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Bench Power Supply for Transistor Radios

The portable voltage supply shown in Fig. 1 will supply all of the power requirements for transistor radio servicing. It is a real time-saver when used with all types of transistor operated devices and is essential when servicing smaller size radios such as the General Electric P830 series.

The unit shown in Fig. 1 is easy to construct and the total cost should run between \$10.00 and \$20.00 depending on the meter used. All parts listed below are standard and can be obtained from your General Electric tube distributor.

Parts List

- 1 10" x 8" x 7" Metal Utility Cabinet
- 1 G-E Catalog No. 513X46 Panel Meter 2¹₂" 0-150 MA
- 1 Rotary Switch non-shorting type with 5 positions (Mallory No. 3215 J or equivalent)
- 1 Phone Jack ¹4" open circuit type
- Phone Plug standard ¼," size
 #6 1½ Volt Dry Cells (Burgess or Eveready)
- 2 Completely Insulated Alligator Clips

Necessary wire to make internal connections.

3 ft. wire to connect phone jack to phone plug.

The only item that might have to be ordered by a distributor is the utility cabinet. These cabinets are available in about ten different sizes and this particular size might not be in stock.

In order to obtain accurate measurements it is important that the meter have a very low terminal resistance. Since the meter is connected in series with the voltage supply the resistance of the meter can reduce the voltage appreciably.

A meter with a resistance of 100 ohms connected to a circuit with a current drain of 10 ma will reduce the voltage by 1 volt (E=IxR). This is significant because of the low operating voltage requirements for transistor radios. Obviously it would be possible to use a high resistance meter and add an additional battery. A rheostat could then be used to adjust the voltage applied





Fig. 1 Completely assembled power supply for servicing transistor radios.

Fig. 2 Inside view with front cover removed.



Fig. 3 Schematic wiring diagram.

to each circuit or receiver. This would be time-consuming however, because an adjustment would be necessary whenever the current drain varied such as changing the volumn control setting. The meter used and recommended has an internal resistance of 0.33 ohms. Obviously the current flow through this meter cannot materially affect the voltage applied to a circuit or receiver.

A 100 ma meter could be used, however it would be more susceptible to overload and damage particularly in case of a short circuit. Care must be exercised with any meter so that its ratings are not exceeded. Fig. 2 is a photograph of the internal construction and wiring. Since the schematic shown in Fig. 3 is very simple, no additional wiring information should be required. It should be pointed out, however, that some sort of device should be used to hold the batteries in a fixed position. The flexible metal strap shown in Fig. 2 completely encircles the batteries and is attached to the cabinet with the two center screws which hold the back cover in place.

Technicians engaged in servicing transistor devices will find this power supply well worth the time and expense spent in its construction.



SERVICING TELEVISION TUNERS III

In the last issue test equipment, sweep generator termination and attenuation units were discussed. In this issue the additional pieces of equipment required to service dismounted tuners will be described.

Load and Power Requirements

There are two general ways to satisfy load and power requirements for trouble-shooting a dismounted tuner, namely, a television receiver chassis or a dummy load and power supply. Since most service shops have a TV chassis available for test purposes, a considerable amount of construction will be saved and in addition more realistic response curves will be obtained by this method. A TV chassis will also provide adequate plate and filament voltages for most tuners.

Holding Jigs

Some type of holding device or jig is ordinarily necessary when repairing or aligning dismounted tuners. A suitable jig may be made quite easily as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. A slightly modified bench vice may also be used as a holding jig. The vice must hold the tuner unit securely in place while allowing sufficient space along the sides and top for accessibility to all components and alignment points.

The tuner test chassis should be located close to the holding jig or vice. A terminal strip for the plate, filament and bias voltages should be mounted on this chassis and located near the holding jig. Leads from this terminal strip should be terminated in small test clips with insulated sleeves. This will facilitate the operation when changing tuners.

The video detector output can also be brought out to this terminal strip for ease in connecting the scope. A short length of low impedance coax such as RG-59U should be used in



connecting the tuner output to the chassis i-f input except on those tuners which have their own output lead as an integrated part of the tuner. In this case the lead is usually a coax or low impedance twin lead which accompanies the tuner when it is dismounted from the chassis. Provision should be made on the test chassis for connecting this lead to the i-f input.

Bias voltages can be obtained from a battery source or from a bias supply such as the one described in the Volume 12, No. 3 isue of TECHNI-TALK. Make sure the correct bias voltages are applied to the chassis as well as the tuner.

