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## THERMOSTATS!

## G-V's Series C8 is Undamaged By 150 G Shock, Vibration up to 2000 Cycles, Exposure to $-100^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. and $+300^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

This new series of electrical thermostats is specially designed to meet the difficult operating conditions of electronic and aircraft applications. Operating points, regardless of setting, are not changed by exposure to temperatures from $-100^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. to $+300^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Shocks up to 150 G for 3 milliseconds, vibration of 25 G up to 1000 cps , and vibration of 10 G up to 2000 cps do not damage these thermostats or change their setting.

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## Available in Numorous Conveniont Mounting forms

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TomporeleMinus $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to plus $125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

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$55-2000 \mathrm{cps}$ at 20 g
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Sea level to 80,000 foet
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MHJ-12D: 3.0 ounces
MHJ-18D: 4.2 ouncos
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at rated voltage of $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
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5 miliseconds or lew
of rated voltage of $\$ 5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$


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## Editorial

## Sputnik Should Spark Translations

In March 1 of 1956 we r in an abridged translation of a Russia) arti. cle on a telemetering system. Bight: een months and two Sputniks later we get an urgent plea for advice on how to get a complete translation. Although requests for information or full translations has stepped lip re. cently, we can't report that our rrans. lator has been any busier.

Few people want to pay the neces. sary $\$ 50$ to $\$ 100$ to get a complete translation. The common excuse "They couldn't possibly have anything important enough

Now that we can't ignore the com. petition, it's still easy to pass the buck to the Defense Department. But does all moral responsibility for assuring our fitness to protect the free world rest with the Government? We thinh every free man has an obligation.

We recommend a double front fo keeping armored against ignorance.

1. A government translation pro gram comparable to the USSR's.
2. The assuming of individual re sponsibility, to keep abreast of the best in engineering.

Unfortunately, our government doe nothing comparable to the USSR in communicating technical information It is no secret that the Soviet has central translation agency set up t feed their technical personnel Amen can reports. The numerous citations $d$ U. S. articles and books in their tech nical articles prove they read us.

As we have reported, MIT will soon translate electronic journals with $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{j}}$ tional Science Foundation financia aid. But plans for the future are in enough. We recommend a crash pro gram now to survey all Soviet articles books, and reports. If our experts ar in the know, we're not aware of it It seems unreasonable, let alone un comfortable, to realize that our policy is reshaped only after Tass sends ouf news releases. In the next issue we talk about individual responsibility
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# Engineering Review 

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

## Photolithographic Transistor

A transistor small enough to fit in a hole drilled in a printed crcuit board has been shown by the Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratory, Washington 25, D. C. This transistor, produced by use of photolithographic fabrication techniques, permits a transistor to become an integral part of a printed circuit.
Tests have shown that the transistor is relatively stable, and one experimental model was operated to an alpha cutoff of 15 mc .
In their paper, presented at the IRE-PGED conference, Washington, D. C., James R. Nall and Jay W. Lathrop, outlined the basic constructional methods employed in the production of this transistor.
Diffused germanium blanks 45 mils square and ten mils thick are coated with a photosensitive resist, masked, exposed to ultra-violet light and developed; leaving a bare rectangular
area of germanium. Aluminum emitter material is evaporated and deposited over the layer of resist. When the underlaying resist is chemically stripped away, the aluminum remains only on the rectangular area. Resolution equivalent to mechanical masking can be achieved by this process. The aluminum emitter is alloyed to the germanium blank by annealing it in a hightemperature hydrogen atmosphere.

A base contact of similar shape is formed next to the emitter, by the same photolithographic process. However, in this case the contact is electrolytically deposited gold on the surface of the germanium, rather than on the resist. This gold contains a small percentage of antimony, and is deposited only on the clean germanium surface, and there is no necessity to strip the resist before alloying. The gold alloying takes place at a lower temperature than the
aluminum alloying, thus leaving the emitter undisturbed. The collector base junction is defined by etching away the germanium except in the vicinity of the emitter and base contacts. This provides a pedestal for the collector-base.

At this point it is possible to produce leads to the emitter and base by placing a coat of photoresist over the finished transistor leaving bare only the areas above the emitter and base contacts. In some cases additional gold is electrolytically deposited in these areas to insure good contact at these points.

The transistor may then be soldered to a thin metal base plate and inserted into a hole in a ceramic printed circuit board. Any gap between the board and the transistor is filled with cement and this firmly attaches the transistor to the ceramic printed circuit board.

With relatively crude masking, aluminum leads are vacuum deposited to connect the printed wiring on the board with the contacts on the transistor pedestal. The leads which have


Phoforesist is placed on the germanium surface, masked, exposed, and developed, leaving a bare rectangle of germanium.


A schematic diagram of the finished unit is shown. The aluminum leads a conductivity approximately equivalent to 0.0006 in. wire.


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been used have a conductivity of approxinatel what might be found in half mil diameter wire

Photoresist not only insulates the depusited leads from the germanium surface, but als protects the surface from contamination until the circuit or combination of circuits can be mounted and hermetically sealed.

A sample circuit shown to ED utilized these transistors in an audio amplifier. The device ha operated for several weeks with excellent results and no deterioration could be detected.

A limitation of this particular transistor is the presence of lead capacitance. It is felt that the problem may be corrected by changes in the circuit design.

Photolithographic transistors can be producei in any shape. Transistor manufacturers might utilize the technique to produce complete cir cuits, as a single component.

The physical size of the device may permi the construction of devices in form requiring little space, replacing racks of equipment.

## Polaris Missile Funds Tripled

Decision by the Navy to sharply increase de velopment tempo on its high-priority fleet bal listic missile project, Polaris, was reflected toda in the award of an expanded contract to the Lockheed Missiles, Sunnyvale, California.
Lockheed, missile system manager for th Polaris, has just been given a $\$ 62.1$ million contract extending the program work through fiscia year 1958. The new award more than triples the funding and considerably increases presen Polaris program activity.
The Polaris-focal point of a new concept U. S. defense strategy is being accelerated to bring it into the front line missile arsenal a rapidly as possible
The Polaris, a weapon that will be virtually impossible to detect or destroy, will be the nations first ballistic missile able to roam the worlds oceans aboard specially equipped naval craft The weapon's flexibility and mobility, unique to naval operations, will extend to great distance our defense perimeter and provide an importari weapon as a deterrent to aggression. Because is in ships at sea, an enemy's efforts to counter will be drawn away from the continental U . S .


Rent-A-Radio: A unique two-way communications system, establishes the dispatch desk of the Dallas Hertz Rent-A-Car system as a radio message center for executives. Mobile radio equipment enables users of properly-equipped Hertz cars to keep in constant contact with their offices, homes, and friends. The Dallas system is described as a pilot installation and is the first of its kind in the nation. The equipment is licensed by the FCC in a radio band known as the Citizens' Radio Service.
If someone wishes to talk to the driver of a car, he dials the Hertz office telephone number and the Executive Service Operator relays the message to the vehicle by radio. If the driver wants to send a message, he merely picks up the handset in the car and calls the operator. A Hertz official said that all that is necessary to rent a car with two-way radio is the usual identification required for auto rentals.

## Slide-Rule Correction!

Many readers have built the "do-it-yourself" slide-rule for filter design on page 43 of the October 1 issue and have expressed themselves as gratified at the results obtained.
Unfortunately, the example given contained inaccuracies. The paragraph entitled: "How to Read the Slide Rule" should have read:
"For example, suppose a high-pass filter is needed in a 50 -ohm system to reject all frequencics below 150 mc . On the high-pass face of the rule, set the arrow in the Set Frequency window to 150 mc . On the capacity ( $C$ ) scale, opposite 50 ohms on the adjoining resistance scale, read capacitance as $10.8 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. On the inductance ( $L$ ) stale, opposite 50 ohms on its adjoining resistance scale, read $0.0265 \mu \mathrm{~h}$."



PERKIN has incorporated the above features for completely new lines of transistorized B+ units, as well as low voltage power supplies. The following is the detailed description of the design features and performance characteristics of both lines.

B+ POWER SUPPLIES.


Model MTB 300-200
THESE PERKIN POWER SUPPLIES are designed to incorporate the latest magnetic amplifier, transistor assisted design circuitry which insures long, troublefree, continuous-duty type service, with virtually no maintenance. This circuitry features the latest in reliability, since it contains no vibrating contacts and no vacuum tubes. Latest type ? nted Circuit techniques are employed.
The circuitry is based on AC transistor amplifiers; therefore, the effect of any changes in transistor parameters is greatly minimized. AC amplification is obtained by the use of modulators and obtained by the use of modulators and
detectors. The actual carrier frequency detectors. The actual carrier frequency
is approximately 80 Kc which, in effect is approximately 80 Kc which, in effect,
regulates steady state as well as attenuregulates steady s
ating the ripple.
Magnetic amplifiers are used in the cir cuitry for preregulation purposes, and the transistors used supply the fina regulatory element. Provision is made within the circuitry to limit the transistor voltages-especially in the power output transistors-to a safe limit under all conditions of switching, line voltage all conditions of switching, line voltage
transients, and short circuits to insure transients, and short circuits to insure
against any possible transistor failure.

SPECIFICATIONS AMD RATINGS AVAILABLE: AC INPUT: $\mathbf{1 0 5 - 1 2 5}$ volts, single phase, $\mathbf{5 0 - 4 0 0} \mathrm{cps}$ RIPPLE: 6 millivolts peak to peak (2 millivolt). RIPPLE: 6 mill
REGULATION:
$\pm .1 \%$ for line changes of $105-125$ volts.
$\pm .1 \%$ for line changes of $105-125$ volts.
$\pm .1 \%$ for load changes of no load to full load. DYNAMIC IMPEDANCE: 1 ohm from 20 to 20,000 cycles.
OUTPUT VOLTAGE ADIUSTMENT: Potentiometer controlled.
METERS: Optional
CONSTRUCTION: Rack panel; panel dimensions
1.5 A ratings: $10^{11 / 2^{\prime \prime}} \mathrm{H} \times 19^{" W}$.

SPECIFIC Models ant ratimgs available:

| MODEL NO. | OUTPUT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VOLTAGE RANGE |  | | LOAD |
| :--- |
| CAPACITY |

transistorized low voltage units.


## Model MTR 060-5

TYPICAL OF PERKIN'S NEW LINE of low voltage DC power supplies employing magnetic amplifier circuitry is Model MTR060-5 rated at 0-60 Volts, 0-5 amperes. Features include excellen transient response for both line and load changes, 1 millivolt ripple, regu lation to 5 millivolts, continuously ad justable to 0 volts, wide AC line range and remote sensing.
Applications for these units are tran sistor circuitry, relays, strain gauges, filament power and general laboratory testing.
detailed specifications and ratimgs: DC OUTPUT VOLTAGE RANGE: $0-60$ volts $D C$ DC OUTPUT CURRENT: 0.5 amperes DC
AC INPUT: $95-135$ volts, single phase, 60 cps . RIPPLE: 1 millivolt maximum

## REGULATION:

Line
tatic: Less than +5 milliveli
Dynamic: Less than 10 millivolts for step Dynamic: Less than 10 millivolts for step
changes of 20 volts, anywhere between 95 to 135 volts AC.
Load
static: Less than 25 millivolts for changes from no load to full load.
Note: The regulation accuracies above are $0-60$ volts DC.
OUTPUT IMPEDANCE:
Less than 5 milliohms from 0 to 100 cps .
Less than 5 milliohms from 0 to 100 cps .
Less than 25 milliohms from 100 cps to 2 KC .
Less than 50 milliohms from 2 KC to 20 KC .
CONTROLS: Coarse control with resolution of 120 millivolts. Fine control with resolution of 5 millivolts.
PROTECTION: Unit will sustain short circuits without damage. Input and output fuses on front panel.
METERS:
Voltmeter, 0.75 volts $D C, 41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangular
Ammeter, 0.5 amperes $D C, 41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangular
DIMENSIONS: Rack panel construction, 19"W
$143 / 4 " \mathrm{D} \times 121 / 4 " \mathrm{H}$. (Cabinet unit also available.)
OTHER MODELS AVAILABLE WITM SIMILAR
SPECIFICATIONS ARE:

| MODEL NO. | VOLTAGE RANGE | CAPACITT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TR 036.15 | 0.36 V | 15 C |
| MTR 036.30 | 0.36 V | 30 A |
| MTR 28.30 | 24.32 V | 30 A |

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## Engineering Review



Mr. G. Kronacher of Bell Telephone Laboratories is holding a display board on which a disassembled vernier resolver is mounted. In back of display board is a set-up for checking the accuracy of the resolver.

## Electro Magnetic Resolver

A high precision electromagnetic angle transducer called the vernier resolver has been developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories, 463 West Street, New York 14, New York, under an Air Force contract. The resolution of this transducer is better than $\pm 3 \mathrm{sec}$ of arc. This is about the same angle as that subtended by a baseball at 3 miles.
Such a resolver has potentially wide applications for visual and automatic angle reading systems as required in the machine shop and military applications. At Bell Laboratories, it has been used in an "angle encoder" which converts a shaft angle to a numerical representation acceptable to a digital computer. The standard deviation of the error of this complete encoder is less than ten sec of arc.
The vernier resolver is a reluctance type, variable coupling transformer. In the present design, two output voltages are produced which vary in amplitude as the sine and cosine of 27 times the angle through which the rotor is turned. Thus, the equivalent of a standard resolver driven by a 27:1 gear train is obtained. Other ratios are also possible.
The unit is of small size and simple construction. All windings are on the stator, leaving the rotor free of sliding contacts.

## (AATHEOM

The types pictured and charted on these pages possess the characteristics and the dependability to merit your specification and your confidence.

| Type | Peak Inverse Volts | Forward Current (min.) at +1 lV mAdc | Average Rectified Curren mAdc $\left(25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Reverse Current $\mu A$ at $V$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 113300 | 15 | 15 | 65 | 0.001 | 10 |
| 1 13300a | 15 | 30 | 80 | 0.001 | 10 |
| 11432 | 40 | 10 | 55 | 0.005 | 10 |
| 1M132A | 40 | 20 | 70 | 0.005 | 10 |
| 113001 | 70 | 5 | 45 | 0.05 | 50 |
| 103014 | 70 | 18 | 65 | 0.05 | 50 |
| 1m660 | 90 | 5 | 45 | 0.1 | 75 |
| 1M160A | 90 | 15 | 60 | 0.1 | 75 |
| 11303 | 125 | 3 | 40 | 0.1 | 100 |
| 14303A | 125 | 12 | 55 | 0.1 | 100 |
| 12133 | 145 | 3 | 40 | 0.1 | 125 |
| 1ma33a | 145 | 10 | 50 | 0.1 | 125 |
| IMM34 | 180 | 2 | 35 | 0.1 | 150 |
| ins3a | 180 | 7 | 45 | 0.1 | 150 |
| 11302 | 225 | 1 | 30 | 0.2 | 200 |
| 14302A | 225 | 5 | 40 | 0.2 | 200 |
| CKess | 300 | 1 | 20 | 0.3 | 275 |
| crersa | 300 | 3 | 30 | 0.3 | 275 |


| Type | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Peak } \\ & \text { Pinverse } \\ & \text { Volts } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { RRectived } \\ \text { Current } \\ \text { (max.) mAde } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Reverse } \\ & \text { Current } \\ & \text { at } 10 \mathrm{l} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11305 | 60 | 125 | 2 |
| 11365 $1 \times 307$ | 15 125 | 150 50 | 2 |


| Type | Peak Inverse | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { Reccified } \\ \text { Cuarrent } \\ \text { (max.) mAde } \end{gathered}$ | Reverse Current |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Volts |  | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ | - |
| IN66 | 60 | 50 | 800 | -50 |
| 1N67 | 80 | 35 | 50 | -50 |
| 1 NGI | 100 | 35 | 625 | -100 |
| 1N29 | 60 | 50 | 800 | -50 |
| [1237 | 80 | 35 | 100 | -50 |
| 1 2 288 | 70 | 50 | 250 | -40 |
| VHF and UHF |  |  |  |  |
| 1423s | 40 | 35 | 200 | -10 |
| CK71s | 40 | 35 |  |  |


ACTUAL SIZE

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| Type | $\begin{gathered} \text { Peak } \\ \text { Pinverse } \\ \text { Volts } \end{gathered}$ | Average Rectified Current Amps. ( $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Reverse Current (max.) at PIV $\mu A$ | Type | Peak Inverse Volts | Average Rectified Current Amps. $\left(135^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Reverse Current (mak.) at PIV $\mu A$ | Type | Paak Volts | Averrage Rectifiod Curren Amps. $\left(150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Reverse Current (max.) at PIV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CKL ${ }^{\text {ch }}$ | 100 | 1.0 |  | $1{ }^{1233}$ | 95 | 1.0 | 10 | 115337 | 100 | 0.25 | 2 |
| CKH1 | 200 | 1.0 | 2 | 14250 | 190 | 0.4 | 10 | $1 \mathrm{MS38}$ | 200 | 0.25 | 2 |
| Скй | 300 | 1.0 | 2 | 14255 | 380 | 0.4 | 10 | 1 1M33 | 300 | 0.25 | 2 |
| ckus | 400 | 1.0 | 2 | IN258 | 570 | 0.2 | 20 | $1 \mathrm{MS60}$ | 400 | 0.25 | 2 |
| ckeso | 500 | 1.0 | 2 |  |  |  |  | CKM | 500 | 0.25 | 2 |
| CK851 | 600 | 1.0 | 2 |  |  |  |  | CKMS | 600 | 0.25 | 2 |

## Objects in Motion <br> Seen by Radar "Eye"

A radar eye that ignores stationary objects and speeds a surface-to-air missile instantly toward a threatening moving aerial target was made public as part of the Army Hawk air defense missile system, defender of American cities against aerial invaders flying at even the lowest altitude.

The Hawk's outstanding ability to seek out and destroy invaders even at tree top level, the Army said, is due to use of a radically advanced radar technique in the missile's guidance system.

Another aspect of the Hawk system is the extreme mobility of the ground support equipment which permits Hawk batteries to travel with the fast-moving assault forces of the Army and Marine Corps.

Raytheon Mfg. Co., Waltham, Mass., has complete weapon system responsibility for the Hawk program. Northrop is the major subcontractor for missile airframe components and system support equipment such as the mobile loader and the launcher.

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## AEC Broadens Fellowships for Nuclear Training

To meet the increasing demand for highly trained scientists and engineers in nuclear fields, the AEC has broadened one of its special fellowship programs to include study through the doctorate level. Fellowships have been established to provide a total of 150 fellowship grants on a one-year basis to first, second, and third year graduate students.
The fellowships carry basic stipends of $\$ 1600, \$ 1800$, and $\$ 2000$ respectively, with additional allowances for dependents, tuition, and travel. The original program, at that time called "AEC Special Fellowships in Nuclear Energy Technology," was announced on October 30, 1956, and supported one year of study at the first-year graduate level.

The revised program is the result of the increased demand for scientists and engineers with more advanced training in nuclear technology and provides the opportunity for a large number of graduate students to pursue, at certain universities, studies in the nuclear aspects of conventional scientific and engineering disciplines in addition to basic work in the reactor technology field.

## Nuclear Studies on Ceramics

Advanced research studies of the nuclear effects on ceramics will be conducted by Gulton Industries, Inc., Metuchen, N.J., at the Brookhaven National Laboratory. Irradiated barium titanate and lead zirconate will be used for making fundamental investigations of the property changes of ferroelectrics. These nuclear studies on ceramics will concentrate chiefly on the electrical measurements of the ir-

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radiated materials. It is hoped that by changing the structure of the ceramic materials, improved electrical characteristics will be effected. Gulton Industries, Inc., maintains a research staff at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, and was previously licensed by the AEC for the investigation of certain aspects of the use of ceramics in the nuclear field. :

## European Trade Show

Exclusively American
The first United States trade show ever presented in Europe under private auspices has been scheduled for Hamburg, Germany, during October 3-12, 1958

Called "1958 American Industrial Exposition of Electronics, Automation and Atomics," exhibits of American manufacturers will be accepted.

The exposition presents a new technique in advertising and sales promotion "packaging" designed for American manufacturers securing new markets for their products throughout Europe. It is the first opportunity American businessmen have had to actually sell their wares abroad in a trade exposition exclusively American. More than 40,000 buyers, government purchasing agents, manufacturers, franchise agents, engineers, and scientists are expected to attend.

The show, embracing 200,000 square feet, is sponsored by a group of Los Angeles businessmen in cooperation with the City of Hamburg and intensive support of the West German government has been assured.

A cost analysis for typical exhibit, based on special rate and transportation arrangements made by Intercontinental Trade Shows, 5746 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., makes it possible for a manufacturer to exhibit and demonstrate his products at Hamburg with his own sales representatives on the scene for $\$ 2500$.

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## Harmonic Drive Principle <br> Hermetically Seals Valves

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United's exhibit illustrates "harmonic drive" by means of a linear actuator which demonstrates the application of the principle to a control rod drive mechanism.

