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#### Editorial

#### **Rules and the Engineer**

Since our early years, we've been taught to conform. Basic laws of society must be obeyed. Basic laws of nature conform to certain set conditions. Basic scientific principles prescribe certain effects for certain causes.

Engineering, more than other professions, conforms, rigidly to certain rules. Thus the tag "exact sciences" placed on various branches of engineering. For example, there is only one right answer to a problem in mathematics. There is only one right answer to a problem involving a-c or d-c networks.

With this as a background, its no wonder many engineers stick closely to their handbooks and rely strongly on the formulas set down by previous experimenters. Naturally these rules must be followed if the right result is to be achieved. But the danger lies in being afraid to step beyond the boundaries of the rule books and meet challenges involving unusual situations.

Everyone can't be born with this ability. The answer then, is to train the engineers to meet the challenges of the ever changing requirements of the electronic industry. New problems in guided missiles, aircraft electronics, u-h-f communications and many other fields require a mind trained to try the unusual.

Training at the college level aimed at the solution of unorthodox problems is obviously required. Laboratory experiments outlining basic principles are still necessary. But laboratory exercises involving original thinking on the student's part should be required.

A rigid training period in which the student's ability is developed to think "around" the rules should be part of every technical curriculum. Then, upon meeting the challenge for the first time in industry, the new engineer will be prepared; he'll have more confidence in his own abilities. Along with this, he'll need less supervision and will be able to pay his own way in less time. Most important however, is that our technology will move forward even faster.

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# **Electronic News**

For more information on developments described in "Electronic News", write directly to the address given in the individual item.

Silent Sound Controls TV Set . . . Supersonic sound generated by a new hand-held remote-control unit operates three functions of a standard television set.

Remote tuning, switching the set on or off, and muting the sound are accomplished by sound waves in the 40kc region. Vacuum tubes, batteries, or electrical connections are not necessary.

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bilbe eetthe oneed vay Heart of the device, developed by Zenith Radio Corp., is a group of four tuning forks. Small hammers, actuated by keys, strike the tuning forks. Sound waves generated are picked up by a microphone in the front of the receiver. Circuits following include a 40kc amplifier and relay control tubes.

Pressing one key of the control unit turns the channel selector to the left; a second key causes the selector to rotate to the right. A third key mutes or restores the sound, while the fourth key turns the set on or off. Range of the control device is about 50 ft.

American Eye on European Industry . . . Eighteen companies are participating in a plan to keep American industry informed of European technical development. Observers for the program, known as the European Technological Observation Group, will cover Western Europe seeking ideas, developments, and methods that will help sponsoring companies improve their competitive positions. Observers will spend the major portion of their time attending all important and relevant seminars, conferences, trade shows, expositions, and technical meetings.

The fields of mechanical, electrical, and chemical engineering, metallurgy, and chemical production will be covered. Participating firms in the electrical engineering field of the plan are Amphenol Electronics Corp., Louis Allis Co., Warwick Manufacturing Corp., and Texas Instruments, Inc. The program was established by Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology.

**Venus Contacts Navy**... On June 4, 1956, scientists at the Naval Research Laboratory announced the detection of weak radio transmissions emanating from Venus, the Earth's sister planet.

Very weak radio emissions from Venus had been observed several weeks before that date by three NRL radio astronomers, using the 50-foot radio telescope of the Naval Research Laboratory. The Venus transmissions were received on a waveband of approximately 10,000mc.

**Data Processing Network Feeds Computer** . . . A nationwide 18,000-mile private communication network and a data processing system were recently placed in operation.

Leased from Western Union, the network consists of 71 Sylvania Electric Products Inc. stations linking various facilities in 61 cities and towns in 20 states. Its focal point is the company's new data processing center near Syracuse. Heart of the center is a Remington Rand "Univac" electronic computer.

Overall purpose of the data processing center is to supply the entire Sylvania organization with a wide variety of vital information on their many phases of operations in more detail, more accurately and more quickly than has been possible.

The specialized communications facilities are used to feed financial and production information to the data processing center. At the center, the giant "Univac" computer and subsidiary electronic equipment quickly converts the information into summarized data on which can be based decisions at the corporate, divisional, or plant level.



This electronic panel controls operations involved in obtaining a massive calculation from the "Univac" central computer at the new data processing center of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. at Camillus, N.Y.



Each of these units carries magnetic tape to and from the computer. In effect, they "read" instructional information and transmit it to the "Univac". After the computer digests the information and solves the problem, the Universos "write" this new information back on to the magnetic tape and carry it along to the printer.

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**Electronic Computer Writes Popular Songs..** Mathematicians succeed in programming a computer to write melodies automatically at a rate of 1000 per hr, based on arithmetic note selection.

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Officials at Burroughs Corp., Electronic Div., disclosed that music-by-the-numbers has been carried out by Datatron, their super-fast computer.

After being fed a formula, which substitutes numbers for notes, and equations for tempo, the machine prints melodies on an electric typewriter in the form of capital letters and rhythm symbols. Each tune contains eight bars and repeat, an eightmeasure bridge, and a theme restatement. The music can be performed as it comes from the machine's circuitry. Mathematicians Douglas Bolitho and Dr. Martin Klein, who put the machine to music, declare that once inspired by the formula, Datatron will continuously write more than 10-billion tunes without human intervention.

The computer's prime inspiration is a random number introduced from the keyboard. The signals start a chain reaction by which Datatron generates thousands of other numbers, each representing one of the eight diatonic notes in the scale with two allowable accidentals. The machine then automatically picks a series of numbers at random, testing each for melodic acceptability. When a note is incompatible with the program, Datatron rejects it and chooses another.

At present, ElectroData mathematicians are refining the program so that Datatron can pick its own rhythm pattern. A further logical development would allow the computer to orchestrate the music also, or to write four-part chorals. It is not impractical to translate computer output automatically into punched paper tapes which could be rendered directly on a player piano.

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**Electronics Spots Heart Conditions** . . . Diagnosis of blue-baby conditions and other cardiac diseases is facilitated by a new electronic instrument.

The device, made by Colson Corp., is an optical instrument which gives the physician continuous information on the variations in the oxygen saturation of the blood taken from specific regions of the heart through a catheter. The catheter, a thin plastic tube, is passed through an arm vein.

By ascertaining the position of the catheter in the heart by x-ray, the physician can determine the positions in the heart at which the patient's blood departs from the normal oxygen saturation.

Blue baby conditions can be caused by several different malformations of the heart, its valves, or the blood vessels feeding into or carrying blood from it. Location of the specific region of the heart where oxygen saturation of the blood departs from normal, is an important key to the diagnosis of the malformation. More Versatile Transistors Promised . . . Among the more promising semiconductor materials are intermetallic compounds with a wider range of electrical properties than obtainable with silicon or germanium.

Described in a recent issue of Bell Laboratories Record, the new class of materials exhibits diversified electrical properties which should be useful in constructing a broader variety of transistors and transistor-like devices. One compound which has been investigated is indium antimonide.

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eart rom the First SAGE Production Unit Shipped ..... The first large-scale computer for the nation's vast, new electronic air warning network system, SAGE (ED, Feb. 15, p 5) is being shipped from IBM's Kingston plant to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. This is the first of the giant computers going into the immense project known as the Semi-Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) system. The computer and display equipment presents an instantaneous graphic picture of the location, speed, and direction of all planes within radar range. With a knowledge of flight plans of friendly planes available in the computer, hostil planes can be identified immediately and the most effective defense action taken-again on the basis of computer information and instruction. The plans for production were laid in 1953 by IBM, in cooperation with Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory, and the first equipment, called the AN/FSQ-7, is being completed and shipped in accordance with the schedule.

#### **200 Channel Recorder**

Pinboard programmer for simplified operation and a digitizer attachment for greater versatility is a feature of this Beckman 200-channel recorder. With the use of the pinboard; thus a change from 1000 microinches per inch to 2000 microinches per inch is "pinned" to the board. The digitizer converts analog signals to digits in the form of punched cards and paper tape for immediate use in the computer. All 200 channels can be sampled in about 70 seconds.



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J. G. Anderson of the General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass., told a symposium on transformers that this method is of considerable value, particularly in liquid-immersed apparatus. Such techniques can supply the developmental engineer with information on corona and spark discharge in some apparatus which would be very difficult to obtain by other methods.

He added that the technique is relatively insensitive to external disturbances, and is not influenced by the test piece capacitance. Thus, it can serve as a valuable adjunct to other methods of discharge detection and measurement.

FCC Establishes Radio Facilities Division . . . Federal Communications Commission recently established a Domestic Radio Facilities Division in the Common Carrier Bureau. It will handle that Bureau's functions concerning the radio services and facilities of domestic carriers, which are now under the Telephone and Telegraph Divisions.

Dr. W. R. G. Baker Elected President of RETMA... Dr. W. R. G. Baker, a General Electric Company vice-president and general manager of its Electronics Div. at Syracuse, N.Y., was elected president of the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association at its 32nd annual convention held in June.

He succeeds H. Leslie Hoffman, president of the Hoffman Electronics Corp. of Los Angeles, Calif.

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**CBS Completes Basic Plans For Con**vention Coverage . . . The overall planning for the broadcasting of the 1956 Presidential conventions from Chicago and San Francisco over the **CBS** Radio and TV networks to the largest mass audience in the history of electronic reporting has been completed.

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#### Plastics To Aid Conquest Of Space ...

As a result of plastics materials and technology, man's constant dream of reaching distant planets will become a reality, possibly within the next ten years.

This prediction was made by Egmont Arens, a founder and former president of the Society of Industrial Designers, at the opening of the 7th National Plastics Exposition at the Coliseum. According to Mr. Arens, it appears inevitable that a new plastic. perhaps one not as yet even in test tubes, will have to form the outer shell of tomorrow's space ships. No known metal or alloy exists that can meet the heat-resistance specifications that will be set for space needs.

**Convocation Planned On Shortage of** Engineers . . . Cooper Union is pres-

ently planning a convocation to bring some of the best brains in the country together on Oct. 8th and 9th, 1956, to discuss the shortage of engineers and scientists and to consider ways in which education, industry, and government can cooperate to overcome that shortage.

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**Correction** . . . Oops! We slipped on page 53 of the May 15th issue. The article is entitled "Radar Doppler-Frequency Nomograph" and refers to "Point A" on the nomograph; yet "Point A" was inadvertently omitted. It can be readily spotted on the nomograph as follows:

Draw a line from 900kc in column A on the  $f_D$  axis (left-hand axis) to 10MPH on the  $v_r$  axis (center axis); draw a similar line from 90kc to 100MPH and one from 9000cy to 1K MPH. The intersection of these three lines is "Point A."

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#### Washington Report

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Spectrum Shuffling . . . Implications far beyond the TV industry are contained in FCC's new proposal for strengthening u-h-f TV and providing more competitive station facilities. Though it will be many months before Commission decides whether its proposal should actually be adopted and put into effect, here's what it proposes: (1) Examine capabilities of u-h-f to determine whether all or most stations can be shifted to it over a period long enough (7-10 years, possibly) to amortize existing receivers and transmitting equipment. (2) Invite nonbroadcast services, such as mobile radio and users of "scatter," to tell why they could put v-h-f to better use than TV. (3) Remove some v-h-f channels from predominantly u-h-f communities to give u-h-f stations fighting chance. FCC's proposal puts much of industry squarely on the spot. First, the hungry nonbroadcast services will put up terrific argument to get the new chunk of v-h-f spectrum, now that Commission has opened door a cracksomething it has never done before. Second, Commission expects industry to tell it whether u-h-f can do the whole TV job. Last year, Radio-Electronics-TV Mfg. Assn. offered to collect u-h-f data for FCC. Though Commission indicated it would appreciate it if RETMA went ahead, the industry association was disappointed-because FCC declined to give project its firm stamp of approval the way it did for previous projects, such as formulation of black-&white and color standards. Commission asks industry to file its comments on the u-h-f idea by Oct. 1, 1956. -

Unauthorized TV booster problem continues to bedevil FCC. Latest development: Introduction of bill, by Rep. Don Magnuson (D-Wash.) to force Commission to legalize boosters. FCC has been insisting boosters are both illegal and dangerous (potential interference to air navigation, etc.) and has proposed that booster operators be given u-h-f Channels 70-83 as substitute. Rep. Magnuson says the u-h-f idea is too costly and inefficient.

**Electronic time-pieces** within 10 years were predicted by M. Fred Cartoun, chairman of Longines-Wittnauer Watch Co. in testimony before a Congressional committee considering watch tariffs. An importer of Swiss watches, Cartoun disputed claims that American watch industry has an essential defense role. "The watch of the future," he said, "may well have magnetic cells, resistors, transistors and other components found in the electronic industry, rather than that in today's watch industry. Once perfected, they may well be far simpler and easier to manufacture than present time pieces."

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**DX Programs Picked Up 6600 Miles Away**... A spring and summer ohenomenon is giving TV engineers 'a lot to think about in the hot weather over their mint juleps. The game is snown as DXing—or getting reception 'rom unbelievably distant stations.

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Although most TV transmitters have a useful range of 50 miles or so, DX programs have been picked up rom 6600 miles away. In addition, eception from stations 2000 miles off is becoming more commonplace.

Diesel Engine Solves Capacitor Production Problem . . . Radio Materials Corp., Attica, Ill., one of the world's largest producers of ceramic disc capacitors, uses as its primary source of power a heavy-duty Fairbanks-Morse dual-fuel diesel driving a 265kw alternator. This move was taken to guard against interruption in power supply which could affect the product and disrupt production schedules. At least a quarter million ceramic capacitors would have to be discarded if electric power failed during the firing process.

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Frank A. Poor, Sylvania Founder, Dies at 76 . . . Frank A. Poor, founder of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., died recently at the age of 76 after a short illness. At the time of his death Mr. Poor was vice-chairman of Sylvania's Board of Directors, having been elected to this post in 1950. His career in the electrical-electronics industry covered more than half a century.

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Martin To Build Nuclear Power Plant For Dominican Republic . . . The Dominican Republic has contracted with the Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore for a nuclear-powered electrical generating system to meet the growing requirements of the nation. Under President Eisenhower's atoms-forpeace plan, the contract is contingent on a bi-lateral agreement between the U.S. and the Dominican Republic before becoming effective.

The present generating capacity of the combined steam, hydro-electric and diesel plans supplying Ciudad Trujillo is 45,000kw. It is estimated that the Martin nuclear power plant will increase this output to 57,000kw.

#### Electronics Equipment Sales Set Rec-

ord . . . Sales of electronics equipment since last summer have set a new all-time record dollar volume, according to Frank W. Mansfield, Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., New York, N.Y., chairman of the Statistical Policy Committee of RETMA.

During the 1955-1956 RETMA fiscal year, Mr. Mansfield estimated that electronics manufacturers sold equipments valued at \$5.5 billion as against \$5.25 billion during the 1954-1955 fiscal year. When distribution, service, installation, and broadcast revenue is added, the total billing of the electronics industry exceeds \$10 billion.

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Oct. 8-9: Second Annual Symposium on Aeronautical Communications, Hotel Utica, Utica, N. Y. Sponsored by the IRE Professional Group on Communications Systems. The symposium will stress communication requirements in support of present and future aeronautical activities. The submission of papers on associated topics is invited. Titles, authors, and a brief abstract of 200 words should be submitted to Fred Moskowitz, 1014 N. Madison St., Rome, N. Y., before July 1. For information, write to R. C. Benoit, Jr., 138 Riverview Parkway N., Rome, N. Y.



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Oct. 18-19: Third Annual International Meeting of the Institute of Management Sciences, Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. Theme of the conference is "Management Sciences—A Progress Report." Program plans include the presentation of technical papers on the latest developments in the application of advanced sciences to business and industrial management. For further information, please contact Al N. Seares, Vice President Remington Rand, Sperry Rand Corp., 315 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

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Oct. 29-30: Third Annual East Coast Conference on Aeronautical and Navigational Electronics, Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Md. Sponsored by the Baltimore Section and Professional Group on Aeronautical and Navigational Electronics of the IRE. Theme of the conference is "Electronics in the Jet Air Age." For information, write to W. D. Crawford, Publicity Chairman, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Air Arm Div., Friendship International Airport, Baltimore 27, Md.

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Dec. 5-7: Second IRE Instrumentation Conference, Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. Sponsored by the Professional Group on Instrumentation and the Atlanta Section of the IRE. Sessions will be devoted to industrial applications, missile range instrumentation, and the application of solid state devices. Prospective authors are invited to submit abstracts of 200 words or less not later than Sept. 1 to the program chairman, M. D. Prince, Engineering Experiment Station, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga. For further information, contact the IRE, 1 E. 79th St., New York, N. Y.

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Dec. 10-12: Eastern Joint Computer Conference, Hotel New Yorker, New York, N. Y. Sponsored by the IRE, AIEE, Association for Computing Machinery. "New Developments in Computers" is the theme of the meeting. In addition to an extensive program of technical papers, the meeting will feature exhibits by many manufacturers in the computing field. For information, contact Al Forman, Room 639, 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

Jan. 14-15, 1957: Third National Symposium on Reliability and Quality Control in Electronics, Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C. Sponsored jointly by the IRE Professional Group on Reliability and Quality Control, the American Society for Quality Control, and RETMA. For information, write to IRE, 1 E. 79th St., New York 21, N. Y.

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# **Management's Responsibility to Reliability**

Based on an address made before the RETMA Symposium, May 21, 1956, on Reliable Applications of Electron Tubes

J. M. Bridges

Director of Electronics, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Applications Engineering

ACK of emphasis on sound equipment engineering is one of the most significant causes of unreliability of military electronic equipment. However, regardless of how clearly design engineers understand the value of detailed engineering factors and the means for accomplishing them, they cannot apply their knowledge without the assistance of proper program objectives and the full support and understanding of management. A majority of the reasons for inadequate design engineering in military electronic equipment stem from shortcomings in management planning, policies, and direction. Some of the factors which have a major effect upon thoroughness and adequacy of design engineering are analyzed here.