Test Set-Up

When the test chassis and holding jig are ready for use make the following test to insure that the set-up is correct. With a known good tuner of the type specified for that chassis and mounted on the test chassis, check both r-f and i-f alignment. Make the necessary adjustments in accordance with alignment instructions published in the applicable service notes. When this is done, detach the tuner and mount it in the holding jig. Again check overall alignment; if adequate care has been taken in setting up this equipment, only very slight discrepancies will be found in the alignment curves. If too great a discrepancy exists, such as improper marker positioning and a non-symmetrical response curve or excessive tilt, check for:

A. INADEQUATE GROUNDING of individual pieces of test equipment including the chassis and tuner unit. B. COAX LEAD TOO LONG. This lead should not be longer than eight to ten inches.

C. DEFECTIVE COAX LEAD. Check for leakage between conductor and shield due to excess solder or flux.

D. INADEQUATE GROUNDING at either end of the coax shield. One end of the coax should be grounded

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ANTENNA CONNECTOR

For those antenna leads from tuners that terminate in pins, I have made up the following gadget. A filament fuse resistor terminal socket and an antenna terminal connector soldered together make a quick and solid connection. Make up several and keep them handy.

Dewey Jackson Jackson's TV & Radio 2614 W. Beverly Blvd. Montebello, California



IRON CLEANER

Cut the handle off an old wire scratchbrush and mount it permanently on the workbench where most soldering is done, you can then wipe your soldering iron or gun clean without leaving your work.

Mounted near a vise, the brush also saves time and steps in cleaning handheld components.

E. Mayover

1601 – 14th St. W. (U.S. 41) Bradenton, Florida

SPARE TIPS

Save those blown out fuse resistors such as the 5.6 and 7.5 ohm types. You can unsolder the plug-in tips and use them for other purposes. They come in handy for speaker and antenna connections on TV or radio receivers that need them.

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ELECTRON GUN

TYPICAL STAGES IN THE DESIGN OF A GENERAL ELECTRIC PICTURE TUBE ELECTRON GUN

G.E.



NEW

Use of Rubber Membrane Analog

The design engineer is utilizing a rubber membrane analog where the electric fields of an electron gun are replaced by the surface of an elastic membrane. The tension and height of the membrane are adjusted, and highly polished metal balls are dropped on the surface. A high speed camera and a stroboscope are used to photograph the trajectory of an electron beam as simulated by the path of travel of the balls.

Testing New Design Cathode-Filament Assemblies

The cathode, an element of the electron gun, emits electrons when heated to the proper temperature by a tungsten filament. Newly designed cathodefilament assemblies are shown here mounted in a bulb which is evacuated and the cathode temperature carefully measured before the designs are approved.

Shadowgraph Checks Assembled Gun

Having assembled a prototype electron gun in the laboratory, the technician magnifies it on a shadowgraph, permitting her to check very closely the accuracy of the spacing, orientation and alignment of the various electrodes.

Check of Focus Quality

The prototype electron gun is sealed into a tube and the various characteristics are checked. Here the growth of the cathode spot on the phosphor screen with increase in electron beam current can be examined. This is a measure of the focus quality of the electron gun under varying drive conditions.

Latest Gun Design Now Used in Black-Daylite Picture Tubes

This is the culmination of the design process, General Electric's latest very short electron gun used in the 23KP4 picture tube. This gun is designed to provide extremely sharp focus and resolution and to operate at very high voltages.

HEART OF THE GENERAL ELECTRIC PICTURE TUBE

The heart of the General Electric picture tube, the element which more than any other determines the life and quality of the tube, is the electron gun. The adequacy of its design, the selection of materials, the care in cleaning and assembling the gun parts are prime factors in giving the consumer a product with which he will be completely satisfied.

The electron gun does what its name implies. It "shoots" a beam of electrons towards the phosphor screen which is deposited on the tube face. The energy imparted to the phosphor screen by the electron beam is released in the form of visible light on the tube face. To perform its function properly, the electron gun must first contain an abundant reservoir of electrons for dependable long life; and secondly, it must direct and focus the beam to pinpoint sharpness at the point of contact on the phosphor screen. This precision focus must be maintained when the beam is swept completely across the tube face from top to bottom and from side to side.

Being well aware of their importance. General Electric designs and manufactures its own electron guns at its modern facilities at Electronics Park in Syracuse, New York. There experienced tube engineers leave nothing to chance in creating guns to the most exacting standards for specific applications. Such factors as tube size, length, deflection angle, neck diameter, sweep power requirements and available anode voltage, to name a few, are considered when preparing new gun designs. Computer and analog studies are made to analyze such parameters as beam trajectory, focus lens structure and field strength. Magnified models of proposed gun designs may be made and immersed in an electrolytic plotting tank where field patterns are measured and traced. Such devices are employed to do away with the old trial and error method of research and design.

As these theoretical and analog studies proceed, prototype guns are assembled in the laboratory and sample tubes are built to verify the predicted results. When a pilot run has been made with the final approved design, the detailed drawings and specifications are issued to the manufacturing section. All part dimensions and spacing of electrodes are held to very close tolerances so that the electron guns will do the complete job for which they have been designed.









