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MAGNETIC AMPLIFIERS AND SATURABLE TRANSFORMERS

| Cat. No. | Supply Frea. in C.P.S. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Powor } \\ & \text { out. } \\ & \text { Watts } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Volt. } \\ & \text { out. } \\ & \text { V. AC } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { onal for } \\ & \text { fer } \end{aligned}$ |
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| MARS | 400 | 5 | 57.5 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
|  | 400 | 10 | 57.5 | 1.6 | 0.6 |
| MAF-7 | 400 | 15 | 57.5 | 2.5 | 1.0 |

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| MAO.1 | so | 4.5 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 3800 |
| MAO-2 | 60 | 20 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 700 |
| MAO4 | 60 | 400 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 25 |
| MAO-5 | 60 | 575 | 6.0 | 10.0 | 25 |

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| MAP.1 | 60 | 5 | - | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| MAP-2 | $\infty$ | 15 | 115 | 1.6 | 2.4 |
| MAP-3 | $\pm 0$ | 50 | 115 | 2.0 | 0.5 |
| MAP.3-A | 60 | 50 | 115 | 7.0 | 2.9 |
| MAPA | co | 175 | 115 | 8.0 | 6.0 |
| MAP-7 | 400 | 15 | 115 | 0.6 | 2.8 |
| MAP-8 | 400 | 50 | 110 | 1.75 | 0.6 |

SATURABLE TRANSFORMERS
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| MAS-1 | 60 | 15 | 115 | 6.0 | 27 |
| MAS-2 | 400 | 6 | 115 | 4.0 | 10 |
| MAS-5 | 400 | 2.7 | 26 | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| MAS-6 | 400 | 30 | 115 | 4.0 | 8.0 |
| MAS-7 | 400 | 40 | 115. | 5.5 | 8.0 |

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| MGFA | 5.0 | 10.0 | 2,500 | H8 |
| MGFS | 6.3 | 2.0 | 2,500 | FB |
| MGF6 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 2,500 | 68 |
| MCF7 | 6.3 | 10.0 | 2,500 | JB |
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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CKElo | 100 | 350 | 100 | 0.75 | 0.2 at 70 |
| CKsul | 200 | 350 | 100 | 0.75 | 0.2 at 140 |
| CKEL2 | 300 | 350 | 100 | 0.75 | 0.2 at 210 |
| CXEL3 | 400 | 350 | 100 | 0.75 | 0.2 at 280 |
| CK844 | 500 | 350 | 100 | 0.75 | 0.2 at 350 |
| CK845 | 600 | 350 | 100 | 0.75 | 0.2 at 420 |

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## Editorial

## Engineers, Take to the Road

You could easily get frustrated if you tried to decide which of the many forthcoming conferences, meetings, or shows to take in. We just finished counting over 100 pages of literature announcing different meetings of interest to electronic designers. You couldn't possibly attend all because some are going on at the same time. On the other hand, maybe there's no conflict created because the department head says forget the whole thing, it's a waste of time and money going to such meetings. Get on with your project! The fact that more people do not go to meetings may be the bad thing.
Why go to meetings, conferences, symposiums? In many cases, a conference proceedings of all the papers can be purchased for $\$ 5$ or less. Timely good papers will be sought by technical journal editors and readers can get the data fast. Far faster than listening to drawn-out monotone, broken-English or stammering speakers who stimulate nothing more than soporific ideas.
The simple answer to why go is that there is no better time or place to exchange ideas or swap notes than at a technical conference. Even if you refuse to enter into the spirit of exchanging information, you may very likely make the whole trip worthwhile simply by eavesdropping on others' conversation. More than once something will be said that is the missing link in your own study and investigation. Ask the alert engineer who goes to a meeting. Very likely it's information coming entirely aside from the papers being read that is valuable to him. Of course the papers presented focus attention on the problem, and it may be that the real nugget of information will come up in the question and answer period following the delivery of the paper. The main point is that free interchange of ideas accelerate progress and technical meetings provide the time, place and direction.
Professional engineering and educational groups and trade groups that sponsor such affairs deserve respect and support. Support should be given by the industry by sending engineers to meetings and encouraging participation in committees that organize such meeting. For those whose interest is only selfinterest, participate simply by sending your engineers. Even if you take part in only a unilateral way everyone will benefit.Why not assign at least one engineer, if not more to cover every meeting coming up? Stipulate only one thing, that they write a trip report. Possibly better yet, schedule your own interdepartmental meeting where everyone reports on what he learned from being on the road.-JAL.

## Engineering Review

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

Biggest, Most Flexible Memory Yet
With access time of less than a second to any one bit of information out of a total of 500 million bits, the Potter RAM is ready to automatize large-size clerical filing systems. Inventory control recording for mass production manufacturers, lifetime subscription fulfillments, cataloging, or insurance record keeping are areas the RAM will serve. Four hundred thousand different addresses can store 64 million 8 -bit characters. The Potter Instrument Co., Inc., Great Neck, N.Y., RAM is equal in capacity to 20 standard tape handlers or 13 of the heretofore largest random access memory mechanisms. The information can run high speed printers.
Memory tapes are supported in a bin which has a 3 -dimensional physical configuration much like
a filing cabinet drawer. Data are stored on conventional 8 -track magnetic tape strung in vertical columns on "pages" which can be lifted vertically to bring a selected data location into contact with the record-playback head. The removable storage bin holds 200 pages.
In normal usage, one of the eight tracks is used to identify the beginning and end of blocks and one is used as a clock track, leaving six tracks for binary-coded alphanumeric information. Positive and negative saturation recording is used with return-to-zero or non-return-to-zero techniques.
Positioning of the mechanical access mechanism is achieved by serially-connected pneumaticallyprogrammed cylinders which contribute modified binary-coded motion increments simultaneously.


One "page" of memorized data of RAM is shown raised at the left for reading. At the extreme right are solenoid valves operated by digital code which send air signals through hoses to serially connected pistons, middle right. As pistons move a page is lifted from the bin, the recording head is positioned to pick up the right tape and the proper section selected and scanned.


IBM Electric Typewriter employing electronic tabulation. Note small size of electronic control unit which mounts beneath keyboard.

## Electronic Control for Typewriters

In an effort to further simplify the typists job, the Electric Typewriter Division of International Business Machines Corporation has introduced electronic sensing and control equipment in their standard electric typewriter. Incorporating an elec-tronic-tube switching circuit which operates a relay hooked up to the tabulator, the electronic unit makes tabulation entirely automatic.
Conductive ink is used on the billing or accounting forms which, according to IBM spokesmen, costs only a little more than ordinary ink. Contact for "tab sensing" is made by a conducting brush as it passes over the ink line, thus operating the relay and stopping the carriage in a prescribed number of spaces beyond the line.

Admitted by IBM officials to be only the first of a number of coming electronic applications to typewriters, an expanding market for electronic components and equipment seems assured.

The electronic unit currently being used by IBM, although employing a tube, measures only approximately 3 by 6 inches in size. It is mounted beneath the keyboard. One of the problems in "electronfying" the typewriter is the small space available for the electronic unit. Transistors can be expected to play an important part in this development.


## Dow high temperature magnesium alloys have excellent fabrication characteristics

Lightweight structural metals with high strength, stiffness and elasticity at elevated temperatures! A new group of Dow mag. nesium alloys offers is great combination of these properties without the fabricating difficulties normally experienced with other high temperature materials.
Specially developed for use in airframes, missile and engine structures, the new alloys are already making weight reductions possible for several manufacturers. These alloys show advantages at temperatures up to $700^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Limited test data on properties up to $800^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. are available for some of them.

FABRICATION: Fabrication characteristics are equal to those of standard magnesium alloys.

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One of the new alloys is magnesium thorium composition HK3IA. It is now available in rolled form from stock. Castings and sheet in mill quantities are also readily available. A companion alloy for extruded shapes and forgings will soon be in production.
For more information about the new high temperature magnesium alloys, contact your nearest Dow Sales Office or write
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EASIIY FORMED. These HK3IA parts were drawn using production dies and processes for standard magnesium alloys. The parts retained a higher percentage of original properties than standard alloy".
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## Electric Contour Controls Miller

Boeing Airplane Company is using two new 85ton contour profile milling machines, equipped with GE tracer control systems. The machines are being used in the production of B-52 global bombers for the USAF. Boeing's application of the GE control system has made possible stepped-up production and greater precision. Actual production figures are classified but Boeing officials report that the new machines quickly cleared away a six-week backlog of work immediately after their installation and have not been behind schedule since the third week of operation.

Onsrud Machine Works manufactures the milling machines which are used in processing spar and wing chords and wing skins requiring a wide valriety of machine cuts. Many of the necessary cuts recquire rise and fall, transverse, and twist motions simultancously. The GE tracer control system, which operates from cams or templates, includes six selsyn-type tracers capable of controlling three motions on each of two heads simultaneously.

## Room Color Control by Electronics

The first full-scale presentation of man's newest light source, electronic light, was made recently in Pittsburgh when Westinghouse unveiled a complete room lighted by electroluminescence.

Panels no thicker than window glass lined the ceiling and three walls, giving off light (approximately 50 -foot-candles at an efficiency of 3 lumens per watt) equivalent to that in a modern, welllighted office or class room.

The unveiling was the climax of a demonstration on electroluminescence by Edward G. F. Arnott, lamp division director of research, and was a preliminary event in the dedication of Westinghouse's new multimillion dollar research laboratories.

Electroluminescence is light emission by suitable phosphor powders embedded in an insulator and subjected only to the action of an alternating current electric field. The phenomenon was first discovered in 1936 by French scientist Georges Destriau, who published a paper on his findings in 1947. Small-scale applications, such as flashlights, were perfected as early as 1954 .

In the demonstration, one hundred and twelve glass panels, each one foot square and about $1 / 8$ inch thick, were used to illuminate the room with soft green light.

Since the emitted color of electroluminescence varies with the frequency of the exciting energy, the 3.50 v ac, 3 kc green power source may be varied by means of an oscillator control knob. In this way, the housewife of the future may have complete mastery over the lighting in her house with two control knobs in every room, one for brightness and one for color.


Home television tape player developed by RCA reproduces pre－recorded black－and－white television selections on a stand－ ard TV set．

Television Tape Player for the Home
Recent developments in an air conditioner，the electronic light amplifier，and a home＂hear－see＂ tape player were disclosed last week by RCA while celebrating Brig．General David Sarnoff＇s 50th year in the fields of radio television and electronics． All of the items have been announced previously but significant new developments have come about．

The principles employed in the television tape recording system have been applied in the develop－ ment of a home television sight and sound tape player．An electronic room air conditioning system and a new larger electronic refrigerator have been developed from the earlier small refrigerator．From the original light amplifier，the scientists have de－ veloped a new amplifier capable of increasing by 1000 times the brightness of projected light．Such a system for industrial X－ray use has been perfected．

## Dollar Savings Through Standards

Seventy－nine cases of savings resulting from stand－ ardization are covered in a newly－published survey by ASA entitled，＂Dollar Savings Through Standards．＂ The studies were prepared for ASA by 70 American companies and 6 associations．They cover about 27 industrial fields．Copies of the survey will be furnished by ASA free on request．Also recently published by ASA is a four－page booklet entitled＂What Is an Ameri can Standard？＂．Copies of this booklet may also be oltained without charge from ASA．

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| AC Input： | $100-130$ Volts， 1 phase， 60 cps |
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## High Speed Data Reduction

Electronic equipment at the Lockheed 1issile Systems division in Van Nuys, Calif., changes a tape recording of crambled tones into graphs from which scientists and engineers can nterpret a missile's flight performance The equipment cuts the analysis peiod of flight test data from months to lays. Upper left is tape recording, line f equipment in rear transforms inormation on taped record to decks of sunched cards, and foreground is a slotter which produces graphs from nformation on the cards.

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Is pounds. Yet it provides accurate heading information at all latitudes, is rugged enough to maintain its high accuracy despite the jolts and speeds of jet flight. The Air Force has just selected it as standard for all new fighter craft. Kearfott's N-1 Compass System has been the navigrational standard for Air Force bombers for 5 years.

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The printer is thus capable of processing speeds of up to 50,000 words a minute. It will produce in one minute 40 complete and different documents as large as $8-1 / 2$ by 11 in . According to Arthur L. Malcarney, V-P and General Manager, of RCA Commercial Electronic Products, the unit is in a developmental stage and no commercial plans as yet have been established.
The electron-image tube translates code by selecting the proper alphabet letters and numerals, one by one, from a "font" and projects them in any desired pattern on the tube's ten-in. face. The pattern is photographed direct from the tube face by a 35 mm camera.

A film-processing system develops the exposed film at the rate of 10 feet a minute. The RCA Electrofax dryprocess enlarging printer accepts the 3.5 mm film, enlarges it about 11 times and reproduces the information.

## Test Equipment Study

US Dept. of Defense has established a national center at NYU for monitoring research and development on electronic equipment. A team of NYU research engineers are to serve as staff for the Electronic Test Equipment Coordination Group. Test equipment research and development throughout the electronics industry and the armed services is to be studied. Other tasks include: providing technical assistance for analysis and evaluation of proposed and present electronic test equipment projects; calling attention to new lab advances and trends here and abroad; anticipating future needs for certain equipment and initiating research to meet those needs; ending unnecessary duplication of effort by reporting on industrial and service-wide developments.

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Letters and numbers can be reproduced at the rate of 1.2 million per minute for recording photographically with the use of a new model of the Charactron Shaped-Beam Tube. The tube, designated Type C7C11, is produced at the San Diego plant of Stromberg-Carlson. It has a seveninch diameter and is capable of nine times the information density possible with other models of the Charactron Shaped-Beam Tube. Each character has been reduced to a height of .035 inches. Ten thousand can be reproduced for photographing in one frame. They can be arranged in the form of 100 lines of 100 characters each.

The Charactron Shaped-Beam Tube has been called an "electronic typewriter" because it utilizes a stream of electrons to create numbers and letters on a phosphor-coated screen. similar to the screen of a television set.

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were helped. While only one-fourth $(82,000)$ of the undergraduate group were studying in the sciences, aproximately one half $(18,000)$ of the raduate students, and virtually all (1300) of those receiving such assist.mee for postdoctoral training and research were pursuing scientific studies. The National Science Foundation report "Federal Support For Science Students in Higher Education" indicated that eligibility for Federal support at the undergraduate level was determined almost exclusively by military service, either through the completion of past service or commitment to future service.

## Mobile Calibration Test Van

To assist field installations in maintaining equipment accuracy, the US Signal Corps has developed a mobile Equipment Calibration Test van which operates from signal depots to service field installations. Periodically visiting field maintenance shops, Signal Corps and Ordnance detachments supporting anti-aircraft defended areas, Strategic Air Command hases, National Guard shops and division signal companies, it is intended that by next year there will be one van for each Army area in the US.
In addition to adjustment and recalibration of field equipment, the van stocks some repair parts and basic meters to repair defective equipment on the spot.

## Optical Driverless Tractor

Sniffing its way along a white line, the optical guidance system of this tractor can steer it without wires or operator.
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## Supersensitive Camera Tube

Seeing in the dark, or at levels of illumination below the human visual threshold, may soon be achieved by the "Ebicon" television camera tube developed by the Westinghouse Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa . The heart of the device is a selenium layer which acts as an electron multiplier with a factor of about 100. In this way a gain is achieved which overrides the noise inherent in the subsequent vacuum tube amplifiers.
The tube may replace photographic plates in astronomy, or improve medical fluoroscopic techniques which are now limited by the amount of radiation a patient can safely absorb. Indoor or outdoor events could be recorded regardless of time of day or weather conditions. In the field of nuclear physics, the tube might see and record highenergy atomic reactions as they take place inside luminescent crystals. Another version of the same type tube, which is the process of development, is expected to be eight times smaller by volume and weight than existing sensitive tubes.

## New Core Material

Flakenol I, a new high permeability material developed by the Naval Ordnance Lab., White Oak, Silver Spring, Md., is intended to replace powdered molybdenum-permalloy as a magnetic core material for use at most communications frequencies. Flakenol I has the advantage of lower eddy-current losses and lower density than high nickel-content alloys presently used for magnetic cores. Its adoption offers the possibility of extending the frequency range of magnetic powder cores to the hypersonic and low radio frequencies, where they were prohibited earlier because of high eddy-current losses. Low in cost, Flakenol I is expected to surpass high-nickel alloys in performance.

## Washington Report

Herbert H. Rosen

Project Vanguard Events are moving faster each day as the start of the International Geophysical Year approaches. A new radio tracking station for the earth satellite has been established at Blossom Point, Maryland. Minitrack, the NRL-developed tracking system is to be first tested here. It is supposed to have a 4000 mile range. J. Paul Walsh has been named deputy to Dr. John Hagen for the project.

Federal Trade Commission Industry-inspired rules of practice help guide the FTC in its job of protecting the consumer. The latest action has been taken by the environmental equipment industry. A conference (has been) was called on October 19 for the purpose of outlining trade practice rules for the industry. RETMA has also been active in this area and has recently agreed to supply the FTC with a definition of a "transistor radio." The RETMA resolution prescribes that sets using both transistors and vacuum tubes may properly attach the name "transistor" to its name only as follows: "transistor-power" or "transistor pick-up."

Civil Aeronautics Administration Ever since the start of the Government's mutual assistance programs, the CAA has been responsible for helping foreign countries get their civil aviation programs going. They have sent teams of expert engineers and aviation planners all over the world. Right now they have 26 such teams overseas. They operate through the International Cooperation Administration, which through itself and its predecessors has allotted $\$ 10$ or $\$ 11$ million to CAA for the procurement of navigation and airport control equipment. The latest contract for $\$ 197,108$ has been awarded to Gates Radio for high frequency transmitters to be used in Pakistan

Nuclear Reactors Washington may soon become the reactor center of the world. The Naval Research Laboratory recently put a research reactor under testthe first operative one in the area. Fort Belvoir is on schecdule for the construction of the first "transportalice" power reactor. The University of Maryland has reccived a grant to build a "no-power" reactor to be used in teaching nuclear physicists and engineers. ACF Industries' Nuclear Energy Division, with headquaters in Washington, talks about building its own renctor in Maryland. And the National Bureau of Stuclards, too, is thinking of erecting one on its new $g$ runds in Gathersburg, Maryland.

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Nov. 13-16: Fourth Annual Meeting of the Investment Casting Institute.
Sheraton Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich. "Vacuun" Metals Symposium" is the theme of the meetings. An extensive program of talks has been scheduled. legistration fee is $\$ 25.00$. Details available from the Investment Casting Institute, 27 East Monroc, Chicago 3, III.

Nov. 14-16: Symposium on Optics and Microwaves. George Washington University, Washington, D. C. Sponsored by the IRE Professional Group on Antennas and Propagation, the George Washington University and the Optical Society of America. For further information, contact the IRE, 1 E. 79th St., New York 21, N. Y.

Nov. 15-16: ORSA Tenth National Meeting.
Hotel Mark Hopkins, San Francisco, Calif. Operations Research is the theme of the meeting. Further information may be obtained from the Program Chairman at the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.

Nov. 17: Professional Group on Engineering Management of IRE.
Engineering Auditorium, New York City. General Doriot, pres. American Research Development. Subject of meeting, "Science and Management.' For further information contact Harold Hechtman, Airborne Instruments I ahs.. 160 Old Country Road, Mineola, N. Y.

Vov. 26-30: Third International Automation Expoition.
rade Show Building, New York, N. Y. Clinic sesions will be offered in electronic computers, procis automation, machine tool automation, office utomation, automatic materials handling, servoinechanisms, electromechanical components, and -lectronic components. More than a hundred exlibitors will participate in the clinics. A two-day "Senior Officer Conference on Office Automation" directed by Gordon L. Mattson and sponsored by Fordham University School of Business will be held. For information, write to Richard Rimbach Asso(riates, 845 Ridge Ave., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

Dec. 3-4: Second Midwest Symposium on Circuit Theory.
Michigan State University. Symposium will consist of four sessions: Topology and Circuit Theory, System Analysis and Synthesis, Circuit Theory and Applications, and the Place of Circuit Theory in Education. A talk on "Engineering Education for the Future" will be given by Dr. J. D. Ryder on Monday evening. Papers will also be presented by angineers in the education field. Contact for further information, IRE, 1 West 79 th St., N. Y., N. Y.

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. For further information, contact the IRE, 1 E. 79th St. New York, N. Y.

Dec. 10-12: Easfern 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.

Dec. 19-20: RETMA Symposium on Applied Reliability.
Linvard Hall, University of Southern California, I.us Angeles, Calif. Sessions on Mechanical Reliability, Information Feedback, Component Eval"tion Usage will be presented. "Failure Feedback

It Effective" is highlight of the meeting. Registhition in advance is $\$ 3.00$. Further information re(ived from RETMA Engineering Office, Room (-0). 11 West 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y.


[^1]Jan. 9-11, 1957: Symposium on Communication Theory and Anfenna Design.
Boston University, Boston, Mass. Sponsored by the Air Force Cambridge Research Center and Boston University. For information, contact Miss Alice Cahill, Air Force Cambridge Research Center, Air Research and Development Command, Laurence G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass.

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.

Jan. 16-18: Society of Plastics Engineers, Inc., Thirfeenth Annual Technical Conference.
Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. Sixty-eight advanced technical papers will be presented. For further information contact Jas. R. Davidson, Executive Secretary, Society of Plastics Engineers, Inc., Suite 116-18, 34 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich Conn.

Jan. 23-25, 1957: Very Low Frequency Symposium. NBS Boulder Laboratories, Boulder, Colo. Cosponsored by the Denver-Boulder chapter of the IRE PGAP and the Boulder Laboratories, National Bureau of Standards. The program is titled "Theoretical and Experimental Results in the Propagation and Radiation of Very-Low-Frequency Electromagnetic Waves (less than about 100 kc )." Authors are being requested to submit summaries for appraisal as soon as possible to Dr. J. R. Wait, Chairman, Denver-Boulder PGAP Chapter, National Bu reau of Standards, Boulder, Colo. For further in formation, contact U. S. Dept. of Commerce, NBS Boulder Laboratories, Boulder, Colo.

Feb. 7: Annual Symposium of the New York Section of the ISA.
Garden City Hotel, Garden City, N. Y. Short papers on "Practical Accuracy of Measurement" will be presented followed by a discussion. Afternoon session will be on "Data Handling." For further information contact G. Newberg, Publicity Chairman, Fairchild Engine Division, Fairchild Engine \& Airplane Corp., Deer Park, L. I., N. Y.

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Feb. 26-28: Western Joint Compufer Conference.
Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. The Conference is under the joint sponsorship of the IRE, AIEE, and ACM. Theme of the meetings will be "Techniques For Reliability." For further information contact S. Dean Wanlass, Aeronutronic Systems, Inc., 13729 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, Calif.

March 11-15: The 1957 Nuclear Congress
Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. Exhibits and conference sessions covering latest developments relating to the utilization of atomic energy in its various non-military forms for civilian use. For further information contact Atomic Exposition Office, 304 Architects Bldg., Phila. 3, Pa.