Management includes both industry and government as equal partners. It is important to emphasize this point, because in the past there has been a tendency on the part of military people to lay most of the blame for unreliability on industry. Likewise, industry has generally tended to accuse military policies and procurement regulations. No worth-while progress in reliability improvement is likely to be obtained until each realizes his responsibilities and corrects his mistakes.

#### **Design Contractor**

The first factor is the selection of a design contractor. This function is extremely important in obtaining the kind of design engineering required for equipment reliability, yet the criteria upon which contractor selection is usually based do not give this factor adequate consideration.

The proper design of an intricate military electronic device is a difficult and painstaking task. It is usually well done only by a qualified contractor who is experienced in the specialized field involved.

There are many different specialties in the weapon electronics field, and specialized talents are required in each of them to do good and complete design engineering. A contractor may be competent in one or more of these specialties and have a record for doing excellent design work in these areas, yet he may produce an extremely poor design in another field. Experience and demonstrated capability in the specialized field involved should be a primary requirement for selection of a contractor to do a design job.

Another requirement which is significant in the selection of a design contractor is experience in engineering for production. Some of the most serious reliability shortcomings have arisen in producing equipment for service use which was designed in research and development laboratories having no production experience. This is not meant to infer that the military should not continue to support work in the many excellent research and development laboratories in our universities and the government. However, it is desirable that the efforts of these research and development groups be confined to the research and exploratory development phases of a program. As soon as the feasibility of the technical approach is established the job of design engineering can usually be done better by a contractor experienced in engineering for production.

Not enough emphasis is placed on these experience qualifications in selecting contractors. In far too many instances, companies are asked to bid on design work in an area where they have little or no competence. Experience indicates that a company unfamiliar with a job is very apt to underestimate its cost; often, one

#### What Bridges said about Reliability and Weapons Leadership

... the effectiveness of all offensive and defensive weapons now available or under development can be seriously impaired by unreliability of their electronic components. This may very well represent a greater threat to the security of our country than the fact that we may be behind in the development race in a single weapon field." This statement, originally made to RETMA, March 18, and quoted in ELECTRONIC DAILY, March 20, 1956, was repeated.

On Vacuum Tubes, "Better application of electron tubes is a vital requirement for reliability improvement. This has not been widely enough recognized by either the electronics industry or the military organization. Until quite recently, equipment designers and military people in general have placed most of the blame for equipment unreliability on tubes and other component parts." Adequate emphasis has rarely been given to the true relationship between equipment design and reliability.

There have been good reasons for blaming the tube for a major part of equipment unreliability in service. Analysis of statistics obtained on existing military electronic equipment in service does show the electron tube to be a very unreliable device, and a major cause of equipment failure. However, the conclusions drawn from these analyses should not be accepted as a valid representation of the basic reliability of present-day vacuum tubes, because it is known that substantial percentage of tube failures in service are caused by equipment design deficiencies or tube misapplication.

Equipment design factors that have a most significant bearing upon reliability of electron tubes are:

- (1) The selection of the proper tube type for a particular application.
- (2) The use of the most reliable version of the tube types selected.

(3) The design of circuits so as to assure their proper operation over the maximum range of tube characteristics expected during the normal life of the tube types selected. This should take into account the uniformity and long-time variations in characteristics of other component parts.

(4) Mechanical and electrical design that will assure tube envelope temperature well below that recommended by the tube manufacturer. This shoud be determined under the most severe operating conditions specified for the equipment.

(5) Design of mechanical structures in a manner to minimize the transmission of shock and vibration to the tube mounting.

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If these companies is awarded the contract on the basis of low bid.

Many companies may be asked to bid on a research and development job where only a few of them are actually well qualified to do thorough design engineering in the particular field involved. On the basis of the lowest bid, the contract may be awarded to one of the unqualified companies. The result can be a completely unacceptable design, several overruns in cost and repeated extensions of the delivery date, in spite of the fact that the successful bidder may pirate several engineers from one of the really qualified losing companies.

Buying electronic equipment design at cut-rate prices is the same thing as buying unreliability deliberately.

The responsibility for contractor selection obviously rests with military management, although the contractor has a secondary responsibility in not undertaking design work in an area in which he knows he is not qualified. In any event, the solution to the problem must come from a change in military management policy, which may possibly require some improvement of procurement regulations.

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#### **Time Factor**

The second factor having a major influence upon the thoroughness of design engineering is the planning of the program schedule. One of the most serious shortcomings in the planning for new weapons has been unrealistic time allocation to the design phase of a program. This has been a major cause of unreliability.

Obviously, time scale is very important to our entime defense effort, and every reasonable step must be taken to compress it. Experience has proved, however, that short-cutting design engineering is not a good way to save time in a program. This does not mean that we should condone the extension of a developmental program by continually introducing design changes to provide only marginal improvements in function. The design engineering and testing required for operational reliability should be completed in every program before an equipment or system is introduced into production for service use.

In practice, it has been found that time saved by failing to do a thorough and complete design job is usually more than lost by the increased time required to establish quantity production and to make in-production design changes in an attempt to make the item acceptable for service use.

The responsibility for assuring that adequate time is allowed for a program's design phase rests primarily with military management. Usually, the problem arises from a lack of sound long-range weapon planning. It is also true that the contractor is often a party to the establishment of time schedules which cannot be met without resorting to dangerous engineering short-cuts. He may realize that he cannot accomplish a thorough

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For this reason, "promised" completion dates should not be a major consideration in contractor selection. It would be far more accurate to base military plans involving a new electronic equipment or system on a development time scale determined by a contractor *after* he has been selected to do the job. His schedule could then be established in an atmosphere free from the influences of competitive pressure or arbitrary edict from the military agency involved.

#### **Pilot Production**

The third important factor in this struggle to obtain thorough design engineering is obtaining proof of producibility and reliability through pilot production and reliability testing. This is as vital a part of proving the completeness and adequacy of design as environmental and operational tests are.

By pilot production is meant the controlled manufacture of limited numbers of an item, using the manufacturing drawings and specifications which have been developed for quantity production, and with tooling which is at least representative of that to be used in full production. The principal objectives of pilot production are: (1) to verify the producibility of the design including the accuracy and adequacy of the manufacturing drawings and specifications, (2) to provide sufficient numbers of the new equipment or system to permit a realistic evaluation of performance and reliability, and (3) to permit the determination and correction of design deficiencies affecting producibility before production for service use is undertaken. The number of equipments produced in pilot production will depend upon many factors, such as item cost and the quantities required to meet the service use demand. Pilot production as used here should not be confused with the initial pilot line which is set up by a final production contractor to prove the adequacy of "hard" tooling and manufacturing line layout, procedures, and controls.

One of the significant reasons behind unreliability in equipment has been the introduction of a new item into a competitive manufacturing status before the producibility of the design or the correctness of the manufacturing information has been determined, or before deficiencies affecting producibility or reliability have been determined and corrected.

In addition to revealing design problems affecting manufacture, the availability of pilot-produced quantities of an equipment will permit a much more accurate statistical measure of the inherent reliability of the design than can be obtained from only one or two prototype models. It will also allow the establishment of a firm specification for reliability which can be included in procurement specifications for quantity production contracts.

Since pilot production represents the first proof of a design's producibility, as well as permitting the first statistically sound determination of reliability, it is important that it be performed by the design contractor—or, at least, under a contractual arrangement where the design contractor can provide close cooperation and assistance. Pilot production should not be subject to competitive bid. It is essential that the design contractor have this close relationship with the pilot-production line so that he can correct design deficiencies as they appear.

It is a military management function, to assure that this requirement for determining the completeness and adequacy of design is met.

#### **Contractor Attitude**

The fourth factor of importance to thorough engineering relates to the policies and attitude of contractor management. It is essential to the final equipment's reliability that contractor management thoroughly understand the importance of reliability to the defense effort and to the American taxpayer. The basic factors of design, test, and program scheduling that influence reliability must also be well comprehended. The contractor management must organize an engineering team having the competence, specialized skills, and supporting facilities commensurate with the program's schedule, magnitude, and technical difficulty. They must be willing to advise the Military Department honestly and completely regarding the effect upon reliability that might be a result of introducing major design changes or arbitrarily shortening the time schedule.

If management does not have this understanding, attitude, and policy, it is unlikely that the engineering design team will receive adequate support and direction to enable them to achieve the thoroughness of design required for reliability.

#### Approval

The fifth and last major factor discussed here is the approval of new electronic equipment and systems for production for service use. This military management function, without question, has more influence upon the service reliability of military electronic equipment than any other factor. It represents the "judge and jury" who determine whether a new item is suitable for production in the quantities required for service. If there is too much leniency in its performance, unreliable equipment will be produced; on the other hand, if the "judge and jury" are too strict and hold



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<sup>11</sup>p production because of minor deficiencies, unnecessary delays may deny the advantage of timely availability of advanced new weapons in service.

In general, there has been too much leniency. New equipments have frequently been introduced into fullscale production even before elementary engineering tests on a prototype model have been finished—in some cases, before completion of the engineering models.

The process of approving equipment for service use must receive greater attention at the higher command echelons of the military services, and much more consideration must be given to equipment reliability. To give greater assurance of the engineering readiness of new equipment and systems approved for service use, an improved policy is required.

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Military management must give far greater consideration to the consequences of sacrificing design engineering thoroughness and evaluation testing in favor of earlier availability for service use. Operational military officers will always be confronted with situations where technological breakthrough or military emergencies may justify production of new equipments or systems before the design has been properly matured or adequately tested. However, this practice should be limited to such circumstances and not used as a method of compensating for poor advanced planning under normal programming.

#### What's Being Done

For the most part, the factors mentioned here require direct action on the part of the government. Much is already being done in these areas by the Department of Defense and by the three Military Departments.

Specifically, a draft directive to establish more adequate policy and procedures for approval of new electronic items for service use, including the requirement for pilot production and reliability testing, has been completed.

In addition, an intensive program was initiated a few months ago by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Applications Engineering to seek specific solutions to some of the more pressing reliability problems. This program is being carried out, under the direction of the Advisory Group on Reliability of Electronic Equipment, by nine working groups involving 20 people from industry and 60 from the Military Departments. Solutions to some of these problems will permit the military to place numerical requirements for reliability on their contractors, to specify tests for measuring reliability quantitatively, and to specify design practices or techniques that will assist contractors in obtaining better reliability. Other problems for which solutions are being sought by these nine groups are in component specifications, procurement practices, transportation and storage methods, and operating and maintenance techniques.

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Internal insulators and spacers are eliminated. Electrode assemblies are self-supporting. Life expectancy of the tubes is so long that tube sockets need not be used. The units are designed to be wired directly into the circuit.

Two of these ceramic-type miniature receiving tubes have been made available by Eitel-McCullough Inc., San Bruno, Calif. These production models are a twin-triode amplifier, 33C3A2, and a sharp-cut-off pentode, 5C2A. In addition, two models, a medium-mµ triode and a beam power amplifier, are in the development stage.

Filament voltage of all four tubes is 6.3. Amplification factor of the 33C3A2 is 20. At a plate voltage of 300, plate current per section = 20ma, plate dissipation per section = 2.75w.

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Fig. 2 shows the block diagram of such a hybrid auto radio receiver. The complement consists of four special tubes for the r-f amplifier, converter, i-f amplifier, detector, avc, and driver. These tubes operate at high efficiency with a plate supply voltage of only 12v. Their lower plate dissipations with correspondingly lower internal temperatures greatly contribute to longer life and greater reliability. The CBS, 2N155 power transistor, which was designed by semiconductor engineers and physicists especially for such hybrid auto radio receivers is pictured in Fig. 3. The power transistor and the set of special 12v B+ tubes cut normal battery drain in half.

The power output of any germanium power transistor is limited by the amount of internally generated





Fig. 3. Power transistor with collector attached electrically and mechanically to case for good heat transfer.



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heat which the transistor and its associated heat sink can dissipate without exceeding the maximum junction operating temperature.<sup>1</sup> For the 2N155, this temperature is 85°C. Since most of the internal heat is generated at the collector junction, the collector of the CBS 2N155 power transistor is attached both mechanically and electrically to the metal case. This provides for the most efficient transfer of heat from the collector junction to the outside of the case. Hence the transistor may be bolted directly to an aluminum chassis or cooling fins through two mounting holes provided for this purpose. Accordingly, a grounded-collector circuit is required. The conventional grounded-collector circuit gives less power gain than the common-emitter connection, since the former provides no voltage amplification, but only current gain. The common emitter gives both current and voltage amplification. To offset this disadvantage a special circuit is used in which the collector is grounded for d-c, but which operates like a commonemitter connection for the a-c signal.

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Fig. 1 shows the schematic diagram of such a circuit for the power output stage. Component T1 is the input transformer, and T2 is the output transformer. The output transformer has three windings. Winding 1-2 is the primary, winding 3-2 is the secondary, and winding 4-5 is the bias feedback winding. The secondary (3-2) and the primary (1-2) constitute an auto-transformer, which steps up the 3.2 ohm load impedance of the speaker voice coil to present a 30 ohm load impedance at 400cy to than transistor. The d-c operating point of the power transistor is stabilized in two ways. First, a d-c voltage drop occurs because of the d-c resistance of the primary winding (1-2) or T2, which is connected in the emitter circuit. This voltage tends to make the emitter negative with respect to the base, or to bias the emitter in the reverse direction for this p-n-p transistor. Secondly, across the 12v supply battery, there is connected a voltage divider, consisting of a 10-ohm fixed resistor and a 500-ohm potentiometer. The latter is adjusted by a screw driver to give an emitter current of 0.5a. The common point of the voltage divider is connected to one side (5) of the bias feedback winding (4-5) to supply bias current to the transistor base and to permit the emitter terminal to be common to both input and output circuits. The bias feedback winding (4-5) has a one-to-one turns ratio with the primary of the transformer, and the phasing of the bias feedback winding with respect to the primary winding should be as indicated to be degenerative to avoid instability or oscillation. In this circuit, the power transistor achieves a power output of 3w with less than 10% distortion at a power gain of 30db.

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Fig. B. Front panel of the printed-circuit switch provides a visual representation of the output. Each vertical slider connects one of the 31 poles to one of the 100 auto-transformer taps. Panel is  $6 \times 7-1/2$  in.

# Adjustable Nonlinear Transducer



Fig. C. Exploded view of the Vernistat showing construction of the gear mechanism.

**T**RANSLATING shaft rotation into voltage can be accomplished with a tapped autotransformer to divide the total voltage into several levels. With the autotransformer taps equally spaced, voltage output is linear with shaft rotation. Providing a nonlinear output voltage with shaft rotation requires spacing the taps at irregular intervals or using a resistive network across the taps. Neither of these methods permit easy adjustment of the output curve.

Modifying their Vernistat a-c potentiometer, engineers at Perkin-Elmer Corp., Norwalk, Conn., have developed a transducer in which the curve of the output voltage is immediately adjustable. Instead of only 31 taps on the autotransformer winding, 100 taps are brought out. These are fed to a 31-pole, 100-position printed-circuit-switch. Any of the 31-poles can be switched to any of the 100 taps. Since each of the 100 positions provides a 1 per cent increment of voltage, potential on each of the 31 poles can be adjusted to within 1/2 per cent of any required voltage.

Straight-line interpolation between any two of the 31 points is provided by a toroidally-wound interpolating potentiometer. A gearing system standard in other Perkin-Elmer Vernistats, moves the potentiometer arm to co-ordinate with the movement of the shaft between the autotransformer taps.

Arranging the 31-pole switch in the form of a panel gives a visual representation of the output. The x-axis represents shaft rotation; the y-axis represents voltage output. Switch sliders can be instantly changed to accommodate requirements of the system.

Besides applications using linear Vernistat a-c potentiometers, the adjustable version may be Fig. tipli resu

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Fig. A. Schematic of the 31-pole, 100-position switch, permitting rapid adjustment of the output voltage curve.

used to correct nonlinear transducers. Basically, it introduces a nonlinear function in a system, such as a servo system. In a bombing computer, for example, where the exact nature of the function is not known in advance, a correcting nonlinear function may be introduced in the time it takes to adjust the sliders.

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Minimum slope of the voltage output curve can be zero. Because of power dissipation limitations in the interpolating potentiometer, maximum slope is limited to 12v between adjacent poles.

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Fig. D. Schematic of the typical application as a voltage multiplier. Voltage  $e_1$  is first multiplied by shaft angle  $\theta_1$ . The result is then multiplied by shaft angle  $\theta_2$ .



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inside of the cabinet and bell and exhausted out the rear of the cabinet past the voltage amplification tubes. Thus by giving certain components priority on the cooling air, efficient cooling was obtained in spite of the high component density. Access to blowerintake air filter was provided by a hinged panel in the rear of the cabinet, Fig. 3. This panel also provides access to the amplifier tubes and displays a tube location diagram.

The effects of shock and vibration were given careful consideration in the design. To make the amplifier system suitable for blast measurement applications it was designed to withstand 25g horizontal or 30g vertical shock when used with its shockmount base. Because of this requirement the cabinet was designed with cast aluminum ends joined by extra-gauge sheet steel panels to form a rugged shock-resistant enclosure. All plug-in components, have been secured with restraining clamps to prevent them from losing contact or working out of their sockets under severe vibration, as shown in Fig. 4.

It was anticipated that the instrument would be used in different ways, also, stacking and rack-mounting possibilities were considered desirable. To provide for the stacking and latching requirement, the top and bottom panels of the enclosure were designed so that the bottom panel interlocks with the top panel of the unit below it in the stack, as shown in Fig. 5. A stainlesssteel slide bar detented in locked and unlocked positions was incorporated in the rear of the bottom panel.



Fig. 2 Cellular type construction permits easy removal for servicing.

Fig. 1 Printed wiring and dip soldering on epoxy-glass base used for each of the four amplifier channels.