## Washington Report

Herbert H. Rosen

## FCC Stirs up Another Pay-TV Furor

In recent weeks the Federal Communications Commission decided it had jurisdiction over toll television and announced a course of action. The Commission is planning to experiment with the system, and anyone who has the financial and technical know-how can participate. However, in making this decision, the FCC has incurred the wrath of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and certain elements of the broadcasting industry. The decision has even caused concern among companies proposing pay-TV systems.
A two-day secret meeting preceding the announcement of the decision brought to five the number of toll TV systems now available to the public. For many years, Zenith's position has been well publicized. Allies in the issue are Skiatron, International Telemeter, Teleglobe, and BlonderTongue. Each offers different systems: some use wire; others, uhf transmission. One uses coding devices; another, a gas-meter type toll box; another ties reception in with the telephone bill; and still another lets you see the picture without the sound until the proper password is given.
Pay-TV has been a big center of controversy in the FCC for some time. It appears that the major industry opponents are the networks. Alhough they, as a body, have made no formal ann -acements, a spokesman did have some words. He was Harold E. Fellows, president of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters. He made note of the fact that the FCC plans to honor no applications until March 1. "This will give Congress, which will then be in session, and its committees an opportunity to express their feelings on this action, including their responsibility on the public interest aspect."
The added confusion that shrouds the toll TV problem has given more ammunition to Sen. C. E. Potter (R-Mich.). He has introduced a Joint Reso-lution-Number 106-that proposes establishment of a national commission to study the extent of allocation of frequency space and the extent of utilization of the space. A companion resolution, Number 381, has been introduced in the House.
In making this decision, the FCC must have realized that opposition would have been forthconing. The magnitude of it was probably a surprice. Therefore, there may be a tendency on the par of the Commission to hold back, to wait and see what kind of bricks will be thrown at it next Jar ary when Congress returns to Washington.


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## TV for Salvage

For the first time in underwater salvage, a grappling iron fitted with an underwater television camera has been used to recover wreckage from a crashed aircraft at a depth of 680 ft . The operation was used to recover pieces of a Swiss DC3 which crashed into Lake Constance, Switzerland, with the loss of nine lives.

Following the loss of the aircraft, the Swiss government launched an inquiry to establish the cause of the crash. The approximate location of the wreck was established from eyewitness accounts. Later, the exact spot was located from a helicopter, when oil was sighted, and marked with buoys.

An underwater camera, supplied and operated by Pye Corp., Cambridge, England, was attached to a grapple, to permit observation and recovery of wreckage in one operation. The procedure adopted while searching with the television grapple allowed the crane operator to watch the television monitor for wreckage coming toward the arms of the grapple. As the


Pholograph of operator's viewing monitor, showing the arms of the grapple moving a few feet above the bed of the lake.
wreckage passed below, the grapple was dropped, and the arms were closed. Within minutes, the wreckage was hauled to the surface, and brought to shore.
Experts consider that the underwater television techniques employed during the search constitute a considerable advance in salvage operations. It is now possible for experts to be selective in the wreckage to be salvaged. The TV grapple also saves time as wreckage can be raised without necessitating the lowering of additional bulky equipment, which can not be accurately positioned.

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Dec. 18-19: EIA Conference on Maintainability of Electronic Equipment
University of Southern California, Los Angeles Calif. Sessions will cover military concepts and requirements for maintainability, ground environ ment equipment, missile maintainability, airborne equipment maintainability, and road blocks to maintainability. For additional information contact Engineering Office, Electronic Industrie Association (formerly RETMA), Rm. 650, 11 W 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y.

Jan. 6-8: Fourth National Symposium on Re liability and Quality Control
Hotel Statler, Washington, D.C. Sponsored by th IRE, ASQC and AIEE. Covering fields of reli ability in the electronic industries, the sympo sium will encompass the following topics reliability organization and management; theor and mathematical techniques; application of these techniques; design information; and educ tion and training for reliability.

Jan. 28-31: Fourteenth Annual National Tech nical Conference of the Society of Plastics En gineers
Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich. The theme of the conference will be "Progress Through Plastics Engineering." Its sessions wil deal with radiation and plastics, epoxy resins and embedment, extrusion, injection molding, educa tion, packaging, plastic tooling, mold design, new materials, test methods, reinforced plastics, colo and finishing, foams, compression molding, shee forming, and research. For further details write to Lewis A. Bernhard, Society of Plastics En gineers, Inc., Suite 116-18, 34 E. Putnam Ave Greenwich, Conn
feb. 3-4: Instrument Society of America National Conference on Progress and Trends in Chemical and Petroleum Instrumentation
Wilmington, Del. For information and advance programs write to H. S. Kindler, Director of Technical Programs, ISA, 313 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh 22, Pa

## Feb. 3-7: AIEE Winter General Meeting

Statler and Sheraton-McAlpin Hotels, New York City. The 96 sessions will encompass power generation and computing devices; data communications and telegraph systems; radio communication; television and aural broadcasting; telegraph systems and wire communications; industrial power rectifiers and systems; industrial control; feedback control; electric heating; nucleonics; basic sciences; dielectrics; electrical techniques in medicine and biology; magnetic amplifiers; metallic rectifiers; solid state devices; high frequency instruments; recording and controlling instruments; and a variety of other subjects. For additional information write the AIEE, 33 W . 39th St., New York, N.Y.

Feb. 4-6: Thirteenth Annual Technical and Management Conference of the Reinforced Plastics Division of the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.
Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill. The basic theme for the 18 -session program will be the new and improved in materials, test results, quality controls and processing techniques. There will be papers on reinforced plastics tooling, industrial design, speed-temperature-radiation behavior of reinforced plastics, the development of reinforced plastic motors, filament winding, quality control of electrical applications, and other subjects. For complete information, write George L. Smead, Manager, Reinforcement Sales, L-O-F Glass Fiber Co., 1810 Madison Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

Feb. 20-21: 1958 Transistor and Solid State Circuits Conference
University of Pennsylvania and Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. Sponsored by the IRE, AIEE, and University of Pennsylvania. Papers will deal with high speed circuits, analytical techniques for syst om integration, device characterization, high and low power circuits, memory, magnetics, and related topics. For further information send to J. II. Milligan, Jr., Dept. of E. E., New York Univer ity, New York 53, N. Y.

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Mar. 11-13: Eighth Annual Conference on Instru. mentation for the Iron and Steel Industry
Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. Sponsored b the Pittsburgh Section of the Instrument Societ! of America. For details write to Frank K. Briggs Westinghouse Electric Corp., Atomic Power Dis Large, Pa.

Mar. 16-21: 1958 Nuclear Congress
Chicago Amphitheatre and Palmer House, Chi cago, Ill. Sponsored by the AICE, AIEE, IRE and many others. The congress will include five separate conferences: The Fourth Nuclear Engi neering and Science Conference (Mar. 17-21) The Fourth International Atomic Exposition (Mar. 16-21), The Sixth Atomic Energy in Indus try Conference (Mar. 17-19), The Sixth Hot Lab oratories and Equipment Conference (Mar. 19 20), and The American Power Conference (Mar 17-19). For more information write to the Ameri can Institute of Chemical Engineers, 25 W. 45 th St., New York 36, N. Y.

Mar. 24-27: IRE National Convention
Colieum and Waldorf-Astoria, New York City For information write E. K. Gannett, IRE, 1 E 79th St., New York, N. Y

Mar. 27-29: Ninth Biennial Electrical Industry Show and Fifth Electrical Maintenance Confer. ence

Shrine Exposition Hall, Los Angeles, Calif. Some of the topics to be discussed are maintenance to
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Mar. 31-Apr. 2: Instruments and Regulators Conference
University of Delaware, Newark, Del. Sponsored by the IRE, ASME, AIChE, and ISA. For details send to E. M. Grabbe, P.O. Box 45067, Airport Station, Los Angeles 45, Calif.

Apr. 8-10: Sixth National Conference on Electromagnetic Relays
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. Sponsored by the National Association of Relay Manufacturers. More information may be obtained from Charles F. Cameron, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.

Apr. 10-12: IRE South West Regional Conference and Electronics Show
San Antonio Hotel and Municipal Auditorium, San Antonio, Tex. Write for details to J. O. Parr, Jr., 202 Janis Ave., San Antonio, Tex.

Apr. 14-16: Conference on Automatic Techniques
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Apr. 22-24: 1958 Electronic Components Conference
Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. Sponsored by the IRE, AIEE, EIA, and WCEMA. With "R liable Application of Component Parts" as its main theme, the conference has been planned to over the following general topics: resistors, cillacitors, and dielectrics; transistors and solid st te devices; component reliability; electron "thes and their application; and progress with terials. For complete information write to vid M. Knox, Packard-Bell Electronics Corp., i.33 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 64, Calif.

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## Proving Reliability?

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Fig. 1. Typical test record chart for 95 per cent confidence.

OBTAINING proof of an equipment's reliability can be expensive and time consuming. Th buyer must be willing to pay for proof that he i getting the reliability that he needs.

- Two basic assumptions are made in the demon. stration of the accuracy of these statements:
The reliability of the equipment to be tested car be described by $R=e^{-T / M}$ 。
where $R$ is the minimum acceptable reliability, $T$ is the required time of failure-free continuous operation with reliability $R$, $M_{0}$ is the mean time between failures, $e$ is 2.718 .
- The times between successive failures for the equipment show an approximately normal distribution about $M_{0}$. This allows the use of standard statistical methods in making predictions about the behavior of groups of data.

According to the first assumption it can be seen that when $T$ is fixed, $M_{0}$ 。gives a useful measure of reliability and it is $M_{o}$ that must actually be measured in any test program.

Let us suppose, then, that the buyer has written the following statement into the contract for a radio transmitter: The vendor shall demonstrate that the mean time between failures of the transmitter is 95 per cent certain to be greater than a minimum of 50 hr under the test conditions specified. The key to this statement lies in the two words greater than. It would be statistically impossible to prove that the equipment has an $M_{o}$ of exactly 50 hr but the difficulty of proving that it is greater than 50 hr depends on just how much greater it is. A 95 per cent confidence level has been chosen because this allows only a 5 per cent or a 1 in 20 chance of making an error. This arbitrary level is subject to argument, but it is the author's belief that it is better to lower the requirement for mean time between failures than to take a greater than 5 or 10 per cent chance of accepting an inadequate design.
A typical test record chart is shown in Fig. 1 where the cumulative number of failures, $F$, is plotted against elapsed test time. The line $F=t / M_{o}$ divides the chart into regions of reliable and unreliable operation. The existence of the indeterminate region is explained by the knowledge that there is a certain statistical doubt in data obtained from a finite number of observations. The indeterminate region effectively prevents the making of a decision until enough data has been gathered to give the required 95 per cent confidence in any decision made.
The test record chart was developed as follows:

- If an equipment actually has a mean time between failures of $M_{0}$, a line $F=t / M_{0}$ can be drawn such that one half of the failures plotted will fall on one side of the line and one half will fall on the other side of the line.
- The farther one gets from the line, the less the density of data points. Thus, the points fall into a
distribution about the mean, $F=t / M_{0}$. For small $F$ the distribution is best found by evaluating Poissun's Exponential Binomial Limit but when $F$ is greater than 5 the limits are given sufficiently accurately by

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\begin{aligned}
& U=t / M_{o}+1.64 \sqrt{t / M_{o}}, \\
& L=t / M_{\circ}-1.64 \sqrt{t / M_{o}},
\end{aligned}
$$

where $U$ and $L$ are the upper and lower limits, respectively, and are expressed in terms of failures.
For an example of the accuracy of the above approximation, take the point on the line $F=t / M_{0}$ where $F$ is 5 . The limits are

$$
\begin{aligned}
& U=5+1.64 \sqrt{5}=8.67 \\
& L=5-1.64 \sqrt{5}=1.33
\end{aligned}
$$

and although statistical tables were used to draw Fig. 1, this simple approximation gives good accuracy as can be seen.
Fig. 1, then, can represent the buyer's requirement. An equipment put on test would not be accepted unless the plot of failures against time passed through the lower limit line. If a newly designed transmitter of unknown reliability is now run to obtain a plot of cumulative failures vs time the following can be determined:

- If the plot goes above the upper limit line, we know that there is a 5 per cent chance that the transmitter meets the requirement, or, in other words, we are 95 per cent sure that the transmitter fails to meet the requirement.
- If the plot goes below the lower limit line, we know that there is a 5 per cent chance that the equipment fails to meet the requirement or we are 95 per cent sure that it does meet the requirement of having a mean time between failures of more than 50 hr .
- If the plot stays between the limit lines, we have less than the required 95 per cent confidence that the equipment has either a greater or lesser than 50 hr mean time between failures; therefore, according to the rules that have been set up, no decision can be made.
It has been noted before that the better the vendor makes the transmitter the sooner it will be accepted; however, it costs extra money to build in extral quality and the vendor is interested in being able to balance the cost of extra quality against the cost of extra testing time.
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Fig. 3. Test time (in multiples of $M_{0}$ ) for 95 per cent assurance for the vendor and the buyer when $M_{1}=B M_{1,}$ and $E$ is the number of units on test.

to build for the purpose of testing?
Let us assume that the vendor wants to be as sure of having a good design accepted as the buyer wants to be sure of rejecting an inadequate design-95 per cent sure. Assume, also, that the vendor has actually designed a transmitter with a mean time between failures, $M_{i}$, greater than $M_{0}(50 \mathrm{hr})$. We can then draw lines on a graph representing $F_{1}=t / M_{1}$ and its limits as shown in Fig. 2. $F=t / M_{o}$ and its limits are also shown.
The intersection of the upper limit of the production with the lower requirement limit gives the time for 95 per cent assurance of acceptance; this time has been designated $T_{a}$. If the contractor wants to be 95 per cent sure that his design will be accepted by time $T_{u}$, he will have to make it with a mean time between failures that is greater than 50 hr b! a factor, $B$, which can be calculated.

The lower limit of the requirement is the accept ance line, $L$, and is given by

$$
L=t / M_{o}-1.64 \sqrt{t / M_{o}} \quad\left(L^{*}>0\right)
$$

while the upper limit of the vendor's production is

Fig. 4. Test time (in multiples of $\mathrm{M}_{\theta}$ ) for 90 per cent assurance of acceptance for both vendor and buyer when $M_{1}=B M_{0}$ and $E$ is the number of units on test.
given by $\quad U_{1}=t / M_{1}+1.64 \sqrt{ } t / M_{1}$
If we then let $M_{1}=B M_{0}$, we find that

$$
U_{1}^{\prime}=t / B M_{0}+1.64 \sqrt{t / B M_{0}}
$$

When $L=U_{1}$, the time for 95 per cent assurance of acceptance is determined:

$$
L=U_{1}
$$

$1 . M_{o}-1.64 \sqrt{t / M_{o}}=t / B M_{o}+1.64 \sqrt{t / B M_{o}}$

$$
T_{a}=t / M_{o}=2.69 B\left[\frac{\sqrt{B}+1}{B-1}\right]^{2} .
$$

If more than one equipment is placed on test at the same time, the equations are modified like this:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& L=E t / M_{o}-1.64 \sqrt{E t / M_{o}} \\
& U_{1}=E t / B M_{o}+1.64 \sqrt{E t / B M_{o}} \\
& T_{a}=/ M_{o}=2.69 \frac{\bar{B}}{E}\left[\frac{\sqrt{B}+1}{B-1}\right]^{2} .
\end{aligned}
$$

This last relationship for $T_{a}$ is plotted in Fig. 3 for 95 per cent assurance on the parts of both the vendor and the buyer. Fig. 4 shows what happens to $T_{a}$ when 90 per cent assurance on the parts of both the vendor and the buyer is desired.
For an example, let us suppose that a contractor has been asked to bid on a radio receiver that is to have a 95 per cent assurance of a 40 hr mean time between failures with 10 receivers to be built for reliability testing. From past experience and a reliability analysis, the contractor might determine that he can build an equipment with a 60 hr mean time between failures. We can then calculate that

$$
B=M_{1} / M_{o}=60 / 40=1.5
$$

From Fig. 3, where $B=1.5$ and $E=10$ it is seen that $T_{a}=8$. The contractor can then estimate the test time for 95 per cent assurance of acceptance as

$$
t=T_{u} M_{o}=8 \times 40=320 \mathrm{hr} \text { per receiver. }
$$

or a total of 3200 hr since 10 receivers are on test.
If both the buyer and the contractor are willing to accept 90 per cent assurance, $T_{a}$ is reduced to 5 , as determined from Fig. 4:

$$
t=T_{a} M_{o}=5 \times 40=200 \mathrm{hr} \text { per receiver. }
$$

The contractor now has the necessary information for estimating the cost of proving that he has met the buyer's requirement.

Statistical acceptance testing for equipment will b. ©pensive as far as the initial cost of the equipment is concerned, but it will be far cheaper than relesigning the equipment after field usage has sh awn it to have inadequate reliability; in addition, savings in maintenance costs should more than for the cost of the testing since maintenance is have often been estimated at ten times the tinal cost of the equipments.

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Fig. 2. Preamplifier increases microphone output level to a value easily measured with a VTVM. Low frequency cutoffs are provided at 50,250 , and 1250 cps , to improve signal to noise ratio.

Fig. 1. Microphone measures high forces caused by sound waves.

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Fig. 3. Microphone response is accurately calibrated to within $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{db}$ from 10 cps to 50 kc . Disc construction and heavy walled aluminum diaphragm give microphone high calibration stability.
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## Preamplifier and Power Supply

The preamplifier and power supply unit increase the level from the microphone to a value which is easily measured with a vacuum tube voltmeter. Sound pressure in dynes $/ \mathrm{cm}^{2}$ or intensity level in db re 0.0002 dynes $/ \mathrm{cm}^{2}$ can be determined from the nomograph provided with the preamplifier. Incorporated in the preamplifier are three low frequency cut-off filters of 18 db /octave slope which may be inserted in the signal channel to eliminate low frequency rumble or extraneous noise components which may be present during high frequency measurements. The filters can be selected to become effective below $50 \mathrm{cps}, 250$ ( $p \mathrm{p}$ s, or 1250 cps . A 10 cps position is provided on the switch for full range measurements (Fig. 3).

Threshold sensitivity of the microphone is 0.5 nes $/ \mathrm{cm}^{2}$ on the 10 cps range and greatly imjroves when using the low frequency cut-offs. is omnidirectional up to 20 kc with a direcnal marker provided for operation above 20
Maximum sound pressure is 140 db re 0.0002 nes $/ \mathrm{cm}^{2}$, and can be increased to 200 db with iitput attenuator for the preamplifier.
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## Shielded Cable Grounding Techniques

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|N ORDER to protect and isolate the signal, maintain correct impedance and prevent reflection, braided shield must be properly grounded. There are a number of ways to do the job. All are listed in the Table, each with its description, advantages and disadvantages. Depending on the needs of the individual product or production line, the guide will help in selecting the proper technique. One important factor must be kept in mind, howeverprotection of the inner conductor.
If the ground wire is soldered to the shield, the destruction of the insulation of the inner conductor by overheating must be avoided. If the choice is the crimp-type ferrule-either the one or two piece type-the right size ferrules for the cable must be designated. This can be done by trial and error using available sample kits, or-preferably-referring a sample piece of cable to the connector manufacturer for installation and size recommendation. A cutaway drawing of a one-piece ferrule is shown in Fig. 1. A simple way to check for a good joint is to see if the installation slides over the inner conductor when subjected to light hand pressure, after


Fig. 1. Cutaway view of single-unit ferrule. Inner sheil of ferrule is slit under the cable braid; outer shell and ground lead are crimped to braid to provide good contact.
the outer insulation has been removed in the case of jacketed cable. If it slides, the inner conductor is undamaged. If it does not, the size may be incorrect or the connector-tool combination may be improperly designed.

In systems using more than one cable, the ground leads may be connected from ferrule to ferrule in parallel. The inner conductors are then attached to a multi-contact disconnect plug; the ground lead is brought into a socket used to carry it to ground.

If a multicable system demands individual grounding of each shield, a slightly different technique is used. A pigtail is joined to the shield, and a disconnectable socket is attached to the free end of the pigtail as well as the inner conductor, as in Fig. 3. At final assembly, all that is necessary is to plug in both sockets. This permits maximum prewiring in the wiring shop, where the best efficiency is usually achieved.
The one- and two-piece ferrules illustrated are manufactured by the Burndy Corp., Norwalk, Conn. A two-piece ferrule is produced by Thomas and Betts, Elizabeth, N. J.


Fig. 3. Ground leads as well as inner conductors are attached individually to the disconnectable sockets shown here.
(b)


Fig. 2. Jacket insulation may be used with all grounding techniques in Table. Shown here are examples of (a) braided cable used as ground and (b) one-piece ferrule, which comes with insulation already provided. Ferrule-plus-insulation is crimped in normal fashion, as shown.

Tabulation of Various Grounding Methods


Ground Lead Soldered to Braid.


Two-Piece Crimped Ferrules.


One-Piece Crimped Ferrules.


| Description | Advantage |
| :--- | :--- |
| Braid is either unravelled <br> and twisted together, or <br> the inner conductor is <br> pulled through a space <br> forced in the braid. | Requires no soldering, con- <br> nectors or crimping tools. <br> Unskilled operators can <br> perform operation. |

Solid wire is wrapped around braid and soldered. A variation of this method employs an eyelet under the braid to protect inner conductor insulation.