March 18-21: The 1957 SPI Annual National Conference and Pacific Coast Plastics Exposition.
Hotel Biltmore, Los Angeles, Calif., sponsored by the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc. Sessions will cover plastics in the fields of electronics, aircraft and defense, building, and processing. Exposition will be held at the Shrine Exposition Hall Further information may be obtained from the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc., 250 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

April 8-11, 1957: Fourth National Electrical Indusfries Show.
71st Regiment Armory, New York, N.Y. Sponsored by the Eastern Electrical Wholesalers Association For more information, contact William S. Orkin, Co-Producer, The American Electrical Industries Expositions, Inc., 19 W. 44th St., New York, N.Y

April 11-13, 1957: Southwestern IRE Conference and Electronics Show.
Houston, Texas. Sponsored by the Houston Section of the IRE. This conference will be augmented by the National Simulation Conference which will be sponsored by the IRE Professional Group on Electronic Computers. For information, write to Ninth Southwestern IRE Conference and Electronics Show, P. (). Box 1234, Houston 1, Texas.

May 16-18: Eighth Annual Conference and Convenfion, American Instifufe of Industrial Engineers. New York City, Hotel Statler. For information write to AIIE, P.O. Box 8, Substation 135, The Bronx 53, New York.

## Ceramics In Electronic Design



With the rapidly growing importance of ceramics in electronic design, basic questions concerning these materials are continually being asked by design engineers. The questions that occur most frequently are answered below. For those whose knowledge of ceramics ends with conventional pottery and chinaware, these answers will serve as an introduction to a subject that sooner or later is bound to concern them. For those who are already acquainted with technical ceramics, reference tables are included as convenient guides towards more effective and economical ceramic applications. Thus, this brief article is intended to bridge the gap between the electronic engineer and the ceramic supplier and to provide a working knowledge of ceramic characteristics as related to electronic design.

## What are ceramics?

Basically, they are metallic oxides of varying compositions that have been fired or matured at high temperatures, resulting in permanent form and hardness. Common examples are steatite, forsterite, and alumina

## Why are ceramics becoming so important?

Progress in electronics, aviation, and allied fields, spurred on by military necessity, demands utmost ruggedness and reliability under increasingly rigorous environmental conditions. These include extremes of temperature, vibration, and shock, as well as space limitations and seal requirements-hermetic, oil, gas, and vacuum-in the packaging of electronic equipment. These requirements can best be met by the unique properties of ceramics; often they can be met in no other way.

What are the properties of ceramic materials?
The properties of primary interest to electronic design engineers are shown in Table I. This table represents typical values from available literature as well as manufacturers' specifications for the materials shown. These values show the relative relationship of the various materials for each characteristic and should not be considered as absolute. Since a wide range of characteristics is available by varying the composition and processing, the ceramics manufacturer should be consulted for the precise values of specific compositions. (Ferroelectric and ferromagnetic ceramics, which have valuable properties peculiar to themselves, are not covered in this article.)

How are these properties so unique?
The outstanding characteristics of ceramics are: resistance to high temperature, shock, and vibration; high dielectric strength, high electrical resistance at all temperatures; extreme hardness; high mechanical strength; and sealing capability. These qualities are not found either in combination or to the same degree in any other material.

One of the most valuable characteristics is that certain ceramics can be joined to metals at high temperatures by hard solder techniques. This allows a vacuum seal that is a combination of conductor and insulator and will withstand high temperatures.

What standard shapes of ceramics are available and what shapes are practicable?

Bushings, cylinders, dises, rings, tubing, and rod, although not always offered as shelf items by all manufacturers due to the varied detail requirements, are readily available in a wide variety of sizes (see Fig. 1). Special shapes of differing contours and with differing numbers and sizes of holes are entirely practicable but should be worked out in the early design stage with the ceramic supplier (see Fig. 2).

Why are ceramics superior to glass in electron tubes? Higher shock and vibration specifications, increased reliability, and more rugged construction are demands best met by ceramics. Ceramic tube construction with the elimination of glass allows higher "bake-out" temperatures limited only by the associated metals and solders. Bake-out temperatures of 700 C for ceramic
tubes are common as against a maximum of about 450 C for glass tubes. This permits a more thorough degassing of tube elements with a resulting increase in tube performance, life, and reliability. Microwave tubes with peak powers of several megawatts or more are made possible through the use of ceramic windows which are free from the customary softening of glass with consequent imploding of the vacuum tube. Ceramic construction also permits a reduction in overall tube size.

What dictates the choice of one ceramic over another or even over other materials such as glass or plastics?

The requirements of the application determine the selection. Usually, the high-temperature requirements rule out plastics, whereas fragility, higher loss factor, and lower softening point temperature discount glass. In general, most requirements, including the most stringent, can be met by alumina ceramics, while for lesser requirements, forsterite and steatite can be used.

## Are ceramics really all they claim to be, with no drawbacks? <br> Within their rated characteristics, ceramic materials

 do live up to their claims, but along with advantages there are naturally certain limitations. Ceramics, like metals, should be used where there is an actual need for one or more of their properties; and a particular ceramic should be selected because it provides a predominance of the particular properties required. As a general rule, ceramics do not have as wide a flexibility of size and shape as do metals.What are the size limitations on ceramic parts?
Size limitations depend on the facilities of the ceramic manufacturer as well as on the ceramic material. fabrication process, and end product under consideration. Extruded rods and tubing can be made in lengths up to several feet with various diameters; however, there is the problem of the camber and concentricity
allowable over the required length for the final ceramic piece. Discs and cylinders of alumina ceramics produced by the dry-press method are usually limited o about four inches in diameter. Special shapes and larger pieces can be made by processes such as slip casting or isostatic pressing combined with individual batch firing.

Do ceramic parts cost much more than parts made of other materials?
Ceramic parts cost little if any more in the final analysis, since the use of ceramics, particularly in ceramic-to-metal assemblies, often results in an overall saving in manufacturing cost. Ceramics permit better accuracy and dimensional control to be maintained in design and allow more precise assembly to be performed with actually less skill than that required in zlass work. Ceramic-to-metal assemblies also allow one-shot brazing operations, for further savings.

How high a temperature can ceramics stand?
This depends on the material selected; with alumina ceramics operating temperatures up to 1700 C are permissible.

## Can ceramics be joined to metals?

Using metallized alumina ceramics, the author's company has manufactured on a production basis many different types of vacuum seals that pass helium leak detector tests and meet military specifications. These joints are formed by brazing the ceramic to the metal with either soft or hard solder. Most of the metals are suitable, particularly Kovar.

What are the temperature limitations of ceramic-tometal seals?
The metals and solders selected determine the temperature limitation of the entire assembly. For example, a copper brazed joint will form a vacuum seal at approximately 1100 C , thus allowing a variety of other seals to be made in subsequent brazing operations at successively lower temperatures. Coppersilver, eutectic, pure silver, and gold alloys are some of the other high-temperature solders that may be used, not to mention the soft solders.

In what state are ceramics supplied and used?
Contrary to some belief, ceramics are supplied not as powders but in a finished, fired state ready for use. The ceramic manufacturer forms the finished, fired cramic compositions by methods akin to those used in powder metallurgy. For example, a ceramic might lon obtained in the form of a bare ceramic insulator. a metalized shape, or a complete ceramic-to-metal licuum-tested assembly.

## What is meant by metallized ceramics?

Through special processes of the ceramic manufactorer, metal coatings are fired into the ceramic at high 1. 'nperatures. thus producing a conductive layer. Since is layer is firmly bonded to the ceramic by chemical


Fig. 1. Some standard sizes and shapes of ceramic parts. Shown are parts of alumina ceramic.
reaction, it permits the ceramic to be brazed to metals by a wide variety of hard solders. The resulting bond permits a true vacuum seal and is as strong as the ceramic itself.

Are ceramics available already metallized for subsequent use in a ceramic-to-metal assembly?

Yes, ceramics can be supplied already metalized for production brazing in the customer's plant. Or, if preferred, ceramic-to-metal assemblies can be supplied complete, $100 \%$ helium-leak-tested, thus eliminating the need for ceramic-to-metal brazing by the customer. Final assembly operations may then be carried on by conventional methods that are essentially the same as those used for forming metal-to-metal brazes or welds.

## What tolerances are possible on ceramic parts?

Generally speaking, a tolerance of $\pm 5 \%$ or $0.005^{\prime \prime}$ whichever is greater, is desirable from a manufacturing point of view. Tolerances of tenths of thousands can be achieved by special control and processes such as diamond grinding if necessary. Fig. 4 shows typical as diamond grinding if necessary. Ceramic parts for electron tubes are being made. Silhouette on preceding page shows a tube part.

## Can ceramics be machined and worked by the design engineer?

After firing. ceramics are extremely hard and do not lend themselves to machining. Alumina ceramic, for instance, has a Moh factor of 9 and is difficult to grind except by ultrasonic machining or diamond tools. This means that the entire fabrication is done by the ceramic manufacturer in his processing and by machining the piece in the "green" state. Thus, after firing, the ceramic is ready for use or metalizing.

In specifying a ceramic design, what are the general considerations?

A check list, next page, covers key points to be considered for good ceramic design. Careful use of this check list will result in a practical design that is


Fig. 2. Alumina ceramic parts of specialized form to meet exacting applications.
cconomical to produce, with the added benefits of minimum lead time and ensured quality and repeatability. It is important that the preliminary drawings supplied to the ceramics manufacturer be consistent with good ceramic practice, which is not necessarily the same as good metal practice. Expensive and timeconsuming redesign work is thereby avoided, and the final details can be speedily handled by consultation with the ceramic sales engineer.

## Why are ceramic terminals finding increasing applications?

Ceramic terminals, particularly those of the alumina type, are readily assembled into electronic units over a wide range of processing temperatures. They produce reliable seals that can meet the higher temperature, shock, and vibration requirements of advanced military equipment.

Why are ceramic spacers replacing mica spacers in electron tubes?
Vibration of tube elements eventually enlarges the support holes of mica spacers, thus altering the original tube parameters. Ceramic spacers are not affected by vibration, and in addition are non-flaking and permit more thorough outgassing during tube manufacture. Since these advantages all contribute to tube reliability, ceramic spacers are of increasing interest to the military.

What are some of the most common electronic applications?

Among the basic electronic circuit components that utilize ceramics in one way or another are resistor bodies, coil forms, condensers, condenser shafts, terminals, transclucers, and printed circuit bases. Ceramics are employed in electron tubes for spacers, envelopes, and output windows.

What is the future trend in electronic applications? Due to their high strength, high voltage, wide temperature range, and metalizing characteristics, ce-
ramics will find increasing use in electron tubes. Stacked ceramic tubes as well as other ceramic tube designs are readily adaptable to mass production by automatic machinery. Ceramic terminals and connectors, which are already being used in military equipment such as airborne radars, will be used increasingly in high-quality commercial equipment. Due to temperature limitations, plastics will soon be overtaken by ceramics in the design of airborne radomes as velocity specifications further increase.
Of all the ceramic compositions available, the major trend is towards the alumina ceramics, since they can best satisfy the majority of electronic requirements.

## Ceramic Design Checklist

## Material

Select proper ceramic material on basis of characteristics required for your particular application. Consider mechanical strength, mechanical and thermal shock properties, temperature, dimension stability, porosity, hardness, water absorption, gas permeability, chemical inertness, and electrical properties such as losses, dielectric strength, and volume resistivity.

## Shape

Simplicity is the rule. Good ceramic design practice invariably stems from simplicity. Avoid heavy, variable cross sections with abrupt changes in level and thickness. Attempt to simplify more complicated pieces by use of inserts. Does the item have to be entirely of ceramic? Consider use of ceramic-to-metal assemblies.

## Dimensions

Indicate non-critical dimensions on ceramic piece in fractional form, key dimensions in decimal form with appropriate tolerances. Consult the ceramic manufacturer for dimensioning of metalized and brazed dimensions for best results.

## Tolerances

Keep tolerances as broad as possible. Express wide tolerances in fractions of an inch, close tolerances in decimal form. A tolerance spread of $\pm 5$ per cent or .005 in ., whichever is greater, is required to avoid grinding. Tenths of thousands can be held by grinding, but such tolerances should be specified only when the application actually requires them. Remember that standard machine shop tolerances and practices for metals do not necessarily apply to ceramics.

## Specifications

Specify completely. Make sure all important specifications are clearly stated and not merely implied. Even if a specification is not important, include it on drawing with broadest permissible tolerance to show that
you have taken it into consideration. Check:

| concentricity | parallelism |
| :--- | :--- |
| perpendicularity | ellipticity |
| flushness | radii of fillets |
| camber | chamfer |
| threads | holes |
| inside angles | warpage |
| flatness |  |

Specify radii of fillets to reduce risk of cracking ceramic and to strengthen inside corners. On inside angles where ground surfaces are to meet, specify an undercut.
Reduce the camber and ellipticity by using proper and sufficient wall thickness. Likewise, in ceramic designs with holes or counterbores, avoid cracking by allowing sufficient material wall thickness. Avoid placing holes too near each other or to edge of piece; allow a wall thickness at least equal to diameter of hole.
Consider chamfers on exposed edges that may be subject to chipping.

On threads, specify a flat or radius to avoid a sharp "V"; check possibility of transferring thread to metal insert. Generally, threads increase cost of ceramic
parts, particularly on the harder ceramics, and shouk be avoided if possible.
Blisters, chips and cracks are acceptable commer cially and by government specifications to a certain extent as defined and where there is no impairment of performance.

## Drawings

Submit drawings on ceramic parts and assemblies in line with above comments to ceramic manufacturer. Save time; supply all environmental and operating data along with the drawings. On assemblies, your end requirement represents the most important drawing. The intermediate and ceramic drawings as far as seal dimensions and tolerances are concerned can be left to the ceramic manufacturer, provided he adheres to the final assembly drawing. This drawing should contain all dimensions requiring inspection.

## Finish

Is surface to be unglazed, glazed, metalized, or specially treated?

The mechanical surface strength of ceramic is generally somewhat lessened by glazing, which aids only in the cleaning of ceramic.

Table I
Approximate Characteristics Of "Electronic" Ceramic Materials

| Characteristic | Material |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 흫 흔 훈 |  | N <br> 0 <br> 0 <br> 0 <br> 0 <br> 0 <br> 0 |  |  |  |  | \% | - |
| Dielectric Constant (1 mc) | 6.7 | 5.5-6.5 | 3.7 | 5.8 | 4.5 | $7-8$ | 8-9 | 6.5 | 9 |
| Power Factor (1 mc) | . 009 | . 0008 | . 00035 | . 0008 | . 008 | . 002 | . 0006 | . 0002 | . 0014 |
| Loss Factor $(1 \mathrm{mc})$ | . 055 | . 004 | . 0013 | . 004 | . 03 | . 016 | . 005 | . 0014 | . 013 |
| Water Absorption (\%) | 0.1.0 | 0-. 01 | 0 | 16 | 3-8 | 0.5 | 0.00 | 0-.01 | 0.01 |
| Tensive Strength (p.s.i. x $10^{3}$ ) | 2.6 | 13 | 8 | 2.8 | 3 | 8 | 26 | 10 | 10 |
| Flexural Strength (p.s.i. $\times 10^{3}$ ) | 11 | 20 | - | 6 | 7-10 | 18 | 48 | 12 | 18.5 |
| Compressive Strength (p.s.i. $\times 10^{3}$ ) | 30-65 | 65-65 | 200 | 48 | 50-95 | 25 | 275 | 80 | 80 |
| Dielectric Strength (volts/mil) | 100-200 | 250 | 200 | 65 | 200 | 245 | 500 | 250 | 200 |
| Hardness, Moh's scale | 7.5 | 7.5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | - | 9 | 7.5 | 8 |
| Modulus of Elasticity (p.s.i. $\times 10^{6}$ ) | 10 | 14 | 4 | - | 5 | - | 40 | - | 21 |
| Specific Gravity | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 2.5 | - | 3.6 | 2.8 | 3.7 |
| Linear Thermal Expansion 20-100 C (in. $/ \mathrm{in} . /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \times 10^{-9}$ ) | 3.6 | 6 | . 20 | 9.4 | 2.5-4 | - | 6.2 | 8.5 | 2.5-5 |
| $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}$ Value ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )** ${ }^{*}$ |  | $50^{\circ}-800^{\circ}$ | - | - | $750^{\circ}$ | - | $1000^{\circ}$ | $990^{\circ}$ | $700^{\circ}$ |

*TK is that temperature at which the volume resistivity reaches 1 Meg .

The region of metalized areas should be clearly delined. Is metalizing required for brazing or electrical conduction? State temperatures and solders involved, as well as any special plating requirements.

## Application

State the application as clearly as possible. Include environmental as well as operating conditions.

Check:
vacuum or non-vacuum mechanical shock and vibration temperature range, max and min continuous operating temperature temperature cycling mechanical stresses
thermal shock
humidity
pressure
altitude
atmosphere, oil, or gas
electrical ratings
If an assembly, what type of seal is involved? Hermetic, pressure, oil, gas, or vacuum? Remember that a hermetic seal does not mean a vacuum seal. Is pressure or helium leak detection required? On a sampling basis or 100 per cent? Indicate desired temperature range over which seal must be satisfactory.

## Quantity

Specify quantity involved on sample or production order as well as future potential. The quantity may determine the manufacturing process selected as well as the design of temporary or permanent tooling. Thus, it may determine the ultimate unit cost.

## Delivery

Allow as much time as possible so as not to needlessly rush the design and prevent proper consideration being given to it. Generally, at least several weeks are required for ceramic parts; where extensive tooling is needed, three to four additional weeks may be needed.

## Use

Ceramics are technically dependable and reliable for dsing the job they are intended for but are in general rlatively brittle. Avoid mishandling or dropping of luavy parts and pouring or dumping of small pieces.
In brazing ceramic assemblies, check the brazing tomperatures, temperature cycling, solders used, and the thermal shock to be encountered in all brazing (")erations. Consult freely with the ceramic manufacturer on all subsequent brazing operations or when( ir questions arise.

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A subsequent article will discuss ceramic-to-metal seals.

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# Guides to Tube Selection 

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SELECTION of the proper tube to perform a given operation can be broken down into five steps: 1 , selection of the triode group or pentode group as required; 2, selection of a tube capable of providing a required current change at the chosen minimum plate voltage, $E_{b p} ; 3$, selection of a tube having an adequate transconductance; 4, selection of a tube having adequate heat dissipation rating; and 5 , selection of a tube capable of operating well within its dissipation rating. Other factors affecting the selection of the best tube for a specific application are listed later in this article.
Selection between triodes and pentodes frequently is difficult to make. The pentode has, because of improper techniques of use, been neglected for many of its most effective applications. The applications most suited to triodes include circuits best built with dual section tubes, circuits requiring minimum internal tube noise, and circuits providing the smallest possible voltage across the tube at high currents.
Plate conductance, $g_{p}$, in the triode, and screen-toplate transconductance, $G_{u I 2}$, in the multigrid tube, control the ability of the tube to provide plate current change at any level of supply voltage. A high value of $g_{p}$ or $G_{\mathrm{wr}}$ makes available a large plate current change at low supply voltages, and vice versa. As a result, they determine the ability of the tube to develop usable power within a specified dissipation rating for the tube. These $g_{p}$ and $G_{M 2}$ parameters vary rapidly as a function of bias and plate voltage, or bias and screen voltage respectively. The maximum conductance values available in any tube type depend on the geometry of the elements in the individual tube.
The non-linearity, which is inherent in any tube, complicates the determination of power handling ability of a tube in a circuit. The presentation of data on the non-linearity of the tube characteristics may be accomplished in many ways. One most effective way is to plot contours of constant $g_{m}$ and $g_{p}$ or contours of constant $G_{M 1}$. Tubular data on $g_{p}$ and $G_{N 2}$ are particularly useful in tube selection, whereas the contour curves are of particular value in actual circuit design. See typical $12 B H 7$ curves.

## Tube Selection Tables

Table 1 lists a group of triodes in order of ascending $g_{p}$ values. Table 2 lists a group of pentodes in order of ascending $G_{H 2}$ values. These tables offer a convenient method of guiding tube selections rapidly to the proper tube group. They include, in addition to the primary parameter data, values of $g_{m}$ or $G_{\mu I 1}$ and maximum power dissipation, limits for the plate or the plate and screen. The values of $g_{p}$ and $G_{122}$ given in the tables are typical ones selected on the zero bias contour for the control grid, with the tube operating in the area near full dissipation, the values of $g_{p}$ and $G_{M 2}$ from the tables are used with estimates of the $g_{p}$ or $G_{M_{2} 2}$ obtained from equations (1a) or (1b), respectively.
Equations:

$$
\begin{gather*}
g_{p}=I_{b p} / E_{b p}  \tag{1a}\\
G_{M 2}=I_{b p} / E_{c 2} \tag{1b}
\end{gather*}
$$

are needed to develop the required maximum plate current at minimum plate voltage; because a large
signal estimate of $g_{p}$ or $G_{\mu 2}$ is used to obtain the corresponding small signal value, the estimate is multiplied by a gamma factor to adjust for the non-linearity in the tube. For normal operation, the value of gamma used in the selection of a trial tube should be between 1.5 and 2 . If the value of gamma chosen is less than 1.5, the tube cannot accomplish its function for extended periods without serious overload; if the value of gamma chosen is more than 2, the tube will accomplish its function, but does not provide best power economy.
Abnormal environmental conditions in some cases may make necessary selection of a gamma factor either above or below the 1.5 to 2 range recommended above. High altitude or high environmental temperature operation may make necessary the selection of a gamma greater than two. On the other hand, an operation requiring the tube to function for only a few seconds or minutes at a time, with a minimum of total input power, may be best obtained by use of a gamma less than 1.5 in the tube selection.