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A simple means of rack mounting was devised by providing a pair of tapped holes in each of the cast ends of the cabinet which accept the necessary screws for attaching an angle to each end. The cabinet is so designed that with the angles in place the resulting mounting surface dimensions match the RETMA Standards for rack mounting.

In the design of the instrument's control panel the objective was ease of operation and an appearance of simplicity. The first was attained by maintaining adequate operating clearance between adjacent controls and use of a large, well-lighted output meter.

The appearance of simplicity was gained by the individual grouping of each amplifier channel's controls on pads a deeper hue of the control-panel color. This color separation helps avoid the error of operating controls of other than the intended channel.

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Fig. 3 Rear view of the unit showing 4 amplifier cells and fan with filter (lower right).

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Fig. 5 Three of the amplifier units stacked to show use of latching system. The units can be rack mounted, if desired.



Fig. 4 Top side of circuit board showing wire retainers for holding tube in place.

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The returned signal energy (dotted vectors) again divides into two equal parts in the short slot hybrid, shifts 90°, and enters the ferrite section. Because of the non-reciprocal property of the ferrite elements, the two signals leave the ferrite sections with a total relative phase differential of 180°. The signals are then combined in the series arm of the folded hybrid and appear at the receiver output arm.

The magnetron to load isolation action is

realized when the TR tube, placed at the receiver output arm, is ionized and short circuits this terminal. Under this condition, the energy received from load mis-matches is reflected by the short circuit to the junction of the folded hybrid. By virtue of the series junction action of the folded hybrid, this energy enters the magnetron side of the ferrite sections with a relative phase difference of 180°. The energy proceeds through the ferrite section which causes an additional 90° differential phase shift. Thus this energy leaves the ferrite section with a relative phase difference of 90° as illustrated by the open vectors in the diagram. Again, the short slot hybrid causes all of this reflected energy to appear at the load termination which is connected to the opposite arm of the short slot hybrid.

Since all of the energy is split into two equal parts, the duplexer will operate at higher power levels without forced air cooling than would a ferrite duplexer of the Faraday rotational type.

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THIS ferrite phase differential X-band duplexer, incorporates in a single device both duplexer and load isolation action. It functions as a switching device between magnetron, receiver and antenna, and also furnished effective isolation between the magnetron and r-f energy reflected from line mis-matches. The unit achieves optimum magnetron spectrum and power output with consequent good AFC performance.

An added advantage of the unit, developed by Airtron, Inc., 1103 W. Elizabeth Ave., Linden, N. J., is that the design does not need an ATR tube in its operation nor does it require the use of a high power TR tube since there is a degree of isolation between the magnetron and receiver input arms. Therefore, this type of unit can operate at high power levels as a duplexer with great reliability. Also, since magnetron to load isolation is a built-in feature, the need for mechanical adjustment of a phase shifter to correct for "long line" effects is not required.

In operation, the duplexer has a nominal one way insertion loss of 0.5db maximum over its frequency range of 8500-9600Mc. The RG-67/U (1.000 x 0.500 waveguide) design has been operated at peak power in excess of 250kw at atmospheric pressure and average power levels of 250w without forced air cooling. A more important feature, though, is the inherent magnetron-to-load isolation of a minimum of 20db. With these characteristics, the unit has wide application in all high power radar designs.

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When used in a radar system, the duplexer can aid in giving lower receiver recovery time since a low power TR tube can be used even with high level ransmitted power.

The assembly consists of a folded magic tee, the ferrite section and a short slot hybrid coupler with a dual adapter which connects a matched load and the intenna to the hybrid. This duplexer is designed to neet repeated temperature cycling from  $-55^{\circ}$ C to  $1^{\circ}$ C and can be pressurized. By using other designs f these components, the configuration of the duplexer can be altered. The WR-90 unit described here measares approximately 10-1/2'' long. For more informaion, turn to the Readers' Service Card and circle 27. This product will be displayed at the Wescon Show, both No. 957.

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## miniaturized Dictating N

**D**ESIGNING a miniature version of an officesize dictating machine requires more than just reducing the size and weight of the mechanical parts. Other problems involve reducing space occupied by tubes, transformers, and other components, and reducing heat generated within the cabinet. Each of these problems have been considered in the design of the Sound Scriber Model 200 portable.

In some of the previous models of the Sound-Scriber machine, the low-impedance microphone required an input transformer. By substituting a high-impedance reluctance-type microphone cartridge, it was possible to eliminate this transformer. In addition, the microphone can be used as a low-level playback speaker Other advantages of a reluctance-type microphone-speaker unit include ruggedness, and resistance to moisture and humidity.

Although the output transformer could not be completely eliminated, SoundScriber engineers were able to reduce its size considerably. This size and weight reduction was accomplished by designing a recording head requiring only 50mw drive. Previous recording heads required a driving power of about 1.5w.

Elimination of push-pull power output tube was a by-product of the new low-power record ing head. In the new machine, one 12AU7 con nected in parallel supplies sufficient power to the head. Heat dissipation is reduced, allowing reduced physical dimensions of the cabinet. O course, space occupied by one 12AU7 is considerably less than that required for the pair of output tubes used in previous models. Lower current requirements of the tubes permit using a smaller and cooler operating power supply again reducing space requirements.

Automatic volume control has been incor porated into the amplifier circuit. Thus, constant voice level is maintained on the recording Extra power required to operate a neon or similar type of indicator is eliminated. Negative feedback is used to reduce distortion in the amplifier.

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Two printed circuits eliminate bulky wiring. One large printed-circuit board makes up the main part of the assembly. Another smaller board, mounted at right angles on the larger board, holds the tube sockets.

Besides reduction in size and weight of the electronic components, mechanized changes were made to reduce the bulk and complexity of the turntable drive. Recordings are made on 3-7/8" plastic discs at 33-1/3 rpm. This recording speed permits playback on an ordinary home phonograph. Recording time is 7-1/2 min. Weight of the complete unit has been reduced to just under 6 lb. Physical dimensions are about 6" wide by 10" long and 3" high.



Inside of the miniaturized SoundScriber showing placement of parts. Printed circuit boards are in the lower half of the cabinet. The mechanical drive components, including the recording head lead screw are in the upper half.



wo printed circuit boards are used in the machine. Smaller board, upper left, mounted at right angles to the main board, holds the tube sockets.

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To achieve ruggedness, the tube, built by Varian Associates, 611 Hansen Way, Palo Alto, Calif., utilizes a tape helix which is only 1" long and glazed to sapphire rods for rigidity. This assembly is placed inside a close-fitting metal tube equipped with ceramic end seals. The complete tube assembly includes a waveguide output. To achieve low voltage operation, with all voltages totaling less than 600v at the maximum frequency (12.4kMc) and less than 300v at the usual radar frequencies, a hollow electron beam, spaced closely to the helix, is used. Tests have shown that these tubes contribute negligible noise to receivers and no spurious oscillations have been detected. For more information on this device, t rn to the Reader's Service Card and Circle 32. See it at the Wescon Show. Booth 1054-1055.



#### **Background on Backward Wave Tubes**

The r-f circuit consists of a flat tape wound into a cylindrical helix as shown in the cross sectional view. Such a structure will support a traveling wave in which the velocity is nearly that of light in the helical direction. The r-f electric field lines (illustrated at the cross section plane) rotate in the helical direction and progresses axially at a velocity much less than that of light. An electron moving in the axial direction in close proximity to the tapes will be affected by the longitudinal electric field while it is opposite a gap, but will see none of this component when opposite a tape. If the electron sees the r-f field in the same phase every time it passes a gap, it will experience a cumulative effect.

The approximate requirement for cumulative interaction is then that an electron travel a pitch distance in one r-f cycle in less than the time required for the wave to travel a similar distance. It is this phase criterion that produces the voltage tuning of the backward wave oscillator. Earlier models have been fragile because they are made up of glass and are up to 10" long and have large electromagnets requiring separate power supplies. Voltages up to 2000v have been required. Wide variations in output power have been experienced. The VA-161 is thus a note-worthy advancement. Models for frequency up to 40kMc are being developed.

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Fig. 1. EngineScope in operation.

### Modified Oscilloscope Analyzes Engine Performance



Fig. 2. (a) Normal six cylinder ignition presentation. Large transients (left) are spark plugs firing. Smaller transients are distributor points closing.

Q UITE often equipment designed for one purpose or phase of activity finds application in seemingly unrelated fields. Described here is one such device, and it shows how through relatively simple modification of a cathode-ray oscilloscope, a whole new market and service is opened up for this electronic product. It is our purpose to briefly describe the requirements placed on the equipment by the new application and the important changes made to the basic oscilloscope to fulfill the need.

In the automotive field, a complete analysis of the electrical ignition system heretofor required removal of the distributor and spark plugs from the car. A dynamic test of engine performance might show the electrical system to be at fault; yet, the specific ailment could often be traced only by the process of elimination and by expenditure of costly labor time. The problem for the oscilloscope, therefore, was to provide a complete ignition system analysis with engine intact and running.





Some of the specific requirements that the analyzer needed to provide were the following: ignition testing under actual operation; no effect on engine performance by connection of test equipment, complete information on each cylinder separately or in concert with the others; measurement of engine rpm; convenience in switching between engines having different numbers of cylinders; provision for permanently recording test results; and adaptability to other than ignition problems by use of appropriate transducers. The oscilloscope was ideally suited for this, and the unit that evolved and is now in commercial production is shown in Fig. 1. It is manufactured by Allen B. Du-Mont Labs., Inc., of Clifton, New Jersey and is called The DuMont Type 901 EngineScope.

By employing a raster pattern on the oscilloscope screen, information about each cylinder is conveniently presented as shown in Fig. 2. To give a raster pattern, two sawtooth generators are required instead of the usual *one*. The second generator supplies the vertical

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Fig. 2. (c) Spark plugs ok; points closing late (insufficient dwell angle).

sweep which allows information to be stacked vertically by cylinders. In addition, it is necessary to synchronize the pattern on the screen in some predetermined manner. The vertical sawtooth generator is synchronized by pulses from the No. 1 cylinder; thus the vertical saw frequency is half the engine revolution frequency. Horizontal sweep, on the other hand, is synchronized with the opening of distributor points and thus occurs for each cylinder in order. To prevent downward tilt of the various baselines, a special "tilt correction circuit" is incorporated. Tachometer recording of engine rpm is a by-product of phenomena occurring in the horizontal sync circuit. Only a meter and a few components are required.

#### **Oscilloscope Modifications**

Because the engine analyzer is designed for testing a vehicle on the road as well as in the shop, it was found necessary to protect the instrument against vibration effects. In particular, it was necessary to shock



ing hook-up for analyzer.

mount the input stage (V101) and vertical deflection amplifiers (V102 and V103). These are shown on the block diagram (Fig. 3).

By connecting the deflection amplifiers (V102 and V103) in a balanced circuit (see schematic Fig. 4), the vertical sweep voltage is mixed with the deflection signals. The stage is self-inverting due to the large value cathode resistor; thus both signal and raster components are effectively inverted to provide balanced deflection for both. The "line spacing" control adjusts the amplitude of the vertical raster component.

Locking-in of the horizontal and vertical sync is done at the input to the respective sync amplifiers, where the spark signals are capacity-coupled to the 1st sync amplifier grids. The grids in turn are returned to the positive supply to discriminate in favor of the negative components of the spark signals.

Raster generating voltages are obtained by thyratron saw tooth generating circuits (V203 and V302) and constant current pentodes (V204 and V303). Raster tilt correction is accomplished by feeding a suitable amount of horizontal sweep voltage to the vertical sweep circuit through tilt amplifier V205-B. The vertical raster generating circuit and the tilt circuit are in addition to circuitry normally required for general-purpose oscilloscopes.

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The engine rpm tachometer consists of an ammeter (M301) in series with the constant current horizontal sweep tube (V303). This meter reads average current flowing, which is directly proportional to engine speed. The meter is directly calibrated in engine revolutions. To keep meter calibration the same regardless of number of cylinders, appropriate capacitors C309 through C314 are switched in accordance to engine cylinders.

Early development of this engine analyzer was done in cooperation with Socony Vacuum Oil Company Engineers. It has been finding wide-spread acceptunce in garages and filling stations where tune-up work is performed. Labor time is often reduced manyfold, and a service is performed not possible with any other presently existing equipment.



Fig. 3. Block diagram of Du Mont EngineScope.



Fig. 4. Schematic diagram.

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THIS plug-in one-tube oscillator inverter provides 400cps power to drive one or two miniature choppers, such as the Airpax type 300. It enables the designer to use a 400cps chopper in equipment powered by dc or 60cps voltage, and avoids any possible interference from 60cps pickup. The driver produces 6.3v at 400cps  $\pm$ 20cps over an ambient temperature range of -65 to 100C.

Available from Airpax Products Co. of Middle River, Baltimore, 20, Md., the driver selected may



Simplified Schematic of Chopper Driver

### for 400-cycle Chopper

be of one or two types depending upon application. The Type 202-1 drives one (Airpax Type 300) chopper; the Type 202-2 drives two. Power required for these drivers is generally available in the associated electronic equipment. That required for the Type 202-1 is 6.3v at 0.3a or 12.6v at 0.15a and 225v d-c plate voltage at 5ma. The Type 202-2 draws 7-1/2ma plate current. A 12AT7 or 12AT7WA ruggedized tube is used in both.

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Overall size of the driver is 1-1/2 in. in diam x 4-3/16 in high. Total weight is 4.4 oz. Power output is 125mw for Type 202-1 and 250mw for Type 202-2. The oscillator circuit is potted and withstands as much vibration as the ruggedized version of the 12AT7 dual triode. The unit plugs into standard octal tube sockets.

There are two principal advantages of a 400cps chopper in equipment powered from a 60cps source. Chopper frequency is well removed from the power frequency thereby greatly reducing interference from the power supply in the signal channel. Also the faster chopper action increases the bandwidth in the signal channel thus making possible more rapid equipment response with the 60cps chopper. Although an interrupter could be included inside a chopper structure to enable it to operate directly from dc, the unavoidable arcing at the interrupter contacts and the relatively high drive-coil current passing near the signal contacts would produce an intolerable noise level inside the chopper. The chopper driver avoids all these complications.

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In one phrase, that's the story of the Du Mont Type 329-A. From the input attenuators, right through to the cathode-ray tube, tolerances have been held to a level that means what you can read - you can trust. Accuracy of measurement is limited primarily by the size of the fluorescent spot (and with the superb characteristics of our mono-accelerator cathode-ray tubes, that's an especially significant statement).

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CONTINUOUS SWEEP CALIBRATION. If you can read numbers you can make precise time measurements. Adjust the event to be measured to fill exactly a major interval on the screen. Then read time directly from the large legible dial with no interpolation, no need to count squares. Accuracy? Better than 5% (including sweep generator and cathode-ray tube).

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AMPLITUDE CALIBRATION. Accurate  $(\pm 2\%)$  voltage standard is applied by a flick of a convenient front-panel switch to calibrate screen in any of 11 full-scale ranges from 0.2 to 400 volts.

HIGH PRECISION TYPE 5ATP- CATHODE-RAY TUBE. Only a tube built to our stringent tolerances could exploit fully the precision inherent in the circuitry of the Type 329-A. Based on the mono-accelerator principle, the Type 5ATP- offers the superb deflection linearity as well as the freedom from spot and field distortions required to render measurements valid right down to the resolving power of the trace.

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#### **MAJOR SPECIFICATIONS**

Frequency response: dc to not more than 3 db down at 10 mc; rise time, .035 usec

Deflection factor: 0.1 d-c volt/major division<sup>†</sup>; high-gain switch gives optional double sensitivity at 5 mc bandwidth approx.

Sweep rates: driven or recurrent sweeps, continuously variable, calibrated from 1 sec to 0.1 usec/major div.t; max. rate, 7"/usec(20 milli-microseconds/minor scale division).

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Cathode-ray tube - Type 5ATP- Mono-accelerator, operated at 6000 volts (equivalent light output to post-accelerator tube operated at 10KV. Price \$1090.00

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The Type 336-A offers all of the superb measuring facilities of the Type 329-A, but has a vertical frequency response extended to 18 mc (3 db down) at a sensitivity of 1 dc volt full scale. With pulse response of 0.02 usec, the Type 336-A is particularly well suited for measurement of very high-speed phenomena. Price, \$1125.00

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Technical Sales Department . ALLEN B. DU MONT LABORATORIES, INC. . 760 Bloomfield Ave., Clifton, N. J.

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### **New Products**

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#### ∧ Klystron For 8,500 to 10,500Mc Range



This is a new "x" band, waveguide output, two cavity klystron oscillator which features excellent frequency stability and extremely low microphonics. This tube design has been made available in any of the three power classes-the type DX122 for 5w, the

DX123 for 20w and the type DX124 for 150w min. It covers any fixed frequency in the 8500 to 10,500Mc range, and satisfies the application requirements of guided missiles, radar, telemetering devices and microwave relay links.

Extremely rugged in construction, the klystron is so simple in operation that no mechanical adjustments are required. It is electrostatically focused with easily modulated a-m or f-m and has an a-m/ f-m new "dispenser" type cathode for long life.

Amperex Electronic Corp., Dept. ED, 230 Duffy Avenue, Hicksville, L.I., N.Y. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1203.

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#### $\wedge$ Printed Circuit Receptacles For 1/16" to 3/16" Thick Boards



Pictured above both in top and bottom view is one of the many new microminiature printed circuit receptacles and its mating plug. These receptacles are easily assembled to all printed

circuit boards from  $\frac{1}{16}$ " to  $\frac{3}{16}$ " thick, and provide coaxial or shielded cable connections in a most efficient manner.

Microdot, Inc., Dept. ED, 1826 Fremont Ave., S. Pasadena, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1327.

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#### △ Static Converter **Transistorized "D-C Transformer"**



The "D-C Transformer" is an efficient 80 to 90% static converter of 24-32v d-c power to higher or lower voltages. The unit is designed

to meet military specifications and operate under airborne environmental conditions in-

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The high voltage output can be shorted without damage to the unit.