Ground lead easily terminated. No connectors or crimping tools required.

Inner ferrule slides under braid, outer ferrule over braid; assembly crimped with standard tool.

One-piece combined inner and outer ring. Inner ring slides under the braid as tap wire is held between braid and outer ring.

## Disadvantage

Slow, especially on tight braid. Often results in bulky job. Difficult to insulate ground lead and exposed braid, and to terminate ground lead.

Good connection to braid difficult due to oxidation. Heat from soldering iron may melt inner conductor insulation. Skilled operator required. Bulky result. Poor reliability due to frequent cold joints; assem. bly of separate sleeve necessary to insulate

Fast operation with good reliability due to controllable process. Inner conductor insulation protected from damage by brass ferrule. Outer ferrule may be pre-insulated ground lead easily terminated.

Fastest method. Reliable no skill required for operation. Inner conductor protected by inner element. May be pre-insulated; no trimming of braid necessary. The ground lead easily terminated.

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Crimping tool required. The size of ferrule must be specified.

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## Astable Multivibrator

Figs. 1 and 2 indicate the similarity between the pmp-npn fip-flops when used as oscillators or bi-stable multivibrators. In both cases, the transistors are in the common emitter configuration, because of bias considerations. The "switch" is turned "on" by a positive pulse to the base of the npn transistor, and "off" by a positive pulse at its emitter.
Fig. 1 shows the transistor switch as used in a sawtooth sweep generator. Here, in conjunction with two additional transistors, it provides the transistor equivalent of a bootstrap generator. The transistors Q1 and Q2 act as a regenerative switch and provide a charging source for C1. When the potential of $C 1$ approaches the battery


Fig. 1. Transistor switch used in a sawtooth sweep generator. With two additional transistors it provides the equivalent of a bootstrap generator.
supply voltage, the current through $Q 2$ decreases. This causes the regenerative switch to open. C1 then discharges through R4. During the discharge time, the output current of Q4 is coupled through C2 to the junction of R4 and R.5 in order to keep a constant voltage across R4. The result is a linearly decreasing voltage at the output terminal. Q3 supplies the current through C2 to the R4-R5 junction during the charge time of $C 1$.

The repetition rate for the sawtooth signal is approximately 500 cps . In the Cubic curve tracer, the same sweep generator is also used to provide $10-\mu \mathrm{sec}$ positive pulses to the binary counter. These pulses, with amplitudes of 4 to 5 v , are taken from the negative side of C1 and coincide with the positive peaks of the sawtooth signal.

## Bi-Stable Multivibrator

Fig. 2 indicates how the pnp-npn switch is used as a bi-stable multivibrator. In this case, three multivibrators form a binary counter to produce a stair-step voltage. This is used in turn to provide a varying base drive for the transistor under test.

The binary counter is designed so that positive pulses from the sweep generator serve to trigger the first multivibrator either "on" or "off." If it is tripped "on" (but not "off"), the first multivibrator produces a pulse that in turn trips the second multivibrator, controls the third multivibrator in the same fashion. Assuming that all three stages are "off," the first pulse from the sweep generator serves to turn all three "on." The second pulse turns the first stage "off," but does not affect the second and third stages. The third pulse turns the first stage "on," and this switches the second stage "off." At the end of the eighth pulse, all three switches are "off."

The outputs of the three counting stages are summed on the base of a phase inverter. Summing resistors are arranged so that the third stage has an output of approximately 4 v , the

## Flip-Flop


second stage 2 v , the first stage 1 v . The result is a stair-step signal varying between 7 v and 0 . The repetition rate is approximately 30 per second. An examination of Fig. 2 indicates that a positive pulse at the input terminal passes through both CR1 and CR2 and through C5. The pulse arrives, therefore, coincidentally, at both the base and emitter terminals of Q6. However, the value of parallel resistances R10 and R12 is less than that of R11, and this lowers the voltage at the Q6 emitter. The resulting bias permits current to flow from collector to emitter through Q6.
This results in a $20-\mathrm{v}$ pulse at the $Q 6$ emitter. The pulse passes through $C 6$ to trip the next stage. It also causes a drop in the base voltage of Q5. The resulting emitter-to-base bias promotes a current flow through the Q5 collector. This raises the voltage on the base of Q6 and keeps the flip-flop "on," with steady power available at output 1 .

A second positive pulse at the input terminal is blocked at CR1 by the high potential on the base of Q6. The pulse passes through CR2, however, and is transmitted through $C 5$. The pulse stops the current flow through the Q6 emitter, which raises the voltage on the Q5 base and thus


Fig. 2. The pnp-npn switch used as a bistable multivibrator. Three multivibrators form a binary counter to produce a stair-step voltage.
trips the flip-flop to the "off" condition.
The abrupt drop in voltage at the Q6 emitter puts a negative pulse through C6, but the bias requirements of the input diodes of the next flipflop stage prevent the pulse from affecting its "on" or "off" condition.
The signal at output 1 is a square wave with a repetition rate half that of the positive pulses received at the input terminal. The amplitude of the signal is determined by the ratio between resistances R12 and R9, for the lower limit, and between R12 and the combination of R9 and R8 plus the collector-emitter resistance for Q6 for the upper limit.
Experience has indicated that the ac response of the switch can be improved through the use of a capacitor, C4, between the emitter of Q5 and the positive supply voltage. The certainty with which the switch trips "on" with a positive pulse at the base of Q6 depends on the speed with which Q5 reacts to the lowered voltage on its base. C4 allows this response to be virtually instantaneous. And once current is flowing from emitter to collector of Q5, the proper bias on the Q5 base is assured by the action of $Q 6$ in conjunction with the values of resistors $R 7, R 8, R 11$ and R12. R7 and R8 are selected to provide a steady negative bias to Q5, R11 and R12 give a positive bias to Q6.

Stability in the "off" position is provided by resistor R9. The ratio of this resistance to R12 puts a reverse bias on the emitter of Q6. This bias must be overcome by a positive pulse on the base of Q6 before the switch will be tripped "on." A low value of $R 9$ will assure protection against unwanted transient pulses on the Q6 transistor base.

Thus by suitable selection of resistances and capacitances, the pnp-npn flip-flop can be made either bi-stable or self-oscillating. Moreover, in the bi-stable configuration, the minimum pulse that will trip the switch can be predicted and controlled with great accuracy.

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The electrochemical technique has another advantage in that the electrodes can be precisely positioned in the graded field resulting in controlled electrode capacities, break-down voltages and switching properties. In producing a transistor for tuned amplifiers, for example, the collector is placed on a relatively high resistivity portion of the grading and the emitter on a very low resistivity portion near the surface. This results in a very low collector capacity and base required for high frequency performance.

In the design of a switching transistor, the collictor is placed on a lower resistivity portion of the grading and emitter on a higher resistivity portion than in the amplifier case, so as to obtain the high gain, small rise time, and storage values lesired for this application. Using electrochemiool techniques, the collector can be placed di"ctly in the edge of the graded region, so that te high speed operation of the transistor is mainined down to very low voltages.

## Selection and Application of

## Travelling Wave Tubes-II

This is the concluding part of an article begun in the Nov. 1 issue of ELECTRONIC DESIGN. It deals with the design of solenoids and power supplies associated with travelling wave tubes.
Part I presented the procedures in selecting proper operating performance of a TWT and the most suitable circuit design, together with a discussion of the practical problems associated with designing and packaging a travelling wave amplifier.


Fig. 9. A miniaturized TWT with its solenoid.
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AFTER THE operating parameters have been established, the design of the power supplies and associated circuitry can be effected. Necessarily the first consideration, hecause of its proximity, is the focusing field. Thi: ficld inay be produced by permanent magnet assemblies usually in a form called periodic focusing. Since this type of a structure is not generally avaiiable, only electromagnetic focusing will be discussed. This field is verv critical as to alignment, but not very critical as to magnitude. The tube design used at FTL demancis that the gun structure be free of magnetic fields. The tube is constructed with "barriers" which are disks of magnetic material at each end of the helix to assure parallel flux lines in the helix region. These requirements lead to an electromagnet in the long solenoid form wound on a non-magnetic tube with an enclosing magnetic shield. A picture of a miniaturized TWT and solenoid is shown in Fig. 9. The end plates have holes dimensioned to accept the TWT in a Class 4 fit in order to prevent flux fringing at this joint. In some cases, the most careful dimensioning and quality control practice does not allow this type of construction to be dependable in the alignment of the helix and magnetic field. This condition arises both in low noise tubes and in high power tubes. For this reason, it is sometimes
necessary to rotate the tube for minimum helix current or to construct the solenoid so the twt may be tilted a small amount to effect this alignment.

The cooling of the TWT is simple except in the case of high power TWT's in which the collector dissipates several hundred watts. In this case the TWT collector has fins attached and is cooled by air.
The electrical connections of the tube are usually made by flying leads to the filament cathode and grid. Since the accelerating anode helix and collector are all at about the same potential, we find that the easiest method of connecting these is to ground them through the barrier end plate joint, and to connect the collector to a separate lead if it is necessary to add a bias to avoid secondary emission. The solenoid mass does cause a shock problem and must be securely fastened, as heavy transformers must be, in military equipment.
The selection of the solenoid material is based on the relative importance of size, weight, power dissipation, and ease of cooling. Decisions involving compromises of the optimum materials and sizes must be made. To do this, we can derive an equation for power from the fundamental single turn solenoid which is:

$$
P=\frac{8.7}{K} B^{2} L\left(\frac{r+1}{r-1}\right) \times 10^{-6} \text { watts }
$$

where $B$ is the flux density

## $L$ is the length in inches

$r$ is the OD to ID ratio
$K$ is a constant which includes the packing factor and relative resistance. If this function is plotted for a fixed gauss and length, we obtain the curve of Fig. 10.

Note that the power asymptotically approaches infinity at $r=1$. By inspecting the equation, we can see that if the OD were fixed due to size limitations that the ID should be made as small as possible, and hence, the winding should be as close to the electron beam as possible. Hence, we see a marked advantage of the new small diameter tubes over the older types. The curve shows the advantage of working with OD to ID ratios of 2 or greater.
The winding material will determine the factor $K$ in the equation. We find practical values of $K$ to be as listed:

|  | Copper | Aluminum |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Foil | 0.85 | 0.53 |
| Wire | 0.70 | 0.45 |

If the smallest size were desired, which goes hand in hand with the most efficient material, we would use copper foil. If a light inefficient solenoid were required, aluminum foil is most likely. The most
inexyensive and also the easiest to design is copper wire If the solenoid dissipation is relatively small and if the cooling problem is not difficult, as is the case in equipment shown later, an air cooled wirewound solenoid is the best choice. In military equipment designed for aircraft, for example, the choice is usually a liquid cooled copper foil solenoid. It is important to note that in foil solenoids the heat is readily conducted in an axial direction, this being the reason for cooling the end plates on foil solenoids.
At this point the material can be decided upon. Knowing the size limitations, the power required at room temperature can be found from the equation mentioned before, and then the maximum power at the highest temperature expected. The maximum temperature the insulation will allow could be used as the maximum average winding temperature. At this temperature, of course, is the highest voltage drop, since the current must be determined only by the flux density. Voltage is dictated by the solenoid supply. Because of the type of power supply this is 80 v . If the winding is designed for this voltage at 120 C , or 80 C above a 40 C ambient, as indicated by Class B insulation, it will be 40 v at -55 C . Therefore, the solenoid supply must be designed for a 40 to $80-\mathrm{v}$ range. Since the power and voltage are known, the current is also known. The design is completed by selecting the number of turns to produce the required gauss with the known current, and then determining the wire size by means of trial calculations.
The solenoid can then be wound. In case it is wire-wound and air cooled (as is the one in the equipment shown), the end plates and shell are machined from soft iron and, after winding on a
spool formed by the core and end plates, the shell is fastened to the end plates serving as the means of holding the assembly together.

## Power Supplies

The TWT solenoid requires a constant current to maintain the field. In general, the field can vary as much as $\pm 5$ per cent without degrading performance. In searching for a small efficient supply we find that the recent advances in core material permit the use of magnetic amplifiers, and ideal component around which to build the solenoid supplies. A circuit well suited here is commonly called the "self-saturating bridge magnetic amplifier" (Fig. 11). The regulation is accomplished as shown in the control characteristics (Fig. 12). The load ampere turns (supplying negative feedback) are bucked out by the reference current ampere turns; the net ampere turns determine the output.
The diodes are usually germanium or silicon since they are more efficient than other types and are small. The saturable reactor is a two-core device using toroidal tape wound cores of grain oriented 50 per cent nickel iron alloy called Deltamax, Orthonal, and other tradenames. The design of the reactor is relatively simple, using much the same formulae as transformer design. A design procedure is covered in the "Reference Data for Radio Engineers," Fourth Edition, published by I. T. \& T. Available cores should be selected from those with ID to OD ratios of approximately two-thirds to three-fourths.

The actual core size is selected on the basis of its hold-off volt-amperes. The hold-off voltage is usually 85 to 90 v to take care of the $20-\mathrm{v}$ minimum specified in the section on solenoids. This deter-

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Fig. 13. A 10 kv accelerating power supply using
mines the load winding turns. The wire size is de termined by the allowable temperature rise. A figure of 1000 circular mils per amp is usually adequate for Class B insulation in 65 C ambients. The other windings are determined from the regulation requirements. Usually 30 -ampere turns on the feedback and on the reference winding are sufficient. Then the windings should be checked to see if they will fit on the selected core
In the packaged amplifier, the next consideration is that of the accelerating voltages, ranging from 500 to 15000 v . The $500-\mathrm{v}$ supplies can readily be regulated using standard vacuum tube circuitry However, a $15000-\mathrm{v}$, 25 -ma supply using vacuum tube regulation is nearly out of the question because of its size and inefficiency. It would appear that, sacrificing only response time, a magnetic amplifier would be a good component to use in this case also. The magnetic amplifier can be used as a replacement for the series tube as in the circuit o Fig. 13. Here the magnetic amplifier is connected so that it varies the ac reaching the rectifiers and is controlled by a dc coupled feedback amplifier.
The string of gas tubes in Fig. 14 is used to furnish dc coupling to the low impedance control winding without the loss that would be entailed with resistors, thus allowing us to utilize the gain of the magnetic amplifier. The supply holds the voltage to $\pm 2$ per cent with line voltage changes from 105 to 125 v and is adjustable from 500 to 6.50 v
In addition to the major supplies, other voltages


Fig. 14. A power supply with series gas tubes to


- magnetic amplifier as a series control element.
must be applied to the grids and/or focusing electrodes of the TWT. This is in the same nature as the bias on a triode and the same techniques such as cathode bias can be used with TWT's. Some means of adjusting the bias and focusing should be made. These requirements were met by using glow discharge regulator tubes in series with the power supply in the packaged TWT amplifier mentioned previously. Sometimes it is necessary to operate the collector positive with respect to the helix to prevent secondary emission of the collector from reaching the helix. This can be done since some positive voltage is usually avaiable in equipment of this type. Also required in the packaged TWT amplifier are access points to the grid to allow pulsing or modulating the TWT. The TWT may be considered as a low mu triode in applying pulses or modulation. Means for measuring the cathode, and helix current should be included.
Alignment of the tube involves setting the parameters to those specified on the data sheets and adjusting the solenoid current and bias for minimum helix current and then setting the high voltage for maximum output. These parameters are interdependent, but no difficulty in this sort of alignment is found.

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dc coupling to the control winding.

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## Analog Computer

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#### Abstract

\section*{Background of Problem}

High power transmitters in the vif band have a special antenna problem not found at the higher frequencies. The antenna circuit is equivalent to a series resonant circuit with a Q of the order of 700 . Since the time constant of buildup or decay is $\mathrm{Q} / \pi f_{0}$, amplitude modulation keying speeds are limited to about 20 words per min with a typical 90 per cent rise time of 30 msec . It was demonstrated in 1948 at the Westinghouse laboratories that this keying speed limitation could be overcome by using a newly developed principle of frequency modulation transmission through synchronously tuned antenna networks. In the fm system the transmitter master oscillator is frequency shift keyed. The antenna circuit resonant frequency, in addition, is maintained in synchronism with the oscillator instantaneous frequency by keying a saturable reactor in the antenna circuit.. Under these conditions the fm signal is transmitted without distortion or power loss. A 500 kw installation using this system has been made and described.' In 1949 a patent application was made by the author which described a system of this type adapted for use with a fixed frequency source such as a crystal oscillator or an Alexanderson alternator installation. Since the driving oscillator cannof be frequency modulated directly, fm may still be obtained under certain conditions by merely keying the antenna. This system is both experimentaily and analytically more complicated and was investigated with a specially constructed analog computer. The results of this investigation are the subject of this article.


AN ANALOG computer can be used to compute variable frequency network problems, or variable parameters in general, eliminating the tedium of direct analytic computation. This article illustrates how a specially-constructed analog computer was used to analyze synchronously tuned antenna networks for transmitter frequency modulation. The equivalent circuit studied is shown in Fig. 1. The fundamental characteristics and quantitative calculations for the circuit were determined by the computer.

## The Problem

In Fig. 1, the current in the antenna, $\mathrm{I}(\mathrm{t})=$ $A(t)^{i \theta(t)}$, is to be determined by the analog computer.
The required computer outputs are:

1. $\mathbf{A}(\mathrm{t})=$ amplitude
2. $\omega(\mathrm{t})=\mathrm{d} \theta / \mathrm{dt}=$ instantaneous frequency

The frequency modulation investigated for the vlf band is 15 to 30 kc .
The inductance of the loading coil is varied at the keying frequency $f_{m}$ by an amount, $K$, which is of the order of 1 per cent. The antenna is represented by the capacity, C , and the total radiation and circuit losses, r. The transmitter input is Ee ${ }^{\text {voot }}$. The fundamental characteristics of the circuit to be determined are the conditions under which the above system produces frequency modulation, not phase modulation, of the radiating current, $I(t)$.

The fundamental characteristic demonstrated is that frequency modulation will be produced by the keying system of Fig. 1 subject to certain conditions:

1. K is much less than 0.1.
2. The two resonant frequencies of the circuit $f_{1}$, and $f_{2}$, corresponding to the switch open and closed, are symmetrically below and above the carrier frequency, $f_{o}$, with an error less than half the half-power bandwidth of the circuit, $f_{o} / 2 Q$.
3. The circuit $Q$ is high enough so that the time constant $Q / \pi f_{0}$ is greater than the modulating period $1 / f_{m}$ at which the switch is operated. This condition sets a lower limit on $f_{m}$ for a given $Q$ and $f_{0}$ requiring that a sub-carrier frequency be used to frequency modulate the antenna.
Quantitative calculations demonstrate the above conditions and also circuit action when these conditions are not fulfilled.

## The Analog Computer

Special equipment was built to derive the output $\omega=\mathrm{d} \Theta / \mathrm{dt}$ since this data cannot be obtained from a standard analog computer. This equipment can be used to analyze any frequency modulation network problem. The system diagram for the computer is shown in Fig. 2. A crystal-controlled carrier is generated from a Hewlitt Packard 522-B electronic counter at the analog frequency of 1 cps ,


Fig. 1. The equivalent circuit of the antenna system.


Fig. 2. Block diagram of the analog computer system.
which corresponds to the actual frequency of $15,-$ 000 cps . The antenna circuit simulator is composed of four operational amplifiers as shown in Fig. 3. The output, $I(t)$, is fed to a novel, digital-type $f m$ detector composed of five gated decimal counters, Hewlett Packard type AC-4A. The counters receive 100 kc pulses which are gated at the instant $I(t)$ goes through zero so that the time for a period of $I(t)$ is measured. During the next cycle of $I(t)$ this number is printed by a decimal counter printer so that every cycle of $I(t)$ is measured. The decimal counter printer is the Berkeley model 1452. The amplitude is continuously recorded by a Fairchild camera oscilloscope. The keying signal for the modulation relay is generated by a Hewlett-Packard 202A function generator at about 0.02 cps , corresponding to the actual frequency of 300 cps .
Because of the low frequency keying limit for this problem, $\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{m}}$ would have to be a subcarrier for teletype modulation of alternator transmission. Teletype keying variations are at a rate of only 2 to 23 CY. This subcarrier would be turned on and off by the teletype signal. Data recorded here is in terms of the subcarrier only, since no information is gained from keying the subcarrier. However, in all cases the carrier amplitude is allowed to stabilize before turning on the subcarrier.

The frequency shift is 1 per cent; the fm detector output is in terms of carrier period rather than fre


Fig. 3. The antenna circuit simulator. Standard $1.0 \mu \mathrm{f}$ integrators with 30 K feedback pots were not used. The $Q$ is set with RI; 16 megohms gives a $Q$ of 800 . The switch, $S 1$, across the 150 K resistor is used to stabilize the carrier amplilude prior to starting the symmetric keying. The output is the analog of $E_{c}$ rather than $I(t)$. The $l(t)$ can be obtained from amplifier 2.