Table 2. Pentodes listed in order of ascending screen-fo-plate transconductance.

| Tube | $\mathbf{G}_{\mathrm{M}_{1}}$ | $\mathbf{G}_{\mathrm{M}_{2}}$ | Dissipation |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6AU6, 6BH6 | 5000 | 160 | 3 w |
| 6BA6, 6BJ6 | 5000 | 170 | 3 w |
| 6CB6 | 7000 | 188 | 2 w |
| 6AK5 | 7000 | 240 | 1.7 w |
| 6AH6 | 12000 | 260 | 3.3 w |
| 5840 | 6000 | 300 | 1.1 w |
| 6134 | 12000 | 312 | 3 w |
| 6AC7 | 12000 | 312 | 3.0 w |
| 5686 | 4000 | 420 | 7.5 w |
| 6CM6 | 5000 | 480 | 12 w |
| 12BY7 | 13000 | 500 | 6.0 w |
| 6CL6, 6AG7 | 12000 | 520 | $7.5 / 9.0 \mathrm{w}$ |
| 6V6/6AQ5 | 5000 | 580 | 12 w |
| 6L6 | 6000 | 960 | 19 w |
| 6Y6, 6BQ6 | 10000 | 2200 | $12.5 / 10 \mathrm{w}$ |

Table 1. Triodes listed in order of ascending plate conductance.

| Tube | $\mathbf{g}_{\mathrm{m}}$ | $\mathbf{g}_{\mathrm{p}}$ | Dissipation |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| 6SL7 | 2000 | 27 | 1 w |
| 12BZ7 | 7000 | 54 | 1.5 w |
| 12AY7 | 2500 | 55 | 1.5 w |
| 6AM4 | 9000 | 100 | 2.4 w |
| 12AT7 | 8000 | 105 | 2.5 w |
| 6J6 | 6000 | 150 | 1.5 w |
| 6J5 | 4000 | 175 | 2.5 w |
| 12AU7 | 3500 | 180 | 2.75 w |
| 12AV7 | 9000 | 180 | 2.75 w |
| 2C51 | 6600 | 200 | 1.5 w |
| 6BQ7A | 8000 | 225 | 2.0 w |
| 12BH7 | 8000 | 400 | 2.5 w |
| 6AS7 | 10000 | 5000 | 13 w |
|  |  |  |  |

In no case should a gamma be selected which is large enough to permit placing either plate or screen oltages (or both) in the low area of erratic characterstics. Normally this area lies below 25 to 30 v . lests on some tubes have shown that such things as wias line crossovers and other abnormalities may declop in the low voltage area.

## Calculation of Peak Plate Dissipation

The verification that a tube is being used within its dissipation ratings requires the calculation of the peak plate dissipation. The plate voltage at which maximum dissipation occurs may be found by dividing by two the plate voltage value at which the dynamic load line intersects the zero plate current line, $E_{l z}$. Or, the maxinllu! power input is

$$
P_{\nu m}=1 \geq E_{6:}\left|i_{6}\right|_{i c}
$$

where $i_{b}$ is the current at which $e_{\imath}=1 / 2 E_{b}$ :
Triode Peak Dissipation-For triodes, the initial steps in the evaluation are the plotting the static load line, the location of the static operating point, and the plotting of the dynamic load line. Then Eq. (2) is used to determine the maximum plate dissipation.
Example A-A triode R-C amplifier having a supply of 300 v and identical static and dynamic load impedances of 10,000 ohms, uses a 12 BH 7 tube. What is the maximum plate dissipation? From Eq. $1, \boldsymbol{P}_{p m}=2.25 \mathrm{w}$.
Pentode Plate and Screen Dissipations-Calculation of the plate dissipation of pentodes is accomplished in similar manner. First, the screen voltage (trial) to be used is selected. The static operating point is chosen, and the load impedance to be used is selected. The plate voltage at which the dynamic load line intersects the zero plate current line is determined. The balance of the calculation is the same as for the triode.
The maximum power dissipation on the screen of the tetrode or the pentode with constant screen voltagn normally occurs at maximum plate current and minimum plate voltage. The screen dissipation is calculated as:

$$
P_{c z}=E_{c z} I_{b p} X_{c 2 p}
$$

"hwo the value of $X_{c 2 p}$ used is that of maximum platc current (or minimum plate voltage where the lowil reactance may be neglected).
Fample B-A transformer coupled pentode amplifivr uses a screen voltage of 100 v and a plate supply voltage of 250 v . The static plate current in the tube at the static operating point is 20 ma , and the load impdance is 10,000 ohms. $X_{\text {c2p }}=0.08$. What are the mavimum dissipations?

Equations
$I=E_{b o}+I_{b o} R_{L}$
[i: $\left(N_{b_{z}} / 2\right)=\left(E_{b z} / 2 R_{L}\right)$
$r_{n=1}=\left(E_{b z} / 2\right)\left[i_{b}\right]\left(E_{b z} / 2\right)$
$i_{i}=\left(E_{b z}-e_{b}\right) / R_{L}$
$I_{0}=X_{c 2 m} I_{b p} E_{c 2}$

Solution
$E_{b z}=450 \mathrm{v}$
$\left[i_{i b}\right]\left(E_{b 2} / 2\right)=22.5 \mathrm{ma}$ $P_{p m}=5.06 \mathrm{w}$ It $e_{b}=70 \mathrm{v}$ $i_{b}=38 \mathrm{ma}$ $l_{c 2 m}=0.3 \mathrm{~W}$

## Selection of Current Change in the Tuke

The selection of the tube to accomplish a given function is based on the required power of voltage output, the available supply voltage, and the limitations applying to circuit impedance level. Several typical conditions are discussed in the following paragraphs to show how different combinations may affect the design procedure.
Power Output and Voltage Change Known-Frequently one needs to develop a certain average output power when a specified supply voltage is available. Since output power is a function of the product of the voltage change by the current change, the out put power for sinusoidal wave-forms is:

$$
\begin{gather*}
P_{o}=1 / 8\left(E_{b n}-E_{b p}\right)\left(I_{b p}-I_{b n}\right)  \tag{4a}\\
=1 / 8 \Delta p_{b} J_{b}
\end{gather*}
$$

From the above equation, the required current change to produce a specified average output power is for a single tube:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta i_{b}=8 P_{o} /\left(\Delta e_{b}\right) \tag{+b}
\end{equation*}
$$

For push-pull output tubes, the current change per tube required is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta i_{b}=4 P_{o}^{\prime} \Delta e_{b} \tag{4c}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $P_{0}$ is always the total required output power. The required load impedance per tube is

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z_{L}=\Delta e_{b} / \Delta i_{b} \tag{4d}
\end{equation*}
$$

For push-pull applications, the $Z_{L}$ is half the plate-toplate impedance.

Example $\mathbf{C - A}$ single tube amplifier, capable of developing 2-w output power, is required. For a peak plate voltage of 300 v and a minimum of 50 v , the current change is, from (4b):

$$
\Delta i_{b}=6+\mathrm{ma}
$$

The load impedance is, from ( 4 d )

## $Z_{L}=3900$ ohms.

Power Output and Output Impedance Known-lf the tube load impedance is the limiting factor in design, as is true in video amplifiers or transformer coupled audio output amplifiers, then a different design procedure is required. The current change required to develop a specified output power, for a single tube, is:

$$
\Delta i_{b}=\left(I_{b p}-I_{b n}\right)=2 \sqrt{2 P_{0} Z_{L}}
$$

or for push-pull amplifiers,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta i_{b}=2 \sqrt{P_{o} Z_{L}} \tag{5b}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\mathrm{Z}_{L}$ is half the total plate-to-plate impedance.
The peak voltage change developed, for the single tube, is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta e_{0}=\Delta i_{l} Z_{l}=2 \sqrt{2 P_{n} \%_{l}} . \tag{.}
\end{equation*}
$$

and for push-pull, amplifiers

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta e_{o}=2 \sqrt{P_{o} Z_{l}} \tag{5d}
\end{equation*}
$$

Example $D-A$ peak voltage change of 200 v peak to-peak is required from a push-pull amplifier at an impedance of 2000 ohms plate to plate. What is $\triangle i_{b}$ ?

From (5d), and from (5b): $P_{0}=10 \mathrm{w}, \triangle i_{b}=100 \mathrm{ma}$.

## Check List For Design Adequacy

1. Is the tube able to provide required power output within a conservative dissipation margin for all combinations of tolerances?
2. Does the circuit perform properly over an allowed range of line voltage variation?
3. Have minimum voltages, consistant with efficient op eration, been selected throughout?
4. Has design been kept out of the low voltage erratic behavior area?
5. Is operation of the circuit independent of line supply frequency?
6. Is the design such that tubes and other components will not be damaged by failures in associated circuits? In other words, is the circuit safe with respect to failures in related circuits? Avalanche failures must be prevented.
7. Have environmental conditions been considered adequately?
8. Are ratings of chosen components adequate?
9. Has the tube check list been used to aid selection of tube?
10. Are shock or vibration serious considerations? If so, are fubes and components adequately designed and mounted to withstand the vibration, and mounted to provide adequate support and shock isolation?

## Glossary Of Symbols Used

| $\mathbf{e b}_{\text {b }}$ | Instantaneous plate voltage* |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\Delta e_{\text {b }}=$ | $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{ba}}$ - $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{bp}}$ (peak-fo-peak) |
| Ebb | Plate supply voltage* |
| $E_{D D}$ | Instantaneous plate voltage at negative bias limit |
|  | Instantaneous plate voltage at static bias |
| $E_{b p}$ | Instantaneous plate voltage at positive bias limit |
| $E_{b s}$ | Instantaneous plate voltage at plate current ct-off |
| $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{c} 2}$ | Screen-to-cathode voltage* |
| $E_{b}$ | Heater voltage* |
| $g_{p}$ | Plate conductance for triode |
| $\mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{M} 2}$ | Screen-to-plate transconductance |
| $i_{\text {h }}$ | Instantaneous plate current** |
| [ib] | Instanianeous plate current for $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{b}}=1 / 2 \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{bs}}$ |
| $l_{\text {ba }}$ | Instantaneous plate current af negative bias limir |
| $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{bo}}$ | Instantaneous plate current at static bias* |
| $I_{\text {bp }}$ | Instantaneous plate current at positive bias limit |
| L | Heater current |
| $P_{\text {c2m }}$ | Maximum screen power dissipation |
| $P_{0}$ | Power output |
| $P_{\text {dm }}$ | Maximum plate dissipation |
| $X_{\text {c } 2 \mathrm{~mm}}$ | Screen correction factor af maximum screen dissipation is usually equal to $X_{c_{2 p}}$ |
| $X_{\text {c2D }}$ | Correction factor at positive bias limit |
| $X_{\text {b }}$ | Correction factor for plate current |
| $Y$ | Conductance ratio used in tube selection; corrects for tube non-linearity |
| $\mathrm{R}_{\text {L }}$ | Lead resistance |
|  | $1 / 2 E_{b s}\left[i_{b}\right]_{\text {, where }}\left[i_{b}\right]$ is the current at $e_{b}=1 / 2 E_{b t}$ |
| -An att consiate | ompt. has been made to extend the IRE definition in 2 nt manner to fulfill the needs of the problem. |

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## Selection of Triodes Based on $\mathbf{g}_{p}$

The selection of the proper tube is based primarily on selection of a tube capable of providing the maximum required current with a sufficiently small difference of potential across the tube to provide efficient operation. For the triode, for example, the required $g_{n}$ is

$$
\begin{equation*}
g_{p}=\gamma I_{\iota_{p}} / F_{\iota_{p}} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Example E-For the tube considered in Example A, calculate the plate conductance required using $\gamma=1.5$ and $\gamma=2$.

Using (6), the values of $g_{n}$ are 1940 and 2560 micromhos respectively.

The calculations of required plate conductance in example $E$ and the calculations of screen-to-plate transconductance in later examples are based on taking the maximum plate current as the plate current change; i.e., neglecting the minimum plate current. This assumption of a negligible minimum plate current may require selection of a tube having a value of $g_{p}$ or $G_{M z}$ somewhat higher than indicated by the described design procedure, or a gamma closer to 2 than to 1.5.

Table 1 may now be examined to find triode combinations offering a plate conductance of approximately 2600 micromhos The only tule which appears to be satisfactory is the 6AS7 tube.

## Selection of Pentodes Based on $\mathbf{G}_{3:}$

Selection of the proper pentode differs in one minor respect from that of the triode. The plate voltage change in the pentode circuit design is established exactly as in triodes. After the minimum plate voltage has been chosen, the screen voltage must be selected. The screen voltage required should be between 1.3 and 2 times the minimum plate voltage. (Or the plate voltage is $1 / 2$ to $3 / 4$ the screen coltage.) The $G_{M 2}$ required then would be

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{G}_{\boldsymbol{M} 2}=\gamma I_{b p} / \boldsymbol{E}_{c 2} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Example $F$-Determine the required $G_{M 2}$ for the amplifier considered in example $C$, if the minimum plate voltage is 50 volts. Take $\gamma=2$. From Eq. $E_{c 2}=E_{b p}$ (1.3), we get 67 v and from Eq. $7 \boldsymbol{G}_{m_{2}}=$ 2600 umhos.
Tubes meeting the requirement are the $6 B Q 6,6 Y 6$, and 6216.

## Design for Reliability

Circuit design, whose objective is to design a circuit capable of reliable operation, should be based on the following steps:

1. Select the minimum plate voltage for the tube at maximum plate current and establish the required $g_{n}$ or $G_{M 2}$.
2. Where needed, select the screen voltage used.
3. Determine plate supply voltage if unspecified.
4. Select the load impedance if not specified.

5 . Determine the maximum plate voltage at minimum plate current.
6. Determine $g_{\nu}$ or $G_{M}$
7. Select trial tube from Table 1 or 2 on the basis of above steps.
8. Check the dissipations at the peak dissipation voltages to make certain that the tube is operating conservatively-dissipations should not exceed half the rated value.
9. Check distortion where important.
10. Check other tubes in a similar manner for the possibility of a better selection.
The application of the above steps to typical designs follows.
Triode Design-For efficient operation, the triode should be capable of providing the maximum required plate current with an instantaneous plate-to-cathode voltage not greater than one-quarter the total supply voltage.
Example G-A resistance-coupled amplifier is to be built to provide a half watt of power with a supply voltage of 250 v and a plate voltage at maximum plate current of 50 v ( $1 / 5$ the supply voltage). Take, $\gamma=1.5$, from Equations 4 b and $6, \triangle i_{b}=20 \mathrm{ma}$. and $g_{n}=600 \mu$ mho.

The following table condensed from Table 1 and manufacturer's data gives the data on some possible triode choices.

| Tube | $g_{m 1}$ | $g_{11}$ | $P_{11}$ | $E_{1,}$ | $I_{11}$ | Tube size |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 6J5 | 4000 | 175 | 2.5 | 6.3 | 0.3 | Octal |
| 6SN7 | $4000 /$ sect | $175 /$ sect | .5 | 6.3 | 0.6 | Octal |
|  | 8000 | tot | 350 tot | 5.0 | 6.3 | 0.6 | Octal

12BH7 $8000 /$ sect $400 /$ sect $2.5 \quad 6.3 / 12.6 \quad 0.6 / 0.3 \quad$ Min. Nov. 16000 tot 800 tot $5.06 .3 / 12.6$ 0.6/0.3 Min. Nov.
$56878000 /$ sect $600 /$ sect $4.26 .3 / 12.6 \quad 0.9 / 0.45 \mathrm{Min}$. Nov. 16000 tot 1200 tot $7.56 .3 / 12.6 \quad 0.9 / 0.45 \mathrm{Min}$. Nov.

Evidently, the 12 BH 7 tube, if both sections were paralleled, would be a suitable choice. A single sec tion of a 5687 tube also might prove satisfactory. Th. plate current at zero bias for the paralleled sections of the 12 BH 7 would be 24 ma , and that for a section of a 5687 tube 19 ma at 50 v . Calculating the maximun dissipation as indicated in Example A gives

$$
\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{pm}}=1.56 \mathrm{watts}
$$

Pentode Design-For efficient operation, the plate voltage at maximum plate current for the pentode, as in the triode, should not exceed a quarter of the total plate supply voltage. The screen voltage may then be selected as in paragraph 1.6.

Example $h$-A pentode resistance type amplifier is required which is similar to the triode amplifier in Example G. Take the supply voltage as 250 v , the plate voltage at maximum plate current as $50 \mathrm{v}, \gamma=1.5$, and the power developed as $1 / 2 \mathrm{w}$.

$$
\begin{array}{cc}
\text { Equations: } & \text { Solution: } \\
\text { Eq. 4b } & \triangle i_{b}=20 \mathrm{ma} \\
E_{c 2}=1.33 E_{b p} & E_{c 2}=67 \mathrm{v} \\
\text { Eq. } 7 & G_{M 2}=450 \mu \mathrm{mho}
\end{array}
$$

From Table 2 and manufacturer's data some possible pentode choices could be $5840,6134,5686$, 6CM6, 12BY7, 6CL6.
Clearly, tubes cited before the 5686 tube in the foregoing sentence have insufficient power handling capacity to meet the listed requirements. If a low transconductance tube (first grid) is satisfactory, either the 5686 or the $6 C M 6$ tube might be chosen. If high transconductance were required, however, either the $12 B Y 7$ or the 6CL6 tube would be chosen. The zero bias plate currents $I_{b p}$, for the four tubes with 67 v on the screen are: $5686,14 \mathrm{ma} ; 6 C M 6,22 \mathrm{ma} ; 12 \mathrm{BY} 7,18$ ma; and 6CL6, 23 ma . As might be expected, the 5686


R $=2.5$ WATTS:
is marginal at $E_{c 2}=67 \mathrm{v}$, put the rest would be satisfactory. Probably the screen voltage would actually be chosen to be 75 v .
Additional operating data on the amplifier are: $R_{L}=\left(E_{b n}-E_{b p}\right) /\left(I_{b p}-I_{b n}\right)=10,000$. Maximum dissipation: from Eq. 2, $P_{p m}=1.56 \mathrm{w}$ and from Eq. 3, $P_{c 2}=0.56 \mathbf{w}$.

Other Important Factors in Tube Selection
The design of tube circuits is dependent on both controlled parameters of the tube and uncontrolled parameters of the tube. Manufacturers keep different characteristics under surveillance with different tube types. These characteristics which are kept under surveillance are called controlled parameters. (Plate current and transconductance are typical controlled parameters.) In addition, design is dependent on the characteristics of the remaining elements of the circuit, resistors, capacitors, inductors, transformers, and supply voltages, in addition to stray couplings and a variety of potential stresses. The basic objective of good design is to keep as many of the important parameters and characteristics as possible as controlled parameters of the system, and to relegate the remainder to the category of uncontrolled parameters. The greater the number of significant parameters which are uncontrolled, and consequently have to be adjusted by trial and error, the more time-consuming is the design, and the less reliable the final result.
Consideration of power handling ability in relation to the power requirements of a circuit is one of the more important design problems. In particular, the design should permit, with ordinary environments, the tubes to develop the power required without allowing static dissipations in excess of half the rated dissipation of the tubes. In addition to power handling ability, the selection of the transconductance level for the control grid, and the figure of merit in relation to frequency response and bandwidth requirements, a large number of other factors may have to be considered. The following check list is included to aid the user in remembering some of the more important factors requiring consideration. Characteristics in the check list below are often uncontrolled parameters.

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6. Heater to Cathode Leakage
7. Heater to Cathode Voltage Rating
§. Internal Surface Leakage
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TABLES presented in this series of articles make the design of three classes of practical networks simple. The tables give the element values for the normalized low-pass network with a Butterworth, Tschebyschefl or Bessel-polynomial characteristic. To convert the normalized element values to practical design values requires only simple multiplications. The low-pass networks that are realized can also be transformed in a straightforward manner to serve high-pass, bandpass, or band-elimination functions. Parts I, II and III covered Butterworth characteristics several Tschebyscheff characteristics, and Bessel Functions (ED Sept. 15, Oct. 1, Oct. 15, 1956). In this Part IV, normalization, duality, reciprocity theorem, frequency transformations, and transformation of symmetrical networks are given. Additional Tschebyscheff characteristics are also included.
Normalization-The element values in the tables are normalized with respect to the load resistance $R$, and the radian frequency. In other words, the value of $R_{1}$ is considered as 1 ohm and that of the cutoff frequency (or $\omega_{0}=1 t_{0}$ for the time-delay networks) is 1 radian per second. These frequency and impedance normalizations may be removed simply.
Since the impedance of the three different kinds of elements appearing in a network is given respectively by $R, L s$, and $1 / C \mathrm{~s}$, we note that if the frequency is multiplied by a constant the resistance is unaffected, but that to maintain the impedance of the inductance and capacitance invariant, it is necessary to divide $L$ and $C$ by the same constant. This provides the simple rule for removal of the frequency normalization: to raise the radian frequency $\omega=1$ to $\omega=\omega_{\mathrm{c}}$, divide all $L^{\prime}$ s and $C$ 's in the network by $\omega_{\mathrm{c}}$. On the other hand, to raise the impedance level by a factor $H$ we must multiply the impedance of each type of element by this factor, that is, multiply every $R$ and $L$ in the network by $H$, and divide every $C$ by $H$. Thus we see only simple multiplications are involved.
The two rules may be combined into one operation: to raise the radian frequency to $\omega_{c}$ and the impedance level by $H$, we multiply every resistance by $H$, every inductance by $H / \omega_{c}$, and every capacitance by $\left.1 / \omega_{c} H\right)$.
Duality-The dual of a ladder network may always be realized simply. The impedance of every series arm is

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replaced by the admittance of a shunt arm, and vice versa. In simpler terms, this means that every capacitance of $C$ farads is replaced by the dual element which is an inductance of $C$ henrys, every inductance of $L$ henrys is replaced by a capacitance $L$ farads, and every resistance of $R$ ohms becomes a conductance of $R$ ohms; if the original element is a series arm then the dual element becomes a shunt arm, whereas if the original element is a shunt arm then the dual element is a series arm. For example, the dual of the network in $a$ of Fig. IV-1 is given by the one in $b$.
What are the characteristics of the dual network with respect to that of a given network? The impedances (admittances) of one network (both transfer and driving point) become admittances (impedances) of the other. Thus in Fig. IV-1a the input is a voltage source and the nutput a current so that the transfer function is the admittance $Y_{21}=I_{2} / E_{1}$. In the dual given by Fig. IV-1b the transfer impedance $\mathbf{Z}^{{ }^{1}{ }_{11}}=$ $E^{1} / I_{1}^{1}$, is the same rational function as $Y_{21}$ of a.
It is therefore clear that the primed and unprimed values lead to dual networks.

Reciprocity Theorem-Often a network designed by the use of the tables does not have the configuration demanded in a particular problem. For example, a shunt capacitance may be desired at the output and a resistance at the input, but the network obtained has
the form shown in Fig. IV-2a. By the use of the reciprocity theorem the network of Fig. IV-2b with the desired configuration may be obtained.
The reciprocity theorem states that the transfer impedance (or transfer admittance) remains unchanged if the excitation and measuring instrument change places. Thus in Fig. IV-2a we have the transfer impedance

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z_{21}=\frac{\mathrm{E}_{2}}{I_{1}}=\frac{p(s)}{q(s)} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the excitation is a current source $I_{1}$ Howing into the input terminals and the output is a voltage (measured by a voltmeter across $R$ ). Now if the current source is placed across $R$ and the voltmeter placed across $C_{4}$, then the conditions of the reciprocity theorem have been satisfied. Thus the transfer impedance of Fig. IV-2b is also equal to $p / q$.
It is therefore clear that by use of reciprocity a whole set of new network configurations may be obtained.

Frequency Transformations ${ }^{8}$-The tables give the element values for low-pass filters. However, corresponding characteristics may be obtained for the high-pass band-pass, and band-elimination cases by the use of transformations of the frequency variable.