Units rated up to 30w output can be provided in Mil-T-27-GB cases. Typical units have the following output ratings: 450v d-c at 17ma, 200v d-c at 70ma, 110v d-c at 100ma, 6.3v d-c at 6amps.

Ramo-Wooldrige Corp., Dept. ED, 5730 Arbor Vitae St., Los Angeles 45, Calif. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1113.

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#### $\wedge$ **Power Transistors** For Automobile Radios



ed to operate from a 12v battery, this p-n-p germanium-alloy junction transistor features high power gain, uniformity and exceptional reliability.

It is plug-in for easy installation. Highly efficient heat dissipation is characteristic of the unit. Its heavy copper flange mounting permits the flow of heat from the power transistor to the chassis, thus providing a large radiating area.

CBS-Hytron, Dept. ED, Lowell, Mass. Wescon Show, Booth No. 210.

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#### ∧ Variable Impedance Termination For High Power Testing



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power performance of microwave generators and waveguide components under known conditions of mismatch.

The unit may also be used for impedance matching in low or high power waveguide systems. It is built within a  $1 \ge 1/2''$  waveguide and will handle up to 300kw peak power with any VSWR setting up to 3.0.

Canoga Corp. Dept. ED, 5955 Sepulveda Blvd., Van Nuvs. Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 510.

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#### ∧ X-Band Wavemeter Q of Approx 8000



This new direct reading X-Band wavemeter provides broad band coverage of the complete 8.2 to 12.4kMc frequency range. The instrument provides direct reading of any frequency in the entire X band with an accuracy of 0.08%. It is readable directly in megacycles and is resettable within 0.01%.

The wavemeter is a transmission type, having a O of approx 8000 and a dip at the resonant fre-

quency of approx 1.5db. Hewlett-Packard Co., Dept. ED, 275 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1050.

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The 2N155 is a power transistor designed especially for the audio output stage of automobile radio receivers. Design-

#### **Resin-Potted Transformers**

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This new resin-potted transformer will withstand temperatures up to 170°C. The units are hermetically sealed and designed for airborne use. They are impervious to humidity and altitude, and will withstand abuse without electrical or mechanical damage.

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The transformers may be qualified under MIL-T-27A, Grades 1, 2, 4, or 5 as required. In addition, commercial types may be supplied with most of the benefits required by military specifications.

Electro Engineering Works, Inc., Dept. ED, 401 Preda St., San Leandro, Calif.

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#### **Beam Power Tube**

#### **Horizontal-Deflection** Amplifier

The 6CB2-A, a high-perveance beam power tube of the glass-octal type, is designed especially for use as a horizontal-deflection amplifier tube in color TV receivers. Utilizing a button-stem construction in a T-12 envelope, this tube is smaller and more compact than the 6CB5 with which it is unilaterally interchangeable.

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Other electrical features are low mu-factor, high plate current at low plate voltage, and a high operating ratio of plate current to grid-No. 2 current.

Tube Div., Radio Corp. of America, Dept. ED, Harrison, N.J.

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**14.5Kc Carrier Frequency** 



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operates at a carrier frequency of 14.5kc, obtainable from an internal crystal controlled oscillator. A zero-center 4" square meter indicates  $\pm 2\%$  deviations and wow from a d-c to 4cps rate from center frequency.

A second meter measures percent rms flutter with full scale sensitivities of 2.0, 0.6 and 0.2%. A 3" flat face oscilloscope displays the flutter and wow signals with the same peak sensitivities. Selectable filters with 24db/octave slopes provide for flutter waveform analysis from d-c to 30cps, 30-300cps, 300-5000cps, and d-c to 5000cps.

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Hycor, Div. of International Resistance Co., Dept. ED, 12970 Bradley Ave., Sylmar, Calif. Wescon Show, Booth No. 912.

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Accepts Any 1-2-4-8 Binary Code



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The Model 50 tape translator is adaptable for use with computers and a variety of perforated tape prepared on a Flexowriter, IBM tape punch, or other similar equipment. The standard machine will accept any 1-2-4-8 binary code and (on special order) any other code.

Special features of the translator include: plotting of any number of values of the dependent variable versus one value of the independent variable; two methods of indicating positive and negative values; automatic by-pass of all finish codes punched into computer prepared tape; provision for introduction of error signals to correct incorrect points punched in the tape.

Specifications include: plotting speed: 60 points per minute, max; accuracy: 0.10% for digital to analog conversion; plotting scales: 10, 20, 50, 100, and 200 points per inch; zero offset: 100 to 900 points in steps of 100 by calibrated front panel switch.

F. L. Moseley Co., Dept. ED, 409 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

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The REL-11 is designed for airborne elecinstrutronic mentation and guidance svstems where precise and dependable voltages are required. It is

packaged in two separate aluminum cases. One case contains the control unit-the other contains the series regulator. By the addition of another series regulator case the current capacity can be increased to 200ma. The unit utilizes subminiature tubes, printed circuitry and efficient heat transfer construction.

△ Subminiature Voltage Regulator

Has Good Long Time Stability

The REL-11 is designed for high performance operation under adverse conditions and has good long time stability and allows calibration of the output voltage independent of line and load variations. Interaction of a-c signals in circuits under operation or test is kept at a minimum by the low a-c output impedance. High gain amplifiers assure constant output for changes in line voltage and load current.

Rheem Mfg. Co., Dept. ED, 9136 E. Hall Rd., Downey, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 135.

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∧ "T-Switch" **Has Long Frame** 

This is a long frame switch in 2 frame designs, designed especially for high quality communication equipment and to meet the exacting requirements of the Armed Services.



Available in 2 series: Series 11000-Push button switch for momentary action and in push-to-lock, pull to release action or locking type. Series 11200-2 position turn button switch for non-locking and locking action; button faced with a wide white line making it easy to see the position of the knob.

The new design features relatively long springs without any "forms" at point of flexing for longer spring life.

Switchcraft, Inc., Dept. ED., 1328 N. Halsted St., Chicago 22, Ill.

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A. A. Daush (center), head of the Electronic Components Design and Packaging Section, discusses the use of transistors and other new components in packaging techniques involving modular construction and etched boards with N. J. Schuster (left), Electronic Research Design Engineer, and P. A. Alpine, Missile Guidance Group Leader.

Advance missile performance reflects the ability of engineers and designers to solve packaging problems of great complexity. To meet the demands of space, weight and reliability, creative effort of a high order is required.

New developments at Lockheed Missile Systems Division call for important progress in the art of packaging. In Missile Laboratories engineers and designers are applying new approaches to modern techniques such as modular construction, printed circuitry, sub-miniaturization and potting. Moreover, the effect of new materials and components on packaging problems is under intensive study.

The ability to exercise and have responsibility is an important attribute of those participating in this program. Inquiries are invited from engineers and designers possessing keen interest in this field.

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Micro Switch, Dept. ED, Freeport, Ill. Wescon Show, Booth No. 213.

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ing of a self-contained spring motor advances automatically 1 to 24 film frames. The rate at which the photographs can be taken is determined by the shutter setting. With the shutter set at 1/500, the camera is capable of taking 6 photographs in 1 second. A booster spring is available to permit an uninterrupted sequence of 54 photographs to be taken. Also available is a 24v motor which permits use of a 400-exposure auxiliary magazine.

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#### **△** Trimmer Potentiometer

#### Temperature Coefficient of Wire 0.00002/°C



The A10-W has a precision built wire wound resistor element with 25 turns of wire. Usable winding length is 98%. Temperature coefficient

of wire is 0.00002°C. Outside dimensions are 0.220" x 0.312" x 1.250". The trimmer weighs 2.25 grams.

This potentiometer holds set resistance values after trimmer adjustment under extreme ranges of temperatures, as all internal parts have nearly the same coefficient of expansion. Operating temperatures range from  $-55^{\circ}$ C to 200°C.

Powered at 0.8w derated to 0 at 175°C, the completely sealed trimmer has all plastic and bonding agents able to withstand over 200°C temperatures, continuous. The internal cavity is air evacuated by injecting silicone grease. Finest adjustment is provided by an extended winding surface, assuring high precision resolution without sacrificing subminiature design.

Standard resistance values range from 10 ohms to 50K ohms with 16 various values. Other values will be made on special order. Standard resistance tolerance is  $\pm 5\%$ , lower tolerances to  $\pm 1\%$  available. Insulation resistance is 500v d-c at room temperature, 1000 megohm min.

Dale Products, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 136, Columbus, Neb.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1114.

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#### △ "One Piece" Core Design Benefits Transformer Makers



A newly-invented "one-piece" wound core that has but one slit for coil insertion has shown a number of advantages over conventional C-type cores with two air gaps.

The advantages of

this core over "C" type cores are: one air gap instead of the usual two; the cores are varnished on the sides only; the two halves of the "C" cores must be kept and used together so that their ground pole pieces will fit flush.

The Indiana Steel Products Co., Dept. ED, Valparaiso, Ind.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 339.

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# Sylvania develops a

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provides 21/2 watts **Class A output with** \*5% total harmonic distortion

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#### FEATURES -

- 10 watts maximum collector dissipation
- · 2 amps max. collector current
- 40 volts max. collector voltage
- · New heliarc-weld hermetic seal
- 30 db minimum power gain (typically 35 db)
- 85° C storage temperature
  100° C operating temperature
- derating-3° C per watt (typically 2° C per watt)

#### DETECTOR-DRIVER

Type 12J8-delivers 20 mw signal power output with \*5% total harmonic distortion

#### CHARACTERISTICS -

- zero signal plate current —14 ma
- zero signal screen current—3 ma
- plate resistance -540 µmhos

-12.6 volts -12.6 volts

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- plate voltage
- heater voltage

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combined engineering forces produce new power transistor and detector-driver tube-full line of 12-volt tube types completes auto radio complement.

SYLVANIA, in close co-operation with leading auto radio manufacturers, has just completed a full-time joint engineering project to develop a transistor-tube "power pack" for new hybrid auto radio designs.

Result of this combined engineering program is a new power transistor and the type 12J8 detector-driver tube especially designed to produce high current at low plate voltage for optimum power coupling to the output transistor.

Other important power transistor features include a heliarc-weld hermetic seal for ruggedness and a storage temperature of 85° C to eliminate heat problems under inoperative conditions.

Sylvania also offers a full line of 12-volt tubes to complete auto radio complements.

Designers of transistorized equipment will find Sylvania's new transistor highly useful in all power applications calling for a maximum collector dissipation of 10 watts.

#### **Engineering Sample Offer**

Sylvania will honor all bona-fide requests for engineering samples of the new hybrid "power pack" including the new power transistor and driver tube 12J8, plus samples or information on 12volt types to complete your auto radio complement.

For samples of the power transistor for use in other applications, write on your company letterhead indicating





SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC. 1740 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y. In Canada: Sylvania Electric (Canada) Ltd. University Tower Bldg., Montreal

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#### ∧ Tiny Rectifier For TV Applications



A new twin diode, miniature Vac-u-Sel rectifier has been developed for use as a horizontal phase detector in place of 6AL5 tubes in TV. The tiny rectifier is built to last many times longer than the tube. In addi-

tion, the selenium unit is far more rugged and resistant to breakage.

It is built to withstand prolonged exposure at 90% humidity and is capable of operation at high ambient temperatures. Typical electrical characteristics are a min forward current of 0.5ma d-c at 2v and a max reverse current of 25µamp at -20v. The characteristic capacitance per section is approx 50mf.

General Electric Co., Dept. ED, Schenectady 5, N. Y.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1218.

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#### $\wedge$ Dial Drives

#### Include a Potentiometer



The higherspeed models operate with a self - reversing synchronous motor in the same way as the Type 908-P synchronous dial drives. The lower-speed models drive the

dial drives. The lower-speed models drive the dial in a counter-clockwise (increasing frequency on GR oscillators) direction only. A friction clutch is supplied to prevent damage if the motor is permitted to run after the dial has reached its stop.

When mounted, the drive motor may be disengaged from the dial for manual operation of the instrument with a direct-coupled knob on the dial drive. This knob is also used to rotate a friction coupling to center the potentiometer about any dial setting.

For use with a wide range of d-c output levels, and, therefore, with a wide variety of recorders, binding posts are provided for the insertion of a selected d-c supply voltage to the drive potentiometer. Binding posts are also available for the position signal output. A power switch and cord are included.

General Radio Co., Dept. ED, 275 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

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#### △ Low Frequency Oscillator 1 CPS to 100Kc In 5 Ranges

Model 202C is a new, multi-purpose l-f oscillator providing pure waveforms for subsonic, audio, and supersonic measurements in the laboratory, field or factory. It offers a high output power of 160mw delivered from a transformer-coupled balanced matched source.



The instrument covers frequencies from 1cps to 100kc in five ranges. Accuracy is  $\pm 2\%$  under normal conditions including warm-up and tube aging. Frequency response is  $\pm 1$ db full range, output is either 160mw or 10v into 600 ohms or 20v open circuit. Output balance is better than 0.1% at lower frequencies and approx 1% at 100kc. Distortion is less than 0.5% above 5cps and is independent of load impedance. Hum voltage is less than 0.1% of rated output. Recovery time is less than 5sec at 1cps.

Hewlett-Packard Co., Dept. ED, 275 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1050-1051.

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#### △ Circuit Analyzer For Military Use



The Model 144NX is an adaptation of Model 200 circuit analyzer designed to withstand the rugged conditions of military use. The unit is completely water-

proof, shockproof and vibration resistant.

The instrument automatically tests up to 144 circuits in seconds. Electrically complex, interconnected, multiple circuits are tested for continuity or shorts with absolute accuracy at extremely close predetermined values.

The analyzer tests complex electrical systems in aircraft, guided missile, radar, computers, relay and telephone systems, servomechanisms, and fire control systems.

DIT-MCO, Inc., Dept. ED, 911 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 502.

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GODDENAN NEW MINIATURE BED-THRU CADACITORS Market Dielectric – Hermetically Sealed Gudeman Impregnant = 257 Types 271 and 272

The Gudeman Feed-Thru Capacitor, Types 271 and 272, is a three-terminal component designed to be used for R.F. Interference suppression in a manner similar to a low pass filter. The typical insertion loss characteristics for these Feed-Thru Capacitors when measured in a 50 ohm line are in accordance with MIL-Standard 220.

The internal construction of these Feed-Thru Capacitors is designed so as to minimize the inherent inductance, therefore, these units perform functionally as nearly as possible to an ideal capacitor.



- Screw neck mounting
- Hermetically sealed tubular construction
- Glass compression or ceramic solder seal terminals

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- High insertion loss from .15 to 1000 MC
- Ratings range from 1 to 20 amps at 125 V.A.C. (0-400 cycles) or 400 V.D.C.
- Operating temperature range: -55° C. to + 85° C.



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### GUDEMAN

#### NEW "XC" PLASTIC FILM DIELECTRIC CAPACITORS

Hermetically Sealed (Glass to Metal) Tubular Cased



The development of the Gudeman "XC" capacitors results in a new line of high temperature capacitors that has exceptionally high insulation resistance, low power factor and low dielectric absorption. The case sizes were selected whereby no voltage derating is required when the capacitors are used within a temperature range from  $-65^{\circ}$  C. to  $+165^{\circ}$  C.

The Gudeman "XC" capacitors as shown are hermetically sealed, tubular, oil filled (Gudeman Impregnant #258), plastic film dielectric. Other case styles such as bathtub and rectangular types are available.



- Gudeman "EMM" Type
- Size Range 3/16'' to 3/8''Diameter -1/2'' to 1'' Long
- Capacity Range: 1 MFD to 100 MFD
- Voltage Range: 3 V.D.C. to 50 V.D.C.
- Operating Temperature: 65° C.
- Hermetically Sealed
- 99.99% Purity Foil

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- Low Leakage Current
- Low Equivalent Series Resistance

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#### △ Silicon Mixer Diodes For L, S, C, and X Band



Four new high sensitivity point contact microwave silicon mixer diodes have been developed for low noise mixer performance in L, S, C, and X band radar receiver circuitry. The new 1N23E fixed for-

ward polarity and 1N415E reversible polarity diodes achieve minimum performance of 7.5db overall noise figure at their X band design center frequency when used with a 1.5db i-f strip.

In S band equipments, use of the 1N21E or 1N416E reversible mixer diode will result in a maximum overall system noise figure of 7.0db given a 1.5db i-f noise level.

Microwave Associates, Dept. ED, 22 Cummington St., Boston 15, Mass. Wescon Show, Booth No. 248.

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#### $\triangle$ Coaxial Slotted Line

#### **Includes a Broadband Probe**



The precision coaxial slotted line, Model SL-42, is used in the design and testing of coaxial line components to provide a means of making accurate VSWR and impedance measurements in the S, C, and X band regions (3950Mc to 10,000Mc).

The completely tunable Model PR-25 broadband probe greatly facilitates precision

measurements over a broad frequency span. With its normal range, including L, S, C and X bands (from 900Mc to 12,400Mc), this probe can be used for the majority of slotted line and wave guide measurements required in the microwave laboratory. It has a 0.750" diam mounting barrel and is suitable for use with most types of slotted lines.

Vectron, Inc., Dept. ED, 1583 Trapelo Rd., Waltham 54, Mass.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 942.

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#### $\triangle$ Decade Amplifier Gain Accuracy ±1% D-C



The Model 111 d-c decade amplifier is a high gain, wide band, d-c amplifier specifically designed to accept a small d-c volt-

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tage from a strain gage or other electro-mechanical device and amplify this signal. It provides a voltage output which can be used to drive conventional recording potentiometers or voltmeters. A large amount of feedback provides a very precise and stable gain.

This instrument uses a chopper amplifier for very low frequency amplification. Higher frequencies bypass the chopper amplifier and are amplified by an a-c amplifier. The output of both the high and low frequency amplifiers is combined in a summing junction. From the summing junction, the combined output is applied to a bridge type output amplifier which supplies the requisite power.