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| MN26 (2N376 Reserved) | -40 | -30 | 80 | 36 | 4 | 7 |
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Amplitude (per cent) with respect to time for various values of Q. Curves 1 through 5 are plotted for symmetric frequency shift. Curves 6 through 9 are for asymmetric frequency shift. Subcarrier rate is $50 \mathrm{sec} / \mathrm{cy}_{\text {; }}$ source period is $1 \mathrm{sec} / \mathrm{cy}$.
quency. However, since the shift is 1 per cent, no appreciable linearity error occurs from plotting the reciprocal of frequency.

The antenna $Q$ values are $800,400,200,100$, and 50. Curves of amplitude envelope and instantaneous carrier period are shown for two cases, symmetric shift and asymmetric shift.

Adjustment of the analog system to prescribed values can be accomplished quite accurately with the equipment mentioned above and is described in the Appendix.

Symmetric Frequency Shift. Curves 1 through 5 show the events per time of each modulation cycle for the various circuit Q's. At low values of $Q$, transition to phase modulation can be observed. Note that with symmetric shift no appreciable keying transient is observed. The carrier has been allowed to stabilize prior to time equals zero as previously mentioned. For $Q=800$, no amplitude change can be measured and the output frequency

is almost a square wave. Hence, for a typical antenna, 300 cps is a reasonable subcarrier frequency.

Asymmetric Frequency Shift. Several interesting differences can be seen in curves 6 through 9 as compared to symmetric shift. For $Q=50$, even though the source is shifting from 1.000 to 1.008 ( 0.8 per cent), the output frequency shifts symmetrically about the source frequency after a short keying transient.
The most typical fm curve is for $Q=200$, curve 8. Here the output shift again becomes symmetric after a long keying transient, but the amplitude has dropped to 50 per cent.

Under these conditions the alternator would be unloaded and the system would not work. It is assumed that if the amplitude remains constant then the alternator load is constant and no reduction in alternator power output will result.

The data for curves $9 Q=400$, and for $Q=800$ (not shown) were slightly erratic, but the phenom-
ena would appear to represent an oscillatory keying transient both in frequency and amplitude analogous to a sine wave applied to a series resonant circuit, perhaps 20 db down from resonance in the steady state.

Note that curve 9 shows the results of a slightly asymmetric shift. The keying transiert is not objectionable.

## High Speed Problem

Operational tests over long distances on high speed keying showed that standard teletype conversion equipment gave more errors in the presence of impulse noise (static) than reception by ear at lower speeds. Noise discriminating circuits can be developed at the receiver to eliminate these errors.

## Conclusion

The conditions under which frequency modulation transmission is possible in the vlf band from a fixed frequency source can be determined using analog computer techniques.
The analog computer technique described is applicable to any fm circuit analysis problem.

## Appendix

## Operational Procedures

The self resonant frequencies of the series circuit can be measured (to four figures) by applying a battery to the input and reading the time on the printer. The source



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It is inconvenient to make a one cycle sine wave, hence, a ictangular wave was actually applied to the input. The Q of the circuit eliminates harmonics, however.

## References

L. I. I. Jacob, H. N. Brauch, "Keying VLF Transmitters at Hi Speed", Electronics, Vol. 27, No. 12, pp. 148-151, D 1954.

frequency is measured similarly by connecting it directly to the fm defector.
The $Q$ can be measured by applying a battery to the input and counting the number of cycles, $n$, for the envelope on the Fairchild camera photograph to drop to $0.368=1 / \mathrm{e}$. For high Q s it is more convenient to remove the counter reset and watch the amplitude drop on the oscilloscope. At 0.368 the counter will read $n / 2$. of this point $\mathrm{Q}=\mathrm{n} \pi$.
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The two units (Fig. 1) are a digital read. out section which can be panel mounted
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Fig. 2. Digital voltmeter schematic. Two fubes, a chopper, and a magnetic amplifier are the heart of the amplifier.
in a standard 3-1/2 in. hole, and an amplifier, 5 in . high by 4 in . square, which mounts on a separate chassis.
The amplifier (Fig. 2), is a plug-in type, receiving input power and reference voltage from the equipment with which it is used. Scale switching is done on the equipment, obviating the need for selector switches on the meter. The amplifier consists of a chopper input, vacuum tube ac preamp, and a magnetic amplifier which serves as a phase demodulator and driver for the servo motor. Very high gain is incorporated to provide good resolution. A feedback arrangement prevents hunting while a gain control makes the overall response more uniform when different reference voltages are employed. The unit employs a balance potentiometer to compensate for inherent electrical unbalance.

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## Dip Soldered Connection



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Knight Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago 6, Ill.

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Correction: On page 49 of the October $15 t h$ issue, there appears a new product description of a crystal filter manufactured by Bulova Watch Co. The accmpanying illustration, however, is of 1 magnetic amplifier instead of a crytal filter, and belongs to Dynamics Research Associates.

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Two Ideas Provide
Constant Temperature in this

## CRYSTAL OVEN

## Variable Frequency Oscillator

Has Digital Selector


The output frequency of Model 110 variable oscillator is determined by positioning five digital selector switches located on the front panel. These switches provide for the selection of any frequency in this range to one part in five significant figures. Continuously adjustable from 100 cps to 100 kc , the instrument offers an accuracy of $\pm 5$ counts or 0.005 , whichever is greater.
Digital lnstrument Labs., Dept. ED, 152 S. Atlantic Blvd., Los Angeles 22, Calif. CIRCLE 292 ON REALER-SERVICE CARD

BY UTILIZING the principle of both the la. tent heat of fusion and proportional heat control, this crystal oven achieves an exi remely constant temperature. Other ovens have $u$ ed the volume change of a material at its cha ge-of. state temperature to operate a switch cont olling a heater element. While this is satisfaciory in maintaining average heat input, the cyclic action produces a temperature fluctuation. This crystal oven, available from Robertshaw-Fulto॥ $C_{0}$ Aeronautical Div., Anaheim, Calif., successfully eliminates the cyclic action.
The distinguishing feature of the crystal oven lies in its use of the volume change of a material to control the pressure on a carbon pile. Instead of a separate heater winding being controlled $b$, the resistance of the pile, the required heat is dissipated by the carbon itself, acting as a heater
Under conditions of a steady 24 C ambien temperature, the crystal oven will maintain 2 temperature accuracy of $70.6 \pm 0.005 \mathrm{C}$. Under ambient conditions ranging from -20 to +50 C the temperature of the oven is maintained stead within $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{C}$. The oven has a stabilization time of approximately 20 min . to within 0.5 deg d the mean from -20 C .

Heater voltage required by the unit is 5 v or dc, regulated to $\pm 2$ per cent, and the powe required amounts to 1.6 w at an ambient of 24 C and 3.5 w at an ambient of -20 C . The unit packaged in an octal-plug container measurin $2-\mathrm{in}$. od by $4-\mathrm{in}$. length.
For further information turn to the Reade Service Card and circle 66.

Trimming Potentiometer
High Resistance in Small Unit


Model 025 trimming potentiometer is available in resistances ranging from 1 to 125,000 ohms a cylindrical case measuring $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. in diamete and 1-1/4 in. in length. A mechanical range of 4 turns affords high resolution. Power rating of the standard model 025 is 0.4 w at 50 C , derating to zero at 105 C . All the features of the cylindrica model 025 also are available in the rectangula model 037. Both models are available in resist ances up to 1 meg with carbon elements.
Con-Elco, Dept. ED, P. O. Box 307, 1711 S Mountain Ave., Monrovia, Calif.

CIRCLE 293 ON READER-SERVICE CARD


A cross-section of the crystal oven shows the thermal operation. As the solid-liquid ratio of the chemical increases, the resulting change of volume causes pressure to be applied to the carbon pile. The increased curient flow through the pile causes a proportional amount of heat to be dissipated. The chemical remains at a constant temperature of 70.6 C as long as a solidliquid ratio exists. Accuracy is within 0.005 C for a fixed ambient and within 0.5 C for a -20 to +50 C ambient range.

## Transformers

 Mount on PC Boards

Designed especially for mounting on printed wiring boards, these miniaturized transformers hanclle a wide range of audio and carrier frequencies. Core structures are nickel-iron lamination for audio units, and ferrite for carrier fretulency ranges. Cases are made of injectionmolled phenolic in two sizes, $1-1 / 16 \times 3 / 4 \times$ $3 / 4$ in., and $1-1 / 16 \times 15 / 16 \times 1-1 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. After ass unbly the units are filled with an epoxy casting resin.
T lecommunication Div., Stromberg-Carlson, Dept. ED, Rochester 3, N.Y.

CIRCLE 294 on reader-Service caro
A.C.Ratiometer ... accurate to five parts per million!


The Transformers, Inc. Ratiometer is a precision instrument to measure any voltage ratio from 0.000001 to 1.111111 . Transformer ratios can be accurately measured at "no load" and under full load. Two models are available:

MODEL 204 is designed for use between 200 cps and $2,000 \mathrm{cps}$. It is supplied with plug-in units for 400 cps operation.
MODEL 206 is designed for use between 40 cps and $1,000 \mathrm{cps}$. It is supplied with plug-in units for 60 cps operation.
Plug-in units for any other frequency are supplied to order.


ACCURACY
Five parts por million roforoneod to unity ratio.
MAXIMUM VOLTAGE

| Model 204 | 120 V | 200 cps |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
|  | 180 V | 30 cps |
|  | 240 V | 400 cps and over |
| Model 206 | 80 V | 40 cps |
|  | 120 V | 60 cps |
|  | 240 V | 120 cps and over |

PRICE
Model 204 Ratiometer, complete with 400 cps plug-in filter and quadrature s865 units
Model 206 Ratiomater, complete with $\$ 1255$
60 cps plug-in filter and quadrature units

[^0]For additional information, ask for Bulletin \# 204
TRANSFORMERS, INCORPORATED
200 Stage Road, Vestal, N.Y.
CIRCLE 67 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

## New Products

## Concentric Differential

Simplifies Computer Design


Model T-750 concentric shaft differential is designed for high precision servo and computer applications. Instead of the conventional method of having the two inputs at opposite ends of the spider, the output and inputs extend concentrically from one end of a servo-mounted case. This permits mounting of this differential like standard servo components, thus resulting in a single line gear train.

Sterling Precision Corp., Dept. ED, 34-17 Lawrence St., Flushing 54, N.Y.

CIRCLE 69 ON READER-SERVICE CARD


The 2N384 is a hermetically sealed drift transistor of the germanium pnp type. It is designed primarily for use as an oscillator up to 250 mc or as an rf amplifier in mobile communications equipment. The 2 N384 also has application as an i-f and low-level video amplifier, and as a pulse amplifier and high-speed switching device.

The 2N384 features a frequency of 250 mc for unity power amplification, an alpha cutoff frequency of 100 mc , a collector transition capacitance of $1.3 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$, a base resistance of 50 ohms , and a dissipation rating of 120 my at 25 C and 35 my at 7 l C. In a unilateralized common-emitter circuit, this transistor can provide a power gain of 15 db at 50 mc and 30 db at 10.7 mc .
Radio Corporation of America, Semiconductor Div., Dept. ED, Somerville, New Jersey.
circle 70 ON reader-service card

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Because separate terminals are proBecause separate terminals are pro-
vided for each lamp and for each vided for each lamp and for each
element of the contact structure, element of the contact structure,
these switches permit intermixing of voltages, a-c or d-c current and even combinations of opposing polarities.
Three types of illuminated signals are provided: (1) one-color buttons, (2) two colors (lighted singly or in
combination) and (3) choice of either of two colors-neither of which is visible when button is not lighted. Buttons are large enough to allow two lines of clearly legible engraving. The switch assemblies are easily mounted, either individually or in strips, by cutting a single slot in the panel.
Matching indicating lamp assemblies are available with the same button and lamp combinations and same means of mounting as the complete 100PB switch assembly.
(Send for Data Sheet 143)
CIRCLE 68 ON READER-SERVICE CARD
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MICRO SWITCH
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"Rocket Switch"a rugged, sealed small switch for indicating and lockout devices
Developed for use on rocket launchers, this micro switch 21 AS2 assembly fits the needs of many industrial designs.
The assembly consists of one SPDT Type-en switch attached to a rugged cam-type actuator. The assembly is environment-proof and withstands the highly-corrosive effects of rocket pro pulsion gases. The assembly will withstand heavy impact hammer blows on the actuator.
SWITCH CHARACTERISTICS
Operating force- 6 to 12 lbs . Full overtravel force- 10 lbs . min.; Release force- 4 lbs . min .
Elecrical Data: 28 vdc rating: inductive, 3 ampa. at sea level 50,000 feet; inruab, 24 feet; resistive, 4 amps. at sea level and 4 ampas. at sea level and 50,000 feet: inruanh 24 ampet. Motor, amps. at sea level aitud, ratinge established with seal deliberand 50,000 feee.
ately broken.)



## New!

## MICRO SWITCH Magnetic Hold-in Lighted Pushbutton Provides Three Functions

micro switch lighted pushbutton switch combines the functions of a three-pole double-throw pushbutton switch, indicating light, and holding relay into one compact unit which panel mounts on one-inch centers, both horizontally and vertically. Thus, the cost, wiring, maintenance and added space of these separate components are eliminated space of these separate components are eliminated switch shaft. After the button is manually operated, the solenoid holds the switches in the operated position until electrically released. This feature gives the designer complete freedom in panel layout by eliminating the restrictions found in conventional mechanical release designs. (Send for Data Sheet 128)

SWITCH CHARACTERISTICS:
Operating force- 35 oz. maz. Pretravel-. 050 in. approx. Total travel-. 090 in. max. Three subminiature switches are SPDT.

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## MICRO SWITCH

 three-position toggle switch-4 SPDT circuits with a single levermicro switch 115at Series of toggle switches uses four spdr switching units. Two units are actuated in each extreme toggle lever position. None are actuated when lever is in center position.
Many different combinations, however, may be obtained, including the make and break of circuits in all three lever positions.
Outstanding features of this series include the compact design, positively-driven switch actuators and sturdy construction. A safety catch guards against accidental movement of toggle lever. (Send for Data Sheet 13@) SWITCH CHARACTERISTICS
Electrical rating at 30 vdc : inductive- 10 ampe. at pea level, 6 ampe at 50,000 ft. reaiotive- 10 ampa.; motor- 6 ampe. Basic units listed 125 vdc; $\%$ amp. 250 vdc.


## New!

MICRO SWITCH "typewriter" pushbutton switch for manual keyboard control micro switch 1pbsi-T2 switch is ideal for one-finger rapid-repeat operation such as is required for the type of keyboard control found in electric typewriters, adding machines, etc. The repeat action is as rapid as the fastest operator can push the button.
This switch uses a SPDT Micro switch subminiature switch for snap-action reliability. The contoured button and unique overtravel spring combine to reduce operator fatigue. Operating "feel," however, is suffcient to avoid mistakes and false actuations.
Removable $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. dia. plastic button is available in red, green, off-white or black. It is keyed to prevent rotation. (Send for Deta Sheet 125)
SWITCH CHARACTERISTICS
Electrical rating at 30 vdc: inductive- 3 ampa. at sea level and $50,000 \mathrm{ft}$.; maximum inrush- 15 amps. Basic subminiature switch $50,000 \mathrm{ft}$; maximum inrush-15 amps. Basic subminiature swivch



Low temperature coefficient and zener impedance over the voltage range are features in these zener diode types. The $S$ series of pigtail type construction, is rated at 1 w over a voltage range 3.9 to 30 v , in 10 per cent voltage steps. The T series is stud mounted, and is rated at 3.5 w over the same range. Full calibration data is supplied with each diode, showing a plot of the zener voltage and zener impedance. Temperature range is from -55 to 150 C .
International Rectifier Corp., Dept. ED, 1521 E. Grand Ave., El Segundo, Calif.

CIRCLE 71 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

G-Line Transmission System
Range Extended to 1700-9000 Mc


The G-Line, a single-wire surface wave transmission line, now covers the microwave range from 1700 to 9000 mc . Featuring ease of installation, the system includes a transmission line terminated at both ends by identical rf field transformers (launcher and collector) to provide efficient transition from a conventional feed line to the surface wave wire and back again at the antenna input end. Typical operating loss at 2000 mc is held down to 0.5 db per field transformer plus 0.8 db per 100 ft of surface wire transmission line.
Prodelin Inc., Dept. ED, 307 Bergen Ave., Kearney, N.J.

CIRCLE 72 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

CIRCLE 68 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

New Products


Miniafure Thermosfat
Has 3/16 In. Diameter

Model WP thermostat features a $3 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. diam and 0.690 in . body length. The unit incorporates bimetal actuated contact, reliable performance, and fast thermal sensing. The thermostat is rated at $1 / 2 \mathrm{amp}$ for $6-28 \mathrm{v}$ ac or dc and 115 v ac circuits. Externally adjustable temperature range is -65 to +150 C .
Chatham Controls Corp., Dept. ED, 33 River Rd., Chatham, N.J.

CIRCLE 74 ON READER-SERVICE CARD


Magnetic Amplifiers With Variable Gain

Model MA 41 and MA 101 magnetic amplifiers feature variable gain to allow full output for a wide range of low-level input signals. Feedback parameters determine overall gain and may be arranged so that either the load current or load voltage is independent of changes in the load value. Stability is maintained by a current or voltage negative feedback which is external to the amplifier.
Cylindrically shaped model MA 41, with a maximum power rating of 62 mw , has an output of 10 v dc max across a $10,000 \mathrm{ohm}$ load and 18 ma dc through a 200 ohm load, and a time constant approximately equal to the voltage gain divided by 1500 (in seconds). Model MA 101 has a maximum power rating of 160 mw , an output of 12 v dc max across a $10,000 \mathrm{ohm}$ load and 28 ma dc through a 200 ohm load, and a time constant approximately equal to the voltage gain divided by 3750 (in seconds).

Dynamics Research Associates, Dept. ED, P.O. Box 5841, St. Louis 21, Mo.

CIRCLE 75 ON READER-SERVICE CARD


G-E Umijumetion Silicon Transistor NOW FULLY CHARACTERIZED AND PROVED FOR USE IN SIMPLIFYING CIRCUITRY

The unique advantage of the unijunction transistor lies in its open-circuit-stable negative resistance characteristics. The unijunction is the nearest solid state equivalent to the grid-controlled thyratron and is very sensitive to voltage levels. It is primarily useful in switching and oscillator applications. Not only will one unijunction do the job of two transistors (and with less circuitry) but the circuit will be more stable over a wide temperature range.

Technical data and application ideas are available to help you in studying the unijunction-the first device other than the transistor itself to reach commercial success. The six unijunction types can be obtained from most G-E Distributors, or write General Electric Company, Semiconductor Products Dept., Section S23127, Electronics Park, Syracuse, New York.



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GENERAL ELECTRIC

The unijunction consists of an "N" type silicon bar mounted between two ohmic base contacts, with a " $P$ " type emitter near base 2. When the emitter is forward biased, emitter current flows, lowering the resistivity of the bar between emitter and base. Inherent regeneration results in a negative emitter to base 1 impedance. As the emitter current increases past the valley of the curve, the conditions for inherent regeneration cease to exist. The peak point of the curve shows the beginning of the negative resistance region.

Among the many simplified circuits possible with the unijunction (cutting transistor requirements in half) are a frequency divider, matrix switching circuit, low level d-c switching circuit, low levensing circuit, temperature current-sensing circuit, temperature
control element, phase and/or amplicontrol element, phase and/or amplitude sensitive switch. The conventional multivibrator circuit (above right) requires even more circuitry than is shown if it is to be as stable as the comparable unijunction circuit shown below. A relaxation oscillator usually takes 4 resistors, 2 transistors and a capacitor. A single unijunction, a resistor and capacitor will do the equivalent job.


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By Filtors, smallest and lightest hermetically sealed latching sub-miniature relays, magnetically heldno power drainand electrically reset. 2PDT, 4PDT and 6PDT

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Port Washington, Long Island, New York POrt Washington 7 -s850

Radar Interference Blanker
Eliminates Main Bang


This radar interference blanker, model RB-128, eliminates main bang interference occurring in groups of normal and MTI radar sets or reduces it to a negligible value. In operation, the interfering signal is bracketed with a negative blanking gate to eliminate it from the protected radar's display. Since the PRR of the protected radar and that of the interfering radar are usually not synchronized, any loss of displayer information is unimportant.
The system is designed to protect two normal video channels and one MTI video channel. The blanker is self-contained and may be added to existing radar installations without appreciable modification of operating equipment. The use of instantaneous agc circuits and very low time constants in grid circuits reduces the guard-band receiver's susceptibility to jamming well below that of the radar being protected.

Empire Devices Products Corp., Dept. ED, Amsterdam, N.Y.

CIRCLE 77 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

DC Power Supply
25 Amp, 0-32 V


Model M60V has a voltage range of $0-32 \mathrm{v}$ with load capacity of 25 amp . The regulation accuracy is $\pm 1$ per cent at 28 v and ripple is 1 per cent rms. The unit is furnished in a cabinet measuring $20-1 / 4 \times 16-5 / 8 \times 13-3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$.

Perkins Engineering Corp., Dept. ED, 345 Kansas Street, El Segundo, Calif.