## High-Pass Filters

A normalized low-pass filter characteristic is shown in Fig. IV-3a; the corresponding high-pass characteristic is given in Fig. IV-3b. The latter characteristic may be obtained from the former by the use of the transformation $s^{1}=1 / s$. Since by use of this transformation the impedance of an inductance $L s$ becomes the impedance $L / s^{1}$, the impedance of a capacitance $1 / C s$ becomes $s^{1} / C$, and the value of a resistance remain unchanged, a simple rule for converting a low-pass ladder network to a high-pass one may be formulated The rule is: replace every inductance of $L$ henrys by a capacitance of $1 / L$ farads; replace every capacitance of $C$ farads by an inductance of $1 / C$ henrys; and leave the resistances unchanged. Thus if the network in Fig. IV-4a has a low-pass characteristic, then the corresponding high-pass network is given in Fig. IV-46.

## Band-Pass Filters

A low-pass filter of bandwidth $\omega_{0}$ may be converted to a band-pass filter of bandwidth $\omega_{0}=\omega_{b}-\omega_{\mathrm{a}}$ by use of the frequency transformation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{\delta}=\frac{\left(s^{\prime}\right)^{2}+\omega_{0}{ }^{2}}{\boldsymbol{\delta}^{\prime}} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$


(a)

(b)

Fig. IV-1 Ladder network and its dual (values in ohms, henrys, and farads).


Fig. IV-2 Ladder network and one obtained from it by use of sciprocity theorem.

(a)

(b)

Fig. IV-3 Low-pass characteristic and the corresponding high pass one obtained by a frequency transformation.

Thus the right-hand side of Eq. 17 is substituted for every $s$ in the transfer function. Here $\omega_{b}$ is the upper frequency limit and $\omega_{a}$ is the lower frequency limit of the band, while $\omega_{o}$ is the center frequency of the band. The band limits have geometric symmetry about the center frequency, that is, $\omega_{\mathrm{a}} \omega_{\mathrm{b}}=\omega^{2}$.
However, it is not necessary to actually carry out the transformation, since there is a simple rule for converting the low-pass network to a band-pass one: for each inductance in the network of $L$ henrys add a capacitance in series with it of value $1 /\left(\omega^{2}{ }_{0} L\right)$ farads; for each capacitance in the network of $C$ farads add an inductance in parallel with it of $1 /\left(\omega^{2}{ }_{0} C\right)$ henrys (that is, the added element always resonates with the original element at the center frequency $\omega_{0}$ ); leave the resistances unchanged.
The complete process for converting a normalized low-pass filter to a desired band-pass one may be given as the following:

1. Determine the desired bandwith $\omega_{\mathrm{c}}=\omega_{\mathrm{b}}-\omega_{\mathrm{a}}$ and the desired center frequency $\omega^{2}{ }_{0}=\omega_{a} \omega_{\mathrm{b}}$ from the given data.
2. Change the bandwidth of the low-pass filter to $\omega_{c}$.
3. Perform the low-pass to band-pass transformation on the network.
4. Remove the level normalization from the resulting band-pass filter.

## Example

Design an equal-ripple band-pass filter with the following characteristics:
a. The rupple in the pass band is 1 db .
b. The center frequency is $f_{0}=1000 \mathrm{cy}$.
c. The bandwidth $f_{c}$ measured at 1 db points is 100 cy .
d. At the frequencies corresponding to three times $f$. the response is to be down approximately 50 db .
e. The network is driven by a current source and should have a load resistance of 1000 ohms.
In order to design this filter it is not necessary to find the actual frequencies at which the response is down 1 db and 50 db , but if we wished to find them we could use the formulas $f_{a} f_{b}=f_{a}\left(f_{a}+100\right)=10^{6}$ and $f_{\text {500 }}\left(f_{50}+300\right)=10^{6}$, where $f_{n}$ is the lower 1 db frequency and $f_{50}$ is the lower 50 db frequency.
From Table II-2 we find that the 1 db ripple corresponds to 0.5088 . We now calculate n and find that $n=4$ yields approximately 49 db attenuation at $\omega=3$. Therefore using $n=4$ and the primed values of Table II-2a, we find the element values:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
L_{1}^{\prime}=1.0495 & L_{3}^{\prime}=1.9093 \\
C_{2}^{\prime}=1.4126 & C_{4}^{\prime}=1.2817
\end{array}
$$

The bandwidth is now changed to $\omega_{\mathrm{c}}=2 \pi \times 100$ by dividing the above values by $\omega_{\mathrm{c}}$. The network is then converted to the band-pass form and the impedance level raised to 1000 ohms. The final network given in

Fig. IV-5 has the element values (in ohms, henrys, and farads:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
R=1000 & L_{3}=3.04 \\
L_{1}=1.67 & C_{3}=8.33 \times 10^{-8} \\
C_{1}=1.52 \times 10^{-8} & L_{4}=1.15 \times 10^{-2} \\
L_{2}=1.41 \times 10^{-2} & C_{4}=2.20 \times 10^{-6} \\
C_{2}=2.25 \times 10^{-4} &
\end{array}
$$

## Band-Elimination Filters

The transformation from a low-pass to a band-elimination characteristic is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
s=\frac{s^{\prime}}{\left(s^{\prime}\right)^{2}+\omega_{0}^{2}} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

As tor the band-pass filter the transformation can be achieved by direct operation on the low-pass network. The rule follows:
a. Add a capacitance in parallel with each inductance in the low-pass network; the value of the capacitance is $1 / \omega^{2}{ }_{0} L$ ), where $L$ is the value of the original inductance.
b. Add an inductance in series with each capacitance of the network; the value of the inductance is $1 / \omega^{2}{ }_{0} C$ ), where $C$ is the value of the original capacitance.
c. Since the resistances are unaffected by the transformation, their values are not changed.

## Transformation of Symmetrical Networks

It has been pointed out that the Butterworth and Tschebyscheff networks obtained for $D=1$ and $n$ odd are symmetrical. This symmetry allows any specified resistance ratio $r=R_{\mathrm{n}} R_{1}$ to be obtained simply; the method used transforms the symmetrical network to an unsymmetrical one with the desired resistance ratio.

If the symmetrical network is divided as it was in Fig. I-3, then the over-all transfer impedance is given in terms of the impedances of the component networks by ${ }^{9}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z_{21}=\frac{Z_{21 a} Z_{21 b}}{Z_{a}+Z_{b}} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

The subscripts $a$ and $b$ have been used to designate the networks on the left and right, respectively. But because of the symmetry, the component networks are the same and consequently $Z_{21 \mathrm{~b}}=\mathrm{Z}_{21 \mathrm{a}}$ and $\mathrm{Z}_{b}=$ $Z_{a}$. Now suppose it is desired to increase the resistance ratio by $r$. If the impedance level of $N_{\mathrm{a}}$ is multiplied by $r$, the desired effect will have been accomplished. But this change also increases $Z_{21 a}$ and $Z_{a}$ by $r$. Be-

Table IV-2 Zeros of Polynomials $V_{n}$ derived from the Tschebyscheff Approximation


| $n=1$ | $n=2$ | $n=3$ | $n=4$ | $n=5$ | $\mathrm{n}=6$ | $\mathrm{n}=7$ | $n=8$ | $n=9$ | $n=10$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -1.3075603 | $\begin{array}{r} -0.4019082 \\ \pm j 0.6893750 \end{array}$ | -0.3689108 | $\begin{array}{r} -0.1048872 \\ 8 j 0.9579530 \end{array}$ | -0.2183083 | $\begin{array}{r} -0.04697322 \\ \pm j 0.9817052 \end{array}$ | -0.1552958 | $\begin{array}{r} -0.0264924 \\ t j 0.9897870 \end{array}$ | -0.1206298 | $\begin{array}{r} -0.0169758 \\ \pm j 0.9934868 \end{array}$ |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} -0.1844554 \\ +j 0.9230771 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.2532202 \\ \pm j 0.3967971 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0.0674610 \\ t j 0.9734557 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.1283332 \\ \pm j 0.7186581 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.0345566 \\ t j 0.9866139 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.0754439 \\ t j 0.8391009 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.02094711 \\ \pm j 0.9919471 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0767332 \\ & \pm j 0.7112580 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} -0.1766151 \\ \pm j 0.6016287 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.17530644 \\ \pm j 0.2630471 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.0968253 \\ \pm j 0.7912029 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.1129098 \\ \pm j 0.5606693 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.0603149 \\ t j 0.8723036 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0492657 \\ \pm j 0.8962374 \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} -0.1399167 \\ +j 0.4390845 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.1331862 \\ +j 0.1968809 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.0924078 \\ \pm j 0.6474475 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.0966894 \\ \pm j 0.4566558 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} -0.1133549 \\ 4 j 0.3444996 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.1071810 \\ \pm j 0.1573528 \end{array}$ |


| n | $\mathrm{b}_{0}$ | $b_{1}$ | $\mathrm{b}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{b}_{3}$ | $b_{4}$ | $b_{5}$ | $b_{6}$ | $b_{7}$ | $\mathrm{b}_{8}$ | $\mathrm{b}_{9}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1. 3075603 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 0.6367681 | 0.8038164 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 0.3268901 | 1.0221903 | 0.7378216 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 0.2057651 | 0.5167981 | 1.2564819 | 0.7162150 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 0.0817225 | 0.4593491 | 0.6934770 | 1.4995433 | 0.7064606 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | 0.0514413 | 0.2102706 | 0.7714618 | 0.8670149 | 1.7458587 | 0.7012257 |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 0.0204228 | 0.1660920 | 0.3825056 | 1.1444390 | 1.0392203 | 1.9935272 | 0.6978929 |  |  |  |
| 8 | 0.0128603 | 0.0729373 | 0.3587043 | 0.5982214 | 1.5795807 | 1.2117121 | 2.2422529 | 0.6960646 |  |  |
| 9 | 0.0051076 | 0.0543756 | 0.1684473 | 0.6444677 | 0.8568648 | 2.0767479 | 1.3837464 | 2. 4912897 | 0.6946793 |  |
| 10 | 0.0032151 | 0.0233347 | 0.1440057 | 0.3177560 | 1.0389104 | 1.1585287 | 2.6362507 | 1.5557424 | 2.7406032 | 0.6936904 |

cause $Z_{0}=Z_{\mathrm{a}}$, however, the $Z_{21}$ of the whole network is not changed except by a constant multiplier. For example, if $r=10$ then the transfer impedance before the level change is

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z_{21}=\frac{\left(Z_{21 a}\right)^{2}}{2 Z_{a}} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

whereas after the change it is

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z_{21}^{\prime}=\frac{10\left(Z_{21 a}\right)^{2}}{11 Z_{a}} \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

which differs from Eq. 20 only by a constant multiplier. An analogous situation of course holds for transfer admittances.

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## Additional Tables and Data

Included in this last section are additional Tschebyscheff Filter Tables, IV-I and IV-2. The element values are given for a 2 db ripple factor. Refer to Part II ELECTRONIC DESIGN, Oct. 1, for background information.

In the future an attempt will be made to compute additional tables giving element values of other practical networks such as Bessel-polynomial networks with resistance terminations at both ends.
The substitution of a voltage for a current source (and the consequent change of system function from $Z_{2,}$ to $Y_{s, 1}$ ) may be achieved by the use of a completely dual network (Part I). However, in many practical problems this dual may not be desired; we may wish to use a voltage source to drive a network with a shunt capacitance at both ends (Fig. I-2, Part I). This is simply realized by the application of Thevenin's theorem to the current source with its associated shunt conductance, which-thus yields the desired network with a voltage source and its associated series $R_{n}$ at the input. Analogously, the network forms of Fig. II-2, Part I, can be used with a current source at the input terminal pair.

As the reader may have noted, table for $D=1 / 2$ can be obtained from the $D=2$ tables by the application of reciprocity and an impedance level change. Both forms of the tables have been given for the convenience of the reader.

Table IV - 1
Element Values (in ohms, henrys, farads) for a Normalized Tschebyscheff Filter with 2 db Ripple ( $\epsilon=0.7648, \epsilon^{2}=0.5849$ ).

| Value of n | $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ or $\mathrm{L}_{1}$ | $\underline{L_{2} \text { or } \mathrm{C}_{2}}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{3}$ or $\mathrm{L}_{3}^{\prime}$ | ${ }_{4}$ or $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ or $\mathrm{L}_{5}$ | $\mathrm{L}_{6}$ or $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{7}$ or $\mathrm{L}_{7}$ | $\mathrm{L}_{8}$ or $\mathrm{C}_{3}^{\prime}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{9}$ or $\mathrm{L}_{9}$ | $\mathrm{L}_{10}$ or $\mathrm{C}_{10}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{n}}$ or $1 / \mathrm{R}_{7}^{\prime}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a) $\mathbf{D}=0$ (For this case unprimed valuee correapond to a current-source input for $n$ oddand to a voltage -source input for $n$ even.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | . 7648 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\infty$ |
| 2 | 1. 2441 | . 9766 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 3 | 1. 3553 | 1. 2740 | 1.7717 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\infty$ |
| 4 | 1. 3962 | 1.3389 | 2.2169 | 1.1727 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 5 | 1.4155 | 1. 3640 | 2. 3049 | 1.4408 | 1.9004 |  |  |  |  |  | ¢ |
| 6 | 1.4261 | 1. 3765 | 2.3383 | 1.4974 | 2.3304 | 1. 2137 |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 7 | 1.4328 | 1. 3836 | 2. 3551 | 1. 5159 | 2.4063 | 1.4836 | 1.937, |  |  |  | $\infty$ |
| 8 | 1.4366 | 1. 3881 | 2.3645 | 1.5251 | 2.4332 | 1.5298 | 2.3646 | 1.2284 |  |  | 0 |
| 9 | 1.4395 | 1. 3911 | 2. 3707 | 1.5304 | 2.4463 | 1. 5495 | 2.4386 | 1. 4959 | 1.4553 |  | $\infty$ |
| 10 | 1.4416 | 1. 3932 | 2.3748 | 1.5337 | 2.4538 | 1. 5536 | 2. 4607 | 1. 5419 | 2. 3794 | 1.2353 | 0 |
| b) $D=1 / 2$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 1.1472 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2.00000 |
| 2 | 1.8661 | . 7887 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 21131 |
| 3 | 2.0330 | 1.0393 | 2.2485 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.8083 |
| 4 | 2.0943 | 1.0911 | 2.8881 | . 8935 |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 21330 |
| 5 | 2.1233 | 1.1104 | 3.0129 | 1.1334 | 2. 3671 |  |  |  |  |  | 1.1940 |
| 6 | 2.1391 | 1.1198 | 3.0590 | 1.1769 | 2.9929 | . 9141 |  |  |  |  | . 21367 |
| 7 | 2.1492 | 1.1250 | 3.0820 | 1.1922 | 3. 1046 | 1.1524 | 2. 4010 |  |  |  | 1.7902 |
| 8 | 2.1550 | 1.1284 | 3.0944 | 1.1496 | 3. 1432 | 1.1938 | 3.0243 | . 9214 |  |  | . 21379 |
| 9 | 2.1593 | 1.1306 | 3. 1026 | 1.2037 | 3.1616 | 1. 2078 | 3.1314 | 1.1596 | 2.4146 |  | 1.7885 |
| 10 | 2.1623 | 1.1321 | 3.1081 | 1. 2062 | 3.1720 | 1. 2143 | 3.1676 | 1. 2000 | 3.0380 | . 9248 | . 21385 |
| c) $\mathrm{D}=1$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 1.5296 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.0000 |
| 2 | 2.4881 | . 6075 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 24418 |
| 3 | 2.7107 | . 8327 | 2.7104 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.0000 |
| 4 | 2.7925 | . 8806 | 3.6063 | . 6819 |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 24418 |
| 5 | $2.8310^{\text {m }}$ | - . 8985 | 3.7827 | . 8985 | 2.8310 |  |  |  |  |  | 1.0000 |
| 6 | 2.8521 | . 9071 | 3.8467 | . 9393 | 3.7151 | . 6964 |  |  |  |  | . 24418 |
| 7 | 2.8655 | . 9119 | 3.8780 | . 9535 | 3.8780 | . 9119 | 2.8055 |  |  |  | 1.0000 |
| 8 | 2.8733 | . 9151 | 3.8948 | . 9605 | 3.9335 | . 9510 | 3.7477 | . 7016 |  |  | . 26418 |
| 9 | 2.8790 | . 9171 | 3.9056 | . 9643 | 3. 9598 | . 9643 | 3.9056 | . 9171 | 2.8790 |  | 1.0000 |
| 10 | 2.8831 | . 9186 | 3.9128 | . 9667 | 3.9743 | . 9704 | 3.9549 | . 9554 | 3.7610 | . 7040 | . 24418 |
| d) $\mathrm{D}=2$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2.2943 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 50000 |
| 2 | 3.7322 | . 3943 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 21131 |
| 3 | 4.0660 | . 5747 | 3.6763 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 55301 |
| 4 | 4. 1887 | . 6160 | 5.1152 | . 4467 |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 21330 |
| 5 | 4.2465 | . 6318 | 5. 4052 | . 0187 | 3. 8092 |  |  |  |  |  | . 55741 |
| 6 | 4.2782 | . 6395 | 5. 5083 | . 0536 | 5. 2408 | . 4571 |  |  |  |  | . 21367 |
| 7 | 4. 2983 | . 6437 | 5. 5579 | . 6659 | 5. 5174 | . 6284 | 3. 8474 |  |  |  | . 55860 |
| 8 | 4. 3099 | . 6466 | 5. 5838 | . 6720 | 5.6110 | . 6616 | 5.2779 | . 4607 |  |  | . 21379 |
| 9 | 4. 3185 | . 0484 | 5.6005 | . 6753 | 5.6546 | . 6730 | 5. 54910 | . 6321 | 3. 6619 |  | . 55913 |
| 10 | 4. 3247 | . 6497 | 5.0115 | . 6774 | 5.6783 | . 6783 | 5. 6406 | . 6647 | 5. 2041 | . 4624 | . 21385 |
| e) $D=3$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 3.0591 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 33333 |
| 2 | 4.9763 | . 2863 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 17260 |
| 3 | 5. 4214 | . 4330 | 4.6747 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 38657 |
| 4 | 5. 5849 | . 4682 | 6.6656 | . 3279 |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 17614 |
| 5 | 5.6620 | . 4819 | 7.0737 | . 4674 | 4.8230 |  |  |  |  |  | . 39133 |
| 6 | 5.7043 | . 4886 | 7.2175 | . 4966 | 6.8113 | . 3362 |  |  |  |  | . 17680 |
| 7 | 5.7311 | . 4924 | 7. 2860 | . 5072 | 7. 2067 | . 4750 | 4.8657 |  |  |  | . 39262 |
| 8 | 5.7466 | . 4948 | 7. 3215 | . 5124 | 7. 3404 | . 5029 | 6.8538 | . 3391 |  |  | . 17703 |
| 9 | 5.7581 | . 4964 | 7. 3441 | . 5153 | 7.4022 | . 5126 | 7.2433 | . 4780 | 4. 6815 |  | . 39319 |
| 10 | 5.7663 | . 4976 | 7. 3590 | . 5171 | 7.4355 | . 5172 | 7.3753 | . 5054 | 6.6722 | . 3405 | . 17714 |

Note: Impart C of Table IV-1, for $n=3$, $L_{s}$ should be equal to 2,7107 instead of 2,7104

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# Location of Maximum Loading Errors in Potentiometers 

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USUALLY the voltage output of a potentiometer varies linearly with shaft rotation. However, when a potentiometer contains a fixed resistance between the slider and either end, a non-linear output results. The maximum non-linearity, or error, occurs at some output value which varies with the magnitude of the ratio of load resistance to potentiometer resistance. This article tells how the point of maximum error can be found, explains why this point is important to know, and offers a graphical solution for a common range of load ratios.

The most familiar configuration for a loaded potentiometer circuit is that shown in Fig. 1. $R$ is the potentiometer resistance, $A$ is the load resistance, $E$ is the total voltage applied across the control, $e$ is the voltage from the slider to ground, and $x$ is the shaft rotation expressed as a decimal part of the total. $R$ and $A$ are constants, $\bar{o} \leqq \bar{e} E$, and $\overline{0} \bar{x} 1$.

It can be readily shown that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\epsilon=\frac{E x}{1+\frac{K}{A} x(1-x)} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

This is the equation for the theoretical output voltage versus shaft rotation curve (neglecting any errors such as linearity, concentricity, etc.). See Fig. 2. When a potentiometer has an infinite load resistance, this equation reduces to

$$
\begin{equation*}
e=E x \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore, the deviation from a theoretically per fect line (the loading error), which will be called $e^{\prime}$, is simply the difference between Eq. 1 and 2. Therefore,

$$
\begin{equation*}
e^{\prime}=E x-\frac{E x}{1+\frac{R}{A} x(1-x)}=\frac{E x^{2}(1-x)}{\frac{A}{R}+x(1-x)} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Plotting $e^{\prime}$ versus $x$ gives a cubic curve of error versus rotation as shown in Fig. 3. It has been shown ${ }^{1}$ that this is the general shape of the curve for any loading ratio. In considering any one load ratio (and hence some one particular curve) it is apparent from Fig. 3 that the errors reach a maximum absolute value at one point. From Fig. 10 it can be seen that the maximum error occurs at about $2 / 3$ rotation as the load ratio ( $A / R$ ) increases. As the load ratio increases beyond $2 / 3$ to infinity, the magnitude of the maximum error reduces, approaching zero. This maximum error point should actually be thought of as the $2 / 3$ output voltage position rather than the $2 / 3$ rotation point. In a sine function, for instance, $2 / 3=$ the sine of $41^{\circ}$ or $45 \%$ of the quadrant rather than $66 \%$. Only in a linear potentiometer does the $2 / 3$ output position coincide with the $2 / 3$ rotation point.
The significance of this maximum error location is two-fold. First, the value of the maximum error must


## Rules of Thumb

1. Maximum loading error occurs at approximately $2 / 3$ full voltage output (not necessarily $2 / 3$ shaft rotation).
2. Maximum loading error occurs at exactly the shaft position which satisfies either Eqs. 5 or 9, and approaches $2 / 3$ as $A / R$ approaches infinity.
3. The loading error curves for potentiometers loaded "up" or "down" are anti-symmetrical.
4. Loading error per cent and rotational location are independent of applied voltage.

Fig. 4. Family of error vs rotation curves, using Eq. 3, for locating maximum error points.



Fig. 3. Plot of loading error. The shape is as shown for any loading ratio.

Fig. 2. Output voltage vs Shaft rotation curve for ideal and actual conditions.



Fig. 5. Plots of Eq. 5 from which maximum error points can be determined as shown.


Fig. 6. An alternate to Fig.
5 using Eq. 5. See text.