Specifications are: gain-adjustable by switch on front of instrument to steps of: 0, 20, 30, 50, 70, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700 and 1000; gain accuracy  $\pm 1\%$ d-c; input impedance-100,000 ohms; capability at d-c -0 to  $\pm 25v$  with load impedance greater than 1000 ohms; output impedance-less than 1 ohm in series with 25  $\mu$ h; linearity-better than 0.1% to 2kc.

Kay Lab, Dept. ED, 5725 Kearney Villa Rd., San Diego 12, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1013.

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∧ Silicon Junction Diodes

### **Have High Conductance**



High voltage and current ratings, along with operation in ambient temperatures up to 200°C, have been combined to produce a rugged silicon diode suitable for printedboard power service. To-

gether with forward current ratings up to 200ma, these units have inverse current of less than 0.25µamp at voltages up to 225v. Two type 1N486A diodes can deliver up to 400ma at 65v in a full-wave center tapped circuit.

Transitron Electronic Corp., Dept. ED, Melrose 76, Mass.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 903.

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#### △ Recording System Analog-to-Digital-to-Analog



The ADAR (Analogto-Digital-to-Analog) recording system is designed to accept inputs of analog voltages to provide instantaneous permanent records in quantized analog form to a precision of 1 part in 256.

The system can record an analog voltage phenomenon which increases from 0 to full

scale in one sampling period (1/24,000sec) without overshoot, undershoot, or oscillatory disturbances.

Radiation, Inc., Dept. ED, Melbourne, Fla. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1146.

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#### $\triangle$ Frequency Meter Offers High Q Performance



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This highly accurate and legible frequency meter, Model 802, covers the range of the most used microwave frequencies, 2400 10,000Mc. to Over the entire band covered by this instrument, the loaded Q is in excess of 750

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from 2400 to 6500Mc and in excess of 1500 from 6500 to 10,200Mc.

In addition to greater overall utility, the Model 802 offers exceptional micrometer readability even under poor lighting conditions, as a result of a new reading line with an expansive viewing area, optimum color finish and marking contrast on the tuning micrometers.

Higher loaded Q has also resulted in increased sensitivity and resolution when using the built-in indicator. A universal nomograph type calibration chart provides frequency data without calculations or written interpolation at any point in the entire frequency range to the rated accuracy of 0.2%.

The Narda Corp. Dept. ED, Mineola, L.I., N.Y. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1036.

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This gage is contained in an anodized aluminum case 1-1/8'' diam and 3-7/16'' long; the unit weighs 7 oz. Jacobs chuck fits all shafts up to 1/4'' diam; 1/4'' or 1/2'' key chucks are available on special order.

Waters Manufacturing, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 368, So. Sudbury, Mass.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 937.

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# △ Propeller Fans Venturi-Type Mounting Ring



Model DFE 4" diam propeller fans are of a novel integrated design combining a diecast venturi-type mounting ring, a streamlined 4 - legged motor mounting spider and a separable ringmounted screen or finger guard.

The venturi ring

makes an airtight seal with the mounting surface and is aerodynamically profiled for two alternative directions of air flow. The 4-legged motor mounting spider grips the motor at center of gravity and draws heat effectively from two flats on the finned diecast motor case.

These fans are available with a choice of 22 different driving motors covering 50 to 1000cps line frequency, 1 and 3-phase operation and many voltages.

Rotron Mfg. Co., Dept. ED, Schoonmaker Lane, Woodstock, N.Y.

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#### △ Acoustic Calibrator Pressure Calibrates Microphones

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The 12185 acoustic calibrator is designed to pressure calibrate 21-BR type microphones used for measuring high intensity sounds in the jet engine and

missile fields. It consists of the L1 pressure unit mounted so as to provide a cavity of 1 CC. A sound pressure level of 140db can be obtained with 1v input. Impedance is 30 ohms. Maximum safe input is 5v and maximum sound pressure level 155db.

The calibrator provides rapid check on overall sensitivity of systems using all 21BR microphones so that the microphone can be standardized on the recording apparatus before and after each measurement in field or laboratory. Accuracy of measurement obtained is less than 1db. Temperature coefficient is  $0.02db/^{\circ}$  F.

Altec Lansing Corp., Dept. ED, 9356 Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 916.

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#### △ Variable Capacitor Provides Extra Low Capacity



This new miniaturized variable capacitor of design probutterfly vides extremely low capacity in the v-h-f range. Designated as Type MACBF, it has rotor and stator assemblies made of brass, precision jig soldered, and nickel-plated. Base construction consists of bearing and evelets

spun securely into silicone-treated steatite. Terminals are hot-tinned dipped.

The MACBF may be either panel, or chassismounted by means of a threaded bushing with flatted sides. The rotor shaft is slotted for adjustment of screwdriver. Air gap is 0.017" nominal. The units are tested at 750v, rms, 60cps. Standard models are available in 7, 9, 15, and 21 plates per section, with nominal values per section from 1.3 to  $10.8\mu\mu$ fd.

Hammarlund Mfg. Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 460 W. 34th St., New York 1, N.Y.

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Other features include: Regulations: (line) better than 0.15% or 0.3v (whichever is greater); (load) better than 0.25% or 0.5v (whichever is greater). Transient response: (line) output voltage is constant within regulation specifications for step-function line voltage change of +10v or -10v rms within the limits of 105-125v a-c; (load) output voltage is constant within regulation specifications for step-function load change between 0 to full load or full load to 0 ma.

Lambda Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 11-11 131 St., College Point 56, N.Y. Wescon Show, Booth No. 508.

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#### △ Miniature Relay Contact Rating 5Amp



The R-100 has a contact rating of 5amp with a maximum weight of 2-1/2 oz and a displacement of 1.03 cu in volume. It is qualified to 20g, 2000cps vibration and 50g shock in accordance with MIL-R-25018.

The relay can be supplied in sensitivities of

85mw for aircraft and missile settings, and is available with coil resistance to 40,000 ohms for operation on currents to 150v d-c.

Electronic Specialty Co., Dept. ED, 5121 San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, Calif. Wescon Show, Booth No. 103.

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Magnetic Amplifiers, Inc., Dept. ED, 632 Tinton Ave., New York 55, N. Y.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1604.

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#### △ Counter-Timer Has Improved Readability



Model 225A universal counter-timer offers improved direct digital readout comb i n e d w i t h c o m p a c t ness and portability. It has

been designed for the precise measurement of frequency, frequency ratios, period, average period and time interval. With appropriate transducers it may be utilized for determination of pressure, velocity, acceleration, displacement, flow, rps, rpm, etc. The instrument also serves as a secondary frequency standard.

Important features include: three direct-coupled inputs, quick time base alignment, 70mv sensitivity, and provision for oscilloscope marker signals for trigger level adjustment on complex wave forms.

Among the specifications are: 3 independent threshhold controls permitting adjustment of trigger levels at any voltage from -50 to +50v with the resolution of 70mv; frequency range from 0 to 100,000cps; period measurement range from 10µsec to 100,000sec; time interval range from 10µsec to 100,000sec. Power requirements are: 117v, 10% 50-60cps, 280w.

Computer-Measurements Corp., Dept. ED, 5528 Vineland Ave., N. Hollywood, Calif. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1047.

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Stability:	Short Term: 1 part in 1,000,000 Long Term: 5 parts per million per week
Time Bases:	0.001 to 10 seconds in 1 millisecond steps 0.0001 to 1 second in 0.1 millisecond steps (0.0001 to 10 sec. in 0.1 millisec, steps, 0.001 to 100 sec. in 1 millisec, steps optional)
Read-Out:	Direct. Four digits. (Five digits optional)
Display Time:	Automatic: Continuously variable, 0.1 to 10 sec. Manual: Until reset
Power Requirements:	117 volts ± 10%, 50-60 cycles, 250 watts (50-400 cycles optional)
Dimensions:	17" W x 83/4" H x 131/2" D
Weight:	35 lbs. net.
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Electro-Pulse, Inc., Dept. ED, 11861 Teale St., Culver City, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1313.

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The sockets have highest grade beryllium copper ontacts. If it is desired to lock the extender in place, a nut can be screwed on a long screw projecting through the plug and then through the test equipment socket. Socket-to-plug leads are soldered, to 1, 2 to 2, etc. and an outer shell is bonded in place.

They are available in 7 or 9-pin miniature and in 8-pin octal types.

Vector Electronic Co., Dept. ED, 3352 San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles 65, Calif. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1028

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#### ∧ Wire Wound Potentiometer

Operates From -55 To 150°C



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The X-500 is a subminiature precision wire wound potentiometer which operates from -55°C to 150°C. Available in the re-

sistance range from 200 ohms to 250,000 ohms, the X-500 is only 1/2"

diam and weighs 1/4 oz. The unit was designed to meet the requirements of subminiaturization, yet still offer the features, characteristics, and dependability of regular size potentiometers. One-piece modized case gives maximum heat dissipation.

Specifications are: linearity  $\pm 0.3\%$  highest resolution; ambient temperature range  $-55^{\circ}$ C to 150 C; available in threaded bushing, servo, flush tapped hole, or flange mountings and gaged units; meets applicable portions of JAN specs and -111-E-5272A standards.

Ace Electronics Associates, Dept. ED, 103 Dover st., Somerville, Mass.

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#### △ Slotted Lines Characteristic Impedance 50 Ohms



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of 500 to 4000Mc. It is specifically intended for measuring the VSWR of coaxial components equipped with type "N" connectors (male or female). The model 230B is equipped for measuring 7/8" coaxial components.

The instrument consists of a section of coaxial transmission line of the parallel plane type, a pickup probe, and an r-f detector which uses IN21B and IN23 crystals.

End connectors are male and female type "N". The type "N" connectors are designed to mate with standard type "N" fittings, male on one end to mate with standard UG-23B/U, and female on the other end to mate with standard UG-21B/U. The type "N" connectors on both ends of the instrument are matched or compensated for use with either end of the instrument connected to load or signal source.

The characteristic impedance is 50 ohms for the model 230 and 46 ohms for the 230B. The slotted line is calibrated in centimeters and millimeters, with vernier reading accurately to 0.1mm. Residual VSWR is under 1.04 from 500 to 4000Mc.

The Narda Corp., Dept. ED, Mineola, N.Y. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1036.

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### △ Transistor Transformers

Ultra-Miniature, Push-Pull



This is a stock line of ultra-miniature push-pull transistor transformers. Their size is only  $3/8'' \times 3/8'' \times 11/32''$ . Weight is 0.005 lb. They are supplied with 4'' color coded leads suitable for use in dip soldered printed circuits.

Molded nylon bobbins, high-nickel laminations, and Mylar insulation are used to permit maximum size reduction. They are primarily designed for transistor circuitry in guided missile and airborne equipment.

Microtran Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 145 E. Mineola Ave., Valley Stream, N. Y. Wescon Show, Booth No. 812.

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#### ∧ Digital Recorder **Counts 11 Digits Per Line**



Model 560A digital recorder operated from electronic counters provide a printed record of the total count accumulated by each counting period.

This instrument will mount 11 decimal digits per line at a printing rate which is controlled by the counter with which it operates up to a maximum of 5 complete lines per second.

An optional feature is provision for an analog output from the 560A. Any three consecutive digits may be graphically plotted with a potential resolution of 0.1%.

Hewlett-Packard Co., Dept. ED, 275 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif.

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### **△** Preset Counter

#### **Preset by 4 Decade Switches**



pactness, long life, and versatility, the Model 7240A preset counter is usable in applications such as time interval generation and the control of sorting equipment, winding machines, counting and packaging, engine rpm, shearing and punching, automatic feeds, etc.

Featuring com-

The instrument utilizes cold cathode glow transfer tubes which accomplish both counting and indication.

The unit counts and indicates the number of input events up to a number (from 1 to 9999) preset by four decade switches, at which time an input pulse is provided, a relay operates, and the count is held. Rapid recycling or manual resetting to repeat the operation is provided. The unit may be used as a time interval generator by counting the line voltage frequency, presenting the interval as a relay open or closed time.

Electro-Pulse, Inc., Dept. ED, 11861 Teale St., Culver City, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1313.

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**Computer Specialists Electro-Mechanical Designers Environmental Test Engineers Electronic Component Evaluators** Instrumentation Engineers **Fire Control Systems Engineers Flight Control Systems Engineers Electronics Research Specialists Computer Programmers Computer Application Engineers** Automatic Controls Engineers **Electronic Engineering Writers** Inertial Instrument Development Engineers Preliminary Analysis and Design Engineers Also Openings for Draftsmen and Technicians

CONTACT: Mr. R. C. Smith, AUTONETICS Engineering Personnel Office, Dept. 991-20ED, P.O. Box A.N., Belleflower, California



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### △ Transistorized Servo Amplifier

Is Smaller, More Powerful



This is a new, smaller transistorized servo amplifier assembly measuring only 1-1/2'' x 1-1/2" x 1" and with exceptional power output in relation to its size. The high power gain of 10°:1 is achieved by a "heat-sink" de-

sign which rapidly dissipates heat. No output transformer is necessary because the amplifier works directly into a size 10 servo motor which has center tap control winding.

Control phase impedance of the servo is 250 ohms effective resistance when tuned with a 2µfd capacitor. Amplifier rating is 1w at 71°C, ambient operating temperature range -55°C to 71°C and voltage gain approx 300:1.

Output stage of the amplifier consists of two H-3 germanium transistors operating in class B pushpull. The amplifier assembly is encapsulated in an epoxy resin. Applications include computers, guided missiles and others where exceptionally accurate servo-mechanisms are required.

John Oster Mfg. Co., Avionic Div., Dept. ED, Racine, Wisc.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 247.

CIRCLE 142 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### △ Multiple Push-Button Switch **In Ganged Assemblies**



The "Multi-Switch" is a multiple push-button switch available in illuminated or non-illuminated push buttons, featuring a choice of switching functions. Flexible tooling makes it practical to make it in any multiple from 2 to 12 stations. Choice of

mounting centers. By mounting stack switches on a separate plate, up to 4 stacks can be operated by each button, providing innumerable circuit possibilities. Can be furnished with the function desired as interlock, non-locking, or combination of interlock and non-lock, etc. Inter-lock action can be achieved between all the buttons of two or more rows.

Switchcraft, Inc., Dept. ED, 1328 N. Halsted St., Chicago 22, Ill.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 805.

CIRCLE 143 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

Taylor Fibre Co.

says ...

"Using Revere Rolled Copper we are able to produce superior copper-clad laminates!"



Mills: Baltimore, Md.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Chicago, Clinton and Joliet, Ill., Detroit, Mich.; Los Angeles and Riverside, Calif.; New Bedford, Mass.; Newport, Ark.; Rome, N. Y. Sales Offices in Principal Cities, Distributors Everywhere.



Laminators and users alike also have found that Revere Rolled Copper produces no peaks or valleys, that its smooth, hard surface of uniform density permits resist to clean off easily for there are no pores to hold resist and cause trouble when soldering.

They have noted, too, that Revere Rolled Copper is free from oxidation as it comes from the mill and is without lead inclusions. And because of its clean surface, fluxes wet readily, while in the automatic soldering operation it makes possible a uniform solder coat every time free of skips or bald spots. Those are the very reasons why you should insist

that Revere Rolled Copper be used when ordering blanks from your laminator. It is available in unlimited quantities in standard coils of 350 lbs. in widths up to 38" and in .0015 and .0027 gauges, weighing approx-imately 1 oz. and 2 oz. per square foot. Revere Rolled Copper exceeds requirements of standard specifications and meets ASTM B5 specification for purity with 99.9% minimum

CIRCLE 144 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

PHOTO SHOWING SECTION OF CIRCUIT enlarged 10 times was made directly from panel and Is UNRETOUCHED.

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ABOVE PANEL IS ACTUAL PHOTO OF LAMI-NATE BY TAYLOR FIBRE CO., Norristown, Pa. and La Verne, Callé., using Revere Rolled Printed Circuit Copper.

CIRCLE 144 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

### $\triangle$ Voltage Sensors

#### Actuates Voltages Between 90 and 130v

The RY-426 series of voltage sensors provides reliable, exact sensing of 400cps systems. Output contacts are provided to light warning indicators disconnect gyros, remove non-essential loads or whatever remedial action is designed for the system.



This series can be supplied to actuate at any voltage between 90 and 130v. Another series can be set in the 180 to 250v range.

Specifications are: pull in and drop out in the range of 80-150v  $(\pm 1-1/2v)$ ; temperature,  $-65^{\circ}F$  to  $+250^{\circ}F$ ; frequency, 320cps to 480cps; contact rating, 5amp d-c @ 29v d-c, spdt.

Electronic Specialty Co., Dept. ED, 5121 San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, Calif. Wescon Show, Booth No. 103.

CIRCLE 147 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### $\triangle$ Capacitance Voltage Dividers

#### Accuracy of ±5%



Two new capacitance voltage dividers have been developed for accurate measurement of peak voltage; for critical viewing of pulse shape from magne-

trons, pulse forming networks, driver amplifiers and radar modulators; and for measuring pulse signals of 1/4 to 10 µsec duration or continuous wave frequencies from 500cps to 10Mc/sec.

These voltage dividers can be used with any synchroscope or cathode-ray oscillograph with trigger delay circuit and an input resistance of 300,000 ohms or more with a shunt capacity of approx 30  $\mu\mu$ fd. Both units are low dissipation capacitance type dividers with an accuracy of  $\pm 5\%$ .

Model VD-35 has a 35,000v peak and division ratios of 200 to 1 and 50 to 1. Model VD-100 incorporates a vacuum capacitor and is highly stable with an extremely wide voltage range, from 250 to 100,000 peak volts, and division ratios of 500 to 1, 100 to 1, and 10 to 1.

Vectron, Inc., Dept, ED, 1583 Trapelo Rd., Waltham, Mass.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 942.

CIRCLE 148 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION



MAGNETIC **AMPLIFIERS &** TRANSFORMERS

Precision...