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Bring transistor circuits to life in a matter of minutes with the Sprague LF-1 Transimulator. This new instrument lets you simulate any amplifier stage, a-c or direct-coupled, short of high power audio output; also multivibrator, switching, phasing, push-pull, Class A and B, and many others using cross-coupled Transimulators... whether the circuit is common or grounded emitter, base, or collector ... whether the transistors are PNP, NPN, or Surface Barrier. You can simulate circuits stage-by-stage for cascade operation . . . or use a separate Transimulator for each stage to get simultaneous multi-stage operation.

## Bring Circuir Diagrams To Life In Minufes

Everything you need for RC amplifier circuits is built right into the LF-1, including coupling capacitors. bias and load resistors ... battery voltage supplies Base Collector-Voltage Divider stabilization circuits 5-way binding posts for transformer coupling and metering.
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## FEATURES OF THE LF-I TRANSIMULATOR

- TRANSISTORS -PNP and NPN Junction, and Surface Barrior. - CIRCUITS-Common or Grounded Emittor, Base, Collector.
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- COUPLING - $2 \mu$ f and $20 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ Direct, and Ext. C. posts, on both Input and Output.
- BIAS RESISTANCE-Up 10555,000 ohms continuously
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- LOAD RESISTANCE-Up to 277,500 ohms continuously variable.
- Emitter resistance-up to $\mathbf{2 , 5 0 0}$ ohms variable. Series rosistor and bypasz capacitor can be addod.
- BASE COLLECTOR STABILITY - Up to 250,000 ohms variable. Sorios resistor and bypass capacitor can be addod. - VOLTAGE DIVIDER STABLLITY - Up to 50,000 oh ms variable. - 5-WAY BINDING POSTS-For moters, transformar coupling, oxtornal supply voltago, dogonoration, bypass, coupling, signal input and outpur, almost
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SPRAGUE PRODUCTS COMPANY, NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

## New Products

Oscillograph Processor
Gives Immediate Records


Called the 5-036 Datarite magazine, this unit attaches to standard oscillographs and provides developed and dried photographic records a fast as the instrument records data. The direct writing magazine chemically develops an oscillogram at rates up to 25 in . per sec and permits instant access to the record. It is completely in terchangeable with the 5-119 recording oscillograph's standard magazine without modification Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., Dept ED, 300 N. Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calit

CIRCLE 80 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

## Printed Circuit Connector

Polarizing Screwlock


Featuring polarizing screwlocks, series 683 right angle precision connectors are designed fo printed board or printed cable applications, and meet airframe requirements for vibration and high altitude. Contact spacing is based on th 0.1 grid in accordance with EIA printed circuil specifications. Available in 11 or 33 contacts standard molding compound is mineral filled melamine. In addition to the regular solder cup receptacles can be supplied with taper pin ter mination for solderless wiring.

DeJur-Amsco Corp., Dept. ED, 45-10 Northern Blvd., L.I. City 1, N.Y.


Insulation Analyzer
Rapid Quality Check

The D-K analyzer is a portable, non-destructive, direct reading instrument which measures the dissipation factor and dielectric constant of insulating materials. The instrument can be used to investigate the effects of variables such as hardeners, filters, and cure conditions in dielectric systems, to detect non-uniformities in electrical properties, and to inspect incoming material such as etched circuit board stock to insure conformance to standards. Measurements are made quickly and access to a system need only be from one side.
Delsen Corp., Dept. ED, 719 W. Broadway, Clendale, Calif.

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Printed Circuit Connectors Prevent

## Board to Contact Damage



A contact design for printed circuit connectors to eliminate possibility of damage to either contact or printed circuit board during assembly or multiple-insertion has been announced. Called Swingflex, the contacts have high flexing strength combined with positive area contact for use with boards $1 / 16$ and $3 / 22$ in. thick, for either singleor double-sided board connection.
The contacts are made of pretempered beryllium copper in four standard types of terminations: solder eye, taper tab, solder dip and wire wrap. Solder dip types of connectors are available either in straight or right angle terminations for board thicknesses of $1 / 16,1 / 8$, or $1 / 4$ in. Wire wrap terminations are in lengths up to $21 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. to accommodate three wrapped wires. Tajer tab and wire wrap terminations are solderles types.
I. H. Buggie, Inc., Dept. ED, Box 817, Toledo 1, )hio

CIRCLE 83 ON READER-SERVICE CARD



## New Products

Adjustable Audio Oscillator For Telemetering Purposes


These adjustable audio oscillators can be used as a stable tone modulator for energizing fre. quency sensitive relays in remote locations. Additional applications include use as a remote frequency audio decoder. The oscillators are can-mounted for plug-in construction and are available in frequency ranges from 200 to 1000 cps. Characteristics included short period drift of 0.1 cps and less than 0.5 per cent drift over a temperature range of 0 to 150 F . Other char acteristics are: distortion, less than 5 per cent; rms output, 0 to 30 v and voltage drift tolerance of 0.1 per cent.

Gulton Industries, Inc., Dept. ED, 212 Durham Ave., Metuchen, N. J.

CIRCLE 86 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

Balancing Potentiometers
25-Turn Screw Adjust


The Trimit line of balancing potentiometers features miniature size, 25 -turn self-locking screwdriver adjustment, and a rectangular shape for compact assemblies. They can be obtained with flexible leads, solder lugs, or printed circuit pins, and may be mounted either individually or in stacked assemblies. The line is available with wirewound resistance elements from 100 ohms to 10 K , or with carbon elements from 20 K to 1 meg .

Bourns Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, 6135 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif.

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## Boost DC power efficiency, cut costs with Westinghouse Silicon Rectifiers!

These bail handle stud assemblies are designed lor quarter-turn quick operating fasteners. The bail handle of the 26522 and 40 S47 series can be located firmly in one of three notched positions: vertical, horizontal left, and horizontal right. In these positions, the handle can not be jarred loose due to effects of gravity or vibration.
Camloc Fastener Corp., Dept. ED, 22 Spring Valley Rd., Paramus, N.J.
circle 88 on reader-Service card

## Sound Spectrograph

Aids Communications Systems Design


The Sono-Graph recorder is a sound spectograph that makes a permanent, storable aural record in addition to three visual analyses of any audio vibrations in the $85-12,000$ cps range. In communications systems work, the recorder can establish the basic frequency content of intelligence in order to determine the frequency bandwidth for adequate transmission. In addition, the effects on intelligibility of superimposed noise and distortion may be examined visually. The display graphs are made in two switched bands, the first from 85 cps to 6 kc , and the second from 6 to 12 kc .
The recording medium is a flexible magnetic disc $12-\mathrm{in}$. in diameter and approximately 3 mils thick. The first of the permanent graph display, the Sonagram, relates frequency and intensity to time; the second, the Section, relates intensity (over a wider dynamic range than the first) to frequency at any selected time. These two graphs may be made either on the same sheet or on separate sheets. The third display employs an amplitude display unit as an accessory to visu: lly record in db the amplitude/time characteristic of an overall sample.
Kay Electric Co., Dept. ED, Maple Ave., Pine Brook, N. J.
circle as on reader-service card


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Permanent-Magnet Motors
One Inch Diameter


Although slightly over 1 in . in diam, these permanent-magnet motors feature a rotatable brush holder which is adjustable for best commutation and power output. Motors designed for operation from 6, 12, and 27.5 v are carried in stock. Other windings or modifications are available.
Servo-Tek Products Co., Dept. ED 1086 Goffle Rd., Hawthorne, N.J.

CIRCLE 91 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

Diode and Matrix Triggering Device


Originally designed for use in an automatic credit checking device, this pluggable diode cartridge assembly consists of a HD-2122 diode or HD2290 diode. The diode is inserted into the two-sided etched wiring matrix to bring one way current from a vertical busbar on the bottom side of the panel through the diode and deliver to a horizontal busbar on the top side of the matrix. The cartridge, which is attached or removed by a twist, provides a triggering device which can be nserted at any desired intersecting so-ordinates in the matrix to provide res-no answers. A matrix employing 10,000 individual positions can be nade up in an area of approximately $26 \times 26$ in.
Methode Mfg. Corp., Dept. ED, ' 447 W . Wilson Ave., Chicago 31, Ill.

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Crystal-Case Size! Permanent Magnet Design. No Contact Openings. Shock: 100g. Vibration: 30g 55 to 2000 cps

SC NON-LATCHING TYPE-This micro-miniature relay sets new standards-in design, in performance, in reliability. Yet the SC conforms to standard dimensions and circuitry and may be used to replace ordinary crystal-case relays. A permanent magnet in the structure provides at least twice the contact pressure found in relays of comparable size. This extra force accounts for the extremely high shock and vibration resistance shown in the specifications.
SL LATCHING TYPE - Unique magnetic latch assures positioning of armature and exceptional pressure. A 1 watt, 3 ms . pulse to either coil transfers contacts. Transfer time is only 0.5 ms . Coils are designed for continuous duty. Has the same exceptional shock and vibration characteristics as the SC.

POTTER \& BRUMFIELD, INC., PRINCETON, INDIANA/SUBSIDIARY OF AMERICAN MACHINE \& FOUNDRY COMPANY



SC-non-latching relay with series-connected dual coils. Operates on approximately I watt at nominal voltage. Coils must remain energized to hold the ormature in the operate position.

## SC and SL Series Engineering Data

GENERAL: Insulation Resisfance: 10,000 megohms, min.
Breakdown Voltage: 1,000 V. RMS.
Shock: 100g.
Vibration: 30 g 55 to 2000 cps.; $0.195^{\circ}$ max. excursions from 10-55 cps.
Temperature Range: $-65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Weight: 17.5 grams ( $5 / 8$ oz.).
Operate Time: 3 MS. max. with 550 ohm coil @ 24 V. DC. (SL: 630 ohm coil at 24 V. DC). Transfer Time: 0.5 MS max.
Terminals: (1) Plug-in for microminiature receptacle of printed circuit board.
(2) Hook end solder for one \#20 AWG wire. Enclosure: Hermetically sealed.
CONTACTS: Arrangement: 2 form C. Material: Gold flashed palladium. Load: 2 amps @ 28 V. DC, resistive; 1 amp @ 115 V. AC, resisfive.
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## Galvanometer Assembly

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Model 204AR-3 assembly contains three 204A galvanometers and may be mounted in standard $19-\mathrm{in}$. racks. The galvanometers in this unit are combination de null detectors, linear deflection indicators, microvoltmeters, micro-microammeters, and low-level dc amplifiers. Each unit has seven decaded ranges which cover dc voltages from $10 \mu \mathrm{v}$ to 10 v full scale or currents from $0.001 \mu \mathrm{a}$ to 1 ma full scale. The sensitivity control functions as an attenuator and is calibrated in attenuation. Input resistance is a constant 10,000 ohms and there are no restrictions on source resistance. A high degree of isolation is provided between ac line, chassis, and the amplifier circuit. The unit also features a floating input.

Kintel, Dept. ED, 5725 Kearny Villa Rd., San Diego, Calif.

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## Frequency and Counter Meter

 Small Size, Accurate

This counter unit, Model WE-810, uses glow ransfer decade tubes in the counting chain as vell as in the crystal controlled time base dividing chain. This provides a small size $7 \times 19 \mathrm{in}$. panel, 7 in . deep, in addition to a low power consumption. As a frequency meter, time bases of $0.01,0.1,1.0$ and 10 sec are provided. The frequency range covered is 10 cps to 100 kc , with a minimum sensitivity of 100 mv . An external trigger may be used to initiate the counting cycle. The time interval time base frequencies are 100 $\mathrm{kc}, 10 \mathrm{kc}$ and 1 kc , with an accuracy of $\pm 1$ count, and crystal stability of $\pm .001$ per cent.
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| WP $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ to $250 K$ | $1.0 \%$ | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 8$ |
| WP $1 / 8$ | $1 / 2$ to $250 K$ | $0.5 \%$ | $1 / 6$ | $1 / 8$ or $1 / 4$ |
| WP $11 / 16$ | $1 / 2$ to $350 K$ | $0.5 \%$ | $1 / 16$ | $1 / 8$ |
| WP $11 / 8$ | $1 / 2$ to $350 K$ | $0.5 \%$ | $11 / 8$ | $1 / 4$ |
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New Products


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Electro-Voice, Inc. Dept. ED, Buchanan, Mich.
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Contains Brake and Blower

Type 23 -MTG-6327-01 is a single unit combining a size $23 \mathrm{l} / 15 \mathrm{th} \mathrm{hp}$ at 6000 rpm servo motor; a damping tach generator with an output of 1.5 v per 1000 rpm nominal, null voltage of 0.15 , and linearity of $\pm 2$ per cent up to 6000 rpm; a 28 v dc brake; and a blower capable of cooling the entire unit. The unit is available in any desired combination of its components. Designed for driving antennas and other self-cooled drive motor applications. Overall dimensions are 8.1 in . long max x 2.88 in . diam.

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Amperex Electronic Corp., Dept. ED, 230 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, N.Y.

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TV Camera Assemblies Designed for Military Use


Four TV camera units make up this miniaturized chain designed to military specifications. Illustrated are a camera head unit, 5 -in. high, which houses a vidicon pick-up tube and its associated circuits; a picture monitor unit, 7-7/8 in. high, which uses an 8-in. aluminized rectangular crt; a camera control unit, and a power supply unit. The system offers a resolution of 100 per cent modulation at 600 lines, is capable of reproducing the ten shades of gray on the retma
tes: chart, and the sweep non-linearity
is ated at 2 per cent max.
Illen B. Du Mont Labs., Inc., Dept.
ED, 750 Bloomfield Ave., Clifton, N.J.
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ation, we weld the end of this wire to the spring blank (using very acto the spring blank (using very accurate control of time and voltage), pinch it off so as to provide exactly the right amount of material for the contact, and finally form it into a dome of the contact metal. Result: a contact with a polished surface, welded to the spring for the life of the relay. This is one more reason why Automatic Electric relays set performance records of 200 to 400 million operations without a failure!

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## New Products

## Frequency Converter <br> 2400 Cps Source for Mag Amps



This transistorized frequency converter is primarily designed for application in autopilot systems, guidance systems and in telemetering functions, as a source of high frequency power for magnetic amplifiers. Producing a 1200 or 2400 cps output, the frequency converter weighs approximately $2-1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. Full load efficiency is better than 85 per cent. Synchronizing power is ob. tained by frequency multiplication of the 400 cps 3 phase input. Regulation is 3 per cent from no load to full load.

Robertshaw-Fulton Controls Co., Aeronautical Div., Dept. ED, 401 N. Manchester, Anaheim. Calif.

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## Angular Divider

For Synchros and Pots.


Model D-3 angular divider positions shafts of rotating components to an accuracy of 20 sec of arc. Flexible couplings are avoided by using the synchro shaft to locate the center of rotation of the synchro housing. Unskilled operators can handle this mechanism since colleting is automatic and readings are direct. Adaptation to all housing and shaft sizes can be accomplished easily. Specifications include: weight of 30 lb ; diameter, 12 in.; height, 5-3/4 in.
Theta Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 48 Pine St., E. Paterson, N.J.

The series PC is a re-cycling timer with a dial calibrated in terms of per cent. Its function is to close any electrical circuit for any desired part or percentage of a fixed time cycle. The PC series includes units in the following time cycles: 15, $30,60 \mathrm{sec} ; 3,5,15,30,60 \mathrm{~min} ; 3,5,12,24 \mathrm{hr}$.
Industrial Timer Corp., Dept. ED, 1407 McCarter Hwy., Newark 4, N.J.

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## High-Mu Twin Triodes <br> FM Tuner and TV Use

The 6DT8 and 12DT8 are high-mu twin triodes of the 9 -pin miniature type. They are intended for use as combined oscillator-mixer and rf amplifier tubes in cathode-drive or grid-drive circuits of fm tuners, and may also be used in a variety of applications in television receivers. The two units of each type are effectively isolated from each other. The two cathodes in each type have separate base-pin terminals to provide greater flexibility.
Radio Corporation of America, Electron Tube Div., Dept. ED, Harrison, N.J.

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Pitch-Yaw Indicator
Accuracy of 0.1 Deg

Model 4-1 pitch-yaw indicator consists of a free-swiveling aerodynamic head providing potentiometer output linear with angles of pitch and yaw. High temperature components used thr ughout the instrument permits operation at hię $h$ mach numbers. Model $4-1$ is available in ral ges up to $27-1 / 2 \mathrm{deg}$, with an indicating accuracy of 0.1 deg . Overall length is 4 in .
Fdeliff Instruments, Dept. ED, P.O. Box 307 ,
171 S. Mountain Ave., Monrovia, Calif.
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THE NEW GENISCO

## ANGULAR OSHILLTILO TARLE

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This newest Genisco machine utilizes a unique conical crank mechanism to generate an angular oscillation which closely corresponds to a theoretical sinusoidal waveform. A precision sine-cosine resolver coupled to the crankshaft can be used to bring a test instrument output signal and the oscillating table output signal into coincidence for direct reading of phase lag angle.
The extreme accuracy of the Model B386 Oscillating Table makes it particularly suited for evaluating the damping and response characteristics of angular accelerometers and rate gyros. The Model B386 can also be used for calibrating peak angular velocities and peak accelerations to the accuracy of the known angular excursion and frequency. Within its range, the machine can double as an environmental angular shake table.

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Vertical Displacement - $0.003^{\prime \prime}$ max. at any frequency
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New
 low pass filter squeezes max. performance into min. space

It's not a short step from miniature r-f tuning devices to miniature r-f filters. But without $\mathbf{R} / \mathrm{C}$ 's quarter-century of tuning device experience, the low pass filter illustrated might never have been built. Low insertion loss from 200 to 400 mc is of ten combined with rapid attenuation above 400 mc . . . but rarely in a space measuring just under 4 cubic inches!

R/C low pass filters owe their small size to a unique capacitor, the Series 75 air dielectric trimmer recently introduced by Radio Condenser. Perhaps the smallest air trimmers ever made in the U.S., they're finding wide application wherever space is a problem. Outstanding insulation resistance, "Q", and thermal stability make insulation resistance, " $Q$ ", and thermal stability make miniaturization a much easier job, on filters, i-f trans-
formers, printed wiring boards, and conventional chassis formers, printed wirin
of every description.

Originally designed for defense effort use, this filter is now in quantity production at $R / C \ldots$ and modifications are available to meet special performance requirements as they arise

Additional information on $R / C$ low pass r-f filters is provided in Engineering Bulletin FL 462 . Trimmers are covered in Bulletin TR-123. Both are available on request to Radio Condenser Company.


Electrical Specifications
max. insertion loss, $200-400 \mathrm{mc}$
min . attenuation, 450 mc and above
$\min$. attenuation, 1000 mc and above
max. rated power
0.75 db 45 db 60 db 100 watts
pass band SWR ............... 1.5:1 Physical Specifications
size over-all
temperature range
50 ohms
"x1"x4" approx. -55 to +85 C


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## New Products

## AC Ratiometer

Accuracy to 5 PPM


Capable of measuring ac voltage ratios between 0.000001 and 1.111111 with high accuract and at any load, this ratiometer is particularl! suited for testing precision transformers, resistors. capacitors, and inductors. Models 204 and 206 cover the frequency range from 40 to 2000 cps . and have an accuracy of 5 ppm at unity ratio, or 500 ppm at a ratio of 100 to 1 . By following a simple calibration procedure, an accuracy of 5 ppm can be attained for any specific ratio within the range of the ratiometer.

Transformers. Inc., Dept. ED, 200 Stage Rd. Vestal, N. Y.

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Preset Counter
and Digital Frequency Divider


Model 7240B preset counter and digital frequency divider is a four decade instrument with fast recycle for such applications as batching and frequency division. Switches, photocells, pressure or magnetic pickups, and strain gages are typical transducers used. Outputs upon reaching the preset count include a coincidence pulse for triggering other equipment, an adjustable width gate for actuating external equipment, and dpdt relay, Preset counting capacity is 1 to 9999 input events with absolute accuracy.

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

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## Power Resistor Decade Unit

 Reads Actual Resistance Values

When accurate and predetermined steps of resistance value are desired, such as in calibrating or testing operations in working circuits, the power resistor decade box provides a means of obtaining the desired resistance value under actual load conditions. The unit is rated at 225 w at 1000 v maximum. It provides for any required ohmage from 1 to 999,999 ohms in increments of 1 ohm. Either known or unknown resistance value is dialed and then read directly from the six decade dials.
Clarostat Mfg. Co., Inc., Dept. ED, Dover, N. H.

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## Coaxial Connectors

Positive Snap-Lock Action


Featuring a snap-lock design for easy connection in limited-access spaces, these connectors withstand shock and vibration without signal loss, loosening, or mechanical damage. A typical unit weighs 0.1 oz and measures $3 / 4 \times 1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. Snap-lock action is made possible by a springloaded retainer ring that engages in the groove of the receptacle. Frequency range of the connet tors is $0-12 \mathrm{kmc}$ and impedance values are 50.75 , and 95 ohms. Voltage breakdown is $15: 0 \mathrm{v} \mathrm{rms} \mathrm{min} \mathrm{and} \mathrm{temperature} \mathrm{range} \mathrm{is}-70$ to +550 F .
Electro-Physics Labs., Dept. ED, 2065 Huntincton Dr., San Marino, Calif.
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## to meter-relay dependability

The only truly dependable meter-relays are those built with locking contacts. For lasting, reliable contact action, meter-relay contacts must make firmly and break cleanly, every time.