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For more information about America's newest electronic marvel, contact your G-E tube distributor. Distributor Sales, Electronic Components Division, General Electric Company, Owensboro, Ky. T. M. General Electric Co.

RECEIVING TUBES, CATHODE RAY TUBES, CAPACITORS, AUDIO PRODUCTS





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new COMPACTRON devices

TV sets ever







6K11 THREE-SECTION TRIODE

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The 6K11 is a COMPACTRON*device containing two high-mu triodes and one medium-mu triode. Features of the tube include separate pin connections

for all three cathodes, grids, and plates; an internal shield between sections 1 and 3; a button base, and a compact glass envelope.

Heater voltage, AC or DC.....6.3 volts Heater current0.6 Amperes

AVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

	Section		ction 2 and 3
Plate Voltage	250	250	Volts
Grid Voltage	-8.5	-2.0	Volts
Amp. Factor	17	100	
Plate Resistance,			
approximate.	7700	62,500	Ohms
Transconductance	2200	1600	Micromhos
Plate Current	10.5	1.2	Milliamperes
Grid Volt. approx.	-24		Volts
lb == 10 Micro	amperes		

6B10 DUPLEX-DIODE TWIN TRIODE



The 6B10 is a COMPACTRON* device containing two diodes and two triodes. The triode sections have separate cathodes and the diode sections have

a common cathode. The diodes are intended for horizontal phase-detector service and the triodes for horizontal oscillator service.

Heater	Voltage,	, F	١C	or	DC		5.3	Volts
Heater	Current					0.6	A	mpere

AVI	RAGE CHARACTERISTICS, EACH	SECTION
	e Voltage	
Gri	Voltage	8.0 Volts
Am	dification Factor	<mark>1</mark> 8
Plat	e Resistance, approximate;	7200 Ohms
Tra	is <mark>conducta</mark> nce2500	Micromhos
Plai	e Current10 A	Ailliamperes
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Average Diode Current, Each Diode

With 5 Volts DC applied....20 Milliamperes *T.M. of General Electric Co.

FOUR NEW G-E BLACK-DAYLITE PICTURE TUBES

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Listed below is a summary of significant characteristics for each of the new General Electric Black-Daylite picture tubes. All of these tubes are magnetic deflection with electrostatic focus and do not require an ion-trap magnet.

17DQP4

110° LOW G ₂ VOLTAGE
Construction110° rectangular glass
Overall length
Neck Length
Heater
GunLow voltage electrostatic

focus, low G² voltage, non-ion trap Anode voltage......17.6KV absolute max.

External conductive coating....1200-1700 mmf.



17DRP4

110° 450 Ma HEATER

Construction 110° rectangular	glass
Overall length	
Neck length	311″
Heater	
GunLow voltage electro	static
focus, non-ion trap	
Anode voltage17.6KV ab	solute
max.	
External conductive coating 900)-1400

mmf.



DUAL DIODES

VAC-U-SEL®

17DSP4

IIU OUU MA HEALER
Construction110° rectangular glass
Overall length
Neck length
Heater
GunLow voltage electrostatic
focus, non-ion trap

External conductive coating.....1000-1500 mmf.



21DLP4/DQP4

External conductive coating2000-2500 mmf.





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SPECIAL WORK TOOLS

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The ETR-2338 Tool Toter is a convenient, lightweight, portable unit designed for use wherever tools are needed and used.

On the service bench it will hold all the tools ordinarily used in service or alignment work. The peg-board with various type tool holders keeps screw drivers, pliers, nut drivers and wrenches clearly visible and easily removed or replaced.

High-impact plastic trays will hold screws, nuts, lockwashers, fuses, tape, capacitors and any other small parts or tools that are needed "on-the-spot."

It is a real time saver when servicing automobile radios. All tools required to remove or make minor repairs on auto sets can be carried in the "Tool Toter" and they are all visible and ready for use. No more digging in a service case or making several trips to get the "right" tool.

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Handy

on the job . .

or under cabinet or shelf

Screw holder to bench

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Convenient at the bench

SOLDERING GUN HOLDER ETR-2582

- Mounts to edge of service bench or peg-board.
- Holds soldering gun in safe position.
- Protects hands, wires, diagrams and tools from burns.
- Fits all popular type soldering guns.

The G-E Soldering Gun Holder prevents burns and damage to instruments, wires and service manuals. It can be easily mounted to any surface with clamps and screws supplied with unit.

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Pull off insulation

WIRE STRIPPER ETR-2376

- Four cutting edges for most wire sizes.
- Select cutting edge slightly smaller than outside dimension of insula-٠ tion.
- Press insulated wire fully into cutting channel.
- Rotate wire stripper completely around wire and pull.