Delivery ...

Quality...



**MAGNETIC AMPLIFIERS.** Custom computer amplifiers with high stability and linearity can be designed having single or multiple inputs to your specific needs. Servo drives and relay actuators are also available. Frequency selective net-works can be integrally designed to provide additional useful control

functions. Proven packaging techniques insure minimum size - proven toroidal construction assures highest performance. 



MISSILE POWER TRANSFOR-ERS. Recommended for supply frequencies above 400 cps and where size performance and reliability are factors. Thin nickel alloy toroidal cores reduce core losses. Toroid structure cures stray field problems.

SEALED MISSILE POWER SUPPLIES combining toroidal power transformers, toroidal filter chokes, hi temp capacitors and silicon rectifiers. These units offer multiple outputs and low ripple. Low stray field of toroidal elements obviate usual in-ternal shielding. Mag regulation where required.



LAMINATED TRANSFORMERS AND INDUCTORS. A complete line of laminated constructed units are now available through CAC. Our highly qualified engineering staff, a well complemented labora-tory, humidity controlled production facility with modern manufac-

turing equipment guarantees conformance with any specifications. Both power and audio transformers employing advanced techniques can be supplied either hermetically sealed or en-capsulated to 150° C. ambients. Catalogs, supplied upon re-quest, cover a wide range of standardized designs including omnirange and ILS Filters.



PRECISION RATIO COMPUTER **TRANSFORMERS.** Toroidal form of construction is ideal for designing precision ratio transformers

since the turns of wire are applied to and adjusted on the core. Normal

low phase shift, and near unity coupling will yield laboratory quality on any production run. Advanced design and newest packaging methods provide optimum performance with mini mum size and rugged construction.

Catalogs on Individual Components are Available on Request

COMMUNICATION ACCESSORIES CO. World's Largest Exclusive Producer of Toroidal Windings HICKMAN MILLS, MISSOURI • PHONE KANSAS CITY, SOUTH 1-6111

A Subsidiary of Collins Radio Company

CIRCLE 150 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

∧ Industrial X-Ray Tubes For Use In 120 to 260 PKV Range

Five new in-

dustrial x-ray tubes, the PR

series, are designed for use in the 120pkv

to 260pkv range. Designed especially for light

weight, self contained, portable



x-ray tube heads (either oil or pressurized gas insulated), these tubes provide compactness, strength and high energy ratings, combined with the extremely useful small focal spot.

For replacement or for new equipments, these tubes make it possible to select the optimum combination of tube voltage and focal spot size to achieve maximum radiographic quality with minimum exposure time for any of a wide range of field requirements.

Machlett Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, 1063 Hope St., Springdale, Conn.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 801.

CIRCLE 151 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### $\wedge$ X-Band Calibrated Load Accuracy $\pm$ 1 % Calibrated Value

Offered as a convenient reference for equipment calibration, the new X-band calibrated load provides an adjustable mismatch using a micrometer probe calibrated at 8600, 9000, and 9500Mc for VSWR's

of 1.10, 1.16, 1.4, and 1.8 at each of these frequencies. Identified as Model 128A, the unit has accuracy of  $\pm 1.0\%$  of calibrated value.

Special units can be provided with calibrations to other frequencies and VSWR's as required. Fitting UG-39/U waveguide, the load is accurately aligned by means of two locating guide pins in the flange which mates with UG-39/U cover flange or equivalent. Overall length is 8-3/4".

Color Television Inc., Dept. ED, 932 E. San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1065.

CIRCLE 152 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION





#### New Aircraft Controls Catalog Just Off Press

New Fenwal Publication Gives Data on Accessory Controls for Aircraft, Guided Missiles and Ground Control Apparatus



Here is new reference data everyone interested in aviation accessory equipment will want to have within reach.

It describes Fenwal Midget and Miniature THERMO-SWITCH® units logical answers to "tight-spot" temperature control problems. Gives general and specific data for standard and special applications according to government and/or customer specifica-

LATEST AUTHORITATIVE DATA an accessory contrals comes from Fenwal, originators of famous THERMOSWITCH R unit and pioneers in many advanced ideas in aircraft, guided missiles and ground apparatus. Copies without charge.

If your problems include temperature control of liquids, solids or gases in any area, the information in this catalog should be valuable to you. Write for FREE catalog, "Accessory Controls", Aviation Products Division, Fenwal Incorporated, 98 Pleasant Street, Ashland, Massachusetts.

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#### $\triangle$ Motor Gear Head For Use With Size 8 Motors



This is a new, ultraminiature precision motor gear head weighing only 1-1/8 oz. The gear head, Model 750-GH, is designed for adaptation to Size 8 motors. The unit measures 0.750" diam and, in its "solid type" model, is 1" long.

Four through-bolts make it adaptable to specially tapped Size 8 motors without the use of adapter plates or other accessories. A.B.E.C. Class 5 ball bearings throughout contribute to the 750-GH's low starting torque of 0.004 oz in. Ratios up to 650:1 are available without increase in length; but ratios up to 20,000:1 can be produced in longer units. The 750-GH is designed to operate synchro and potentiometer type loads.

Principal applications include missile control systems; servomechanisms; aircraft control equipment; indicating devices; computers and other precision electromechanical instrument applications.

Bowmar Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 2415 Pennsylvania St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 824.

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### △ Camera Special Acoustic Housing This rugg



This ruggedized camera is designed for use in high noise environments. It has been tested observing rocket and jet engines with noise levels in excess of 150db. Special construction has been employed to eliminate and minimize the picture deterioration that normally takes place when ordinary cameras

are operated in high sound levels.

A special acoustic housing has been designed with ruggedized camera assembly. This housing provides for frequencies which tend to cause most picture deterioration. In those applications where noise in the medium frequency spectrum is present the use of the housing with the camera is ideal.

Kay Lab, Dept. ED, 5725 Kearney Villa Rd., San Diego 12, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1013.

CIRCLE 159 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

How Fafnir is prepared to meet MIL-STD-206 Standards of Torque Measurement for Instrument Ball Bearings.



## NEW AUTOMATIC TORQUE TESTER FOR BALL BEARINGS

This Fafnir-developed torque testing equipment for instrument ball bearings automatically records in a matter of seconds a continuous series of starting torque peaks, from which maximum torque, average torque, and the frequency distribution of successive torque peaks are quickly determined. In addition, the trace distinctly reveals how torque is affected by dirt, race finish, race geometry, load, scratches, nicks, and retainer condition. By providing a multiplicity of readings in a very short span of time, inspection is simplified and chances of error minimized.

This continuous-rotation type torque tester is but one of many devices used for testing ball bearings in the Fafnir Instrument Division . . . all are operated to assure the highest standards of quality. Additional information on the manufacture of Fafnir Instrument Ball Bearings is contained in the newly-revised catalog. Write for a copy. The Fafnir Bearing Company, New Britain, Connecticut.

As a service to customers, Fafnir has been supplying the automatic torque tester. A bulletin giving concise descriptive information plus specifications is available on the torque tester upon request.



CIRCLE 160 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

It can cost you much more to settle for less than this Clare Relay

This ad was all but written by a Clare customer. Here is the story as he told it:

"I shopped around for relays for continuous-duty, high-speed switching service. Clare engineers recommended Type HG Mercury-Wetted Contact Relays. They said they were ideal for this application. I thought so, too; but they do cost a little more than some other relays, and I thought I couldn't afford to use them. I thought the extra cost, multiplied by the large number of relays in my machine, would run my price too high. So I built a model with cheaper relays. In just a few weeks the relays wore out. I knew that Clare Type HG relays would last for years under the same conditions, and it didn't take me long then to decide that I couldn't afford not to use them."

Ask yourself whether you, too, don't have jobs for which no other relay is good enough. Consider that the life of a Clare Mercury-Wetted Contact Relay is measured in <u>billions</u> of <u>maintenance-free operations</u>. Compare the cost per flawless operation with that of other relays: this is the crux of the matter a vital, basic point.

The price is very reasonable, and <u>delivery</u> is <u>quick</u>—one to seven weeks, depending on the particular assembly desired and the size of the order.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION on CLARE Mercury-Wetted Contact Relays for single or multiple circuits contact your nearest CLARE representative or address: C. P. Clare & Co., 3101 Pratt Blvd., Chicago 45, Illinois. In Canada: C. P. Clare & Co., 659 Bayview Avenue, Toronto 17. Cable address: CLARELAY.

Send for CLARE Sales Engineering Bulletins Nos. 120 and 122



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#### $\triangle$ Coaxial Termination For 900 to 10,000Mc Range

This h i g h power coaxial termination for the 900 to 10,-000Mc frequency range, Model 369, has a power

rating of 200w average and 50,000w peak. Model 369 is provided with efficiency heat-dissipating cooling fins to minimize temperature rise.

Capable of withstanding temperatures in excess of 500°F, the terminating element is a long tapered molding of "Narda-Iron" which results in very low VSWR (1.10) over the entire frequency range.

The unit is useful for terminating directional couplers and other devices in high power systems in actual operation or for test purposes. The low VSWR of the terminating element increases the effective directivity of directional couplers and facilitates more accurate VSWR measurement of all types of coaxial components. The termination is 11" long and is available with a type N female connector.

The Narda Corp. Dept. ED, Minneola, L.I., N.Y. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1036.

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#### △ Antenna System

10.8 db Gain Over 1/2-Wave Dipole



The basic part of this new system is the Type 201 base station antenna which provides a measured gain of 10.8db over a half-wave dipole in the direction of maximum radiation, while still providing gain considerably higher than unity in all directions. The trans-

mitter station may now be located in an off-center position in relation to the general service area, yet provide concentrated high gain into the selected area where communications need is the greatest.

The base station antenna is fed by a flexible air dielectric cable, HELIAX, which can save as much as 2db over less efficient cable. Complementing the Type 201 base station installation is the new Type 233 mobile gain antenna, which will add 1.8db gain to the system, when compared to conventional quarter-wave roof-top antennas fed with RG-58/U cable.

Andrew Corp., Dept. ED, 363 E. 75th St., Chicago 19, Ill.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 848.

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# NEW—<u>self-locking</u> UNBRAKO socket head cap screws



The Nylok\* self. locking feature locks these screws securely in place, seated or unseated, wherever you stop wrenching!

They won't work loose. Can be used repeatedly. Tough, resilient nylon locking pellets permanently installed. Successfully withstand temperatures ranging from -70 to 250°F. Familiar UNBRAKO knurled heads for sure finger grip and fast assembly-accurate hex sockets for positive, nonslip internal wrenching. Heat treated alloy steel, controlled fillets, continuous grain flow lines, fully formed Class 3A threads for maximum strength and exact fit. Can be used as adjusting screws. Pellets act as liquid seals. Standard sizes from #6 to 1 in. diameter. Also available in plated finishes and in stainless steel. Write for Bulletin 2193. Unbrako Socket Screw Division, STANDARD PRISSED STEEL Co., Jenkintown 12, Pa.

\*TM Reg. U.S. Pol. Off., The Nylok Corporation

STANDARD PRESSED STEEL CO. UNBRAKD SOCKET SCREW DIVISION





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High-output, low-cost, flexible RdF Stikons measure changing temperatures quickly and accurately (to one-half a degree centigrade). Because of the thinness of the element (.005 to .010 inches), the temperature-sensitive grid becomes virtually an integral part of the measured surface. Thus the effect of ambient air temperature is practically eliminated, and temperature is measured precisely at the point desired.

When used in a bridge, an RdF Stikon may easily produce output voltages several hundred times higher than the output of the most sensitive thermocouples.

Detailed features, characteristics, and applications are contained in RdF Stikon Brochure T-54.

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#### ∧ FM Deviation Meter **Has Wide Range**



Extended range and high stability are features of a new FM deviation Meter developed for telemetering and other wide deviation SVS-

tems. Carrier frequency is 20 to 500Mc, deviation is measured to an accuracy of 3% in the range  $\pm 2$ to  $\pm$  400kc and crystal standardization is built in. The instrument accepts modulation frequencies from 50cps to 120kc.

A counter type discriminator is used since this has the advantage of linearity and freedom from drift; there is provision for aural or visual monitoring of the carrier modulation.

Since the instrument may have to be used in exposed locations, the steel case is waterproof and the chassis is shock mounted.

Marconi Instruments, Dept. ED, 44 New Street, New York, N. Y.,

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1247-48.

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**△** Rate Gyro Linearity ±1.5%

This new oil-filled rate gyro incorporates a nonheated temperature sensitive mechanism to maintain a linear damping over the ambient temperature range of  $-54^{\circ}$ C to  $+71^{\circ}$ C. Exceptionally accurate and rugged, the Model 36129

has a precision potentiometer pickoff which provides rate signals up to 70v with a linearity of  $\pm 1.5\%$  or better and repeatability of  $\pm 0.4\%$ .

No amplification of the high level output is necessary in d-c telemetering or instrumentation applications and no demodulation is required for most a-c control systems.

Hermetically sealed in an oil-filled, 2" case, the mechanism is semi-floated for protection during severe vibration (and shock up to 100g). The unit is available in standard rate ranges from  $\pm 15^{\circ}$ /sec to  $\pm 200^{\circ}$ /sec with motor excitation by 115v or 200v 3-phase, 400cps power.

G. M. Giannini & Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 918 E. Green St., Pasedena, Calif. Wescon Show, Booth No. 904.

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BINDING POSTS AND COAXIAL CONNECTORS

The MV-18C millivoltmeter fills the important gap between highly sensitive low frequency meters (amplifier type meters) and less sensitive high frequency meters (rectifier probe type meters). The instrument uses a high impedance chopper-type DC amplifier capable of measuring the minute DC voltages developed by the instrument's RF crystal probe at signal levels as low as 1 mV. Voltage measuring range 1 mV - 1 kV, frequency range 1 MC to 200 MC without and up to 2500 MC with frequency correction chart.

The MV-18C is in extensive use today for such important purposes as monitoring the signal output of signal generators and making accurate stage gain measurements at true signal operating levels.

MILLIVAC INSTRUMENT CORP.

Box 997, Schenectady, N.Y.

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#### △ Accelerometer Amplifier High Input, Low Output Impedance



amplifier is designed for amplifying piezo-electric accelerometer signals and other similar low level signals to sufficient amplitude to modulate a sub-carrier oscillator in a telemetering system. It features high input impedance and low output

The REL-104 voltage

impedance with a gain setting of 10 adjustable 10%. Rheem Mfg. Co., Dept. ED, 9136 E. Hall Rd., Downey, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 135.

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#### △ Nylon Screws and Nuts 12 New Sizes Added

In addition to their fractional inch lengths of 6-32, 8-32 and 10-32 molded black Nylon screws, the company now offers 1" lengths, in both flat and round head, in 6-32, 8-32, 10-32 and 1/4-20 sizes. Also added, in round head

types are 1/2'' lengths in both 1/4-20 and 4-40, 1-1/2'' lengths in both 8-32 and 10-32 sizes.

Weckesser Co., Dept. ED, 5261 N. Avondale Ave., Chicago 30, Ill.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 129.

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#### △ Nameplate Activating Machine Activates A Special Adhesive



The new dial and name plate triactivator is a mechanical nameplate activating machine that activates a special type of adhesive used on metal nameplates in a split second. Only 1/10th of a second is required to activate the adhesive on a name plate and pre-

on a name plate and prepare it for installation on a product. Miller Dial and Name Plate Co., Dept. ED, 4400

N. Temple City Blvd., El Monte, Calif. Wescon Show, Booth No. 232.

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#### ADVERTISEMENT New Spring Loaded Diode Clip holds fragile leads securely



Among the most of recent of new products from Cambridge Thermionic Corporation, is a spring loaded diode clip designed primarily to hold securely fragile

diode pigtail leads from .005 to .035" in diameter.

The clip is made of brass and is finished in .0002'' bright alloy plate. When mounted it is 11/32'' in over-all height. The mounting stud is 7/32'' long, hexagonal with a 2-56 threaded stud.

Up to this time there has been no diode clip offering the same advantages. Its unique sturdiness derives both from its design and the precision care with which CTC manufactures it, typical of the company's standards throughout.

Write for complete data, including prices. Cambridge Thermionic Corporation, 457 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass.

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#### △ Multiplier Phototube 3/4", 10-Stages



The 3/4", 10-stage multiplier phototube will make available subterranean areas never before reached in geophysical exploratory work.

Designated Type K1382, it has a rate average gain of 300,000 at 105v/stage. At the same potential, maximum dark current measures 0.1µamp, photo-cathode

sensitivity is 40 µamp/lumen.

Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, 760 Bloomfield Ave., Clifton, N. J. Wescon Show, Booth No. 939.

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#### △ Silicon Power Rectifiers Peak Inverse Ratings To 570v



Types 1N253, 1N254, 1N255, and 1N256 miniature silicon rectifiers have peak inverse voltage ratings up to 570v, and will handle average currents up to 1 amp at 135°C. No voltage or current de-

rating is necessary throughout their operating temperature range of  $-65^{\circ}$ C to  $+135^{\circ}$ C.

Transitron Electronic Corp., Dept. ED, Melrose 76, Mass.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 903.

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#### $\triangle$ Custom Cabinets

**Solid or Perforated Hinge Cover** 

These new cabinets are soundly engineered, versatile in usage, and of advanced design suitable for housing the highest quality instruments and equipment.



Bud Radio Inc., Dept. ED, 2118 E. 55th St., Cleveland 13, Ohio. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1418.

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MODEL G-1000

**CAUSSIAN NOISE AMPLI-TUDE** probability distribution is produced by the G-1000 Sigmatron. It is characterized by its mean value,  $\mu$  and its variance,  $\sigma^2$ , in the form shown in the figure below.



The G-1000 Sigmatron ultra low frequency random signal generator was created to fill the most critical analysis requirements of modern systems engineering.

A tremendous advance in instrumentation, the Sigmatron provides a powerful tool for the analysis and test of guided missile systems, servomechanisms, computers, vibration, data reduction, information theory, filter design, and quality control.