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be known to establish whether or not correction is necessary to maintain the desired conformity. If no correction is needed at the point of maximum error, no correction is necessary anywhere on the potentiometer. Also, if correction is found necessary, then location of the maximum error should be investigated for various characteristics depending on the corrective technique used (e.g. card width, wire size, spacing, tap point, etc.).
To find the maximum error location accurately, refer to Eq. 3. The maximum error occurs where $d e^{\prime} / d x=0$.
$\frac{d e^{\prime}}{d x}=E\left[1-\frac{1}{1+\frac{R}{A} x(1-x)}\right]$

$$
+E x\left\{\frac{\frac{R}{A}(1-2 x)}{\left[1+\frac{R}{A} x(1-x)\right]^{2}}\right\}
$$

By equating $d e^{\prime} / d x$ to zero, the $E$ drops out (indicating that the maximum loading error location is independent of the applied voltage), and Eq. 4 reduces to

$$
\begin{equation*}
R x(1-x)^{2}=A(3 x-2) \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Finding Maximum Error Point

There are thus several ways of determining and checking the location of the maximum error. All methods to be described are graphic, since no unique answer is available algebraically. The following methods are suggested:

1. Plot a family of error versus rotation curves and mark the locus of maximum points. Use Eq. 3 for this and obtain plots as in Fig. 4.
2. Plot a family of

$$
x^{\prime}=1 / 3\left[2+\left(\frac{R}{A}\right) x(1-x)^{2}\right]
$$

curves and the line $x^{\prime}=x . x^{\prime}$ is just a tool to separate the formula into two usable parts. The intersections of the line and the curves are the maximum error points. Eq. 5 is used and gives plots as in Fig. 5.
3. Plot an $x^{\prime}=x(1-x)^{2}$ curve and some

$$
x^{\prime}=\left(\frac{A}{R}\right)(3 x-2)
$$

lines. Again the intersections are the points desired. This also comes from Eq. 5 but is plotted as in Fig. 6. The first method is simplest, quickest, and least accurate. Methods 2 and 3 require more mathematical manipulation but offer discrete points.
Another frequently encountered loaded-potentiom(ier configuration is that shown in Fig 7, where the toad is connected from the sliding arm to top of the ontrol. $e$ vs $x$ and $e^{\prime}$ vs $x$ for this configuration are hown in Figs. 8 and 9, respectively.
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Fig. 7. "Loaded-up" potentiometer circuit, often found in practice.


Fig. 9. Loading error fol "loaded-up" potentiometer.


Fig. 11. Method 2. Alternative curves to those of Fig. 10 for finding maximum loading error points.


Fig. 8. Curves of evs $x$ for ideal and actual conditions (Compare with Fig. 2).


Fig. 10. Method 1. Error vs shaft rotation for various ratios R/A ("loaded-up" potentiometer)


Fig. 12. Method 3. Second alternative method for finding points of maximum loading error (See text).


Fig. 13. Design curve for locating exact point of maximum loading error for either "loaded-down" or "loaded-up" condition.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{e}=\frac{E x\left[1+\frac{R}{A}(1-x)\right]}{1+\frac{R}{A} x(1-x)} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

The ideal potentiometer output is still expressed by Eq. 2; so the error versus rotation is Eq. 6 minus Eq. 2 or
$e^{\prime}=E x\left[\frac{1+\frac{R}{A}(1-x)}{1+\frac{R}{A} x(1-x)}-1\right]=\frac{E R x(1-x)^{2}}{1-\frac{R}{A} x(1-x)}$
Again, the maximum error occurs when $d e^{\prime} / d x=0$.
$0=\frac{d e^{\prime}}{d x}=E\left[\frac{1+\frac{R}{A}(1-x)}{1+\frac{R}{A} x(1-x)}-1\right]+E x$
$\left\{\frac{\left[1+\frac{R}{A} x(1-x)\right]\left[-\frac{R}{A}\right]-\left[1+\frac{R}{A}(1-x)\right]\left[\frac{R}{A}(1-2 x)\right]}{\left[1+\frac{R}{A} x(1-x)\right]^{2}}\right\}$
This reduces to

$$
\begin{equation*}
A(1-3 x)=\kappa x^{2}(1-x) \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Again, there are three methods for solution.

1. Plot Eq. (3a) using various values for $R / A$. See Fig. 7.
2. Plot $x=x^{\prime}$ and $x^{\prime}=\frac{\frac{A}{h}(1-3 x)}{x(1-x)}$. See Fig. 8.
3. Plot $\frac{A}{R}(1-3 x)=x^{\prime}$ and $x^{\prime}=x^{2}(1-x)$. See lïg. 9.
In methods 2 and 3, the intersections are the points desired.
It will be observed by comparing Figs. 4 and 10 that the error curves for potentiometers loaded up or down (with any specific $A / R$ value) are anti-symmetrical. Therefore, accurately drawn curves of Eqs. 3 and 7 can be used as a tool for quickly checking magnitude ,f loading error and maximum error location. Such ${ }^{\text {a }}$ curve is drawn in Fig 13, for use in design planning.

## Using the Curve

As an example of how Fig. 13 can be used in design, issume $A / R=1$. From the curve, $e^{\prime}=12.2 \%$ and $r=0.69$.

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Electro Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, 3794 Rosecrans St., San Diego 10, Calif.
circle 44 on reader-service card for more information

## Fuse Resistor

Plug-In Unit
The Type FR functions as a resistor under normal conditions and as a fuse under abnormal conditions. Its construction provides the mechanical strength and sim-
 plicity of a complete unit.
It is particularly recommended as a surge-limiting resistor in voltage doubler circuits for TV receivers.
International Resistance Co., Dept. ED, 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa.
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## Tubeless DC Source <br> . 01 Per Cent Regulation

This tubeless dc
 source provides 6 v dc and 2 v dc output voltages regulated to within $\pm .01$ per cent. A silicon diode is used as reference element, and a transistor amplifier provides the control current for the magnetic amplifier. The transistor amplifier is tempera-ture-compensated for small ambient room changes.
Input voltage range of the Model MA6501 is 105 to 125 v ac, single phase, 60 cy . There are 3 output voltages; 6 v dc, adjustable internally $\pm 5$ per cent, 5 amp load; 6 v dc, 100 ma load; $2 \mathrm{v} \mathrm{dc} 40-,60 \mathrm{ma}$. Regulation is $\pm .01$ per cent for line changes within ratings on all supplies. Ripple is 15 mv rms maximum on the 6 volt outputs, 5 mv rms maximum of the 2 volt output. Typical stability after a 30 min warm-up is .01 per cent for an 8 hr period. Weight of the standard unit is 60 lbs .
Sorensen \& Co., Dept. ED, Fairfield Ave., Stamford, Conn.

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## Electronic Switch

Wide Frequency Range


The electronic switch model ES-17 provides a wide range of frequency response for superimposing two separate signals on a single beam oscilloscope. Phase and frequency are compensated by 5 step, input attenuators. Input signal amplitudes range from 10 mv rms to 200 v rms.

The frequency response is dc to 4 mc at 6 db and the free running multivibrator is continuously variable from 20 cps .

Vanguard Instruments Corp., Dept. ED, 184 Casper St., Valley Stream, N.Y.
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## Transistor Oscillator <br> Battery Powered

A self-contained, bat-
 tery powered unit, The Model J Transistor Oscillator is designed for locating trouble in carrier systems, audio circuits, and audio test equipment.

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The 2-cell mercury battery, self-contained in the unit, has a life of 700 hrs with continuous use.

Stewart Bros., Dept. ED, 315 W. Walton Pl., Chicago 10, Ill.
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## Teflon Products <br> Pipe, Tubing, Special Parts



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## Portable Battery Operated



This instrument tests both pnp and npn low power junction transistors, permitting small signal Beta measurements to 250 using 2 scales, 0 50 and 0-250. The direct comparison method is used, against a known attenuation factor using a self-contained oscillator and linear amplifier with 5 per cent accuracy. Calibration requires no standard transistor.
The Model 101 measures collector cut-off current, $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{cos}}$ in microamperes (rather than collector current), as leakage $I_{c o}$ measurements afford direct correlation with noise factor and are valid in deter mining damage or defective transistors. Both $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{c}}$ and Beta measurements are directly comparable with transistor manufacturers specifications. Internal transistors interchangeable with similar types without circuit alterations or factory calibration.

Durson Co., Dept. ED, 10416 National Blvd., Los Angeles 34, Calif.
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## Sensitive Relay <br> Sealed Miniature



This relay is applicable where compactness, light weight are essential, or where external electromagnetic effects must be minimized. The Model 1081 is housed in a brass tinned finished case and is supplied for miniature - pin socket operation or with curved terminals for solder connection. For maximum shielding Mumetal cases can be furnished. Sensitivities as high ats $50-0-50 \mu \mathrm{mmp}$ at a coil resistance of 2300 ohms are available. Non-magnetic contacts carry 35 ma at 6 v dc non-inductive at high-sensitivity. Loads up) to) 0.5 amp at 28 v de non-inductive can be hand!col depending upon the moving coil sensitivity and number of operations. High and low contacts (on be arranged for zero center, single pole, double t row operation or suppressed zero with one contact normally closed.
Weston Electrical Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 6) Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark 5, N. J.

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| Model | Volts | 6.3V AC |  |  |  | Prees |
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| KR 8 | 0.150 |  | 19" | 101/2" | 13" | \$3 |
| KR 5 | 100-200 | Each supply | 19" | $10^{1 / 21}$ | $13^{\prime \prime}$ | \$2 |
| 6 | 195-325 | 10 Amp. outputs | 19" | $10^{1 / 2}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $13^{\prime \prime}$ | \$240 |
| KR 7 | 295-450 |  | 19"1 | $10^{1 / 212}$ | $13^{\prime \prime}$ | 82 |

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| Model | Volits | c.3v ac | ${ }^{\text {Rache Momat }}$ |  |  | Prices |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| KR 12 | 0.150 | Each supply | 19" | $7{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $11^{*}$ | \$270 |
| KR3 | 100-200 | has two | 19" | $7{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $11^{\prime \prime}$ | \$10 |
| KR 4 | 195-325 | 5 Amp. | 19" | $7{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $11^{\prime \prime}$ | \$100 |
| KR 10 | 295-45 | outp | 19" | $7{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $11^{\prime \prime}$ | \$180 |

125 ma. 1 sERIES

|  |  | Each supoly |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| KR 11 | 0.1 |  | 19 | ${ }^{11 \times}$ |  |
| KR1 | 100-200 | has one | $19^{\prime \prime}$ |  | 59 |
| KR2 | 195.325 |  | $19^{\prime \prime} 7^{7}$ | 71/2" |  |
|  |  | output | 19"70 |  |  |






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Fisher Scientific, 717 Forbes St. Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

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- MAMUFACTURED "UNDER GLASS"! For optimum cleanliness, 6829's are assembled under glass-paneled protective hoods. All G-E employees who build 5-Star Tubes wear rubber finger cots, and their uniforms are lint-free Nylon and Dacron. These precautions are taken to ward off lint and dust, most frequent causes of intermittent tube "shorts".


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## Hydrogen Thyratron

## For Mobile and Airborne Use

The BL-257 is a hydrogen thyratron that is electrically similar to an E37A but ruggedized for vibration and high impact service, especially in mobile and aircraft applications requiring moderately high power. The tube is conservatively rated for 5 g vibration from 60 to 500 cps , and 3 g from 500 to 1200 cps , and also for 60 g high impact shock in any direction.

Electrical ratings are 8.0 kv peak anode voltage, 90 amp peak current, and 100 ma maximum anode current. It is rated for an ambient temperature range of -50 to +90 C and for an altitude of $10,000 \mathrm{ft}$ in air. The tube may be immersed in oil for high altitude application.

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Radio City Products Co., Inc., Dept. ED, Centre \& Glendale Sts., Easton, Pa.
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Valco Engineering Sales Co., Dept. ED, 2538 S. Highland Ave., Los Angeles 16, Calif.
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General Radio Co., Dept. ED, 275 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass.

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## Portable Pyrometer

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A portable potentiometer pyrometer for checking and calibrating all types of industrial and laboratory temperature instruments, the "Pyrotest" 9B has interchangeable direct-reading scales. It can be used with as many as six types of thermocouples.
Equipped with a set of nine scales (six for temperature, and three for millivolts) the unit is essentially nine instruments in one. It may be used to check and calibrate any temperature recorder, indicator, or controller operating within 32-3215 F and employing any type of thermocouple. In addition, the unit measures the dc potentials of electrical equipment within a range of $0-155 \mathrm{mv}$.

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Arnaux Corp., Dept. ED, 11924 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 66, Calif.

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## DC Hypot

With Range to 5000v
 4-1/2 in. voltmeter connected directly across high voltage output, accurate to 3 percent. For measuring leakage current, ranges of $0-5 / 10 / 50 / 100$ $\mu \mathrm{amp}$ are provided on a $4-1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. microammeter automatically protected against overload, and accurate to 3 percent.
Ripple of the unit is less than 1 per cent at rated voltage and current. Output terminates in two 5 ft . high voltage leads, with the "hot" lead equipped with a retractable tip rod. Controls include a continuously variable auto-transformer to vary output voltage, a "high voltage on" switch with pilot light and a "filament on" switch with pilot light.

The case is a rack and panel type, $22 \times 14-3 / 4 \times$ $12-5 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. high, equipped with carrying handles and lid interlock. The unit can also be supplied with chassis only for panel mounting. Net weight is 25 lb . It is recommended for testing ignition harnesses, electronic components, and electrical machinery.

Associated Research, Inc., Dept. ED, 3758 W Belmont Ave., Chicago 18, Ill.
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This rotary actuator is available with or without ac tachometer feedback for stabilization purposes. Position feedback may be provided by either an internal potentiometer or synchro signals. Internal fixed stops and limit switches can be incorporated, if required.

Maximum overall dimensions excluding shaft extension are $6 \times 3-9 / 16 \times 1-3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. deep. External electrical connections are made by means of an AN type connector mounted either on the side or recessed in the back of the actuator.
White-Rodgers Co., Dept. ED, 4407 Cook St., St. Louis 13, Mo.
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## Magnetic Core Driver Pulses TV Synchronizers



Using the binary storage principle of magnetic cores, the Model 1801 Sync-Pulser is a binary divider circuit which has been designed primarily as a subassembly for use in synchronizers of TV broadcast equipment. In this application it gives a 525 count synced to 60 cps , but units can be constructed for applications requiring other counts.

The magnetic divider consists of 10 identical binary stages whose inherent count of $2^{10}$, or 1024 is modified by feedback to give a count of 525 . The divider action is made possible by the square loop hysteresis characteristic of the magnetic cores used.
The $32-5 \mathrm{kc}$ output is 22 v into 1000 ohms, the pulses $2 \mu \mathrm{sec}$ wide at the base. The 60 cps output is a 7 v pulse into a high impedance load. The construction is that of a 7 -tube subassembly $7-3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. $x$ $3-1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. x 3 in . using printed wiring techniques.

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## SPECIFICATIONS:

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Resistance Range. . . . . . 100 to 100,000 ohms.
Linearity . . . . . . . . . . . $\pm 0.5 \%$ ( $\pm 0.25 \%$ on special order)
Power Rating .......... 1.63 watts @ $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
Shaft Diameter . . . . . . . . Microtorque, 0.031 in ., Minitorque, 0.125 in .

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[^3]Probes Extend VTVM Ranges


Two new probes for high voltage and rf are available for this firm's Model 777 Vacuum Tube Voltmeter. The highvoltage probe extends the dc voltage range to permit measurements to $50,000 \mathrm{v}$.
The rf probe (illustrated) makes possible measurements up to 400 mc .

Phaostron Instrument and Electronic Co., Dept. ED, 151 Pasadena Ave., South Pasadena, Calif.
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Miniature Motor
Is Governor Controlled


Featuring a governor controlled planetary gear train with integral filter, this miniature motor, the 1700-9-1, has a length of only 2.912 in . from the mounting flange. Applications include use in timing units for telemetering, commutator switching, and kindred functions. The motor meets Noise Spec MIL-I-6181B. Load is 3 in. -oz; weight is $5-1 / 2$ oz.; and output speed may be specified for 15,20 , $150,300,600$, or 1800 rpm .

El Ray Motor Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 11747 Vose St., North Hollywood, Calif.
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## Midgef Infrared Oven <br> For Lab Use



Oven temperatures of 1000 F are possible in this compact radiant oven which employs thermal shock and impact resisting, pencilthin quartz lamps. The unit shown is 16 in . deep with a 13-1/2 in. opening. It holds eight 1600 w quartz lamps. Each lamp is capable of providing an intensity of $100 \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{in}$. of lamp length.
Fostoria Pressed Steel Corp., Dept. ED, Fostoria, Ohio.

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## 300 W Tetrode Withstands Rough Environments



The 4CX300A is a 300 w anode dissipation ceramic power transmitting tetrode 2-1/2 in. long $x$ 1-1/2 in. diam. Developed specifically for severe environments, it is made entirely of ceramic and metal, incorporating ceramic support of internal electrodes.

This tube produces low noise output despite heavy accelerative forces from shock and vibration. Supported solely at its base by a standard Eimac air system socket, it will withstand repeated 11 millisec 50 G shocks in any plane, without internal shorts or mechanical damage. There are no major electrode resonances when the tube is vibrated from 30 cps to 2000 cps . The metal-ceramic inhibits deterioration of electrical characteristics while operating continuously at envelope temperatures of 250 C .

The tube operates at full ratings through 500 mc : 500 w output as a radio-frequency amplifier or oscillator, and 300 w output as a plate-modulated radio-frequency amplifier.

Eitel-McCullough, Inc., Dept. ED. San Bruno, Calif.

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## Vibrometer <br> Measures up to $20,000 \mathrm{Cps}$



The Model 12A Vibrometer conveniently and accurately measures acceleration, velocity, and displacement of mechanical vibrations from 3 cps to 20,000 cps. It measures displacement as small as 0.0001 in. and as great as 3.0 in ., velocities from 0.03 ips to 1000 ips; and accelerations from 0.03 G to 780 G . When used with an oscilloscope, it permits quantitative analysis of impact shock and impulsive motions.

A polarity switch is provided for determining positive and negative peaks of vibration. A miniaturized, lightweight probe makes possible accurate measurements on small, low energy vibrating systems. Power required is $115 \mathrm{v}, 50 / 60 \mathrm{cps}, 60 \mathrm{w}$. Size of the unit is only $14 \times 8 \times 16 \mathrm{in}$., and weight is 22 lb .

Televiso Corp., Dept. ED, 1415 Golf Rd., Des Plaines, Ill.
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Test Equipment Calibrator
Has $1 \%$ Accuracy


A low-cost, laboratorytype test equipment calibrator with an accuracy of $1 \%$ or better in all of its voltage sections, the Model 750 Calibrator quickly checks test equipment accuracy, reveals how far any instrument may be off, and easily helps make necessary adjustments. It calibrates VOM, VTVM, and other meters, signal generators, sweep and marker generators, and oscilloscopes.

It supplies $2,5,25,100$, and 300 v dc , and 5,25 , 100 and 300 v ac to check voltage ranges; provides $10,100,1000,10,000$, and 100,000 ohms and 10 megohms to check resistance ranges; and supplies a crystal oscillator capable of generating harmonic frequencies well over 300 mc , with accuracy of $0.1 \%$. Plugging in the proper crystal facilitates use as a marker generator in radio and TV receivers, helps to check the calibration on AM signal generators, or check and align the audio if system of receivers.

The calibrator operates on $110-120$ v 60 cps and measures only $8-3 / 4 \times 8 \times 5-1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. Weight is 6-3/4 lb.

B \& K Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 3731 N. Southport Ave., Chicago 13, Ill.
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Tubeless Constant Voltage Source For Measurement \& Control Circuits

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The grid pulser controls any size thyratron without additional bias supply. It provides extremely long life and trouble-free operation for industrial applications. It is rated 2.5 v 60 cps .

Hanson-Gorrill-Brian, Inc., Dept. ED, 85 Hazel St., Glen Cove, N.Y.

## CIRCLE 103 ON READER-SERVICE CARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

Trimming Potentiometer Rugged Miniature


This miniature trimming potentiometer features ruggedness, stability and long life. For maximum rigidity, body and cover are made of aluminum, the cover being precision fitted to the body.

Trade name Aero-Pots, the units are adjustable through 32 turns by a screw driver in a slotted shaft. The shaft is precision threaded, and operated under controlled torque derived from inherent frictional properties of special plastics. With the wiper supported on two sides, settings are stable under extreme vibration, acceleration and shock. Temperature characteristics are stabilized by the use of resistance wire having a low temperature coefficient.

Case dimensions are $1-1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. long, $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. high, $3 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. wide, weight: $1 / 4 \mathrm{oz}$. Resistances range from 100 ohms to 50,000 ohms in one case size. Resolution, depending on resistance is 0.2 to 2 per cent. Linearity is 1 per cent, temperature range is 55 C to +125 C. Units are available with Teflon insulated wire leads, plug-in terminals, or solder terminals.

Aero Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 2311 W. Burbank Blvd., Burbank, Calif.
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The light source is a 100 w long wave ultraviolet bulb, either flood or spot type. A 5 in. rounded filter blocks out visible light. The spot bulbs emits a concentrated beam which will fluoresce an area of 15 ft diam from a distance of 30 ft ; the flood will activate an area of 30 ft diam from 30 ft .

Black Light Corp. of America, Dept. ED, San Gabriel, Calif.
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## Constant Voltage Supply

Adjustable DC
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 bines a voltage transformer, a germanium rectifier, and a special high-capacitance filter section with a small choke to yield laboratory performance.

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There are no tubes and all electrical circuits and terminals are insulated from ground, permitting operation at either polarity.

The unit is available in 6 models that provide output adjustable in different voltages ranges between 5 to 400 v , and currents up to 7 amps .

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Resistance values are displayed by four in-line luminous numerals 1 in . high, with automatically-shifting decimal point and auto-matically-varied resistance symbols. Permanent records can be made by connection of accessory digital recording systems.

Range of the instrument is from zero to 9.999 megohms with minimum resolution of 10 ohms. Sampling rate is 60 cps ; response, 1 sec (average); and accuracy is $\pm 0.1$ per cent of measured resistance or one digit, whichever is greater.

Weighing 40 lb , this digital ohmeter is available in rack mount and portable styles. The rack mount is $5-1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. high, 19 in . wide and $15-1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. deep; portable, 11 in . high, $8-1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. wide, 15-1/4 in. deep.

Non-Linear Systems, Inc., Dept. ED. Del Mar Airport, Del Mar, Calif.

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Vibration Amplifier Built-In Calibration


A new Vibration Pick-up Preamplifier, designed as a link between any type of vibration pickup and one of the Brush
AF Analyzers, provides absolute measurement of recording of acceleration, velocity or displacement.
The Model BL-1606 has a two-stage preamplifier with high input impedance that allows vibration measurements to be carried out to very low frequencies at extended distances from the measuring instrument.

A built-in calibration unit, consisting of a vibrating disc suspended on a metal strip, which is brought into resonance at the line frequency, affords a direct and quick calibration of the combination accelerometer, preamplifier and measuring instrument before the measurements are carried out.

A set of integrating networks is provided for measurements of the velocity and displacement of the vibrations in consideration.