#### Abstract

An indicating meter with a couple of contacts stuck somewhere inside just won't do. Such an instrument may be excruciatingly accurate as an indicator, but it will fail miserably in a control application.


## LET'S CLEAR THE AIR

We make these statements because there seems to be some misunderstanding about how contact meter-relays should be built and what they will do. Since they are the very

PRIMERSTUFF, BUT PERTINENT
Any meter-relay which makes and breaks contacts by depending on the tiny forces inherent in a meter move ment has been manufactured by whistlers-in-the-dark. Make and break must come from an auxiliary device. Without it, you'll get, at best, only a halting, exploratory type of contact. On the break, you'll get fluttering and arcing and probably sticking . . . at a point maybe $50 \%$ behind where the contact should have separated.

heart of our business, we have the greatest concern for their reputation.

Indeed, we think everyone who has anything to do with meter-relays will benefit from a better understanding of them.


We use a locking coil to grab and hold the contacts. When they touch, there is no fooling . . . they close. The locking coil develops thousands of times as much presstogether torque as the meter movement alone can generate. For positive separation, our meter-relays have a spring that loads when the contacts lock. When separation is desired, this spring unloads, flicking the contacts apart.

HERE'S HOW LOCKINGPAYEOFF
Properly used, locking coil contacts will operate reliably 10 to 20 million times. Non-locking contacts will do well to make it through 100,000 cycles, and this at greatly reduced contact current.

## GETYOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Meter-relays are used to do hundreds of jobs because they are extremely sensitive, indicating and adjustable. If you've never tried them, we wish you would. If you've tried them


It is true that the need to unlock contacts sometimes presents circuit problems. But think of the problems if a meter-relay's contacts won't work at all! Then you don't have a meter-relay-simply a mighty expensive indicator.
and didn't make out so well, we'd like to have you try again. In particular, try our locking coil types so you give meterrelays a fair shake-and do yourself a good turn in the bargain.

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## Displays 4 to $\mathbf{1 2}$ curves per family with input current from 1 MICROAMP/STEP to 200 MILLIAMPS/STEP



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he Tektronix Type 575 traces characteristic curves for both PNP and NPN transistors on the face of a cathode-ray tube. Seven different types of curves can be plotted. Vertical deflection is calibrated in collector current,

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#### Abstract

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Dearborn Electronic Labs, Dept. ED, 1421 North Wells Street, Chicago 10, Ill.

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The Type MA-61 operational magnetic amplifier is a stable dc type operating from a 60 cps 115 v line. It features a linear, reversible output and is suitable for amplifying low level signals. The amplifier is stabilized by external feedback, and gain, which is determined by feedback parameters, may be varied over a wide range. The amplifier has a power rating of 25 mw . It is especially useful for mixing two or more input signals and for providing a buffer between a high impedance signal source and a low impedance load. Characteristics include a zero drift of less than 0.2 per cent of full scale output for a range of 0 to 170 F . Fluctuations in supply voltage and frequency of 10 per cent give a zero error of less than 1 per cent of full scale output. Power gains up to $3 \times 10^{n}$ are obtainable. The linearity of the output, in terms of input signal, is less than $2 \mu \mathrm{a}$ or 1.3 mv over $\mathbf{l} / \mathbf{1 0}$ the maximum output.
) ynamics Research Associates, Div. Universal Mi tch Corp., Dept. ED, P.O. Box 5841, Fergusol 21, Mo.

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# New ultrasonic welder solves heat problem in thin gauge welding 



Purity of Inco Nickel helps Raytheon stabilize emission characteristics in magnetron

The vitality of a radar set is centered in its magnetron oscillator. This is why Raytheon chose their RK2J42 fixedrequency magnetron to pulse their Mariners Pathfinder Radar Model 1500. This tube is designed for long-life operation at 7 kw and 1500 pps .
One reason for the tube's top performance is the use of Electronic Grade "A" Nickel in the cathode. This commercially pure, wrought nickel is noncontaminating, and thus helps maintain optimum emission characteristics Raytheon engineers also report that Raytheon engineers also report that
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## G. E. builds rugged PNP triode for computer use



## Magnetostrictive " $A$ " Nickel transducer provides the vibratory energy

Even the testing treatment (being shot out of mortars) doesn't harm the 2N123 transistor. G. E. (Syracuse) engineers build it with rugged, $99 \%+$ pure nickel.

Non-contaminating, corrosion resistant Electronic Grade "A" Nickel has the strength to withstand shock and vibration. It also holds its shape at processing temperatures, and forms, welds and solders easily.

For sure glass-to-metal seals, G. E. uses the special purpose alloys Kovare ${ }^{\circledR}$ ( $29 \%$ Ni) and Dumet ( $42 \% \mathrm{Ni}$ ). ( $42 \% \mathrm{Ni}$ ).
(BTrademark, Weestinghouse Electric Corp.

A new welding process has caught the ear of the electronics industry: "Sonoweld", developed by Aeroproj ects, Inc., West Chester, Pa. By means of high-frequency mechanical

vibrations, it produces a metallurgically sound weld - and without the application of heat.
Thin gauge forms of metals like copper and aluminum are now being welded ultrasonically without melting and with little deformation Photo shows "Sonoweld" unit being used to weld aluminum and copper foil conductors in American Machine \& Foundry Co.'s wafer transformer project.
To maintain its high power levels, "Sonoweld" relies on a laminated stack transducer made from Electronic Grade "A" Nickel, a rugged magnetostrictive material. In a periodic electro-magnetic field, nickel undergoes alternating lengthchanges to vibrate at the field's frequency.
This magnetostrictive effect of " $A$ " Nickel is relatively large, and is useful over a wide frequency range. "A" Nickel also has high resistance to fatigue, heat and corrosion, and is easily fabricated.

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## Engineering Review

Pulse Delay Unit Three 2.5-50 $\mu$ sec Delays


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Navigation Computer Corp., Dept. D, 1621 Snyder Ave., Philadelphia 45, Pa.

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## Engineering Review



This $450 \mathrm{ma}, 6.3 \mathrm{v}$ television picture tube heater incorporates control of both warm-up time and current. Wound from a straight piece of tungsten, the heater is a double helical coil which makes possible the same cathode coating temperature achieved in $600 \mathrm{ma}, 6.3$ volt television picture tubes. The heater features a rigid mechanical structure with little tendency to sag away from the cathode cap. Heater warmup time is controlled to approximately 11 sec . Heater current is regulated to a tolerance of $\pm 5 \%$.

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Model 1733-HBU-249 coolant pump is a self-priming, positive displacement pump, featuring an externally adjustable pressure regulating valve. It is qualified to military specifications which require 1 gpm at 100 psi of ethylene glycol and water. The unit permits the design of airborne electronic cooling systems, utilizing the advantages of this type of coolant. The assembly is flange mounted so that the motor can be inserted directly into the cooling air duct, using this airflow to cool the motor and therefore reduce weight and size. The assembly mea sures $3 \times 3 \times 7-3 / 16 \mathrm{in}$., and weighs 3 lb 9 oz .
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High Power electronic equipment often requires operation at high voltage. The power requirements are continually increasing and as a result the auxiliary equipment such as slip ring assemblies transmitting the power must be capable of transmitting high voltage. In the past slip rings were designed to transmit 8,000 to 10,000 volts, but today re-

quirements for 30,000 volts and higher are not unusual. Available insulating materials will withstand voltages of this magnitude and if one considers only the dielectric strength of the insulating materials, the design of assemblies for high voltages does not appear to present too great a problem. However, the life of many insulating materials is greatly reduced by ozone generated by corona discharge and some excellent insulating materials will disintegrate in a few hours when operated in a confined corona field. Corona is electrical discharge and covers a very wide band of frequen-
cies. This energy can be transmitted over the lead wire and cause radio interference.
Good design requires that there be no corona in the slip ring assembly and the operation of the assembly corona-free is one of the primary problems. When a potential is applied to a configuration of conductors and several insulating materials, one of which may be air, the potential distribution throughout the configuration will be governed by the electric capacitance between the elements, and the higher the capacitance of any element, the lower the voltage gradient across that element.
The capacitance of the insulating elements is governed in part by the dielectric constant of the material, and since the dielectric constant of air is close to 1 and of all other materials is greater than 1, the voltage gradient across the air may become proportionately greater than across the other dielectric materials. If the voltage gradient across the air

exceeds the dielectric strength of the air, corona will result.
The proper design of the slip ring assembly is to effect a balance between the thicknesses and dielectric

constants of the materials in order that the potential gradients across any dielectric do not exceed the dielectric rating of the material.
For compact design of a slip ring assembly, operating voltages in excess of 20 KV require dielectric oil in place of air. Oil can withstand higher voltage gradients than air and the oil has a higher dielectric constant, thereby producing a more uniform voltage distribution in the assembly. This results in a much superior electrical design.
The use of oil dielectric gives some additional complications and these include the requirement of perfect sealing at all joints and bellows to take up expansion and contraction of the oil over a wide range of ambient temperatures. The dielectric oil also becomes viscous at low temperatures and heaters are required to keep the oil warm at low ambient temperatures.

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Bulova Watch Co., Electronics Div. P-846, Dept. ED, Woodside 77, New York.

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Frequency Calibrator For FM/FM Systems


Model 521 frequency calibrator permits the rapid and accurate calibration of oscillators and discriminators in $\mathrm{fm}-\mathrm{fm}$ telemetering systems, and provides calibrated input voltage to each voltage-controlled oscillator to continuously measure deviations from standard frequencies. Alignment of each discriminator in the receiving system is checked by a standard frequency generated in the calibrator. The instrument features a proprietary circuitry which permits the direct, highly accurate, comparison of two frequencies without need for frequency restrictions or selective filtering. Reference frequencies are accurate to $\pm 0.02$ per cent, with higher accuracies available. Deviation measurements are accurate to $\pm 0.05$ per cent.

Fenske, Fedrick \& Miller, Inc., Dept. ED, 12820 Panama St., Los Angeles 66, Calif.

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 Tests Pig-Tail Units

Testing of resistors, capacitors, and similar pigtail components is simplified by the use of this pancl-mounting test clip adapter. Spring action of the clips permits positive contact without manual opening or closing of the jaws. Nickel plated clips and plugs are mounted on an MIL-M-14, type CFG phenolic board.
Grayhill, Inc., Dept. ED, 561 Hillgrove Ave., LaGrange, Ill.

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FM/FM Calibrator
Dynamic Checks


Test information for all $\mathrm{fm} / \mathrm{fm}$ telemetering systems is obtained with model TDC-5 simultaneous 5-point calibrator and dynamic checker. The instrument offers a simultaneous five-point calibrator for discriminator linearity measurements in all of the 18 rdb subcarrier channels and 5 optional 30 per cent channels. A dynamic checker also converts phase distortion in the discriminator package into harmonic distortion which can then be analyzed on the screen of a panoramic spectrum analyzer.
In its first function, the TDC-5 furnishes five deviation frequencies, which may be set at whatever points desired. As a dynamic checker, a stepped fm wave is generated for each subcarrier discriminator. If the stepping rate is increased beyond the permissible information rate, marked harmonic distortion of the stepping frequency is detected on the screen of the analyzer. By adjusting the cycling rate, which is continuously variable from 2 to 2000 cps , until a clear picture is obtained, the maximum information cap acity of each channel may be established.
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## High Temp Cable Harness <br> Will Not Cold Flow



Known as Spiral Wrap-RN, this new type of Spiral Wrap cable harness will not cold flow at any temperature, and can withstand high temperatures. The material used is exposed to irradiation, resulting in a material that has no melting point. It will withstand continuous temperatures of 150 C , and will withstand 270 C for 48 hr . It is also usable at extremely low temperatures.

Illumitronic Engineering Dept. ED, 680 E. Taylor, Sunnyvale, Calif.

## Using Thermistors

Edited by FENWAL ELECTRONICS

This is the third in a series of news columns devoted to thermistors - a device that is super-sensitive to tem;erature change.

The example in point: power measurement and voltage control.

A bead thermistor can be used to balance a bridge circuit, allowing the thermistor current to be measured and its DC power calculated. This is done with a $2000 \Omega$ bead thermistor in a 200 』 bridge circuit with a variable resistor in series with the bridge. This will heat the thermistor enough to lower the resistance to $200 \Omega$ and balance the circuit to determine the H.F. power. By applying a source of high frequency power to the thermistor through capacitors this will further heat the thermistor and the bridge will be unbalanced. Then reduce the DC power until the bridge balances again. Calculate the new DC power, and the difference between the two calculations is the H.F. power.


To maintain constant voltage a thermistor with a suitable series resistor "A" can be placed in parallel with a load in a circuit. As the load resistance increases there is a reduced drop across resistor "B." This tends to raise the voltage across the load. The thermistor heats up, reduces its resistance, and more current passes through it and through resistor "B." This brings the voltage across the load back to its original state. Controls like this can maintain as close as $1 \%$ voltage regulation over a broad range of load resistance, or any voltage from $1 / 2$ volt to 100 volts can be regulated in this way with suitable circuitry.


Engineers: these and other thermistor applications are discussed in 12-page catalog EMC-1. Write for your copy to Fenwal Electronics, Inc., 314 Mellen St., Framingham, Massachusetts.


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## Epoxy Curing Agent

## For High Temperatures

This colorless curing agent, hardener 929, permits the development of high temperature properties in epoxies. When cured with appropriate epoxy resins, the hardener will develop heat distortion temperatures of approximately 300 F . The hardener is both non-staining and colorless.
Furane Plastics, Inc., Dept. ED, 4516 Brazil St., Los Angeles 39, Calif.

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## Electrical Contacts

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## Dip-Soldering Fixtures

## High Temperature Ceramic

Designed for automatic dip-soldering of printed circuit boards, M120-F ceramic dip-soldering fixtures can not be wet by molten solders and have sufficient mecahnical strength to prevent boards from warping. Suitable for use at temperatures to 1065 C , the material will handle fixturing of boards up to $12-\mathrm{in}$. wide. Molten solders will not adhere to M120-F ceramic. The material, with its low thermal expansion, maintains absolute flatness in the printed circuit board, preventing its warpage at soldering temperature. The printed circuit fixtures are made to print or are available in raw forms as unfired shapes.

Technion Design \& Manufacturing Co., Inc., Duramic Products Div., Dept. ED, 262-72 Mott St., New York 12, N.Y.

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## 3 WATTS at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$



## $\pm 1 \%!!$

MEPCO TYPE P3 Power wire wound resistor has found immediate acceptance due to its small size and high power and temperature capabilities.

## CHARACTERISTICS:

Size: $13 / 16^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$
Leads: $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ \#18 hot solder coated
Watlage: 3 watts at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
derate to 0 at $275^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Protection: Multiple coats baked silicone resin

Resistance: $1 \Omega$ to 6.5 K
Tolerance: $1 \%$ standard $.1 \%$ to $5 \%$ special
Temperature Coefficient: $.002 \% /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Insulation: Multiple coatings of Baked Resin Finish

Dielectric: 1000 V RMS Min.
Moisture: Characteristic G MIL-R-26C
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One of the objectives in the design of the Canoga Wobbulator 7200 is to obtain high sensitivity without the "hum" problems normally experienced with other swept frequency generators. The swept frequency output voltage of the Wobbulator 7200 is modulated at approximately 50 Kc ; the probes, with their internal diodes, detect this modulation which is then amplified in the vertical CRT band-pass amplifier. This new principle allows the use of swept generator techniques for evaluation of low gain or lossy circuits where point by point frequency measurements were previously necessary.


## New Materials

## Mold Parting Agent

No Deterioration under Heat

Resin release type N is a non-silicone parting agent for use in releasing plastic parts from compression, injection, and casting molds or patterns. The material is a non-melting parting agent which will not change viscosity or deteriorate up to 450 F . The resin release has applications with polyester, epoxy, phenolic, silicone, neoprene, isocyanate, urea, melamine, alkyd, and vinyl resins used in laminating, potting, tooling, molding, casting, bonding, and filament winding operations. It is soluble in toluene, xylene, and related hydro-carbons. These solvents can be used to make a spray solution or dilute wipe-on film.

Specialty Products Co., Dept. ED, 192 Warren St., Jersey City 2, N.J.

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## Titanium and Alloys

## Rolled to Foil Thickness

Production quantities of commercially pure titanium and some titanium alloys are successfully being rolled to foil gage and annealed. Profile rolled L-shapes have also been produced in commercially pure titanium, and similar shapes in alloy $6 \mathrm{AL}-4 \mathrm{~V}$ are under consideration. Potential uses of the titanium foil include tubes and honeycomb or sandwich material for aircraft use.

Metals \& Controls Corp., General Plate Div., Dept. ED, Attleboro, Mass.

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## Cold Punch Laminate

## For Printed Circuit Boards

Textolite No. 11574 epoxy paper laminate is specifically adapted to use for printed wiring boards in high reliability applications. It is also recommended for tube sockets, terminal strips, and other intricate punched or machined parts. The epoxy paper laminate shears, punches and pierces cleanly without haloing at 80 F . Insulation resistance after 96 hours at environmental extremes is one million megohms. Available in sheets $36 \times 72 \mathrm{in}$. or $36 \times 36 \mathrm{in}$. in thicknesses from $1 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. to $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$.

General Electric Co., Industrial Laminates, Dept. ED, Coshocton, Ohio.

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## New Literature

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Type CQM, computer quality electrolytic capacitors are described in engineering bulletin now available. The four-page, well-illustrated bulletin indicates that CQM capacitors may be ordered in various capacitance and voltage combinations ranging from $45,000 \mu \mathrm{fd}$ at 5 v to 850 $\mu \mathrm{fd}$ at 400 v . Container diam are $1-3 / 8 \mathrm{in}$., 2 in ., $2-1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$., and 3 in . Height of all units is $4-1 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. Pyramid Electric Co., North Bergen, N.J.

## Induction Heaters

Induction Heaters are described in bulletin now available. Eight pages contain specifications on 15,30 and 40 kw units; basic components; optional features; guide to induction brazing and soldering; frequency selector chart; static hardening curve; and other engineering information. Magnethermic Corp., Youngstown, Ohio.

## High Voltage Resistors

Comprehensive data on construction, types, ratings, dimensions, tolerance, terminals, and installation are described in data bulletin G-lb now attached. The bulletin includes detailed charts and graphs. International Resistance Co., 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa.

## Electronics Catalog

This 1958 catalog ( 404 pages) lists over 27,000 items. Special emphasis has been placed on equipment for industrial maintenance, research and production requirements. There are detailed listings of standard and special purpose electronic tubes, test instruments, voltage stabilizers, transformers, resistors, capacitors, printed circuit components, new transistors, rheostats, relays, switches, rectifiers, fuses, tools, wire, cable, photo-electric components, 2 -way radio telephones, sound powered telephones, counters, program clocks, timers, batteries, sockets, generators, power supplies and a wide variety of other electronic equipment and components. The attractive rotogravure section includes approved public address amplifiers in systems ranging from 8 to 60 w . PA equipment is included for industrial applications, including indoor and outdoor paging, and plant-wide public address. Allied Radio Corp., 100 N. Western Ave., Chicago 80, Ill.

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## Rheostat Potentiometers

Type 2 W rheostat potentiometer is fully described in a four page bulletin, A-3a, now available. The control is a compact unit which offers dependable service.

The bulletin gives comprehensive data on the construction, dimensions, materials, bushings, terminals, contactor, identification, hardware, and locating lugs of the potentiometer. The variable wire wound control provides maximum adaptability to meet rheostat and potentiometer applications. The unit's excellent linearity and resolution are featured in this data sheet. The sheet includes detailed charts and graphs. International Resistance Co., 401 North Broad Street, Philadelphia 8, Pa.

## Environmental Test Facility

Facilities and functions of an environmentai testing laboratory available to industry and government agencies for the critical operating examination of electronic and electromechanical products and systems are explained in 4-page technical bulletin 58-116 now available. BJ Electronics, Borg-Warner Corp., Santa Ana, Calif.

## Heaters

Designed for a wide range of industrial applications, a cartridge heating unit is described in bulletin 365 now available. It shows that the unit is capable of producing up to 5 times more heat than any standard cartridge heating unit. A typical rating of a "Firerod," $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. diam by 4 in. long is 1370 w with a watts density of 250 w per sq in. used in a 600 F application.

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## New Literature

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## Metal Panel Decoration

Panels and control boards for instru. ments and electronic equipment are featured in a 4-page brochure. Etched engraved, lithographed and screened panels ranging from small dials to huge boards are illustrated and described. Etched Products Corp., Panel Dept., 39-01 Queens Blvd., Long Island City 4, N.Y.