This handy four-blade wire stripper will help you safely strip insulation from wires on service calls or at the service bench. Wire stripper is sturdy, easy to use, and the four cutting edges are ready for immediate use.

Orange color handle makes it easy to find wire stripper on the bench or

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TOOL

• Helps remove "wrap-around" soldered wires. (Heat solder first)

in the service case.

SOLDERING

- Convenient size (6" long) and shaped for general repair work.
- Orange color handle makes it easy to locate soldering tool on the bench or in service case.

ETR - 2377

G-E tubes

• Single ended tool easier to hold and use.

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The above illustrations show the features and how to use the Soldering Tool. Removing "wrap-around" wire from soldered connections has always been a problem to service-men. The tapered, forked end feature makes it easy to grasp and unwind "wrap-around" wires from soldered connections.

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SERVICE NOTES

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SERVICING THE "M6" CONTRAST CONTROL CIRCUIT

One of the problems encountered in servicing television receivers is secondary component failures. By this we mean the failure of a component not associated with the original problem. This condition appears as a result of a redistribution of current when some radical circuit change occurs due to shorting or opening of a component. Since it is not economically sound to design a television chassis to prevent all secondary component failures, this problem will occur at times.

The contrast control circuit used in the "M6" and several other chassis may exhibit a secondary failure under certain conditions. This is most easily shown by re-arranging the video amplifier and contrast control circuit as indicated in the drawing.

As shown at the right, R T (representing all circuits appearing between ground and B+135V) together with the audio output tube, form a voltage divider. Likewise, the video amplifier tube and its plate load R172 form another divider. The contrast control connects from the plate of the video amplifier to the B+135 or to about 5 volts difference in potential. It is readily seen that if the video amplifier tube opens, the plate assumes a potential of 275V and places 140 volts across the contrast control. Similarly, if for some reason the B+135V becomes shorted to ground, the control has 140 volts applied. Again if the 6CU5 shorts or R172 opens, excessive voltage appears



across the contrast control. Its wattage dissipation is exceeded under these conditions and may result in damage, if continued.

To avoid setting up the above condition, the receiver should be turned off before changing tubes, particularly the 6CX8 and 6CU5.

The contrast control should be checked through its range for proper operation, following any condition of overload. Any sudden change of contrast or erratic video when the control is rotated indicates burned spots. An open control will result in a very little change of contrast, but will introduce a progressive smear as the control is rotated toward the counter-clockwise end.

RADIO

P715, P765 Intermittents and Motorboating

Motorboating

Replacing batteries will not necessarily be a complete cure. Increase C12 from 50mf. to 100 mf., even though the installation of new batteries gives good operation. The 50mf. (C12) may be replaced with a 100mf. or shunted with another 50 mf.

Intermittents

Resolder all T3 and T4 mounting lugs to chassis board.

Solder tuning gang lugs to chassis board.

Tin battery contacts.

Clean contact surfaces of all batteries. Intermittents in the vicinity of T2, T3, T4, X2, and X3 can be eliminated by connecting a piece of bus wire across the connections shown in red circled area.



SERVICING TELEVISION TUNERS III

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to the test chassis and the other end to the tuner. These ground leads should not extend more than two inches from the cable shield itself.

E. INCORRECT SUPPLY VOLT-AGES. Make sure low and high B+are connected to the correct terminals on the tuner. Bias voltage to the AGC terminal should be approximately -3.0 volts or as specified in the service notes.

F. STANDING WAVES are present if the response curve radically changes while running your hand along the 300 ohm line. This may be due to improper termination or excessive lead length of the 300 ohm line between the sweep generator and the tuner input. Substituting Fig. 2C in Volume 13, No. 1 for the ST8A unit will alleviate this condition.

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A set of these wrenches will save plenty of space and weight in your repair kit and are small enough to carry in your pocket. They are less than three inches across and include all the popular size hex-heads. The one "X" wrench has $\frac{7}{2}$ ", $\frac{1}{4}$ ", $\frac{9}{2}$ ", and M" heads and the other supplies $\frac{11}{2}$ ", $\frac{3}{8}$ ", $\frac{1}{75}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " sizes. The size is clearly marked on each wrench.

The correct size is always available to remove hex-head screws on cabinet backs, high voltage cages or any other part of a radio or tele-vision receiver. And the "X" shape provides plenty of leverage for those "hard to loosen" chassis bolts.

When servicing auto radios the right size is available to remove either the back cover or the complete receiver — and the necessary leverage will make the job easier than with individual socket wrenches. All

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The Twin-X Wrench Set is made of case hardened steel, chrome plated to give added protection against rust. The shafts are securely fastened and guaranteed not to loosen in service.

Ask your G-E tube distributor for a Twin-X Wrench Set ETR-752. If your distributor is unable to supply you, use the coupon on page nine and mail to our Chicago warehouse. The price is only three dollars and fifteen cents for the set.



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