Brush Electronics Co., Dept. ED, 3405 Perkins Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

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\text { PHASE SHIIT: } & \text { Less than } 0.1^{\circ} \text { at } 4000 \text { cps. } \\
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## Precision Potentiometer <br> Multiple Ganged Sections



Series 5400 1-7/16 in. diameter precision potentiometers have been developed to fit A.I.A. dimensional standards.
Housed in a dimensionally stable one-piece plastic cup, the single-turn continuous-rotation unit can have 8 sections ganged on a common shaft at the factory, each with a maximum of 12 taps. The standard range of resistance is from 25 to 51,000 ohms, with a linearity tolerance of $\pm 0.15 \%$ at 10,000 ohms and above.

Available with or without ball-bearings, for servo or bushing mounting, the Series 5400 has a power rating of 2.8 at 25 C ambient and 2 at 40 C ambient. Operating range is from -55 to +80 C. Electrical rotation is $354^{\circ}+2^{\circ}$.

Helipot Corp., Dept. ED, Newport Beach, Calif. circle 118 on reader-service card for more information

## TV Tube Mount

 Cuts Material Costs

This impact-resistant television tube mount, fabricated of soft steel wire, is designed for low cost and to accelerate tube installation on the assembly line. During drop tests, where a TV set is dropped from 12 to 30 in . from various positions, this welded wire tube mount l:olds the tube intact, even after extensive cabinet damage. The soft, zinc-plated wire conforms closely to the tube contour. It will not etch glass, and consequently eliminates the necessity for gasket material previously required to prevent tube implosion or movement.
The simplified wire mount consists of two paral lel contour wires (or one, depending on specifications) for the tube front, with four lightweigh locating stampings and two adjustment stampings A rear wire support is frequently used to complete the assembly.
E. H. Titchener \& Co., Dept. ED, 67 Clinton St. Binghanton, N.Y.
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LIGHT-BEAM GRIVANOMIEIER


Here is a new series of light-beam galvanometers that were developed to withstand the extremely severe conditions of shock and vibration encountered in field servicing and testing of jet aircraft.
Through unique folding of the light beam, great compactness is achieved while retaining sensitivity to the highest degree...equal to that of laboratory instruments!
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Permacel Tape Corp., Dept. ED, New Brunswick, N. J.

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A 16 Lb Military Type
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Litton Industries, Components Div., Dept. ED, 5873 Rodeo Rd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.
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## Silicon Diode Rectifier <br> Aircraft Transformer



This tubeless, motionless transformerrectifier is designed for direct current equipment in aircraft with ac supply.

Offering a considerable saving in weight and size as compared with selenium recti-fier-transformer combinations, the Model CW-1001 transformer-rectifier has an output of 50 amp at 27.5 v dc with an input of $115 / 200 \mathrm{v}$ phase Wye 400 cy . Silicon power diodes are used in the unit, which weighs less than 4.8 lbs .

Electrosolids Corp., Dept. ED, 7436 Varna St., N. Hollywood, Calif.
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## High Output



This pulse generator provides source of fast time rise pulses for a wide range of laboratory and test applications. High output, consistent with good waveform, is available through optional use of an internal load resistor. Controls provide high resolution, utilizing multiple defade ranges for pulse spacing, delay, and width.
Electro-Pulse Inc., Dept. ED, 11861 Teale St., Culver City, Calif.
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Daytronic Corp., Dept. ED, 216 S. Main St, Dayton 2, Ohio.
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Premier Metal Products Co., Dept. ED, 337 Manida St., New York 59, N.Y.

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## AC Power Supply

## Sub-Miniature



This miniature power supply has a size of only 2-1/2 x $2-1 / 2 \times 3-3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. Operating temperature range is -55 to 125 C. It has a rating of 2000 v at 5 ma with max current to 10 ma . Standard models have a frequency of 60 cps at 117 v ; special models with frequencies to 400 cps are proportionately smaller in size. Standard models include $2-10 \mathrm{kv}$ with higher voltages and temperatures upon request. All units are hermetically sealed and oiled filled.

The New Haven Electronics Co., Dept. ED, P.O. Box 888, New Haven, Conn.

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The PRM123 is a sealed rotary type 1-5/16 in. diam rotary potentiometer. It is constructed as a single gang only, bushing mounted, sleeve bearing model in variations from 100 to 50,000 ohms of resistance.
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Chassis-Trak Corp., Dept. 1-A, 6252 Iona Rd., Indianapolis, Ind.

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## Teflon Terminals Compact Press-Fit Units

With dielectric strength ranging from 1000 v to $2000 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{mil}$ of thickness, these Teflon "Press-Fit" terminals permit placing a multiplicity of terminals in very limited space, such as on canned transformers, precision potentiometers, and coil assemblies. This is an encased transformer top with two banks of 10 terminals each, with terminals spaced only $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. between centers. Each feed-thru terminal has turret lugs for inside and outside wraparound and soldered connections.

Sealectro Corp., Dept. ED, 610 Fayette Ave., Mamaroneck, N.Y.

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## Exciter-Regulator

For Aircraft Application


This exciter voltage regulator, Model 05, is of the magnetic amplifier type. It supplies regulated excitation voltage for 8 kva alternator systems. It is designed to hold a $115 \mathrm{v} \pm 1-1 / 2 \% \mathrm{rms}$ exciter voltage over a range of $380-980 \mathrm{cps}$ operating frequency. Operating life is 3000 hr or more, and the unit is primarily intended for B-1 alternator systems, which are standard for T-29, C-124, C-97, B-50, and other aircraft.

Cline Electric Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 3405 W. 47th St., Chicago 32, Ill.

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## New test proves outstanding reliability of General Electric's Miniature relays

Laboratory tests using standard, production relays have confirmed the remarkable performance of General Electric Miniature relays on low-energy switching applications. These hermetically sealed relays made contact 11 million times without failure-switching 25 microamps at 50 millivolts-indicating permanent reliability.
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A key reason for this outstanding reliability is extremely high ( 40 to 55 grams) tip pressure-designed into all Miniature relays. Ample wear allowance provided by G-E engineers also contributes to extra-long life.
Description: Available in standard, current-sensitive, and voltage-sensitive models; in 2-, 3-, or 4-pole double-throw and 6 -pole normally open forms. Rated 5 amps at 28 volts DC at 85 C .

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Micro-miniature relay: Weighs .35 oz; rated 2 amps resistive at 28 v DC or 115 v AC. Also, current-sensitive model. Standard relays withstand ambient temp of 125 C .
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## Rugged Midget Relay Moisture Resistant

This relay features simplicity of design, ruggedness, and dependability.

In the Series 1100 , the coils are completely sealed against moisture, corrosion, and from high humidity. For high-frequency use, special lowloss phenolic insulation is available.
Voltages range from 6 to 110 vdc , with resistances up to 11,000 ohms. Capacitance to ground is only 3 mmfd.

This two-ounce midget relay will withstand shock and vibration up to 10 G , and has a sensitivity of 2 w dc. Its silver contacts are rated up to 1 amp at 115 v ac non-inductive load.
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## Electrical Tape

## Made of Rayon Reinforced Film

"Permacel 246," an electrical grade rayon reinforced film tape, has been added to the " 2 -in- 1 " line. It has high insulation resistance and high dielectric strength. The adhesive used is both pressure sensitive and heat curing. The tape's high tensile strength, tear strength, and shock resistance permit it to withstand breakage caused by high stresses which are prevalent in heavy duty electrical equipment. Uses include application in the production of heavy-duty equipment where anchoring is needed for heavy gage electrical wiring in the equipment coils and for banding armature coils prior to "forming."

Average basic properties are: tensile strength $225 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{in}$. width; elongation $15 \%$; adhesion strength $30 \mathrm{oz} / \mathrm{in}$. width; thickness 12 mils; and impact strength of $150 \mathrm{in} . \mathrm{lb}$. This tape has insulation resistance of 1000 megohms at $95 \%$ relative humidity, indirect electrolytic corrosion current of $1000 \mu \mu \mathrm{mhos}$, and dielectric strength of 6000 v . The minimum curing cycle is 2 hr at 250 F or 1 hr at 300 F . It is available in widths ranging from $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. in rolls of 60 yd .

Permacel Tape Corp., Dept. ED, New Brunswick, N.J.

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In the Model VO3B, amplitude of sync, blanking and video are independently variable. A phaselocked sine wave (flat to within 0.5 db from 90 kc to 10 mc ) serves as the video portion of the composite signal. Optionally externally-generated signals may be used as the video component.

It has a self-contained regulated power supply and may be used as portable or rack-mounted test equipment.

Foto-Video Labs., Inc., Dept. ED, Eagle Rock Bldg., 25 Amity St., Little Falls, N. J.
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Transistorized Intercom For Aircraft Use


Housed in a laminated-phenolic tube 6-1/2 in. long and 1 in . diam, the device consists of a high-gain, lowimpedance microphone, the transistor - battery - operated amplifier, and highly sensitive rubber - cush ioned earphones. A printed circuit board is used to hold all the amplifier components including the battery which is good for over 100 hours of use. The printed circuit makes extreme miniaturization possible and insures trouble-free performance.
The Goldak Co., Inc., Dept., ED, 1544 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale 1, Calif.
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## Correction:

The Coaxial Power Pad, manufactured by the Weinschel Engineering Corp., was erroneously rated in the September 1 issue. The correct rating is 30 watts.

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Sonex, Inc., Dept. ED, Upper Darby, Pa.
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## Magnefostriction Transducer

 High Power

The first highpower magnetostriction type transducer, Model AM203B, is designed for large scale ultrasonic applications. Average rf power applied to the transducer is 66 w sq in. of radiating area, producing cavitation effects throughout a large volume of solution.

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Acoustica Associates, Inc., Dept. ED, Glenwood Landing, L. I., N. Y.
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## Potentiometer

$\pm 0.25 \%$ Linear; Weighs 2 oz
The Series 5300 Precision
 Potentiometer, a 1-1/2 in. diam, 2 oz , bushing-mount unit, improves upon and will eventually replace this firm's Series G. It is housed in a drawn one-piece aluminum cup. The unit is compact, extra rugged, and long-lived. It also offers considerable improvement in mechanical runout, noise, and torque. Up to nine taps can be added during manufacture, each spot-welded to a single turn of resistance wire without shorting out adjacent turns.

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Acme Electric Corp., Dept. ED, Cuba, N.Y.
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Theta Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 204 Market St., E. Paterson, N.J.
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The Model H250T/ S61 Rotary Joint is a broad band, high power waveguide coupler designed especially for operation under severe shock and vibration conditions. Capable of operating at 600 kw peak power for short intervals, it operates at 350 kw during extended use. Impact and vibration tests per MIL-T-17113 show unimpaired mechanical operation and no internal damage. Vswr is less than 1.10 over a frequency band of $8400-9600 \mathrm{mc}$. Change of vswr with rotation is less than 0.2 db .

Litton Industries, Components Div., Dept. ED, 5873 Rodeo Rd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.
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International Airport Station, Los Angeles 45, California
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## Power Transistor

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The 2 N 235 A , a germaniun. pnp audio power transistor, operates from a 12 v battery. It can readily dissipate 5 w at a 75 C mounting base temperature and 25 w at room temperature. The collector current rating is 2 amp , at 75 C . Power gain is $30-40 \mathrm{db}$, and it has ac current gains up to 100 at 0.5 amp collector current and 50 at 2 amp .
Semiconductor Products, Red Bank Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., Dept. ED, 201 Westwood Ave., Long Branch, N.J.
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## Oscillogram Reader

Converts Data to Shaft Rotations


The Oscillogram Reader converts amplitude measurements, as determined by the position of a horizontal crosshair, into shaft rotations so that this information may be digitally converted for use by typewriters, printers, and punched card or tape devices. The basic measuring unit is provided by a precision leadscrew the length of which cannot vary with changes in voltage.

Coleman Engineering Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 6040 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.

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Bulova Watch Co., Electronics Div, Dept. ED 40-06 62nd St., Woodside 77, N.Y
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## Radar Test Set

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This Radar Test Set combines all of the instrumentation necessary for complete check-out of radar and other microwave transmitters in the field or otherwise. Available in C-Band (5200) 5900 mc ), X-Band ( $8500-10,000 \mathrm{mc}$ ), and Ku-Band ( $15,000-17,000 \mathrm{mc}$ ) frequencies, it includes all necessary test functions in one self-contained unit.

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## New Literature

## Electrical Contacts and Contact Materials 174

A 28-page catalog details contact materials, material characteristics, types of contacts and applications. Technical information includes electrical and physical properties and applications of contacts made from various materials. The catalog also contains reference charts to facilitate selection of the most satisfactory contact material and type of contact. Baker \& Co., Inc., 113 Astor St., Newark 5, N.J.

## Aeronautical Research

Progress in aeronautical research over the last ten years has been outlined in a 67-page booklet. Amply illustrated, the brochure discusses technical programs for aerodynamics, aeroelasticity, aircraft design, atmospheric physics, combustion and propulsion, electronics, flight instrumentation, helicopters, materials, stability and control, structures, etc. Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc., of Cornell University, Buffalo 21, N.Y.

## Oscillographic Recording Brochure

A 2 -color 8 -page brochure features Lino-Writ photo-recording papers. Illustrated with charts and photographs, the bulletin describes Lino-Writ 1, 2, and 3 papers and indicates the proper application of each. Included are relative paper speeds for tungsten, cathode-ray green, and cathode-ray blue exposures; complete processing data for both regular and rapid stabilization methods, by hand or automatic machine; time and temperature relationships; spectral response; paper thickness; and core and winding data. E. I. du Pont de Nemours \& Co., du Pont Photo Prods. Dept., Wilmington 98, Del.


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## Temperature Controllers

Bulletin MC-133 offers information on the Series 53,000 temperature controller which is designed as an individual unit to be plugged into a separate power supply chassis. For multi-point control, the brochure shows how the requisite number of controllers can be plugged into a single power supply chassis, centralizing control and conserving space while maintaining a choice of locations for temperature adjusting controls. The illustrated bulletin also describes the thermistor sensing elements which permit control as close as 25 per cent of scale range, and lead wires 200 ft and more in length. Fenwal Inc.. Ashland, Mass.

## Vibration-Damped Fasteners

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An illustrated brochure on Vibrex fasteners, which combine quick-release closures and vibration dampeners, has been issued. The bulletin lists information on different types of fasteners together with specific tensile strength, sealing and antivibration characteristics and also cites applications, including instrument mounting and panel fastening for metal or plastic fiberglas. A special leaflet covers the use of fasteners for vibrationproof quickrelease mounting of printed circuits. Vibrex Fastener Corp., Mount Kisco, N.Y.

## Report On Metalphoto Plates

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The first of a series of reports on how specific segments of industry are using Metalphoto plates. In this report, applications used in industrial research laboratories are detailed. Printed from standard photographic negatives and developed and printed by standard photographic techniques, the plates are being used over the range from simple nameplates to highly intricate calculators. Metalphoto Corp.. 6811 Superior Ave.. Cleveland 3, O.

## Automatic Machine Spec Sheets

Eleven illustrated specification sheets explaining the operation, dimensions, uses and adaptability of automatic and semi-automatic machines. Covered in the sheets are the automatic lamp finishing machine, automatic bottoming machine, continuous vacuum firing furnace, automatic crack-off and glazing machine, transistor metal-flanger subminiature button stem machine, cathode ray tube button stem machine, CRT neck splicing machine, selfcentering tubular bulb sealing heads, miniature and subminiature sealing machine, sealed beam lamp single head equipment, and automatic pinch welder. Kahle Engineering Co., 1400 7th St., North Bergen, N.J.


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## Computers

Brochure No. 108 has been issued de scribing the advance design feature: of the 400 series analog computer The brochure states in detail the prob lem system, time scale check system, plug-in servo padding turrets, 400 cycle high-performance servo, and automatic recording of recorder calibration data. Reeves Instrument Corp. 207 E. 91st St., New York 28, N. Y.

## Metal Forgings

A 32-page booklet has been released giving design, properties and applications of brass, bronze, aluminum hotpressed forgings. The booklet dis cusses design factors involved in specifying and producing forgings. Factors of strength, core size, flash line, projections, staggered lines, fillet, lettering, dimensional tolerances, and other problems are treated with text and photos. Titan Metal Mfg. Co., Customer Service Div., Dept. U-35, Bellefonte, Pa.

## Threaded Connections

Newsletter No. 2 has been issued describing lubrication of threaded connections. The booklet includes a description of the causes of galling and seizing in threaded connections and power screws and procedures for lubrication to eliminate these problems. Descriptive charts show coefficients of friction. Alpha Molykote Corp., Stamford, Conn.

## Generator Excitation System 190

Bulletin 5.08 has been published describing the "McHenry Excitation System, an advance in the technique of alternator regulation and control." The McHenry Excitation System provides extremely fast response, positive stability, close regulation, and low cost; it will simplify new designs; and it can be easily installed in existing equipment. Electric Regulator Co., Pearl St., Norwalk, Conn.
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## N /lon Fasteners

Th is catalog describes a complete line of nylon onepi ce self-locking fasteners. The locking principle usid in these fasteners consists of a nylon plug imbeilded permanently in the threaded section. It can be applied to any male or female threaded part, making leakproof joint which cannot be jarred loose by shock or vibration. The nuts, bolts and screws eliminate the need for lock washers, jam nuts, safety wiring or other locking devices. Nylon's "plastic memory" feature enables a fastening to be repeatedly removed and reinstalled. The catalog lists and describes the complete range of nylon self-locking bolts and screws, set screws, etc. The Nylok Corp., 475 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N.Y.

## Phenolic Molding Compounds

192
Bulletin CDC-324 describes the automatic molding applications of one-stage phenolic molding compound 12902. Cited are fast cure and other characteristics demonstrated in early applications, as well as technical data.
Brochure No. CDC-326 describes characteristics of general purpose phenolic molding compounds, 12920 and 12921.
Bulletin CDC-325 describes the high impact strength of phenolic molding compound, 12906. The bulletin describes cure speed, finish, pourability and performability and also contains technical data. General Electric, Chemical Materials Dept., 1 Plastics Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.

## Wound Toroids

193
A 16-page catalog describing the complete line of wound toroids, including standards, miniature, subminiature and high-frequency toroids; "Adjustoroids," "Rotoroids," telemetering band-pass filters, miniaturized band-pass filters, communications filters, and side-band filters has been released. The catalog describes the various characteristics and uses of each of the toroids or filters, and is illustrated with photographs. Performance curves for inductance ranges and inductance changes with direct current are given for each product as well as charts and graph illustrations. Burnell \& Company, Inc.. 5 Warburton Ave., Yonkers 2, N.Y.

## Ceramic Magnets

A review of the several characteristics of this permanen! magnet material is given in Applied Magnetics, Vol 4, No. 3. How its special properties have been user to advantage in electronics is also discussed. Thi Indiana Steel Products Co., Dept. AM, Valpar so, Ind.


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## Miniature Connectors

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An 8-page catalog illustrates and describes a complete line of miniature electrical connectors. The catalog presents standard plugs and receptacles which are moisture-sealed, vibration-dampened and corrosion-resistant. All are quick-disconnects, operate from -67 to 250 F and have continuous dielectric separation. They meet applicable MIL-C-5015B requirements for instrument ratings. The connectors listed include the Spherical Orientation Connectors designed to self-align and mate in blind connections. The Deutsch Co., 7000 Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

## Pulse Pafferns

A 16-page technical bulletin providing information on tape-wound or ferrite cores has been released. Bulletin 136 discusses how reliable testing procedures are a must, and goes on to point out the need for equipment which not only tests how a core will meet specifications within all necessary ranges of tolerance, but also how it will eventually operate in the system for which it is intended. Burroughs Corp., Electronic Instruments Div., 1209 Vine St., Philadelphia 7, Pa

## Continuous Sheet Mica

Availability of a 16 -page booklet, "What Every User of Electrical Insulation Should Know About ISOMICA" has been announced. This illustrated booklet describes the background and development of continuous sheet mica, and tells how it is made today. It includes detailed information about the various types of ISOMICA-molding, segment, heater and flexible plates; tapes, flexible combinations, tubes and capacitor grade as well as SAMICA, the untreated continuous sheet mica. Mica Insulator Co., PO Box 1076, Schenectady 1, N.Y.

## Cusfom Transformers

200
A 26-page catalog describes and illustrates a variety of custom transformers together with engineering specifications. The regular units list open frame transformers, cased transformers and channel frame and end bell cased units. The special units comprise air core reactors, special heater transformers, special output transformers and special furnace transformers. The catalog includes price lists as well as specifications and diagrams. Nothelfer Winding Laboratories, Inc., 111 Albemarle Ave., Trenton, N.J.

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## Magnetic Control Systems

An 8-page illustrated booklet TD 52-670 on magtic controls and logic functions for industrial control is available The booklet discusses the basic and," "or," "not," and "memory" logic functions; he circuitry providing these functions, including the basic Ramey magnetic amplifier circuit; and , urrent applications to industrial control. Westinghouse Electric Corp., P.O. Box 2099, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.

## Vibration Mountings

A new 16-page bulletin entitled "Plate Form and Multiplane Mountings" contains engineering data performance curves, specification tables, details on the design and use of plate mountings and multiplane mountings. The latter isolate vibration regardless of the direction of disturbing force. This feature makes them particularly useful to the aircraft and guided missile industry. A guide to selecton and illustrated application and installation information is included. Lord Mfg. Co., 1635 W 12th St., Erie, Penn.

## Silver Bearing Soft Solders

205
A 2-page technical bulletin, No. 3, on silver bearing soft solders is now available. Included in the bulletin are a graph for determining proper alloy use and information on silver scavenging, alloy selection, applications and available alloys. Alpha Metals, Inc., 56 Water St., Jersey City, N.J.

## Rotary Solenoids

An 8-page booklet has been prepared to describe and illustrate a line of high-torque rotary solenoids. The solenoids feature instant starting, very high torque in relation to size, uniform force throughout the stroke, and rugged construction. They function under extreme conditions of vibration thus meeting all military aircraft specifications. The booklet contains a dimensional chart, mechanical supplements and 8 complete engineering data charts. Oak Mfg. Cu., 1250 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago 10, Ill.

## Regulated DC Power Supplies

This 3-page bulletin describes in detail the 2 K se lies of transformers and chokes for electronically re slated power supplies. Schematics and block d) grams are included. Sterling Transformer Corp., 2 N. 7 St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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## Convergence Dot Generator

211
The model V-6 convergence dot generator, its features, applications and specifications, are described in an illustrated spec sheet. The unit is used for adjustment of the convergence of shadow mask tri-color kinescopes, and also checks linearity of color and monochrome monitors or receivers. Foto Video Laboratories, Inc., Eagle Rock Bldg., 25 Smith St., Little Falls, N.J.

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A 4-page brochure illustrates and describes mechanical convection ovens, muffle furnaces, gravity type ovens, mechanical recirculating, and indicating pyrometers. Construction and listing of 8 models, with operating ranges, power requirements and prices are shown. Blue M Electric Co., 138th \& Chatham St., Blue Island, Ill.