## Rotating Components

A catal selection and application of synchros, resolvers, and rotating components has recently been published. Synchros, stepper motors and similar products for a wide range of uses are illustrated and described. The catalog has a section covering points of consideration in synchro selection such as types (control or torque), military designations and engineering data. It also contains inquiry sheets enabling the engineer to specify his particular requirements for synchro types, powes specifications and other characteristics. Dimensional data, materials and electrical data are given on the various types described. Induction Motors of California, Div. of Induction Motors Corp., 6058 Walker Ave., Maywood. Calif.
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## Facilities

Detailed information is provided in this 12 page brochure on facilities for the design and manufacture of custom magnetic components such as transformers, magnetic amplifiers, filters, converters, reactors, discriminators, and networks. The brochure includes photos of products which are available in miniature and subminiature sizes, with iron core construction, and may be packaged to a variety of specifications. Information is also included on hermetically sealed, toroidal, and open frame designs. Servomechanisms, Inc., Magnetics Div., 1000 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.

## Bimetal Thermometers

Thermometers made with 3 in . and $4-1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. diam dials are described in catalog 2256. now available. They are actuated by a powerful, specially processed, bi-metallic helix that responds rapidly to temperature changes. Bimet Dials are dust, moisture and fume-proof, and withstand outdoor applications or highly adverse atmospheric conditions often encountered in the chemical, petroleum, and other industries. Moeller Instrument Co., 132nd St. and 89th Ave., Richmond Hill 18, N.Y.

## Rod and Sheet Plastics

Rod and sheet plastics are described in 17 page brochure now available. It contains a technical data sheet and ordering information for each product. Included are Stycast Hi K, adjusted dielectric constant plastic for the range of dielectrics from 3 through 20; Stycast Lo K, low loss and low dielectric constant stock; Eccostock, and specialty epoxide materials. There is also information on a series of foams and absorbers both in rod and sheet form. Emerson \& Cuming, Inc., 869 Washington St., Canton, Mass.


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## New Literature

## Silicon Rubber Insulation

Just published is a new brochure devoted to the electrical insulating advantages of Silastic. Coded 9-105, the 4 -page folder contains a tabular summary of dielectric properties of typical Silastic stocks at temperatures ranging from 25 to 250 C . Properties are illustrated with a variety of actual field applications on transformer and motor coils, wire and cable, strip heaters, and electronic assemblies. There is also a special section on the use of room temperature vulcanizing Silastic as a potting and encapsulating material. Dow Corning Corp., Midland, Mich.

## Thermoplastic Resin

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A full-color brochure describes, in words and pictures, the various properties of Cycolac, a high impact thermoplastic resin which is equally suitable for molding, extruding and calendering. A comprehensive list at the back of the book suggests numerous applications for the product. Marbon Chemical, Div. of Borg-Warner, 7165 W. Chicago Ave., Gary, Ind.

## Fail Safe Brake

Technical Report WEB 6293 tells the story of an electric brake designed for fail-safe applications. Written for design engineers, the authoritative 36 -page report is illustrated with photographs, drawings, and diagrams. It offers a complete explanation of operation, selection factors, torque characteristics, and controls. Warner Electric Brake \& Clutch Co., Beloit, Wis.

## Mail Order Electronics

A catalog has been issued as part of a plan to provide engineers with electronic and electromechanical equipment on a mail order basis. Entitled "Mechatronic Development Apparatus," the 52 -page catalog lists more than 200 components which are frequently used in control equipment for automatic operation. All of the items, whether home manufactured or not, may be ordered from the company. The catalog describes in detail such equipment as precision amplifiers, potentiometers, modulators, power supplies, 60 and 400 cps motor, synchros, precision breadboard equipment, and a variety of functionally packaged units. Servomechanisms, Inc., Mechatrol Div., 625 Main St., Westbury, N.Y.


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## Single Sideband Linearity

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"Transmitting Tubes for Linear Amplifier Service," a paper originally presented at the 1956 IRE Convention by R. L. Norton, has been reprinted as an illustrated booklet. The 9-page article details special problems of linearity in output and efficiency, and transmitter tube geometry in linear amplifiers for single-sideband operation. It presents comparative data on triodes, tetrodes, and pentrodes, including oscilloscope patterns and tube loading characteristic curves. Design principles of new tubes are discussed and the results of electron-path studies are illustrated. Penta Laboratories, Inc., 312 N. Nopal St., Santa Barbara, Calif.

## Tube Shield Finish

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In Bulletin PP102-3-1-57 a dry lubricant finish for heat-dissipating tube shields is described. Pointed out are its characteristics, applications, effectiveness, and heat radiation and electrical conduction properties. International Electronic Research Corp., 145 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, Calif.

## Accurate Balls

A number of balls, among them a lapped high carbon variety that is accurate within millionths of an inch, are catalogued in Bulletin 101. Detailed specifications and application and design data are provided for balls of chrome steel, stainless steel, brass, bronze, and monel in various grades and in sizes ranging from $1 / 16$ to $4-1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. in diam. The 8 -page bulletin discusses the confining limits of accuracy demanded of quality balls, together with material analysis and ball hardness. Hoover Ball and Bearing Co., Ann Arbor, Mich.


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## Acoustic Excitation Testing

A system developed for environmental testing of critical jet and missile components is described in a 6-page brochure. The folder cites general specifications for two available test chamber models. It also gives application information, explains the operation of the noise systems, and describes testing procedure. Charts show frequency response characteristics of the high intensity noise systems and sound levels at various locations in typical jet aircraft. Radio Corporation of America, Electronic Instruments Sec., Camden 2, N.J.

## Nuclear Measuring Devices

"Radiation Instrument Catalog C" outlines a variety of amplifiers, pulse height analyzers, scalers, rate meters, scintillation detectors, and crystals. It also covers a liquid scintillation beta spectrometer, an amplifier-high voltage power supply unit, and an ultra stable photomultiplier power supply. For each instrument there is a photograph, a description, a list of specifications, and a reference to a bulletin with more complete information. The 6-page folder also has a section devoted to ordering. Technical Measurement Corp., 140 State St., New Haven 11, Conn.

## Bright Silver Plating

A bright silver plating process is explained in an 8 -page technical paper. The text presents detailed discussions of bath make-up and maintenance; anodes, tanks, and temperature; current densities; agitation; plating procedure; and simplified removal of solution impurities. A price list is offered as an addendum. Sel-Rex Corp., 75 River Rd., Nutley 10, N.J.

## Investment-Cast-Metals Chart

The composition and physical properties of alloys commonly used for investment castings have been tabulated on an $11 \times 17 \mathrm{in}$. chart. The reference material covers both ferrous base and nonferrous alloys. Two sets of mechanical properties are listed: one for metal in the as cast or annealed state, and the other for hardened castings. The metallurgical composition of each alloy is also given. The reverse side of the chart contains investment casting design specifications covering such items as surface finish, dimensional tolerances, concentricity, cored holes, and cast threads. Alloy Precision Castings Co., 3855 W. 150th St., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

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# Make <br> Prototypes Compatible with Production 

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Although one of the most important topics in electronics today is reliability, many fail to realize that the story behind this ofttimes ambiguous term involves many phases of the industry. Not least of these is engineering-production compatibility. Following is a report of how this problem was attacked at Filtron Company, Inc. and what success was achieved. As this plan attains its full measure of anticipated results, it is expected to more than repay its initial costs through greater rf filter economy and reliability

Why compatability would be advantageous became apparent when two important facts were realized. First, greater production efficiency would strengthen the firm's position in competitive military and commercial markets and second. it would allow the experienced and highly valuable staff of engineers and technicians more time to concentrate on the customers' specific interference problems.

The Plan for Accomplishment
In broad outline it was felt that much waste
effort could be eliminated by employing the fol. lowing three plans:

1. Having an engineering division cognizant of production capabilities and constantly serviced by an individual to keep it so informed;
2. Utilizing a manufacturing system composed of separate yet integrated sections, with each section able to divulge, at any time, any and all information as to its progress; and
3. Employing a production engineer who would act as liaison between the two main divisions. In addition to acting as a vehicle for all requests and information, his tasks would include passing on all designs from engineering before acceptance by production. On more complicated orders, he works directly with the engineer while the prototype passed through the design stage.

It can be seen why it was no small task initiating each necessary operation. But, because of the possible returns, management, production, and engineering collaborated to form these departments as close to the plamed model as pos-
while orderly and efficient manufacluring results from production-design planning at prototype stage.

sible And today, these are working realities, whose functions are independent, yet related as part of an integrated whole.

## Design, Research, and DevelopmentAll Cognizant

An attitude of cooperative thinking and action has been engendered by more frequent departmental meetings, among research, design, and development; a revised method of inter-office memoranda; and, most important, the ever-present, helpful production engineer. The engineer designs and personally directs the construction of his initial prototype unit, remembering or requesting all the production procedures that follow and all specifications that must be met. New ideas as to materials and procedure are also born in this creative atmosphere and disseminated throughout the department. These thoughts are either geared to present equipment or to equipment readily obtainable . . . information again obtained from the production engineer. It is this combination of "ivory tower" freedom and down-to-earth practicality that has since opened many diversified lines of investigation at Filtron.

## Organization of Production Department

Each production section is an efficient, responsible group, expert in its own particular phase of the total operation. The group heads realize their responsibility to yield any and all information to the project engineer. The production worker, whether assembler, solderer, stamper or other, is trained to a set of standards in order to uphold the general workmanship capability of the group. In this way the engineer may never design too high and also, never lower than necessary. Thus management is assured that each production piece will be identical to the prototype design.

Why a Production Engineer?
The task of the production engineer explicitly outlined, is "right hand" to both engineer and production foremen. Any information the engineer requires during design, this liaison is expected to provide, rapidly and correctly. The link between the question, "Do we have machines capable of this job?" or "Are our men in that section skilled enough to perform this operation?" and a responsible answer, is the production engineer. Efficiency is his forte and watchfulness, whether for improvements or meeting standards, his key to efficiency.

It can be seen that an organized, yet departmentalized, production team, coupled with engineering foresight and planning can prove succes ful in widening electronic horizons.

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A new precision plotting instrument to speed loy. out of printed circuits. Watch manufacturers working on defense projects, are using this Coordinatograph for measuring tiny component parts of electronic equip. ment. All of the units are equipped with chrome-stee pricker microscopes shown here in the center.

## Electronic Circuit Plotter

A highly precise and versatile plotting instrument, developed for precision layout of grid systems and coordinate positions, has been finding new applications in production drafting for electronics design.
The Haag-Streit Coordinatograph, manufactured in Switzerland and distributed by Aero Service Corporation, Philadelphia, is being used to speed the layout of printed circuits and to measure accurately minute electronic parts.
One international manufacturer of electronic calculators is using the instrument to draft master copies of printed circuits. The master copies will be etched on copper, then checked by the Coordinatograph. Tests indicate a 30 per cent saving in layout time. The instrument is $4-1 / 2$ times more accurate than conventional hand lay. outs, and often eliminates the need for jig boring machinery.

## Construction

The $47.25 \times 47.25 \mathrm{in}$. working surface is made of vertically laminated wood strips. It is equipped with a ruling pen, 7-power chome-steel pricker microscope, brass counter dials, and endless steel scale tapes. The supporting frame and rails are cast iron. The pricking device, incorporated in the microscope, enables both pricking and check-
ing tı be done in a single operation. Micrometertype crews permit fine adjustments of both $\mathbf{X}$ and i po itions. Plotting accuracy in the longest dinension is $\pm .0015 \mathrm{in}$.
The Coordinatograph can save time in laying out special minute parts of electronic equipment within fine tolerances. Watch manufacturers, now working on guided missiles and other defense projects, are using it in this manner.
Other drafting applications for the Coordinatograph include graphic plotting of scientific data, charting of flow patterns, designing precision resolution targets, control drawings for optical comparators, and surveying and mapping uses. Aero Service Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Photo Preparation for Blueprint

## Reproduction

Described is a process to make transparent positives of photographs which can be used as intermediates for making blueprint reproductions; and which will take pencil, ink, typing and erasures. These intermediates can be used for assembly drawings, when their preparation represents a savings in time without sacrifice of detail necessary for assembly. They can also be used to make copies of photographs with text added for service instructions, and can be used for operation sheets.

## Procedure

Taking the photograph. Best results are obtained with Panatomic $\mathbf{X}$ sheet film. Its fine grain and slow speed are important to get detail and to the method of lighting the subject. Make exposure with $f / 32$ lens setting. Expose for 1 to 1-1/2 min., using a hand-held flood with a 15 w lamp. "Paint" or "wash" the subject with the lamp froll a distance of $12-15 \mathrm{in}$. to eliminate shadows and give sharp detail. A smaller lens opening and lonker exposure would probably improve detail. De clop film in D- 76 or extra-fine-grain develope followed by regular developing processes.
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Ideas for Design


Typical film, processed for blueprint reproduction

Kodalith Autoscreen Ortho film, using an enlarger to obtain final size of print desired. Working with Safelight 1A (red) in darkroom, as recommended by Eastman, exposure time varied ac. cording to type of subject and negative obtained. Exposures ranged from 10 to 30 sec and lens settings from $f / 16$ to $f / 32$. Make additional exposure, following regular exposure, to bring out screening effect in the film. A 15 wlamp with OA (yellow) filter is used, exposing from 10 to 30 sec at a distance of 5 ft . Develop in Kodalith solution. Usual time is from $1-3 / 4$ to $2-1 / 4 \mathrm{~min}$. Solution should not be used for more than 6 sheets of $3 \times 10$ Autoscreen (per qt.), or background discoloration will appear. Use standard rinse, fix and wash processes. To obtain sharpest detail in transferring to Mylar intermediate (next stey) by keeping emulsion side to emulsion side, make the Autoscreen in reverse (see sketch).
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Line Drawing Reproduction. This process may Iso be used for making reproductions of line drawings usually to make a reduction in size of he drawing by photo process. The best film for aking pictures of flat (black and white only), line Irawings is Contrast Process Ortho. If positive is made on Autoscreen film, omit the second exposure to bring out screening effect. Excellent results were obtained in reducing a $40 \times 24 \mathrm{in}$. shematic tracing to $8 \times 10$ film size.
Approximate Time For Process. Shooting Pic-fure-10 min.; developing negative- 20 min ., plus drying time; autoscreen reproduction -75 min ., plus drying time; Mylar reproduction-10 min.; plus additional time for composing, determine what is required in photos; retouching adding callouts and section views to Mylar intermediate. Shirley Long, Heiland Division of Minneapo-is-Honeywell Regulator Co.

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Although vibrators may be completely enclosed and sealed against the effects of humidity, they are still apt to fail due to a minute condensation of moisture on the contact points. This moisture, though slight, will eventually cause corrosion and sticking contacts.
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## Report Briefs

## Design Guide Oscillator

This design guide has been prepared to expedite the design for production of retarding-field oscillators operating over ranges of frequency that have been investigated at this laboratory. Dimensions, details of construction, and drawings of parts for the basic oscillator design have been included, along with brief discussions of operating principles and theory of the oscillator. Design details are provided on the Heil gun prototype and scaled versions of it. Analysis and design of the power-coupling system are presented. Details are given on resonator structure, and other parts of the standard oscillator design. A discussion of the frequency limitation is provided. Design data for specific frequency ranges with performance characteristics both at high and at low voltages are provided. The effects of design refinements of the coupling system and of the electron gun show the trend in oscillator performance as small changes are made. Laboratory measurements of noise characteristics show that the tube compares favorably with reflex klystrons operating at equivalent wavelengths. Construction techniques involving hobbing methods, brazing, and the preparation of cathodes prepared by compressing properly proportioned mixtures of nickel powder and the carbonates of barium and strontium have been described. It is shown that tubes with nickel matrix cathodes produce more power output at the same beam current than the same structures using oxide-coated cathodes. Design Guide for the Retarding-Field Oscillator, E. Milton Boone, Ohio State University Research Foundation, May 1957, 185 pp., \$4.75. Order PB 131201 from OTS, U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

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## Arc Cathodes

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## Thermodynamic Properties

The potential of the $\mathrm{ReO}_{3} / \mathrm{ReO}_{4}$ electrode has been measured over a wide range of concentration and pH . The cell was demonstrated to be satisfactorily reversible by the close agreement of the standard potential calculated from measurements in both acidic and basic solutions, as well as from the reasonable entropy values obtained from a determination of the temperature coefficient. Thermodynamic Properties of Technetium and Rhenium Compounds. VI: Potential of the $\mathrm{ReO}_{s} / \mathrm{ReO}_{4}$ Electrode and the Thermodyn mics of Rhenium Trioxide, J. P. King and J. U Cobble, Purdue University, Dept. of Chemistr! Lafayette, Ind., July 1956, 16 pp. Microfilm §2.4), photostat \$3.30. Order PB 124141 from Libi ıry of Congress, Washington, D. C.


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## Patents

## Semiconductor Signal Amplifier Circuit

 Patent No. 2,789,164 T. O. Stanley. (Assigned to Radio Corporation of America)Transistors have symmetrical properties which have been previously described in the literature. Transistors may be of opposite conductivity, that is, if the current through the base should be changed in the same direction for an npn and a pnp transistor, the emitter current will increase through one transistor and will decrease in the other. If two transistors, therefore, are properly connected together they may serve as a pushpull amplifier. Transistors are useful devices in circuitry since there is usually no need for coupling devices, that is, they may be directly connected thereby resulting in a circuit having a minimum of components and enabling the circuit cost to be at a minimum. The circuit of the patent improves the performance of a pushpull circuit by providing improved stability under variations in temperature and differences in the characteristics of the transistors used.

The circuit illustrated uses an amplit ing transistor 10 of one type in series $w$ th a second amplifying transistor 30 of the oher type which serves as a driver for the transistors 50 and 60 having their coll ctors directly connected for push-pull oper ation The transistors 50 and 60 are of different types so that a signal applied to the bases of both transistors render one transistor conducting and the other non-conducting. A resistor 38 is provided between the base

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degeneration. With a resistance 20 of a low value the circuit performance so far as temperature variations is concerned is improved and also makes interchangeability of the transistors more readily accomplished. The overall result is an efficient and stable circuit having a high gain.

## Color Television

Patent No. 2,803,697 Walter G. Gibson. (Assigned to Radio Corporation of America)

A color television system receives a plurality of component color siguals and a signal nominally representative of luminance. A signal path for each of the component color signals is provided having a high pass filter. The outputs of all of the signal paths is applied to a network which compares the amplitude of the output of all of the signal paths and selectively passes the signal path output of greatest amplitude to an output circuit. The selective output of this network has added to it in the output circuit, a low frequency portion of the signal nominally representative of luminance.

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## RADIO ENGINEERING AND ELECTRONICS

(Contents of Radiotekhnika i Elektronika No. 4, 1957) KLYSTRON STABILIZATION
Modulation Circuit for Frequency Stabilization of a Reflex Klystron with a Cavity Wavemeter, V. G. Velelago, N. A. Irisova (4 pp, 6 figs).

Fig. 1 shows the block diagram of a modulation circuit for the stabilization of a reflex klystron. The cavity resonator (9) is used as the frequency standard, and a simple pentode synchronous detector (see Fig. 2) serves as the error detector. Continuous measurement of the stabilized klystron frequency is possible over the substantial range from 20 to 60 mc . The complete circuit diagram is shown in Fig. 3.


Fig. 1. Block diagram of stabilizer. 1-sawtooth generator; 2-klystron; 3-900 kc modulator; 4-wave-guide-coax junction; 5-iuned amplifier, 900 kc ; 6synchronous detector; 7-crystal detector; 8-2 rpm motor; 9-cavity wavemeter; 10-power output of klystron.

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Concerning One Class of Random Pulse Processes, la. I. Khurgin, $(9$ pp, 3 figs).
Spectral analysis of a train of identical pulses appearing at random instants of time, with the intervals between neighboring pulses having a specified distribution probability.
Stationary Random Processes in Linear Pulse Systems with Variable Parameters, G. P. Tartakovski (9 pp, 2 figs).

Equations are derived for the mean value and for the correlation function of the stationary intermittent random output of a pulse system with variable parameters in response to stationary random variations in both the input signal and the system parameters.


Fig. 2. Synchronous detector (principal diagram) 1from 900 kc oscillator; 2-from 900 kc wavemeter amplifier; 3-output.

## Concerning the Excitation of an Ellipsoid of

 Rotation, G. T. Markov (5 pp, 1 fig).This very old problem is being revived in modern antenna theory, and an attempt at a complete solution is given by Spence and Wells (Comm. on Pure and Appl. Math.. 1951, vol. 4, 1). The publication of "Spheroidal Wave Functions" by Stratton, Morse, Chu, and Little affords the author a new attack on the problem of asymmetrical excitation of a perfectly-conducting ellipsoid of rotation. The difficulties involved are pointed out and it is shown that the problem can be recast as an infinite system of linear algebraic equations, amenable to numerical computations.

## WAVEGUIDES

Calculation of the Propagation Constants in a Rectangular Waveguide Containing Ferrite Plates, A. V. Voronova, A. G. Gurevich (7 pp 10 figs).

The variation of the propagation constants and of their frequency dependence with plate dimensions and with the ferrite parameters was determined with an electronic computer for one and two ferrite plates in contact with the shorter walls of the waveguide. A waveguide with two ferrite plates is shown to have a considerably greater bandwidth. Refers to work by Lax, Button, and Roth (Journal Applied Physics, 1954, vol. 25, 1413), J. H. Rowen (Bell System Technical Journal, 1953, vol. 32, 1333), and Epstein (Rcview Modern Physics, 1956, vol. 28, 3).

