 PRINT USING 640,K+1,Z2,Z1
640 IMAGE 2D,1D,6D,1D,6D,1D
650 NEXT K
660 END

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EXAMPLE

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RUN
PROG. CALCULATES ZOE, ZOO FOR TCHEBYCHEFF FILTER
Z0= 785
F1=, F2= 26, 34
N= ? RIPPLE = 7.5, .5

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N	ZOE	ZOO
1.0	148.0	63.8
2.0	116.7	67.5
3.0	109.9	69.6
4.0	109.9	69.6
5.0	116.7	67.5
6.0	148.0	63.8

operated at a junction temperature of 100°C, was estimated to be 2 x 10⁷ hours.

CONCLUSION

Using a new glass filled moat structure PIN diode chip, permits a compact high power X-band phase shifter in an MIC format measuring 20 x 41 x 10 mm and weighing below 0.7 ounces. Peak RF power ratings of 300 W (using 500 volt diodes) and 500 W (using 840 volt diodes) were demonstrated to be realistic through a series of reliability tests, including an 8000 hour lifetest under RF power. This phase shifter design and its diode are well suited to airborne array antennas at X-band and above.

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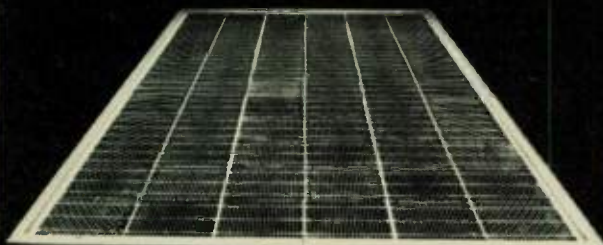
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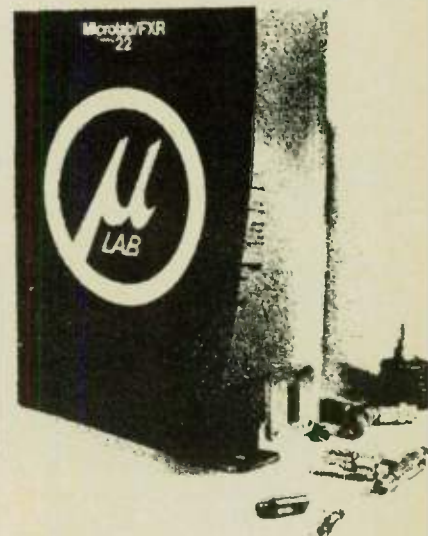
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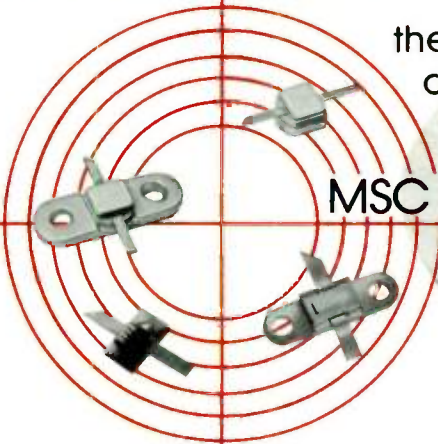
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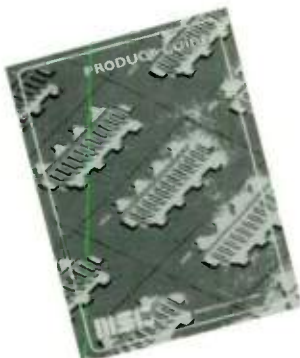
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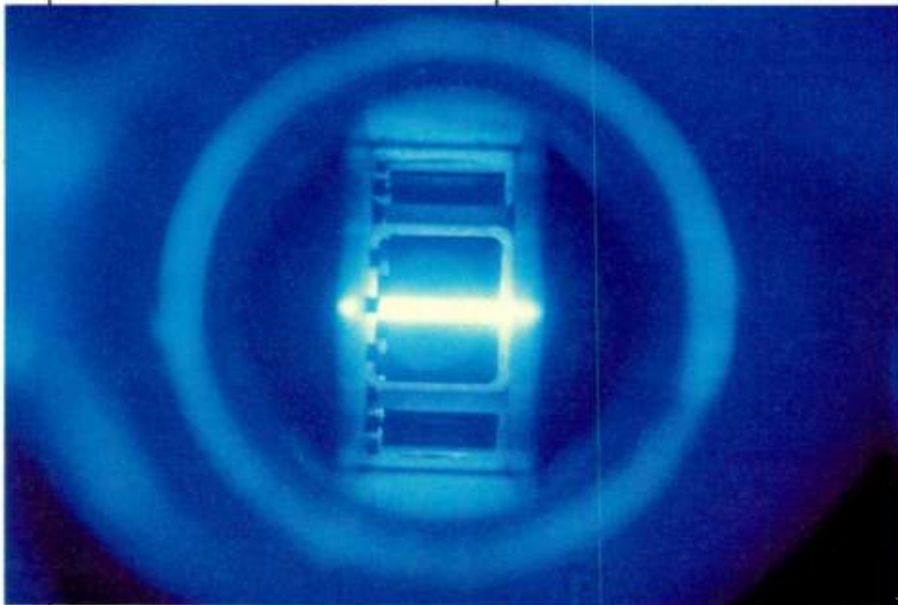


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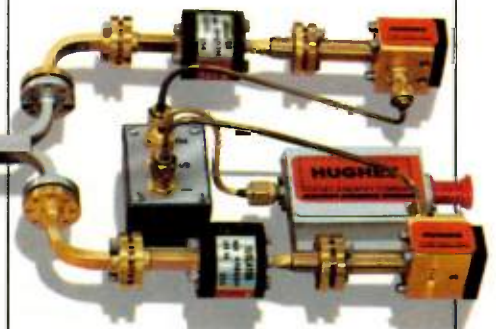
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