## Digital Printers

Digital printers are the subject of a 12 page manual which covers all operating specifications. Details on many types of special calculating and printing techniques are also provided. Victor Adding Machine Co., 3900 N. Rockwell St., Chicago 18, Ill.

## TV Quality Control

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A quality control brochure describes the company's attention to product quality in television manufacturing. The booklet details in 16 pages the quality control steps taken in each of four sections on machines, materials, methods and men. Motorola Inc., 4545 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago 51, Ill.


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## Printed Circuit Data Book

A 16-page copper clad technical data book has been released explaining the principles and some of the problems of printed circuitry. It advises on the proper selection of laminates, and tells how to make a printed circuit using both the photo engraving and silk screen methods. It also covers the subjects of plated circuits, plating through holes, flush circuit production and circuit fabricating. Formica Corp., subsidiary of American Cyanamid, 4614 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati 32, Ohio.

## Automatic Instrumentation

A 12-page folder, No. 716, on automatic instrumentation components and systems is now available. Among the devices illustrated and described are resistance bridge indicator 101B, voltage ratio indicator 301B, miniature bridge balance BP-18A, warning system 401 RB and RBI systems for automatic digital recording of data. Fairchild Engine \& Airplane Corp., Fairchild Electrotechnics Div., 118 E. 16th St., Costa Mesa, Calif.

## Loudspeakers

A 24 -page catalog, No. 1070, on Professional Series loudspeakers has just been issued. The catalog lists information on projectors drivers, rectangular horns, transformers, high fidelity and other equipment. Jensen Mfg. Co., 6601 S. Laramie Ave., Chicago 38 , 111 .

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Catalog No. 200 describes and illustrates many of the stock-size Alnico magnets available. Horseshoes, rods, bars, discs and channels are shown together with dimensions and rated pulling power. Also included are representative costs of cut-to-size segments and their line of heavy duty, high powered retrieving magnets rated from 40 to 125 lbs pull. Park Magnet Co., Highland Park, Ill.



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## Polyethylene Pillows

Recently published is a 1 -page catalog sheet describing the design and application of polyethylene pillows, devices to reduce evaporation of liquids in open vessels. The illustrated sheet lists prices and also gives information on polyethylene and polyvinyl chloride corrosion resistant tanks. American Agile Corp., P. O. Box 168, Bedford, Ohio.

## Thermistor Overheat Defectors

An illustrated bulletin, MC-134 describes a line of thermistor overheat detectors for aviation service. The bulletin discusses the advantages of thermistor elements for temperature detection which include stability and compactness and permit leads up to 200 ft long and relatively simple circuitry. Applications are depicted, and physical and performance specifications are listed. Fenwal Inc., Ashland, Mass.

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An illustrated catalog gives data and specifications on Industrial retaining rings. Listed in the catalog are 24 sizes in open type retaining rings for shafts measuring $1 / 25$ to 1 in ., 37 sizes in internal retaining rings conforming to NAS 50 for housings measuring $1 / 4$ to $2-1 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. in diameter, and 48 sizes in external retaining rings conforming to NAS 51 which fit shafts from $1 / 8$ to $2-1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. Industrial Retaining Ring Co., Dept. P 29, 57 Cordier St., Irvington 11, N.J.

## Hollow Aluminum Bar Stock

 227An illustrated technical brochure gives details on hollow aluminum bar stock. The 8 -page publication discusses tolerances, mechanical properties and applications and offers case studies and comparison charts. Complete tables of the standard sizes available in round and hexagonal stock, listing the wall thicknesses, dimensions, and weight per foot are also included. Harvey Aluminum, 19200 S. Western Ave., Torrance, Calif.

## Motors

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Two 11-page catalogs GEC-1026A and GEC1027A give buying information on a selected group of the company's motors. Included are application data, ratings and prices for fractional hp motors, integral-horsepower polyphase and single phase induction motors, motors and control, for part-winding starting, gear-motors and resilient-base inte-gral-horsepower induction motors. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N.Y.

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TV Parts
A recent catalog lists component parts for TV multi-outlet systems for both color and black and white. Included are a complete line of amplifiers and pre-amplifiers, line splitters, and line taps, as well as the model 704A field strength meter, a portable precision testing instrument for balancing master antenna systems, checking cable losses and locating and orienting antennas. The catalog also explains free engineering and layout services. Jerrold Electronics Corp., 23rd \& Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

## Tape Playing Time Chart

A chart has been issued which shows playing time for standard lengths on reels of various sizes. Superseding previous charts, the sheet lists data for standard $1-1 / 2$ mil tape except where 1 mil or $1 / 2$ mil thickness is indicated. The first four columns, for speeds of $1-7 / 8$ to 15 ips . show playing time for single-track tapes. The last two columns, headed $3-3 / 4$ and $7-1 / 2 \mathrm{ips}$, are for dual-track recording and recorded tapes. ORRadio Industries, Inc., Shamrock Circle, Opelika, Ala.

## Temperature Controls Catalog

MC-135 is a 6 -page catalog outlinning the company's complete line of Thermoswitch temperature controls. Literature gives physical specifications, performance data and temperature ranges. Also described are modifications and special features, such as moisture-proof seals, armored cable, extended shell, and temperature-setting knob and dial, which can be supplied to adapt the switch to varied service requirements. Fenwal Inc., Ashland, Mass.

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## External Cotter Dato

Dimensional data and price information of 14 standard external cotters are presented in a data sheet which is now available. Pin dimensions for each cotter are also given. Hunter Spring Co., Engineering Dept., Lansdale, Pa.

## Coated Yarns

242 cites its uses which include heating and air conditioning systems, and industrial applications. L.O.F. Glass Fibers Co., 1810 Madison Ave., Toledo 1, Ohio.

A 5-page folder describes application, properties and yarn data on glass and colored glass yarns coated with vinyl, teflon, and silicone. Data information is given according to yarn size and average yards per lb. Chemo Textiles, Inc., West Warwick, R.I.

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## Industrial Instrumentation

F-403 is a 4 -page bulletin which illusrates and describes recording, indicating and controlling instruments required in industrial processing. The systems outlined feature four basic components that can be interchanged to perform a variety of functions, as well as minimize maintenance problems. Robertshaw-Fulton Controls Co., Fielden Instrument Div., 2920 N. 4th St., Philadelphia 33, Pa.

## 1957 Electronics Catalog

246
Over 27,000 items fill 356 -pages in a 1957 catalog of nearly everything electronic. Among many others are detailed listings of test instruments, transistors, tools, wire, photo-electric components, nuclear instruments, sound-powered telephones, counters, program clocks, generators, radio amateur gear, phonographs and TV accessories. The catalog also has sections on recording equipment, electronic kits, technical books, and high fidelity and public address systems and components. There are 160 pages of rotogravure. Allied Radio Corp., 100 N . Western Ave., Chicago 80, Ill.

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Patent No. 2,737,684. E. L. Hughes and Harold B. Rose. (Assigned to International Telemether Corp.)
A discriminator circuit is used to decode signals utilizing pulses of different time durations. A simple circuit for accomplishing this result is advantageous. Such a circuit is shown in the figure.

Negative-going input signals are applied at the input terminals and to the control grid 16 of the tube 12 through the condenser 10. The diode 22 clamps the positive side of the input signal at the bias level $E_{c}$. Normally the tube 12 is conducting so that a negative-going pulse biases the tube 12 to non-conducting condition. The diode 44 normally maintains the control grid of the second tube 32 a little above ground potential. Since the tube 12 and the second
tube 32 have the same cathode resistor 40 , the second tube 32 is normally biased to a non-conducting condition.

When a negative-going input pulse renders tube 12 non-conducting, the cathodes of both tubes go to ground potential and a negative-going pulse is transmitted through condenser 42 to the control grid of the second tube. With a negative potential across this condenser, the diode 44 becomes nonconducting. With the diode 44 cut off, the condenser 42 begins to charge in a positive direction through the resistor 52 from the power source $+E_{b}$. If the pulse is of short duration, the condenser does not have time to charge to a potential level to render the tube 32 conducting. Termination of the input pulse restores the circuit to initial condition without generation of an output signal.

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Patent No. 2,740,891 W. W. Bowser (Assigned to Motorola, Inc.)
An oscillator which is to give accurate control of the frequency generated, utilizes a crystal to maintain frequency stability. It is impossible to manufacture crystals with such precision that they have precisely the desired frequency. As a consequence, it has been necessary to "warp" the crystal in order to shift the oscillator frequency to that desired. In prior circuits, such warping of the crystal rendered the oscillator circuit unstable. An oscillator which maintains its frequency stability, irrespective of some variation in its frequency from the natural frequency of the crystal, is advantageous. Also, in superheterodyne receivers it is easier to warp the oscillator frequency somewhat so that the received

signal will have a frequency between that of the intermediate frequency amplifier and the discriminator which may be slightly mistuned.

In the circuit illustrated in the figure, the crystal $1 \hat{2}$ is in the grid circuit of tube section 10. A tuned oscillator circuit $1.5,16$ is used in the plate circuit. Feedback is obtained through a cathode follower tube section 11, the control grid of which is coupled to the plate of the oscillator tube 10 by a coupling condenser 20 . Feedback is secured through the condenser 23 between the cathodes of the two tubes. Tuned circuits 26 and 27 may be provided in the output circuit for frequency multiplying.

The circuit illustrated has a relatively Hat frequency characteristic over a relatively wide frequency range. It also provides a stable circuit irrespective of the fact that the oscillator generates a frequency which is not the same as the natural frequency of the crystal. The patent describes variations of the circuit by which a flatter frequency characteristic is secured over a wider frequency range. One such variation includes an inductor in series with the crystal. The circuits in addition to providing a highly stable oscillator in operation also gives adequate output.


[^4]E ectronic Inverter System
I ttent No. 2,730,669. W. M. Webster, Jr. (ssigned to Radio Corp. of America.)
The conversion of a dc potential into an a ternating voltage has been accomplished $h$ the vibration of a reed contactor which makes and breaks the circuit. The vibration of the reed is secured electromagnetically. The voltage output from this type of inverter is not sinusoidal and requires additional circuit elements to give it this form. In addition, arcing deteriorates the contact surfaces of the reed and contact point. The circuit and tube accomplishes the conversion of a dc potential into an ac sinusoidal voltage wave entirely electronically.

The circuit uses a so-called separate function gas tube which separates the functions of ionizing the gas in the tube and of the conduction of current through the tube. This type of tube is illustrated in the figure and the ionization of the gas in the tube is secured by battery 26 which charges capacitor 32 through resistor 28 . The potential on the capacitor increases as it becomes charged until it reaches a potential to ionize the gas and current can pass through the tube between electrodes 20 and 16 . Electrode 22 is a so-called constricting electrode in that it surrounds cathode 20 and has a narrow slot 24 directed towards main
cathode 16. Current flow between cathodes 16 and 20 discharges the capacitor until the current becomes too low to support gas ionization. Consequently, current ceases and the capacitor again begins to charge from battery 26 for the next discharge.
When the gas within the tube is ionized, current flows between cathode 16 and anode 18 through the primary winding of transformer 36. The dc potential is supplied by battery 12 whose potential is sufficient to support current flow when the gas is ionized but insufficient independently to ionize the gas. The output across tube terminals 10 is a sinusoidal wave. Battery 26 , however, supplies a potential sufficient to ionize the gas and controls the flow of current between electrodes 16 and 18 and the circuit including primary winding 34. Capacitor 40 across the secondary winding of the transformer improves the wave form.


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## Books

Handbook of Basic Circuits TV-FM-AM Matthew Mandl, The Macmillan Co., 60 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y., 365 pages, $\$ 7.50$.

A unique book which presents 136 commonly used TV, FM and AM circuits in a manner for easy reference. Each circuit is a representative one. Accordingly, the reader will find in this one volume virtually every one of the standard circuits, each presented in sufficient detail to provide a basis for recognition and understanding of any design variations he may meet. Because many basic circuits are common to other branches of electronics, the illustrations and descriptions are applicable to inclustrial and commercial electronics.

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Essential reference data will be found in the Appendixes. Included are: a classification of amplifiers, standards for color and for monochrome television, block diagrams of complete receivers and transmitters, and summaries of the operational theory of complete communications units.

## Electrical Interference

A. P. Hale. Philosophical Library, 15 East 40 St., New York 16, N.Y., 122 pages, \$4.75.

From a practical point of view, a valuable feature of the book is the series of TV displays showing the effects on the picture of different types of interference. Chapter headings are: Causes of Interference; Effects of Interference; Receiver Aerial Systems; Measurement of Interference Levels; Location of Sources of Interference; Avoidance of Interference; Basic Filters-Safety Practical Filters-Faraday Cages.


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Mechanical Design For Electronic Engineers H. Garner. D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc., 120 Alexander St., Princeton, N.J., 223 Iges, $\$ 5.00$.
Written by a Britisher, this book discusses mechanical designs of electronic equipment and methods of production with which electronic designers should be familiar. It is especially interesting because of illustrations which show methods of construction different from practices generally encountered in the U.S.
Chapters include: Standard Rack Systems; Apparatus Cabinets; Chassis and Sub-Panel Construction; Accessibility For Servicing; Ventilation and Cooling; Anti-Vibration Mountings; Sheet-metal Working; Finishing Processes; Printed Circuits and Printed Components; Potting of Components; Labelling Panels and Cables; Soldering, Brazing and Stripping; Coil Winding; Codes of Practice and Specifications; Special Service Valves (tubes.).

Automatic Digital Computers
M. V. Wilkes. J. Wiley \& Sons, 440 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N.Y., 305 pages, $\$ 7.00$.
This book is intended to provide a general introduction to the principles underly-
ing the design and use of digital computers. It covers the subject now generally known as "logical design" without entering into a detailed discussion of electronic circuit techniques. It also deals with the way in which programmes are constructed, and methods by which the machine itself can be made to assist the programmer in his task. Discussion of what operations need to be programmed to solve particular problems, the subject of numerical analysis, is outside the scope of this book. A typical machine is described in some detail. References are made to a number of other machines to illustrate specific points.

Commercial Waxes, A Symposium and Compilation
H. Bennett. Chemical Publishing Co., Inc., 212 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y., 688 pages, $\$ 15.00$.

A very thorough treatise on waxes, not directed to any specific industry, this second edition should be an excellent reference on the subject for it discusses all waxlike substances of various chemical compositions. Chemical properties, origin or manufacture and applications of waxes are covered in detail. A glossary and wax formulary are also included.

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 FileTHE data storage and retrieval device described here provides rapid access to any one of 10,000 information-containing frames recorded in miniature on a 10 in . square sheet of microfilm. Operating continuously, it automatically searches the microfilm and photographically prints out one frame every two seconds. Designed and built by M. L. Kuder of the electronic instrumentation laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards, the device is intended for use in Government agencies.

Particularly applicable where large volumes of data inust be assembled in a predetermined sequence from a master random file, information may be in the form of pictures, drawings, fingerprints, sets of numbers, letters, or other symbols, or even single stages of electronic circuit diagrams. Quantity and kind of data are limited only by the size of the individual frame ( $1 / 10$ in. square) and the photographic resolution of the film emulsion.
Input to the machine is from a perforated teletype tape containing the coded locations of the desired frames in the order in which they are to be printed out. The assembled data produced by the machine comes out on a 10 in . wide strip of photosensitive paper of any required length. Individual frames are enlarged to $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares. Commercial automatic developing equipment processes the photographic paper.
The instrument is essentially a combination of digital computer electronic circuitry and a pair of precision servomechanisms that search X and Y axes of the matrix. The location of the desired frame is fed into a 20 bit (binary digit) register from the teletype tape. The register consists of a capacitor memory and coin- ional hp fans, motors hen your requenere in for sub-frac tonal hp fans, motors or blowers, $n e$ sure to get in thion
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idence identification circuitry. The first 10 bits reodd in the register control the Y position selection chile the second 10 bits control the $\mathbf{X}$ position.
The matrix is supported on a 10 -in diam drum. The drum is servo-controlled in both linear and rotary aves of motion, corresponding to the X and Y axes of the matrix. The servos that shift the matrix to the chosen coordinates are mechanically coupled with precision gearing to two code commutators.
The code commutators, one associated with each axis, control the coordinate positions to which the matrix is located. These commutators are photoetched with one hundred 10 -bit numbers corresponding to the standard teletype binary bit code. The two partitular positions on the commutators are selected by a serial mechanical search with contacting brushes until a code combination is found that matches the binary bits recorded in the 20 -bit register. Magnetic clutches and brakes provide rapid starting and stopping of the drum with uniform overtravel in locating every position on the matrix. A single induction motor supplies all motive power to the machine.
At the beginning of the cycle of operation, a deletype tape reader reads a 4 -decimal-digit code. A space symbol is customarily inserted in the teletype tape following each 4 -digit number. On detecting this space symbol, the machine's program control stops the tape reader, engages the magnetic clutches on the X and Y servos, and looks for the compatible code on the two coordinate axes. When the compatible code is found, the clutches disengage and magnetic brakes stop the drum. A print lamp is briefly turned on to make a photographic exposure of the selected microfilm frame on the photosensitive paper. When the exposure is completed, the teletype tape advances to the next instruction, the drum returns to its zero position, and the machine proceeds with the next search cycle.
Fifteen successive frames are printed in a row across the 10 in . width of the print paper by means of a step positioning mirror. This mirror performs a function similar to the character spacing on a typewriter it automatically advances the image one space on the photographic paper for each printout. Upon completon of a line, a line-feed servo advances the paper a fixed amount.
The instrument recognizes two other symbols, the "carriage return" and the "line feed." These symbols instruct the machine to return the step positioning mirror to its zero position, and to advance the paper one line. Whenever these functions are desired, they call be inserted into the teletype tape.
Although the machine was primarily designed as an outscriber for obtaining programmed printing from a large file of negatives, it can temporarily be set up as in inscriber to prepare its own matrices of 10,000 fraines each. Using the same machine to prepare a mar rix insures that each frame will be accurately local d whenever it is subsequently used.
bstracted from the National Bureau of Standards Te hnical News Bulletin, Volume 40, No. 7, July, 1956.

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# Laboratory Testing To Achieve Reliability 

1N every company that is engaged in producing a complex system, or even a component of a complex system, there must be individuals who can design, install, and administer a system for achieving reliability. Such a system will always require coordination of men, materials, machines and money.
The probability of success of a complex system is roughly equal to the product of the probabilities of success of all the essential components. The wellknown P-overall rule ${ }^{\bullet}$ states, for example, that if each component of a five hundred component system is $99 \%$ reliable, the system is only about $1 \%$ reliable. This means that to achieve acceptable system reliability, component reliability must be raised by orders of magnitude above that achieved by normal commercial practice.
Also, it is cheaper to make a poor component than to make a highly reliable one. Therefore, to obtain reliability, procurement methods must depart from the lowest bidder method of doing business. This departure has not taken place to a satisfactory extent, at least not in Government procurement.
Further, an engineering product can be made reliable if all modes of failure are known and understood, or if unknown modes are quickly revealed by direct feed-back from service failures. Unfortunately, in the case of complex systems there are many unknown modes, and feed-back is usually feeble. In the case of non-recoverable weapons, feed-back is almost entirely absent.
The ultimate cause of each case of unreliability is some form of human error. To achieve reliability, these errors must be recognized and then controlled.
In a traditional product such as an automobile,

[^5]errors in design or workmanship cause easily recognized service failures. These failures are reported back very quickly through a sales organization with emphatic demands for immediate corrective action. Technically, corrective action is facilitated by a complete and accurate description of the condition under which failure occurred, and by the return of the failed part. Psychologically, corrective action is aided by easy identification of the responsible person and by the certainty of economic punishment if action is not rapid and effective.
By contrast to more traditional engineering products, consider the case of a part such as small precision snap-action switch that is sold to a gyro manufacturer, who sells to the Air Force. Suppose further that under battle conditions the part fails to function because of the combined effects of high altitude, low temperature, aircraft vibration, maneuvering acceleration, and gunfire shock. If the plane is shot down, the feed-back on the error that caused the failure is lost entirely. If the plane lands, and under static ground conditions the part operates satisfactorily, feed-back is still lost. Even if an Air Force maintenance man discovers and replaces a defective sub-assembly, the only feed-back may be an unsatisfactory material report stating that under certain unknown conditions, an unidentified part of the fire control system failed. With such meager information, it is not possible to identify the responsible manufacturing company, much less the responsible individual, and even if he were reached, he would not possess the facts required to generate corrective action.
This is the problem. The solution is to be found in the full and skillful exploitation of laboratory testing. The control of human errors that cause unreliability has much in common with the control of human errors in civilized communities. In each case, three major steps are required. These steps are (1) indoctrination
or preaching of a gospel, (2) evolution of written laws, and (3) evolution of a system of law enforcement that includes a police force equipped for the scientific detection of errors and identification of authors.
In this general plan, reliability coordinators are required to preach the basic principles of reliability, and parts application and quality control engineers are required to write a system of laws in the form of specifications and classifications of defects. The job of police detective must be accomplished by experimental physicists or by test engineers.
The characteristics of the required system are dictated by the types of errors that must be detected and corrected, and by the existing industrial pattern of vendor-buyer relationships. Industrial procurement patterns vary somewhat in different areas and different industries, but the pattern of human errors is universal for all areas and all industries.

Long experience in design evaluation has shown that in complex systems subjected to varied environments, lack of knowledge, understanding or measurement of modes of failure is responsible for about half of all new design failures.
When all modes are known, the designer still may fail to provide an adequate margin between the strength of the part or the stress that will be experienced in service. This is the familiar "Inadequate safety factor error." In calculating safety factors, a single value is assigned to the strength of the part, and another single value to the maximum service stress.

If the part is such that strength variation from item to item is very small, and if maximum service stress is never exceeded, a moderate safety factor of, say, 1.5 , provides for reliability. If this variance is not small, a moderate safety factor will not prevent the low strength items from causing failure. Thereforc a designer commits an error whenever he chooses a
)art that has inherently large strength variance.
Manufacturing errors include: defective materials ,r workmanship, inspection errors or limitations and ,rocess drift.
"Process drift" includes a wide variety of errors, such as machine tool wear, chemical composition changes, and so on. It is important because components for complex systems are qualified by tests on a first article. Unless subsequent production items are identical, the basis for acceptance becomes invalid.
To detect unknown modes of failure, the only possible procedure is to subject the component to laboratory simulations of every one of the adverse environments to which it will be subjected in service. If possible, the component must be made to function during the applications of the environment. If the adverse effects of several environments are additive, they must be applied simultaneously. For example, it is generally true that the effects of shock and extreme temperature are additive and therefore they should be applied simultaneously.