Certain Problems in the Theory of a Cylindrical Waveguide with a Ferrite Rod, Ia. A. Monosov, (10 pp, 1 fig).

The behavior of a cylindrical waveguide containing a magnetized ferrite rod is determined. It

is shown that in such a waveguide it is relatively easy to determine the basic characteristics of the magnetic rotation of the plane of polarization of a quasi- $H_{11}$ mode, provided the ferrite rod is matched to the waveguide and the external magnetic field intensity does not exceed $50-150$ oersted. The accuracy is better than 10 per cent. Refers to work by Kales (Journal Applied Physics, 1953. vol. 24. 816), Rado (Physical Revicw, 1953, vol. 15,529 ), and others.

## ANTENNAS

## On the Design of Optimal Endfire Antennas,

 V. L. Pokrovski ( 6 pp, 1 fig).The polynomials required for the analysis of antennas having optimum directivity patterns are obtained by a new method. As in the case of an earlier work by the author (Radiotekhnika i Elekfronika, May 1956, ED, March 1, 1957), the method is valid for any distance between array elements, and can further be used for antennas having an even number of elements, thus being superior to DuHamel's solution (Proc. IRE, 1953. vol. 41,652), which holds only for an odd number of elements. Further extension makes possible the design of antennas with an optimum directivity at an angle to the antenna axis.

## MICROWAVES

Use of the Lorenz Lemma to Determine the Constants of Propagation due io Interaction between an Electron Beam and Space Harmonics, L. N. Loshakov (7 pp).

Al approximate method is proposed for the calc lation of the constants of propagation due to ill electron beam in a retarding system. Equation are derived for the interaction between the bean and spatial harmonics (forward and backwar 1) in the form of EH waves. Reference is

Fig. 3. Complete diagram of synchronous detector. 1-to 900 kc oscillator; 2-from wavemeter signal amplifier; 3-to 900 kc oscillator; 4-to sawtooth generator; 5-to klystron; 6-synchronous detector; 7-to oscillograph; 8—phase shifter; 9—amplifier; 10-On; 11-Off; 12—Coarse tuning; 13-fine tuning; 14-detector mode; 15-negative voltage.

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made to two articles by P. K. Tien, "Travelling Wave Tube Helix Impedance (Proc. IRE, 1953, vol. 41. 617) and "Bifilar Helix for BackwardWave Oscillators (ibid., 1954, 42, 1137).
On the Interaction between an Electron Beam and a Spatial Harmonic Field, M. F. Stel'makh ( 144 pp, 5 figs, 1 table).
The author calculates the propagation constants and the gain in the interaction between an electron beam and a forward and backward TM field, and determines under what conditions selfsustained oscillations are possible in a backwardwave tube. Refers to H. Heffner's "Analysis of the Backward-Wave Travelling-Wave Tube" (Proc. IRE, 1954, vol. 42, 930).

## SYNCHRONIZATION

On the Synchronization of an Oscillator to the Frequency of an External Signal, R. R. Lisitsian, 115 pp, 12 figs).
The author investigates the synchronization of an external signal to a continuously-operating single-tuned oscillator with instantaneous selfbias. The characteristics of the tube are approximated in the differential equations by a second-degree curve. The stationary states are determined from the amplitude and phase balance conditions, while the transients are obtained by numerical methods with an electronic digital computer. The resultant phase is determined statistically, owing to the random character of the initial phase.

## RADAR

On the Accuracy of Range Determination in Radar Systems, S. E. Fal'kovich (ll pp).
Statistical error analysis, leading to optimum range parameters of radar reccivers used for strong-signal reception.


Fig. 1. One variant of potentiometric phase shifter. If $R_{t}=X_{c}$ and is much greater than $R_{0,}$, and the input voltage is sinusoidal, then the output voltage is a function of $\alpha$ only, and the amplitude remains constant.

## TRANSMISSION LINES

Method for Calculating the Local Reflection Coefficients of Optimum Stepped Functions, Ia. M. Turover $(6$ pp, 1 fig, 1 table).
In the February 1956 Radiotekhnika i Elektronika (ED, November 15, 1956) the author, jointly with N. I. Strutinski, developed the theory of the application of Chebyshev polynomials to the design of stepped discontinuities in transmission lines. The method necessitates the calculation of certain reflection coefficients, a procedure for which is now given.

## MODULATION

Carrier Modulation by Changing the Magnetic Permeability of Ferromagnetic Conductors, V. S. Etkin, 12 pp, 3 figs).

Description of an experimental set-up used to investigate the possibility of modulation by means of varying the magnetic permeability of ferromagnetic conductors, i.e., by varying the depth of surface effect. The method, originally proposed by Johnson and Rado (Physical Review, 1949, 75, 841), is extended by the author to cover decimeter and meter waves.

## ANALYZERS

Possible High-Speed Amplitude Analyzer, V. O. Viazemski (2 pp, 1 fig).
Signal quantization of a regenerative system, having a number of stable states equal to the number of analyzer channels, is used as the basis for the design of an analyzer having a resolution time on the order of $10^{-5} \mathrm{sec}$. Unlike the schemes described by Van Renners (Nucleonics, Sept. 1952, p 32 and Oct. 1952, p 50) and Kelley UN Reports of Geneva Conference, vol. 14), this requires no cumbersome registration units and requires no photographic development.


Fig. 2. Another variant of phase shifter, requiring fewer network elements.

## CIRCUIT THEORY

Gain Fluctuations in Vacuum Tube Amplifiers, A. N. Malakhov, (12 pp, 11 figs).

The author considers the origin of gain fluctuations and their connection with resistance fluctuations in the circuit components, tube flicker, and supply-voltage fluctuations. The results obtained are shown to be of particular significance for de amplifiers.

## Other Articles In This Issue

Asymmetry of Optical System of Electrostatic Microscope and its Resolving Power, D. V. Fetison, V. I. Miliutin, ( $6 \mathrm{pp}, 6$ figs).

Region of Low-Voltage Arcs in Inert Gases, A. V. Nedospasov, K. E. Torgonenko, (8 pp, 8 figs.).

One method of Determining the Envelope of Quasi-Harmonic Fluctuations, V. I. Tikhonov (4 pp, 1 fig.)

Statistical approach, referring to Middleton's "Some General Results in the theory of Noise through Nonlinear Devices" (Quarterly of Applied Mathematics, vol 5, 445 (1948).

## RADIO ENGINEERING

(Contents of Radiotekhnika No. 5, 1957)

## MODULATION

Experimental Investigation of the Method of Optimum Amplitude-Phase Modulation, S. I. Tetel'baum, lu. G. Grinevich 16 pp, 3 figs, 2 tables).

The author proposed in 1950 that simultaneous amplitude and phase modulation of the broadcast signal (called by him amplitude-phase modulation) would increase the broadcasting effectiveness by narrowing the spectrum radiated by the transmitter down to half the value of the spectrum required for amplitude modulation. Recep-


Fig. 3. If the phase shifter must feed a load of finite impedance (rather than an infinite-impedance amplifier), this circuit is somewhat better, for it requires merely the condition $R_{\text {lonid }}$ much greater than $R_{0}$.
tion of such a signa! without noticeable distortion is possible with an ordinary radio-broadcasting receiver having a linear detector. The article describes a phase integrator that could be used for the purpose and gives results of comparative measurements of intelligibility of speech in amplitude and optimum amplitude-phase modulation, in the presence and in the absence of noise. Results of experimental transmission of musical programs are also reported. The author claims that the experimental data obtained make largescalle experiments of his system advisable.

## PHASE SHIFTER

Potentiometric Phase Shifter, A. M. Melik-Shakhnazarov, (2 pp, 4 figs).
Description of a potentiometric phase shifter made of RC elements and sine and cosine potentiometers, and producing a continuous phase shift up to 360 deg. See Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

## CIRCUIT THEORY

Design Features of Radio Transmitters with High-Resistance Plate Supplies, N. I. Shtein 16 pp, 5 figs).
Discussion of the optimum utilization of d-c sources with relatively high internal resistances (such as dynamotors or kenotron rectifiers). The conditions under which vacuum tubes can deliver maximum power to a tuned circuit are analyzed, and recommendations are made concerning the design of vacuum-tube oscillators.
Method for the investigation of Amplifying Systems Having Third-Order Characteristic Equations at Low Values of Time, E. Mokhov, 18 pp, 8 figs).
The method proposed in this article is fundamentally less laborious and more effective than other known methods. It is illustrated with an exiumple describing the analysis of a compensating circuit consisting of an inductance in series with the grid circuit.
Operating Features of Interconnected Long Lines in Inductive Distributed Communication, V. S. Mel'nikov ( 5 pp ).
Circuit-theoretical analysis of two infinite lines with only inductive coupling between them. The terminal loads required to produce standing waves in a finite length of line are computed.

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Concerning the Characteristic of the Accuracy of Position Determination in Radio Navigation, A. G. Saybel', ( 5 pp, 4 figs).
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Frequency Measurement by Signal Time Delay, A. I. Danilenko, (6 pp, 8 figs).

The frequency is measured by introducing time delay in the signal and measuring the fre quency dependence of the amplitude of the sum of the original and delayed signal, of by measur ing the phase difference between the two with linear meter. It is shown that the phase-differ ence method is superior and can be used to plo the phase characteristics of a delay line, to plot the frequency dependence of its time delay, and to determine its temperature coefficient.

## INFORMATION THEORY

Refinement to One Premise in Textbook Litera fure, A. M. Zaezdnyi, (4 pp, 3 figs).

It is shown that the difficulties involved in the analysis of lossless circuits, such as a paralle resonant circuit or a short circuited lossless line, can be treated rigorously with the aid of the Dirac delta-function
Statistical Properties of Signals and of Noise in Two-Channel Phase Systems, V. V. Tsvetnov (18 pp, 10 figs, 1 table).
Phase differences between coherent oscillations are widely used in radio navigation at the present time to measure geometrical parameters (range azimuth or range difference) in radar systems The usefulness of such methods is limited. how ever, by the various types of noise present. The author offers a derivation and an analysis of the basic statistical properties of the amplitudes and phase differences of sinusoidal signals and of noise with Gaussian distribution.

On the Calculation of the Spectra of Random Processes, A. A. Kharkevich, 17 pp).

A theoretical statistical discussion of methods used in the spectral analysis of both stationary and non-stationary random processes. Such random processes may be telegraph signals, ampli-tude-pulse modulated random signals, phasepulse modulated random signals, a-m and $\mathrm{f}-\mathrm{m}$ modulated random signals, etc.

## CIRCUIT DESIGN

Low Plate-Voltage Circuits for Forming Pulses from Sinusoidal Voltages, V. I. Zabavin, 15 pp, 5 figs).

Several pulse forming circuits that are superior to multivibrators or triggers are considered. The
ircuits proposed employ tubes alone, transistors lone, or tube-transistor combinations, and form wlses from a sinusoidal voltage by discharging capacitor through a vacuum tube and by using ,ositive feedback. To prevent parasitic excitation low plate voltage must be used for the disharge tube and that the capacitor circuit must ave a sufficiently large time constant.

## sCATTER PROPOGATION

Effect of Refraction on the Diffuse Propagation bf UHF Waves in the Troposphere, D. M. Vysokovski (7 pp, 2 figs).
Approximate equations are derived for several actors that can serve as a measure of the effect If refraction on diffuse radio-wave propagation. Such factors are a reduction in the altitude of the sattering volume, a change of the scattering angle, or a change in the size of the scattering volime. The receiver power change caused by refraction is calculated. Data from the theory of radio-wave scattering of turbulent irregularities f the troposphere and experimental data are ised in the calculations.

## AUTOMATION AND TELEMECHANICS

(Contents of Avtomatika i Telemekhanika
No. 5, 1957)

## OPERATIONAL AMPLIFIER

## Operational Amplifier without Stabilized Power

 Supply, V. M. Evseev, (10 pp, 10 figs).A serious limitation on the use of operational amplifiers in automatic-regulation systems is the heed for stabilized power supplies particularly if not too many amplifiers are needed. The author reports on the results of experimental and theoretical investigations on a new operational-amflifier, requiring no stabilized supply

## SERVO SYSTEMS

Method for Determining the Optimum Characteristics of one Class of Self-Adaptive Control Systems, A. M. Batkov, V. V. Solodovnikov, 115 pp, 4 figs).
The fact that automatic-regulation systems have inherently a "rigid" structure with invariable dynamic properties is one of the basic limitations on their dynamic accuracy. It is therefore inter sting to speculate on "self-adapting" system, which would adapt their dynamic properties to the external conditions and would therefore prov de automatically optimum operation, i.e., prod ice a minimum sum of the squared dynamic and nean errors.

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## SELSYNS

raphic Determination of the Rotation EMF in elsyn Circuits, I. M. Sadovski (5 pp, 4 figs).
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\end{aligned}
$$

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\end{aligned}
$$

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## German Abstract

## Equivalent Circuits for Transistors

WHILE in vacuum tube circuits the load impedance has, in the absence of feedback directly to the input, no effect on the input impedance, this is not the case in transistor circuits. An equivalent circuit which takes this effect into account conveniently can be deduced.

If the transistor parameters are considered resistive then the transistor is a special case of the unilateral two terminal pair shown in Fig. 1. The mesh equations for this four-pole network are

$$
\begin{aligned}
& V_{1}=Z_{11} I_{1}-Z_{12} I_{2} \\
& V_{2}=Z_{21} I_{1}-Z_{22} I_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

where
$Z_{11}=r_{1}+r_{3} ; Z_{12}=r_{3} ; Z_{22}=r_{2}+r_{3} ; Z_{21}=r_{3}+r_{i}$
The ration $D=Z_{12} / Z_{21}$ is defined. This ratio is unity only when the network is unilateral. Each side is now terminated in its image impedance so that the input termination is

$$
Z_{1}=\sqrt{\frac{Z_{11}}{Z_{22}}} \cdot \sqrt{Z_{11} Z_{22}-Z_{12} Z_{21}}
$$

and the output termination is given by

$$
Z_{2}=\sqrt{\frac{Z_{22}}{Z_{11}}} \cdot \sqrt{Z_{11} Z_{22}-Z_{12} Z_{21}}
$$

The transmission factor in the forward direction, $g_{1}$, is defined by

$$
g_{1}=\ln \frac{V_{1}}{V_{2}}+\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{Z_{2}}{Z_{1}}
$$

which for the terminations stated gives

$$
\left.g_{1}=\frac{1}{2} \ln I\right)+\cosh ^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{Z_{11} Z_{22}}{Z_{21} Z_{12}}}
$$

Defining the transmission factor in the reverse direction, $g_{2}$ in an anologous manner:

$$
!_{2}=\ln \frac{V_{2}}{V_{1}}+\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{Z_{1}}{Z_{2}}
$$

one obtains

$$
g_{2}=g_{1}-\ln D
$$

Elaborate manipulations of the mesh equation (by matrix algebra) result in the


Fig. 1. Active unilateral four-pole network.
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Fig. 2. Cascade connection of an ideal amplifying four-pole network and a passive bilateral four-pole network to represent active four-pole network.
equivalent circuit shown in Fig. 2. This circuit is particularly convenient because the general four-pole is represented as a cascade connection of an ideal amplifier and a passive bilateral two terminal pair. The transmission factor of the ideal amplifying section of this circuit is $\mathrm{g}_{\circ}$ in the forward direction, and for the passive section this factor is g , where

$$
g_{0}=\frac{1}{2} \ln D \text { and } g=\frac{g_{1}+g_{2}}{2}=\operatorname{coskl}-1 \sqrt{\frac{Z_{11} Z_{22}}{Z_{12} Z_{21}}}
$$

Note that if $g$ exceeds $g_{o}$ then no amplification is possible in either direction.
For a transistor the " $h$ " parameters, may be more convenient. They are defined as follows: (See Fig. 3.)

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_{1} & =h_{11} I_{1}+h_{12} V_{2} \\
I_{2} & =h_{21} I_{1}+h_{22} V_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

With these parameters

$$
\begin{aligned}
& !=\sinh ^{-1} \sqrt{-\frac{h_{11} h_{22}}{h_{12} h_{21}}} \\
& g_{o}=\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(-\frac{h_{12}}{h_{21}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

The order of magnitude of the decoupling which was achieved with typical transistors was about $8-10 \mathrm{db}$ or 1 to 1.2 nepers in an application where it was desired to decouple a mixer from a bandpass filter. While vacuum tubes at low freguencies can furnish practically arbitrary decoupling, the use of transistors to amplify and decouple simultaneously seems to recommend itself in diverse applications.
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Fig. 3. Reference directions for transistors.

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While several Ni-Zn-ferrites could be used in principle, several objections to their suitability were discovered. With some, the bandwidth was too narrow, while with others, the coercive force was too large so that excessive dc fields were required. Those Ni-Zn-ferrites for which the coercive force was appropriately small have too low a Curie-point and exhibit too great a temperature dependence to be generally useful. The GYferrites (Siemens-Halske AG) were found to be suitable from both points of view.

The original paper also includes sketches of the actual waveguide structure which was built and tested. (Abstracted from an article by J. Deutsch and W. Haken, Frequenz, Vol. 11, No. 7, July 1957, pp. 217-220.)

## A <br> Waveguide Slide Rule

N THE DESIGN of cavities as well as in other waveguide problems the calculation of the wavelength within the guide for various modes is often time consuming, especially when moderately high precision is required. The "guidewavelength," $\lambda_{g}$, the free space wavelength $\lambda_{o}$ and the cutoff wavelength $\lambda_{c}$ are related by

$$
\begin{equation*}
1 / \lambda_{\theta}{ }^{2}=1 / \lambda_{o}{ }^{2}-1 / \lambda_{c}{ }^{2} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Setting $u=1 / \lambda_{g}{ }^{2}, v=1 / \lambda_{0}{ }^{2}$ and $w=1 / \lambda_{c}{ }^{2}$ and introducing a proportionality constant $p$, we have the relationship

$$
\begin{equation*}
p u=p v-p w \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

This subtraction can be represented graphically as shown in the Figure. This illustration shows how the slide rule is used: calculate the cut-off wavelength and match the infinity mark on one scale with $\lambda_{c}$ on the slider. The free space wavelength on the rule will then match the guide wavelength on the slider.
The proportionality constant, p is used to determine the physical size of the slide rule once the required precision is specified. Using $\mathrm{p}=2000$ the length of the scales is 22.5 cm and the rule yields four significant figures in the 3.3 .4 cm region. (Abstracted from an article by W. Otto, Nachrichtentechnik. Vol. 7, No. 7, July 1957. pp 294-296.)


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## ASA Drafting Standards Manual

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Y14.1-1957, ASA Drafting Standards Manual, Size and Format
The portion dealing with sheet sizes, border lines, title blocks, and the like contains seven pages as against two pages in the 1946 standard. The increase is due largely to format of title blocks, revision lists, and zoning. Two basic sizes and multiples thereof have been approved, namely $8 \frac{11}{2} \times 11$ and $9 \times 12$. Copies are available from ASA for $\$ 1.00$ per copy.

Y14.2-1957,ASA Drafting Standards Manual, Line Conventions, Sectioning, and Lettering Comprising 24 pages and 28 illustrations, this section combines the material which appeared in Sections 2, 3, and 9 of the 1946 standard. In line work, only the phantom line was changed. The portion on sectional views was expanded for clarification. Lettering is unchanged. Nationwide agreement is well established in the area of this


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Y14.5-1957, ASA Drafting Standards Manual, Dimensioning and Notes
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## Military Standards

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The following ASA standards have been recently published. Copies may be obtained from the American Standards Association, 70 East 45th Street. New York 17, N.Y.
Z24.21-1957, Method for Specifying the Characterisic is of Pickups for Shock and Vibration Measurement, $\$ 1.00$ per copy
(:33.8-1957, Safety Standards for Grounding and Bonding Equipment, $\$ 0.50$ per copy

## EIA Standards

The Electronic Industries Association has issued the following Standards Proposals to industry for comment:
S.P. 553, Electrical Rating Systeils for Electron Devices
S.P. 554, Preparation of Outline Drawings of Electron Tubes and Bases (Revision ET-102-B)
S.P. 555, Electron Tube Bases, Caps, and Terminals (Revision ET-103-D)
S.P. 556, Electrolytic Capacitors for Transmitters and Electronic Equipment (Revision TR-140)
S.P. 557, Color Marking of Thermoplastic Wire (Revision GEN-104)

JETEC Publication 11, Summary of Registered Receiving Tubes
The major characteristics of all receiving tubes registered during the period January 1955 to August 1957 are listed in this publication. Copies of this reference manual are available from the engineering offices of the Electronic Industries Association, 11 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N.Y., for $\$ 2.00$ per copy.

## Resistors

MiL-R-3080B, Revision B, Resistors, CurrentRegulating (Ballast Tubes), 24 May 1957
The symbol and title of the spec have been changed from MIL-T-3080A, Tubes, Current Regulating. Types TJ601K01 and TJ791K01, formerly covered by MS90040 and MS90039 are now covered by spec sheets MIL-R-3080/1 and MIL-R-3080/2. Thirteen additional types, covered by spec sheets MIL-R-3080/3 through MIL-R-3080/15, are included in the spec.


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