Model G-1000 has found application in many other fields such as Ultrasonics, Chemical Process Control, Applied Psychology, Geophysics and Biochemistry.



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Official U. S. Air Force Photograph

# Where a miss is worse than a mile

Today's new airborne weapons demand new standards of reliability.

Failure of even one part, for example, in the complex fire control computer of a modern interceptor like the F-102A (above) could nullify all the engineering skill that went into its design and construction. Even worse, such failure could cause a collision with target debris or allow the escape of a target bearing nuclear or thermonuclear weapons.

Reliability is one good reason engineers picked Bristol's® Syncroverter<sup>®</sup> high-speed polar relays for the fire control equipment.

These high-speed relays have a normal life of billions of operations in dry circuit applications. They are available

in SPDT and DPDT models. They're reliable in such equipment as air-to-ground telemetering, analog and digital computers, aircraft or missile control, carrier-current switching, as well as others. Your application may require different

specs from those listed below. But chances are you'll find what you need in Bristol's broad Syncroverter line. Write for complete data. The Bristol Company, 151 Bristol Road, Waterbury 20, Conn.

> Bristol Syncroverter high-speed relay. Covered by patents.

#### **TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Temperature range : -55°C to 100°C Operating shock : 30G; 11 milliseconds duration Vibration (10-55 cps, see below, mounting): 10G Contact ratings : up to 35v, 45 microamperes Stray contact capacitance : less than 15 mm<sup>1</sup>d Pull-in time (including bounce): as low as 200 microseconds Drop-out time : 300 microseconds Life : Billions of operations Mounting: Octal tube socket; others available, including types for vibration to 2000 cps.

FINE PRECISION INSTRUMENTS FOR OVER 67 YEARS

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The new 400cps frequency meter known as Model 6505A is designed for laboratory and control applications. Overall accuracy is 0.1%

or better at all frequencies in its range. Frequency range is 370 to 430 cps. The meter scale may be expanded to increase reading accuracy in its center portion.

∧ 400cps Frequency Meter

The instrument is calibrated at 370, 400, and 430cps by three built-in precision tuning fork oscillators having an accuracy of better than 0.2%. An exceptionally linear recorder output circuit (linearity better than 0.1%) may be adjusted to 1v output for 30cps frequency deviation.

The Model 6505A requires no adjustment for operation from any signal input from 6v to 20v. Waveform distortion does not effect accuracy, provided the signal has continuous waveform with symmetrical half-periods.

Varo Mfg. Co., Dept. ED, 2201 Walnut St., Garland, Tex.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 225.

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#### ∧ Tube Socket Clamps

#### **For Severe Vibration Conditions**



The new modification of "Kool Klamps," for use with button base or flat press T-3 tubes using sockets, has a special ridged base and socket mount to give

maximum support and cooling under the severest vibration and shock conditions.

Designated 4A-539, 4A-527, and 4B-530, they are available both with and without sockets. All, except the 4B-530 which is made in beryllium copper only, can be ordered in 99-1/2% pure silver or beryllium copper. Clamps feature multiple finger sleeve construction, which compensates for tube irregularities and eliminates air spaces and destructive pressure points between tube and shield.

The Birtcher Corp., Industrial Div., Dept. ED, 4371 Valley Blvd., Los Angeles 32, Calif. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1109.

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In addition to serving in ordinary Class B and C applications, the PL-172 is designed to meet the critical re-

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# △ Power Resistors 3w, Axial Lead Types

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#### Lightweight Triodes For 50-60kw Equipments

The ML-6696 and ML-6697 coaxial terminal triodes, employing thoriatedtungsten filaments, are intended for industrial r-f heating and for broadcast equipments of 50-60 kw power output.

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ML-6696 and ML6697 have maximum ratings for 16kv d-c plate voltage and 120kw plate input. A wide latitude in choice of load impedance is available; as examples, full input can be utilized at 10.9kv and 11 amp, or at 16.0kv and 7.5 amp.

ML-6696 is particularly suitable for water-cooled industrial heating equipments, either dielectric or induction. It has a plate dissipation rating, with 18 gallons of water flow per minute, of 60kw.

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#### $\triangle$ Frequency Sensors Control Points Frequency 365 $\pm$ 5cps



These units are available for over and under frequency signals and as band-pass units. Actuating frequencies can be adjusted to any point between 350 and 450 cps to meet specific requirements.

Operating characteristics of the RY-430 model are: control point frequency,  $365 \pm 5$ cps; line frequency, 250 to 1000cps; operating voltage, 102 to 124v a-c; contact rating, 3amp resistive 3pdt; temperature, -65 to +250°F; altitude, 85,000 ft.

Electronic Specialty Co., Dept. ED, 5121 San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 103.

CIRCLE 231 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### $\triangle$ Sloping Panel Support For Easier Instrument Viewing



This new sloping panel support for rack mounted instrument panels permits the electronics engineer to more easily view test instruments. The support holds a standard 19" panel at approx 45° from the rack.

The use of the sloping

panel support speeds up test operations and makes the construction of test equipment more economical. Wyco Metal Products, Dept. ED, N. Hollywood, Calif.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 701.

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# △ Relay 10Amp Rating



Relay 7011 is a balanced armature design. It is a 4 pole double throw unit rated at 10amp. The unit is vibration resistant and hermetically sealed. It exceeds the requirements of Mil-R-6106A, Mil-R-5757B, Mil-R-25018. The relay has screw controlled spring adjust-

ment for pull-in reliability. It measures  $1-7/16 \times 1-7/16 \times 2-3/16''$ .

Electro-Mechanical Specialties Co., Dept. ED, 1016 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles 38, Calif. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1201.

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#### △ Toggle Switch Boots Have Rigid Hexnut



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No. N-1030B toggle switch boots are a new, improved version of the company's standard HEXSEAL design. Constructed with an integral hexnut, they can be tightened with an or-

dinary pliers eliminating the need for special tools. They retain the one piece construction of the standard HEXSEALS, and also the qualities of silicone rubber. The boots will withstand temperature variations from 125°F to 500°F and remain unaffected by salt water, acids or ozone.

Design of the N-1030B permits the toggle switch bat to be exposed while the high pressure seal is maintained. Sealing takes place at three places: a double "O-ring" construction formed in the neck of the boot provides firm sealing against the bat handle of the switch (two distinct seals) and effective panel sealing is obtained by a gasket rib formed in the base of the holding hexnut.

Automatic & Precision Mfg. Co., Dept. ED, 252 Hawthorne St., Yonkers, N.Y. Wescon Show, Booth No. 966.

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#### △ D-C Microvolt-Ammeter 15 Ranges Provided



This unit measures voltages at low as 10µv and currents as low as 10µµamp. Fifteen ranges are provided. An uncluttered zero centered mirrored scale meter instantly indicates polarity. Inputimpedance is 10 megohms

on low voltage range and 100 megohms above 100mv.

A feature of the instrument is that it can also be used as an extremely stable d-c amplifier providing a gain of 80db with equivalent input drift under  $10\mu v$ .

Kay Lab, Dept. ED, 5725 Kearney Villa Rd., San Diego 12, Calif.

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#### △ Automatic Switching Discriminators Plays Back Signals From Tape



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The Davies Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, 4705 Queensbury Rd., Riverdale, Md. Wescon Show, Booth No. 1045.

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#### △ D-C Amplifier Chopper Stabilized

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Known as Model DC-6, the amplifiers are available in single channel, four, five and six channel groupings.

William Miller Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, 325 N. Halstead Avenue, Pasadena, Calif.

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#### ∧ Electrical Connector For Miniaturized Equipment



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Scintilla Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., Dept. ED, Sidney, N.Y.

Wescon Show, Booth No. 1153-1154.

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# **New Literature**

#### **Audio Testing**

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Bulletin No. A-137 has been offered describing Model No. 201 Acousti-Room, an audiometric testing environment. Accurate audiograms can be obtained with this unit. Included are a description of the Acousti-Room, illustrations, applications and graphs.

Burgess-Manning Co., 5970 Northwest Highway, Chicago, Ill.

#### Connectors

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A 2-color, 2-page bulletin, No. 26A, has been issued describing series 18 miniature precision Continental Connectors. Included are code number designations, actual size photographs, aluminum hoods, and illustrations of other interesting special design Continental Connectors.

DeJur-Amsco Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City, N. Y.

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A data sheet has been issued on a new high temperature and fuel resistant electrical potting compound, 3C-155. The compound is characterized by outstanding resistance to oils, gasolines, and jet fuels, and to prolonged temperature exposures of 300°F.

Churchill Chemical Corp., 3137 E. 26th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

#### Flexible Couplings

A new 4-page bulletin has been issued describing standard and special miniature couplings for power transmission. The bulletin, MC-100, illustrates, describes, and shows dimensional drawings of miniaturized couplings which can be used on servo mechanisms, computers, and other small devices.

Thomas Flexible Coupling Co., Warren, Pa.



#### **Receiving Tubes**

A selection chart has been published listing the company's 5-star high-reliability tubes for critical applications. The chart classifies the 34 tubes, applicable military specifications, heater voltages and currents, and gives average characteristics.

General Electric Tube Dept., 1 River Rd., Schenectady, N.Y.

#### **Mica Capacitors**

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A technical article has been released describing how new "K" gaged mica permits the manufacture of capacitors having the same capacity but only 1/2 to 1/4 the size previously used in transistorized and other printed circuits.

Perfection Mica Co., 20 No. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill.

#### **Air Switches**

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Type RC double break air switches are described in a new 2-page bulletin, GEA-6483. Featuring a rotating center insulatorswitch, the apparatus is designed for applications where space limitations make impossible the use of a vertical break switch. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N.Y.

#### **Telemetry Equipment**

Several bulletins have been made available describing various special purpose receivers operating in the frequency range of 55 to 260Mc. Each bulletin provides a description of the unit, specifications, applications and outstanding features, including an illustration of the equipment.

Nems-Clarke, Inc., 919 Jesup-Blair Dr., Silver Spring, Md.

#### **Small Tubing**

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Bulletin No. 3 is available describing small tubing for all industry from 7/8" OD to 0.010" OD. The bulletin includes alloys, tolerances, temper requirements, and finish of the precision tubing.

Precision Tube Co., Inc., North Wales, Pa.

#### Welding Data

Welding Data Book TIS 2575 has been issued containing a wealth of information on welding and welding techniques. The book will be of considerable value to engineers in all phases of industry.

Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp., 40-40 172nd St., Flushing 58, N.Y.



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available on request.



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#### **Hook-Up Wires**

Bulletin 1901 has been issued describing PERMACODE hook-up wires, rated at 600 and 1000 volt service for continuous operation over the temperature range from  $-90^{\circ}$ C to  $+210^{\circ}$ C, combine flexibility, chemical and solvent resistance, high volume and surface resistivity with extremely low electrical losses. Specifications, engineering data and part numbers are included in this bulletin.

Revere Corp. of America, Wallingford, Conn.

#### **Power Supplies**

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Two catalogs have been offered, one describing dynamotor power supplies (No. 155), the other, describing a line of d-c to a-c converters and inductor alternators (No. 553). Both catalogs contain numerous illustrations, performance charts, dimensional drawings, various applications, and complete specifications.

Carter Motor Co., 2644 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

#### **Solenoid Valves**

A new 32-page catalog, No. 201, has been made available describing a line of solenoid valves. The latest designs in the company's line of 2, 3, and 4-way solenoid valves are included in this easy to read condensed catalog. It contains engineering information, flow charts, operation and construction details, illustrations, prices, etc. Automatic Switch Co., 391 Lakeside Ave.,

Microphones

Orange, N.J.

A new 20-page catalog has been released describing the company's wide line of microphones and phonograph cartridges. The catalog lists prices, specifications and characteristics of each item marketed by the division. Highlighting the catalog is a section devoted to the new ceramic turnover and single needle phonograph cartridges recently added to the company's products.

Elgin National Watch Co., Elgin, Ill.



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#### Microwave Ferrites

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Data sheets have been published describing ferrite shapes for every known microwave application in custom designs. Ferrite rods, strips, bars, and toroids are examples of hapes supplied. These technical sheets describe microwave ferrites applicable to microwave isolators, attentuators, and phase-shifters.

Raytheon Mfg. Co., Ceramic Sales, Waltham 54, Mass.

#### Thermistors

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A 12-page, 2-color catalog has been made available describing a complete line of thermistor elements. The catalog gives dimensional drawings, physical descriptions, and complete specifications of various forms of precision thermistors, including beads, rods, discs, washers, and built-up assemblies. In addition, the catalog contains much useful information on thermistors.

Fenwal Electronics, Inc., Mellon St., Framingham, Mass.

#### Magnetic Tape Recorders 282

A 4-page folder has been offered describing a series of variable and fixed-speed continuous loop magnetic tape recordersreproducers incorporating an unusual tape drive. The brochure completely describes features of 21 models, which are available in single or dual speeds, as well as in single, dual and triple channels. Recording characteristics are tabulated for easy reference. Amplifier Corp. of America, 398 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

#### Thermocouple Accessories 283

Bulletin No. 1610-A has been offered describing thermocouple accessories, including adapters, resistors, terminals, and firewall, bayonet and quick-disconnect connectors. The 4-page pamphlet includes illustrations, lists part numbers, and contains a cross-reference of products arranged by AN equivalents.

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## Patents

#### **Cathode-Ray Tube Intensity Compensation**

. . Patent No. 2,739,264. Warren T. Shreve, Robert J. McCurdy. (Assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Navy.)

A feedback amplifier circuit for maintaining a constant intensity image on a cathoderay tube regardless of changes in deflection potential. The deflection voltage from the sweep generator is averaged and fed through an inverting amplifier to the control grid of the cathode ray tube. If the average sweep voltage should increase, the grid is biased more negatively, thus maintaining a constant intensity spot.

Electron Tube Amplifier Circuit . . . Patent No. 2,735,957. Robert G. Neuhauser. (Assigned to Radio Corp. of America.)

A feedback amplifier circuit for producing a linear sweep for a magnetic deflection cathode ray tube. A simplified schematic is shown in Figure 1 (the control tube has been replaced by a switch). When the switch is opened, the grid voltage of the sweep tube rises as capacitor  $C_1$  is charged through resistor  $R_1$ . The feedback through capacitor C2 and resistor R2 is dependent upon the inductor current and tends to make the sweep current a linear function of time.

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L. of G. (An identical, and somewhat more familiar observation, was made by

the operatic team of W. Tell & Son.) It is interesting to note that "Boinng!" has been nearly all things to all men; sometimes with overtones



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\* Technical paper by Herr Doktor Ing. Helmut N. Greindloutten presented at the 1956 World Conference on the Forces of Ricoverbrigational Pingschafft in Hamburg.



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SIGMA INSTRUMENTS, INC., 91 Pearl Street, So. Braintree, Boston 85, Massachusetts CIRCLE 294 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION Musical Instrument Employing Tape Recording . . . Patent No. 2,737,840. Joseph W. Gratian. (Assigned to General Dynamics Corp.)

A magnetic tape system utilizing a number of parallel sound tracks, each track containing a recording of a single musical note. Under normal conditions the magnetic pickup heads are remote from the tape so that there is no pickup. Application of an input signal causes the appropriate pickup heads to move near the tape and produce an electrical output. The electrical signals are then amplified and used to produce an audible sound. By using different magnetic tapes it is possible to produce the sound of any desired musical instrument.

Transistor Amplifiers and Circuit Arrangements Therefor . . . Patent No. 2,739,190. Robert L. Wallace, Jr. (Assigned to Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., New York, New York).

A transistor amplifier circuit operating with zero bias. The input is applied directly to the base through a capacitor such that the input presents infinite impedance to direct currents. **Record Controlled Machine** . . . Patent No. 2,738,874. Lawrence A. Wilson, Benjamin M. Durfee. (Assigned to International Business Machines Corp., New York, N.Y.) **Net** 

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Pulse-Echo System for Providing Indications of Moving Objects in Response to the Reflection of a Single Transmitted Pulse... Patent No. 2,739,307. David E. Sunstein. (Assigned to Philco Corp., Philadelphia, Pa.)

A Doppler system for distinguishing between the echoes of fixed targets and moving targets. The received signal is heterodyned with a local oscillator and passed through a selective i-f amplifier. The i-f amplifier is supplied with a rejection filter which removes components of the received signal which are at the same frequency as the transmitted signal. Thus only frequencies which have been shifted by the Doppler effect of a moving object will produce an output.



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tethed and Apparatus for Duplicating agnetic Recordings and Magnetic Tape ecord Members . . . Patent No. 2,738,383. Robert Herr and Reynolds Marchant. (Asigned to Minnesota Mining & Manufacuring Co.)

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A method of reproducing a magnetic recording from a master tape. A blank magnetic tape is placed in contact with the master tape and passed into a sufficiently strong external magnetic field. The magnetic pattern of the master is then transterred to the blank tape.

#### Cathode-Ray Tube for Color Television ... Patent No. 2,739,260. Ernest O. Lawrence. (Assigned to Chromatic Television Labs., Inc., New York, N.Y.)

A cathode-ray tube for producing color television images. Two parallel conducting spirals are placed on the tube face with phosphors so adjusted that each of the three primary colors can be produced according to whether the electron stream strikes one of the two conducting strips or the tube face. By applying a defection potential to the two strips it is possible to control the place at which the electron beam strikes and hence control the color of the image formed. Clipping Amplifiers ... Patent No. 2,739,-191. Thomas C. Wisenbaker, Martin R. Richmond, Benjamin R. Cole. (Assigned to Raytheon Manufacturing Co., Newton, Mass.)

An amplifier circuit capable of increasing the degree of modulation of a carrier signal. The slightly modulated carrier is fed through a biased diode to a following stage of tuned amplification such that only the peaks of the carrier signal are amplified. The tuned circuit in the following stage of amplification filters out the unwanted frequencies with a net result that the sideband frequencies are amplified more than the carrier frequency and the percentage modulation is increased.