To measure the actual value of a safety margin, it is necessary to carry the test to failure. A very elementary example of this is the burst test on hydraulic components. To establish that a specified minimum value has been achieved, a nondestructive proof test may suffice.
To detect excessive variance, it is necessary to perform tests to failure, and to do so in a statistically designed experiment.
Control of unreliability in only qualitative terms is satisfactory for guidance in the choice of control methods, but it is not enough to permit decisions on how far reliability improvements must be pushed.
The answer can be provided in two steps. First, the systems engineer must give the component vendor a value for the highest probability of failure in service that can be permitted for each component. In a typical missile, the value might be $10^{-5}$. In a radar system, it might be $10^{-88}$ failures per hour. Then the following can be applied.

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P_{f}=\frac{P_{o} P_{i}+\left(1-P_{o}\right) P_{\mathrm{a}}}{1--P_{o}+P_{o} P_{\mathrm{i}}}
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Where: $P_{l}=$ Probability of occurrence of a component failure under specified conditions;
$P_{o}=$ Probability of occurrence of a manufacturing error that will cause failure;
$P_{i}=$ Probability of occurrence of inspection missing a manufacturing error;
$P_{s}=$ Probability of occurrence of a strengthstress scatterband overlap.
The error detection system must be able to measure $P_{0}, P_{i}$, and $P_{8}$, and when these values are too high, the syslem must facilitate corrective action.

A bstracted from a talk presented by Leslic W. Ball, Tc.hnical Director, United ElectroDynamics Division, United Geophysical Corp., Pasadena, Calif., to the Engineering and Management Course at the University of California, Los Angles 31, Calif.

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## Radiotekhnika i Electronika No. 1, 1956

Possibility of Extending the Similarity Concept to
Multiresonator Magnetrons with Unequal Numbers of Multiresonator Magnetrons with Unequal
Resonators, I. E. Rogovin (20 pp, 4 figs).
The author derives the equations (similarity criteria) under which the phenomena that take place in the coupling space of a multi-cavity magnetron are similar, and determines the operating conditions under which a magnetron with a certain number of cavities can be considered similar to one with a different number of resonators.

## Synchronization of Self-Excited Oscillator using Pulses with Sloping Edges, E. S. Voronin, R. V. Khokhlov 19 pp, 6 figs).

This article contains a theoretical discussion of the use of non-rectangular waveforms, including an analysis of the effects of varying the amplitude and frequency of the synchronizing voltage.

Mutual Synchronization of Reflex Klystrons, R. V. Khokhlov (10 pp, 5 figs).

The Van-der-Pol equations are used to describe the synchronization of reflex klystrons and to illustrate the possibility of a smooth transition from the oscillator! region of one klystron to that of the other.

Photocells and Photomultipliers with Magnesium Cathodes for Ultraviolet Rays, O. P. Dorf, N. G. Kokina, T. M. Lifshits, D. A. Shklover ( 8 pp, 5 figs).

This report discusses the absolute sensitivity and spectral characteristics of photocells made of magnesium containing various impurities. Experiments have shown that magnesium cells are not affected excessively by impurities, and that a cell with a magnesium cathode and an alloy (activated copper-alumi-num-magnesium) emitter has enough sensitivity to record a flux of $10^{-15}$ watts at 253.7 micromicrons. Reference is made to work by Dunkelman (J. Opt. Soc. Am., Feb. 1955, p 134), Hinteregger \& Watanabe (J. Opt. Soc. Am., July 1953, p. 604), and Wainfan, Walker, \& Weissler (J.Appl. Phys., Oct. 1953, p. 1318).

Effect of Secondary Electron Emission from Insulators on the Stability of Electron-Tube Parameters, N. V. Cherepnin (13 pp, 14 figs).
The secondary emission from the insulating material (mica) used in vacuum tubes liberates gases that eventually poison the oxide coating on the cathode and cause deterioration of the tube parameters. The article contains a thorough experimental discussion of the process and proposes measures for combatting its ill effects, which are particularly pronounced in miniature tubes. These measures are:

1. Reduce the length of the oxide coating of the cathode to a minimum, thereby reducing the effect of positive charges produced by secondary emission on the edges of the cathode.
2. Increase the surface resistance of the mica insulators and prevent the formation of conducting films by the metals and oxide salts liberated from the cathode. Reducing the cathode temperature is also effective.
3. Increase getter activity.
4. Reduce the working voltages of the electrodes.
5. Replace metal strips on the upper and lower mica members adjacent to the suppressor grids of pentodes or confining electrodes of beam-power tubes.


Fig. 1. Diagram of the path of secondary emission and its equivalent circuit. The ratio of the currents flowing into and from the insulator is defined as the emission factor and is a function of the potential $U_{1}$ of the emitting portion of the insulator.


Fig. 2. It can be readily seen that the surface of the insulator is in equilibrium if $i_{1}=i_{2}$, but not all equilibrium points are stable (point $B$ is unstable). This leads to a discrete change in the plate current with time, as shown in the lowest curve, which indicates that after the transient (phase I) produced by the secondary emission the secondary current does not return to its initial value, but settles at a higher level (phase II).


Fig. 3. Differences in plate current of the same 6N2P miniature dual-diode tube measured at intervals of 1-2 days (six tubes tested).

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Fig. 10


Figs. 9-10-11. Secondary emission is most dangerous in highvoltage pulse-circuit tubes, such as the GI-3, used in the typical circuit of Fig. 9. Damage can occur to the mica, Fig. 10, and to the cathode of the tube, mostly because the gas and moisture liberated from the insulator cause the tube to spark over. Fig. 11 (curve a) shows that the pulse voltage rises to a dangerous value within 50 hours of operation, followed by sparking in 100 hours. Curve $b$ shows the effect of shielding the mica.


Coherent Electron Beams in Synchrotrons at Centimefer Frequencies, A. M. Prokhorov 18 pp, 5 figs, 2 tables).

This appears to be the first experimental attempt to use a synchrotron to produce power at these wavelengths.

Effect of Semiconducting Film on the Attenuation of a Radio Wave in a Round Waveguide, V. V. Malin (4 pp, 3 figs).
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## What The Russians Are Writing

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## Avtomatika i Telemekhanika No. 3, 1956

Electronic Differential Analyzer of the G. M. Krzhyhanovskii Power Institute of the USSR Academy of Sciences, I. S. Bruk \& N. N. Lenov 111 pp, 10 figs.) Detailed description of an electronic analog computer for ordinary linear and non-linear differential equations. The computer is housed in a cabinet equal to two and one-half relay racks. It contains 38 operational amplifiers, four multipliers, four functional converters, and one harmonic generator. With this number of components it is capable of solving differential equations of the $20-25$ th order. A power supply and long persistence CRT are furnished separately.

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Fig. 3. Block diagram of multiplier. 1-Stable-frequency oscillator; 2-. Pulse shaping circuit; 3-Sawtooth pulse generator; 4-Amplitude comparator; 5-Trigger circuit; 6-Signreversing amplifier; 7-Diode switch; 8-Operational amplifier

Fig. 4. Principle of operation of multiplier. 1-Operation of amplitude comparator; Il-Pulses at input of trigger; III-Pulses at output of trigger; IV—Output.


rocedure for Calculating Self-Excited Oscillations in 'neumatic Regulators. A. A. Abdulayev \& E. M. Nadzafov (16 Pp; 15 figs).
.pproximate frequency-response analysis of the belavior of the widely-used type 04 regulator.

High-Speed Magnetic Amplifiers for Servo Systems Employing AC Motors, A. I. Dem'ianchit 114 pp, 18 figs.)
Description of a newly developed full-wave magnutic amplifier stage which can be cascaded without increasing the time constant excessively. Comparison is made with half-wave amplifier circuits; the author concludes that the use of such amplifier jointly with transistor (or vacuum-tube) preamplifier stages will permit design of ac servo systems with an error-system sensitivity to 0.3 mv per angular minute. References are made to articles by C.W. Lufey, H. H. Woodson, and P.W. Barnhart.

New Type of Servo System with Corrective Nefworks, L. N. Fitsner ( $10 \mathrm{pp}, 7$ figs).

Describes a particular servo system compensated by first and second-derivative voltages available from a dc analog computer. Refers to an article by Ziebolz and Paynter, "Possibilities of a Two-Time Scale Computing System for Control and Simulation of Dynamic Systems" (Proc. Nat. Electronics Conf. vol 1X, 1953), to an article by Moore, "Combination Open-Cycle Closed-Cycle System" (Proc. IRE, vol 39, No. 11, 1951), and to work by Ragazzini, Ruthel, and Rendel.

Electric Variable Speed Servo Drive, O. I. Aven, E. D. Demidenko, S. M. Domanitskii, and E. K. Krug (12 pp, 16 fig).
Description of a reversible servo drive using a 250 watt three-phase induction motor controlled by a tivo stage magnetic amplifier and a vacuum-tube phasesensitive amplifier. It uses a filter network rather than a tachometer generator for velocity feedback.

Graphical-Analytic Method of Analysis of Characteristics of Magnetic Circuits subject to Joint Action of Constant and Alternating Fields, I. Ia. Lekhtman 110 pp. 10 figs).
Continuation of article in the Sept-Oct 1955 issue of Avtomatika and Telemekhaniga (see Electronic Design, March 15 issue).

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## Elektrosviaz' No. 4, 1956

Improving the Stability of Devices that Form a SingleSideband Signal, A. M. Semenov \& M. V. Verzunov 112 pp, 8 figs, 1 table).
One of the major problems in the design of single side-band transmitters is stable suppression of the carrier and second sideband. This article analyses the effect of the asymmetry of the balanced modulators employed for that purpose on the undesired frequency components. A rigorous analysis of the circuits involved is followed by a description of an experimental verification of the theoretical results. The asymmetry can be eliminated by employing current feedback in the af circuit.

Increased Interference between Two Lines Owing to Reflections from the Ends of a Third Line, P. K. Akul'shin ( 8 pp, 8 figs).
Increased crosstalk between two telephone lines may result from reflections induced by a third line which is not terminated by its characteristic impedance. Qualitative and quantitative effects of this phenomenon are discussed in detail.

Reducing Attenuation in Coaxial Cables, K. K. Sergeeva ( 6 pp, 4 figs).
Theoretically, the attenuation of a transmission line is minimum when $R / L=G / C$. In actual lines, however, $R / L$ is usually much greater than $G / C$, and the attenuation can be reduced effectively only by increasing L. In a relatively narrow high-frequency: band, say $30-100 \mathrm{kc}$, this can be done by stranding and twisting the inside conductor of a coaxial cable. Reference is made to an article by G. W. Howe, "The High-Frequency Resistance of Multiply Stranded Insulated Wire" (Proc. Roy. Soc., Vol 93, No A 654).

Shifting Signal Spectra, A. Iu. Lev, B. I. lakhinson $(7 \mathrm{pp}, 5$ figs).
Discussion of the transformation occurring in a realizable signal when its spectrum is shifted along the frequency scale from one region to another. Determination of the conditions under which such a transformation is reversible. Also discussed are the possibility of effecting single sideband transmission by means of spectrum shifting, and the possibility of synthesizing a signal with shifted spectrum given the discrete ordinates of the initial signal. Refers to articles by D. Gabor (J. Inst. Elec. Engr. vol 93 part 3, 1946), Norgaard (QST, July 1948), Weaver (Proc. IRE, Apr. 1954), J. Kohlenberg (J. Appl. Phy.s. Dec. 1953).

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New Method of Computing Losses Produced in Cylindrical Conductors by Proximity Effects, V. N. Kuleshov, 19 pp, 3 figs).
The Carson and Butterworth equations for the propagation of electromagnetic waves along parallel lines, taking the proximity effect into account, are valid only for frequencies up to 50 kc . Approximate equations valid up to 1 mc are derived by using : standing-wave representation of the solutions to Maxwell equations, with the proper boundary conditions imposed.

Harmonic Analysis of Asymmetric Pulses, S. I. Evtianov $111 \mathrm{pp}, 9$ figs).

Derives equations for the harmonics of asymmetrical plate-current pulses that occur when a vacuumtube oscillator feeds a complex load. Refer to article by L. E. Dwork, "Maximum Tank Voltage in Class-C' Amplifiers," Proc. IRE, No. 6, 1950.

On the Theory of the Ideal Receiver, A. A. Kharkevich $(7$ pp, 14 figs).

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Procedure for Calculating the Channel Interference between Signals of Short-Wave Radiotelegraph Stafions, V. M. Rozov 14 pp, 2 figs, 2 tables).
Experimental determination of effects of interference and fading on telegraph signals.

Monitoring Broadcast Transmission using Averaging (Volume) Meters and using Peak-Value Meters 16 Pp, 8 figs).
Abstract made by B.S. Mints of an article by E. A Pavel, A Gastell, M. Bidlingmaier in the West-German publication Fernmeldetechnische Zeitschrift, No. 4, 1955. Comparison of the peak-value level indicator used in Germany having an approximate integration time of 10 milliseconds (depth of modulation meter), with the standard U.S. VU meter, which has a 200 millisecond integration time. The comparison favors the peak-value meter over the VU meter, which usually reads $4-6 \mathrm{db}$ too high.


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## Phase Measurement with a Lissajous Ellipse

COVERING the frequency range from 50 cy to 30 mc , the phase meter described here has an accuracy of plus or minus one degree. It uses a Lissajous ellipse for the determination of the phase angle.
Fig. 1 indicates the relationship between the phase angle, the maximum a of the ellipse in the horizontal direction and the inter-section b with the horizontal axis.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sin \varphi=\frac{b}{a} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The maximum beam deflection is assumed to be the same for the two sinusoidal voltages whose phase angle is being measured.
Another expression for the phase angle can be ob-
tained by measuring the large and small axes of the ellipse. If their values are 2 A and 2 B respectively, and if the maximum deflection is again a,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sin \varphi=\frac{A B}{a^{2}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The meter to be described is based on the relationships shown in Fig. 2. Here $p$ and $q$ present distances measured on axes at 45 and 135 degrees respectively. For equal maximum deflections, $p$ equals $A$ and $q_{1}$ equals $B$, and the phase angle can be computed from

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tan \varphi / 2=B / A \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

By plotting the function $\tan (\varphi / 2)$ along the B axis and selecting A equal to one, the phase angle can be
read off directly.
Fig. 3 shows the block diagram of the complete instrument. The two input impedances are 75 ohms to match the most commonly used coaxial cable. Cathode follower stages provide separation in each channel between the input and an accurately calibrated attenuator. A switching arrangement permits direct application of the attenuator output voltages to individual deflection amplifiers for phase measurements up to 14 mc or conversion to an intermediate frequency of 1 mc , thereby extending the range of the instrument to 30 mc . A band pass filter of 200 kc bandwidth is provided for each channel and a separate discriminator permits measurement of the intermediate fre-


Fig. 1. Lissajou's ellipse.

$x_{0}-y_{0}-a \sin \beta \cdot a \sin (\alpha-\varphi)-a \sin (s 0-\varphi / z)-a \cos \varphi / 2$ $x, \cdot-y, \cdot a \sin (180 \cdot \varphi / 2)-a \sin \varphi / 2$
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Fig. 3. Block diagram of phase meter.

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Fig. 4. Simple method for phase measurement with an indicating instrument.
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A ten centimeter diameter cathode ray tube is being used, but the diameter of the circle enclosing the ellipse is limited to four centimeters in order to limit geometrical distortion in the cathode ray tube. An optical magnification of five times permits accurate positioning and adjusting of the ellipse. An electronic magnifier increases the deflection sensitivity of both plates by a factor of approximately five. This is achieved by reducing the electron gun voltages in the cathode ray tube without appreciably increasing the spot diameter. An ellipse with a small axis of 0.1 cm can thus still be measured, resulting in an accuracy of about ten minutes of arc per phase angles of the order of a few degrees.

Phase shifts up to ten degrees can also be read on a separate phase indicating instrument. The circuit is illustrated in Fig. 4. The input voltages $U_{1}$ and $U_{2}$ are kept constant and the potentiometer $p$ is adjusted to make

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{U_{2}}{U_{1}}=\frac{\mathrm{Z}_{2}}{\mathrm{Z}_{t}}=\mathrm{m} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The voltage $U$, which is measured with a vacuum tube volt meter, is then a function of the phase angle, permitting direct calibration of the meter scale in degrees.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{U}=\frac{2 \mathrm{~m}}{1+\mathrm{m}} \mathrm{U}, \sin \varphi / 2 \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
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An extension of the phase meter for the direct indication of a phase angle on the cathode ray tube screen is also mentioned.
Abstracted from an article by O. Macek, "A Phase Meter for the Frequency Range from 50 cy to 30 mc ," Frequenz, vol. 10, pp. 147-152; May 1956.


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## Low Noise Converter

To reduce noise in VHF receivers, a 215 to 225 me converter has been designed and developed by the Naval Research Laboratory. The converter achieves a low noise figure in the receiver equipment which was unattainable with previous tubes. Using a GL6299 triode (GE manufacture), the converter tunes the desired frequency range while the noise figure remains essentially constant. Improvement in the noise figure is due to low losses, low equivalent noise resistance, and low transit time conductance of the tubes. PB121214 A Low Noise 215-225 Mc Converter, L. Hoffman, Naval Research Laboratory, OTS, US Dept. of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C., June 19.56, 7 pp .50 cents.

## VLF Ground-Wave Propagation Curves

Curves presented in this publication provide basic information on ground-wave propagation in the low, very low, and ultra-low frequency bands. Several extensions were made to the formulas of Van der Pol and Bremmer. Ground conductivity values of $4,0.01$, and 0.001 mhos per meter were chosen, corresponding to sea water, well-conducting land, and poorly conducting land, and the field strength and phase values were computed at the selected frequencies. Range was from 1 to 1500 miles. Amplitude and Phase Curves for Ground-Wave Propagation in the Band 200 Cycles Per Second to 500 Kilocycles, Wait and Howe, NBS Circtular 574, May 1956, 17 pp. 20 cents.

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## Printed Circuit Packaging Techniques

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## RF Wattmeter

Covers the investigation, development and design of an rf wattmeter to be used in field and depot testing. The Wattmeter AN/URM-73(XA1) measures power in the high and medium power ranges over the 20 to 1000 mc frequency band. In order to obtain the best system to measure rf power in the most accurate manner consistent with simplicity of design and reliability of operations, several methods were evaluated. The one finally evolved was the one using a high-power precision attenuator and a heater-thermocouple detector delivering dc voltage to a panel meter. Radiation, Inc. for USAF, July 1955, Order PB121096, OTS, US Dept. of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C., 81 pp . $\$ 2.25$.

## Waveform Generator

Describes development of a periodic waveform generator in which the magnitude, slope, polarity, and points of inflection may be controlled at will by simple resistance or voltage changes. It is composed of standard magnetic cores, diodes and resistors, with switching transistors added for special applications. With supplementary circuit additions, power outputs in the watts range may be supplied to low impedance loads. When used with a compatible analogue computer system, it provides output transfer functions which may be tailored to any complexity desired. C. B. House, Naval Research Lab., May 1956, Order PB121157, OTS, US Dept. of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C., 10 pp .50 cents.

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## Terminals

MIL-T-0015659D (Ships), Terminals: Lug, Solder Type, Copper, 18 April 1956

This limited coordination spec has been prepared by BuShips based upon currently available informa. tion, but it has not been approved for distribution as a revision of MIL-T-15659A.

MIL-E-16366B (Ships), Electrical Clamps and Lug Terminals: Pressure Grip, Amendment 2, 4 April 1956

A cable connector for a 349,000 circular mil cable was added by this amendment.

## Parts

MiL-STD-242A (Ships), Electronic Equipment Parts (Selected Standards), 4 May 1956
A list of selected standard parts covering the following major categories is contained in this standards manual: acoustic parts, cables, capacitors, insulators, cable clamps, rf connectors, control knobs, electromechanical parts, power plugs, resistors, switches and tip jacks, transformers, chokes, filters, tubes, transitors, quartz crytals, attenuators, and waveguides. This standard is mandatory for use on BuShips contracts by both the prime contractor and all subcontractors in the design of new electronic and associated electrical equipment where specs MIL-E-16400, MIL-E-19100, and MIL-I-983 are specified. In general, this standard makes an excellent reference for electronic component parts.

## Resistors

MIL-R-19438 (NOrd), Precision Wire Wound Variable Resistor, 1 May 1956
The design requirements of accurate wire wound variable resistors having a maximum resistance tolerance of 2 per cent are established by this spec. These resistors are suitable for continuous full load operation at any ambient temperature up to 65 C .
MIL-R-19365 (Ships), Resistors, Adjustable, Wirewound Power (One Ferrule, One Tab Terminal), 8 May 1956

Power-type wirewound, adjustable resistors with one ferrule and one tab terminal used in electrical, electronic, communication, and associated equipment are covered by this spec. These resistors have an effective resistance range of 100 to 3000 ohms and a resistance tolerance of plus or minus $5 \%$. A typical type designation for a resistor covered in this spec is RX10G100.
iDN-CAP-1, Type Designations and Color Coding (of Capacitors, 31 July 1956
Compiled from six capacitor specs, this Application Design Note represents a departure from the previous practice of dealing with individual components. Specs MIL-C-5A, JAN-C-20A, MIL-C-91A, MIL-C-11015A, and MIL-C-11272A were used as the source for this ADN. A tabulation of the type designations appearing in the six specs is included to show the meaning and order of appearance of each of the symbols. Also included are charts showing capacitance tolerance color coding and value and capacitor characteristics, in addition to capacitor coding illustrations.

## Capacitors

MIL-C-25A, Capacitors, Fixed, Paper-Dielectric, Direct-Current (Hermetically Sealed in Metallic Cases), 5 July 1956
1000 v rated types have been added for styles CPO4, CPO5, CPO8, CPO9, and CP10, by this revision. Style CP11 was not affected. The statement that polarization is not required during the performance of the moisture resistance test has been deleted. The duration of the life test for 1000 volt characteristic capacitors is 500 hours with $120 \%$ of rated voltage applied.

## Waveguides

MIL-W-3970, Waveguide Assemblies, Rigid, 20 July 1956
Rigid waveguide assemblies, such as bends, corners, and twists, for general Armed Services application in conjunction with standard rf transmission lines are covered in this recently issued spec.

## Batteries

MIL-B-15072A, Amendment 1, Batteries, Storage, Lead-Acid, Portable (Except For Aircraft And Automotive Vehicles), 18 July 1956
Requirements for clamp terminals have been added and pin-type terminals have been deleted. Filler plug requirements have also been added. Twenty three "MS" standards have been added covering batteries, and three additional ones have been added covering battery terminal clamps and battery filler plugs.

## Shipboard Enclosures

Mil-E-2036B (Navy), Enclosures For Electric and Electronic Equipment (Naval Shipboard Use), Amendment 3, 16 May 1956

Disconnect switches are now included under this spec. Enclosed, self-ventilated enclosures are no longer considered to be Class 1 enclosures. Splashproof and splashproof protected enclousres are no longer consicered to be Class 2 enclosures. The requirements for approved joints and bolts and spacing have been re ised. Requirements for spray-tightness and watertis htness have been added, as have been requirements fo welding.


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