Electrical Elevation Angle Computer . . . Patent No. 2,738,924. Frank S. Preston, Louis B. Wadel. (Assigned to Norden-Ketay Corp.)

A device for computing an angle from its sine and cosine. The circuit utilizes a sine potentiometer, a cosine potentiometer and a linear resistor with a movable arm connected in a bridge circuit. When the bridge is balanced the position of the slider determines the tangent of the angle determined by the sine and cosine potentiometers.

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Principles and Techniques of Applied Mathematics . . . Bernard Friedman. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N.Y. 315 pages, price \$8.00.

One of the purposes of this book is to show that the seemingly widened gap between pure and applied mathematics is strictly an illusion. The book has two main themes. The first is the demonstration of how the abstract theory of linear operators can be used to unify and systematize the techniques of applied mathematics. The second is the development and explanation of specific techniques which can be used to obtain explicit solutions of partial differential equations. Previous works have been confined either to the abstract theory of operators or to the practical routines for solution. This book combines the abstract theory and its practical application.

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Random Processes in Automatic Control. J. Halcombe Laning, Jr., and Richard H. Battin. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 330 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y. 434 pages, price \$10.00.

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<u>A wide</u> ariety of examples worked out <u>a detail illustrate each new idea presented</u> <u>the text</u>. For most chapters, there are collections of problems of varying degrees of difficulty to test the reader's knowledge of the more important concepts developed.

Handbook of Industrial Engineering and Management . . . W. Grant Ireson and Eugene L. Grant. Prentice-Hall Inc., 70 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. 1203 pages, price \$16.00.

This book is an integrated guide to the

methods and procedures of today's scientific management. A reading of this text will help anyone to better understand those interrelationships of men, money, machines, materials and methods that are the concern of industrial engineers and management executives.

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## What the Russians Are Writing

J. George Adashko

#### Avtomatika i Telemekhanika, 1956 No. 2

Filtering Non-Stationary Random Functions, lu.P. Leonov, (10 pp; 3 figs). A mathematical treatise of second-order non-stationary functions, with the leastsquare error being replaced with another criterion, which permits extension of the problem to non-stationary random functions and leads to the design of an optimum filter (in a different sense of the word) having parameters that are stationary with time. Use of this new criterion for the optimum transfer function makes it possible to filter out noise with stationary linear fitter. In addition, the expression for the optimum transfer function can be determined without the need for calculating the correlation functions, which are replaced by suitable power spectra. This greatly simplifies the problem, for the determination of correlation functions for non-stationary cases is a labor-consuming task.

The new criterion reduces the determination of the optimum weighing function, needed to satisfy physical-realizability conditions, to the solution of the Wiener-Hopf equation. Reference is made to work by Wiener, Booton, and R. D. Davis.

Qualitative Regulation of a Neutral Object with an Astatic Regulator, V. A. Maslennikov, (10 pp; 7 figs). A "neutral object" is one that has neither natural damping nor self-equalization, and an "astatic" regulator is defined as one capable of maintaining a value of the regulated quantity for all operating conditions of a machine. The article concerns the analytic determination of the type of control required to regulate a neutral and undamped object in such a manner that the regulated system is stable as a whole, and the transient damps out on the first swing.

A theoretical proof is offered that a system can be generally stable even when the real parts of the roots of its piecewise-linear characteristic equation are not negative, being for example zero or even positive. Use of Feedback to Improve the Dynamic Characteristics of Industrial Regulators, V. V. Karibskii, (12 pp; 12 figs). Discussion of a method for improving the dynamic characteristics of regulators used to control low-frequency thermal systems in chemical, petroleum, heat engineering and other branches of industry.

The theoretical analysis and the experimental results are devoted to the proof that is is possible to improve considerably the dynamic properties of industrial regulators by introducing velocity-lag feedback and to determination of the limitations imposed by stability considerations on the velocity lag feedback of the selected type.



Fig. 1-1 Reservoir, 2 Throttle valve, 3 Ordinary feedback loop; 4 Velocity-lag feedback loop, 5 Secondary relay, 6 Membrane operating device, 7 Valve, 8 Sensitive element, 9 Setting device. The system employs compressed air at 1.1 atmospheres. The theoretical deductions were verified experimentally. Fig. 2 shows the block diagram of the final version of a velocity lag regulator, and Fig. 1 shows the principal diagram of a pneumatic regulator embodying these principles.

Solid lines in graph show the theoretical values of the amplitude-frequency and phase-frequency characteristics of a regulator with velocity lag feedback; the dotted line shows the experimental results.



Fig. 2-1 Principal regulator element, 2 Conventional "rigid" feedback, 3 Velocity-lag "rigid" feedback; *a* Standard element of conventional feedback (amplifier), *b* Velocity lag feedback element.



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Push Pull Magnetic Amplifier with D-C Output, R. Kh. Bal'ian (12 pp; 11 figs, 3 tables). A new amplifier circuit is compared with the conventional type. Theoretical analysis of the two circuits yields the following ligures:

Compared Indices	old	new
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Efficiency	14%	66.6%
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changes from zero to		
its nominal value	70%	
Amplifier power	20.4P <sub>H</sub>	5.9P <sub>H</sub>
Transformer power	10.7P <sub>H</sub>	3P <sub>H</sub>
Rectifier power	25.6P <sub>H</sub>	4.4P <sub>H</sub>

(Note-The subscript "H" denotes load parameters.)

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Germanium Diodes, A. N. Puzhay, (7 pp; 10 figs; 2 tables). Survey of the properties, characteristics, and advantages of point contact and junction-type diodes used in the USSR. The tabulated and graphic data from this article will appear in a coming issue of ELECTRONIC DESIGN.

Design of Diode Function Generators, A. D. Talantsev, [1] pp; 10 figs, 1 table]. Description of new diode circuits used as function generators in d-c analog computers. These are the same elements discussed in the description of the EMU Analog Computer (see ELECTRONIC DESIGN, July 1, 1956) and were briefly described in the review of that instrument. This article gives more details of diode circuits.

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Comparison of Several Standard Magnetic Amplifiers with Internal Positive Feedback, A. B. Gorodetskii, (13 pp; 12 figs). The Ramey magnetic-amplifier circuit (Fig. 1) is compared with the standard positive-feedback amplifier (Fig. 2). A thorough theoretical analysis shows that in the standard amplifier the control-circuit inductance does not affect the value of the steady-state control current, but determines the time constant of the control circuit, while the opposite holds in the Ramey circuit—the time constant does not change, but the steady state control circuit varies. The two circuits become equivalent if a large resistance is inserted in the control circuit of the standard amplifier.

The article discusses two classes of a-c magnetic amplifiers: those in which the control frequency is several times smaller than the carrier frequency and those in which the two frequencies are equal. The latter class is divided into three groups, depending on whether the input signal is rectified (Fig. 3), applied directly (Fig. 4) or biased (Fig. 5). The author reaches the conclusion that the most sensitive amplifiers are those with a phase-sensitive rectifier in the control circuit, and least sensitive are those in which the control signal is applied directly to the control winding.

Amplifiers with high carrier frequency (Fig. 6) are particularly useful in servo applications, where they reduce substantially the zero-signal drift, for variations in circuit parameters do not shift the zero point of the amplifier.













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# **Amplifier for Stroboscopic**

"STROBOSCOPIC" oscillograph is one in which high-speed recurrent voltages are observed or photographed by measuring instantaneously selected points of the pulse-modulated unknown voltage. The phase of the modulating pulse is varied continuously relative to the measured voltage, and the pulse frequency is either equal to the recurrence rate of the measured voltage or is an integral multiple of this rate. Each pulse produces a different point of the waveform, and persists for a considerable portion of the time between recurrences, slowly tracing out the entire waveform.

One of the first practical circuits for such a circuit is due to J. G. McQueen (Electronic Engineering, v. 24, p. 436, Oct. 1952) and is shown in Fig. 1. The two tubes are normally cut off by a negative bias applied to the control grids. Applying a narrow negative pulse (10<sup>-9</sup> seconds) to the common cathode load causes the tubes to conduct. The measured voltage is applied to the input of the first tube, and the tube current depends therefore not only on the gating-pulse amplitude, but also on the practically instantaneous value of the measured voltage (if the frequency is on the order of 300mc or less). As a result, the pulses in the plate current of the first tube are modulated by the measured signal, while the plate pulses of the second tube are practically constant in amplitude. The difference between the amplitudes of the two pulses depends only on the instantaneous value of the measured signal. Such a difference pulse is produced during each recurrence, and by causing the selected point to occur at a slightly different instant during each recurrence it is possible to trace out relatively slowly the entire waveform.

The shortcoming of this scheme is that the difference pulse has too steep a front (Fig. 2a) to be applied directly to the oscilloscope plates, and a special low-pass filter must be used to trace the waveform. A specially designed amplifier, the equivalent diagram of which is shown in Fig. 3, converts the exponential difference pulse into a bell-shaped pulse which can be applied directly

## **Russian Translations**

## Oscillograph

the oscilloscope plates. Figs. 2b, 2c, 2d, and 2e how the pulses produced when one, two, three, nd four such amplifiers are used in tandem. A mathematical analysis of the amplifier is inluded in the article. Amplifier For Stroboscopic Dscillograph, V. A. Vol, Radiotekhnika, Oct. 955, 5 pages, 4 ill., 2 tables.



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N important element in the design and maintenance of electronic equipment is the correct selection of the type of capacitor to be used for a specific purpose. This requires careful consideration of the requirements to be met, and the economy and quality of operation which can be obtained. Only by understanding the capabilities and limitations of the many types of capacitors presently available can the requirements of the equipment be completely fulfilled.

#### **Electrical Properties**

Although the most important property of a capacitor is its capacitance, several other properties are also significant. Fig. 1 shows the complete equivalent circuit of a capacitor, which includes the normal capacitance, leakage resistance, inductance, capacitance to ground, and series resistance.

The leakage resistance,  $R_z$ , represents a shunting current path through the capacitor dielectric and across the insulation between the capacitor terminals. This resistance permits a very small, usually undesired, direct current to flow through a capacitor. The magnitude of this current depends upon the type and condition of the dielectric and the method of capacitor manufacture. When necessary, a leakage resistance of millions of megohms can be achieved by using a very high grade of dielectric and hermetically sealing the capacitor in metal or glass.

Since inductive reactance increases with frequency, at higher frequencies the inductance of a capacitor is electrically important. At some frequency, the inductance of a capacitor will be resonant with the capacitance, and the capacitor itself will appear as a resonant circuit.

In some cases, the stray capacitance between conductors of a capacitor and other nearby conductors may be important. This is especially true in the higher frequency ranges or in high impedance circuits. The magnitude of the effect can be minimized by using capacitors which are physically small, by allowing a large air space between the capacitor and ground, and



The equivalent circuit of a capacitor

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# **Capacitors**

by connecting the outside conductor of the capacitor to a low impedance circuit whenever possible. The series resistance has very little effect on the characteristics of a capacitor and can be neglected except at very high frequencies. This resistance represents the inherent resistance of the dielectric, terminals, leads, and conductors composing the capacitor.

#### **Capacitor Types**

The stability of a capacitor, as well as most of its other electrical properties and operating characteristics, depends upon the kind of dielectric used and the type of construction.

The dielectrics commonly in use today are air, mica, hig plastics, ceramics, paper, and chemical films. The first

#### **Characteristics and Applications of Various Capacitor Types**

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#### **Air Capacitors**

For resonant circuits, a capacitor is required which is stable, has low losses and high insulating strength, and can provide the required capacitance in a reasonable size. Low losses at the frequency of operation are especially important because the dissipation of power in a capacitor reduces the Q of the resonant circuit. Capacitors with the lowest possible high frequency oss utilize air as the dielectric.

Variable air capacitors are commonly used in resonant circuits to facilitate changing the frequency or resonance (tuning), or in parallel with larger capacitors to adjust the total capacitance to the desired value. Because of the necessary mechanical arrangements and the low dielectric constant of air, a variable capacitor has a greater size per microfarad than other types. However, when carefully manufactured, it provides a precise capacitance with good stability and very high Q.

#### **Mica Capacitors**

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Featuring excellent stability, very low losses, and high insulating strength, mica capacitors find their greatest application where a high degree of stability is required. This is because they are only slightly affected by temperature, moisture, frequency, and aging. They are also valuable for high-frequency applications because of their very low losses, and consequently high Q. Since the smaller sizes of mica capacitors are relatively inexpensive, they are often used in applications where other types of capacitors would be equally satisfactory from the electrical standpoint.

#### **Polystyrene Capacitors**

In recent years, shortages of mica and the need for extremely small size capacitors have led to a search for suitable dielectric materials from the many types of plastic films that have been developed. One of the more successful plastic films has been polystyrene.

In some respects, polystyrene has characteristics superior to mica. It has less leakage resistance, a higher Q over a wider frequency range, and greater flexibility. It also has a negative coefficient of capacitance. This is very useful in filters and other resonant circuits as it tends to keep the resonant frequency of a coil-capacitor combination constant despite temperature variations. In the values needed for electric wave filters (about 5000 to 75,000  $\mu$ µf), polystyrene capacitors are smaller and less expensive to manufacture than mica.

Tolerances of 1 to 2 per cent are quite readily obtained. By padding (connecting in parallel) with small mica capacitors, tolerances within 1/4 of 1 per cent can be achieved.

#### **Ceramic Capacitors**

Modern ceramic capacitors use a wide range of insulating materials that often have unique characteristics. They are made in a wide range of temperature coefficients, either positive or negative, and some have very high dielectric constants.

Because they can be made with different temperature coefficients, ceramic capacitors are often used in tuned circuits to compensate for variations of resonant frequency with temperature. They are also used for coupling and bypassing at high frequencies because they can be manufactured in convenient shapes. (Shape is important at high frequencies.) The high dielectric constant results in a relatively large capacitance in a small space.

#### **Chemical Film Capacitors**

Since chemical film or electrolytic capacitors have high losses, a relatively large leakage resistance, and very poor accuracy and stability they are applicable only in noncritical circuits which need large values of capacitance in a form that is inexpensive and occupies little space. Their typical applications are in power supply filters and for cathode and screen bypass in vacuum tube circuits.

#### **Capacitors for A-C Coupling**

For coupling in high-frequency circuits, small capacitances are satisfactory; consequently, capacitors suitable for resonant circuits, such as micas or ceramics, can be used. However, in low-frequency or lowimpedance circuits, relatively large capacitances are necessary so that the impedance of the capacitor is low with respect to the rest of the circuit at the operating frequency. Three types of capacitors usually meet these requirements: paper (dry or oil impregnated), polyester film, and chemical film.

Paper capacitors are most widely used. They provide large capacitances in a reasonable size at a relatively high voltage rating. Their losses are relatively high so they cannot be used in such applications as precision electric wave filters at high frequencies. Also the capacitance varies widely with changes in temperature, frequency, and age so that they cannot be used in many critical circuits. Main applications are in low-frequency circuits for coupling and bypassing, in power filter networks, in power factor correction networks, and for contact protection in relays.

In miniaturized equipment, paper capacitors are often so bulky that ceramic or polyester film capacitors are used. For instance, capacitors made with a Mylar dielectric have characteristics similar to those of paper capacitors except that they are usually smaller, operate at higher temperatures, are easier to manufacture, and have fairly good stability. They range in capacitance from 0.001 to  $1.0 \,\mu f$ .

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AXIMUM tube ratings are given by manufacturers to define the physical capabilities of to tube. A single numerical value is presented for each rated quantity. The physical limitations of the tube which these ratings represent, however, are not discontinuous barriers below which satisfactory operation can continue indefinitely and beyond which immediate tube failure occurs. In general, as a rating is approached, the life expectancy decreases in a regular manner; and as the rating is exceeded. the degradation of performance continues, often at an accelerated rate.

Unfortunately, the single-valued ratings present a no information with regard to any of the following 6, questions:

1. What increase in reliability can be gained by operation at a given percentage below a maximum value?

2. What sacrifice in reliability will be required by operation at a given percentage above a maximum value?

3. What is the relative importance of the various rations with respect to one another?

Although the equipment designer needs information which will enable him to extrapolate the published ratings as a function of the reliability requirements of his equipment, the tube manufacturer is not normally in a position to supply this information. The equipment designer also requires a basic understanding of the magnitude and nature of the effects that such operational and environmental factors have on the reliability of the final equipment.

Launched by the Electron Devices Division, Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, in 1952, a reliability analysis program was executed by the General Electric Company at Owensboro, Kentucky and has been continuing since that time.

Recommendations given here are due primarily to tests on one tube, the G.E. type 5670. The six variables studied were: 1. plate voltage, plate current, and plate dissipation; 2. ambient temperature; 3. mechanical excitation; 4. pulse operation; 5. heater cycling; and 6. heater voltage.

#### **General Recommendations**

As a result of tests to date, the following general recommendations with respect to the use of the 5670 are:

1. The absolute maximum plate-dissipation rating should never be exceeded.

2. The absolute maximum plate-voltage rating should never be exceeded.

3. The absolute maximum bulb-temperature rating should never be exceeded. In applications where extremely long life is of paramount importance, the tubes should operate at bulb temperature about 1/3 under maximum rating.

4. Conditions under which the tubes are subjected to mechanical accelerations should be avoided or minimized wherever possible.

5. For pulse operation, the plate dissipation should be held to a minimum. In the design of the equipment, allowance should be made for early-life inhich stability under pulse conditions. A relatively constant degradation of pulse-current capability with life should also be expected.

6. High-heater-voltage operation should be avoided ften under any circumstances. The heater should normally operate at a center of 6.3v; however, it may sent also be operated at a center value slightly less than 6.3v provided that no tube ever goes below 5.7v as /ing

the result of heater-supply-voltage variations, and by that the circuit can tolerate the decreased circuit um performance. In all cases good regulation of the heater voltage should be supplied.

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#### Manuals

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